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Africa.

Wednesday, February 7. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Pelham, Mr Jengens, Mr Pigby, Mr Hamilton, Mr Sloper.

The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received from / Committee of / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, wh were read, Viz: -

Pg. 16. The Act of / Committee of / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, distinguishg w<sup>th</sup> article o expence under its proper title in 1757.

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Pg. 17. Copy o a letter from Cudjee, Cabocur o Cape Coast, to / Committee of / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa dated 26 October, 1757, etc

Pg. 18. Copies o letters, etc, to & from / Committee of / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa.

Pg. 19. Copy o a letter from C. Bell, Esq<sup>r</sup>, to / Committee of / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, Received 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1758, dated Antigua, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1758.

Pg. 20. Copy o a letter from / Committee of / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, to / President & Council o Cape Coast Castle, dated August 29<sup>th</sup> 1758.

Ordered, t / Secretary do give notice to / Committee to attend / Board on Tues, next, / 19<sup>th</sup> instant.

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Tuesday, February 19. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Pelham, Mr Jengens, Mr Hamilton, Mr Sloper.

The Lordships took into considera<sup>on</sup> such parts o / letters to & from / Committee of / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, & the officers & o<sup>rs</sup>, as relate to / disturbances & obstructi<sup>ons</sup> to our Trade at Popo, on acct o / King o Popo's son having b<sup>e</sup>en brot off / coast & detained here by Mr Roberts, formerly an officer upon / coast; & sevl o<sup>r</sup> gentlemen o / Committee attending w<sup>th</sup> the Secretary pursuant to order, they were called in; & having laid before / Board / copy o a letter from them to Mr Roberts upon this matter in August, 1756, to<sup>g<sup>r</sup></sup> w<sup>ch</sup> his answer thereto, they desired / Board's advice & assistance in this matter. Whereupon the Lordships agreed first to consider thereof on Tues, next / 20<sup>th</sup>; & / Secretary was ordered to writ [etc] to Mr Roberts to desire his attendance on t day; & then / gentlemen with drew.



over by / fish ship to the parents & friends; & / gentlemen beg ag<sup>d</sup> called in, they were made acquainted w<sup>th</sup> / Boards opinion upon this matter; & Mrs Roberts having mentioned, t<sup>h</sup> it wd be necessary / bags shd be cloathed, & some presents sent w<sup>th</sup> them to the father. Mr Pels sd, Committee wd enquire, what mt be proper to be done in t<sup>h</sup> way, & do therein, as shd appear necessary & expedient; & then they withdrew.

24] 1759. Friday, March 16. [Gambia]

31] 1759 Tuesday, May 1. Present: Earl o<sup>f</sup> Halifax, Mr Jenyns, Mr Hamilton, Mr Sloper,

Vol 66 Read a letter fm Mr Cleveland, Secretary to / Lords Commissioners o<sup>f</sup> Admiralty, to  
to 131. Pg 30. Mr Pownall, dated 125<sup>th</sup> ult. signifying to him, by / deserts o<sup>f</sup> other Lordships t<sup>o</sup>  
Trade [n.c.] Captain Barrington o<sup>f</sup> His Majesty's ship Achilles, had found on board a  
Africa prize lately taken, a negro, son o<sup>f</sup> Old King Lewis o<sup>f</sup> Mesurado, who beg  
on board, & a hard gale blew, & wind com<sup>d</sup> on, so not be put on shore ag<sup>t</sup>;

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Ordered t<sup>h</sup> / Secretary do send a copy o<sup>f</sup> sd letter to / Committee o<sup>f</sup> / Co<sup>m</sup> Merchants  
Trade to Africa, t<sup>h</sup> / end they may take such measures w<sup>ch</sup> regard to this business, as  
the nature o<sup>f</sup> case sh appear to them to require; & t<sup>h</sup> be do at / some time acquaint  
Mr Cleveland thereof, & signify to him, t<sup>h</sup> / other Lordships submit it to / consideration  
o<sup>f</sup> / Lords Commissioners o<sup>f</sup> Admiralty, wh<sup>ch</sup> it may not be advisable, t<sup>h</sup> this  
negro prince shd be sent home in / first ship o<sup>f</sup> war t<sup>o</sup> sail f<sup>o</sup> / coast o<sup>f</sup> Africa

25] 1759 Tuesday, May 8. Present: — Earl o<sup>f</sup> Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Pelham, Mr  
Vol 66 Jenyns, Mr Hamilton, Mr Sloper.

to 138 Read a letter fm / Secretary o<sup>f</sup> Committee o<sup>f</sup> Merchants Trade to Africa to  
Trade Pg 31. Mr Pownall, dated African Office, 4<sup>th</sup> o<sup>f</sup> May, 1759. signifying t<sup>h</sup> it  
Africa / Lords o<sup>f</sup> Admiralty shd not think proper to send home / thing o<sup>f</sup>  
[n.c.] Mesuradas son in a man o<sup>f</sup> war, / Committee will do therein what<sup>h</sup> /  
Board sh be pleased to order.

Wednesday, June 20. Present: = Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Pelham, Mr Junyons, Mr Rigby

The Secretary laid before / Board / following copies o

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¶g 33. Letters ~~to~~ fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, & the officers upon / Coast; received fm / sd Committee, viz. Copies o sundry letters & papers received by / African Committee; marked no 1.

¶g 34. Copies o letters fm / African Committee to / Governour & Council o Cape Coast Castle, etc. Marked no 2.

Ordered, t extracts be made o such parts o / sd letters as relate to / dispute w / Dutch officers, at Elmina, concerng / freedom o landg in / Bay o Commenda, to be transmitted to / Earl o Holderness, one o His Majesty's principal Secretaries o State; & t / draught o a letter to his lordship be prepared

¶g 35. Read a letter fm Mr Cleveland, Secretary to / Lords Commissioners o / Admiralty, to Mr Pownall, dated May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1759. Transmittg Captain Marsh's to 185] acct o / state & cond'n o / seal forts & settlements examined by him on / coast o Africa.

Thursday, June 21, Present: = Earl o Halifax, Mr Pelham, Mr Junyons,

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The draught o a letter to / Earl o Holderness, w extracts o sd papers respectg / disputes betw / officers o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, & / officers o / Dutch settlements upon / coast o Africa, concerng / freedom o landg in / Bay o Commenda, have bn prepared pursuant to order was agreed to, transmitted & signed

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Wednesday, June 24 Present: = Earl o Halifax, Mr Pelham, Mr Oswald, Mr Rigby.

The Secretary laid before / Board / following paper received

fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, viz.  
Pg 36. Copies o a letter fm the Senior Esq<sup>r</sup> to / Committee o / Co o Merchants  
Trade to Africa, dated Cape Coast Castle, February 3<sup>d</sup> 1759 -  
Do. March 2<sup>d</sup>.

Do. - Cudjoe to / Committee, March 2<sup>d</sup>, do

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Ordered, t a copy be made o such parts o / above letters as relate to / dispute  
w / Dutch upon / coast o Africa, concerng / freedom o lands in / Bay o  
Commenda, & / habilities commenced in, consequ<sup>t</sup> thereto, to be transmitted  
to / Earl o Holderness, one o / His Majesty's principal Secretaries o State; & t e /  
draught o a letter to his lordship therewith be prepared; & / same has been pre-  
pared, was agreed to, transcribed, & signed.

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Tuesday, July 3. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald,  
Pg 37. Read a letter fm Mr Cleveland, Secretary to / Lords o / Admiralty, to Mr  
Pownall, dd June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1759, relatg to / son o old King Lewis o  
Merurada.

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Ordered, t / Secretary do acquaint / Committee o / Co o Merchants  
Trade to Africa, t the lordships think it expedient t they shd take  
/ son o / King o Merurada under the care & protec<sup>n</sup>, until an opp<sup>d</sup> offers  
o sendg him home to his parents.

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Wednesday, July 18. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Pelham,  
Mr Hamilton.

Pg 38 Read a letter fm Mr Forcier Poirier, Secretary to / Committee o / Co o Merchants  
Trade to Africa, to Mr Pownall, dd / 13<sup>th</sup> instant; signifyg t / Committee  
will take care o / King o Meruradas son, until a proper opp<sup>d</sup>  
offers o sendg him home; & Enclos<sup>g</sup>,

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§9 39. List o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa b / year 1759,  
as elected on / 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1759.

§9 40 { Copies o a letter fm Messrs. Thomas Westgate & Richard Brew to /  
Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa dd. Cape Coast Castle,  
January 12<sup>th</sup> 1759;  
John Hippisley to Thomas Herring dd. Anamaboo, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
1759;  
R Senior, Esq<sup>r</sup> to Mr Thomas Westgate, dd Cape Coast Castle,  
December 6<sup>th</sup> 1758.

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Ordered, t / Secretary do give notice to / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to  
Africa to attend / Board on Wednesday next, / 25<sup>th</sup> instant.

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Wednesday, July 25. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald.  
Sev<sup>l</sup> gentlemen o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa,  
attendg pursuant to notice given them b t purpose, they were called in; &  
beg<sup>d</sup> asked what steps they had taken in consequence o / letters & papers wh  
they had received fm Messrs Westgate & Brew touchg / misconduct o  
Mr Petrie, Chief o Seccondee & Mr Hippisley, Chief o Tantum-  
query, they informed the Lordships, t they had resolved immediately to remove Mr  
Hippisley; but t as / majority o / Council o Cape Coast was o opinion to forgive Mr  
Petrie's office, they had acquiesced in t opinion, givg orders t, if any officer shd b /  
future offend agst / Act o Parliamt, such officer shd be immediately suspended;  
the Lordships appearing, what they had done in / matter, they withdrew, havg first laid before  
/ Board / follg paper viz.:

Anno 1758. The Act o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, distinguishg  
[§9 41] w<sup>ch</sup> article o expensiture expence under its proper title.

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Mr Hamilton, Mr Sloper.

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The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received from /  
Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, viz.

- ¶ 42. 1. Copy o a letter from N. Senior, Esqr to / Committee o / Co o Merchants  
tradg to Africa, dd Cape Coast Castle, 13<sup>th</sup> March 1759.
2. ... [Gambia] ...
- ¶ 44. 3. Copy o a letter from Nassau Senior, Esqr, to / sd Committee, dd Cape Coast  
Castle June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1759 — also o a calcula<sup>n</sup> o / total expence o /  
forts &c from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 1758, & o a letter  
from N. Senior to / Committee, dd. Cape Coast Castle June 6<sup>th</sup> 1759.
- ¶ 45. 4. Copies o two letters from / Committee to Nassau Senior Esqr, Governor,  
& / Council at Cape Coast Castle, August 7<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 1759.
- ¶ 46. 5. Copies o letters &c, received by / sd Committee, October 8<sup>th</sup> 1759. viz.  
letter from N. Senior dd. Cape Coast Castle, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1759.  
Articles de la Convention, &c.  
Act o Council at Cape Coast Castle March 24<sup>th</sup> 1759, &  
April 19<sup>th</sup> 1759

letters from N. Senior. April 25<sup>th</sup>, & May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1759

fo. 265. Ordered, t a copy o / Convention agreed upon between / chiefs o Cape  
Coast Castle & Elmina, to be transmitted to / Earl o Holderness, one o His  
Majesty's principal Secretaries o State: & t a letter to his Lordship there-  
upon be prepared.

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Tuesday, November 20. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald,  
Mr Jenyns, Mr Hamilton, Mr Sloper.

The draught o a letter to / Earl o Holderness, w<sup>ch</sup> copy o a  
Convention made betw<sup>n</sup> / Governors o Cape Coast Castle & Elmina,  
relative to / dispute concerng / lands plac<sup>d</sup> in / Bay o Comenda,  
has b<sup>n</sup> prepared pursuant to order, was agreed to & signed.

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Friday, December 14. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Jenyns,  
Mr Hamilton, Mr Sloper.

The Secretary laid before / Board the followg papers received fm /  
Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, viz.

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- Copies o a letter fm Nassau Senior to / Committee o / Co o  
Merchants tradg to Africa, dd. Cape Coast Castle, July 15<sup>th</sup> 1759.
- Richard Bras to / Committee, Anamaboe, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1759.
- Certificate o John Baugh & o<sup>rs</sup>;
- N Senior to / Committee, July 31<sup>st</sup> 1759.
- William Lawson to N Senior, June 18<sup>th</sup> 1759 - also
- Condi<sup>n</sup> o / ports on / Gold Coast, June & July, 1759.

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The Lords hips, upon consider<sup>n</sup> o / letters fm Mr Senior, Chief Officer o Cape  
Coast Castle, & fm Mr Bras at Anamaboe, respectg / complaints made o the  
sellg slaves to / Dutch, ordered / Secretary to write to / Committee o / Co o  
Merchants tradg to Africa to attend / Board on Tuesday next / 18<sup>th</sup> instant.

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60, 901. Tuesday, December 18. Present:— Earl of Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Jenyns,  
Trade, Mrs Hamilton, Mr Sloper,  
Africa.

Several gentlemen of Committee of Co<sup>o</sup> Merchants Trade to Africa attend<sup>d</sup>  
pursuant to order, they were called in; & the Lordships have stated to  
them the sense of irregular & improper behaviour of the chief officers at  
Cape Coast Castle & at Annamabol in Trade of Slaves w<sup>th</sup> Dutch; & have  
enquired of them what steps they had taken or intended to take w<sup>th</sup> respect  
to those officers, / gentlemen informed the Lordships of reprehension  
they had given the officers, when those complaints were first made to them,  
& sa<sup>d</sup> they intended to supersede Mr Senior, the chief officer at Cape Coast  
Castle. The Committee then withdrew.

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Friday, April 25. Present:— Earl of Halifax, Mr Jenyns, Mr Sloper, Mr Bacon.  
The Secretary laid before / Board the following papers received from / Committee of Co<sup>o</sup>  
& Merchants Trade to Africa, viz,  
Copies of letters to & from / Committee of Co<sup>o</sup> Merchants Trade to Africa, &  
99 52. the officers at Cape Coast Castle, & James Fort, Gambia, in  
1759 & 1760. no. 1 & 2.

\* This Volume, C<sup>o</sup> 991, 64, concludes w<sup>th</sup> death of King, George II,  
/ last entry beg dated October 11<sup>th</sup>.

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\* Monday, October 24. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Stone, Mr Hamilton, Wednesday, October 29, Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Stone, Mr Hamilton, Mr Sloper.

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Africa.

The Secretary acquainted / Board. & / Committee of / Co of Merchants Trade to Africa, he desired to know on what day they m<sup>d</sup> attend / Board, how & some matters relative to the settlements upon / Coast of Africa, to say before the Lordsships.

fo. 6.

Ordered, & / Secretary do give them notice to attend on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock.

Ordered, & / Secretary do write to / Committee of / Co of Merchants Trade to Africa to acquaint them, & it is the Lordsships' opinion, & they sh<sup>d</sup> give / necessary direc<sup>ns</sup> by proclaiming his Majesty, as soon as possible, & in / most solemn manner, in all places upon / Coast of Africa within the jurisdiction.

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Tuesday, November 4, Present: Earl of Halifax, Mr Stone, Mr Sloper.

The Committee of / Co of Merchants Trade to Africa, attended pursuant to order, they were called in; & Mr Touchet acquainted / Board, & / Board of Ordnance having signified to them by letter, & / fort at Annamaboe was finished, & desired to know into whose charge they w<sup>d</sup> be delivered, they had taken / matter into consideration; & had found for exp<sup>ts</sup>, & / ten thousand pounds annually allowed by Parliamt<sup>ts</sup> had been insufficient w<sup>ch</sup> / support of / forts, wh<sup>ch</sup> they had required for / late Co, they had thought it advisable to prepare a petition to his Majesty, praying such further assistance & / support as

\* This volume begins not w/ New Year, but w/ accession of George III, & continues down to / end of 1761.

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& maintain<sup>d</sup> o/ British forts, as his Majesty sh<sup>d</sup> think proper; & has<sup>d</sup> offered / sd petition to Mr Secretary Pitt, who they were informed was / proper person to present it to his Majesty, they had received a letter from his Secretary, Mr Wood, return<sup>g</sup> / sd pet<sup>n</sup>, & acquaint<sup>d</sup> them t<sup>t</sup> Mr Pitt did not think proper to present it, as he sh<sup>d</sup> thereby become a party in a matter, wh<sup>ch</sup> must come under / considera<sup>n</sup> o/ House o/ Commons, o wh<sup>ch</sup> he was a member; & / Duke o/ Newcastle has<sup>d</sup> also declin<sup>d</sup> present<sup>g</sup> / sd pet<sup>n</sup>, as not be<sup>g</sup> properly within his Grace's depart<sup>mt</sup>; they had desired to attend the Lordships to receive the advice & opinion in what manner to proceed.

fo. 13.

Whereupon the Lordships observ<sup>d</sup> to them, t<sup>t</sup> / supplies granted f<sup>r</sup> / support o/ forts & settle<sup>mts</sup> upon / coast o/ Africa had usually be<sup>n</sup> granted upon petition<sup>s</sup> to o/ Committee; & had never, as they apprehend<sup>d</sup>, be<sup>n</sup> plac<sup>d</sup> upon any debate laid by his Majesty's order before / House o/ Commons; & therefore the Lordships apprehend<sup>d</sup> / proper method w<sup>o</sup>ld be, either to state the case in the usual pet<sup>n</sup> to / House o/ Commons, or to give a state o/ it to his Majesty's ministers, to / send t<sup>t</sup> they m<sup>o</sup> be fully appriz<sup>d</sup> o/ it, when / considera<sup>n</sup> o/ what supply m<sup>o</sup> be necessary f<sup>r</sup> / coast o/ Africa sh<sup>d</sup> come before t<sup>t</sup> House.

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The Committee upon this occas<sup>n</sup> submit<sup>t</sup> to the Lordships, wh<sup>ch</sup> it m<sup>o</sup> not be proper f<sup>r</sup> them to deliver the pet<sup>n</sup> to / Council, to be present<sup>d</sup> to his Majesty in Council; upon wh<sup>ch</sup> the Lordships observ<sup>d</sup>, t<sup>t</sup> this was a channel in wh<sup>ch</sup> matters o/ this nature m<sup>o</sup> possibly not im<sup>p</sup>roperly pass; but t<sup>t</sup> it was a method o/ proceed<sup>g</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> must be left to the own desire<sup>n</sup>.

The Committee then withdrew.

[47] 1760 Friday, November 28, Present; — Earl of Halifax, Mr Jenyns, Mr Hamilton,  
 Mr Sloper, Mr Bacon.

Trade,  
 Africa.

Read a letter from Mr. Cleveland, Secretary to Lords Commissioners of

Hh 2. Admiralty, to / Secretary, dd 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1760, inclos<sup>es</sup>,

Hh 3. State of forts & settlements on / coast of Africa, as they stood betw<sup>en</sup>  
 November & February last.

The Secretary laid before / Board the follow<sup>ing</sup> papers received from / Committee of  
 fo. 59. Co<sup>o</sup> Merchants Trade to Africa; viz.

Hh 4. Copy of a letter from Nassau Senior, Esquire, to / African Committee, dated  
 Cape Coast Castle, September 25<sup>th</sup> 1759;

Act of Council at Cape Coast Castle, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1759;

State & cond<sup>n</sup> of Winnebah Fort;

letter from Mr. Senior, dd. Cape Coast Castle November 27<sup>th</sup> 1759;

letter from / same to / same, November 28<sup>th</sup> 1759.

Hh 5. Copies of a letter from John Hippius, dd. Winnebah Fort, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1760;

letter from Nassau Senior, dd. Cape Coast Castle, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1760;

Ditto, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1760; to / African Committee;

Act of Council at Cape Coast Castle, December 15<sup>th</sup> 1759;

Hh 6 Copies of a letter from Nassau Senior, Esquire to / Committee of / Co<sup>o</sup> Merchants  
 Trade to Africa, dd. Cape Coast Castle March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1760;

letter from John Greal to Thomas Westgate, Cape Coast Castle,  
 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1760;

Mr Westgate's answer, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1760;

Mr Senior's letter to Mr Westgate, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1760;

Mr Westgate's answer;

Act of Council, at Cape Coast Castle, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1760;

Act of Council, 13<sup>th</sup> March 1760;

the Senior's letter to / Council Committee, Cape Coast Castle, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1760;

his letter to / Council, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1760;

Certificate of what was reported by Mr Brew, concerning Mr Baugh's receipt  
£560. of / Fantiyo;

... [Gambia]...

Hr. 8.

State & condition of several forts in January, 1760:

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Hr. 9.

Copy of a letter from / Committee of Co<sup>o</sup> Merchants trading to Africa to / Governor & Council  
of Cape Coast Castle, dd. September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1760;

Hr. 10.

Copies of two letters from Nassau Senior Esquire, dd. Cape Coast Castle, May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 1760;

Sundry papers & letters received for these by / Committee of Co<sup>o</sup> Merchants trading to Africa;

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b. 62.

The Lordships took into consideration a part of letter from Mr Senior, dd. 120<sup>th</sup> May last,  
which relates to / petition<sup>s</sup> of Dutch Governor of Elmina to restrain Portuguese ships  
from trading w<sup>th</sup> any of his nation to / westward of / Africa Volta; & after some time spent  
therein, agreed to consider further thereof on Tuesday next; 12<sup>mo</sup> of December.

Tuesday, December 2. Present: = Earl of Halifax, Mr Jenyns, Mr Hamilton,  
Mr Sloper.

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The Lordships took into consideration further consideration Mr Senior's letter to /  
Committee of Co<sup>o</sup> Merchants trading to Africa, & several papers annexed to it,  
relating to / petition<sup>s</sup> of Dutch Governor of Elmina to prevent Portuguese vessels from  
trading on / Coast of Africa to / westward of / Africa Volta; & after some time spent  
therein agreed to consider further thereof on Tuesday next; & / Secretary was ordered to  
write to / Committee of Co<sup>o</sup> Merchants trading to Africa, to desire the attendance at /  
Board on 5 day; & if they are desired w<sup>th</sup> them any such persons as they think may  
be able to give any information upon this point.

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Tuesday, December 9. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Jenyns, Mr Hamilton, Mr Sayer.

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The Lordships pursuant to / minutes of 2nd instant, took into first consideration / letter to / Committee of 60 of Merchants Trade to Africa from Mr Senior, Chief of Cape Coast Castle, & / sent papers annexed to it, relating to / petition of / Dutch Governor of China to prevent Portuguese ships from Trade to / Westward of River Volta; & sent gentlemen of Committee attendg pursuant to order, w Mr Bell, heretofore Chief at Cape Coast Castle, & lately reappointed to the command, the Lordships had some conversation w them upon / subject matter of sd letter & papers, / result of wh was that they had no objection upon the basis of any such Treaty between / Dutch & Portuguese as is therein mentioned; & if the case was such a Treaty, they supposed it must have been made many years ago, & that it is expired; & / Dutch, however, when they had a superior force upon / Coast, do prevent Portuguese ships from Trade w our parts; & that, on / contrary, when we have a superior naval strength, they will avail ourselves of it to force a Trade w / Portuguese ships, & that, when they had officers of / Dutch on board, who they have a vessel constantly stationed far to windward, that it is in their power to put officers on board as soon as / ships come upon / Coast; & that it was the opinion of / only method of rendering / petition of / Dutch ineffectual, was to be to have a proper naval force constantly stationed upon / Coast; & that they should therefore make an application to / Admiralty to that purpose; wh the Lordships approved of, & then they withdrew.

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Miscellaneous.

Wednesday, April 1. Present: - Lord Sandys, Mr Stone, Mr Jenyns, Mr Yake.  
A Commission under / Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date / 24th of March 1761, constituted & appointed / Lord Chancellor or / Lord Keeper of Great Seal, & sent to

gr officers o State now o f / time he9, & also Samuel, Lord Sandys, Andrew Stone, Soame Jernys, Edward Eliot, Edward Bacon, John Yorke, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Sir Edmund Thomas, baronet, & George Price Esq<sup>r</sup>, his Majesty's Commissioners f<sup>r</sup> promot<sup>g</sup> & encourag<sup>g</sup> / Trade, manufactures & colonies o St Britain, was opened & read, as were also sev<sup>l</sup> clauses in / Acts o / 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> o his late Majesty, f<sup>r</sup> regulat<sup>g</sup> & promot<sup>g</sup> / Trade to Africa & to / distant Seas, by wh<sup>ch</sup> certain persons & direct<sup>ns</sup> are vested in & given to / Commissioners f<sup>r</sup> Trade & Plant<sup>ns</sup>

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To read a Memorial fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, in relat<sup>n</sup> to two free negroes taken on board a vessel bound to / West Indies & detained at Martin-

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Ordered t<sup>h</sup> / Secretary do transmit a copy o / sd memorial to Mrs Thomas, Governor o / Newward Islands, & desire him to take such measures as he sh<sup>d</sup> judge most proper & effectual f<sup>r</sup> detain<sup>g</sup> an order fm / Govern<sup>r</sup> o / Martinico f<sup>r</sup> / discharge o / sd negroes.

The Secretary laid before / Board / follow<sup>g</sup> papers received fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, viz.

Africa:

... [Gambia] ...

Hh 12. Copy o a letter fm Mr Mutter to / Committee, dd. Cape Coast Castle, October 15<sup>th</sup> 1760.

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Hh 13. Copy o a letter fm Mr Westgate to Mr Senior, Cape Coast Castle, July 20<sup>th</sup> 1760;

Mr Senior's answer, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1760  
Mr Senior to Mr Whyte, dd. Cape Coast Castle, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1760;

Mr Whyte's answer, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1760;

Act o Council on Mr Senior's resign<sup>n</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1760;

Mr Mutter to / Committee, Cape Coast Castle, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1760;

Mr Senior to / Committee, Cape Coast Castle, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1760.

207] 1761. Tuesday, June 2, Present: - Mr Stone, Mr Jennings, Mr Bacon, Mr Yorke, Sir Edmund Thomas,

The Secretary laid before Board / follows papers received from / Committee

Trade. of Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, viz.

Africa. ... [Gambia] ...

No. 280. Copy o a letter from William Mutter for Cape Coast Castle, no date.

212] 1761. Thursday, September 9, Present: - Lord Sandys, Mr Stone, Mr Jennings, Mr Bacon, Mr Rice, Sir Edmund Thomas,

The Secretary laid before Board / follows papers received from Mr Poirier,

Secretary to / Committee of Co o Merchants Trade to Africa.

215] 1761 Vol 68 Trade. Africa. HR 21 Copy o a letter from / Committee of Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, to / Governor & Council o Cape Coast Castle, dd. 24<sup>th</sup> June 1761

HR 22. Copy o a letter from William Mutter, Esquire to / Committee of Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, dd. Cape Coast Castle, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1761

(nc) HR 23 letter from Mr Poirier, Secretary to / Committee of Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, to Mr Pownall, dd. August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1761, inclos.

HR 24. The Act o / Committee of Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, 1760

220] 1761. Wednesday, November 11, Present: - Lord Sandys, Mr Jennings, Mr Bacon, Mr Yorke, Sir Edmund Thomas, Mr Rice

The Secretary laid before Board / follows papers received from / Committee

of Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, viz.

... [Gambia] ...

HR 29 Copy o a letter from William Mutter, Esquire, to / Committee of Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, dd. Cape Coast Castle, March / 31<sup>st</sup>, 1761.

... [Soree, & Gambia] ...

229] 1761. Tuesday, December 1. Present; - Lord Sandys, Mrs Jenyns, Mrs Bacon, Sir Edmund  
Ad. 68. Thomas, Mr Peck  
60. 384p The Secretary laid before / Board / follows papers received from / Committee of  
Trade Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz,  
Africa Hk 32 Copy o a letter from / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, to /  
60. 386. Governor & Council o Cape Coast Castle dd / 21<sup>st</sup> o November, 1761

235]. 1761. Wednesday, December 16. Present: - Lord Sandys, Mrs Jenyns, Mrs Bacon,  
Vol 68 Sir Edmund Thomas,  
60 406.

236] 1761. The Secretary laid before / Board / follows papers received from / Committee of  
Trade Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz,  
Africa Copy o a letter from Charles Bell, Esquire, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants  
Hk 93. trading to Africa, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1761;  
Act o Council, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1761.  
Another; ditto June 15<sup>th</sup> 1761;  
60. 411. letter from Charles Bell, Esquire, to / Committee, June 29<sup>th</sup> 1761.

240] 1762. Journal of / Year 1762.  
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244] 1762. Wednesday, January 20. Present; Lord Sandys, Mrs Jenyns, Mrs Bacon,  
Trade Sir Edmund Thomas,  
Africa Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz,  
Hk 35 Copy o a letter from Charles Bell, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to /  
Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, dated 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1761,  
containing an acct of attempts o a French private upon / Coast o Africa, &  
o effects o a quarrel between / inhabitants o Winnebah & Accra  
nam,

Hk 36 Read Feb

254] 1762,  
fo. 59,  
255] 1762

Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Present: - Lord Sandys, Mr Jenyns, Mr Bacon,  
Sir Edmund Thomas, Mr Rice, Mr Roberts.

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fo. 60  
Trade.  
Africa.

The Secretary laid before / Board a paper received from / Committee of Co  
Merchants trading to Africa, wh was read, & is related as follows, Viz,  
Copies of ~~the~~ letters from / Committee of Co Merchants trading to Africa,  
Hh 36 To / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, dd. / 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>  
o January. 1762.

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252] 1761.  
fo 59b  
Miscellanies

This day December 10. Present: - Lord Sandys, Mr Jenyns, Mr Bacon,  
Sir Edmund Thomas, Mr Rice, Mr Roberts,  
A Commission under / Gt Seal o Gt Britain, bearing date / 4<sup>th</sup>  
December, 1761, constituting & appointing / Lord Chancellor & rest of / Gt officers o  
State, now & by / time being, & also Samuel, Lord Sandys, Soame Jenkins, Edward  
Esq<sup>r</sup>, Edward Bacon, John Yorke, Esquire, Sir Edmund Thomas, Baronet, &  
George Rice Esq<sup>r</sup>, together w<sup>th</sup> John Roberts, Esquire, his Majesty's Commissioner  
of promotion / Trade, Manufactures & Colonies o Gt Britain was opened &  
read, & Mr Roberts took his seat at / Board.

274] 1762,  
fo. 133.

Friday, April 23. Present: - Lord Sandys, Mr Jenyns, Mr Elst, Mr Yorke,  
Sir Edmund Thomas,

The following papers received from / Committee of Co o Merchants trading to Africa,  
were laid before / Board & read, viz,

... [Gambia] ...

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Copy o a letter from Charles Bell, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to /  
Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, dd. 10<sup>th</sup> September, 1761.

... [Gambia] ...

287] 1762,

Friday August 13<sup>th</sup>, Present: - Lord Sandys, Mr Bacon, Mr Yorke.

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fo. 191.  
Trade,  
Africa.

This lordships took into consideration / copies o two letters from / Governor o  
Cape Coast Castle to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, dd /  
16<sup>th</sup> December, 1761., & 13<sup>th</sup> o February, 1762. relating am<sup>g</sup> o<sup>o</sup> d<sup>o</sup> d<sup>o</sup> s<sup>o</sup> to /  
difficulties he has met w<sup>th</sup> in settling / disputes between / Accra & Be<sup>o</sup> &  
from people o Winneba<sup>o</sup>, from / injurious int<sup>o</sup>pos<sup>o</sup> & ill offices o / chiefs  
o / Dutch forts in / neighbour<sup>o</sup> h<sup>o</sup>nd; & after some time spent thereon, a  
letter to Mr Grenville, one o his Majesty's Principal Secretaries o State,  
inclos<sup>g</sup> extracts o so much o / sd letters, as relates to this matter, was  
agreed to & signed.

288]. 1762, Thursday November 11th, Present: = Lord Sandys, Mr Jenyns, Mr Yorke,  
Trade, Sir Edmund Thomas,  
Africa Hh 46. Read a letter received in August last, from / Right Honourable George

fo. 197. Grewille, late one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in class /  
Hh 47. copy of a letter from him to Sir Joseph Yorke, his Majesty's Minister at /  
Hague, relative to / Complaints of / Governor of Cape Coast Castle in  
Africa, of obstructions he has met w<sup>th</sup> from / Governors of Dutch parts,  
in settling a dispute between / Accra and Ha<sup>nd</sup> & / Town of Winnebah;  
& it was ordered, t<sup>h</sup> Secretary shd transmit to / Committee of Co o  
Merchants trading to Africa a copy of Mr Grewille's letter to Sir Joseph Yorke.

295] 1762, Thursday, November 18. Present: = Lord Sandys, Mr Jenyns, Mr  
Yorke, Sir Edmund Thomas, Mr Roberts

Vol. 69. Hh 51. Read a letter from Mr Parier, Secretary to / Committee of Co o  
fo. 222. Merchants trading to Africa, to Mr Pownall, dd. November 17th 1762,  
fo. 228. signifyg t<sup>h</sup> sd Committee return the Thanks to / Board, & how's  
Trade, communicated to them / copy of Mr Grewille's letter to Sir Joseph Yorke.  
Africa.

301] 1762, Wednesday, November 24. Present: = Lord Sandys, Mr Jenyns,  
Vol 69. Mr Bacon, Mr Yorke, Sir Edmund Thomas.

302] Trade. The Secretary laid before / Board / follows papers received from /  
Committee of Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz.  
Africa, ... [Gambia] ...  
fo 260. Hh 56

Copy of a letter... Charles Bell inquire to / Committee, Cape Coast Castle,  
29th of Aprile, 1762.  
... [Gambia] ...

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March 2. letters by Bell 12 May. 16 June 21 June 27 & Aug (2)  
 Tuesday, April 26. Present: - Earl of Shelburne, Mr Jenyns,  
 Mr Bacon, Mr Yorke, Mr Rice, Lord Orwell,

A new Commission under / Gr Seal of Gr Britain, bearing date /  
 23rd day of April, 1763, constituting & appointing / Right Honourable /  
 Earl of Shelburne, Thomas Jenyns, Edward Clive, Edward Bacon, /  
 Honourable John Yorke, & George Rice, Esquires, & / Right Honourable  
 Francis Lord Orwell, & Bamber Gascoyne, Esquire, to be his Majesty's  
 Commissioners to Promote / Trade of this Kingdom, & to inspect & improve  
 his Majesty's Foreign Colonies, was opened & read; as were also /  
 Orders of his late & present Majesty in Council of / 11th of March, 1752,  
 & 15th of May, 1761, & his / letter of his Majesty's Secretary of State  
 to this Board, dated / 30th of March, 1752, explaining / his Majesty's Orders,

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Seven clauses in / Acts of Parliament of / 23rd, 25th, & 26th of his  
 late Majesty, of extending & improving / Trade to Africa & / distant  
 Seas, were also read.

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The Lordships agreed to meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

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Africa.

Hh 75.

Wednesday, April 27. Present: - Earl of Shelburne, Mr Jenyns, Mr Bacon,  
 Mr Rice, Lord Orwell.

Read / following papers received from / Committee of Co of Merchants Trade  
 to Africa, viz.

Copy of a letter from Charles Bell, Esquire, to / Committee of Co of Merchants  
 Trade to Africa, dd. Cape Coast Castle, August 20th, 1762

Hh 76. Copy of a letter from / Committee of Co of Merchants Trade to Africa, to  
 Charles Bell, Esquire, Governor, & / Council of Cape Coast Castle,  
 dd. 23th February, 1763.

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Africa.  
fo. 148.

Tuesday, May 10. Present: - Earl o Shelburne, Mr Jenyns, Mr Bacon, Mr Yorke,  
Mr Rice, Lord Orwell, ...

The Secretary laid before / Board / following paper received for / Committee  
o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, viz,

Hh 77. Copy o two letters for Charles Bell, Inquire, Governor o Cape Coast  
Castle, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, dd.  
20th September, & 24th o December, 1762.

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Africa

Hh 78 Friday, May 27. Present: - Earl o Shelburne, Mr Jenyns, Mr Elliot, Mr  
Bacon, Mr Yorke, Mr Rice, Lord Orwell, Mr Gascoyne.

Read a memorial o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa,  
sells forth / attempts / Dutch h lately made upon / rights &  
properties o his Majesty's subjects on / Coast o Africa.

Ordered t a copy be made o / sd memorial to be transmitted  
to / Earl o Halifax, one o his Majesty's principal Secretaries o State,  
& / draught o a letter to his Lordship f unlesg / same, be prepared

fo. 157.

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Africa.

Monday, May 30. Present: - Earl o Shelburne, Mr Jenyns, Mr  
Elliot, Mr Bacon, Mr Yorke, Mr Rice, Lord Orwell, Mr Gascoyne.

The draught o a letter to / Earl o Halifax, w a copy o / memorial  
o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, mentioned in  
yesty's minutes, havg bn prepared pursuant to order, was agreed to,  
transcribed, & signed.

944] 1/69, Friday, July 15, Present: - Earl o Shelburne, Mr Clib, Mr Yorke, Mr Rice. 23.  
fo. 184. Lord Orwell.

Trade Hh 79 Read a letter fm / Earl o Halifax, one o his Majesty's Principal Secretaries  
Africa, 80 o State referring to this Board / correspondence betwix his Lordship & /  
81 King's Minister at / Hague upon / subject o / disputes w / Dutch upon  
82 / Coast o Africa, & desiring / Board's opinion what instruments it may  
be proper to give on this occ<sup>n</sup> to / Captains o / ships o war stationed  
upon t<sup>e</sup> coast.

950] 1/69, Thursday, August 4. Present: - Earl o Shelburne, Mr Clib, Mr Yorke, Lord Orwell,  
Vol. 70. Mr Gascoyne,

959] Trade, The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received fm / Committee  
Africa. o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz.

Hh 84 Copy o a letter fm Charles Bell, Esquire, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants  
trading to Africa, d.d. Cape Coast Castle, February, 1763;

Hh 85 The Acct o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, distinguishing  
evry article o expence under its proper title. f / Year 1761.

Hh 86 Ditto: f / Year 1762.

391] 1/69, Wednesday, September 28. Present: - Earl o Hillsborough, Mr Bacon,  
Vol. 70. Mr Rice. Lord Orwell.  
fo. 211.

A Commission under / Great Seal o Gr Britain, bearing date / 17th instant  
constituted & appointed Wills, Earl o Hillsborough, George Jennings, Edward  
Clibb, Edward Bacon, / Honourable John Yorke, George Rice Esquire, Francis  
Lord Orwell & Damier Gascoyne, Esquire. To be his Majesty's Commissioners  
for Promoting / Trade o this Kingdom, & for inspecting & improving his Majesty's  
Colonies in America & elsewhere, was opened & read. . . . .

984] Trade, The Secretary laid before / Board / two following papers received fm Mr Prior,  
Africa. Secretary to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz.

Hh 68. Copy o a letter fm Charles Bell, Esquire, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants  
trading to Africa, d.d. Cape Coast Castle, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1763.

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387] 1763. Friday, October 7. Present:— Earl of Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns, Mr Bacon.  
Vol. 70 Mr Yorke.

385] Trade, Africa. Mr 89. Read a Letter from Mr Stevens, Secretary to / Lords Commissioners of Admiralty,  
to Mr Powhall, d. October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1763, inclos<sup>g</sup> / follow<sup>g</sup> returns of state of  
forts upon / Coast of Africa, taken by Captain Smith of his Majesty's ship  
Assistance, viz.

- Mr 90 State & condit<sup>n</sup> of Cape Coast Castle, 12<sup>th</sup> of April, 1763
- fo. 230. Mr 91 Copy of state of Annamaboe Fort, April 15<sup>th</sup> 1763
- .. 92 State & condit<sup>n</sup> of Dixcove Fort, / 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1763
- .. 93 Copy of a report of state & condit<sup>n</sup> of Commenda Fort, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1763
- .. 94 State & condit<sup>n</sup> of James Fort, Accra, & Vernon Fort at Prampram,  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1763
- .. 95 State of Tantumquery Fort, / 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 1763
- .. 96 Copy of report of state & condit<sup>n</sup> of Secundee Fort, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1763
- .. 97 State of Winnebah Fort, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1763.

fo. 239. Ordered, t<sup>h</sup> / sd papers be taken into fur consider<sup>n</sup> on Thursday next, /  
13<sup>th</sup> instant, & t<sup>h</sup> notice be given to some of gentlemen of Committee of  
/ Co of Merchants Trade to Africa, to attend.

387] 1763 Thursday, October 10, Present:— Earl of Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns,  
Vol. 70 Mr Bacon, Mr Yorke.

fo. 250. Trade, Africa. The Lordships took into consider<sup>n</sup> / returns of state of forts upon  
/ Coast of Africa, received from / Admiralty, & Mr Cusk, Mr Bischope, Mr  
Lewys, from / Committee of / Co of Merchants Trade to Africa, attends  
w<sup>th</sup>, they were called in, & beg<sup>g</sup> inform<sup>d</sup> of what appeared from / sd  
returns, as to / ill condit<sup>n</sup> of / sd forts, they observ<sup>d</sup>, t<sup>h</sup> they were vry  
sensib<sup>l</sup> & they were in a ruinous condit<sup>n</sup>, alleg<sup>g</sup> t<sup>h</sup> they were left so  
by / late Royal African Co, & t<sup>h</sup> they had apply<sup>d</sup> / money apply<sup>d</sup> /  
fo. 251. money granted by Parliamt, as far as it w<sup>o</sup> go, consistent w<sup>th</sup> / necessary  
referenc<sup>s</sup>

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expenses, to / put g them in repair, but t<sup>e</sup> such grants was altho' insufficient; & b<sup>y</sup> proof o' what they alleged, & as a justification o' th<sup>e</sup> conduct in this respect, they referred to, & read ~~out~~ several resolutions o' House o' Commons establishing these facts, when this matter was under consideration o' House.

fo. 252.

The gentlemen beg asked some quest<sup>ns</sup> w<sup>th</sup> respect to / dispute w<sup>th</sup> Dutch concerning / Bay o' Commenda & / villages o' Bushir & Atchumah, & as to / importce o' salt o' these places, they sd, they apprehend t<sup>h</sup> in respect to Commenda, it was agreed to be free to both parts; but t<sup>h</sup> dispute w<sup>th</sup> Dutch remained still undecided, & t<sup>h</sup> was o' gr<sup>at</sup> imp<sup>o</sup>, beg / place fm wh. they got lime, stone, & o<sup>th</sup> materials b<sup>y</sup> buildg. They likewise observed, t<sup>h</sup> / Dutch were attemptg to make an establishment at or near Cape Appolonia, wh. they apprehended wd be s<sup>y</sup> prejudicial to our interests, & proposed to lay a state o' matter before / Board.

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They likewise promised, at / request o' Board, to lay before th<sup>e</sup> Lordships / establishm<sup>ts</sup> o' all / diff<sup>er</sup> ports upon / Coast o' Africa, to<sup>g</sup> w<sup>th</sup> a copy o' instruments to / new Govern<sup>rs</sup> o' Senegal ... w<sup>th</sup> copies o' all such papers w<sup>ch</sup> regard / o<sup>th</sup> diff<sup>er</sup> quest<sup>ns</sup> ... in respect to t<sup>h</sup> settlement.

The gentlemen o' Committee beg writ<sup>ten</sup> drawn, th<sup>e</sup> Lordships took into consideration / Earl o' Halifax's letter to / Board, o' y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> o' July last, mention<sup>ed</sup> in / minutes o' 15<sup>th</sup> o' t<sup>h</sup> month, in respect to / dispute w<sup>th</sup> / Dutch upon / Coast o' Africa; & a letter to / Earl o' Sandwich thereupon, was prepared, agreed to, transcrib<sup>d</sup> & sign<sup>d</sup>.

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Monday, October 24, Present: — Earl o' Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns, Mr Bacon, Mr Yorke.

The Secretary laid before / Board / follows papers, received from / Committee o' / Co o' Merchants Trade to Africa,

- II 1. Letter from Mr Poirier, Secretary to / Committee o' / Co o' Merchants Trade to Africa, to Mr Pownall dd 19 October. 1763 inclosg  
Extract o' a letter from / Govern<sup>or</sup> o' Cape Coast Castle, dd 12<sup>th</sup> December 1762 relatg to Atchumah & Cape Appolonia.  
... t<sup>h</sup> Senegal.
- II 6. Establishm<sup>ts</sup> o' sev<sup>er</sup>al forts upon / Coast o' Africa, exclusive o' Senegal.

fo. 256.

The Lordships, taking into consideration the part of Mr Bell's letter to / Committee of 24th of December, with relation to / intentions of Dutch to make an establishment at Appolonia, ordered / Secretary to write to / Committee of all such information as they can collect, of nature & extent of British trade to this place, w<sup>th</sup> the opinion of / imp<sup>ts</sup> of it, & w<sup>th</sup> any establishment is, to / present expedient to be made th<sup>er</sup>.

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Monday, November 7. Present; = Earl of Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns, Mr Bacon, Mr Yorke.  
Mr Sturges, member of Parliamt to Lancaster, attended, & presented to / Board a memorial of merchants of the place trading to Africa, complaining that of his Majesty's subjects be entered into contracts to supply / French w<sup>th</sup> slaves.  
Ordered, that a copy of / sd memorial, be transmitted to / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa, & that they be desired to communicate to / Board any information they are able, w<sup>th</sup> respect to / facts set forth in / sd memorial.

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417] Trade.  
Africa.

Friday December 2. Present; = Earl of Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns, Mr Elliot, Mr Bacon, Mr Price, Mr Gascoyne.  
The Secretary laid before / Board / follows paper received from / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa, viz.  
Li 10 Copy of a letter from / Governor of Cape Coast Castle to / African Committee, dd. / 25th of May, 1763.  
Ordered that / Secretary do write to / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa, to remind them of letter wrote to them concerning / expediency of an establishment at Cape Appolonia, & to their opinion upon / complaints of / merchants of Lancaster of practices of selling slaves to / French upon / coast.

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Wednesday, December 14. Present; - Earl of Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns, 27  
Mr Elliot, Mr Pason, Mr Rice.

Read a letter from Mr Poirer, Secretary to / African Committee, to Mr Pownall  
dt. December 14th, 1763 acquaints him, & they were waiting to know /  
sense o / merchants o Bristol on / two points in his letter; but E, if they  
hear not in a few days from these merchants, / Committee will communi-  
cate the sentiments to / Board thereon.

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Cudjoe Cabocers & Linguist at C.C. to / Clée26 October 1758

Jr br o Feb 13 1755 [copy not w these pps] I hd / hon to recie or return of thanks f / kindness t of express f me in / sd br, & at / same time beg leave to assure of t  
 this is nothing I wd not do f / English Ma<sup>n</sup>

I find by / purport o jr br t I can expect nothing fm our Roberts; this is indeed  
 a vry gr disappointment, but I blatter myself t of wree h / goodness to take into consen /  
 gr expenses I was at, at / Forts o Dixcove & Succoonde during / troubles here

Inclosed is my memorial

Copy o / Memorial o Agree Cudjoe Linguist o Cape Coast Castle on

1 Gold Coast o Africa, relaty to / Athanta War.

Sets forth t so soon as he heard fm John Roberts Esqr. President o / Council  
 at C.C.C. o / War at Dixcove, he enquired into / cause thereof, & learning t / Athanta  
 were growg rebellious, beg corrupted by / Dutch & hd bn supplied w a quantity o arms  
 & ammunition fm some o / Dutch Chiefs in / Athanta Country to enable them to carry  
 on War agst / English in order to take Dixcove Fort if possible f / Dutch. The  
 Memorialist sent a Courier fm Cape Coast into / Athanta Country w presents o  
 Rum to Entery King thereof, & Bossu English Cabocers thereof & to desire them  
 not to wage war agst the Masters / English at Dixcove, but to compound matters  
 as soon as possible; the palaver or cause o quarrel in / judgmt o / Memorialist be I  
 wrong & ill grounded.

A Courier met w / sd King at / Dutch Fort at Botue, to whom he delivered  
 part o / present & message o this Memorialist, wh Entery accepted & walked w /  
 Courier to his Room or Farm o Buska where he met certain negroes belongg to  
 Bossu, whom / King sent to conduct / Courier to / Village o Bossu at Dixcove  
 Territory, where / Courier hd an interview w Bossu & delid him / present & /

message o/ memorandum to / purpose & meaning above. Boston acknowledged / advice o/ memorandum was good & true; t / cause o/ war was on acct o/ English laborer Capt Dick, but purchased f/ future name o his people or soldiers shd be given

gun, or mortar / English any more. memorandum for sets forth t nature / above states / war was carried on w/ qn vigour by

English King, Boston & not more English. Cabot's undertaken by / Dutch & sundry landing

/ Dutch vessels in / Florida country f/ Cape dose points & Florida to Dutch success  
was attempted to attack / after Cabot's, & had formed his encampments before Darcers fort

also directed up see further above by sea. memorandum sent a / cause & at time w/ f/ memorandum  
proceeds & request to English King, Boston re English Florida Cabot's, sundry etc

justice, w/ / grow in like manner presented.

English returned f/ answer, Cadiz must come before himself, to try the same matter;

t Boston letter / cause see / Florida directed & prayed for justice to come & demands  
/ brother's & t of his memorandum set some day and send a account / Dutch for doing.

t brother's hady continued many months the Roberts beg returned to Cape coast.  
/ brother's & t of his memorandum set some day and send a account / Dutch for doing.

to put an end to / war, as one looking at Seneca & other Lockman appear by /

Dutch firm on behalf o/ Dutch & Florida.

t after many objections & an Roberts hady recommended a multitude o' objections raised by  
/ Dutch, who were quite adverse to forming / war, a meeting was agreed upon a hat between the

Roberts & set Dutch Separates, whom I was considered to make enquiry into / cause o/  
/ war, by means t / enquiry shd be made at a certain remote place between / forts o/  
Darcers & Boston where the Roberts was to go w/ them. I was t / there o' ending  
in peace, in direct opposite to / custom o' Coast o' America. I upon / above &

32.  
+ dishonorable object / Meeting went off w<sup>th</sup> many any sort o Enquiry into  
/ Cause o / Broil; whereupon Memorialist, perceiving no likelihood o matters being  
concluded, by order o Gov Roberts, sent a gr quantity o liquors to Entory & Bossu,  
press them both to assemble w<sup>th</sup> this Memorialist, b<sup>t</sup> / President & o<sup>f</sup> the  
x "Something Security & safe return, Memorialist sent good & agree Pledges to a  
wanting here" Considerable Value, toge<sup>th</sup> w<sup>th</sup> his son, as a Pledge. T<sup>h</sup> w<sup>th</sup>ing these  
efforts b<sup>t</sup> peace, / Dutch proved as assiduous to involve matters,  
a for such purpose sent his servants daily to / houses o / English Caboceros, to bribe  
some, intimidate o<sup>th</sup>rs, & compel sever<sup>al</sup> not to make any peace w<sup>th</sup> / English, but to persist in  
/ Siege o / Dixcove until / same surrendered to them. Notw<sup>th</sup> / Difficulties above, t<sup>h</sup> no  
stone mt be left unturned whereby peace mt be produced, Memorialist by order o /  
President sent b<sup>t</sup> Bossu to endeavour if possible to beg him back to his allegiance at any rate,  
as being / most powerful man in / whole Phanta Country. T<sup>h</sup> Bossu agreed to an interview  
& accordingly met this Memorialist whereat / latter [sic] confessed he had no quarrel w<sup>th</sup> /  
English his Masters, t<sup>h</sup> he w<sup>as</sup> much loved & respected / President & was willing to be at  
friendship w<sup>th</sup> him, provided he sh<sup>d</sup> be forgiven b<sup>t</sup> what he had done, & if two women  
w<sup>th</sup> had b<sup>een</sup> made prisoners during / war, & sent to Cape Coast Castle, were restored to  
him. T<sup>h</sup> upon Memorialist, by Gov Roberts's order, asking Bossu w<sup>th</sup>ing he asked  
sh<sup>d</sup> be granted him, he came into Dixcove Fort, confessed he had behaved ill, but  
w<sup>th</sup> return to his duty & swear Obedi<sup>ence</sup> was after to / English. T<sup>h</sup> upon w<sup>th</sup> a  
Peace b<sup>t</sup> t<sup>h</sup> time was agreed upon w<sup>th</sup> Bossu, & a canoe directly sent to C. C. b<sup>t</sup> /  
Women who were ordered to be bro<sup>t</sup> to Succowee, & from thence to be forwarded w<sup>th</sup>  
two 11 hand canoes under / care o / Baddoe Cabocero, to Dixcove. T<sup>h</sup> / women  
were bro<sup>t</sup> to Succowee, but / Dutch Deputies, understanding Bossu had agreed to  
conclude his part o / affairs upon / debt o them to him, withdrew themselves abruptly  
out o / Phanta Country w<sup>th</sup> taking one slip towards accomodating w<sup>th</sup> matters, tho  
earnestly intreated so to do by / President, day after day, by letters & mess<sup>ages</sup>  
b<sup>t</sup> / space o 5 weeks, kind as / canoes w<sup>th</sup> / Women aboard, above 200 gulds's Rum  
& o<sup>th</sup> necessaries b<sup>t</sup> Dixcove Fort were on the passage for [sic] Dixcove [Succowee]  
Fort thence, / sd canoes were attacked by upwards o 50 small & gr canoes off / Butree,

Fort, seized, or taken, & all carried w / 22 canoe-men & Baddoe Cabocur, detained & imprisoned in t Fortress contrary to / Agreement made by Mr Roberts & / Dutch deputies as effect. T / Chief Bacoer beat & abused Baddoe Cabocur, robbed him o his cloaths, & w<sup>ch</sup> deftly cd be withheld fm cutting him in pieces, J Cos Came, a chg hitherto held sacred amg black men on / Gold Coast o Africa [sec]. Upon / seizure of fort, Bossu did not return to his allegge, nor act any presents & intreaties urge him to return, but w / Phantass renewed / siege o Dixcove, killed a man servant called a Wine gatherer o Memorialist, seized & made captives of 8<sup>th</sup> wounded sevl, & blocked up all / avenues to / Castle, w<sup>ch</sup> much t / Fort not beg able thro scarcity o provisions to support Memorialist & his people, he was obliged to return to C. C. after beg at / last, charge & trouble of fort; & solemnly protestd t Bossu wd h made his peace w / English, as wd many o English Cabocurs - w<sup>ch</sup> by / rest o / Phantass wd h bn so weakened t a gen peace must h ensued, but not / women bn taken by / Dutch as offt, lastly Memorialist saith t he attended sevl months afterwards at Succoedee to settle / troubles, w a returne o 118 men before Capt Bacoer o / surprise; but a peace cd not then be effected w<sup>ch</sup> agreed to terms no way honorable to / English men in gen. T / President behaved honorably & bravely in all affairs concerng / troubles, t his cause & proceedg<sup>s</sup> were right & just & deserv / applause o his country men.

Signed at my House in Cape Coast Town

[? Was / ~~above~~ above drawn up by Thasau Sew, at t time Chief o Dixcove Fort & now Resid<sup>t</sup> at C. C. ?]

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Recd Feb 7 1759.

Copy o a letter fm / Ctee to Mr John Roberts African Office 26 December 1758

The Ctee h directed me to send y / enclosed, beg copy o a letter fm Mr W Webster to Capt Gregory sd little Popo 21 May 1758, by wh<sup>ch</sup> y w<sup>ch</sup> see what misfortunes & loss has happened to Mr Webster & what q<sup>ty</sup> detim<sup>t</sup> / Trade is likely to suffer by carryg off / King o Appee's son w<sup>th</sup> his friends' consent (to wh<sup>ch</sup> Capt Gregory is w<sup>ill</sup>g to take his oath) & detaing him so long in England; & as / Ctee are desirous o do<sup>ing</sup> all in the

34. power to promote / Trade to / Coast o Africa, & remove all Obstacles to / Safety  
o British Subjects trading thither; they h directed me to ask y where t Boy is now, &  
what objections y h to sending him home t they may take the measures accordingly. By Order &c  
" (N.B. no answer has b'n recd to this letter) Same Power Recy.

The Ctee to Nassau Serv Govt & Council at C.C. London 17<sup>th</sup> January 1759

Send copies o the Ltrs o 21 [last line] & 22 July last [② p 246] ... Also Invoices & B/L  
f goods & stores shipped on / Trenchville Capt David Adams amts to £5694-4-8  
beg y supply o / Forts & Settlements under yr direct<sup>n</sup>, & Invoice & B/L f Summary goods f  
Annambob amts to £384, wh goods beg shipped by us at request o / Bd o Order  
f / paym<sup>t</sup> o / seal artificers & slaves employed in build<sup>g</sup> t Fort ~~the~~ - Enclose  
& let o item o wry be fm / Board, by wh y will see they desire t a sept<sup>r</sup> acct be kept o /  
applic<sup>n</sup> o these goods - Therefore a distinct Garrison Ledger to be kept f / whitemen  
employed at Abbe under Baugh's direct<sup>n</sup> - As to Black mens pay, as they can't give accts,  
/ Chief or 2 o'd thro. to certify / payments to them - Rip accts; f Do O & themselves.  
- Actone recd via Holland, o / packet w copies o his b'e 16 April [② 251]. 15 June [252]  
5 July [254] & 4 July <sup>1758</sup> [258] w pps, to wh they now reply -  
- It compld as sw as possible w / Indent. -

They h had some convers<sup>n</sup> w Mr Bell abtg to / present situa<sup>n</sup> o / Forts & Settlements, it  
gives us gr concern to find them in gen. in so bad a cond<sup>n</sup>, w<sup>ch</sup> our constantly repeated  
instruct<sup>n</sup> to / Govt & Council at CC to employ the chief att<sup>n</sup> to / repairs where most  
need & what has b'n done in consequence thof. As Mr Bell amg o' essential defects  
has ment<sup>d</sup> t many o / Cannon on / Bastions & Platforms are honeycombed & / carres  
almost worn out & useless, abt t f h not sufficient in no or weight o metal in each o / Forts,  
- they are shipped on this ship as many guns carres, ball & apparts as are need<sup>d</sup> & Capt  
Adams is oblig<sup>d</sup> to land them at / diff<sup>r</sup> Forts they are destin<sup>d</sup> f. The attack t has  
already b'n made on / C.C.C. by a Squadron o French Men o War making it absolutely  
need<sup>d</sup> to put t place in regard a state o diffie as our Circs will admit o. We must

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strongly recommend that the way means in yr order for the purpose, & as Dames Hill is so situated as to command C.C. we have sent out some Cannon to be mounted upon it. Suppose building a proper Wall for its security, w<sup>ch</sup> Lodgements for a guard to be constantly kept there may be effected w<sup>th</sup> much difficulty or expence; but as you / spot must be better judges of / conveniences & in / conveniences to may attend fortifying Dames Hill our orders relating thereto are not peremptory, provided you give sufficient reasons for not complying therewith. Whilst we are insisting upon / Forts being immediately repaired, we cannot help taking notice of yr mention'd to / new Works done at Commenda. are already fallen down, w<sup>ch</sup> must ere long be owing to some x<sup>tr</sup> accident, or to / bad Workmen & Materials & w<sup>ch</sup> desire to be explained in yr next.

--- We have had a conference w<sup>th</sup> / Bd of Ordnance on / subject of our Massachu<sup>setts</sup> Letters correspond<sup>ing</sup> w<sup>th</sup> our Engr<sup>g</sup> Baugh & are glad to see our orders were obeyed by his behaviour & endeavours to keep up a good harmony w<sup>th</sup> / sd Engr<sup>g</sup>. The Board has agreed w<sup>th</sup> us to / goods sent out of / paymt of Artificers & Slaves employed at R<sup>iver</sup> sh<sup>ould</sup> be assigned to / Gov<sup>er</sup> & Council at C.C. & issued out by them. & --- Mr Baugh is to provide for himself or make a reasonable allowance to / Chief of R<sup>iver</sup> of duty at his Table; at / same time it is our Orders to be used w<sup>th</sup> proper respect & accommodated w<sup>th</sup> a good apartment. --- When you send home Inventories of goods & stores in gen<sup>eral</sup> remember to furnish a party one of abt £500. being / money granted us by / Board for paymt of / Artificers &c. as above ment<sup>ion</sup>d.

The difficulties Mr Webster lies under on acct of Mr Roberts, not having sent back / thing of Appals son is a grievance to ot to be redressed, as practices of this nature are often attended w<sup>th</sup> fatal consequences. We have again applied to Mr Roberts on / occas<sup>ion</sup> or in case of his Refusal, to part w<sup>th</sup> him on reasonable terms. Sh<sup>ould</sup> make his behaviour to / Board of Trade, & if may acquaint / Parties concern'd in / meantime of our intentions, & to be alive & well.

We are sorry to hear / Warsaws threaten to attack / Parties, & can only recommend in this case yr utmost endeavours to remove the distress.

The few soldiers procurable go blanch, have a prospect o' comfort / no.  
 handicrafts [men?] are become so scarce t' it is absolutely necessary to train up / young  
 slaves & we h' ordered some to be annually sent off for Pamlico the players on /  
 Fife can be met w'. -- -- Approve / discharge o' Bruce & degrad' o' Langland --

The / misconduct o' any persons under / command o' our Chief Govr at C.C. we  
 think / complain, in more than ordy cases shd be exhibited to / Govr in Council  
 & w' the approbation he is authorized to punish / delinquents w' by a mulkt (fine)  
 o' the pay, degrad', or even disch'g them fr' / service, & in case o' threats or to be  
 wronged by commencing suits at law or o'wise, on the return home, w' / security they  
 give us f' the good behavior will be sufficient indemnity, & / Officers may  
 depend on our support where no unjustifiable means are exerted on the part.

We are pleased to find y' h' hit upon an expedient to save a considerable  
 sum to / Publick in a new method o' using / Tobacco & Brandy to / people; but  
 as we cannot imagine it will be attended w' anythg like / small saving & mention  
 we desire this Regular may be taken into cons'n by yr Council & t' a calculation  
 may be made o' / quantity o' Brandy & Tobacco expended f' 3 or 4 years past, by wh  
 y' will be better enabled to ascertain / real savings & you will transmit us at /  
 same time yr joint opinions as to any considerations t' may arise fr' this Regular.  
 Mr Nassau Senior having sent us copy o' dr he recd fr' Mr Brevin d'd at N'bor, 5 July  
 on this subject, we cannot help declar'g our dislike to / style o' / dr as tending to  
 lessen / Authority of the Govr, & to promote disagreements, one w' anor wh must be highly  
 detrimental to / publick service. If Mr Brevin has any objections to / new method  
 o' using / tobacco & Brandy, reasons f' those objections wd h' ben much more becoming  
 his Stain & also more satisfactory to / Ctee. -- -- [Ledyard]. --

We h now need a considerable sum for Parliament to pay / Advances on acct o P<sup>ro</sup>o  
We hope all demands will be immediately pd off & sufficient sum remaining to answer  
/ Current ~~Exp~~ Services. — Confirm Senior Gov<sup>r</sup> o C.C.C. President o / Council, Treasurer  
& Warehouse Keeper. As to instructions to him, those originally given to Mr Melville,  
& what he has sent on since are suff<sup>t</sup> of his / Gov<sup>r</sup> o our affairs in gen.  
Also confirm Stipples Vice President; Westgate Justice, & Brew m m c.  
Bonville Chief o Comanda. Livingstonie acct<sup>r</sup> Prod Secy; Petrie Chief o Succo  
Greenhill Surgeon; & Tom Richards, John Grant Jno Calverly w<sup>th</sup> Fordson w<sup>th</sup> Webster  
Jno Thom & Factors

It beg<sup>s</sup> very neccy for us to know / exact conditons o my fort, / no o people belong<sup>g</sup>  
to it; w<sup>th</sup> the seal stands a time o appoint. I am: to give p<sup>ro</sup>o orders to / Chief<sup>r</sup>  
o my ore fort to transmit / state & condon o his fort once in evy year to  
C.C.C. is the opinion o what is neccy to be done, & how far they are enabled  
to repair / defects by materials to be hd on / spot or in / neighbourhood; wh  
seal acts as also / State & Condon o C.C.C. must be transmitted home for  
w<sup>th</sup> duplicates for our Gov<sup>r</sup> — & these orders to be sent to / seal Chiefs as soon after  
/ rec<sup>t</sup> o this as may be convenient. f / first time & / 1<sup>st</sup> week in January  
f<sup>r</sup>ly oftentimes in order to we may see them in time to furnish f w<sup>th</sup> what  
may be in our power towards / repairs &c.

Thy Order is  
Sam Poivre Secy

The Ctee to Nassau Senior Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council at C.C.C. London 7 January 1759

Sent copy o this part o 1<sup>st</sup> inst [infra] & incs - Insects o yards & stews p / Elizabeth Capt  
Morris amts to £5144. 6. 4 w<sup>th</sup> list o: Militia & 13 Soldiers, Beef pork & P<sup>ro</sup>o - Brandy Wine  
& Vinegar for Toneriffe - It ordered 5 Pambia slaves to be sent f by 1<sup>st</sup> oppy w<sup>th</sup> directions to continue to  
supply amby, wh slaves are to be bred to such trades as are most useful.

Pictou News to / Ctee

Annamaboo 6 August 1758

On <sup>23rd</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> ulto came into this Road a lge French ship called / Count de St Florentine  
 c Bordeaux, mount<sup>d</sup> 54 Guns & carry<sup>d</sup> 600 men commanded by Mons<sup>r</sup> ~~Montant~~ <sup>perhaps</sup> Montant  
 in / Road before we perceived her. She had Danish Colours hoisted com<sup>g</sup> in, but when she got  
 inshore o / Vessels, she fired 3 Guns & hoisted French Colours, upon wh<sup>ch</sup> / 3 Vessels struck  
 the Colours, & we began to fire upon / Frenchman w<sup>th</sup> our 6 P<sup>ar</sup>s, to no purpose, f<sup>r</sup> we never  
 reached them, tho' the shot went over our Fort. They fired sev<sup>er</sup> 18 P<sup>ar</sup>s at us w<sup>th</sup> out do<sup>ing</sup>  
 any damage & we still continued to fire upon them in expectat<sup>ion</sup> t<sup>o</sup> our shot w<sup>ould</sup> reach 'em  
 as our guns grew warm. The next day they sent all / prisoners to / number o 45 on shore,  
 in wh<sup>ch</sup> were 4 Capt<sup>s</sup>, 6 mates, & rest private men, 21 o whom I was obliged to buy for  
 / Negroes as / Frenchman gave them to them & desired them to sell them to / Chief o  
 Fort ashore. On / 26<sup>th</sup> / Frenchman Capt<sup>n</sup> sent a note on shore to inform me t<sup>h</sup> he w<sup>ould</sup>  
 sell / Snow Fox & her cargo f<sup>r</sup> 80 slaves upon wh<sup>ch</sup> I consulted / English Captains abt  
 purchas<sup>ing</sup> / Snow provided she had Cargo enough to pay me f<sup>r</sup> slaves, b<sup>ut</sup> b<sup>eing</sup> them at / same  
 time I wanted nothing but to procure / Vessel on / Coast in order to carry them all to America,  
 as th<sup>ere</sup> was no English vessel on / Coast, w<sup>as</sup> likely to be ~~out~~ f<sup>r</sup> some time. The English Captains  
 & people were extremely thankful f<sup>r</sup> my offer, & at th<sup>ere</sup> request I purchased / Snow & her  
 Cargo o rum, after bring<sup>ing</sup> wh<sup>er</sup> on shore, I made / English prisoners a present o / Snow w<sup>ith</sup>  
 all her materials & provisions, Wood, water, &c, necessary f<sup>r</sup> a 3 months passage, & procured  
 them a ransom Bill f<sup>r</sup> 3 months. Some days after Capt<sup>n</sup> Josh. Siskin Winton was at  
 Cape Wrath & heard Mrs Seniors invective t<sup>h</sup> I had traded w<sup>ith</sup> / Enemy, in do<sup>ing</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> he says  
 I was w<sup>rong</sup>, w<sup>as</sup> we were consider<sup>ing</sup> / Liberties or my motive f<sup>r</sup> so do<sup>ing</sup>, thro<sup>ugh</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> I  
 appeal to y<sup>e</sup> & dare say t<sup>h</sup> instead o being reflected on by y<sup>e</sup>, I sh<sup>ould</sup> be applauded. I h<sup>ad</sup>  
 included f<sup>r</sup> an Instrument o writ<sup>ing</sup> offered me voluntarily by / English Captains f<sup>r</sup> my Justificat<sup>ion</sup>

If y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>ad</sup> done me th<sup>e</sup> honor to app<sup>oint</sup> me a member o / Council here, I think it a duty  
 incumbent on me to inform y<sup>e</sup> o my w<sup>rong</sup> transac<sup>tion</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> affairs. Abt / middle o  
 June last, Mr Jas Kinglands, a factor in y<sup>e</sup> service at C. C. was degraded to a Writer, by  
 Messrs Seniors & Whyte, & Mr Jas Bruce a factor likewise was discharged ye Service, on acct o

this not attendg at Prayers on Sunday's. This incident is all / Gentle on / Coast t<sup>r</sup> Mr Senior on  
act o purchasg slaves, neglected Divine Service f<sup>r</sup> said Sunday's, & also t<sup>r</sup> it was Private Peck  
there 2 Gentle were so cruelly treated. Had Mr Senior asked / opinions o Messrs Huppisley, Wedgate  
& myself, this affair wd not h<sup>ave</sup> happened, but he is absolutely grown so fond o his imaginary Power  
t<sup>r</sup> he looks on evy Member o / Council as a Cipher & has b<sup>een</sup> heard to say at / Publick Table, t<sup>r</sup> Mr  
Melvil transacted all / Publick affairs w<sup>th</sup> his / assistance o a Council, & so wd be. Messrs Huppisley  
Wedgate & myself are go<sup>ing</sup> to protest publicly ag<sup>st</sup> all his arbitrary proceed<sup>ings</sup>, & I do assure  
y<sup>e</sup> Gentlemen, w<sup>th</sup> this is a speedy Regular<sup>ity</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> affairs here, / whole Coast will shortly be in  
y<sup>e</sup> g<sup>reatest</sup> Confusion imaginable

Our Works here go on evy busly, but we sh<sup>all</sup> shortly be on<sup>ly</sup> home as / Snow w<sup>ill</sup> bricks +  
home must certainly be lost

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do publish & declare to all whom it may concern, t<sup>r</sup> on /  
23d Umo / Count de St Florentine Private Ship o Wars, mountg 54 Guns & carryg 600 men, come into  
/ Road under Danish Colours & took / Ship King o Russia Captn Jos<sup>eph</sup> Gideon Wanton o Rhode Island;  
/ Snow Annamaboo, Capt. Walter Bussum o Do, & / Snow Fox, Capt Wm Taylor o New London, & after  
mann<sup>ing</sup> / ofsd Vessels w<sup>ith</sup> French, they turn'd all / English on shore to / no o 45 or thereab<sup>ts</sup> & t<sup>r</sup> Mr  
Richard Brew, / present Chief o Aboard after day all in his power to annoy / Enemies, offer'd to lend each  
English Capt<sup>ain</sup> £1000 ster<sup>ling</sup> to ransom th<sup>e</sup> Vessels, but / Frenchman w<sup>ould</sup> not beg w<sup>ill</sup>ing to ransom / Snow Annamaboo,  
or Ship King o Russia, & Capt Taylor h<sup>ad</sup> no ord<sup>er</sup> to ransom / Snow Fox, we wd not avail ourselves o Mr  
Brew's offer. And we f<sup>ully</sup> declare t<sup>r</sup> upon / Frenchman's intimation o his inten<sup>tion</sup> to burn / Snow Fox in this  
Road, Mr Brew voluntarily offer'd to be / purchaser o her, in order to send us all to our Native Country,  
as there is not one English Vessel now on / Coast. And we do f<sup>ully</sup> declare t<sup>r</sup> it was at our request & by our  
advice t<sup>r</sup> Mr Brew acted, & t<sup>r</sup> he has given us / Snow Fox w<sup>ith</sup> all her materials, provisions, Wood water, &c necessary  
for a 3 months voyage, f<sup>or</sup> all o w<sup>h</sup>ch he expects no manner o utah<sup>er</sup>. And whereas it has b<sup>een</sup> most  
unlawful, unseasonable, t<sup>r</sup> Mr Brew wd acquit him o any asp<sup>er</sup>ions t<sup>r</sup> may be cast on him, in t<sup>r</sup> acct, &  
h<sup>ereby</sup> declare t<sup>r</sup> we f<sup>ully</sup> own y<sup>e</sup> hearty acquit<sup>ment</sup> o any asp<sup>er</sup>ions t<sup>r</sup> may be cast on him, in t<sup>r</sup> acct, &  
also t<sup>r</sup> we f<sup>ully</sup> believe his sole motive & purchasg / Snow Fox was to relieve us in our present distressed  
circ<sup>umstances</sup> w<sup>hen</sup> under our hands in Annamaboo took this second day o August 1758.

(sgd) Joseph Gideon Wanton // Walter Bussum // William Taylor.

William Earle of Commander o / Schooner Molly taken at Cape ~~Count~~ Mount by / ofsd French  
Ship, & put on shore at Aboos w<sup>ith</sup> / above Capt<sup>ain</sup> & his Crew. N.B. We do likewise affirm & declare t<sup>r</sup> there  
was no possibility o Mr Brew's gett<sup>ing</sup> / Snow Fox f<sup>r</sup> us, w<sup>ith</sup> purchasg / Cargo she had then on board  
Witness our hands as above,  
Joseph Gideon Wanton  
William Taylor  
Walter Bussum  
William Earle

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The Ctee to / President & Council o C. C. C.

23 August 1758

The Secrer brot Mr Wm Thymore w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>th</sup> go<sup>g</sup> to Senegal in order to make discovery o Gold Mines in t<sup>e</sup> part o / Country & to use his endeavours to teach / Negroes to work them in a proper manner; but not beg absolutely sure o succeeding ther he has applied to us in case he sh<sup>d</sup> proceed to / Gold Coast on / same design, to app<sup>t</sup> him a factor in our service at Cape Coast; I better to conceal his intent in o com<sup>g</sup> ther; w<sup>ch</sup> request o his we h<sup>e</sup> complied w<sup>th</sup> & accordg<sup>ly</sup> h<sup>e</sup> app<sup>t</sup>ed him to t<sup>e</sup> post, w<sup>th</sup> any Salary, & desire, if anything in t<sup>e</sup> way can be done w<sup>th</sup> / Natives on / Gold Coast, in an amicable manner, t<sup>e</sup> if w<sup>o</sup>l give him all / assistance in yr power; but if y<sup>e</sup> apprehend that his Scheme may any ways tend to / prejudice o / Public, y<sup>e</sup> must put a stop to it, & be partly careful t<sup>e</sup> he does not involve us in any Imbr<sup>o</sup>le w<sup>th</sup> / Natives.

By Order of  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Pories Sec<sup>r</sup>.The Ctee to John Roberts

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African Office, 16 August 1756

The Ctee [sic] have lately rec<sup>d</sup> a l<sup>tr</sup> fr<sup>m</sup> Chas Bell Esq<sup>r</sup> ad CCC May 8<sup>th</sup> 1756 [sic] [sic] 202], informing them t<sup>e</sup> when y<sup>e</sup> left / Coast y<sup>e</sup> carried off w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> a son o Ashampo King o Popo, promising to take care o him, & return him in safety to his father in 2 or 3 yrs time, & t<sup>e</sup> his beg detained so long may prove prejudicial to / English Int<sup>l</sup> at Popo I am directed to communicate this to y<sup>e</sup> & to desire yr answer, t<sup>e</sup> / Ctee may send some satisfy acct o him to Mr Bell.

By Order of  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Pories Sec<sup>r</sup>.John Roberts to / Ctee

Parlic Hill 24 August 1756

- An answer to / above - Permit me to refer y<sup>e</sup> to one [sic] I did myself / know to write for 31 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1753 informing y<sup>e</sup> I had brot fr<sup>m</sup> / Coast, at / earnest request o the fr<sup>o</sup>, / sons o Ashampo & Becca, / latter a ppul Cabocur at Duxies who has more than once ventured his life & fortune in defie o / British int<sup>l</sup> ther, g<sup>o</sup>ly to his disadvantage, f<sup>r</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> I fear / regard hath not bin paid to him he merits. I then offered to del<sup>r</sup> / Boys to y<sup>e</sup>,

& informed of / matters t induced me to brg them to England, in wh I hd no  
 lucrative view, my inten<sup>n</sup> was to do a public service by addg strength to / English int<sup>r</sup>  
 on the part o / Coast o Africa; Ashampo's son beg put into my hands as an Hostage by his  
 f<sup>r</sup> a / ppal people at Popo, t / English shd build a Fort ther, engagg at / same time  
 to give my assistce t cd be expected for them to forward / buildg o it. And fur to  
 convince me o / Sincerity o the inten<sup>ns</sup> to be in friendship w / English, they obliged a  
 Dutch Factor to quit a Factory house, & put / person I sent ther in possion o it: & I looked  
 upon / establishing a Settlement at t place to be a point o gr imple for a Knowledge & int<sup>r</sup>  
 o / benefit o / British Trade wd vice thereby, & therefore did not in / least suspect but  
 who<sup>r</sup> hd / direc<sup>n</sup> o African Affairs wd readily embrace / offer, put / buildg a Fort  
 in hand w<sup>t</sup> delay, & take care o Ashampo's Son.

It is needless for me to intrude upon yr time, or to enlarge upon / many  
 advantages t wd accrue to / English, had they a Fort ther, or to remind of / answer if  
 were pleased to ~~give me~~ make one when I offered to delv / Boys to yr care, wh I am now  
 ready to do if y sh think proper to pay me / expence I h bn at upon the acc<sup>ts</sup>. Otherwise  
 I will not part w them till I meet a proper opp<sup>y</sup> to send them to the f<sup>r</sup>s by a way t  
 I may [be] certain o beg reimbursd by them, wh I am satisfied the sons were  
 I will not blame me for, so do<sup>d</sup>; for they are before this perfectly satisfied the sons were  
 not sold for slaves, tho Mr Melvil was so kind to send them word they were, to serve  
 private ends, or t be wd brg them back, wh was as true as many f<sup>r</sup>s Gentlemans  
 informas as asser<sup>ns</sup> as time will fully prove.

I beg y<sup>r</sup> to be assured if my wishes had bn better, / sons o Ashampo & Oca  
 wd h profited thereby. As it is, they h not wanted anything in my power, neir sh they,  
 tee perhaps they may be, fortunate to h something happen in the w<sup>t</sup> favour t they  
 may be taken better care of which I most sincerely wish & remain - &c -

Nassau Senior to / Ctee.

C. C. C. 6 August 1758

Inclosed of h a narrative o ye proceedings o ye French Privateers t  
 arrived at Annamaboe ye 23<sup>d</sup> July. As he anchored v<sup>y</sup> close in shore, I was ap-  
 prehensive he had some designs on ye Fort & accordingly sent a message to Commande w<sup>a</sup> present  
 o an anchor o Opandy & tobacco to encourage him to stand by / English & to desire he w<sup>d</sup>  
 keep / Toms people for supplyg ye French w<sup>th</sup> Wood Water &c. He returned f answer / English  
 were his Masters & he & his people w<sup>d</sup> fight f them as long as they were able; but he w<sup>d</sup>  
 Survey he wd not keep them for sendg off Water &c as ye French paid so well f it.  
 --- / heavy cost o concernen here sent to whyled toward dem o Prind Privities at Africa ---  
 This goes by / Snow Fox Capt W<sup>m</sup> Taylor - but as he is sailing - w<sup>d</sup> write more  
 fully by a Dutch Vessel sailg in a few days.

Nassau Senior to / Ctee

C. C. C. 28 September 1758

... Ye affairs at Commenda are all easy at present, / Concernen go off at ye  
 Common ~~harbors~~ Bay w<sup>th</sup> ye least molest<sup>n</sup> for ye Dutch.  
 I had last brot down ye price o slaves to 60z: 8. men, & if no vessels arrive  
 shortly sh, if possible, endeavor to lessen / price a trifle more. Mr Brew & self gave Capt  
 deserey 75 Slaves (at 4 p. head) in abt 6 days wh was all he had goods f on this part  
 o Coast . . . The same goods are in demand as p. my last. Not a vessel betw<sup>n</sup> Africa &  
 Accra, & slaves v<sup>y</sup> plenty.

Since mine p H<sup>MS</sup> Harwich he recd ye protest as ment in one o my  
 former letters, a copy o wh herewith inclosed. I returned 'em no answer & was in  
 good hopes t affairs wd end th<sup>is</sup>, but a few days after recd a letter from Mr Longlands,  
 Messrs Brew & Westgate beg here, addressed to / President & Council representg t t<sup>he</sup> t<sup>he</sup>  
 proper to degrade him from a Factor to a Writer in June last w<sup>th</sup> acquaintg him w<sup>th</sup>  
 reasons; therefore desired to know wh<sup>ether</sup> / same was w<sup>th</sup> unanimous consent o ye  
 Council or ye Majority thereof: t if not, he wd be reinstated from ye day o such degradat<sup>n</sup>.

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o narrative franklin search African to Anchois: Delicate Papers  
 T. 40/1520 - 1758-59  
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 T. 40/1530 - 1759-60

x<sup>i</sup> protest not here

Delicte vide post p  
 P<sup>ts</sup>. The papers nos 1 & 2  
 in this book Pg 33 are not  
 in order o date.

or his discharge immediately granted. As poor Mr Livingston did soon after the  
Harwich sailed & as Mr Oddie has in a great measure lost yr use & drinks, who  
were 2 as good hands as any in yr Office, & as I find those 3 Gentlemen were resolved  
to push matters to an extremity; in order to keep up affairs on as peaceable a footing as possible  
till such time as I cd hear from y<sup>e</sup>, came to / resolution wh I entered in yr Council Books  
as per enclosed Copy. It is not possible for a man to live in so disagreeable a situation as I  
do at present; therefore am afraid I sh shortly be obliged to leave the Coast. I shd never like  
upon myself to discharge a Gent<sup>m</sup> at an Outport w<sup>o</sup> consulting them upon yr occa<sup>n</sup>; but  
as no one o yr Council can be a Judge o yr behaviour o those at Cape Coast, but myself,  
must confess I see no necessity o asking th<sup>r</sup> advice, notwithstanding the long Epistle wh I think w<sup>o</sup>  
redound v<sup>y</sup> little to th<sup>r</sup> credit Honor. I still am o opinion / sentle wh I think w<sup>o</sup>  
Messrs Bruce & Langlands desired not y<sup>e</sup> least mitigation. It was not th<sup>r</sup> basely absen<sup>g</sup>  
themselves from prayers was yr occasion o t<sup>h</sup> act, but th<sup>r</sup> scandalous behaviour also, I can't say  
what was done in Mr Melville's time, but am v<sup>y</sup> certain dur<sup>g</sup> / management o ye late R.A.'s  
affairs on th<sup>r</sup> Coast by Messrs Chalmer, Craik & Cuchton, sev<sup>l</sup> people were mulcted for not  
attend<sup>g</sup> Divine Service. At yr beginning o th<sup>r</sup> protest they endeavour to make it appear a  
conscientious affair Messrs Bruce & Langlands not coming to Church; but how strangely do  
they contradict t<sup>h</sup> afterwards, for if those Gent<sup>m</sup> cd often assist at our form o Prayers thro' civility,  
is it possible it can be sd to be contrary to th<sup>r</sup> Conscience th<sup>r</sup> do<sup>g</sup> it, bec it is ye orders o th<sup>r</sup>  
Superior; or can any one find ont / least impress<sup>n</sup> in such orders beg given if they can  
I must myself not [be] o so deep a penetration as th<sup>r</sup> fields. — Does not know why  
Melville kept Bruce in th<sup>e</sup> service — what they say abt my not attend<sup>g</sup> Divine Service  
o employ<sup>g</sup> / Gent<sup>m</sup> whom y<sup>e</sup> pay to read Prayers is as false as scandalous — Since pass<sup>g</sup> /  
d<sup>r</sup> Prayers were not read only one Sunday, I rec<sup>d</sup> not excuse in / yr<sup>o</sup> o fatigue from a  
Journey to Brau at Ab<sup>o</sup> — & he only missed 2 Sundays, thro' illness — ... It is v<sup>y</sup>  
plain all th<sup>r</sup> endeavours th<sup>r</sup> to deprive me o all civility sort o civility & if possible h<sup>o</sup> yr  
management o ye whole Coast themselves. I am v<sup>y</sup> sensible my admon<sup>n</sup> does not at all  
please them but sh make myself v<sup>y</sup> easy on t<sup>h</sup> head, as I am conscious I do my duty  
to yr Publick, & let who will come after me they can't do justice q<sup>o</sup> justice in h<sup>o</sup> yr  
Gent<sup>m</sup> more at heart than I h<sup>o</sup>.

• Not here by T<sup>y</sup>o / 1525 - 1530 (for supra)

44 Nassau Senior to / Clee

29 December 1758

- Sends copy o above -

I am informed Mr Bough in / month o June last was pleased to write home to yr Board tht was due to sundry Gentn on / Coast at t time t they had advanced to support the Forts upwards o £6000 & no supplies remaining. I don't suppose they will take any notice o such representations; how to make appeal / Validity o such assertions, take / Liberty to send £ / Balance remaining last June, extracted fm / Gen Books. I am quite at a loss how to behave to this Gentn & wd wish to have a copy o his instructions fm / Board if he furnishes home at any set price, its to be observed yr Slaves are employed cutting wood to burn down, making Kitchens &c. This Mr Brew acquainted both Mr Huppelley & self a few days ago. I wd wish / issuing / Supplies was entirely left to me, not w / View o any self int<sup>r</sup>. It makes me excessively uneasy at present not to h it in my power to lessen / demand tht is on / Supplies, so much as I wd desire to. What I propose I expected to be thwarted, a specimen o wh I lately experienced. I acquainted y w my Design in writing to the Forts Outposts to furnish / Tobacco by / Poll. It is not evident to say one they will run, one w<sup>o</sup> amt, 52 or 53 Fathoms, & certainly unless / Tobacco is v<sup>y</sup> bad indeed, for 8 Fathoms is sufficient f<sup>r</sup> what is dry, I therefore thot 45 Fathoms was reasonable & furnished it at t rate myself. Howv<sup>r</sup> they will not consent to any more than 40 f a Poll. Mr Westgate told me when he was last here he got as Plum was so scarce upon / Coast, we wd to furnish it at a higher rate. I told him f<sup>r</sup> my part I wd never consent to any such thg unless we wd raise / price to / maturity we shd [well?] in den f<sup>r</sup> 5/- p gale. & surely no one wd in justice think a charge at a higher rate to y. He then desired to know if I wd furnish it to / Outposts at t price. It was not in my power then to furnish it then having barely sufficient f<sup>r</sup> this Castle, & more shd not h<sup>e</sup> hesitated a moment any thg. Capt Macnamera arrivd soon after this w<sup>o</sup> Plum. He d<sup>e</sup> not h<sup>e</sup> in / case, suppose he wd h<sup>e</sup> attempted to prevail on some o / Gentn o Council to higher it to 6/-

I will see among ois [ppa] a Protest o Messrs Westgate & Brew agst / rest o / Council f<sup>r</sup> lettg Mr Peline remain Chief o Succor, wh must sufficiently shew y what dispositions these Gentn are of. What occ<sup>o</sup> tht was f<sup>r</sup> a thotg o this nature on such an

Occa<sup>n</sup>, especially as they were before acquainted w<sup>th</sup> my resolu<sup>n</sup> o<sup>f</sup> transmitting to y<sup>e</sup> copy  
o<sup>f</sup> my Gov<sup>r</sup>'s Let<sup>r</sup>s & all o<sup>r</sup> p<sup>ro</sup>ps on t<sup>he</sup> subject, leave any one to judge -- I declare I acted  
to / best o<sup>f</sup> my judgment. I wd be v<sup>er</sup>y far fr<sup>om</sup> vindicating Mr Petre in t<sup>he</sup> affair, he certainly  
behaved in a most atrocious manner, but considering his former behaviour in service, his  
so sincerely repent<sup>ing</sup> o<sup>f</sup> what he had done, & such fair promises o<sup>f</sup> not transgress<sup>ing</sup> f<sup>or</sup> / future,  
I really think it wd be cruel to a<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> degree, pursuing ye methods they propose, & can<sup>not</sup> omit  
recommending him here to y<sup>e</sup>, as an object o<sup>f</sup> compass<sup>ion</sup>, & as one whom, if it sh<sup>ould</sup> please y<sup>e</sup> to  
pardon this 1<sup>st</sup> offence, he ye best reason to think will never give / least occasion to h<sup>is</sup>  
behaviour called in ques<sup>tion</sup> f<sup>or</sup> / future, but am fully convinced will always study to  
repair his past misconduct.

Nassau Senior to / Ctee

3 January 1759

- re his conveying gold to W<sup>illiam</sup> to be transmitted thence -

- Robt Livingstone dead - W<sup>illiam</sup> Webster appted acct<sup>ant</sup> in his place -

The Dutch are & h<sup>ave</sup> been v<sup>er</sup>y busy in building a Platform to face ours at Commenda,  
& talk o<sup>f</sup> sending to th<sup>ese</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Forts 24 P<sup>ieces</sup> to mount on / same. I lately sent f<sup>or</sup> all 1  
Gov<sup>r</sup>'n o<sup>f</sup> Council (Mr Westgate excepted, imagining it wd not be safe f<sup>or</sup> him to leave his  
Fort at such a juncture) to consult w<sup>ith</sup> them on ye occa<sup>n</sup>. We accordg<sup>ly</sup> came to a Resolu<sup>n</sup>  
o<sup>f</sup> writing a Let<sup>r</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Dutch President to propose a meetg<sup>ing</sup> o<sup>f</sup> both Councils, & in case o<sup>f</sup> a  
refusal to comply w<sup>ith</sup> so reasonable an offer, not to suffer th<sup>ese</sup> landg<sup>ing</sup> th<sup>ese</sup> Cannon. A  
copy o<sup>f</sup> my Let<sup>r</sup> & his answer y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> w<sup>ritten</sup>. We somewhat doubt o<sup>f</sup> his sincerity, tho<sup>ugh</sup> at ye  
same time, are o<sup>f</sup> opinion, after his assuring us he had no design o<sup>f</sup> hindering our people to  
make use o<sup>f</sup> / Bay, it wd be extremely imprudent as well as unnecessary in us to  
molest 'em in landg<sup>ing</sup> th<sup>ese</sup> Guns. I sh<sup>ould</sup> be glad th<sup>ese</sup> affair o<sup>f</sup> ye Bay o<sup>f</sup> Commenda sh<sup>ould</sup>  
possibly be settled in Europe, f<sup>or</sup> sh<sup>ould</sup> we be obliged to come to extremities w<sup>ith</sup> them here,  
wh<sup>ich</sup>, if they insist on our people not go<sup>ing</sup> off at / common landg<sup>ing</sup>, we must either do, or h<sup>ave</sup> all  
our negoc<sup>es</sup> desert us, as most o<sup>f</sup> them maintain themselves & families by fishg<sup>ing</sup>, it cannot  
fail to be in y<sup>e</sup> end a v<sup>er</sup>y troublesome as well as expensive dispute.

- The Libelle Capt Jano Capes, has just arvd w the Lts o 22 & 23 Aug<sup>st</sup> last -

[22 July to Cap @ 246 - 23 July w.h.] - Assures them t nothg sh be wantg on his part to put / Forts in / best repair he is able - tho until PBox is finished, vj little can be done, b want o Artificers, as the are vj few upon / Coast, but what are employed here.

Mr Bonville wrote me lately t / <sup>N<sup>E</sup></sup> Bastion o Tantom quarry Fort was fallen in & desired I wd send people to repair it. I accordingly wrote Mr Baugh - begging he wd spare a Bricklayer or Carpenter - His answer no it, friend y. I am vj sensible PBox Fort is o gr<sup>t</sup> consequence to / Publick, tho certainly it never was intended t all y<sup>e</sup> Forts shd go to ruin on acct o finishing t a few months sooner than it wd durse be. I wd be extremely sorry the shd be / least variance between Mr Baugh & me & wd put up w many trifles sooner than anythg o t nature shd happen before I heard fm y, tho' shd the be an absolute necessity b some o / Artificers now at PBox at any o / Forts & he refuses to send them ... I shd be tho't

extremely deficient in my duty was I not to order them contrary to his inclin<sup>n</sup>. - Baugh much surpris'd abt a Bricklayer at Tobah & 1 at Accra. Mr Hopkins at Tobah says / man is a labourer who sometimes takes a brass all - but if he was the w<sup>d</sup> much b him to do as / N<sup>W</sup> Bastion o t Fort is fallen. The d<sup>r</sup> was sent here fm Accra some time before - - -

The sendg men o Wars to stay so short a time as they usually do upon / Coast, I really think o vj little service. They seldom continue here longer than 4 or 5 weeks, & them / Dutch are as troublesome as eves. I can see no certain method o puttg an entire stop to the encroachmts but t o stationg a 20 Gun ship on this part o / Coast, wh I don't in / least doubt wd effectually do it, & be o infinite service to y<sup>e</sup> English Intt in these parts.

I h done my best endeavours to inhibit Mulattoes but h only bn able to get 2 or 3.

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The dispute betw<sup>n</sup> Fantees & ~~W~~ Warsaws continues much / same as before. Ther is no possibility I find o settl<sup>g</sup> it amicably betw<sup>n</sup> them.

Mr Baugh has got most o / People t were employed in gallery dine at Dixons, howe I sh conform to yr orders as much as lays in my power --- Mr Bond informs me he sometime ago wrote home to his friends to give security ---

PS. Sends also copies o lrs + pps re Mr Petue's affair ---

Pps enclosed

- 1) Copy o lrs pps, ... via Trust.
- 2- Do Baugh's correspence
- 3 " lrs intended by Snow for
4. Narrative o yr Proceedings o a French Privateer
- 5 Indent Garden Seeds
- 6 Copy lrs fr Capt Marsh
- 7- Divers lrs re Petue's conduct at Succoes
- 8 Webster Westgate's & Bruns Protest agst Petue beg continued at Succoes
9. 10. Copy lrs to President Elmira, this ans<sup>r</sup>.
- 11 Mrs Baugh's ans<sup>r</sup> to a lrs o mine

Eng<sup>d</sup> Baugh's answer to a lrs o Mrs Semira.

Abod 24 Nov 1758

- Is sorry to hear o Mrs Bonvillie's misfortune. - wd readily comply w his request but t he thinks the situ<sup>n</sup> far worse " We h new magazine Tank or stores or slaves stole. Our walls not half finished & / Towns people, evy day, taking this advantage, are making palavers & stoppg / water comg to / Fort, I assure y on my word, tis my real opinion t if this place is not speedily put in some state o independence o / Govn, t we sh be turned out o it altogeth. This is by no means Mr Bonvillie's situ<sup>n</sup> " --- In his opinion its w<sup>th</sup> white o Mrs Happiness h number any gr<sup>er</sup> vex<sup>n</sup> f the masons ---

Transla<sup>n</sup> o a ltr fm Sr Linnæus to Imp<sup>r</sup> General Heydecopers Chief o Mine,  
dd C.C.C. 16 December 1759

I beg of you will not think t what I am go<sup>g</sup> to say arises fm any an Inclina<sup>n</sup>  
to produce fresh umbralls; but in reality I h no suspicion t of will make so ill an  
interpret<sup>n</sup> o my Inten<sup>n</sup>

I am sorry t / Dispute wh has so long subsisted at Com<sup>m</sup>enda has oblig'd me, to  
fortify our Fort at t place & I observe w equal regret, fm / preparat<sup>ns</sup> of are making it,  
t of are jealous o our Designs. The affair is in itself short sight; wh<sup>r</sup> / Day sh be  
common to / two Nations, or wh<sup>r</sup> it may be sd t of h an exclusive right to it. It is not my  
inten<sup>n</sup>. Sir, to mention here a word o our pretens<sup>es</sup> & I wd wish t of wd not give yourself  
/ trouble o enter<sup>g</sup> into a discuss<sup>n</sup> o yes by letter. Twenty l<sup>rs</sup> - may be wrote to clear up  
a single point, in an affair t may be determin'd by few words in a personal conversat<sup>n</sup>.

I sh always maintain / Honor o my Country but ye regard I h to it, forbids my  
engag<sup>g</sup> it in Disputes whilst there is / least possibility o avoid<sup>g</sup> them w Honors. The  
propos<sup>n</sup>, then, t I h to make to of is, f a meet<sup>g</sup> o ye Councils o ye Mine & Cape Coast  
in such place as sh be thot proper, f discuss<sup>d</sup> ye affair to ye bottom & if possible is put  
an end to it upon a firm & durable foot<sup>g</sup>. The d<sup>e</sup> disputes o less consequence may be easily  
settled at / same time. I h v<sup>y</sup> little doubt Sir but t this l<sup>r</sup> (wrote in ye real sincerity o  
my heart) will h ye desired effect. f I am well persuaded t of will not give me reason  
to say t by refus<sup>g</sup> a confere<sup>n</sup> of h gain occas<sup>n</sup> to accuse of o beg / cause o / bad consequ<sup>es</sup>  
t may follow

My<sup>n</sup> Herr Heydecopers Answer dd Mine 24 Dec 1759

The sale o effects o / General De Quitere has prevented me answer<sup>g</sup> yr letter sooner,  
by wh I observe w gr pleasure / sincere desire of express o maintaining ye peace & good  
harmony o our two Nations. I am v<sup>y</sup> far, Sir, fm hav<sup>g</sup> any d<sup>e</sup> inclin<sup>n</sup>, but I don't see t  
a confere<sup>n</sup> is necy, since at present there is no dispute betw us. To Com<sup>m</sup>ary has



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Succoedee at / inquiry stated t / Yankee sent / gold to his Wench's fr who begged / Dutch Chief,  
to ask P not to sell his Wench but wait 20 days. The Dutch Chief did so & P agreed on / expiration  
o / time. Yankee's Wench's fr paid / Dutch Chief 302 gold. To send to P. who sd / word him  
3500 sars o coin more & sent Y's wench to / Dutch Chief who kept her till / 3500 sars were pd  
to him. ISSUE: Cabot at Succoedee also made a statement conforming to / former abt coming Feb 16.  
13 Y.

On 21 Nov 1758 Senior sent / pps to Haffsley (Wobah) White (Mura) & Brew (Aboo)  
as members o Council. asking their opinions.

Petree replied (29 Nov) t P's conduct was tyrannous as / trade to Africa is now free & open  
to all (this subjects) & we must certainly look upon ye Blacks settled in our towns & under /  
protection o our forts (not to mention those who sell / Ctee's pay) to be included o any step  
taken by a Chief to suppress or discourage them in their lawful trade is a direct violation o /  
Act o Parlbmt & regulations o Ctee. - ~~He was suspended~~ The Ctee. suspended him (Brew)  
fr / command o Tantinniquerry Fort on / hearing only o a mate o a ship declaring as trusted  
t he (B) sd if he gave 302 for slaves he (B) wd give ~~302~~ 302 1/2 oz. His opinion is t P.  
shd be discharged or suspended pending report to / Ctee.

White, Nov (24 / 11) contained suspension too severe & recommended reprimand

Haffsley (25 / 11) was also in favour o leniency but not concordant fr / Ctee.

Senior wrote to Petree (15 / 12) asking for his defence. P (at CCC 5 / 12) admitted wrong, expressed  
deep regret & promised never to offend agn; begged f clemency. Senior on recd o this wrote  
P (6 / 12) t on view o his conduct he & o's o / Council were willing to pass over this his 1st  
offence till such time as / Ctee's pleasure shd be known. P (at CCC 9 / 12) expresses his grateful  
thanks f continuing him in his charge of Succoedee. On 15 Decr Westgate & Brew addressed  
a long protest to / Ctee agst P beg continued in chge o Succoedee. On 21 Decr P. at CCC.  
Wrote / Ctee expressing sorrow & firm resolve to adhere strictly to his duty in future.

99 34. no 2.  
The Ctee to Senior Par + / Council at CCC.

9 May 1759

Send copies o the letters o 18 Jan. 18 y Feb 1759 [none o them here]  
or copies o Minutes & B/Ls.

We h<sup>ve</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> a complaint t<sup>o</sup> our Nassau Senior has contracted w<sup>th</sup> a Dutch ship  
at / Mine to supply him w<sup>th</sup> 150 slaves & t<sup>o</sup> our Richd Brew has also contracted  
w<sup>th</sup> another Dutch ship at Anamaboo f<sup>or</sup> 200 slaves at 11oz round f<sup>or</sup> men & women & f<sup>or</sup>  
wh<sup>o</sup> they give 7oz. 4<sup>ac</sup> & 7oz. 8 to 1 Native; t<sup>o</sup> they bid it thro' / Country, & let them  
go into the Warehouses & chuse what goods they please. This is justly complained o<sup>f</sup> as  
a v<sup>er</sup>y gr<sup>eat</sup> hardship, & stop o<sup>f</sup> trade to / British vessels, & is directly contrary to Act o<sup>f</sup>  
Parliament as well as our Instructions. We therefore expect these Gentlemen will fully clear  
themselves o<sup>f</sup> this charge w<sup>th</sup> delay, & since we sh<sup>all</sup> be obliged to take / most effectual  
means to prevent such behaviours in future.

Capt Cravey carries out w<sup>th</sup> him Aqua, / son o<sup>f</sup> Ashampo, King o<sup>f</sup> Popo, & is  
to carry him down thro' / I will find he has b<sup>een</sup> properly equipped w<sup>th</sup> necessaries f<sup>or</sup>  
himself & also carries a present f<sup>or</sup> his fr<sup>ends</sup> wh<sup>o</sup> we do not doubt will be acceptable, &  
prevent any fut<sup>ure</sup> interrup<sup>tions</sup> to / trade on acct<sup>o</sup> his being detained so long in England. He  
will cost us abt £600, so recommend y<sup>e</sup> avoid any method o<sup>f</sup> bring<sup>ing</sup> us to such charges in future

• Enclose <sup>comes o</sup> "novoices o<sup>f</sup> Brandy" shipped at Teneriffe: C.C. £ 675-11-7. P<sup>ro</sup>pos £ 113  
By order o<sup>f</sup> S<sup>er</sup> P<sup>er</sup>son Sec<sup>y</sup>

The Ctee to Ashampo, King o<sup>f</sup> Popo nd.

The regard we h<sup>ave</sup> f<sup>or</sup> y<sup>e</sup> family has induced us to take part<sup>icular</sup> care o<sup>f</sup> y<sup>e</sup> son  
Aqua, who we h<sup>ave</sup> sent out to y<sup>e</sup> on board / Spy o<sup>f</sup> d'pool - Capt Cravey. Wh<sup>o</sup> we h<sup>ave</sup>  
sent y<sup>e</sup> sundry it<sup>ems</sup> viz<sup>t</sup> - a rich robe - 6 doz Beer - a Cheese - 6 Anchors Brandy -  
a barrel o<sup>f</sup> powder - as a testimony o<sup>f</sup> our good will & desire to live in friendship w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup>,  
as we h<sup>ave</sup> no doubt but y<sup>e</sup> will use all y<sup>e</sup> influence to serve / British Trade & Shipping, to  
t<sup>he</sup> utmost o<sup>f</sup> y<sup>e</sup> power. We hope f<sup>or</sup> an answer acct<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> having rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> son & / present we  
h<sup>ave</sup> sent. Wishing y<sup>e</sup> health & happiness, we remain y<sup>e</sup> friends

By Order o<sup>f</sup>  
S<sup>er</sup> P<sup>er</sup>son Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Nassau Senior to / Ctee.

C.C.C. 6 August 1758

Beag informed t / Dutch Chief o Cormantyon was abt purchasg Capt Taylor's Vessel & Cargo fm / French. Wrote to / Mores President to know how t affair was, & a few days after, / Chief o Cormantyon came here in order, as he sd, to justify himself. He acquainted me t Mr Brew had made an agreement w / French f t Vessel & Cargo, & afterwards sent his second to him to desire he wd come & complete t contract: it a get / writg drawn up in his name, wh he accordingly did, & delivd over / Senear & appvts immedly afterwards to Mr Brew. He also sd t Mr Brew had given him 50 oz o Gold to purchase Rum f him; but t ye Privateer or Eng / English man o War was in so g<sup>t</sup> a hurry to get under sail t he had not had time to deliv / Rum, but had carried / Gold away w him. I desired Mrs Eliza / Chief o Cormantyon to write me these particulars & 3 days after ago recd a ltr fm him, a copy o wh goes inclosed; also copies o mine to Mr Brew on / ocean, & his answer. Such behaviour I never yet know on any Gentleman on / Coast. Y may see he is determined to be under no Oath, therefore think it is high time he shd be discharged fr service, tho as none o us are able to support Anamaboo Fort, wh he is but too ~~use~~ sensible o, there is no day in all such time supplies arrive, at him behav<sup>r</sup> were so ill.

The affair he mentions abt Capt Curlett is this: Capt Curlett after talkg / his Frenchmen out o / Port: Vessel, one o them came on shore & intreated me in such a manner to lend him money to ransom his goods, sayg he wd remit / same fm Whydah, t purely out o compassion & to assist Capt Curlett, I at last consented to do it; & when he went off, wrote a letter to t purpose. The Canoe was hardly off / Beach when I recollected / affair w<sup>th</sup> the misrepresentation by my enemies, & accordingly dispatched <sup>an</sup> ltr to Capt Curlett, desirg he wd h<sup>ave</sup> no regard to my former, & t first purchase / Goods fm him myself. Capt Curlett came on shore in / evening w / Frenchmen, & told me my last came ~~too~~ to hand a few minutes too late. I begged if possible he wd be off / bargain, as my beag concerned in such an affair w<sup>th</sup> be o g<sup>t</sup> prejudicial to my Character. The next m<sup>orn</sup>g I went into Mr Greenhills room, sent f him & told him / same as / day before, at / same time assured him he shd be no loser as I wd give him 5 oz more than / French gentlemen had offered him f / salts. He seemed to be v<sup>ry</sup> well satisfi<sup>d</sup> w what I had sd & accordingly went up into / Hall where / Frenchmen were. He told them he had considered o the proposal & t he wd not consent to the

ransom'd, on wh they wept, begged, & intreated in such a manner t'at last be agreed to settle / ~~matter~~ affairs as mentioned in my former letters I dare say if Capt Carellet of called upon will wroch wrightg I h sd on this subject

[Caret's letter 1/8/59 p 100 post]

What he means by sayg I employed negroes to get me Rum, am at a loss to know. I solemnly declare I never employed evr Black or white to purchase a Gall: fm / French, nor wot I h done in, had they sold in at an ounce at Hoghead

I cannot help taking notice o / Instrument as he calls it, signed by / Capt's. They say, but not credit, as its just puttg 60 Slaves into / Enemy's pocket. He makes a grt merit o giving / Vessel to / Capt's wh he sd it will afford after purchasg her 40 Purchasors o Rum f 60 Slaves. The Rum was worth much more; besides had he sent her to any port on his own acct, imagine / Vessel was seizable by / Underwriters, & to keep so lge a mean on / Coast wd never consider any end. His offers to lend either o / Capt's a £1000 to ransom the Vessel was I confess vj commendable do its no more than what is incumbent on evy Englishman & more especially on person in his St<sup>n</sup>. Out o / 45 Englishmen he mentions, abt 20 were left behind, tho he claims all / merit o puttg Provisions on board f the Voyage. I h bn at no small expence to wry myself.

Copy & Translation o a letter fm / Dutch Chief o Comantyn, a copy o wh was also sent to Mr Brew

To Nassau Senior Esq

Morree 2d August 1758

Si Havs recd a letter fm my Superior at Ilumina acquaintg me y had informt him t I had bot me o English Vessels & cargo taken by / French, on my own private acct, I beg leave to assure y, t y h bn wrong informt o / affairs; since Mr Brew had made / purchase o Snors before eber he let me know anything o it; & then sent me o his Assistants, to beg t I wd effect / sd Agreement w / French Capt's, & get / Vessel del'd to him in my own name, wh I did. I don't doubt but / Public is by this time convinct o / truth o my assertions, & hope you'll take / trouble to write a letter to my Superior to clear me o / false accusations t h bn made agst me  
I am - &c - Simonson Esq

Transcripts  
Senior to Brew

C. C. C. 4 August 1758

Enclosed send of a Translation of a letter from Mr. Elvin, Chief of Comantym, to of he has accused of wrongfully of may be an Oppressor justify myself, & I shd be very sorry to think of after many strict orders given by / Ctee agst trading w / French, any one wd be guilty of it, even on time of peace, & much more at this juncture as we are at War w / them, & consequently shd to exert ourselves in distressing em all in our power.

Pictd Brew to Nassau Senior

Umanaboo 5 August 1758

I h yet's need for Public Dr & am glad to find of consult / <sup>Nations</sup> Courts good so much as of do. Indeed of deserve a Reward to / g<sup>t</sup> pains of h on air to find me out in my illicit Trade; but / Divine of it is. I wd not put myself to / Trouble of clearing myself to you, as of seem to expect. I am really sorry to see a Gent<sup>n</sup> expose himself his Weakness or rather D-d Smug so much as of h done - of are mad I h done a B<sup>d</sup> of myself was never capable of doing, but I sh say no more to of abt this affair than to I despise all of Smug Malice & detrac<sup>n</sup>, also to I sh banish all my proceed<sup>g</sup>s as well as some of you to our Superiors [Vide his l<sup>r</sup> to / Ctee of 6 Augt. p 38 supra] I h sent an Instrument of Writing to / Sec<sup>y</sup> wh I desired he wd give of a sight of, a copy of wh goes by this convey<sup>ce</sup> to / Ctee

I h seen you to Capt Curlett <sup>was</sup> wh probably may do of more prejudice than any action of one can possibly do one, turn over to you own transac<sup>ns</sup>. Pray where is / diff<sup>y</sup> between my getting a Dutchman to buy a Vessel & Cargo of / Emolument of 45 Englishmen, or of employ<sup>g</sup> to get of Rum wh wd benefit no man but N.S.

Nassau Senior to / Ctee

C. C. C. 28 August 1758

Sends his of 6th inst [P 42] wh missed / ship.

Mr Baugh's Correspondence is of such a nature to am obliged to trouble of w a Controversy of it. This l<sup>r</sup> of 10th inst is very x<sup>b</sup>y, tho when I consider / g<sup>t</sup> consequence of it to / Public, think it / best way I cd take to answer it in / manner I did. I told him in mine of 3d Inst / shells were for p<sup>ty</sup>s wh I imagine was right. I never wrote him it was my opinion it wd be more expensive bring<sup>g</sup> home for

because than for England, but for Worebah. Let it be considered / cost o / Shells at  
Anagua, cannot here w<sup>th</sup> em on board, / diff<sup>r</sup> o expence in canoe here land<sup>g</sup> em, & t<sup>e</sup>  
quantity o shells burnt. The expence o / wood burning / Kelms & / no o people employed  
in making / Kelms, burning &c. I say let / th<sup>g</sup> be considered a I am g<sup>ly</sup> mistaken  
if some brot for Anagua w<sup>th</sup> be as dear to / Board as t<sup>e</sup> brot for Duccore. What  
he means mentions abt my furnishing tobacco & Rum is really v<sup>y</sup> curious, but  
Gentleman shd 1<sup>st</sup> consider those Commodities often alter in / Prices. Soon after I  
came here Rum sold for 1/6 p. Gall. to / Negroes. I never gave it under my hand  
t<sup>e</sup> I made £400 a year by furnishing those Articles. I sh<sup>d</sup> in a l<sup>tr</sup> to Mr Brew<sup>r</sup> its v<sup>y</sup>  
probable I shd give up £400 a year for / poor satisf<sup>ac</sup><sup>n</sup> o depriving of one " as  
those Articles than lowered in / price. If we continued to be furnished em in usual  
way I shd certainly be a g<sup>ner</sup>, but its v<sup>y</sup> plain we did not. I think this  
alone is sufficient to convince any one I despaired m<sup>ny</sup> got in an unjust way, but if  
not, I'll engage 1/2 gen Books since my ch<sup>rn</sup> o 1/2 affairs, will do it. Above m<sup>ny</sup>  
beg properly supplied w<sup>th</sup> Ammuni<sup>n</sup> &c is / fault o Chief, not o mine for as he best  
knows what quantity o these th<sup>gs</sup> he had in / Fort it was his business to apply for  
what he had not sufficient. I am just now told Mr Baugh finds a much g<sup>tr</sup>  
diff<sup>ty</sup> in getting home at Anagua than he imagined & its that he will be obliged  
to get it some where else.

3 Aug 1758. CCC. Senior to John Baugh. - Sends confians o tools. The Cabaree o  
Anagua having agreed to pay 8 oz o shells to / Clec b<sup>r</sup> / m<sup>ult</sup> in  
defraying my boat on an Above Negro's acct, has ordered / Clec's boat to go str & take  
a load<sup>g</sup> in & land it at Above.

4 Aug 1758 Above. Baugh to Senior - asks for provision - wh he will return or pay in gold  
- Ask<sup>er</sup>'s stores - as he likes Senior's utinade for w<sup>th</sup>  
o have two high he forced on / present method - &  
w<sup>th</sup> he will himself supplying so he cannot think

- Aug 1758 " " " -  
up<sup>on</sup> to / Board & what quantity was wanted he wd himself supplying so he cannot think  
o l<sup>tr</sup> any change on t<sup>e</sup> acct go for / Clec to / Board. If Senior has any shells for dispose  
at Anagua, he will buy them.

5 Aug 1758 CCC. Senior to Baugh. -  
beg burnt. Cannot sell / Clec's shells at Anagua - If Baugh will see em on acct o / Board  
as to capt o Boat o slaves for home for Anacore - Believes  
these he gets from Anagua, will be wd returned, after  
they sh<sup>d</sup> be de<sup>l</sup>

6 Aug 1758 Aboo Baugh to Senior - Evident to if B had not shot o Amagua for shells, S. never wd  
h, & much wd h on saved to Gov. - S beg was ready to  
supply him for the can only be to serve himself by putting off his Brandy & articles wh he  
control o'wise dispose of / Clees orders to S are not to request Pri Conduct his orders for  
Board are to carry on / Work w / great frug. & frugality. - Wishes S hd / good o / service  
as much at least as he. wh did not appear when he kept him waiting so long for artificers wh /  
Clee had ordered. He is not a stranger to / gr charges to h on made on acct o / Fort. So he does  
not choose to be supplied by / Clee. If they can do it cheaper now <sup>than before</sup> it is a reflexion on the former  
acts. He (A) can build a Fort o Work 150 % cheaper than ever yet done at Aboo. ---  
S is determined not to be backward in chargg - on stores sent to Aboo via CC & whatever  
is paid for them charged for th. "It must reward gty to yr ~~credit~~ honor / furnish o the

"Fort so well taken an. Enemy appeared in / March this was not a grain o Powder" - Mr Brew  
o his trade had something to resemble it what all can be got - by few round shot, no grape.  
no cartridges but all kept at CC by a place o gr security & comp. - & when / Place is neglected  
is very easy to find from. "I hinged me to pay what I never intended by persing a chg w a  
presence o servs / Gov when his plain of mean fruff. or why refuse me / shells at / same  
price as I am to pay why so much atten<sup>n</sup> to this while the g<sup>r</sup> while it o so much gr consequ  
are neglected. Had this Fort been taken by a Privateer, wh must h on / case had she come in 15th  
night, where ed / blame fall on but on y: but in / March o War when y shd be plodg of  
welfare & security o Settlements on / Coast, wh are entirely entrusted to y, y are taken up  
solidly w traffick o boats how much y made by yr Partner w / Dutch, who at / same  
time hold y in / great contempt uny capable, & are deterring / inhabitants to y or to see protected

9 Aug 1758 CCC Senior to Baugh - Mr Affery day his long stay at Aboo must h.  
Known shells, can be got at Amagua - The Clee  
& not be wd h gained by selling him / shells due to / Board by / Amagua people  
y buildg a Fort o Work cheaper than before I don't doubt as / Negroes h not now / same  
appy o making those exorbitant demands they did before / order Walls were built:  
If / Board think proper to furnish wyang of / buildg / Fort I have say / Clee wont be  
displeas'd if they are no gainers. The Clee will call him (S) to acct if they find him  
defraint in his duty. He looks upon it as a piece o presump<sup>n</sup> B being hysself  
in affairs to no way concern him. --- He appears as if he should be fond build

10 Aug 1758 Aboo Baugh to Senior  
11 Aug 1758 Senior to Baugh (less / complete) } etc.

Semior to / Ctee

C.C.C. 1 September 1758

Informed of on mine o / 15<sup>th</sup> June <sup>page</sup> [2 p 252] how extremely troublesome / Dutch were at Commendar, since wh they wd not allow / English negroes to go off at / Common lands etc. They sundry times complained to Mr Westgate o / hardships they suffered by beg deprived o / use o this Bay & at last threatened unless we wd protect them for such insults, as / great part o them hd no o<sup>r</sup> method o supporting their families but by fishing, they must leave / Town. After putting them off for some time, on Mr Westgate's representation as above, / Council wd go all unanimously o Opinion to wait f / arriv o a man o war & then to dispute our Pretensions to / lands at t place, as by t time we expected our Platform fag / Dutch wd be finished & t till then Mr Westgate shd do his best endeavors to keep his people easy. The 16<sup>th</sup> Curt / Dutch Blacks went over to / English Town & settled / dispute w our people. They each o them took the Oaths t what<sup>r</sup> disturbances shd hereafter arise betw / Towns, / Common Landg Place shd never be called in ques<sup>n</sup>, a t / English negroes shd go off unmolested. As soon as / Dutch Chief, Mr Steinsius, learned t / Dutch people hd taken / above Oaths, he immediately, as Mr Westgate was informed, flew into a violent passion, brot / King & four or five Elders o / Town into / Castle, telling them t as they hd given up the right to / Bay unknown to him, he wd oblige em to maintain it, or at least refund what money Mr Wilson had laid out in Powder, Ball &c. The Elders he actually confined in / Castle. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Curt. / men o War beg a little to leave o this place, & / Platform fag / Dutch finished, Mr Westgate sent over to / Dutch Chief, acquaintg him t his people intended go off w the canoes at / Common Bay & t if they met w any insults fm his Co's Slaves & Soldiers, he must expect he wd protect them, f t he hd no reason to believe his Towns people wd make any disturbance, as they hd already settled the Palaver tog<sup>r</sup>. He returned answer Mr Westgate's people must not go off till / President o Ilumina was well, who intended to come up himself to settle / Palaver Mr Westgate told his Boy to acquaint him he wd not wait any longer. On / 26<sup>th</sup> Curt at 3 o'clock in / morn<sup>g</sup>, Mr Westgate was knocked up on t his bed

by his Town's people to deliver them powder to protect themselves, as they sd /  
 Elmina soldiers (Blacks) were crowding into / Dutch town under arms. At 9 o'clock  
 a.m. Mr Westgate was informed by his people t / Dutch had obliged the Town's people to  
 retract fm the Agreement they made w<sup>o</sup> ours in settling / Disputes, & had given 'em an lge  
 quantity o powder to fight ours in conjunction w<sup>o</sup> Mine people, if they attempted to  
 go off at / Common Land's. The Account (whocame up fm / Mine / night before),  
 & Mr Heimbuis sent the Sentiments to Mr Westgate to let him know they wanted to  
 come over to talk w<sup>o</sup> him. He told 'em he shd be glad to see 'em. They accordingly  
 went, & made / Father's proposal; wh they sd was by authority fm the President, vizt:  
 That his people shd be liberty to go off / Beach, provided they pd them toll in fish.  
 Mr Westgate gave them f<sup>r</sup> answer, if the President had any proposals to make, /  
 regular method was to apply to me, as I was at / Head o Affairs, & t he cd give them  
 no answer on t Head. August 25<sup>th</sup> Mr Westgate sent off / Fishermen. They  
 went off & came on shore w<sup>o</sup> least molestation, tho the were numerous spectators on  
 / Dutch Side. The night before, / King o Agwaffoe went over fm / Dutch  
 town w<sup>o</sup> a v<sup>y</sup> curious message to Mr Westgate - vizt. The hd on enquiring into /  
 Dispute w<sup>o</sup> / Dutch Chief, & had interceded w<sup>o</sup> him so far as to procure liberty  
 fm him to let our people go off unmolested. Mr Westgate, in order to undeceive  
 / Blacks who he was apprehensive m<sup>t</sup> think we were obliged to ask liberty fm  
 them thro one o the own Cabovers, told him to let / Dutch Chief know his  
 people shd go off in spite o him or his adherents, & wrote a ltr to Heimbuis  
 telling him t if he regarded / Welfare o his people, to keep them quiet on / occan, &  
 t he had given his people directns on the coming on shore, if any Dutch Subjects  
 presumed to demand fish toll fm any English at Commenda to take up the paddles  
 & knock them down. Every thing is now easy at Commenda, but am afraid as soon  
 as / Harwich sails, / Dutch will be agn troublesome thro. Within these two months  
 I<sup>h</sup> wrote 2 or 3 times to / Elmina President, but can get no f<sup>r</sup> answer than t he  
 is out o order.

— Sends / Gen Books to ulto Dec last. These to / end o June are balanced  
 but not yet copied.

The dispute still subsists betw<sup>n</sup> / Fortijus & Warsaws. The King o<sup>o</sup> Ashantee's  
Cousin & heir has actually taken his Oath not to molest / batter if they will  
return to th<sup>r</sup> own Country. He has sent a gr<sup>t</sup> many slaves down. The Warsaws  
will not allow / traders to come to / Waterside, but insist upon actg as Brothers betw<sup>n</sup>  
them & / Forts; therefore suppose this will occ<sup>r</sup> and<sup>r</sup> Rupture. Messrs lately went  
fm Elmoina fm [sic - to?] / King o<sup>o</sup> Ashantee; purpose o<sup>o</sup> th<sup>r</sup> message, cannot yet learn.

Capt Marsh was extremely ready to assist us in / Commenda Affairs if th<sup>r</sup> had  
bn occasion, & really deserves yr thanks. He was th<sup>r</sup> night intendg to go to / Mine  
to endeavour to get / Dutch to come to an Agreement to let / Common Bay at Commenda  
be free to / Subjects o<sup>o</sup> both Navs, until / Affairs shd be settled by y<sup>e</sup> & / Dutch W. I. Co.  
in Europe, but as in case o<sup>o</sup> th<sup>r</sup> refusg to do it, wh wd b<sup>e</sup> likely be / case, he was o<sup>o</sup>  
opinion he cd not answer comg to extremities to oblige 'em, & therefore thot it better  
to let it alone.

- Sends his dr o<sup>o</sup> 6th ulto [42] wh consist / Snow Fox.  
Green & Blue dong Eels, Blue Half Sags, Red Bayuta pants, Neganapants, &  
Pumpowder are now / ppal Goods in demand. Slaves may be bot w<sup>a</sup> good  
assorted Cargo f<sup>r</sup> 6 oz. & - men

### Narrative o<sup>o</sup> de Comte de St Florentine Montius Command<sup>r</sup> a French Privateer on / Gold Coast o<sup>o</sup> Guinea.

CCC. }  
July 23 } Abt 9 a.m. saw a ship at an anchor off this Castle. Took her to be a Dutch -  
1758 } man t<sup>h</sup> had sailed fm Elmoina / day before. Soon after she weighed &  
stood down / Coast. Abt 11 perceived she had Danish Colours. Sent a  
canoe on board w<sup>th</sup> an invit<sup>n</sup> to / Capt to come on shore, beg desirous  
to hear some news fm Europe. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past one p.m. Capt Walter Buffum o<sup>o</sup> / Snow  
Programboo, then in Mramaboo Beach, came on shore here fm Elmoina where he  
had bn w<sup>th</sup> his boat to dispose o<sup>o</sup> his Ram. He sd t<sup>h</sup> some o<sup>o</sup> his people were told by  
/ Blacks o<sup>o</sup> two French Men o<sup>o</sup> War beg to windward. The Canoe not returng soon  
made ~~us~~ us suspect th<sup>r</sup> Ships beg one o<sup>o</sup> them, so dispatched a Canoe immediately

to Annamabor to / Capt's [no] Vessels etc. Capt Buffum who went in / same canoe  
 & carried / dr, made all / haste down he ed in order to save his Vessel if possible.  
 At 4 p.m. / Canoe returned w a note fm / Capt who called himself Ellison, returning  
 our Seniors thanks & his kind invitation & sayg he ed not accept it as / wind was  
 favorable f Peera, where he was bound; but, <sup>by</sup> / accts / Canoe men quite we were  
 still more confirmed in / opinion o his bein an Enemy. All this afternoon were putt'd  
 dis Castle in / best posture o defence. Abt / ~~noon~~ Capt Buffum came back & returned  
 / dr. He hd / mortification o seeg his own Vessel taken, also / Sloop King o Prussia,  
 Joseph Wanton, belongg to Rhode Island; & Snow Fox, w<sup>m</sup> Taylor o Boston, before  
 he ed get down. He landed / few Slaves he hd in his Boat at this place, & sd  
 he believed / Frenchman mounted 60 Guns. At 10 received a dr fm Mr Brew  
 confirmg ~~our~~ Capt Buffums acct, & t he hd fired 4- shot at / Enemy wh fell  
 short. At 11 despatched a Canoe express to Peera w a dr to Capt's Pshbrooke  
 o / Nancy, & Carew o / Rehellers, both o / Spool, desirg m<sup>r</sup> whyte to despatch it to  
 whydah by dand.

July 24 At 5 am recd ano<sup>r</sup> dr fm Mr Brew, acquaintg us t 3 more French  
 Men o War were expect<sup>d</sup> ev<sup>r</sup> moment; t he exchanged a few shot  
 w / Enemy, but recd no damage; & / ~~Frenchman~~ Frenchman intended to water  
 at Pmissa & was then bound to whydah to take / two above ment<sup>d</sup> Ships.  
 At 6 despatched 3 letters o / same tenor to / 3 Windward Forts to be sent off on  
 aril o any o H. Mis Ships, acquaintg them w what Mr Brew <sup>had</sup> wrote. At 9 sent  
 q Canoe men to Peera w a dr f Mrs Desaynes at whydah. <sup>Mr</sup> whyte was to  
 provide them w a q hand canoe, & despatcht im immediately. The Contents o / dr  
 was to apprise / Capt's in whydah Boord o / danger. dr's were also wrote to  
 all / Out Chiefs to be upon the guard & to give notice o / danger to all / Craft  
 & may happen to be w<sup>m</sup> / Forts.

25<sup>th</sup>. We were inform<sup>d</sup> by a dr fm Mr Brew t yr above Ship was a  
 Privateer o 54 guns, 500 men, 18 & 12 P<sup>ar</sup>s, & t she hd no consort

26 + 27<sup>th</sup> The Frenchman continued at Anamaboo where we endeavored to  
assist / Blacks for supply<sup>g</sup> him w<sup>th</sup> Wood, water, & all sorts o' refreshments  
but to no purpose

28<sup>th</sup>. At 6 am. saw 2 sail in / off<sup>g</sup> & sent a Canoe to them immediately w<sup>th</sup> /  
following note writ - A French Privateer, 54 Guns, 500 men & 9 in P<sup>ro</sup>ov<sup>er</sup> Road

At 11 am / Frenchman perceiv<sup>g</sup> 12 ships stand<sup>g</sup> in b<sup>e</sup> him, got under way & stood down  
/ coast, w<sup>th</sup> all sail he did not, but find<sup>g</sup> / English had cut him off so t<sup>h</sup> he cd not  
weather Tantumquerry Point, he hailed his wind & stood b<sup>e</sup> them. At 12 / Englishmen  
here to, &  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 12 P.m they fired the Broadside into / Enemy, We cd hear them till  
near 3 o'clock p.m. engag<sup>d</sup> v<sup>y</sup> bravely. The Frenchman fought bravely & defended himself  
desperately. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3 / canoes returned w<sup>th</sup> a l<sup>et</sup> fr<sup>om</sup> Capt Marsh in / Harwich o' 50  
Guns in co w<sup>th</sup> / Page o' 20, advis<sup>g</sup> t<sup>h</sup> he was in pursuit o' ye Privateer

July 29<sup>th</sup> heard no more o' them

30<sup>th</sup>. At 5 am Mrs Burville wrote fr<sup>om</sup> Tantumquerry t<sup>h</sup> / Harwich had / misfortune

o' loss her foretop mast in a v<sup>y</sup> smart engag<sup>ment</sup> she had w<sup>th</sup> / Enemy off Anaguar  
/ 28<sup>th</sup> at abt 3 pm, but t<sup>h</sup> she had got and<sup>er</sup> up by / time she came abreast o' Tantumquerry  
she was in chase o' ye Frenchman. The Patron o' / Co's long Boat set t<sup>h</sup> abt 5 / same w<sup>th</sup> /  
he saw them off Mumford. The Harwich had then ~~abreast~~ almost got up within gun  
shot o' him agn, & while she was com<sup>g</sup> up w<sup>th</sup> / Enemy / 20 gun ship kept him in play.  
At 1 pm and<sup>er</sup> / two English Capt<sup>s</sup> fr<sup>om</sup> Anamaboo w<sup>th</sup> sevl or prisoners at this place.  
They sd / French Capt had used them w<sup>th</sup> / utmost humanity & had returned them all the  
Chattel<sup>s</sup> he t<sup>h</sup> were under lock & key. They also told us / Frenchman was much b<sup>e</sup>er  
than ye Harwich: t<sup>h</sup> she was bored b<sup>e</sup> 64 guns but had only 54 mounted, 1 rest  
were in her hold. They had people o' all Nations on board, at least 500 in no  
am<sup>ongst</sup> wh<sup>ich</sup> were ag<sup>o</sup> many English Scotch & Irish

31<sup>st</sup> Am. Recd a l<sup>et</sup> fr<sup>om</sup> Discove acquaint<sup>g</sup> us t<sup>h</sup> / 12 English men o' War had  
stood in the / 24<sup>th</sup> & t<sup>h</sup> / he directed t<sup>h</sup> / Command<sup>er</sup> o' His ships was sent off t<sup>o</sup>  
em, upon wh<sup>ich</sup> they made all / haste they cd down to P<sup>ro</sup>ov<sup>er</sup>, where they arriv<sup>d</sup> as ment<sup>d</sup>  
before. All this day had no fut<sup>ure</sup> acct<sup>o</sup> them.

August 1<sup>st</sup> Recd a L<sup>r</sup> fm Mr Bourville t/ 29<sup>th</sup> am / report o a gr many Guns was heard  
in / offg at Lagou, Pippam, & many o<sup>r</sup> places; & t. numbers o Plammers, a  
Mahogany lined Door, some chairs & gun carres were taken up & floated ashore, & a good  
deal o carved work w<sup>ch</sup> Fleur de lices on it. We h<sup>ad</sup> not heard a word o them since, but  
hope he will not be able to get away fm him

R. B. Capt Gregory has on to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> deewit, returned ~~to~~ / 5<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> & informed  
us t / Harwich only lost her foretop Gallant mast, not her fore top Mast as ment<sup>d</sup> before.  
The ofd Privateer took also / Molly, a Pinn Schooner, w<sup>ch</sup> Earle Master, at Cape Moun<sup>t</sup>,  
& drove an English Ship ashore at / same place.

August 11<sup>th</sup> Recd a L<sup>r</sup> fm Mr Cockburn at Prampram, directed to Mr Whyte at Accra,  
whom he says our Men o Wars and the gr t / French man had made his escape  
escape after had<sup>g</sup> struck. The 15<sup>th</sup> both ships arriv<sup>d</sup> in Anamabo Road, confirm<sup>g</sup>  
/ above unlucky news. They engaged / French man for two hours, in wh he fired nothing  
but Iron Bars, Grape shott - & at our 50 gun ships, masts & riggs in order to  
disable her; in which he succeeded but too well, having shot her main top sail yard in  
two, carried away her fore top gallant mast & tore her fore top sail all to pieces. The  
Harwich fired nothing but round shott at / French mans Hull & cd plainly see they  
had g<sup>r</sup>ly damaged her, so t no doubt she must h<sup>ave</sup> lost a gr many People, whilst /  
Harwich had but 2 killed & 5 or 6 wounded, & / My killed one man killed only. After  
2 hours engagement, as mentioned above, / enemy struck, upon wh all hands left the  
Quarters came upon deck & gave / French man 3 cheers. The officers were clo<sup>d</sup> all in the  
power to keep / people at the Quarters but to no purpose. By t time / smock cleared  
up, & / enemy perceiv<sup>g</sup> / Harwich was so much disabled, he hoisted his Colours agn  
& stood away fm our ships. Next day they chased him agn & were com<sup>g</sup> up w<sup>th</sup> him  
but as it grew night, they lost sight o him, & saw him no more / next day; so  
stood in f / land, & fell in w<sup>th</sup> abt 7 migo, to leeward o Prampram

[In a left hand] R. B. All forego<sup>g</sup> L<sup>r</sup>s & P<sup>r</sup>s fm Cape Coast were recd May 14<sup>th</sup> 1759.

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23<sup>rd</sup> May 1759. Admiralty office - J Cleland to John Pownall. Secy to Lords o Trade.  
- Sends State & Condon o Forts & Settlements on / Coast o Africa, rec'd by  
Capt Marsh o H.M.S. Harwich.

Dicke's Cove July 27 1758 William Matter Chief, who I happen'd to see afterwards at  
Cape Coast inform'd me they had not 15<sup>th</sup> o Powder in / Fort.  
1 Secy, 1 Gunner 2 privates, white men 2 Guns only on / Fort they cd trust to fire; / its bad  
a corner quite decayed most o them lyg on / platform. The Fort has high Walls is in vj good  
order built o stone, vj regular & stands ur / water side (sgd) w Marsh.

Mamabo Fort Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1758. Richd New Chief; John Baugh Secy; Wm Gordon Factor; Mich Bavin  
Writer; Thos Pinder Overseer. 1 Carpenter & Smith, 1 mortar maker, 1 Secy<sup>n</sup> & 1 Gunner  
5 Soldiers. Slaves men / Bricklayers 4 House Carpent 2 boys 12 employed on Fort 12. Guns 15.  
300 Pound shot, 150 Grape shot; 250 lbs Suspenders; 56 musket balls. Slaves. 44 m. 23 w.  
The fort is abt half finished. The Exterior Wall o / Fort is now at a medium 19 feet high, wh is  
its proper height, exclusive o / parapet wh will be 7 feet high (sgd) w Marsh.

Cape Coast Castle 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 1758 Nassau Senior Pres<sup>t</sup> o Council; Richd during stone Deck<sup>n</sup>: John Pres Sec<sup>y</sup>.  
Pat. Surgeon; John Grant Dep. Secy; 6 Factors (1 o Pegote & Reader o 2 coffee houses)  
Wm Wilkin Surveyor; Richd Minne Secy; 1 Surgeon; 1 Painter; 1 Barber; 1 Bomby; 1 Master o Hospital; 1 Master o Cts Boat.  
1 Capt<sup>n</sup> & 1 Mtr; 1 Capt; 27 Soldiers; 1 Drummer, 1 Mtr; 2 women; Cudjoe Tobacco Merchant; Wm Ansbach, Fredk Adoy Writers  
John Ayer, George Sackey, asst Writers; Geo Barnimichee mstrg<sup>r</sup> xtry. Cts Slaves men 108 (includes 6 Corps).  
5 Bricklayers 1 Brickmaker 1 Goldsmith 3 Blacksmiths 1 Armorer 1 Woman 19 g. Sgd Wm Marsh  
Common 12, 12 pdr 11 gdr, 13 6 pdr, 4 4 pdr, 11 3 pdr 10 1 pdr - 1 Mtr 1 GP 1 SP 1 Colone. shot & Ball ...

Apr 99 36. Read June 24 1759  
Nassau Senior to / Ctee C. C. C. 3 February 1759

I h / pleasure to inform y / platform at Commda is now finished. Artificers are  
vj much wanted & excuse my takg / liberty to recommend to y to h 5 or 6 young negroes  
lads sent home vjly f 5 or 6 years successively to be made Bricklayers, Carpenters, Smiths

& Corpses o, by wh means y wree h a fine No o Tradesmen in a few years; unless some such measures are shortly taken, youll soon h no Artificers at all. While Tradesmen seldom stand in fanny time in this country, & Black fellows at present on / Coast know so little o thir business, tis extremely difficult to buy up ord under them ... Unless Danes Hill is always kept well garrisoned, wh wree be an adde charge on / Supplies, wh am afraid can be vry ill spared, / except a fortifyg t place, h g<sup>r</sup> reason to apprehend, mt be attended w<sup>th</sup> bad consequences; f as it is vry high, if our enemies shd get possion o it, C.C. cd hold out but a short time. Tis y<sup>e</sup> opinion o most people it wd not be a much g<sup>r</sup> expence buildg a platform facing y<sup>e</sup> sea, fm y<sup>e</sup> Eastern most Bastion o this Castle to y<sup>e</sup> West. most o y<sup>e</sup> Spur, & it wd doubtless be o much g<sup>r</sup> consequence.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> last recd a dr fm Commanda acquaintg me t y<sup>e</sup> Dutch hd landed 6 Mortars at t place; therefore as / w<sup>th</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> o / Council as well as myself, wree o opinion t when they were in a situat<sup>n</sup> to dispute our right to y<sup>e</sup> Common Land<sup>s</sup> th<sup>r</sup>, they certainly wd, at / some time hav<sup>g</sup> recd orders fm y<sup>e</sup> not to suffer thir carryg on any Fortific<sup>n</sup> agst us t mt deprive us o our right to t Bay; we resolved to molest thir Landg any more Warlike stores, till such time as they wd give us an Act signed by / Council t we hd equally y<sup>e</sup> same right to t Bay as they hd, & t / same shd never be call<sup>d</sup> in ques<sup>n</sup>. I wrot to y<sup>e</sup> President o Almona acquaintg him o our Resol<sup>n</sup>, he returned f Answer t as he hd a little before sent up Cannon, he wd not order 'em back, but let what will be y<sup>e</sup> consequence, they shd be carried into y<sup>e</sup> Fort. How<sup>ev</sup>r they took care we shd not commit y<sup>e</sup> first Act o hostility; f a canoe go<sup>g</sup> up / next night w<sup>th</sup> corn & a barrel o flour, was seized at Empony (wh<sup>ch</sup> they discover returned / Canoesmen, sayg he had gave me orders f y<sup>e</sup> seizure) Also Mr Westgates Boy comg down w<sup>th</sup> a Box was carried into y<sup>e</sup> Dutch fort, / he opened & read, & / Boy put on double wrens: Mr Westgate sent over to / Dutch Chief to know / reason why his Boy was detained, Mr Ulben (who was sent fm Almona to command thir durg / dispute) returned him f answer it was customary so to do. A little after this they sent an army o Blacks, wh appeared to be abt 2000 men in arms, round by our garden to attack our Town. Mr Westgate then sent over to Mr Ulben to let him know t if he did not directly sell his Boy, he wd fire upon / 2 Canoes they hd close in shore w<sup>th</sup> thir guns & probably afterwards upon y<sup>e</sup> Fort; he answered, w all his heart. Mr Westgate then fired

forced & they returned it. We don't hear o any accident havg as yet happened to anybody in yr Fort. As to what may be yr consequences o this affair, we cannot fear them while we h acted (properly speakg) only on / defensiv'e, & may therefore hope t we sh be supported effectually by yr next man o War t comes on / Coast. Interm, how we are absolutely under / necessity o puttg yf to a considerable expence in hiring & arming / Negroes to assist our Towns people o Comenda agst whom / Dutch h raised / Elmina Blacks togz w those o

Secunda, Aguaffor, Chamah & Jis. This impossible to guess to what length this affair ~~will run~~ may run, & therefore we cannot say how much / expence probably amts to, but y may depend on my beg as frugal as possibly / Nature o such a business will admit.

Nothing wd be more f / with o / Coast than / stationg a man o War <sup>upon</sup> it, in wh case / Dutch wd always be quiet. The expence attendg such a stationed ship wd not in any degree be equal t t in carryg on disputes w / Dutch. The presce o 2 men o war in Mr Robert's time, supposg / Capt's hd permission to act vigorously, wd h saved / us<sup>n</sup> upwd 2000 l. sterlg. But perhaps / Gov may not chuse to stain a ship, / next best expedient then, in my opinion, is t in what relates to our Dutch disputes, yr Commanders o yr 2 July ships h, f / future, less limited powers than they h hitherto hd. ~~No then~~

As this is a Conveyce not v's safe, I h chose not to send / Lists o white & Black Servts at yr Forts.

The most mortifyg circumstance to me in this dispute w / Dutch is, t I am under a necessity o sendg a No o / Annamathoo labourers to Comenda, as Mr Westgate tells me he is in yr utmost want o people to work his guns

The price o Slaves & goods in demand are / same as per my last. The Okello, Caffer & Betty Ketch - Coward, remain in Pt'ood Road

Slaves are dy scarce on acct o / Palaver betw yr Families & Wassaws still Subsistg.

Nassau Senior to / Ctee.

2 March 1759

Sends copy o his last news by Othello Capt Capper. - wherein I mentioned /  
2 Forts at Commenda had bn firing at one ano<sup>r</sup>; Since ich they h bn firing at each  
at 2 sev<sup>l</sup> days but, thank God, our Fort has rec<sup>d</sup> no considerable damage, nor has  
anybody bn hurt in it. Mr. Thuy de ioper had<sup>d</sup> desired a Res<sup>n</sup> o hostilities, in order  
to call his Council tog<sup>r</sup>; & promised to use his endeavours to settle this affair in an  
amicable manner. We agreed to his demand, wh seemed to us v<sup>y</sup> reasonable.

The Council is not yet met, but daily expected it will. In ye meantime, by acct<sup>s</sup>  
fr<sup>m</sup> Windsor, we are informed they are endeavour<sup>g</sup> to brig down / people o Athantah  
Tudah, Dutch Succoed<sup>e</sup> & Taccorary to join this at Commenda, & h<sup>ve</sup> even offered  
my man t<sup>o</sup> come, a roll o Tobacco & 12<sup>aks</sup> gold. How / affairs will end, time  
can only determine. I don't see how, w<sup>o</sup> / least degree o justice, they can refuse to  
comply w<sup>o</sup> our demands in lett<sup>g</sup> / Bay o Commenda be in Common to both. In<sup>as</sup>  
the grants it cannot be o / least in convenience to them, tho our people be deprived  
o it, must in time be / loss o our Town & Fort also, as / people cannot then subsist.

- Sadly distressed b<sup>e</sup> want o gun powder - under gr<sup>t</sup> obligants to Capt Capper &  
Lawson b<sup>e</sup> assist<sup>g</sup> w<sup>o</sup> t<sup>o</sup> & anyth<sup>g</sup> else in the power.

No acct yet o ye ship w<sup>o</sup> supplies - Hopes she will shortly arr<sup>ve</sup>, otherwise they will be  
in a poor situat<sup>n</sup>

Ludjoe has bn acquainted w<sup>o</sup> ye intentions & is extremely thankful, he intends  
w<sup>o</sup>nt<sup>g</sup> by this opp<sup>o</sup>. Y<sup>e</sup> cd not please him w<sup>o</sup> anyth<sup>g</sup> better than a l<sup>ge</sup> umbrella  
cover<sup>d</sup> w<sup>o</sup> red satin & lined w<sup>o</sup> a strong white silk. Gold fringes round / bottom o it,  
& above ye Umbrella in ye centre where / pole goes thro, / image o a lion destroy<sup>g</sup> a  
deer.

The Rose Capt Lawson; True Blue, w<sup>o</sup> Rice; Betty, Sam<sup>l</sup> Toward; all o April 29 Bristol,  
Capt. Edmud Francis o Bristol remain in Aboo Road. Goods in demand are / same as before,  
h<sup>o</sup> and last w<sup>o</sup> also / price o Slaver, wh I am afraid will rise soon as there are so many vessels on / Coast,  
tho if it does it will not be w<sup>o</sup>g<sup>o</sup> to any o our Servants. PS. Please to order Ludjoe's umbrella  
to be cover<sup>d</sup> w<sup>o</sup> a rich English Crimson Damask, & not satin as ment<sup>d</sup> above; / lion & deer to  
be gutt over; & / size o / Umbrella 6 foot thro

Cudjor to / Ctee

C. C. 2 March 1759

Thanks f / notice they h bn pleased to take o bin in the last to our Seniors, & assure them he will always study to deserve the <sup>so much as</sup> favour

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Recd July 18 1759.

Thomas Westgate & Richd Brew to / Ctee

C. C. C

12 January 1759

As y h bn pleased to appt us members o yr Council at C. C. we look upon ourselves in duty bound to transmit y yr earliest acts, possible o ~~affairs~~ yr affairs here, especially when anything occurs wch y shd be made acquainted w. What we sh now trouble y w relates chiefly to our Gebr Petrie / present Chief o Succondee, whose behaviour str (we are sorry to inform y) has bn most ~~frank~~ <sup>frank</sup> & oppressive. He banished / linguist o / Fort (who is yr servt) on prett o his having sold goods to / prejudice o his trade, ordered / Lez<sup>r</sup> to pay for / poor man's wife put her in double wows slat her sleep among his slaves - He afterwards sent her to Succondee to be sold on / 1st long ship was down, & wd h done so if Yankees had not gone to ~~the~~ Cda wchd ~~was~~ Westgate - t if Petrie sold his wife / English town wd get into a Pelawer w / Dutch town str as she was a daughter o one o / Dutch Caboceros. - at his request Westgate lent him 20z 5<sup>ack</sup> gold to pay his debt to Petrie ~~was~~ - The blagg o / Pboz fisherman at Succondee <sup>summed amount o debt</sup> if ~~not~~ refus to give him fish custom. They complained bitterly to Brew on return, & sd f they did not recie Satisfaction they wd avenge themselves on / 1st Englishman they met & went out o / Fort, ~~swearing~~ they wd stop / works. Brew sent them up to Seniors who gave them a present, wch pacified them at / same time Brew pointed out to Seniors / bad consequences wch wd probably attend a repetition o Petries behaviour to / people o Pboz as they are known to be / most religious people on / Coast & "we sh to be more partly careful to cultivate a good <sup>understanding</sup> w these people at this juncture as / Fort is so near bet furnished - Petries practice o <sup>own</sup> ~~summing~~ Houses say y goods & putting / owners in wows. Petries letters <sup>on</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>letter</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>letter</sup> bonded to Westgate - They think / affairs may be suppressed - The ltee can judge how justice is admtd here, & shew they may expect the orders to be obeyed when acts o Parliamt are violated & / regulars sent on by them are contemned so audaciously

dash Feb'y [ie a year before next] Mr Hipsley came to CC & deputed T Herring  
(then his wright at Wobah) to manage his trading affairs during his absence upon  
hearing to Mr P<sup>d</sup> Cooke a private trader had sent down his long Boat to trade at Wobah  
Winnibah he wrote enclosed to Herring - wh has accidentally fallen into our hands.  
Sometime after, Hipsley went to Wobah & quarrelled w Herring bec he wanted to  
quit his employ & go off / Coast on Wm's Starwich. He beat Herring & kept him  
confin'd - Wobah Fort till / Man o War sailed - 3 weeks later He is now kept at  
Tantivanquerry & can make affidavit to above allegations.

Pls enclosed

Copy by <sup>Mr</sup> Hipsley to Thos Herring at N<sup>o</sup> 1100 Feb'y 14<sup>th</sup> 1759 [sic '58]

Keep a good lookout of Cooke's boat & keep a man to tell all / traders to if w<sup>ch</sup> give  
& take more than 100, let him give what he will. --- [the rest of the is to send by canoe to  
meet him at Muroford] ...

Narran Letter to Thos Westgate CCC Dec 6 1758.

re Petre's affair - Hipsley white & himself <sup>are o opinion</sup> that in conseq of it he g his 1<sup>st</sup> fance  
attended w no bad consequences to / Publick, & having served well in 2<sup>d</sup> place -  
discharg'd or more suspend'd too severe a punishment of a young man. Durc o good ppl's  
who may still be a v'y useful subject to / C<sup>o</sup>. After public repute he has addrd his  
fault & promised to behave better in / future. They i<sup>o</sup> consider he shd be continued  
in / Command o his Fort from till C<sup>o</sup>'s pleasure known

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Read July 25 1759.

Anno 1758

An acct of m<sup>o</sup>ys rec<sup>d</sup> & exp<sup>d</sup> by / Ctee of Co<sup>o</sup> Merch<sup>t</sup>s trading to Africa f /  
sup<sup>o</sup>port & improv<sup>o</sup>ment of / Forts & Settlements upon / the Coast the Ctee consisting of 19 Members . . .

Recd. Return of Premium & Interest due to Seneca				
of / Bonds of / Treasury by Warrant				97 - 6 - 8
less Fees			£10,000	
Debiture on Druggs			517 - 13 - 6	9482 6 6
of / Bonds of / Treasury by Warrant			7140 14 - 3	1 - 10 -
less Fees			368 - 4 - 9	6182 - 9 - 6
of Freedom of Co				2 - - -
Account on refined Sugar & Gunpowder				60 - 17 - 8
Dates of last 1/2 acct paid to this f 1758	303	8	2	£16,416 - 10 - 4
of Seneca 1688 13 - 4	1618	13	4	
Cape Coast 12350	12350		2	
of Profits expences on Quaminc Sans & Acca (Labour of)	10			
by order of / B <sup>o</sup> T.	3	19	6	
of Seneca				
of Profits expences on Agua Ashampo Kingo Popo's Sen	40			
by order of / B <sup>o</sup> T.	61	12	8	
of this Clothg, the Robe &c & present of Father				
of Pocket money from	1			
of Seneca Slaves & other Fees	21			
Charges & Management by the B <sup>o</sup> Parliament £800	14409	15	2	

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Read July 25 1759.

An Acct of money recd or expended by / Clee / Co on mchnts trade to Africa f/ support  
o/ improvement o/ Forts + Settlements upon /sd Coast. The Clee consistg o ... [29 names] ...

[Summary]

Received	Return o premium on Insc - Slip to Gambia		£ 97 - 6 - 9
	o/ bonds o/ Treasury by the Warrant	210,000	
	Deduct fees	<u>377 - 13 - 6</u>	9402 - 6 - 6
	Debiture on Druggs		1 - 10 - 0
	o/ bonds o/ Treasury by the Warrant	7440 - 14 - 3	
	Deduct fees	<u>369 4 9</u>	6772 - 9 - 6
			60 17 8
			<u>16,416 - 10 - 4</u>

Expended

Balance o last yrs acct pd to / Clee f 1757	£ 303 - 8 - 2
Gambia	1618 - 13 - 7
Cape Coast	12350 - 0 - 2
Freight Gambia slaves f Africa Port	21 - 0 - 0
Aqua Son o Ashampo King o Popo, pocket money	1 - 1 - 0
John Roberts for Expenses on <u>Praga</u> , by direct <sup>n</sup> o B.C.T	40 - 0 - 0
Clothes f Aqua o presents f his Pa	61 12 8
John Roberts with f <u>Quaminc</u> Son o <u>Reca</u> Cabours o/	40 - 0 - 0
Auxice, by direct <sup>n</sup> o / B.C.T.	
Shiding f <u>Quaminc</u>	3 - 19 - 6
	<u>14,439 - 15 - 1</u>
Charges o Management by Act o Parliament	806
Sundry payments	60 - 12 - 6
Balance to Clee f 1759	1116 - 2 9
	<u>16,416 - 10 4</u>

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Nassau Senior to / Ctee

C. C. C. 13 March 1759

I wrote y last by / Collo's o London Capt John Cooper, via Antigua - - -

The Dutch h now offered to give us an Act signed by the whole Council t / Bay o Commenda sh be in common to both Nations until / same can be determined by y o / Dutch w<sup>l</sup> Co. in Europe. They certainly h it not in the power to grant us more, therefore we h agreed to accept o the terms, & hope shortly to put an end to this troublesome affair, unless any difficulties may arise abt Woods / Act, wh they promise to send us this day. I omitted to acquaint y before t on / Dutch being / Chamahs, Pherontals, Guidahs, Pbroimboes, Ptuaffoes &c, we were obliged, among o<sup>r</sup>s, to engage / Fantees to assist us. Accordingly w<sup>o</sup> small expence, & promise given under Mrs Prews hand at Anamaboo o, Ibrink, 80 oz to be pd them after / dispute, in case they for b / English, get a Body o b a 1000 men to come up hither. From hence they went to Felice (in the way to Commenda) where they stayed 4 or 8 days, durg wh time / Dutch sent sundry messages to them & at last, on the promise them a lgt sum (1 Blacks say 300 oz tho' tho' I can't believe) to return to the own country, they accordingly did.

No news o any supplies of Vittel or Supplies, wh gives us all a gt deal o uneasiness.

This goes by / Betty Ketch o Lpool. Capt Jas Coward. The rest o / Vessels mentd in my former remain in A'boos Road. The Prices o Slaves & Goods in demand still continue as in my last; nor is Trade any bricker than it was then.

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Nassau Senior to / Ctee

C. C. C. 3 June 1759

I herewith take / opps o / Dutch Cos Snow sailg directly f Holland to enclose y copy o my last, as also / Calculation promised. You'll find I h discountd 100 pcent upon all / goods debt on Coast Charges except whitemens' Salariz to brg it into Gold Price, wh is really more than it will turn out. f many o / Stores are debt at Gold Price, After all / whole sum amts to £4429 Stg. St. wh I believe is at least £2000 more than we generally rec<sup>d</sup>; f you'll please to observe t I h made no allow<sup>ce</sup> f shippg freight, insure &c, but it amts to t sum after l Goods are landed there, free o all charges whate.

And thg you'll also please to observe we had no disputes w / Dutch in / year 1758 o any signific<sup>n</sup>. nor troubled w enemies, so t tht it to be some allow<sup>ce</sup> of thgs o t nature. In my opinion (tho leave it to yr superior judgments) to support / British Forts & Settlements on / Gold Coast o Africa or tobydah in any tolerable manner, w will require goods stores to / amt o £9,000 sterly p. a. landed here free o all charges, so t unless an add<sup>n</sup> is speedily made to / present allow<sup>ce</sup>, / present scheme cannot exist. I'm convinced you'll excuse my talk / freedom to represent this affair to y, as / welfare o / Coast is much concerned. Indeed I think it my duty to do it if y may be able to put a stop to such querances before it is too late.

I am endeavoring all I possibly can to settle / dispute betw / Warsaws or Fantyns, o h some small hopes o succeeding: but let it be how it will I sh take care / Publick sh be put to no expence w<sup>t</sup> a certainty. The Fantyns after my pay g<sup>o</sup> in abt 30 oz. on my non private acct h consented to let / Warsaws come down hither to trade, so t on all likelihood I sh be able to brg<sup>o</sup> em to, by degrees. The Shipp<sup>g</sup> shll continue to pay 8 oz. at 1700. Goods in demand as before.

The followg is Copy o / Calculat<sup>n</sup> enclosed in / above.

Total o / Castle Charges for Jan 1 to Dec 31, 1758 w they stand p. Books	£19,093 - 4 - 1
tht deduct white mens' Salaries, as this is / only Branch o / Charges } t <sup>o</sup> paid @ 45 p. Ct. on / prime cost (o Gold Price)	6839 - 9 - 1
	12,253 - 15 - 0
The above £12,253 - 15 remaining, is / amt o all o <sup>r</sup> Charges issued at 100 p. Ct. on / Gold Price o makes what is called in / Books Trade Price, to reduce wh to Gold Price, take off 100 p. Ct	6126 - 17 - 6
now add - white mens' Salaries	6126 - 17 - 6
	12966 - 6 - 4
Call / above £12966 - 6 - 4. £13,000 from wh deduct 45 p. Ct	8839 - 9 - 1
a / Total o / Charges at <u>sterly Price</u> will be	12966 - 6 - 4
	£ 4428 - 7 - 1

{ nB. total shd be }  
{ £4428 - 11 - 6 }

Errors excepted  
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Masson Senter to / C.C.  
C.C. 6 June 1959

- wrote fully p / Langquair - takes this copy o a Dutch ~~bank~~ Co's success to enclose copy o a form.

- last this night ago one o / small guns in platform of salute, burst + there a / break  
flames. all are worn out - date of 20 202 g plan by next spring.  
- has written photo of an incident of 7.500 so they returned with rest of it comes in time

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The C.C. to Masson Senter for a / Council o C.C. London. Langquair 1959

- send copy o the last old 9 may (p.50 extra) o - drops: o a picture  
- It was before them Mr Senter has o 6 + 28 Aug [52.54] 1 + 28 Sept [57.42]  
o 29 Dec [44.158]. o 3 Jan [45] 3 Feb [63] o 2 Mar [66] 1759 o such.

To 6th Regt gives us an acct o the Dutch transport in purchase / send for  
fr / Capt o / Count de St Foy, France, & as his matter of 50 days was to travel  
/ Capt o / Louis o / Louis Senter, who had been taken by / St Paul, / C.C. Regt  
upon it as a service done last country, o in 1848, pass over / means employed in  
brought it - abt, so far as was necessary / send; but the French cannot be ignorant of /  
Carry on a trade w / French, even in times o peace, o a regularly company to Act o  
France, & therefore much more in excusable when / there are in open war. As no  
reason is given why 30 o / 4-5 men of men were left behind in / C.C., we cannot  
obtain any thing when.

The C.C. appears o Mr Masson Senter's conduct in giving notice to / Senter o  
" French Patriots beg on / C.C. a / steps taken to protect our / C.C. &  
defence / enemy. The expense attending / some of the justifiable o must be allowed;  
but the Regt no private proof of / 2 steps taken at / C.C. were noted by the  
notice / however will hardly be presumed to have any part o / burden.

14. The extending & improv<sup>d</sup> o / African Trade, be<sup>g</sup> / chief design o / present  
Establishment, we are well pleas'd t<sup>y</sup> were endeavoring to reduce / price o slaves  
& t<sup>o</sup> the loss a prospect o succeeding thro<sup>n</sup>.

If / disputes betw<sup>n</sup> / Warrants or Fantees not be amicably adjust'd, this  
with prov<sup>n</sup> o fair service, & we recommend it t<sup>y</sup> to exert yr utmost endeavours f<sup>r</sup>  
this purpose

J<sup>r</sup> be o 28 Aug cont<sup>s</sup> chiefly an acct o / correspond<sup>r</sup> carried on w<sup>th</sup> Mr Bragh  
& Mr Anes + / misunders<sup>tand</sup>g<sup>s</sup> substance<sup>s</sup> betw<sup>n</sup> y<sup>r</sup>, we can only repeat in answer that our former  
opinion; t<sup>h</sup> as these disagreements tend g<sup>l</sup>y to hinder / finishg<sup>o</sup> / Part o<sup>r</sup> those rules to lessen  
J<sup>r</sup> authority over / Natives, they sh<sup>d</sup> be avoided as much as possible & small matters rather  
overlook'd than taken notice o, when / same are not attend'd w<sup>th</sup> an ill-consequence t<sup>o</sup> / Publick;  
A copy o Mr Bragh's Correspond<sup>r</sup> was laid before / Bd<sup>o</sup> Ordns & we h<sup>ave</sup> reason to believe they  
will write him in such a style as may be / means o restor<sup>g</sup> t<sup>h</sup> harmony wh<sup>ich</sup> is so absolutely  
necess<sup>ary</sup> f<sup>r</sup> / good o / whole. We do not suppose / Bd<sup>o</sup> Ordns will take any notice o Mr Bragh's  
representat<sup>ns</sup> to them o / may be says is due to our Officers on / Coast. That it w<sup>as</sup> right to send  
us an Act o / Bd<sup>o</sup> concern<sup>g</sup> due on / last o June 1753, by wh<sup>ich</sup> we sh<sup>d</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> been enabled to  
refute his mistake if sh<sup>d</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> been occa<sup>s</sup>ion<sup>d</sup> & f<sup>r</sup> / future we desire y<sup>r</sup> not continue to send us a  
State o t<sup>h</sup> Act by / is<sup>o</sup> Copy are / 6 mo<sup>s</sup> acct<sup>s</sup> are balanc'd.

In regard to / alter<sup>n</sup> of propose to make in / Value o Brazil Tobacco we wrote  
y<sup>r</sup> our sentiments / 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. last [p 35] & must wait y<sup>r</sup> answer before anything fair can be  
sd on t<sup>h</sup> Head; but w<sup>ith</sup> respect to Rum, we must not be charg'd more than / usual price;  
f<sup>r</sup> altho at some parts times, it may be scarce on / Coast, or dearer than ordy, yet in gen<sup>er</sup>  
we are v<sup>er</sup>y sensible t<sup>h</sup> a sufficient gain is made by / Purchasers o t<sup>h</sup> article, & if our  
Officers pretend to raise / price upon us, it may induce us to make such new Regulat<sup>ns</sup> as  
we not be agreeable to them.

We are extremely displeas'd w<sup>th</sup> Mr Pelier's arbitrary conduct. The flagrant  
injust<sup>ice</sup> o it ment<sup>d</sup> by y<sup>r</sup> & rec'd<sup>d</sup> from yr hands, are so highly blameable, & so inconsistent  
w<sup>th</sup> / Act o Parliam<sup>nt</sup> & / express Ordns o / Ctee t<sup>h</sup> we cd hardly prevail w<sup>th</sup> ourselves  
to conform y<sup>r</sup> Order o Council t<sup>o</sup> contain<sup>t</sup> him in / Service. Mr Pelier's account o his  
fault & fair promises o amendm<sup>nt</sup>, tog<sup>th</sup> w<sup>th</sup> / necessity wh<sup>ich</sup> is o support<sup>g</sup> / Auth<sup>ty</sup> o our Chief

Officers & induced us to a compromise w<sup>ch</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> request, upon condition that Mr Pettie does not delay make full & ample satisfaction to / parties injured by him. But as such proceedings must be a dangerous consequence & highly prejudicial to / commercial int<sup>er</sup> of / Coast, / Ctee h<sup>ave</sup> come to / follow<sup>ing</sup> Resol<sup>ution</sup> wh<sup>ich</sup> they order y<sup>e</sup> to be copied & hung up in / Publick Hall at C. C. C. otherwise copies to be made & sent to all / Chiefs & / Out Posts, & nobody may plead ignorance

Resolved. In future any Chief, or 2<sup>d</sup> Officer in / Ctee's Service (except / Chief Gov<sup>er</sup> of C. C. C.) who sh<sup>all</sup> in / opinion of / majority of / Council, act contrary to / Tenors of / Act of Parliament, sh<sup>all</sup> be suspended till / Ctee's Orders relate<sup>d</sup> thereto are received; or degraded to / last Sta<sup>n</sup> he filled on / Coast; if an inferior officer, or if a Chief, to / post he was in before he was advanced to be a Chief; which Act of Suspension, or Degradat<sup>ion</sup>, must be signed by a Majority of / Council & transmitted to / Ctee w<sup>ith</sup> the reasons f<sup>or</sup> so doing.

The Ctee have taken into cons<sup>ider</sup>ation to post a memo<sup>ir</sup> w<sup>h</sup>ich w<sup>as</sup> written & signed by Mr John Hoppisley, & also an attested copy of a l<sup>etter</sup> wrote by / sd Hoppisley to Thomas Herring Sergeant at Winnebah, dd Feby 14 1758, & in appearing therby f<sup>or</sup> / Dirons he, Hoppisley, gave to Thos Herring to forward Mr Rich<sup>d</sup> Cooke & 2<sup>d</sup> Leaders for trady at Winnebah, in part<sup>ic</sup>ular, by orders / Black Traders to be told that he wd give<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> actives more than Cooke, let him give what he wd, is contrary to Act of Parliament & / Orders of / Ctee; & also considering / repeated complaints / Ctee h<sup>ave</sup> rec<sup>iev</sup>d of his misbehaviour on / Coast, they h<sup>ave</sup>

Resolved That Mr John Hoppisley be dismissed / service

wh<sup>ich</sup> resolution y<sup>e</sup> will communicate to him accordingly & allow him as much time to settle his debts as sh<sup>all</sup> be thought necessary by / Gov<sup>er</sup> & Council f<sup>or</sup> t<sup>he</sup> purpose. Y<sup>e</sup> are not to fill up / Vacancy in / Council occasioned by Mr Hoppisley's ~~this~~ Dismission; but may appt a proper person to act as Chief of Winnebah Fort till y<sup>e</sup> hear f<sup>ur</sup>ther f<sup>rom</sup> us.

We sent y<sup>e</sup> our Resol<sup>ution</sup> in regard to Mr Bruce & Mr Langlands p<sup>er</sup> / Thompsonville, Capt<sup>ain</sup> Adam, & refer<sup>ence</sup> of thereto.

It gives us much concern to see / difficulties of labour under f want o a  
good understanding among ye selves, & as it is more partly necy to keep up unanimity  
on / Coast during a time o War, we h it under considera<sup>n</sup> to put these matters on a  
more agreeable foot<sup>g</sup>

We are sorry to find / Dutch continue to be such bad neighbours at Commedia.  
& / dispute became so serious, as to oblige y. to commence hostilities agst them. The consequence  
o such proceed<sup>g</sup>s however necy are to be dreaded. We h communicated / submits o what y.  
write on this affair to / Bd o Privy & backed it w a strong memorial represent<sup>g</sup>. If / Dutch  
shd succeed in the attempt to dispossess us o our common right to / Land's Place at Commedia,  
it wd render / English Fort useless to / serv<sup>e</sup> a oblige / natives now liv<sup>g</sup> thro' under its protect<sup>n</sup>,  
to desert; & as some hostilities had bn begun betw<sup>n</sup> / two Forts at Commedia we apprehended  
/ intertain o / His ships as they go down / Coast wd be / best means o settling / disputes;  
humbly recommend<sup>g</sup> / case to the Kings' cons<sup>n</sup>, & pray<sup>d</sup> t such orders may be given to / Capt<sup>s</sup>  
on this occ<sup>n</sup> as they shd think proper; To this memorial no answer has yet bn given, & /  
circ<sup>s</sup> o affairs at home are so critical at this juncture t we fear no ships o wate will be  
spared f / service o / African Trade before October

By this Oppy we send out Quamind, / son o Pecca, a Cabover o Dixcoors  
bro't home by Mr Roberts some years ago. Since he has bn under our care he has bn  
handsomely cloathed & kept at school. We are inform'd t his Fr<sup>e</sup> was very serviceable  
when / Dutch beseged t Fort, & as Mr Senior lived so long thro' at Dixcoors, he must  
be a judge whr Pecca is deserv<sup>g</sup> o / Ctee's notice or not, & leave it to his opinion  
whr or not, to make him a present as fm / Ctee, not exceed<sup>g</sup> ~~to~~ the value o £10 sterl<sup>g</sup>.

We sh send by / next store ships 2 Surgeons' mates if to be procur'd, also  
/ Umbrella f / Curjoe

As to / scheme o send<sup>g</sup> home black boys to learn / trades o Bricklayers,  
Masons, & Smiths, &c, it wd be attended w too gh an expence f / Ctee's allow<sup>is</sup>;  
but they think talibsi Annamakov is build<sup>d</sup>, / boys wd h a good oppy o be<sup>g</sup>  
instructed thro'.

It beg<sup>s</sup> yr opinion to / fortify James Hill, or / keep a sufficient Garrison  
ther wee also be attended w<sup>th</sup> too gr an add<sup>l</sup> expence on / Supplies, t work must  
be deferred, or we recommend y<sup>e</sup> to make use o / guns sent out f<sup>r</sup> t purpose in such  
parts o C. C. C. where they be most wanted, in case o<sup>n</sup> attacks fm / Enemy, wh<sup>ch</sup> f  
must always be expect<sup>d</sup> dur<sup>g</sup> / war or otherwise cannot be<sup>h</sup> much upon y<sup>e</sup> guard

By Order o / Ctee - &c - Same Poine: Secy.

The Ctee to Nassau Senior, Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council at C.C.C. London 15 August 1759

- Since <sup>we</sup> above they h<sup>ave</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> a l<sup>tr</sup> fm Mr Senior d<sup>d</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> March 1759 [P. 1]  
adv<sup>is</sup>g / Agreem<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> had come to w<sup>th</sup> / Dutch in regard to / Land<sup>g</sup> Place at Commenda,  
wh<sup>ch</sup> we cannot but approve o under / present cir<sup>c</sup> o affairs; not doub<sup>t</sup>g y<sup>e</sup> Caution  
in not sign<sup>g</sup> any Act wh<sup>ch</sup> may give up or weaken our claim to t Privilege

The behaviour o / Fanatics in suffer<sup>g</sup> themselves to be bribed by / Dutch  
Messengers we sh<sup>d</sup> thin<sup>k</sup> must canal / Agreem<sup>t</sup> made w<sup>th</sup> them by Mr Bred, &  
expect<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> will get t matter settled on / easiest terms possible, w<sup>th</sup> rais<sup>g</sup> any Palaver  
am<sup>g</sup> them

The Lancaster & Elizabeth store ships we hope sh<sup>d</sup> arr<sup>ive</sup> at C.C. soon ar  
/ deliv<sup>r</sup> o Mr Senior's Coy<sup>ts</sup> & will beg<sup>s</sup> a reasonable supply

The allow<sup>ance</sup> f<sup>r</sup> this year is not yet issued out o / Exchequer, as soon  
as this is done it sh<sup>d</sup> be invest<sup>d</sup> in goods & sent out w<sup>th</sup> all convenient speed,  
tho it is propos<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> be acquaint<sup>d</sup> t<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Indent f<sup>r</sup> / Supplies f<sup>r</sup> this year is not  
yet come to hand notw<sup>th</sup> our desire t<sup>h</sup> it sh<sup>d</sup> always be sent so as to be w<sup>th</sup> us  
in July or Aug<sup>st</sup> at furthest & wh<sup>ch</sup> we hope will not be neglect<sup>d</sup> f<sup>r</sup> / future

By Order ... ut supra.

Read Nov 20 1759

Nassau Senior to / CteeC. C. C. 24 April 1759

My last to you was by / Betty Welch o / Pool Capt Jas Coward - - -

We h at last settled / Affairs o Comenda w / Dutch upon as good terms as I think it was possible for us to expect. A copy o / Convent<sup>n</sup> signed by them, sent by this Convey<sup>r</sup> & hope what we h done in this affair will meet yr approb<sup>n</sup>. It has put us to no small exp<sup>e</sup> tho flatter myself I will say the want a necessity of it, if we were to give up our right to / Common Bay, in my opinion, as I sd before, we mt just as well give up / Fort. The now remains nothing to be done but yr settle / Affairs w / Dutch Co. & beg of will take / same into yr consid<sup>n</sup>.

- Asks for gun carres &amp; grape shot

The cause o Mr Whyte's not sign<sup>d</sup> / Act o Council del. 24 March is owing to Mr Brew's having sign<sup>d</sup> / same before him; / reasons of do<sup>s</sup> o wh he gives me in one o his letters as follows "I can never prevail on myself to let Mr Whyte take place o me by sign<sup>d</sup> first, for these reasons; first t we were both made at one time; secondly t, as tis no uncommon th<sup>g</sup> of / last Member o / Council's name to be put before / first (as was ~~seen~~ once seen when Mr DeCaynes was placed before of Mr Haplesley, who were his seniors) it may be so now w regard to me, upon / whole, in my consid<sup>n</sup>. I think I h an equal, if not prior, right to take place o Mr Whyte. Therefore desire you'll let us h yr orders abt it by 1<sup>st</sup> app<sup>r</sup>, & t the may be no further disputes on t acct hear. t of will mention when of app<sup>r</sup> any Members o Council, who they are 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> or 3<sup>d</sup> Councillors.

The Tankerville Capt Adam is arriv<sup>d</sup> to our no small satisf<sup>n</sup> do' his Cargo will go but a little way. I can only pay myself, & / Chiefes o yr Outposts to vlt<sup>o</sup> Deer & / Gentn in this Castle to fill<sup>o</sup> / Lib<sup>r</sup> (besides a little Brandy, wh is proper to be kept for defray<sup>s</sup> Castle Charges) Indeed I wish I may be able to do t.

- It had gr difficulty in landing / Guns - Capt Melanus desired having <sup>made very</sup> gr agreement to land them  
- Orders re Rbov goods & acct o / State & Courton o fr Forts th he <sup>personally</sup> compliet is -

If you'll please to consider t on my cong here / Artificers were all employed at Comanda, & since t at Rbov y will find it was out o my power to do anything to this Castle. I h more only one Bricklayer here, who is laid up w / Worms at least 9 months, on o 12 I intend to use my endeavours w / James Paw to lend me a couple o Masons. If I shd get them sh take care to keep 'em well employed.

Mr Westgate says t / Works at Comanda beg new + / rainy season cong on before / Platform was entirely finished, made him apprehend some o / Buldiffe was in danger o fallg, but t it is now in very good repair except / Parapets; wh was occasioned by / Big fm / Dutch Fort during / late Dispute.

Please to look over / Act o White & Black People in fr service & you'll find / amt o the pers, notwys fr Forts are not near so well garrisoned as they o' to be, & almost, if not quite, equal to / amt o supplies we rec upon / Coast. If / H. o C. consider this, they must surely be convinced, w' a lger sum beg granted t is impossible to carry on any gr repairs at fr Forts. The Mason y sent out on / Tankerville died in his passage.

I enclose f an Act o Council o / 19th Novr, in answer to some paragraphs in fr Lr.

Slaves are v scarce, more so at present than ever, I know them. Half Says not so much in demand as usual. The Capt's write me fr Rbov / Blacks refuse to take two [sic] upon a slave. tis imagined it must h ben way to rais / price o these goods, but sh soon know if it is so, as / Capt's at Rbov h wthn these 2 or 3 days lowered 'em to / usual price so actys. The ppal goods asked f are long Elle (grass green / best colour) gun powder, negampants, Bejuta pants, Colton Rownalls, Palma Chintz & Tapsets. Brass & Pewter v little asked f.

This goes by Capt Francis o Bristol for remain in Rbov Road. Capt Lawson  
+ Price o Spool, Marlborough Capt Richardson o Bristol & a Rhode Island sloop w Burn

## Copie des

Articles de la Convention faite entre Monsieur Nassau Senior, Président au Conseil du Comté de la Compagnie Angloise des Negocians trafiquant en Afrique & le dit Conseil d'une part; et Monsieur Jean Pierre Theodore Ouydecoper, Président au Conseil proposé de la part des Hauts & Puissants Seigneurs les Etats Generaux des Provinces Unies & de la Compagnie autorisée des Indes Occidentales des dites Provinces Unies au Gouvernement de la Côte Septentrionale & Meridionale d'Afrique, & le dit Conseil d'autre part

## Article Premier

Les Contractans sont convenus, pour le bien commun et l'avantage des deux Compagnies respectives, de cesser tout acte de violence et d'hostilité, tant entre les Européens qu'entre les negres Sujets des dites Compagnies, & que les Chefs des deux Compagnies, loin de continuer les inimitiés feront tout ce qui dependra d'eux pour entretenir la paix, et pour cultiver l'harmonie entre les deux Nations

Article 2<sup>d</sup>.

Pour prévenir toute rupture à l'avenir dans ce pais, il est convenu que l'affaire et la Decision seront renvoyées en Europe aux Supérieurs des deux Compagnies

Article 3<sup>me</sup>.

Que jusqu'à cette Decision, la Nation Angloise et ses Sujets auront l'usage de la Baie de Commendo libre, sans que la Nation Hollandoise ou ses Sujets puissent les troubler soit en entrant, soit en sortant de la dite Baie

Article 4<sup>me</sup>

Que les troubles survenus n'auront changé en rien les Propriétés ni les Juridictions, mais que tout sera dans le même Etat qu'avant la prise des armes.

Article 5<sup>me</sup>

Que chaque l'un des Chefs des deux Nations, aura le droit de reparer et d'améliorer et de garnir les Forts qui lui ont été confiés selon qu'il le jugera convenable et nécessaire, sans que le Gouverneur, Directeur, ou Président de l'autre Nation ait le droit de l'en empêcher.

Article 6<sup>me</sup>

Que les prisonniers seront restitués sans aucun rançon d'abord après la délivrance des Articles de la Convention en forme.

Article 7<sup>me</sup>

Enfin, Que cet Instrument sera de Valeur et que la Convention qu'il renferme sera observée jusqu'à ce qu'il plaise aux Supérieurs des deux Compagnies d'en ordonner autrement.

Donné au Chateau de St George de la Mine

ce 19<sup>e</sup> Mars 1759

J. P. F. Heydecker

R<sup>t</sup> Ulsen

H<sup>t</sup> Walmbeck

G<sup>t</sup> W<sup>t</sup> Plydenbeck

T. Cloetener

Par Ordre du Conseil

G<sup>s</sup> de Kott

(13)

Copy of an Act of Council

C.C.C. 24 March 1759

At a Council held here this day, present

Nassau Senior Esqre President of Council

John Hoppisley, Vice-Pres<sup>t</sup> & Gov<sup>r</sup> of WinebalkThomas Westgate Member of Council & Gov<sup>r</sup> of ComendaJames Welyte, Ditto & Gov<sup>r</sup> of James Fort BarraRichd Brews Ditto & Gov<sup>r</sup> of Annamaboo

Whereas we have been obliged to / Honour & Int<sup>r</sup> of our Nat<sup>n</sup> to enforce our Right to / Land & Place at Comenda by going to Exeter in 1758 / Dutch Str. (1 part<sup>ts</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> may be seen in / his entered in / Comenda letter Book f<sup>r</sup> / Years 1758 & 1759) who aimed at depriving us / of it. And whereas our Towns people did engage themselves v<sup>y</sup> warmly in our Interest & got v<sup>y</sup> bravely on our behalf; in doing wh<sup>ch</sup> they lost many of their Houses, Barns, Plantations destroyed & abt 20 of their Friends & Relations killed; as it will be attended w<sup>th</sup> bad consequences not to reward such v<sup>y</sup> Behaviour, & discourage th<sup>em</sup> f<sup>r</sup> following the Example

Resolved To grant them / sum of 100 Oz. of goods at Trade Price, as a Reward for their fidelity & respect f<sup>r</sup> / losses sustained by them

And whereas our Inhabitants of C.C. Town did also cheerfully assist us in / above Dispute, & send above 100 of their Men to / assist those at Comenda

Resolved To give them 30 Oz. of goods at Trade Price as an Encouragement f<sup>r</sup> their good behaviour

— Further resolved to rate Paul Hoare Surgeon's mate as Factor & Surgeon's Mate at £80 pa & to app<sup>r</sup> Wm Husband, son of late Mrs Wm Husband. W<sup>ch</sup> returned from England & writing a pretty good hand, as Writers Assistant at £40 pa

Adjourned

(Sgd)

in Senior

J Hoppisley

Thos Westgate

Richd Brews.

C.C.C. 19 April 1759

At a Council held here this Day, Present

... [as on 24 Mar at supra but Buss absent] ...

Whereas the Ctee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa h ordered the Gov o Council  
at this place to meet & consider upon / differ subjects o the Br ad London 1 Jan 1759 [P 34]  
Resolved, In consequence thereof, the Bames Hill shd by no means be fortified, but to even / old  
guns already there shd be thrown down as there is not a sufficient number o  
Artificers on / Coast, & as / present allowance is not eq<sup>d</sup> enough to put it in a proper state  
o Defence & maintain a suitable Garrison in it w<sup>ch</sup> it m<sup>t</sup> be o / utmost ill-consequence  
to this Castle if ever an Enemy shd get possession o it. Add to this t / Artillery serv<sup>d</sup>  
on by / Ctee can be employed to so much more advantage elsewhere

The Ctee have also ordered / Council to consider on / new method o using / Portuguese  
Tobacco & Rum proposed by Nassau Senats Spri in his letter to them o 5 July 1758 [P  
[2 P 254.] & to know what Sum m<sup>t</sup> be annually saved to / Publick by such a Regulation  
Ordered T<sup>r</sup> Accountant to make a Calculation o Quantities o these Articles expended  
f 3 years past & ascertain thereby / Savgs

... [Whysah].

... [Personel].

Not Governed

(Sigs)

N Senior  
 Jno Hippisley  
 Thos Westgate  
 Jas Whyte



to look, anybody would shame at that, I noticed / fine looking to look to anyone, like  
in the future used to agree not to send to have under one another's feet, but content  
prostitute each in his own. In statements, I cannot be too allowed but a man may  
have where he pleased. That lovely an agreement such as that I mention was no more than  
a good natured one among / fellow friends in one community. In depicting in context  
offered to me more than was given by the Board itself, however, had you been able, on  
fm / order, he not have got a single share during / time. Indeed you would be, on  
your father's party / case matter to the firm, seemed convinced it was being raised,  
as I understood, and not, indeed, as I said not like to himself, a shared / board  
Board + your father's, as it finished almost immediately with any determination  
away. This may be a no fault to any of / slips, but on affairs merely between me  
to / trace on any one the other, I think it appeared by no means / plans to a  
taken so it is already in taken to represent in to it. I do not keep writing to you  
about this to you but he acquainted with / cuts of / affairs

Master Senior G / CEE  
C.C.C. 23 May 1950

- Report sent to Stoughton Capt Phipps in news + saying enclosed but / thanks  
- Remnants on some of / goods sent to the park  
- Alonglands + Bence have asked for discharge with granted asks for a  
fact under by next April. He will have to be on support so give a government  
- Owing to / West's response he will have to send out other great supplies as soon as possible  
ps The blocks at Phipps recently made a hour to no one else will a please  
for less than 8 oz. to / skip, + am sorry to acquiesce of some of / blocks  
h. Lastly given to ... said he ... great to me of / others found us many under  
stand from. In case a very great has promised at any accident happening  
to him we shall be at / great loss ... how to carry on a couple of us / Data.

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[Recd 14 Dec 1759.]

Nassau Senior to / Ctee

CCC.

15 July 1759

- Yesterday recd the Lt o 9 May 1759 [p 50] Per / Spys Capt Graves o Liverpool & returns hearty thanks f / favour done me in giving me an oppy to vindicate myself o / Complaint t has bin made agst me wh hope to do to yr Satisfon, was a perfect Saviour to be at / Head o yr Affairs here th wd be impossible f him to be wt enemies. Not only since my beg here, but since my arvl or / Coast no one has taken more pains to assist evy British Trader than I h done. + th are many, am convinced, t will do me t Justice to say so. This somewhat surprisg tho at / some times most certain t if a Person in yr Service gets a little money th immediately creates him enemies; in show th are these Masters o Vessels t to see any o yr Servants in a ~~prosperous~~ prosperous way gives them / great uneasiness, & fnt instant they stick at nothing to hurt his character. O t stamp are those t made this complainr but I defy th evny + make, beg conscious to myself. I never h or sh put it in any ones Power to R Just reason o complaing o my behaviour whilst in yr Service.

May 1758, Capt Vander Parre, in a Dutch ship layd at Elmina, made me a vry advantageous offer o contractg w me f 100 slaves, wh, as I was informed Capt Derbyshire in a Smeau fm Liverpool was to windast, I declined dog, (Capt Brown o Bristol was then / only Vessel at Anamaboo & had finished his Trade). Some days afterwards he came down. I sent off to acquaint him I bid a number o slaves to be disposed o & desired he wd come on shore to look at them. He begged to be recused sayg he was a good deal out o orders. I then ~~proce~~ pickd out 40 / best o th & sent on board him, 2 c wh he only took upon wh, wrote him a letter desirg to know if he did not intend purchasg any Duncoes. His answer was strong able Duncoes wd



was / last supplies. The orders I recd for y<sup>e</sup> or most certainly to be punctually obeyed & sh<sup>d</sup> ever be my study to conform to them whilst I continue on y<sup>e</sup> service, its gives me leave to say when I consider & am acquainted w<sup>th</sup> any w<sup>ch</sup> other Contract, to Vary it enough to think you'd be o<sup>r</sup> Opinion it was safe for by so bad as represented. The Slaves to Dutch Capt took for me I declare no Englishman at Annamahoo wd h<sup>e</sup> bot, neither wd I had I w<sup>ch</sup> bn able to sell em directly, therefore, they wd h<sup>e</sup> gone to / Dutch who wd h<sup>e</sup> bot em, sold em too / same person I did, or h<sup>e</sup> got / same profit. Now surely any one wd agree t<sup>o</sup> it was much more b<sup>e</sup> / benefit o<sup>r</sup> / than I sh<sup>d</sup> put £1000 or upwards into my pocket than t<sup>o</sup> a foregoer sh<sup>d</sup> do it. Suppos<sup>ing</sup> those Slaves had not bn bought by / Dutch (tho' th<sup>is</sup> is not / least reason to ~~suppose~~ <sup>suspect him</sup> t<sup>o</sup> they wd) / traders must h<sup>e</sup> broke & not bn able to return what by my purchas<sup>ing</sup> them Slaves they were enabled to those goods to produce such as wd suit / English Vessels. = =

Richard Brew to / Ctee Annamahoo Fort 23 July 1759

I am this day informed by a br<sup>o</sup> for Mr Seniors t<sup>o</sup> Compt<sup>rol</sup> h<sup>e</sup> bn made to y<sup>e</sup> his & my having taken up two Dutch Ships, one of 150, 1<sup>st</sup> of 200 Slaves. I am not surpris'd at our b<sup>e</sup> / complain'd o<sup>r</sup> as t<sup>o</sup> will always be / case whilst any body is allowed to trade ashore; but I am astonish'd t<sup>o</sup> / affair is so falsely represented to y<sup>e</sup>. The true Mr Seniors took up a Dutch ship of 120 Slaves at 11 o<sup>r</sup> 2, around men & women, T is all I know o<sup>r</sup> his Barter. I also contracted w<sup>th</sup> a Dutchman of 200 Slaves; men ab<sup>o</sup> 9 o<sup>r</sup> 2 & women ab<sup>o</sup> 7 o<sup>r</sup> 8, at a time when th<sup>ere</sup> was no English vessel in this Road. Soon after came down / Nancy o<sup>r</sup> L<sup>o</sup> people, Cap<sup>t</sup> Ashbrooke & lay here for a few days, wh<sup>en</sup> time he had (as he wrote me) of little trade; also t<sup>o</sup> / natives told him I give more than 7 o<sup>r</sup> 2 of Slaves, wh<sup>ich</sup> was / reason he bot none. This is a custom too frequent am<sup>ong</sup> / traders when they want to raise / Prices o<sup>r</sup> Slaves to / shipp<sup>ing</sup> & cannot fail o<sup>r</sup> sending / people ashore odious to / masters o<sup>r</sup> ships, let / reports be true or false. I wrote Cap<sup>t</sup> Ashbrooke in answer t<sup>o</sup> what he heard was absolutely false; I desire Cap<sup>t</sup> & t<sup>o</sup> I did not exceed 7 o<sup>r</sup> 2 of men & 5 o<sup>r</sup> 2 of women, wh<sup>ich</sup> I cd prove to him if he came ashore; also t<sup>o</sup> I wd



In / month o October last (I think it was) Capt<sup>s</sup> J<sup>s</sup> Lowe o Lpool slaved off here. When he came down I had 100 slaves wh I ranted f<sup>r</sup> him, & on o / whole he picked 21, & looked upon it t<sup>e</sup> I was obliged to him f<sup>r</sup> this went n<sup>o</sup> f<sup>r</sup> him me, as he was taking a single ship. The consequence was I let him t<sup>e</sup> what he chose. Some o what remained died, & contracted disorders by a long confinement o / rest I was obliged to sell to a Rhode Island vessel f<sup>r</sup> him, tho I wanted more o t<sup>e</sup> commodity. In short, Gent<sup>l</sup>, f<sup>r</sup> f<sup>r</sup> debar us f<sup>r</sup> trading w / Dutch (I don't mean g<sup>o</sup>g them our good slaves) I believe v<sup>y</sup> few will be able to arrive at a competency in 7 years stay in Africa. Our own Country men will hardly allow us to live by our Trade w them, & they judge us w<sup>y</sup> sh<sup>e</sup>ll<sup>y</sup> we get by o people, tho they h / refusal o w<sup>y</sup> slaves we sell, except such as we are ashamed to shew them. I solemnly declare t<sup>e</sup> had I shewn all / slaves sold by me to / Dutch men to any o / English Captains t<sup>e</sup> my opinion they wd not h taken 10 out o / 200. I intend w / Bless<sup>d</sup> o God quitt<sup>g</sup> Africa on 6 or at furthest 8 months, & hope to h / hon o lay<sup>g</sup> this affair before f<sup>r</sup> on a much clearer light than I h enable to do in / course o this dr.

Certs referred to in / preced<sup>g</sup> dr.

23 July 1759

Certificate signed by Jno Baugh, Willm Goodson, Thomas Trinder, t<sup>e</sup> on July 1758  
 Mr Nichol<sup>s</sup> M<sup>r</sup> contracted w / Capt<sup>s</sup> o a Dutch vessel ship f<sup>r</sup> 200 slaves, men at 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> oz.

4 Women at 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> oz t<sup>e</sup> heg no English ship t<sup>e</sup> wanted slaves on this road: t<sup>e</sup> Mr Brew never exceeded 4 oz f<sup>r</sup> men & 5 oz f<sup>r</sup> women dur<sup>g</sup> / time o / sd Contract; also t<sup>e</sup> he offered Capt<sup>s</sup> Ashbrook o Lpool to pick what slaves he pleased out o / slaves purchased f<sup>r</sup> / Dutchman.

Nassau Senior to / Ctee

C.C.C. 31 July 1759

Address thr thro o 9 May [p 50] & 4 & 13 Februy [not here] + sends copies

o his by / Dutch Cos Snow

The Anamaboo Fishermen, who are a v<sup>y</sup> troublesome people & h bn at / bottom o all disputes we h had since / beginn<sup>g</sup> o our build<sup>g</sup> a Fort thro, h lately quarrell'd w / rest o / town. They got f<sup>r</sup> a few days but were at last obliged to fly f<sup>r</sup> it. They are now at Pnishan, abt 3 miles f<sup>r</sup> / Fort. I was at first afraid o t<sup>e</sup> sett<sup>g</sup> under a Dutch Fort, & endeavour'd to beg them here, as t<sup>e</sup> is not / least fear, but what we cd manage 'em, & in case o any dispute w / Dutch, or trouble'd w any Enemy, / add<sup>n</sup> o such a number o men (abt 5 oz 600) wd strengthen / town o f<sup>r</sup>; but was not able to persuade them to it.

He R purchased fm / from about people push o / ground where / the Reamans  
town stood to make a spur to / fair, f only 60 or 70 galls, boundary

1000 a few weeks ago favoured w a visit fm / Dutch President a Schuman, etc

stayed w me abt 6 days. He seems to be such a man you work to be my neighbor, dont  
in / least doubt we sh live upon good terms w one ano. Untold returning his visit should

As this alleged / people in the service are always / occa<sup>n</sup> a visit / price a stone,  
and it may be said so now. Note / clearly a serious danger of copy o a ke steel fm Capt

Tom Dawson o / skip house o / boat wh was planned prior / company. Foster Capt they skin fm  
The Lyon, Capt Howard, Mendenhall Capt. Richardson fm Bristol; / former by whom this

hope, o a long o snow fm New England one / only visits at Rhode; / former by whom this  
goes sold this day f Jamaica. The sh lack o boats / price a slaves, wh if they do

they sh never find me / long backward.  
- Bonds / acct s / repairs wanted o / duties. As to C.C. in my opinion

This needs to be done more than paying a fine, wh if my much wants. o  
will be sufficient employment f 2 or 3 Butchers a 12 month. I imagine it wd ~~be~~  
be only things away materials to do more to do. The boats were pronounced only built o

much a stone o one was decayed in such a manner t they require subsidy to be taken  
down o rebuilt, / some house o spur accepted

Capt Tom Dawson to 91 letter skip Rhode floor 18 June 1759  
I had use in my pocket since 2 f fm have, as well f  
my own wh as f / benefit o trade in gen, to keep / stores at a moderate price. I had

last cargo t has fm in / Road since my arrival. However, I had an equal share o /  
trade. My neighbors, whose premises shenglanded by orders o / company, were no  
t back upon, made good advances in / price o stores, on each o my day o visit o

Dawson's o a good advantage before I found them on / other such purchases. o  
continued myself w barely (factors) item in my ship, o water ka / water emg /

Made o marks on advance.

## Condition of Forts on / Gold Coast of Africa

June &amp; July 1959

Ducess Fort

Battlements so much in want of Terras t/rain soaking into / arches o / Spurs  
 will ruin them. Preventible by help o / a Bricklayer & a cord o 20 Terras.  
 Stairs lead to Battlements rotten & unsafe. Assistance from CG needed to make new ones.  
 Fort otherwise in tolerable repair. The materials to be had in this Fort, bit of repairs,  
 are stone, wood for floors & planks, & limestone, tho this last more plentiful at  
 Mchuma, abt 2 leagues distant. (Sgd) William Mutter.

Succondee Fort

- In gen so ruinous t utterly irreparable. Bastions & other parts o / interior  
 work broken into big chunks & project so t impossible they can stand any time  
 doors closing. Chiefs apartments, warehouses & soldiers barracks entirely rotten & /  
 former exceedingly leaky. Nothing but thorough rebuildg o whole Fort & any  
 of masonry. Has followed / designs left by Capt Watson, viz - repair nothing but  
 what absolutely necy such as buttress to support / extension Wall of soldiers Barracks  
 (work makes / N curtain), rebuildg / face of S.E. bastion. Bastion w/ stone & clay.  
 plastering & filling up holes - (sgd) Gilbert Petrie

Comemenda Fort

Repairs absolutely necy -

Half / platform o new Platform, w/ proper fall to carry off water, shd be taken  
 up, proper fall given, & raised. Platform parapet s to n & s e Bastions  
 shattered, must be thrown down & rebuilt w/ proper fall to prevent. N.W. & S.W.  
 Bastions, by weak & exposed to shot from Bulch Fort, bec higher than / new  
 works, a new protectg wall necy. Soldiers Barracks leaky from / rotten block o  
 / late fort, need plasterg & terracing. Powder Magazine needed to be put in  
 one o Bastions. Present one inside / Buildg. Small damp & dangerous  
 sgd Tho's Westgate

Tantum Quarry Fort

Repairs require: - N & SE Bastions & powder mag & coveys  
Battlements leaky in some places thro rains, new terracing req: Roof of Cook room fallen in  
Drain Fort in pretty good repair. Materials available locally (except Terracing)  
(sgd) Chas Bonville

[Report on Tobah & vice p 103 post]

James Fort Atcora & Prampram

N E Bastion facing Dutch Fort fallen down. Cocoa nut joists of floor rotten  
1/4th of Battlements over soldiers rooms on / E Curtain facing Dutch Fort fallen down  
Battlements along N Curtain towards town bad in places thro rotten Cocoa nut joists  
Top of Hall deckg rooms leak. The whole Cocoa nut joists good but / splin Cocoa nut  
of cross joists rotten. Joists of floor of deckg rooms next sea, & become wood rotten in places

Prampram Battlements to be new laid. Gun carriages ~~rammers~~ & ~~rammers~~  
& at both places quite unserviceable, for repairs. Only artificers wanted, materials  
purchaseable locally, but European joists of floor preferable to Cocoa trees.  
Suggest fell in & make solid / Bastion facing / Dutch Fort, / small rooms  
in it beg useless. --- (sgd) James Lohyfe

Gg. 52

Read April 25 1760.

The ~~Cover~~ to Nassau Senior Govr & CC at CCC. London 1 March 1760  
Send Messrs of Goods & stores by / New Elizabeth Capt Robert  
Mantley Junr amtg to £6350-13-4 & B/4s

— They h before them Seniors bis o 24 April [48] 25 May [53] 23 June  
 25 April [84] 23 May [85] 3 June [41] 6 June [43] 15 July [86]  
 31 July [90] 1759. & Mr Brews dr o 23 July [88] 1759.

The settling / affair o Commenda w / Dutch in / manner of h done gives us gr  
 satisfon, & we hope fm / character of givz o the Chief, y will be able to preserve a  
 perfect harmony & good understandg w him in future, / necessity o wh is v  
 apparent fm / g<sup>th</sup> expence t has attended this unfortunate affair. This how must  
 be Submitted to fm / Conson o / imple it is to / British Interest to h / demand Place  
 preserved at Commenda. We h laid yr Convent<sup>n</sup> before / Board o Trade & we h no  
 doubt but the L<sup>ds</sup> will do the utmost to h / affair adjusted w / Dutch.

— They h sent as many Gun carves & shot & 6 12 ps guns as the funds wd  
 admit of.

— Approve / appoints o Hoare & w<sup>m</sup> husbands

In regard to / reasons of givz f<sup>r</sup> not fortifyg James Hill, we agree to put a stop  
 to t Design.

We h taken into Conson yr Calculat<sup>n</sup> relaty to / using Port. Tobacco & enclosed f  
 h our Observat<sup>ns</sup> upon it; by wh it will appear the still remains so considerable a  
 profit to / Chiefs o / sev<sup>l</sup> Forts, t we direct in future to be issued agreeable to yr  
 proposal, & the / Yely Savgs will not be so gr as f at first imagined. Yet yr  
 int<sup>n</sup> is laudable & deserves our approbat<sup>n</sup>. How we are sorry anything shd  
 happen to take away / merit o it, but yr Contract w / Dutch f slaves was v  
 wrong, & yr excuse f making it still worse; f as f as Gov<sup>ts</sup> are ignorant o / Act  
 o Parliam<sup>t</sup> & our Instr<sup>ns</sup>, how can we expect to h them observed by / Inferior  
 Officers. We will not how enlarge f<sup>r</sup> on this Subject than to acquaint y  
 t who<sup>r</sup> in future sh act contrary to / Act o Parliam<sup>t</sup> & our Instr<sup>ns</sup> sh be  
 immediately ~~deposed~~ removed.

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The disrespect shewn to y<sup>e</sup> as Gov<sup>r</sup> by sev<sup>l</sup> o/ Officers & partly Mr Westgate  
Contrary to our express orders, is it disagreeable to us, & we h<sup>ve</sup> no doubt but his motion  
is / hopes he has a succeedg to / Chair. The removing o him a step fur<sup>r</sup> fm it wd perhaps  
teach him t his duty & int<sup>t</sup> wd be to obey ~~for~~ our Commands by submit<sup>g</sup> to his Superiors

As to / dispute betw<sup>n</sup> Messrs Whyte & Brew in regard to the preced<sup>ce</sup> in Council  
y<sup>e</sup> must let Mr Brew know t / app<sup>nt</sup> o Members o Council, in our ~~last~~ letter o  
December 9<sup>th</sup> 1757 was made by our express direc<sup>n</sup> in / order they sh<sup>d</sup> stand, & wh<sup>ch</sup>  
is to be y<sup>e</sup> in regard to the Rank; if we sh<sup>d</sup> place Mr Whyte before Mr Brew bec<sup>ca</sup>  
/ latter had lost his seniority by be<sup>g</sup> dismissed / Cos Service on Capt Hamilton o  
Bristol's complaint ag<sup>st</sup> him, wh<sup>ch</sup> probably he wd fully forget.

These frequent disputes are v<sup>ry</sup> detrimental to / Service, & we h<sup>ve</sup> had it under  
Conson to desire Mr Bell wd return to Cape Coast in order to establish / harmony  
wh<sup>ch</sup> subsisted whil<sup>st</sup> he was President, & sh<sup>d</sup> hereafter be oblig<sup>d</sup> to send our future  
Chiefs fm home, unless we hear o our Officers agreed better than they've lately done.

Mr danglands is come home & has petitioned us to go out agn in our service  
but he refused him on acct o / representations y<sup>e</sup> made us o his conduct & behaviour  
in y<sup>e</sup> Lt<sup>r</sup> o June 15<sup>th</sup> 1758 [② @ 252]

We are sorry to find t y<sup>e</sup> & Mr Baugh h<sup>ve</sup> yet no good understandg  
to<sup>g</sup>er, but we rely on y<sup>e</sup> promise t he sh<sup>d</sup> h<sup>ve</sup> no reason to complain o y<sup>e</sup>  
behaviour to him, if / Artificers he demands are in / debt we sent y<sup>e</sup> out & are  
alive, y<sup>e</sup> must let him h<sup>ve</sup> them, as they are to be paid by / Bd o Ordnance, / goods  
we sent y<sup>e</sup> out last year by the bores, be<sup>g</sup> f<sup>r</sup> t purpose. If t sh<sup>d</sup> not be  
sufficient to pay all / people o ours wh<sup>ch</sup> he employ<sup>s</sup> & y<sup>e</sup> advance any goods  
f<sup>r</sup> the paymt, y<sup>e</sup> must keep & send us a regular acct thro<sup>g</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> a copy to be  
laid before t Board. We h<sup>ve</sup> applied the f<sup>r</sup> / same sum they granted us  
last year, to lay out in goods agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Indent, but they don't intend

96. to grant us any. They h communicated to us part o a br they h recd fm  
Mr Baugh, a copy o wh we send of inclosed, & as those charges in it relatg to  
us h not / least foundam in truth; we h no doubt but y will vindicate yrself  
fm those t regard y; partly t o yr refusg to procure him wine, wh fm /  
evidence upon / Enquiry in / H. o. C. in 1758 appeared cd not be procured &  
delivered at Panamaboo wth gr expence - & a number o small Vessels to  
transport it; & it appeared also fm / evide o Mr Eng<sup>r</sup> Watson & a calc  
calculatn made by Mr Eng<sup>r</sup> Appleley t it wld be cheaper to send it fm  
hence than get it upon / Coast.

We observe what y say in justifi<sup>n</sup> o Mr Huppisley. The repeated complaints  
we hd o his conduct on / Coast was sufficient grounds f his dismission at / same  
time we are displeasd w / manner in wh Messrs Westgate & Prew represented / affairs  
o Mr Cooke who we thot hd bn a trader for Europe.

We h carefully perused yr Calculat<sup>n</sup> o expence o maintaining / Forts on / Gold Coast  
f / Year 1758 & we are sorry it amts so high, as / sum granted us at present will not  
afford Egor supplies than those annually sent y; but our endeavours sh not be  
wantg to obtain an addit<sup>n</sup>, ~~that~~ <sup>but</sup> be<sup>g</sup> sensible / allow<sup>ce</sup> is too small f / paym<sup>t</sup> o  
salaries & support o / Forts. We must, how<sup>ev</sup>, observe t what y reckon paym<sup>t</sup> o salaries  
sh to be considered in part as an expence o repairs / Forts, f we understand t at least  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  of / slaves we maintain are capable o work, & f the labour is applied to any o<sup>r</sup>  
purpose ~~than~~ but t o repairing / Forts it is a manifest breach o duty in our Officers. We  
likewise differ fm y wtdly in / Calculat<sup>n</sup> o exchange for Gold Piece into sterlg.  
For appears to us on taking 4 years expences tog<sup>e</sup> in time o peace, t / exchange turns  
out above 100% wh y make only 75% & / addl charge o freight & ins<sup>ur</sup> since /  
War has not exceeded 10%.

We desire y will continue to send us once w<sup>ch</sup> year / state o / Forts & repairs  
done since / last acct.

— Re / complaints abt / these Harms & a Pleas—



farther; but I think fm / copy o his estimate & o Mr Brew's dr inclosed, it wd  
be no differ matter to prove / reverse

- at Aboo only Snow Hope Capt w<sup>m</sup> Watkins fm Bristol wants abt 20 women to complete  
New Industry Capt Leguon - ~~Small~~ Benjamin Marygold Capt Tho's Beattie Taylor both fm  
Rhode Island w<sup>m</sup> Rum, 1st finished, 2nd abt 60 Hogs heads left Price o Slaves in Aboo Prod 8 oz,  
at CC. only f. 28. Unless some vessel comes down to keep up / price, hopes to lower it to 7 oz.  
Pral goods in demand: - Grass green long cells [blue vj difficult to get off] negamma pants,  
Bejita pants, Manchester o / new pattern, Patna chintz striped Toffates, Cotton Romauls,  
Cherries Derrys, Chelloes, Tapsails, Gunpowder, Hatf Sags

- at / desire o President o Elmira Mrs Harpicooper he wd inclose some ltrs fm him  
to / W.I.C o Holland to be forwarded w<sup>g</sup> dispatch as he is extremely useful in dispatching  
any ltrs bound to him. We continue to live upon succeedg good terms w one another &  
flatter myself we sh always do so

At A Brig & a Ship fm W<sup>m</sup> Co R. lately brot them upwards o 90 soldiers, besides  
officers, fm wh I old imagine they are in some expecta<sup>n</sup> o a war w England. I cd  
wish / affair o Commenda cd be settled betw o / Dutch W.I.C t we may be  
brot to no f farther expens on t acct - - -

An Estimate o / <sup>copy o</sup> Prices o Materials fm England shewg / diffie  
o / Price it beg supplied on / Coast  
(By Mr Brough)

After this Cargo is worked up, remains 108 Bods to complete /		
Buidg <sup>g</sup> wh will take 500000 Bricks at 20/- / 1000		£ 500
To freight o sd Bricks £3 p ton		33 75
To shipping do		100
To unloading do on / Coast		300
		£ 4275

The Pleasant fd on board 80,000 Bricks, 10000 deducted remains 60000, wh is - 67-

To shipping, freight, & unloading / same		266
		335
		£ 4,610

To Quarryg & carryg / Stone to / Fort w<sup>g</sup> ground rent at most wd amt to £634-10-0

To give away in presents .

	600	1284-10
Diffie o expence		£ 3325-10

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Anno 1759.

An Acct o / m<sup>y</sup> recd & expended by / Ctee o / Co<sup>m</sup> Merchts trading to Africa f / support  
 & improvmt o / Forts & Settlements upon / sd Coast / Ctee consisting o ... [9 names] . . .

Recd of Ctee f 1759 beg Balce o last yrs acct

Sundry Receipts

By Warrant fr<sup>m</sup> / Treasury

Deduct Fees

Discount, allow, & one freedom (22)

10,000

574-13-6

1116-2-9

239-16-6

9482-6-6

10-10-4

£ 10,848-16-

Expended

Clothy passages, educan<sup>n</sup> oc o Quamino sono Africa }  
 o Dukware, Aqua son o Ashampo & / son o old King dears }

114 5.6

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Pamkia

1540-3-3

Cape Coast

4262-0-9

8953-1-10

800

Chges o Managemt by Act o Parliamt

68-14-0

Sundry payments

9821-15-10

Balce to / Ctee f 1760

1027-0-3

10848-16-1

AB £661. 15-6 part o above balce is reserved to pay / assignees o  
 Mr John Roberts when it sh<sup>l</sup> be determined who has a right to rec<sup>v</sup> it

[End o CO 388/48]

done f / sd work, 240 Hogs heads included / Pleasants Cargo  
To freight shipping & landg

£240  
844 1092

To purchase Shells f / above Quantity o home  
To carrie o / sd shells  
To Wood f burning Batts

221-15  
240-5  
221-15 693-15

Diffe o expense o home

£ 408-5  
3325-10

Total Diffe o Expense

£ 3753-15

Undercharged in / Article f freight shipping & unloading  
/ Pleasants Cargo

Total Diffe o Expense

342  
£ 4075-15

The above is estimated in Sterling money allowg all costs f remittg it in  
goods to be paid out o / sum £1968-5 - wh is / whole expense o / Stone & Lime

Copy for Mrs Brew to Mrs Senior. Annamaboo of August 1759

I will see by / Estimate enclosed (wh Mr Baugh sent home 12 mos ago) t th is a  
Charge o £684-10 sterlg f quarryg & carryg stone to / Fort w Ground Rent o / Quarry, Now t  
this is a manifest imposition / Publick I think I can clearly demonstrate. In / first place, th has ben no  
Stone made use o in this Building since Mr Baugh's arriv except what was quarried outside our Sally port  
Gate within 3 or 4 yards o / Sella Wood Wall, & what was blown, to make room f / Tank & Buildings within /  
Walls o / Fort. In / next place / same stone was bored, blown & quarried by / Cos slaves t are pd by /  
Publick, & / Powder f blowing has ben furnished by me on / Cos acct, besides / Ground Rent o / Quarry I h  
always pd, as I will see by / note given by Mr Apperley to / Owner o / Quarry, if / Chuse I had sent it up  
And as f / charge o £600 sterlg f / Doshees 'as my real opinion th never was £30 expended in t way, neither  
do I think th is any occ<sup>n</sup> to give anythg except a little liquor now & agn to / Head People & a Cloth once a  
Year, upon / whole I think he will put at least £1000 out o / £1240-10 (wh he charges f Stone & Presents) into  
his own pocket. As f / rest o / estimate I leave t f / to animadvert upon, only I must observe to y t f  
a Clee's slave falls sick or mals w an accident do g his duty, t he is immediately checked in Quarterly Pay  
Bills, wh Mr Baugh sends home w a dew t / Bd o Ordnance may deduct out o his pay fm / Clee f / time he  
has ben unable to work. I really think this a v g<sup>t</sup> price o injustice to our Constituents & t they sh to be  
appressed o / same.

Please to observe t / Board o Ordnance h approved o Mr Baugh's Estimate & Proceedg s & in consequ<sup>ce</sup>  
do of h ordered £1000 sterlg to be sent him in goods o / best kind & suited to this Trade, as p.  
Indent o Mr Baugh's sent home f t purpose

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Hh 2. Recd Nov 28 1760

29 July 1760. Admalty office. J. Cleveland to John Pownall

Sends copies o/ state o Forts & Settlements on / Co Africa as they were before Nov & Febg last f/ info o/ Lords Commrs of Trade & Plantations, sent to / Admalty by Capt Scaife Scaife o HMS Chesterfield.

Hh 3.

[Summary o States, signed at end by John Scaife.]

Ducor Fort 19 Jan 1760

Com Muller Govr, 1 Serjt, 1 Gunner, 6 Soldiers, Slaves 8 m 16 w. Black Cabbages - Peacanjah, Peacah longust, Peafa Ground handker, Indo. Tuns 20 6pdr (gunners) 10 4pdr (unuse) 5 1pdr (unuse) military stores... Conden Hamports want terras & steps leady to them water. Drive in tolerable q of ord.

Succondae Fort 21 Jan 1760

Felt Pebue Govr, 1 Serjt, 1 Gunner, 7 soldiers, Slaves 5 m 4 w. Five Blacks Custjoe Cabbages usjoe Cabbages Yanley longust Quassay Cork. Tuns 3 9pdr, 1 bag, 3 6pdr, 10 4pdr (5 bad), 5 3pdr (3 bad), 8 1pdr (4 bad) military stores... Fort badg down & in a v ruinous condn

Commenda Fort 22 Feb 1760

Thos Westgate Govr, 1 Serjt, 1 Gunner, 3 Mulatto Soldiers; Black Drummer, Slaves 11 m 3 b 6 w 5 g. Free Black men - Jno Cabess Cabbages Amagua Ht Capt & Cabrt, Cherqua longust mo Bell Bombay Tuns 16 12pdr (14 used), 2 9pdr, 2 6pdr, 3 4pdr, 12 2pdr, 9 1pdr all o Repair, Military Stores... Fort in pretty good upair

Cape Coast Castle 1 Feb 1760

Nassau Senior Govr, Treasr & chief Warehouse Kpt, Wm Webster, acctn John Poyssle Secy, Pott Greenhill Surgeon, Dep Warehouse Keeper, 1 Factor, Registre, Alexander & Anne Secre, 3 Factors, 2 Writers, acct, Lieut o Guard, Surgeons mate, 1 Warehouse Bombrd, 1 Gardener, 1 Master o Horse, 1 Butler, & wife, Mason, 1 Carpenter, 1 Serjt, 3 Corples, 1 drummer, 1 Afric, 36 Soldiers, Custjoe Cabrt & longust - Black Writers Wm Ansche Fredh Adoy, Jno Adja, Jco Backley; - Jco Banisher messy & stry - Slaves - 36 Carnoemen (15 for Chesterfield) 30 Artificers, 40 Labor, 83 w + 3 (2 represented). Tuns 8 12pdr, 3 18pdr, 6 12pdr, 9 9pdr, 11 6pdr, 3 4pdr, 12pdr (3 18pdr, & 12 12pdr unrepresented) & 12pdr take sent to Arca Castle in gen in gr want o repair.

1824.  
Mamaboe Fort 6 Feb 1760  
Com Gordon Factor & Mice Fort. This under Order o Wks 1 Gunner & Serjt 10 Soldiers Slaves 55 m, 26 w,  
Guns 4 6prs 4 3prs military stores The exterior wall complete. All / Ware & Burg houses Tank & mag  
finished. N.W. S.W. & S.E. Bastions filled in but not paved. Slave hole in N.E. Bastion just begun.

Tantum Quarry Fort 8 Feb. 1760  
Bonville Fort. 1 Serjt. 1 Gunner, 6 Soldiers. Slaves 6 m 6 w Guns 2 9prs. <sup>unser</sup> 8 4pr. 2 3pr 4 1pr  
military stores. Fort in vry good repair

Wonnebah Fort 10 Feb 1760  
Jno Hoppersley Fort 1 Serjt 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers Slaves 4 m 4 w Free Black men Cudjomy Ground hand-  
ford — Quabbin Cabbacher — Jackson Capt o / Town — Quow Billy lingust — Bombay, cook.  
Guns 2 6pr bad, 8 4pr bad, 4 3pr bad, 2 1pr bad. mil stores. . . The outward walls Bastions  
roofs in vry good order lately thoroughly repaired Floors doors windows frames bad

James Fort Neera 14 Feb 1760  
Jas white Fort 1 Serjt 1 Gunner 7 soldiers Slaves 15 m 16 w Free Black men. — Abrah Cabbacher  
Dombay Cabbacher Cudjoe lingust. 1 Gunner, 1 Capt o 1 cook. Guns 10 12prs 2 9prs  
13 6prs (4 bad) — 7 4pr 3 3pr & 7 1pr all bad — Fort in tolerable good order.

Hassau Senior to / Clee Hh 4 Read Nov 28 1760  
C. C. C. 25 September 1759

[Slightly given & given more & young]

The Fanties still talk o fighting w / Warsaws Sevl o / latter & on  
down here lately to trade but am afraid it will soon be put a stop to. Yest 9 /  
Abrah labouers sent to acquaint me John Curran tees messenger was returned  
fm Ashantie. 1 Quishee King o Ashantie had taken Fittush (or Oath) to  
assist / Fanties to destroy / Warsaws; t therefore they expected / English wot

assist them w powder & guns, & begged I wd send them a Quarter barrel as a  
confirm<sup>n</sup> o / same. I did all in my power to dissuade them fm it, but as I found  
it was to no purpose, told em t as / Fantasies were extremely jealous o one ano<sup>r</sup>,  
ed not possibly give any answer to such message, unless sent by / whole Body. They  
went away w/ well pleased, & I immediately wrote to / Gent<sup>n</sup> o / Council to desire the  
opinion in so critical an affair. If they are determined on fighting, am afraid the  
will be an absolute necessity o supply<sup>g</sup> them.

Act o Council held at C.C.C. 13 September 1759.

Present<sup>r</sup>

Nassau Senior Srge. President o Council Gov<sup>r</sup> in Chief &  
John Hoppisley V.P. o Council & Gov<sup>r</sup> o Winnebago  
James White M.C. & Gov<sup>r</sup> o James Fort Meara  
Richard Brew<sup>r</sup> M.C. & Gov<sup>r</sup> o Anamakers

--- [Barjames at Wiydah] ---

The Council having taken into cons<sup>n</sup> / hardships t they & / rest o / Chiefs be under  
in advanc<sup>g</sup> the Rum at 5/- / Gallon & Tobacco at £4 / Boll, in / present o / scarcity  
o these articles

Resolved T fm 15<sup>th</sup> Sept / former be allowed to be charged at 6/- / Gall, / Better  
at 2/6 / Fathom.

[sgd by / above]

Copy o / State & Condition o / Winnebago Fort transmitted to / C<sup>o</sup> in / preced<sup>g</sup> by  
John Hoppisley Gov<sup>r</sup> Chief. 1 Sery<sup>n</sup>, 1 Mulatto Gov<sup>r</sup>, 1 Soldier & Mulatto Soldiers  
The outw<sup>r</sup> o / Fort are in v<sup>y</sup> good repair nor is anything want<sup>g</sup> but new Floors to / Rooms  
& new Doors. The Guns (excepts two o parts purch<sup>d</sup> in Mr Bell's time) are w<sup>th</sup> o /  
use! at least they cannot be fired w<sup>th</sup> o / danger.

Nassau Senior to / Ctee

C.C.C. 24 November 1759

Must beg to recommend to y<sup>e</sup> to settle / Affairs o Commenda if not already done, otherwise h<sup>e</sup> some reason to think we sh<sup>d</sup> agn be troubled w<sup>th</sup> it on / Coast. Mr Haydecoper mentd in private to Mr Gossal when he was at Elmira a few weeks ago, he was apprehensive he sh<sup>d</sup> h<sup>e</sup> fresh orders from the Co abt renew<sup>l</sup> / dispute at Commenda. This certain they are now putting the Fort into a proper posture o Defe. They h<sup>e</sup> now at Elmira 70 or 80 Soldiers, as fine disciplined people as ever I saw, most Prussians & French deserters. I was lately at Elmira to return Mr Haydecoper's ceremonial visit. He entertained me extremely gently, but w<sup>th</sup> so much ceremony as was quite troublesome It's impossible the can be giv<sup>e</sup> homage paid to a Prince than the is to him by any one in / Dutch Service. There is as much to g<sup>t</sup> auty lodged in him as (excuse my talk / liberty to say) the is too little in y<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> here. I flatter myself / inclosed copy o a br wrote y<sup>st</sup> to Messrs Huppisley & Whyte (Messrs Westgate & Brew are expected here tomorrow) will be sufficient to convince y<sup>e</sup> o / latter. In short Gov<sup>r</sup> / life I lead at present is not to be envied by one o y<sup>r</sup> inferior Clerks. I confess I am heartily tired o it. I h<sup>e</sup> / name o y<sup>r</sup> Chief Gov<sup>r</sup>, & not a Chief Factor at any o y<sup>r</sup> Outposts but has a g<sup>t</sup> auty over / people in his Garrison than I h<sup>e</sup>. If a Writer or Factor here is guilty o ever so g<sup>t</sup> a misdemeanor, I must put up patiently w<sup>th</sup> it till I can consult w<sup>th</sup> / Council who perhaps w<sup>th</sup> o mere contradiction will not suffer them to be punished. I don't know how they may behave in this present affair, but from t<sup>o</sup> Langlands & Bruce's I amly h<sup>e</sup> sufficient reason o mentioning this. I know it may be sd, had y<sup>r</sup> Predecessors any g<sup>t</sup> authority than y<sup>r</sup>self? Indeed they had. Neither o them but had a Council w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>th</sup> always agree to any reasonable proposal. In short, they ed act as if / whole power was lodged in themselves; but now (as I am told) there are some Gentlemen t<sup>o</sup> value themselves g<sup>t</sup>ly f<sup>r</sup> beg men o Fortune & Spirit, & therefore, I suppose, think it

behoves them to lessen yr Govrs authority as much as possible in order to make themselves / more respected. I ask pardon for trouble of so much on this subject. Am sensible when I consider / extreme uneasy situa<sup>n</sup> I am in at this juncture, yr will excuse it.

The King o Ashantee some months ago sent a messenger down to acquaint me he was informed I was go<sup>g</sup> to assist / ~~Warsaw~~ Warsaw w<sup>th</sup> a hundred barrels o gunpowder, but as he always looked upon / English as his friends, hoped I wd not do it; & he was determined to destroy ~~the~~ them this month. How<sup>r</sup> it is now near at an end, & I don't see / least appearance o it; indeed I v<sup>y</sup> much doubt if / Warsaw o Ashantee will ever come to a battle. The messenger comg thro / Warsaw Camp was, told w<sup>th</sup> all his people, seized & sold; & a few days ago I redeemed him fm a Fantiyn Trader. A number o Warsaw Traders were lately at Elmina. The Fantiyns on hearing it went to Aguaffoe & / sundry o<sup>r</sup> Towns ab / back o Elmina in order to seize them on their return. After plunderg w<sup>y</sup> Town they came thro, they returned w<sup>th</sup> a single Warsaw. ~~From this it is evident that in my last~~

This goes by Capt<sup>n</sup> Nixon o / ship Amelia o Bristol who intends sailg this night. Th<sup>r</sup> will then be only Capt Carruthers in a Sloop fm Lpool wants 20 slaves & a Dutch ship at Anamaboo. Trade is at present exceedg dull w<sup>g</sup> to / dispute betw<sup>n</sup> / Fantiyns & Warsaws. The price o slaves 70<sup>z</sup>. <sup>from</sup> & so on propor<sup>n</sup> Goods in demand as p. my last.

PS. I am obliged to haul yr long boat on shore f<sup>r</sup> want o egg<sup>s</sup> & sculls - not procurable w<sup>th</sup> / Gov<sup>r</sup> at this juncture

Nassau Senior to / Ctee C.C.C. 28 November 1759

I am this moment informed / M<sup>r</sup>s President attended w<sup>th</sup> / Fiscal & Surveyors w<sup>th</sup> last night to Commencia. I suppose to give proper dirons abt carryg on / repairs o t<sup>h</sup> fort; wh<sup>r</sup> or no they h<sup>ve</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> fresh Orders fm the Co concerng / late dispute I cannot yet learn: how<sup>r</sup> that it may be to acquaint yr w<sup>th</sup> / above Messrs Westgate & Brew came here this day, & am told they intend concurrg w<sup>th</sup> me to degrade Byrne to a soldier

HR 5.

Read Nov 28 1960

John Huppert to / Cite  
Lynchak Fair 30 January 1960

In consequence of the 0 year 0 east [page] [p 13] from now (some us)  
 charged to derive a 0 0 private I was not attend to anything for me I cannot  
 have but take this liberty (this east, if you I were a my individual) a writing one  
 misunderstanding the to g. - the individual must let them he who either he is father's  
 under his best feet each is conscious a heart (at least in a very measure) be / come a the  
 come upon him. An innocent man, heart wanted for / person's / a / a / many last  
 down upon it. This intention is worthy to me. I'll mention in your yr individual  
 a yr can truly say to whom I did / say I will I was softer, I was weak enough  
 to think I did not directly fly in / face of yr order. I made a gr shame when out-  
 bddy a best belong (at least / get part of it) to my Bonnie who had a fair in yr  
 desire as well as me, a try to have / trade a the skipper a the boats. He liked a  
 craft a my kind say here heads, the the is set in / change ago me, my kind of  
 leaders. This perhaps may not be much in my favour a I will say at least I was  
 demerit wrong in my judgment. For a the I believe a gr after between a fault committed  
 by / done a errors no one was for a breakfast impudent a outward after a order  
 It is as it were, I know I do not know's but I do not know's I am now saying I  
 it. If difference alone form the represented on / matter terms, and I do know my  
 own heart. I made me of / future behavior a / must wear submit to yr commands. The  
 punishment inflicted has put me I out a face, a my body present sentence cannot now be  
 I liberty to make me out on / my number, but must be buried in my afflicted mind  
 from / comforts a a rest in the service, for / only unduly a this sad country can afford.  
 after / stretch my constitution has been upon I once than ten years, a those / most precious  
 in a man's life. I am at least to last some / meagre, happy perhaps in one  
 I expect I'm my constant kind behaviour to them, they see me in open arms; the  
 I ~~do not~~ dare be held to say, the is not one a them but guests at / other.

Small alleviation how even this is to / dismal prospect before me; but I must not submit to it. A long train of unhappy disasters, ppally in consequence of / last French Privateers, Comte St Florentine, having made me lose a sloop & valuable cargo, put it out of my power to return home. I sh not spirits to dwell on this Subject, nor does it become me when to endeavour to raise such sentiments in yr breasts as mt prompt y to forgive a man whom yr obligants as Public Directors put y under / necessity of condemning; but this I can say w a most sincere & melancholly heart, t if / kind of punishment is to beg back / guilty to true repentance & a firm resolution to err no more, t end, were / power given me to shew it, wd now be answered in me. I cannot conclude w<sup>th</sup> my express<sup>g</sup> my wonder at / mention of repeated Complaints agst me. I such ths h bn I am not to dispute; but t I am able absolutely to invalidate them (even / most trifly) all except this in ques<sup>n</sup>, I dare to risk my life upon, & what little Fortune I h left. How shocked then must I be, when in yr Resolv<sup>n</sup> agst me, I find t it is derived not singly fm / fault I actine, but fm its beg complicated w these or Complaints.

Even oftis all, perhaps I shd not say much; but how hard to suppress ones thots when so much is at stake & / alternative is misery or ease! I wic h done . . .

Nassau Senior to / Ctee. C.C.C. 3 February 1760

- Acknes rec<sup>d</sup> of copies of ths des of 7 Aug [p 73] & 15 Aug [47] 1759 p. Hms  
Chesterfield Capt John Scaife. -

This des, not seem ~~to~~ / least probability of my beg able to settle / defects betw / Warsaws & Fanyins. The latter & yr Ashantees seem determined to root out / former. The Warsaws, beg informed of / Ashantees' inten<sup>n</sup>, abt four weeks ago determined on puttg to death / present King of Ashantees' uncle whom they rec<sup>d</sup> as a hostage abt 20 yrs ago; but he, beg informed of it, made his escape to / Fanyin country. He is now here, & as I imagine it may be f / English int<sup>t</sup>, intend keepg him, if possible, till / Ashantees come down. The

Dutch are act<sup>g</sup> underhand to get him from us, but I hope to baffle all the schemes. It will be attended w<sup>th</sup> some small expence, but depend upon it. I sh<sup>d</sup> be as frugal as I possibly can. The King o<sup>f</sup> Ashantee, has lately sent ano<sup>r</sup> mess<sup>gr</sup> to me, tell<sup>g</sup> me he will shortly be down to destroy / Warsaw, & desir<sup>g</sup> I wd spare him a quantity o<sup>f</sup> gun powder & guns. He promises to send people f<sup>r</sup> it in abt 10 days. The mess<sup>gr</sup>, who is one o<sup>f</sup> his ppal Capt<sup>s</sup>, has orders to stay in / Fanti<sup>n</sup> country till he hears f<sup>r</sup> from him. We h<sup>ve</sup> had so many various reports, since my beg<sup>g</sup> in Africa, o<sup>f</sup> / Ashantees com<sup>g</sup> down, t<sup>h</sup> I put v<sup>y</sup> little confide<sup>n</sup>ce in what they say, tho<sup>ugh</sup> I confess I think the ~~news~~ was so much reason to expect them as at this juncture.

Whil<sup>st</sup> I continue here & may depend upon my gift<sup>s</sup> o<sup>f</sup> / earhest intell<sup>g</sup> I can. to<sup>ge</sup>r w<sup>th</sup> Annam<sup>boe</sup> purchase 10 slaves a week

Trade is excessively dull acc<sup>o</sup> to these reports, I do not imagine all / ships advanc<sup>g</sup> / price o<sup>f</sup> tobacco & Rum. I ~~am~~ assure<sup>d</sup> of, but do not I wd on no Consider<sup>o</sup>n he consented to it. Mr Brew last Dec<sup>r</sup> was oblig<sup>d</sup> to give a Bill f<sup>r</sup> some payable at / rate o<sup>f</sup> 6/ = sterl<sup>g</sup> p. Gall. How<sup>ev</sup>r you'll find by my acct<sup>s</sup> I won't be a farth<sup>g</sup> expence more at this place, but rather a gain<sup>r</sup>, by rais<sup>g</sup> / price o<sup>f</sup> latter It always has, & ever will be, whil<sup>st</sup> I continue here, my study to act / just & honest part. Had I not, & must be convinc<sup>d</sup> I h<sup>ve</sup> enemies enough to h<sup>ve</sup> represent<sup>d</sup> it, I defy any man breath<sup>g</sup> to call my character in ques<sup>o</sup>n. I only wish / person t<sup>h</sup> succeeds me may h<sup>ve</sup> fr<sup>o</sup> interest as much at heart as I h<sup>ve</sup>; it's impossible he can h<sup>ve</sup> it more. How<sup>ev</sup>r it will shortly be seen as I'm determin<sup>d</sup> on leav<sup>g</sup> this Coast, if possible, by / begin<sup>g</sup> o<sup>f</sup> June I wish, w<sup>th</sup> all my heart, realis<sup>g</sup> what is due me f<sup>r</sup> advancem<sup>ts</sup> may n<sup>t</sup> detain me.

In orders abt Mr Hippiusley sh<sup>d</sup> be compli<sup>d</sup> w<sup>th</sup>; tho<sup>ugh</sup> excuse my tak<sup>g</sup> / liberty here to say, if y<sup>e</sup> are pleas<sup>d</sup> to continue to take such Resolvem<sup>ts</sup> on my represent<sup>o</sup>n made to y<sup>e</sup>, it must make y<sup>e</sup> Chief (as he is call<sup>d</sup>.) Gov<sup>r</sup> look

extremely mean, & put an end to all kind o' anything. I am far from say'g t' Mr Hoppisley  
is not very culpable, but cannot think him by any means so much as he is represented,  
& fancy I must be convinced when I rec<sup>d</sup> my letter relat'g to t' affair. How<sup>r</sup>, take  
him w' all his faults, if h' not a properer person to succeed ~~him~~ me in Africa. Please,  
Pomam, to consider / consequ<sup>t</sup> o' discharg'g a person yr service on / bare representation o' his enemies  
(+ partly in this, where it<sup>r</sup> was one whose int<sup>t</sup> was so highly concerned to do all in his power  
to put him aside to make room for himself.) No doubt but they will upon all occas<sup>ns</sup> exaggerate  
matters, & upon meet'g w' / least encourage m<sup>r</sup>. in vent'g th'g<sup>s</sup> t' are absolutely false. In most  
Communitie<sup>s</sup> abroad, I fancy when a charge is sent home agst any person, it is usual for the  
Masters or Constituents, at home to send back t' Charge, requiring the ppal Officer or Officers to  
examine into it, & see justice done both parties. If they think the Officer or Officers were not  
punish' / Delinquents as he deserves, why will they continue such Officer or Officers in the  
Service? They surely ot not. If Messrs Brew & Westgate had acted / gentlel & equitable part<sup>s</sup>,  
they surely shd h' represented this affair to / Council, & the / poor man wd h' had an opp<sup>t</sup>  
o' ~~answering~~ answer'g in his own defence, but before he can possibly do so, he is discharged fr  
service. It's sd t' what was done was not thro' any private Peck or Malice, but a duty  
they thot it incumbent on people in the Stan<sup>s</sup> Is it possible t' any one wd endeavour to  
advance such ridiculous absurdities? Why did ~~not~~ they not behave in / same manner  
to Mr Petrie? They represented t' affair to / Council, & when they found it<sup>s</sup> differ in  
opinion they protested agst it. This surely was sufficient to clear them from all  
aspersions. Had this bn done in Mr Hoppisley's affair, he cd h' no reason to find fault.  
I shd be extremely sorry anythg shd be taken amiss from what I h' already sd, but am  
convinced I will not when I consider how excessive uneasy I must be at / mean opinion  
& plainly appears I must certainly entertain o' me, more especially as I am conscious to myself  
t' it is not t' man breath'g wd h' swarted himself more than I h' done for yr Honour & Int<sup>t</sup>,  
since my beg here. This I think I h' given of very urgent proofs o'. Mr Petrie is extremely  
thankful for / candour of h' bn so kind as to shew him; copy o' a l<sup>r</sup> recd from him on / occas<sup>n</sup> I  
knoweth send'g; & must in justice say it<sup>r</sup> has not been / least th'g to be found fault w' in  
his behaviour since. Mr Brew has taken his discharge, & goes home in t' Chesterfield,  
who sails tomorrow or next day. I sh convene / Council & acquaint I by next Courtyce who is  
apptd Chief at Pomamaboo. Mr Muller beg / oldest Chief, I fancy will succeed him in /  
Council. He is a v<sup>y</sup> capable man, & I assure of extremely desired o' it, & as such I recommend him.

Massau Senior to / Ctee

C. C. C. 6 February 1760

Capt John Scaife o HMS Chesterfield has put on shore here, as slaves, 16 men (one o wh died / day after landg) 2 girls & 1 Boy. They, w sundry o<sup>th</sup> to / am<sup>t</sup> o near 100 people, made an attempt to take / ship off the Tahoe. They came off under prett<sup>e</sup> o sellg cattle &c, finding a number o muskells on comg along side, & immediately after jumped on board w naked knives. They were recd in such a manner as they did not expect. A g<sup>th</sup> number were killed. Some swam <sup>on</sup> ashore; these he took prisoners & shot down w him. By good luck, not a man on board / Chesterfield was wounded. All / men are canoe men & will be o infinite service. I doubt not but y will take into cons<sup>er</sup> Capt Scaife's act<sup>g</sup> in this manner, & make him proper act<sup>mt</sup> on his arival in England. He has besides this, done us o<sup>th</sup> signal services, as t<sup>o</sup> assistg Mr Muller to get Cannon mounted, on / Battlements at Dixcar; also in assistg Mr Westgate in landg 2-10 p<sup>er</sup> sent for this place, & mountg 'em on / Battlements at Commda (althg unpracticable w / people & stores we had) & this w / great readiness imaginable. I h spoke to him ab<sup>t</sup> carryg down 9-12 pers to Acra wh believe he will also do. - Suggests ibe informg / Lords o / Namely a thankng them for orderg him thither - Ourg to shortage o hands consent / gen Books only up to ulto Dec 1759 - asks for writers by next ship - Mr Wilson / Surveyor died Dec last Inter Intend apptg Mr Turner in his place - asks f an assistant to him to be sent out.

- |           |             |             |                     |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Middleton | Capt Walker | } o Lpool   | } slavg at<br>Aboe. |
| Nancy     | " Bennet    |             |                     |
| Tanketon  | " Sonnacoe  | } o Bristol |                     |
| Phoenix   | " Anderson  |             |                     |
| Jones     | " Shored    |             |                     |
| Meston    | " Maddox    |             |                     |

2 Rhode Island Vessels w Rum in CCC Road

Goods in demand: - Green Long Ells, Half Sarys, Negani pants, Patna Chintz,  
Tapesals, Sestracunches & gunpowder. Trade v<sup>y</sup> dull.  
Sends a packet recd from / Dutch.

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S<sup>ends</sup> Act o Council at C.C.C. dated 5<sup>th</sup> Decr 1769

Senior Westgate & Brew

Mr Mark Byrnes factor charged w<sup>th</sup> behaving in a v<sup>ry</sup> riotous & contumacious manner  
in this Kestle at 4 pm on 24<sup>th</sup> (partes in Wolah-ke Book <sup>del</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> ulto. The  
Secy ordered to give him / option o beg made a soldier or to take his discharge  
The salary o w<sup>ives</sup> Sarah Byrnes his wife also ceas<sup>ing</sup> fm this date  
Geo Fulgate Winters reduced to ant<sup>er</sup> Winters at £40 pa, & encourag<sup>ing</sup> Byrnes.

Hh 6. Read Nov 28 1760.

Nathan Senior to / Clee C.C.C. 8 March 1760

Mr Whyte - this last was by / Chesterfield -

Mr Whyte is arriv<sup>ed</sup> fm Accra who assures me t<sup>hat</sup> upwards o 2,000 Ashantees  
are now waiting at Accra f<sup>or</sup> Troquoy / King o Ashantees' uncle. They h<sup>ave</sup> likewise  
sent a messgr to see if he is really / person. Cudjoe, yr Capocce here, tells me  
he believes / Fantyns will object to his beg sent to Accra. I h<sup>ave</sup> b<sup>een</sup> at some  
expence to keep him fm go<sup>ing</sup> to / Dutch, & now give him 8 ackies a month in  
trade, to subsist himself.

The day after Mr Whyte's arriv<sup>al</sup> I wrote to Mr Westgate to know his opinion o  
uppt<sup>ing</sup> a member o / Council in room o Mr Brew<sup>who</sup> resigned, & / time he doth w<sup>ill</sup> be proper  
to allow Mr Happersley; Howev<sup>er</sup> y<sup>ou</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> a copy o his answer. You'll see / Resol<sup>ution</sup> wh<sup>ich</sup> Mr  
Whyte & I came to, wh<sup>ich</sup> hope will be to yr satisfact<sup>ion</sup>; We cannot think it was yr inten<sup>tion</sup>  
we sh<sup>ould</sup> not fill up any vacancies t<sup>hat</sup> sh<sup>ould</sup> happen in Council, & ways f<sup>or</sup> doubtless w<sup>ill</sup> be given  
orders to t<sup>hat</sup> purpose. The person pitched upon is not only intitled to it by seniority, but  
also extremely capable. I h<sup>ave</sup> a copy o what was writ<sup>ten</sup> Mr Westgate, & his answer upon this  
occa<sup>sion</sup>. I leave y<sup>ou</sup> to judge Gent<sup>lemen</sup>, if such behaviour is to be borne w<sup>ith</sup> & wh<sup>ich</sup> t<sup>hat</sup> person can  
think himself. under any auth<sup>ority</sup> what<sup>soever</sup>, sh<sup>ould</sup> such things be passed over, w<sup>hen</sup> one in time will

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be the own master. I h this day sent f Mr Muttis & sh desire to know his & Mr Whytes  
opinion thereon. I don't understand what he means by Mr Bell's Maxims o God; but this I  
know, had Mr Bell bn here he wd never h bn so passive as I h hitherto bn, but discharged  
him / Service long ago. The maxim t I h hitherto taken has bn & has turned out as much f  
yr wth as t o Mr Bell's or any o my predecessors, wh can be easily made appear by yr  
gen Books; & I fancy no one wly t has bn transacted by me will ever turn out to yr Dis-  
honour, Liben & consider / Affairs o Mr Huppisley's, / time it must take a person in his  
situa<sup>n</sup> to settle his ac<sup>ts</sup>, & many o<sup>r</sup> o<sup>th</sup>gs wh ths is an absolute necessity f, before he can leave  
whats; also how hard it wd be to discharge a person yr Service w<sup>t</sup> payd him what is due  
him. Mr Whyte & I flatter ourselves f we not think we h given him a day too long.

All I can say is I beg leave to assure y I h acted to / best o my judgment, & so far f<sup>m</sup>  
/ least partiality, t had / g<sup>st</sup> Enemy I ever had bn in Mr Huppisley's place, shd h done  
/ same. I wd wish f<sup>m</sup> my soul t a certain Gentleman in yr Council was upon all  
occ<sup>ns</sup> so much advise to party fac<sup>n</sup>, self interested Views &c as I am, & always h bn,  
tho wd not be / least occ<sup>n</sup> to trouble y w<sup>t</sup> our comple<sup>ts</sup>, but instead o those animosities  
t now subsist amg us, ths wd be nothing but peace & harmony.

I am extremely sorry to acquaint y t / price o Slaves to / Blacks is  
now raised to 8 oz f<sup>m</sup> 7, & goods lowered to / old prices, wh in / whole makes  
ab<sup>t</sup> an oz & a half diffe. Never since my beg in Africa knew / price raised so much  
at one time, & never less occ<sup>n</sup> f it, as ths are hardly any slaves to be purchased  
at present, & those few t are, v<sup>y</sup> indif<sup>t</sup>. Capt Sumnaco's Boats, 1<sup>st</sup> began it to lie w<sup>t</sup>  
at least so / Capt's say unless / Trade mends giv<sup>e</sup> some o / vessels t are now at  
Ponnamabor I dare say will be ths next Xmas, & sh not be at all surprized if  
within these six weeks, slaves are at 10 oz, f it seems / / Ab<sup>ve</sup> Blacks now say  
it's only stopped p<sup>ro</sup>vis<sup>n</sup> &c bn gog on board a few days, & they can get / price  
advanced what they think proper.

On / rect o my letter concerning Mr Hapless's affairs you'll be / best judges wh<sup>r</sup>  
 or not t<sup>e</sup> Gent<sup>l</sup> merits so<sup>g</sup> a punishment as f<sup>r</sup> h<sup>e</sup> bn pleased to inflict upon him But me leav<sup>s</sup>  
 to say I am convinced of must b<sup>e</sup> looked upon / Crime in a way worse light than it really  
 deserved. If so & y<sup>e</sup> think proper to reinstate him in his former rank I am much deceiv<sup>d</sup>  
 if ever any person has shadow o<sup>r</sup> pret<sup>er</sup> to find / least fault in his future behaviour.

I am told by Capt ~~Stewart~~ ~~Sawyer~~ Some t<sup>h</sup> was no talk o<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> hav<sup>g</sup> taken up a ship to send  
 hither w<sup>th</sup> supplies in December, wh<sup>ch</sup> I assure y<sup>e</sup> gives me a gr<sup>t</sup> deal o<sup>r</sup> uneasiness. I don't I sh<sup>d</sup>  
 h<sup>e</sup> bn able to h<sup>e</sup> left / Coast in June next. But alas! / Lord knows when I sh<sup>d</sup> now. My advancem<sup>ts</sup>  
 increase to such a degree t<sup>h</sup> unless y<sup>e</sup> supplies shortly arrive it will take me a long time to  
 realize what will be due to me. Had I left / Coast a twelv<sup>e</sup> month ago, it wd<sup>l</sup> h<sup>e</sup> bn much  
 better f<sup>r</sup> me; Slaves were plenty & at a y<sup>e</sup> low price now they are quite / reverse so t<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> must  
 be convinced by my advancem<sup>ts</sup> I must be no small loser, as goods will be 20% cheaper  
 by / time I am able to pay myself than they were when I furnished 'em. Suppos<sup>g</sup> I go off,  
 / Coast any time this year I don't expect to be worth what I was a twelv<sup>e</sup> month ago. I don't  
 mention this I assure y<sup>e</sup> Gent<sup>l</sup> w<sup>th</sup> a view o<sup>r</sup> gain<sup>g</sup> / least merit f<sup>r</sup> what I h<sup>e</sup> done, but only to  
 make appear to y<sup>e</sup> I g<sup>o</sup> hardships y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>t</sup> here must labour under unless / Parliam<sup>t</sup> are pleas<sup>d</sup>  
 to allow a much lger sum to support / Forts & Settlements in Africa than they h<sup>e</sup> hitherto done;  
 Besides / necessity th<sup>is</sup> is f<sup>r</sup> t<sup>e</sup> p<sup>er</sup>son b<sup>e</sup>g a man o<sup>r</sup> some fortune.

Following vessels now at Aboc:

Middleton	Capt Walker	} o <sup>r</sup> pool	Phoenix	Capt Morrison	} Bristol		
Snow	Nanny		Jones	"		Shoude	
Tarleton	"		Bennett	Cornwall		"	Duncomb
"	"		Linsinger				
Haston	"		Maddock				
		Down					

Marquis o<sup>r</sup> Granby Capt Gault  
 somewhere between Cape Labrador &  
 Discover

whom he has employed in his private affairs, Factor

Goods in demand same as p<sup>r</sup> my last - Has appted Tom West -

This instant I was not a little surpris<sup>d</sup> to be told by a black man he had someth<sup>g</sup> at y<sup>e</sup> o<sup>r</sup> imp<sup>r</sup>  
 to tell me encas<sup>d</sup> to acquaint me w<sup>th</sup> & desired I wd<sup>l</sup> bear what he had to say in private. I accordingly  
 went to my Chamber. He told me t<sup>h</sup> Cobbe<sup>r</sup> Aboc, y<sup>e</sup> linguist went to acquaint me t<sup>h</sup> Mr Brew<sup>r</sup> had  
 told them Mr Baugh had rec<sup>d</sup> 50 Hindabs (£500) f<sup>r</sup> m<sup>e</sup> / Bd o<sup>r</sup> Ord<sup>n</sup>ce at / same time he rec<sup>d</sup> /  
 Chair, to give to / Fortyns, & therefore they intended to oblige him to pay it. If this affair is  
 true, as Capt Carpenter o<sup>r</sup> a sloop f<sup>r</sup> Rhode Island now in / Road assures he had heard Mr Brew<sup>r</sup>  
 declare as much in this Road, t<sup>h</sup> Gent<sup>l</sup> Mr Brew<sup>r</sup> et t<sup>h</sup> considered it not Mr Baugh he is dog  
 so g<sup>o</sup> a disservice to, but / Publick. Thus this affair will be settled / Lord alone knows. In  
 meantime I sh<sup>d</sup> immediately write to Mr Baugh & endeavour if possible to come into more  
 reasonable terms.

[Once to above letter]

1 March 1960. John Frost ltr to Thos Westgate - as Whyte wtd fm Press, Seniors wants to know his (Westgate's) opinion: - who shd fill / vacancy in / Council by Press long / Coast; how long Hoppisley shd h to settle his acct before reqg his discharge.  
nd. Westgate to Frost - In his opinion / fillg o / vacancy in / Council shd be left to / Ctee - as to Hoppisley, it appears fm / Ctee last br c they reserved / power to themselves, Mr Bell, long before he left / Coast, determined to leave such cases to / Ctee in future.

2 March 1960 CCC. Nassau Seniors to Westgate - Request Westgate's opinion shd differ fm Whyte's & his - as per enclosed Act. if / Ctee did not approve o them apply to vacancies in / Council they surely wd f sd's written to effect, & / Ctee can always annul what has bn done. Is surprised at what he says re Bell. Bell's opinion is not a rule b them. The time given to Hoppisley ~~is not~~ is not too long nor do he & Whyte imagine, / Ctee wld think so. Asks whom Westgate thinks shd be apptd to ~~Act~~ Chief o Aboc, as to Fort is a qst expense he (Seniors) thinks one shd go thr who is capable o supporting / Castle till supplies wrt fm / Ctee

nd. Westgate to Seniors Is not sorry his opinion differs fm S's & W's bec sees no reason to alter it fm anything in S's br. - re Mr Bell's sentiments abt vacancies in Council - he cannot help thinkg t (wtd disparagement to our capacities) if we did now or then follow a few o Mr Bell's maxims in Fort it wd not be a detriment or disparagement to / Ctee Service. Perhaps he (Westgate) has miswrtid / para o / Ctee's letter which assures us to allow Hoppisley sufficient time to make out his acct; b if by settlg his affairs, as mentd in / Act, is meant realising his effects, a 12 month <sup>was</sup> little enough time to allow him - S asks whom he (W) thinks shd be Chief o Aboc. Seems so displeas'd to his (W's) opinion shd differ fm S's & Whyte's t he wants / resist o making S's entire displeasure - He therefore asks for the opinion wh no doubt will be supported w good reasons, & he then may be induced perhaps to allow his f an affair o so much consequence or not to be determined hastily.

2 March 1960 CCC Act o Council Seniors & Whyte as Press took his dischge on 31 Jan. by appt ~~Muller~~ Wm Muller Chief o Dicoors, / eldest Chief as MC in his place & resolve to continue Hoppisley in / service till 31 May it beg ths opinion he cannot well settle his affairs in less time

13 March 1960 CCC Act o Council Seniors & Whyte Muller - Appt Patrick Greenhill ppal Surgeon as Chief o Aboc vice Press resigned. But as his presence as a Surgeon is absolutely neccy at CCC, resolved he remain a act in t stan here - till a properly qualified person can be got to replace him; w liberty to repair to a take command o / sd fort o Annambree

Nassau Senior to / Ctee

C. C. C. 14 March 1760

- Refers to the apptmt of Patrick Greenhill as Chief of Pttee as in Act of Council of 13 Mar  
I wrote to Mr Westgate of his opinion, who was for apptg Mr Webster. I mentd ~~to~~  
in my last my intenn<sup>n</sup> of layg Mr Westgates behaviour before / Council, wh<sup>ch</sup> accordingly  
done. A copy of my letter wrote them on t<sup>e</sup> occas<sup>n</sup> of herewith rec<sup>d</sup>. They g<sup>l</sup>y disapproved  
of it & desired time to answer my l<sup>tr</sup> & consider what was proper to write Mr Westgate.  
I wish w<sup>th</sup> all my heart y<sup>e</sup> may think proper in time to appt a person to succeed me, in case  
of my l<sup>tr</sup> ~~down~~ layg down. I sh<sup>d</sup> imagine, fm y<sup>e</sup> desirg t<sup>e</sup> / place of Vice President  
of Council sh<sup>d</sup> not be filled up, y<sup>e</sup> do not intend Mr Westgate sh<sup>d</sup> succeed me,  
& therefore sh<sup>d</sup> no person be sent out, or we rec<sup>d</sup> no orders fm y<sup>e</sup> f<sup>r</sup> purpose before my  
leav<sup>g</sup> / Coast, intend ~~to~~ callg a Gen Council of all / Chiefs of / Forts on t<sup>e</sup> occas<sup>n</sup>, t<sup>e</sup> they  
may, upon my l<sup>tr</sup> my discharge, appt anyone they sh<sup>d</sup> think proper till such  
time as y<sup>e</sup> pleasure is known. I h<sup>e</sup> already heard some people declare t<sup>e</sup> if Mr Westgate  
sh<sup>d</sup> succeed me, he is of so turbulent a dispos<sup>n</sup> they wd<sup>l</sup> immediately lay down. He has  
likewise so gr<sup>e</sup> an inveteracy towards our neighbours / Dutch, & looks upon 'em in such a  
light t<sup>e</sup> I am g<sup>l</sup>y mistaken if after beg here a short ~~time~~ while, he does not put / whole  
Coast in confus<sup>n</sup>. What I h<sup>e</sup> sd I hope wd<sup>l</sup> not be construed as any private peac<sup>e</sup> or malice;  
f<sup>r</sup> believe me, Gen<sup>l</sup>, my only reason is I look upon it as a duty incumbent on me whilst  
in y<sup>e</sup> service, to acquaint y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>th</sup> anything I think need to come to y<sup>e</sup> inform<sup>n</sup>. If it were left  
to me to appt a person now in y<sup>e</sup> service to succeed me, it sh<sup>d</sup> be Mr White, tho<sup>ugh</sup> he is  
not a senior Councillor he certainly is t<sup>e</sup> h<sup>e</sup> best so. He is v<sup>y</sup> capable & am confident  
wd<sup>l</sup> be v<sup>y</sup> ~~cautious~~ extremely cautious of entering into any disputes w<sup>th</sup> / Dutch & imbroilg<sup>g</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> affairs.

Mr Baugh was not suffered to come up in / canoe I sent down. The next day  
/ Towns people sent William to acquaint him t<sup>e</sup> they insisted upon / yo Bendies beg  
delivered them, t<sup>e</sup> was sent out f<sup>r</sup> them by / Bd<sup>o</sup> of Ordnance, f<sup>r</sup> t<sup>e</sup> he, William, was v<sup>y</sup>  
sure he had rec<sup>d</sup> goods f<sup>r</sup> t<sup>e</sup> purpose as one of his own colour had acquainted him w<sup>th</sup> it.  
- means Mr Brew - He was accordingly oblig<sup>d</sup> to produce / wh<sup>ch</sup> he had rec<sup>d</sup> fm / Bd<sup>o</sup> of

Ordance f William to read to convince them o / falsehood o such <sup>ms</sup> ~~ass~~ <sup>ms</sup>. He was obliged to give them goods to / value o abt 1/2 oz, & to assure them if / Board sent out anything by next ship to give away in presents, it shd be given ~~im~~ delivered to em; so / offans it seems, is only hushed up f / present, f or / Bd o Ordance ship; and they will certainly insist upon it agn. I h sent f William to enquire fut into this affair.

I goty recd a let from Mr Grosel a copy o wh <sup>encl</sup> ~~encl~~ <sup>is needless</sup> [in h.]

Its needless f me to make any remarks on t subject, but leave it to y to take such what measures y sh judge proper in consequence therof.

Since writing / about Mr William has bn w me a Certificate relaty to t affair goes by this Courtye. Mr Brough I find has write to / Bd o Ordance abt it

Nassau Senior to / Council at C.C.C. 10 mar 1760

I laid before y / behaviour o Mr Westgate Chief o Commenda some time ago, desiring y wd take / some into consorn. I think / result was y highly disapproved o it & wd write to him to t purpose. Wht or not / same was done, cannot tell; howe I must once more trouble y on t score & inclose y a letter recd some days ago. I shd imagine Mr Westgate (strangly has beg a member o Council, wh fancy he presumes a good deal upon) is no more entitled to behave in such a manner than any o Chief. Howe leave t to y determination & see 4th act is, unless some effectual method can be taken to put a stop to <sup>any thing</sup> o t nature f / future, t Genl or some o person must <sup>em</sup> be Govr here, f I will no longer suffer it

Certificate o what was reported by Mr Brew

These are to certify / Cte o / Co o merchls bound to Africa or where it may concern t Mr John Grant Deputy Warehouse Keeper, Capt James Carpenter o / sloop Three Friends o Rhode Island, William Ansbach Sessara, Coo, Black writer, John Aqua, Black Assr Writer, & Coffee Abbo, Co's linguist at Annamaboe h decd before us t Mr Brew told them before he left / Coast t Mr Brough had recd £600 fm / Bd o Ordance to be distributed amg / Fantees, wh was / occa<sup>n</sup> o Mr Brough's beg stopped at / Phoe, & beg obliged to pay £36 in Trade, to h / liberty to go to C.C. As / affair is not yet settled tis impossible f us to know / consequence o it In witness re C.C.C. 14 march 1760

Nassau Senior // James Whyte // Wm Muller

Plead Nov 29 1760.

ingd. State & Condition of sev Forts on / Coast of Africa in Jan 1760  
 Resolby / African Ctee 18 Aug. 1760. [Summary]

Dixcove Fort 29 Jan 1760

Wm Muller Chief, 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner, Soldiers - 3 white 3 mulatto - Slaves - 8 m. 17 w 12 c.

Cabovers - Accaymah Cabover, Acca Cabover a linguist, Eufah Cabover Cabover & Ground handlord.  
Ando Cabover o Atchumah.

Guns 10 6prs new - 10 6prs, 10 4prs, 15prs old & unusable - Military stores . . .

Condition, Slaves leady up to Battlements rotten, Battlements much need Terras. Ounse in tolerable good order  
 Materials to be had locally, fuf f buildg & upairs - Stone, lime stone, Timber. (sgd) William Muller

Succondee Fort 31 Jan 1760

Gilbert Petue Chief, 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner, 7 Soldiers, Slaves 5 m. 4 w.

Black men Cudjoe linguist, Ustoe & Yankoy Cabovers, 1 Cook  
 Guns 3 6prs, 3 6prs, 11 4prs, (4 3prs unusd). 8 1prs (2 unusd), Military stores.

Fort in gen is so vry ruinous t utterly unrepairable Bastions &c undamaged in foundations Joists o  
 Apartments & Barracks rotten. Nothing but buildg / Fort entirely new can be o any service. . . . .  
 (sgd) Gilbert Petue

Commenda Fort 28 Jan 1760.

Thos Westgate Chief, 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner, 8 mulatto Soldiers, Slaves 14 m & b, 11 w & 8

Black Drummen John Cabass Cos Cabover, Amagua 1st Capt & Cabover, Chequa linguist  
 1 Waterside Bombay, 1 drummer.

Repairs beg done - new platforms parapets to platforms o SE & NE Bastions, old ones knocked  
 down by 1 Dulibr shot in our last dispute. Partg o platform & Bastions new Carb. SW & NW  
 Bastions vry old & require much patchg. . . . . New Magazine required . . . (sgd) Thos Westgate

Tantum quarry Fort 1 Jan 1760

Charles Bonville Chief, 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner, Soldiers - 4 mulatto 1 negro. Slaves 6 m, 6 w.

Free Blacks - Wm Christian linguist, Coffee Pragua Ground handlord, Assum Cabover.

Quansaw Cabover at Monford, Bombay waterside 1 Cook.

Guns 2 9prs (good) - 8 4prs 2 3prs 4 1prs all unusable Military stores . . .

Condition . . . in tolerable good repair (sgd) Charles Bonville

Materials to be had locally - stone, a few shells f lime, Timber f Joists

118. Winnebah Fort 27 Jan 1760

John Hoppesley Chief 1 Serg<sup>t</sup> 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers Slaves 4 m & w.

Black men in Pay - Customary Ground handlors. Quadin Cabocier, Quaw Burtly linguist  
Jaffon Capt of town. 1 Bombay

Fort needs artillery & carries. Walls in vry good repair Profs good. Some floors & door frames vry bad.

Lumber obtainable locally, but no carpenters.

James Fort & its Dependancies 29 Jan 1760

[Prampam?]

James Whyte Chief 1 Serg<sup>t</sup> 1 Gunner, 4 Soldiers, John Cockburn Factor 1 Serg<sup>t</sup> 1 Soldier

Black Servants

Pay per month

Abadie Cabocier at Accra

£ 1 - 0 - 0

Slaves 10 m 12 w + children  
& 13 children (named)

Dombay " " "

10. 0

Aggrey " " Shadoz

1 - 0 - 0

Repairs wanted: Profs to dig  
Battlements & roof of N E Bastion to be  
filled in. Elsewhere Fort in tolerable  
good repair.

Cujoe linguist Co slave at Accra

3 - 0 - 0

Vernon Fort, Prampam

Quey Cabocier } at Prampam  
Geltah linguist }

1 - 0 - 0

0 - 15 - 0

Parapet needs whitewash + some new floors  
Fort in <sup>an</sup> good condition as can be expected  
in such a bad piece of workmanship

Empagua Cabocier at Loy

10 - 0

Tie Tom servant " "

10 - 0

9n Guns, carries, & apparatus much needed at Accra & Prampam Scarce one bit to tie  
(see) James Whyte, John Cockburn

Hh 9

Recd Nov 28 1760.

Letter to Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council of E. C. C.

London 5 September 1760

- Sent Copies of this list of 1 Mar [p 93] & 20 Mar [not here.] 1760

- Now h to answer yr letters of 5 Sep [94] 22 Sep [in h] 25 Sep [p 102]  
27 Nov [104] 28 Nov [105] 1759 & 3 Feb [107] 5 Feb [110]. & Mar [111]

& 14 Mar [115] 1760.

We observe by yr Dr o / 3rd Feb last Mr Senior's inten<sup>n</sup> o quittg / Coast  
in consequence o wh we h taken into cons<sup>n</sup> / choice o a person to succeed him, & Mr  
Bell, being reestablished in his health, we are o opinion t he is / properest person in  
this critical juncture o affairs. We h therefore appointed him agn to / Chair at Cape  
Coast. He will take his passage to / Coast by / first oppy & by him we sh give  
full instr<sup>ns</sup> relaty to / sevl matters referred to in yr letters

We are sorry Mr Baugh & / Town o Annamaboo h had any Disputes, We h no  
doubt o yr endeavours to stop th<sup>r</sup> clamours if they shd be renewed on / arriv o /  
Store ship; but if y are obliged to give them any thing y must do it as sparingly  
as y can & charge it to / Board o Ordinance.

The Estimate o Mr Baugh's relaty to / diffe in Price o getting materials upon / Coast & sending them  
fm England y h sent us w<sup>t</sup> observ<sup>g</sup> wh<sup>r</sup> it is justly founded or not, wh, as y must be good Judges  
o his calculat<sup>n</sup>, y ot to h done f<sup>r</sup> our inform<sup>n</sup>. If his Estimate be true, we can only say t when we  
undertook / buildg / Fort at Annamaboo we were much deceived by / representat<sup>ns</sup> o sevl gent<sup>l</sup>  
who had ~~been~~ lived long upon / Coast, who all declared it wd be much cheaper sendg materials fm  
England than getting them on / Coast, & wh was afterwards confirmed to us by sevl L<sup>ts</sup> fm  
Mr Bell & Mr Apperley.

As to Mr Baugh's Charge t / Clee rec<sup>d</sup> money fm / Bet at home & apply it to d<sup>r</sup> uses,  
/ Board must be fully satisfie<sup>d</sup> to / contrary as they paid / mon<sup>y</sup> into / Clee's hands on  
Aug<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1758, wh was invested in Goods & shipped to / Coast in Dec<sup>r</sup> 1758 & Jan<sup>y</sup>  
1759 by / 1<sup>st</sup> ships sent out by / Clee after receiv<sup>g</sup> / money

- Approv / resol<sup>n</sup> o Council o Dec<sup>r</sup> 1 1759 disch<sup>g</sup> & discharg<sup>d</sup> Byrme & his wife  
fm / Service & f degrad<sup>d</sup> Filgate

It wd be very agreeable to us if y cd find out any method to settle /  
diffe bet<sup>n</sup> / Warraws & Fantees, t / Trade may be opened ag<sup>n</sup>.

- Are pleased to hear<sup>n</sup> o Mr Petrius behaviour -

It was w<sup>g</sup> pleasure we read yr Dr o Feb<sup>y</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1760 giv<sup>g</sup> us an acct o /  
generous behaviour & ready services done us on / Coast by Capt Scaife o it<sup>m</sup> S Chesterfield.

We h already returned our thanks to / Lords o / Majesty on t acct, & when Capt Sciffe arrives we sh make him our Ack<sup>ts</sup> f / same

- Approve appoint o Turner to succeed / decd Wilson as Surveyor, & if possible will procure a qualified assist<sup>t</sup> f him but bear it well we differ

- Confirm W<sup>eston</sup> as factor -

By / State & Condition o / Forts now sent us, we don't find t any material repairs h<sup>ve</sup> bn done at sevl o them; nor does it appear by them t where materials f building & repairs h<sup>ve</sup> bn near some o / Forts, as Stone lime & Timber, what ~~is~~ o these sevl articles h<sup>ve</sup> bn procured f / purpose This shd always be annexed to / State o / Forts & what we expect f / future. If it shd be sd t at / Outforts they h<sup>ve</sup> not a sufficient no o slaves to procure these sevl articles, let some be sent fm C. C. to assist, f we cannot see how gr a number as near 200 can be employ'd in our affairs at C. C. C. We desire therefore to know how our 192 slaves are employ'd. We pres<sup>u</sup>me they h<sup>ve</sup> collected a sufficient quantity o shells, lime, stone & wood to repair C. C. C. when / Artificers h<sup>ve</sup> finished at Aboe We also expect f keep / Castle constantly supplied w 6 months wood & corn at least, & enough to spare f / shipping; wh<sup>ch</sup> must produce a lge sum annually sh<sup>ld</sup> to defray / unavoidable expence o / Forts

We desire to be inform'd exactly where & where y placed all / gr guns sent out last & this year ?

Are / rooms in C. C. C. new laid & floored ? if not we expect t well be done & new doors & windows put on each room y must h<sup>ve</sup> timber sufficient & carpenters enough to keep all these thgs in good repair

It y ~~the~~ gun carries us o / planks sent out f t purpose ? If not we expect it will be done w<sup>th</sup> delay, as / timber well not.

We desire y well keep up flags at all / places / English h<sup>ve</sup> a right to an / Coast to shew our marks o possession; & wish our enemies may find settlements where they ot not by our neglect. The Dutch, on a mistake o this sort, wasted Atchuma & Puscha in the neighbourhood o Dixcove fm us; at these places we used to get formerly limestone.

Anoqua partly is a place o as much impt<sup>e</sup> to our settlements as any place on / Gold Coast, produc<sup>g</sup> vast quantities o shells, & is near / centre o all our Forts, therefore ot to be poorly attended to.

12  
What is become of some boat by / Ctee's long boat from Dixcove? Has it been  
employed in substantial repairs? or thrown away in white washing old walls?  
Is / Garden kept in good order, full of vegetables for use of sick as well as / healthy?  
We insist on explicit answers to all these Queries

By Order of Ctee  
(sgd) Saml Perrier

Hh. 10

Recd Nov 29 1760

Nassau Senior to / Ctee

C. C. C.

20 May 1760

Since my last to y<sup>e</sup> 11 o' / Taboo men\* took three fishing canoes off / beach &  
made their escape. I immediately on m<sup>ys</sup> them sent an Express to / Windward Forts & wrote to /  
Ebina Resident, desiring he wd send orders to / Oribichefs to apprehend 'em if possible. Three  
were caught by / English Town's people at Commenda, four by / Taccorary people, all wh  
were sent hither. The o<sup>r</sup>s were sent to / Windward o' Dixcove, but h<sup>e</sup> never been heard o' since. Our  
Mr. Haydespers sendg me those t<sup>h</sup> were caught at Taccorary, he mentd in his dr / Chief pdct  
o' his goods for them to / Value o' a man slave each: I wrote him / people o' Taccorary had no  
right to dispose o' them & t<sup>h</sup> I did not possibly think o' payg more than / usual Custom t<sup>h</sup> was  
paid on these occas<sup>ns</sup>, wh<sup>ch</sup> if he thot proper, wd do. In his answer he says he only mentd /  
expense he had been at; he had not / least int<sup>n</sup> o' demandg paym<sup>t</sup> & was surprizd I sh<sup>d</sup> put  
such a constr<sup>cn</sup> on his dr. How<sup>ev</sup>r I fancy w<sup>h</sup> one wd h<sup>e</sup> looked upon it in / same light I did.  
As th<sup>is</sup> is no likelihood o' these Taboo men beg o' any service, we are come to a Resol<sup>cn</sup>  
o' dispos<sup>l</sup> o' them if possible, & o' puttg o<sup>r</sup>s in th<sup>is</sup> room, tho they are so v<sup>y</sup> unwh<sup>l</sup> ind<sup>l</sup>  
slaves, & w<sup>h</sup> so unhealthy t<sup>h</sup> I'm afraid it will be some time before we sh<sup>d</sup> be able  
to get rid o' dem.

The Prince o' Ashantee is still here. The Fantees will not allow o' my  
sendg him to Accra, but insist on his remaing here till Quis hill, / present King  
o' Ashantee, comes down to fight, wh<sup>ch</sup> I yet see no likelihood o. wh<sup>ch</sup> / messagers  
he ~~has~~ sent me. I h<sup>e</sup> been obligd to trust Troquoy (1 Prince o' Ashantee) goods

\* any persons free to die in these cells?

122.  
to / Value o two slaves, to redeem a number o / Ashantees pawned in / Fanters  
Country; also to / am<sup>t</sup> o two slaves more to give to / Fanters, wh they obliged  
him to do, to enable them, as they say, to fight w / Wardsawts.

Trade continues excessive dull & no likelihood o its growg better. The  
ships at Minnamaboo & fancy will all lose a considerable sum o money. The price  
is 802 f more, but when they are within 30 or 40 slaves o the purchase, they pay  
102 more.

I w<sup>o</sup>derfully wish, f / good o / English trade in gen, something cd be done to  
keep / Dutch fm exertg such power over / Portuguese as they do, if any g<sup>t</sup> scarcity  
o Brazil tobacco is in / Country, as / Dutch are always stocked w it, they w<sup>o</sup>ld  
Command / whole slave trade. If you'll please peruse / copy o my ltr no 6 & o  
Mr de Coper's Answer no. 7, wh go herewith, you'll observe what he says in regard  
to / Treaty. If such Treaty is in be<sup>g</sup>, why shd he refuse to let me see it. F my  
part I cannot help thinkg / whole is an imposition o / Dutch. I presume upon proper  
applic<sup>n</sup>, our Ambassador at Portugal wd be instr<sup>o</sup>ns to inquire into this affairs.

In / R. A C's time / Portuguese paid the Customs at C. C. C as well as Elmina.  
Also by an Article o Agreement made betw<sup>n</sup> Sir Dalby Thomas, & Gen Peter Nuys, &  
a ratified by seal, & as I w<sup>o</sup>ld see by / enclosed Copies no 8, tis plain / English were  
allowed to put a soldier on board any Portuguese Vessel comg down, & send her to C. C.

Fm these w<sup>o</sup>rds it appears to me the latter w<sup>o</sup>rd was such a treaty betw<sup>n</sup> / Portuguese &  
Dutch, or if the was, it was only f a limited time wh has bn expired f some years.  
This latter, indeed, is what / Portuguese say themselves. Since my beg on / Coast, I put  
a soldier on board a Portuguese, givg him a Certificate as y<sup>r</sup> agree<sup>m<sup>t</sup></sup>, & sent him to  
C. C. Capt Thompson o Hon<sup>g</sup>. Pool [Oct 1741] was then layg here or took him under  
convoy to whydah. There are many Portuguese wd gladly put themselves under  
English protect<sup>n</sup> if they cd promise to secure them fm / insults o / Dutch, but this cannot  
be done unless we had men o War stationed on / Coast, as in all likelihood on the g<sup>o</sup>g to  
leeward / Dutch wd send a Vessel after them ( / President & Council can oblige any Dutch  
Merchantmen to may arrive at Elmina to go down) & make a prize of em. Let me beg o y<sup>r</sup>  
Gov<sup>n</sup> to take this affair into y<sup>r</sup> common serious consid<sup>n</sup>, & if possible to put a stop to this  
encroachment o / Dutch.

Ther are now by g at Annamaboo:

Middlton, Walker  
Tarleton, Sumnacar  
Lark, Lowe  
Margus o Granby, Gaudish  
True Blue, Rice bound to Bermin  
Neston, Maddock, by wth this goes

all o  
spoole.

Cornwall, Duncombe - o Bristol

Goods in demand, as before

We are sadly troubled w<sup>th</sup> disputes at Annamaboo as youll see by /indorsed letters  
fm Mr Greenhill. I likewise send y copies o Messrs Washgate's & Muller's opinion, &  
my answer. Ther is no know<sup>ing</sup> how /same will end.

PS. I h agr<sup>ee</sup> rec<sup>ive</sup> a ltr fm Mr Greenhill w<sup>h</sup>in he acquaints me, t /Annamaboo people  
desire both Mr Brews & Mr Baugh's Slaves may be sent down at /same time, & w  
v<sup>ery</sup> certain if the demands are not complet<sup>ed</sup> w<sup>ith</sup>. / Fort will be block<sup>ed</sup> up agn.

Nassau Senior to / Ctee

no 21 May 1760.

no 1.

I concluded mine o / 19<sup>th</sup> [Dec] in a hurry respectg Capt Maddock  
w<sup>h</sup> sail directly. Capt Rice can give me no acc<sup>ount</sup> o y<sup>e</sup> sendg a ship w<sup>ith</sup> supplies, its  
now so late in / year t I am under / great uneasiness immaginable b<sup>y</sup> fear o her  
beg taken. My advancements daily increase & in consequence it must now take me no  
short time to realize. God knows when I sh<sup>all</sup> be able to get away, I sh<sup>ould</sup> let me intreat  
y<sup>e</sup> Gent<sup>l</sup> to consider my situa<sup>tion</sup> & order my demands to be paid me on<sup>ly</sup> o / first supplies,  
as I h bn so long in this country, near 15 years, y<sup>e</sup> must be sensible it w<sup>ould</sup> be too g<sup>reat</sup> a  
hardship f<sup>or</sup> me to wait f<sup>or</sup> my money.

Ther is yet nothing fur<sup>ther</sup> done abt / Annamaboo affairs. I h wrote to Mr  
Greenhill desirg he w<sup>ould</sup> tell / people t w<sup>ere</sup> concern<sup>ed</sup> in Mr Baugh's canoe men  
slaves to come up hither, & w<sup>ere</sup> in the pres<sup>ent</sup> do all in my power to settle it b<sup>y</sup> them  
w<sup>ith</sup> Mr Baugh. This gent<sup>l</sup> has let me see a written agreem<sup>ent</sup> sign<sup>ed</sup> by people t  
he bot some canoe men fm, w<sup>h</sup>in they ackn<sup>ow</sup>ledge they are his p<sup>ro</sup>p<sup>erty</sup> & t he has a right to dispose  
o them. The wisd<sup>om</sup> o these people is really insufferable. Ther insistg on Mr Baugh's havg

but these people w goods t were sent out by / Board f presents to them, am afraid will give us a good deal o trouble. As Mr Brew must be v well acquainted w those people it surprises me much how he cd mention such a thg to them.

... [a ~~letter~~ agst him o selling powder to Baugh]...  
It is no small pleasure to me to acquaint y<sup>r</sup> w<sup>r</sup> Greenhills' behaviour as Chief o Ploo is extremely satisfactory. He has already reduced / Castle charges since his beg thr, v much; they no ways amt to those in his predecessors time. I heartily wish he hd gone thr some years ago. Am confident / Publick wd h br a good deal in pocket by it - - - - -  
- - - - - W<sup>ch</sup>gally object to Greenhills appl<sup>n</sup> as thr were d<sup>s</sup> senior to him - - - - -  
- - - - - seniors' controversy w Robt Johnson f not lending him Co's canvas, on his leav / Service to settle as a private trader at Mera - - - - -

State & London o Tatumquery Fort 1 Jan 1760 No 2.  
[already cited, p 114. supra.]

Act o Council held at C. C. C. on March 15<sup>th</sup> 1760. No 3  
Present: Senior, Whyte, Mutter.

Whereas Accah Caboccer & Linguist at Dixons has petitioned to h his son Anthony, lately arrivd fr England, allowed some small matter to subsist him, represent<sup>s</sup> at / same time t vry Black persons t hd br home & returned ago recd d. Notw<sup>ch</sup> we think it extremely wrong to give / least encouragement to / Natives here to send thr children home, as they h always hitherto br a burthen to / Ctee; yet as Accah is an old servant, & beg apprehensive t in case o our refus<sup>d</sup> to comply w his request, he may perhaps leave / English & go & live under / Dutch.

Resolved to allow his son 30/- p.m. to be pd in goods at gold price

And whereas / English town o Succondee is now uninhabited by / extreme poverty o Cudjoe, now Caboccer thr, who has br obliged to pawn what little effects was left him by his Cousin, to pay / sd Cousins debt, therefore to remedy wh, as / same may be highly detrimental to / English Int<sup>r</sup> thr

Resolved to send f Billy Cudjoe, a pson o some consequence living at Dixons & to make him an offer o beg made Caboccer at Succondee at 30/- Trade p.m; but as in case o Billy Cudjoes accept<sup>s</sup> o this proposal, to deprive Cudjoe entirely o his pay, may occa<sup>n</sup> animosities betw<sup>x</sup> them

Resolved to allow Cudjoe 20/- Trade p.m. Sgd by S. W. & M  
Billy Cudjoe having since accepted o above offer is applied Caboccer accordingly.

Yesterday afternoon seeing a pretty large vessel in / off, I sent a soldier on board to inquire for news of our store ship & he informed at his return that it was a Portuguese, sent him off again with a few goods to try if he could purchase me any Tobacco & sugar, having more of it at present in / Fort. When / canoe was about a 1/2 mile from shore on his way back, I was very much astonished to see 5 small canoes with 2 or 3 of / Dutch Co's slaves & / Chiefs boys armed with cudgels in each, push off from / Dutch land, with utmost expedition. They were presently up with my canoe (a 5 hand one) & as soon as they got alongside ordered / canoe men to stop & let them see what was on board; & if they had got tobacco, the master / Dutch Second had ordered them to panyar it together with / canoe & canoe men & carry all ashore to him. The people in my canoe made at first what resistance they could, but finding it was to no purpose against superior numbers they were obliged to submit & let / Dutch men search them. There after seeing there was no tobacco on board were about letting them proceed to / English landing, but on a signal from / Dutch Gunner told them again they were their prisoners. But this time, being in / English Bay got into / Bay, my canoe men gave them / slip & pushed ashore on our own beach. When I first saw / Dutch canoes fall on board of mine, I immediately dispatched / Linguist to ask / Second if it was by his Orders I told him to inform him that I had sent my canoe men on board / Portuguese to buy tobacco, which I presumed he had no business with, & that if he did not recall his canoe men (who were unable to appear to act on / offensives) I should try if a shot or two would not make them desist from so unreasonable a proceeding; & that he nor no other Dutchman whatever had / least right to search my canoe. In / meantime she got ashore, as I had informed of above, & presently after recd / following answer to my message. The Second answered his sending off armed men in / manner above mentioned, & that he surely knew / vessel in / off was a Portuguese & as such belonged to his Masters. Therefore he could not think I would send any canoe on board without asking his permission in / Chiefs absence, & on supposition of it being a Black's canoe he had sent people to panyar, but since he was it belonged to me he was willing to proceed no farther. By / way I leave your judge if it is very difficult to distinguish a 5 hand canoe fitted up & white washed for a fighting one, at 1/2 a mile distance. Howbeit to speak was scarce finished by one message when another came and to let me know that / Dutch Second said if my canoe had bro't any tobacco, I should never have seen a Roll of it.

176. Patrick Greenhill to Nassau Senior Annamaboo 6 May 1760 No 5.

I have been extremely importuned & teased lately about Mr Brew's canoe men slaves  
to are at C.C.; Cross & Appeal, as usual, interested Old John & / Pymms in / affair.  
Yesterday Mr Old John sent to tell me he wd be glad to speak w me in / afternoon. I went  
accordingly & / Pymms beg convinced I was again strongly pressed to take / 15 to are at C.C.  
to bring them here to work for me, as they had done for Mr Brew. On my absolutely  
declining to embroil myself in a Palaver wh I saw wd be attended w nothing but trouble, &  
giving / best reasons for it, I sd, they intreated ~~me~~ I wd write for to beg I wd be bound  
to Mr Brew's Agents for these Canoe men to are at C.C., & to they m't come down here to  
work for / Co till they can be redeemed by the friends, & Old John & / Pymms will  
be the security for them.

Same to Same

Annamaboo. 19 May 1760

Early this morn / Fort was beset by a parcel of / Tonic people, who stop'd all  
provincs coming into it. So soon as I was inform'd of it, I sent Coffee Abae to Old John  
to know if it was by his orders, or if he knew / reason of it. He sent me / answer  
it was not by his orders but it was on Mr Daugh's head. The Pymms were w him  
& came in abt 8 o'clock. I asked them who any body belong'd to / Fort had broke the  
laws or done anything bad, & they had set a parcel of idle boys to stop our provincs. They  
sd Mr Daugh had broke / law on / Cob head (it was the expression) by parading his  
Pawns & put them in irons. It was in vain to we insisted on the beg slaves, wh he  
has a right to put in irons when he pleased: & witnesses sd he bro't to his pay a boy one of them  
w any condons or restrictions. They still persisted to talk of them on / footy of pawns wh were at work for Mr Daugh  
till / Fort was finished, & then to be left here till redeemed. They concluded by desiring I wd write for Mr Daugh  
& they m't be sent down here & put in my hands till they are redeemed; & if this was not done, they wd all me a  
Palaver wh they had in their heads, & that wd not be agreeable: & some / English distressed instead of assisting  
them, they m't live in / Fort by themselves, & they wd by themselves, wh meant they wd again stop the  
coming into / Fort. They unminuted likewise to these people were bot w goods wh were sent on to  
King as presents for them, but of wh Mr Daugh had cheated them. On my promising to write as they  
desired, I blockade is raised till for answer arrives, & if I derive to this affair shd be disputed, wh,  
by / by, we are in no / good condition to do, it will be necessary to amuse them w good words before I  
give them the final answer, & in / meantime, send us powder, musquet ball, grape shot & as much  
of other provincs as possible. If altho' I have bot all / corn to has offered, I have bot a small quantity by me.  
These things must be put up in such a manner as / contents may not be suspected.

Nassau Senior to Huydecooper

C. C. C. 19 May 1760 no 6.

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Inclosed I send of a translat<sup>n</sup> o part o a let rec<sup>d</sup> fm / Chief o Succondee. I sh<sup>d</sup> be extremely sorry to imagine of w<sup>o</sup> encourage such proceedgs in any officer under y, & therefore doubt not but of will punish / Aggressors as he deserves. I cannot help here taking notice to / insults to / English men daily rec<sup>d</sup> relaty to / Portuguese, is really insufferable. I myself h<sup>d</sup> a servant beat by a Dutch soldier for attemptg to go on board a Portugueser but perhaps to gent<sup>n</sup> may one time or ~~another~~ or suffer of his insolence. The English be doubtless equally / same rights to trade w<sup>o</sup> / Portuguese or any o<sup>r</sup> men as they h<sup>d</sup> to trade w<sup>o</sup> / Negroes. I know you'll say by a Treaty betw<sup>n</sup> / Dutch or Portuguese men of can hinder / latter for tradg on this side / River Volta. How<sup>ev</sup> I h<sup>d</sup> been often told by / Portuguese themselves quite a diff<sup>t</sup> story, & indeed h<sup>d</sup> many substantial reasons of thinking diverse. I must therefore must beg if th<sup>is</sup> really is such a Treaty betw<sup>n</sup> / two Nations of will let me h<sup>d</sup> a Copy o it for my better management. Orways must conclude th<sup>is</sup> is nothing o / kind subsistg. I may perhaps think it v<sup>ry</sup> xtry my workg such a thg. I look upon it as / best method to can be taken to put a stop to many disputes to may happen ~~from~~ on t<sup>he</sup> coast, & next as a person at / head o affairs on this Coast. I presume I h<sup>d</sup> a Right to demand a copy o any publick Treaty wherein / English men is in any way interested. Sh<sup>d</sup> be glad to be favoured w<sup>o</sup> an answer; I ordered my servant to wait for it till tomorrow

Huydecooper (J.P.T.) to Nassau Senior (translat<sup>n</sup>) At / Mine 19 May 1760 no. 7.

I am v<sup>ry</sup> far fm permitg any o our officers to insult / English men on any occ<sup>n</sup> whatever, but at / same time I sh<sup>d</sup> never condemn them w<sup>o</sup> have heard the diff<sup>e</sup> of / affairs o Succondee happened as yr officers informs yr. it is certain to ourt went to far, since I frankly declare to we h<sup>d</sup> no right to visit yr canoes or Vessels. I sh<sup>d</sup> inform myself abt th<sup>is</sup> affairs, & sh<sup>d</sup> take care to nothing o this kind happens of / future. As to / affairs o soldiers who struck yr Boy I know not when it happened, but it is v<sup>ry</sup> possible to / soldier may not be in / wrong. I know to fm time immemorial / Portuguese h<sup>d</sup> a Dutch Guard aboard to take care to they do not act contrary to / Passport, wh<sup>o</sup> they rec<sup>d</sup> hereunder under / gr seal o our Co; by wh<sup>o</sup> they are forbid to trade on

their side / Paves Volta, if yr servant attempted to molest this Guard, or oppose him  
 while he was doing his duty, / former did right in oppos<sup>g</sup> outrage by outrage, since am<sup>g</sup>  
 all civilized na<sup>ns</sup> / person o a Guard is sacred, as he represents him who appted him.  
 Yeh of his, threaten this Guard, but wrongfully, since assuredly he will never repent o hav<sup>g</sup>  
 done his duty, & they to whom he belongs will not fail o supporting those who are in  
 the Service.

As to / right wh we h over / Portuguese in Europe consequence of / Treatys made  
 betw our Sovereigns & thrs, if y call it in ques<sup>n</sup> upon / simple relat<sup>n</sup> o some Portuguese  
 Capts I must freely declare to y t I shd never h imagin'd t a man so intelligent  
 as y must be, wd seek disputes & make difficulties upon a point o so gr<sup>ve</sup> imp<sup>ce</sup>, supported  
 upon so weak founda<sup>ns</sup>, what concern h y abt / Treatys made betw my Masters  
 & a third na<sup>n</sup>? It belongs to them & the officers to make them observed not  
 to y who are no way interest'd in / sd Treaty directly. If how<sup>ev</sup> y think y h  
 anythg to complain o in dis respect, or are desirous t anythg shd pass upon this  
 affair, 'tis in Europe y shd address yrself, since I know what are / rights o my  
 Co & o my Masters who h confided them to me, & I sh maintain them as much  
 as I am able w all / rigour possible ag<sup>st</sup> who<sup>ev</sup> sh dispute them. In / meantime

I am sorry to see y so dy ready to make complt<sup>s</sup> since 'tis we who h just reason  
 to make complt<sup>s</sup> o demandg repara<sup>n</sup>. The ships furnish'd w our Guards  
 & Passports are continually forced to trade w yr na<sup>n</sup> not w us they h often v<sup>y</sup>  
 much / disadvantage o it. Our Guards are ill treated if they oppose o & what  
 is more, / English ships & Vessels block up our Ports just as they wd do were  
 we in open War. These are / insults wh<sup>ch</sup> make use o yr own terms,  
 become intolerable



No 8.

Copy o/ yth art o Agreement made anno 1708 11<sup>th</sup> July 1708 betw<sup>n</sup> Sir Dalby Thomas & Peter Mynls Esq<sup>r</sup> Dutch Gov<sup>r</sup> viz: That such Port: ship or ships as sh<sup>e</sup> come to anchor in any o/ Roads belongg to / English Ports or Factories sh<sup>e</sup> not be molested by any Dutch ship or ships belongg to / sd Co, nor be block'd up by them in / sd English Roads, nor attacked or seiz'd as they go out o/ sd Roads, nor sh<sup>e</sup> they offer to seize any such ship or ships t<sup>h</sup> first put themselves under / protection o/ any English Port or bn in possession o/ any English ship, they have one o/ sd Royal Cos servants on board certifying / Same; That on /<sup>or</sup> side, none o/ English Ports or Cos ships sh<sup>e</sup> protect or seize any Portuguese ~~or~~ wh<sup>o</sup> were 1<sup>st</sup> on possession o/ any Dutch W. I. Cos ship, nor sh<sup>e</sup> / English Gen<sup>l</sup> or Chief Director f / Timor be g<sup>r</sup>ant passports to any Port: ship gog to & fm Brazil, or any o<sup>r</sup> / Port: Islands

Anno 1713 16 May 1713. The articles made in 1708 as above are ratify'd by Messrs Probenors, P<sup>ro</sup>p<sup>ri</sup> Phlips & Pleas<sup>e</sup> Directors f / R.A.C. at C.C.C. & Gen<sup>l</sup> Their oniv<sup>er</sup>s Haring at Elmina, w<sup>h</sup> / followg add<sup>n</sup>, viz:

Art 6<sup>th</sup> As it is not ment<sup>d</sup> in / Dutch original o/ yth art, t<sup>h</sup> / R.A.C's servants, put on board any Port: vessel f<sup>r</sup> his protect<sup>n</sup>, sh<sup>e</sup> h<sup>e</sup> a Cert<sup>e</sup> f / same, This being fur<sup>th</sup> agreed t<sup>h</sup> / Portugese sh<sup>e</sup> not be molested by / Dutch Cos servants usidg here o/ what degree o/ quality sower, or by any o<sup>r</sup> its ships, / sd Portuguese have on board one o/ R.A.C's servants, w<sup>h</sup> fm its ships or factories, w<sup>h</sup> a Cert<sup>e</sup> sign<sup>d</sup> signifying fm whom or whence he came.

Anno 1728. 28 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1728. Copies were drawn out o/ both forego<sup>g</sup> agreements each be<sup>g</sup> ratify'd by Messrs Braithwaite & Cruickshanks, Chief Agents at C.C.C. & Mr Rob<sup>t</sup> Morre Gen<sup>l</sup> at Elmina, to wh<sup>o</sup> were add<sup>d</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Arts, & deputies sent by both parties w<sup>h</sup> them on board H<sup>er</sup> Saphire Capt John Smith who sign<sup>d</sup> his name at / end o/ all, as did also / Deputies, one o/ Arts made on board / sd ship is as follows, viz:-

T<sup>h</sup>o present effectually all differ<sup>s</sup> o/ what nature sower, it is mutually agreed t<sup>h</sup> all Arts o/ Agreements & Contracts heretofore made & confirm<sup>d</sup> by our Predecessors, & / res<sup>pective</sup> Cos, sh<sup>e</sup> remain in full force & virt<sup>ue</sup>, & be inviolably kept & preserv<sup>d</sup> preserved by our res<sup>pective</sup> Sp<sup>er</sup>s & Success<sup>ors</sup>.

The above ment<sup>d</sup> Chief Agents & Gen<sup>l</sup> sign<sup>d</sup> also to / same

130. no 9 Wesgate to Nassau Senior Commenda 9 May 1760

My opinion o Mr Greenhill's letter is, that Publick shd be involved in a Palaver & put to an unnecesary expce at Aboo, ~~this~~ his best way as Chief o t Fort & a person o ~~substante~~ ~~substante~~ substance is to redeem Mr Brew's Concoemen & keep them thr to work f himself, & / Co when they h occa<sup>n</sup> to employ them. He says he absolutely refuses to involve himself in a Palaver, wh can be attended w nothg but trouble. I apprehend we h had vry few profitable palavers thr, & it were well f / Ctee if them litigious people cd always be satisfied w / expce only o a little trouble in thr servants. What reasons Mr Greenhill may h f decling / only way to prevent all troubles o palavers, in my opinion is f him to accept o / Concoemen upon / terms old John of Lic - or ?] / Pyrmins Pyrmins proposed. Mr Brew found himself under an absolute necessity o purchas<sup>d</sup> these Concoemen w<sup>ch</sup> he cd never transact his own or / Ctee's business, & this is a wic I apprehend wh<sup>ch</sup> is Chief o Aboo must comply w in our present situ<sup>n</sup> thr, if he means to hve quiet. I believe it is well known t / Aboo people will not suffer strange Concoemen to work thr, & no Chief can well be w<sup>th</sup> Concoemen, f his own or / Co's business; so t unless it be that expedient - to indulge him w a set o Co's slaves Concoemen, I can't see how he can extricate himself f<sup>r</sup> his difetty, if it may be call'd one. I h only to observe t Mr Brew's Concoemen slaves are to be sent off / Coast w / Co's ship, if thr friends do not redeem them before she sails, but if y are pleased to be bound f thr redemption before t time, I dare say it will be as agreeable to / or Gentlemen concerned in / managem<sup>t</sup> o Mr Brew's affairs, as myself, to delv them up as soon as y think proper.

no 10. Wm Matter to Nassau Senior Licor 10 May 1760

I suppose it is intend t y t if Mr Brew's Concoemen are redeemed w / Ctee's expence & sent to work at Aboo, t they will be under no Command & consequently only work when they think proper, or not at all, unless they can get more liquor to drink than the work is worth. The security o John Curranzee or / Pyrmins is not worth a half penny, & when / Concoemen are once sent to Aboo, thr relations will give themselves no trouble abt them thr Redemp<sup>n</sup>, but perhaps work upon t as already done. At least they will never suffer them to be sold tho they may be quietly o / glist Villainy; so t John a / Pyrmins want t these Concoemen shd be made a present o t Apoa & Cross, but t I am convinc'd y will never agree to, unless / safety o / Fort or some o<sup>r</sup> affair o Vry g<sup>t</sup> consequence depends on it

C. C. C. 20 May 1760

[on R.] 13

I am afraid the never will be an end to Palavers at Aboo. You'll see by Tinsford's <sup>his</sup> how excessively troublesome these people are, & must desire yr opinions there as soon as possible. Mr Westgate observes in his dr relaty to Mr Brew's affairs t<sup>t</sup> the Gov<sup>n</sup> found the was an absolute necessity f<sup>r</sup> taking slaves canoe-men. This I think is no differ matter to prove / contrary o, or else how was / sundry vessels sent to Aboo w<sup>th</sup> stores & loaded a Ctee's business carried on in Mr<sup>s</sup> 'schoyter's' or Papperly's time; besides, 'tis v<sup>y</sup> plain Mr<sup>s</sup> Goodson & Tinsford, w<sup>th</sup> purchas'd a single slave canoe-man, in the business as well done, I fancy I may say better, than ever Mr Brew had. I must say I think it w<sup>ld</sup> be a v<sup>y</sup> g<sup>d</sup> hardship indeed f<sup>r</sup> Mr Greenhill to be obliged to purchase these canoe-men o Mr Brew's. Why sh<sup>d</sup> he be made so g<sup>d</sup> a sufferer f<sup>r</sup> / indiscrimination o his predecessor? I think it may w<sup>as</sup> g<sup>d</sup> justice he sh<sup>d</sup> be oblig'd to pay app<sup>r</sup> chief o a Fort sh<sup>d</sup> be oblig'd to take whate debts may be due / Gov<sup>n</sup> he succeed a pay him f<sup>r</sup> im, tho I fancy the are v<sup>y</sup> few but w<sup>th</sup> think this to / g<sup>d</sup> degree unreasonable. By Mr Tinsford's acct, who is here, / Aboo people are still v<sup>y</sup> troublesome abt Mr Brew's canoe-men & insist on the be<sup>g</sup> sent down.

H<sup>r</sup> 12[comes after H<sup>r</sup> 13 in order o date]  
post pH<sup>r</sup> 13.

[Recd April 1. 1761]

Thos Westgate to Nassau Senior

C. C. C. 25 July 1760.

I R waited f<sup>r</sup> some time to know / w<sup>th</sup> o / Resolutions I am told I came to, both before & since / oral o / Mrs Elizabeth, to dig in Mrs Whyte to succeed y<sup>r</sup> upon yr resignation, & consequently to lay me aside. I h<sup>ve</sup> satisfact<sup>n</sup> to find t<sup>h</sup> altho / Ctee w<sup>th</sup> me in the last dr, they h<sup>ve</sup> not authorized the Officers on / Coast to lay me aside, or as they are pleased to continue me, first in Council, & if I declared yr intention a prepared saying to leave / Coast in / Elizabeth, I think it is full time I sh<sup>d</sup> know w<sup>th</sup> or not I am to succeed to / President ship o this Castle accord<sup>g</sup> to / regular course o / Service, t<sup>h</sup> if I am to succeed, I may prepare an answer to / Ctee's dr, get an Indent made out, & provide myself w<sup>th</sup> proper articles f<sup>r</sup> / support o / Garrison & necessaries f<sup>r</sup> / Publick Table

Nassau Senior to Westgate

C. C. C. 23<sup>d</sup> July 1760

Since I am desirous o knowg my opinion o / Clee's dr, it is this, t they sh set f  
aside fm succeedg as President. I sh shewm yr dr to Mr Mutter who is o / same opinion,  
o f may depend upon it, we will consult / Publick Interest so far as to do our Endeavors  
to prevent f succeedg to / Chair, as it seems to us rest only / Clee's intentions but likewise  
absolutely negy f / good o / service in gen.  
N.B. Yr Dr is dated 25<sup>th</sup> instanc o 1760

Nassau Senior to James Whyte

C. C. C. 12 July 1760

The present situation o / Clee's affairs are such t yr prose is absolutely negy here,  
therefore hope f will not any longer hesitate, but set out immediately on rest o this, unless f  
think f are in so bad a state o health as to run any risk by undertaking such a journey. In t  
case must desire yr opinion on regard to appoy my successor, f wh purpose think it negy  
to send f enclosed a copy o / Clee's last dr, o desire f will be yr parte in givg me yr sentiments  
theron, t on Meetg o a Gen Council o all / Chiefs, I may lay it before them

James Whyte to Nassau Senior

Accord. 18 July 1760

- sickness about - His indisposim makes it impossible f him to repair to C. C. -

- His opinion on / Clee's dr: - The Clee in t g seem to express so gr a dissatisfaction w  
Mr Westgate's behaviour t, if I understand ths meang aright, they seem resolved t be shd  
not succeed to / diron o ths affairs upon / Coast, on wh acct I sh reason to think myself  
entitled to / succion as President o Council after f resign; but as my constitution is so much  
impaired by frequent o repeated attacks o fever o o<sup>r</sup> disorders f some time past, as to advise  
me I sh not perfectly recover in ths Climate, I am resolved to return to my native Country  
as soon as my affairs will permit me. I hope therefore t f will not construe it as undign o  
or want o inclination to serve f Clee in a stam so conspicuous, o so gr a trust, o any way so  
desirable. But on / above consion o ~~my~~ bad state o health o frequent sickly contin...  
I decline wrgg my pretens, to t place, as to a person thm to succeed f as President o  
/ Council to manage / Gov affairs, I think Mr Wm Mutter Chief o Discover has / best  
right after myself o I know him a person any way qualified f t stam o who I dares say  
will give his Masters all / satisfon possible in / foren o management o ths affairs

Act Council. C. C. C. 26 July 1760

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Present Nassau Senior, Pres<sup>r</sup> & Gov in Chief re Thos Westgate M.C. & Gov Comenda.  
Wm Mutter M.C. & Gov Ducove, Chas Bonville Chief o Tantomquery, Gilbert Petrie Chief o  
Succoodee, Patruick Greenhill Chief o Amamaboo

Mr Senior has represented his resolu<sup>n</sup> o Exco/ Coast in / Mas Elizobeth, Capt Robt Manley  
Jun<sup>r</sup> of wh reason he dect proper to convene a gen Council o all / Chiefs in order to consult abt  
appointing his successor, Mr Senior then ordered / Capt de fm / Ctee to be ready, wherin is / follows  
Paragraph " The disrespect shown to y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> by sev<sup>l</sup> o / Officers & partly Mr Westgate,  
" contrary to our express Orders is by disagreeable to us, & as we h<sup>e</sup> no doubt but his pp<sup>l</sup> motive  
" is / hopes he has o success to / Chair, / removing o him a step fur<sup>r</sup> fm it w<sup>l</sup> perhaps teach  
" him t<sup>o</sup> his duty & w<sup>l</sup> w<sup>l</sup> be to obey our Commands, by submitting to his superiors"; by  
wh plainly appears t<sup>o</sup> / Ctee are so highly offended w<sup>th</sup> / disrespeful behaviour o  
Mr Thos Westgate Chief o Comenda towards Mr Senior as to think him an improper  
person f<sup>r</sup> / dir<sup>n</sup> o the affairs on this Coast; in consequence o wh (Mr Lohyte having in  
his public de now before us, declined in / strongest terms taking upon him / Presidentship on acct  
o his health & o private reasons) in order to restore / peace & harmony o / Coast wh / Ctee so  
warmly insulate a seem to h<sup>e</sup> so much at heart, & wh we h<sup>e</sup> reason to fear w<sup>l</sup> be interrupted by  
Mr Westgate's succession to / Chair

Resolved I Wm Mutter s<sup>h</sup> be appl<sup>d</sup> President o Council re, w<sup>th</sup> every power & aucty as was enjoy<sup>d</sup>  
by any o his Predecessors, in consequence o wh Resolu<sup>n</sup>, Mr Westgate desired his discharge  
fm / Service, wh is hereby granted him &  
whereas by Mr Westgate's discharge the happens a Vacancy in Council

Resolved t<sup>o</sup> Mr Charles Bonville be appl<sup>d</sup> a M.C. in his room, & Chief o Winnebok in / room  
o Mr Hoppely who was dismissed by order o / Ctee, & Mr Petrie do take upon him  
/ Command o Ducove Fort, Vacant by Mr Mutter's prem<sup>o</sup> to / Chair; & Mr Cockburn do succeed  
Mr Petrie as Chief o Succoodee; & Mr Wm Webster be appl<sup>d</sup> Chief o Tantomquery; Mr  
Goodson Chief o Comenda; Mr John Calcroft Account; Mr Grant Factor Proc<sup>r</sup>; & Mr Wm  
West, Warehouse Keeper in his room, & Mr Robert Goodcheed Register & Reader o Durvie  
Service in / room o Mr Calcroft; the resp<sup>l</sup> Salaries to begin fm / 1<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> next, Adjourned  
Sgd by Nassau Senior & Wm Mutter, Gilbert Petrie & Pat Greenhill.

I am o opinion t<sup>o</sup> / Ctee s<sup>h</sup> in the de does not include Mr Westgate for succeed<sup>t</sup>  
to / Chair; / rest o / above Act I agree w<sup>th</sup>  
(sgd) Charles Bonville

Deed Council and C.C.C. 26 July 1760

Wm Muttter to / Ctee

C.C.C. 10 August 1760

Mr Seniors last on / 26<sup>th</sup> July last assembled a gen Council a call / Chiefs o /r  
 Out forts acquainted them w / his intenc<sup>n</sup> to leave / Coast by / new Elizabeth Capt Manly  
 & desired the opinion & advice in regard to / applyg a President o / Council. Mr Wistgate,  
 as / eldest member of Council looked upon / President ship as his right. Mr Bonville was  
 likewise o / same way o / thinkg, but / o / members were o / opinion t / g on y<sup>r</sup> ltr o / 9<sup>th</sup> March  
 last [p. 93 supra], relaty to Mr Wistgate, set him aside fm / success o / consequently t / Mr  
 Whyte shd be advanced to / Chair on Mr Seniors resigng; but / enclosed No 12, be g  
 read, I was by a majority o / Council chosen President, whereupon Mr Wistgate demanded his  
 discharge fm y<sup>r</sup> service, & t, w / payment o / his debts, beg promised him, he left / Council.  
 The Act relaty to this office & / promotions t were made in consequence o /r, y h enclosed No 13,

Enclosed No 14 y h an Indent f next years supplies, as more cd be more advantageously  
 calculated f lesseng / arrears due y<sup>r</sup> servants on this Coast (see y<sup>r</sup> one o us wd be  
 g<sup>th</sup> pleased to see payment o what is due in / goods is note f) I intreat y will understand  
 to comply w our Indent as nearly as possible especially in / species o those Goods where we  
 h parties distinguished / Xifre wh is v<sup>y</sup> material to us all.

I h spoke w / Chiefs o / Out forts concerning / furnishing the Tobacco in / manner y  
 direct, but as to Article is at least 25 % dearer than when Mr Seniors & some o<sup>r</sup>s furnished  
 40 battoms f £4. it wd be a g<sup>th</sup> hardship on y<sup>r</sup> servants who advanced the money, to  
 put y<sup>r</sup> Orders in execu<sup>n</sup>, / more especially as after passg out o / supplies by / new  
 Elizabeth / arrears due this Garrison ulto June, & / full amt o Messrs Hoppusley,  
 Brews & Wistgates demands w Mr Seniors to a trifle, ~~will~~ / poor remde want clear  
 off t<sup>rd</sup> o what is due to Messrs Whyte, Bonville, Devaynes, Peble, Greenhill, & y<sup>r</sup> most  
 humble servant. Therefore I flatter myself I will excuse our not complyg w y<sup>r</sup>  
 Regula<sup>n</sup> in t parts. The Value o tobacco is so variable in this Country t I apprehend  
 / price o furnishing it shd in some measure be left to y<sup>r</sup> ppal officers. Three  
 months ago it ~~was~~ sold at £6 in gold pe Roll & no g<sup>th</sup> quantity to be had when  
 at t price.

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As this will probably be delt of by our Senior, & as he intends to consider yr dr o /  
15<sup>th</sup> March, it is unnecessary for me to enlarge farther on yr affairs at present: therefore I  
sh only add to I will make it my study to live in peace w<sup>th</sup> our Neighbours, & to / (almost) o  
my power restore t<sup>e</sup> harmony ~~amongst~~ amongst ourselves, wh<sup>ch</sup> is so q<sup>u</sup>itly wanted, & is so necessary  
f<sup>r</sup> / good o<sup>f</sup> yr Service. / with<sup>o</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> it is my duty to h<sup>ave</sup> at heart.

- Asks f<sup>r</sup> / honour o<sup>f</sup> beg continued in / chief br<sup>o</sup>wn o<sup>f</sup> the affairs -

Nassau Senior to / Ctee

G. C. C. 12 August 1760

The arriv<sup>e</sup> o<sup>f</sup> / New Elizabeth w<sup>th</sup> Supplies I confess was a gr<sup>at</sup> satisfact<sup>o</sup>n She was so  
long a coming t<sup>h</sup> I really gave her over f<sup>r</sup> loss, or taken by / enemy.

I observe what y<sup>e</sup> are pleased to say abt<sup>t</sup> Tobacco, but I assure y<sup>e</sup> it ~~will~~ is  
impossible to fix a set price on t<sup>e</sup> Commodity. It varies to such a degree, it is dear or cheap  
accordg<sup>g</sup> to / number o<sup>f</sup> Vessels t<sup>h</sup> arriv<sup>e</sup> from Brazil. I h<sup>ave</sup> myself sold it f<sup>r</sup> 3 oz gold  
a Boll, & am oblig<sup>d</sup> at ano<sup>t</sup> time to take £3. A few months ago they purchased /  
prim<sup>e</sup> o<sup>f</sup> men slaves f<sup>r</sup> 3 Bolls at Popoe: Excuse my taking / liberty to say<sup>e</sup> in my  
opinion, tho' leave it to yr better Judgment, this is a necessity f<sup>r</sup> yr leave it to / person who is /  
head o<sup>f</sup> yr affairs, if he is an honest man he will set as low a price upon it as he can possibly allow  
it at; & if yr advise yr fix any other price upon it may be / stor<sup>d</sup> o<sup>f</sup> many o<sup>f</sup> yr Castle slaves w<sup>h</sup>,  
as he will pay them in dry rotten Tobacco wh<sup>ch</sup> it is impossible f<sup>r</sup> them to buy provisions w<sup>th</sup>.

The present allow<sup>ance</sup> f<sup>r</sup> supporting / settlements in Africa is so excessive small t<sup>h</sup> in our  
opinion it will not allow o<sup>f</sup> sending any more Cannon. Many o<sup>f</sup> yr Chiefs will not see aban  
a 3<sup>d</sup> part t<sup>h</sup> is due them f<sup>r</sup> the adv<sup>an</sup>cem<sup>en</sup>ts or salary to ult<sup>o</sup> June.

... Refers to / Act o<sup>f</sup> / Gen Council on his resignation the matters appoint<sup>ed</sup> ...

Mr Westgate insisted t<sup>h</sup> I had not right to a vote as I laid down, but was given ag<sup>st</sup> him by  
a majority in Council. He desired to know what I meant by sayg<sup>g</sup> in my letter t<sup>h</sup> his succeedg<sup>g</sup>  
me w<sup>o</sup>ld be prejudicial to / service. I told him his temper was such t<sup>h</sup> in my opinion w<sup>o</sup>ld few Gent<sup>l</sup> in  
/ service w<sup>o</sup>ld live under him ( & consequently yr Party w<sup>o</sup>ld be in a manner deserted ); t<sup>h</sup> most o<sup>f</sup> those  
present had declared sooner than they w<sup>o</sup>ld submit to it, they w<sup>o</sup>ld take the discharge ... I expect  
beg at Barbadoes as soon as this<sup>e</sup> for wh<sup>ch</sup> place unless I go home by 7<sup>th</sup> Coweys. sh<sup>o</sup>ld  
myself / honour o<sup>f</sup> writg<sup>g</sup> more fully.

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Wm Muller to / Ctee.

Hh 12

C. C. C. 15 October 1760

The Marquis o Granby, Capt Norwich beg ready to sail for Annamaboo  
Board w 360 slaves on board, I take this oppy o acquainting y w such occurrences as he  
happened since 10th o Augt when I hd / hon o writing y by Mrs Seniors ...

Abt / time Mrs Seniors left us a body o 3000 Warsawes came suddenly down  
upon / Abremoes (a people situated abt 12 leagues to / N. W o this) & w / least provok<sup>n</sup>  
laid waste thr villages, killed seel & carried off abt 3 or 400 prisoners This affair has  
put an entire stop to / Warsaw Trade at present, & as gr part o / merchandize bot here by /  
Shipping pass thro thr hands before they can reach / Ashanties o / inland parts, it is  
o w / gr detriment to / Trade in gen. The Fantiess h bn threatening much f some time  
by past to join / Ashanties in order to destroy / Warsaw Mann. This is / preceding affair  
has occasion'd an almost intire stagnat<sup>n</sup> o Trade, so t I am afraid thr will be few or  
no good Voyages made this Year. It is sd t / Warsawes in gen highly disapprove  
o / treacherous attack o / Abremoes by / above party o thr Mann. Notw<sup>th</sup> this may  
be / Case yet thr is little probability t they will oblige them to give satisf<sup>n</sup>  
to / Abremoes, bec / latter people, beg not above 2 or 3000 they are not in a Condition  
to h recourse to any effectual means to procure it. One o / Abremoes Caboceros  
having distinguished himself in showing his attachment to / English in / time o our  
diffic<sup>y</sup> w / Dutch at Commenda, upon his beg attack'd by / Warsawes sent to me  
f gunpowder, w<sup>ch</sup> I immediately supplied him; & at / same time got Cudjoe  
Caboceros to send up 2000<sup>0</sup> o his soldiers to his assist<sup>ce</sup>. These at / request o /  
Abremoes Caboceros, conducted / women & children to this place, wh presented thr fall<sup>y</sup>  
into / hands o / Fantiess who, tho they are seivorn friends- & allies, w / Abremoes,  
yet w thr usual treachery were picking up ev<sup>ry</sup> straggler they cd catch, t they wd  
by selling them or keepg them live redeemed by thr masters get somethg in / worst o  
times. Durg these transac<sup>ns</sup> I hd seel messages fm / Fantiess, begg to be supplied in  
w<sup>th</sup> gunpowder & Guns f / defence o thr Country, & f them to go & fight  
/ Warsawes at Abremoes. I offer'd them all I hd o my own, provided they wd

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pay me in gold or slaves. But that was not what they wanted; they must h<sup>ave</sup> yr guns  
& powder as a Dasher (or present), & t<sup>hat</sup> I did not think proper to let them h<sup>ave</sup>, knowing  
the Country to be in no danger, & the fighting / Warsaws to be only a pretice to get / above  
articles of nothing. Upon this, they bro't me a Slave who they cd not dispose o any where  
else, & to prevent the beg<sup>s</sup> troublesome at Annamaboo, I paid them in my own powder.

Before Mr Senior left this place / Fantics had b'm extremely troublesome &  
block'd up / Fort, in order to oblige him to redeem a parcel o Cannomen whom they had  
sold to Mr Brew & who were don in Irons in this Castle to be shipp'd off. The Fantics  
sd t they had only pawn'd the people to Mr Brew & therefore insisted on the rest  
beg<sup>s</sup> sent off / Coast, but t / Co shd redeem them, & afterwards send them down as Co's slaves  
to Annamaboo.

Upon Mr Daugh<sup>er</sup> leav'g / Coast we had ano<sup>r</sup> palaver o / same kind w them. His  
Cannomen were not slaves, but pawn'd & therefore must be redeemed by / Co & sent down  
to work at Annamaboo as slaves.

Now tho' neither o these demands were agreed to, bec in fact it wd h<sup>ave</sup> b'm / same  
as giv'g them so much money f the people wd never h<sup>ave</sup> b'm o any service to y, yet such  
is / insolde o Fantics, such the Villainy, & such has b'm our situat<sup>ion</sup> at t place, t  
they must h<sup>ave</sup> Dashes, be the palaver what it will, & w'de the is no safety in liv'g  
at Annamaboo

The Fort at Annamaboo has b'm block'd up in some measure f this  
month by past. The reason is they w'de h<sup>ave</sup> Mr Greenhill no longer f the Chief, bec  
he refused to dasher them a Perpet. He offered them a Perpet f gold, f wood,  
or any one thg wh cd be o use to him; but t wd not satisfy them; he must quit  
/ Fort or they will endeavour to starve him out o it. Upon my com'g here, I  
sent to Annamaboo a quantity o salt previous sufficient f / Garrison f three  
or four months - I likewise sent / small guns wh came out by Capt Manley.  
w a sufficient quantity o powder & shott. There w a proper stock o corn &  
firewood wh Mr Greenhill had lain in, & a rein force o eight people f'm this

Castle, Families were set defiance. Abt 10 days ago I sent to Attoo a  
 canoe loaded w/ Jambe & Brandy, & as Families threatened to seize upon anything  
 wh I shd send fm this, I wrote Mr Greenhill to fire upon them if they were as good  
 as the words. On / canoes landing at Attoo, numbers gathered on / beach & laid  
 hold o her, but on seeg / match lighted & / aprons off / Guns, they were prudent  
 enough to suffer evrythg to be carried into / Fort, & h since bn glad to make up  
 all deficiencies Mr Greenhill's / present. tho I don't flatter myself they will ever be  
 easy till they are convinced t we are no longer in t state o dependence in wh we h  
 bn dwrg / buildg o Annamabo Fort. Old John pretends to h nothg to say in  
 these palavers, tho he is undoubtedly at / bottom o all mischief. Good usage is thrown  
 away upon him f he is harden'd in iniquity & proof agst evrythg but brandy.

My intenn o beg so circumstantial in regard to Justice affairs is t y  
 may be no stranger to the present behaviour, wh is entirely o a piece w the  
 former conduct. They never had a Chief yet but they wanted another. They will  
 never be at peace till they are convinced o the folly & arrogance by making use o our  
 guns to strengthen our arguments.

... Personnel. Lists of Surgeons & Writers of Soldiers - ...

The glist part o slaves who were employ'd in / buildg o Attoo Fort - now employ'd at CCC -

- The alterations & improvements he proposes at C.C.C. -

- Goods in demand: - Bees long Elbs, Gambowars, Patna Chints, Romauls, Tapsects,

Chellows, Bejutapants, small pattern India negampants, but above all Rum & Brandy


- Not on a Rum man on / Coast f 6 months till a fortnight ago when I fm Rhode Island and -

Mr Huyde copers who has bn President of Council at Elmina upwards o two years  
 is at last turned out o his place by / malice o his enemies on / Coast. How<sup>r</sup> these  
 gentlemen h not succeeded entirely accordg to the wishes, f Mr Huyde copers has not  
 only / choice o any o the Forts, but is likewise superseded by one who, he writes, me, is  
 his intimate friend & t is Mr Erasmus, who came out as Fiscal on / Coast abt a  
 year [ago] as Fiscal & is now appt'd Gen.

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The Sec to Gov & Council of C.C.C London 24 June 1961



4 June 1761 Admiralty office. Letter. J Cleveland to J Pronnell Sends / observations on /  
 Ports & Settlements on / Coast o Africa. by Capt Galbraith o H M S Centurion  
 to Informer of / Lords o Trade & Plantans.

State & Condition of Ports & Settlements in possession of Co o Merchants.  
 traded to / Coast o Africa taken by James Galbraith o H M S Centurion.  
 between / 15<sup>th</sup> October & / 20<sup>th</sup> December follows 1760

Name o Port Chief Factor name No o Cannon mounted No o Cannon mounted No o Cannon mounted No o Cannon mounted  
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Condition of Ports

Dicks Cove	Gilb <sup>t</sup> Pelue	20 dft. mcs	8	15	9	In gen <sup>l</sup> good condition except some carpenters work wanted
Succodae	Jno Cockburne	14 dft. mcs	8	5	5	So very ruinous that it is entirely unrepairable w <sup>o</sup> beg rebuilt from foundation
Commenda	Tom Goodson	17 dft. mcs	8	24	---	In good repair
Cape Coast Castle	Wm Mutter	46 dft. mcs	34	158	55	In tolerable repair. Some masonry carrying on for a platform to mount 8 12 pdr's to / S. W. towards / Sea.
Monom-boo	Rt <sup>l</sup> J Greenhill	23 dft. mcs	11	9	---	The Batturys are still unpaired, The Parade likewise unpaired for want o materials. A good deal o Mason work wanted to be done to / Fort in gen <sup>l</sup> w <sup>o</sup> it to be timely taken in hand as / Climate will w <sup>o</sup> soon render it ruinous. The fort draw seems to be well finished w <sup>o</sup> gr <sup>o</sup> solidity altho / Chief Factor thinks / Arches o Rampart too low & too flat to bear transportg o Cannon & Ballments o one other. 3 Ballments o one o them beg already parted for / interior wall o obliged to be supplied by a batturys
Tantumquerry		paired in / night w <sup>o</sup> beg able to suspect it but was informed it was in good repair				
Winnebagh	Jas Whyke	1 1/2 dft. mcs	9	28	7.	In tolerable good repair except some masonry work wanted in / officers & soldiers lodggs Apartments

(sgd) Jas Galbraith

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Ft. 21. Recd Sep 3 1761.

The Ctee to / Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council o CCC. London 24 June 1761

Since our apptg Mr Charles Bell Gov<sup>r</sup> o CCC we h recd 3 Ltrs from Mr W<sup>m</sup> Mutter o Aug<sup>t</sup> 10 [P 134] & Oct 15 [P 136] 1760, & one w<sup>th</sup> date & sundry pps therein incld.

W<sup>th</sup> assistance o Mr Traver & Mr Harrison & 1/2 Writers who went out w<sup>th</sup> Mr Bell ye wants we hope will in some measure be supplied w<sup>th</sup> arriv<sup>l</sup> o / Writers... who go by this ship, & t<sup>o</sup> Mr Anderson Asst Surgeon will be a gr<sup>t</sup> help till we shall be able to supply y<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> and<sup>r</sup> ---  
Ye Indents o this years Supplies came to hand much too late our Store ship beg<sup>s</sup> dispatched before long before this rec<sup>t</sup> ---

In regard to Brazil Tobacco, we doubt not but y<sup>r</sup> will h due regard to / Publish in issue t<sup>o</sup>, & say y<sup>e</sup> Article sent out by us; at same time we do not desire to put any hardship on / Gentlemen & Servants in our employ<sup>mt</sup> therefore we leave this in<sup>t</sup> to y<sup>r</sup> discre<sup>on</sup>.

The Affairs o / Warlike attacks / Abuses & thereby occasion<sup>d</sup> such a detriment to / Trade in gen. gives us much concern. We therefore desire y<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> use y<sup>r</sup> utmost endeavours (not com<sup>g</sup> to extremities) to pacify & adjust these Quarrels to / Trade may agn take its usual channel.

Ye flatter ourselves / repairs Mr Mutter was making at C.C. & / employ<sup>mt</sup> o our Slaves will be approved by Mr Bell, as they appear to us calculated f<sup>r</sup> service o / Fort & good o our Soldiers

We expect all work at / Forts will be done in a substantial manner, making use o good Lime & not clay as formerly, & t<sup>o</sup> as much atten<sup>on</sup> may be given to / repairs o all / Forts as possible, & t<sup>o</sup> all new guns may be mounted.

Includ<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> h an Extract o a Ltr from / Earl o Halifax to John Pownall Esq<sup>r</sup> Secy to / Board o Trade & ano<sup>r</sup> Ltr from W<sup>m</sup> Amack to / Earl o Halifax, complaining o an abuse given to Amack by Mr Mutter; this we direct y<sup>r</sup> to inquire into & report / state o case to us, & if W<sup>m</sup> has on ill-used y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>th</sup> to cause an adequate satisf<sup>ac</sup>on to be made him.  
... [acts] ...

We h appointed Mr Peter Brew Gov<sup>r</sup> o Annapolis Fort, & to sit in Council after Mr Bell & Mr Mutter, & if th<sup>r</sup> be any vacancy in / Council, we direct Mr Bell & / Council to fill up such vacancy subject to our approb<sup>on</sup>.



Hh 24.

Anno 1760

For acct o / money recd & expended by / Ctee o / Co o Merchts tradg to Africa b / support & improvement o / forts & settlements upon / sd Coast. The Ctee consisting o / following gentlemen

... [9 names] ...

Recd o / Ctee b 1759 Balce o last yrs acct

£1024-0-3

Sundry recs

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By Warrant for 1 hearsey deduct tax

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Sundry recs made to Hudsons o / Co

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Expended

Gambia

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Cape Coast

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Misc

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Changes o Management by }  
Act o Parliament }

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Balce to / Ctee b 1761.

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HR 29.

Recd Nov 11 1861.

Wm Muttin to / Ctee

C. C. C.

31 March 1761.

Yr Ltr o 5th Sept [P118] w/ seal pps the inclosed was deliv<sup>d</sup> me by Capt Pool & as it is by Order to h<sup>e</sup> explicit answers to all f<sup>r</sup> queries I take this oppy by Hms / Woodland to give y<sup>e</sup> as explicit answers to yr Queries & to say para. in yr Ltr as he is in my power

We h<sup>e</sup> b<sup>e</sup> under necessity o<sup>f</sup> stopp<sup>s</sup> / clamours o<sup>f</sup> Mameboe People by giving them Passes at / arriv<sup>e</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Store ship. If we do not ~~think~~ make it a rule now to Dash<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> upon all occas<sup>s</sup>, when they take it into th<sup>e</sup> heads to be troublesome. a more effectual method has b<sup>e</sup> lately made use o<sup>f</sup> to good purpose.

I never saw Mr Baugh's estimate relat<sup>e</sup> to / diff<sup>s</sup> in price betw<sup>n</sup> getting materials f<sup>r</sup> building on / Coast & having them sent f<sup>r</sup> England; but as Mr Baugh will h<sup>e</sup> laid his Accts before / G<sup>t</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Ordnance y<sup>e</sup> may then know w<sup>h</sup> certainly wh<sup>o</sup> his Estimate was well founded or not

I h<sup>e</sup> sent y<sup>e</sup> / Ground plans & elevat<sup>n</sup> o<sup>f</sup> new Battery in / Spu<sup>r</sup>, w<sup>h</sup> an acct o<sup>f</sup> cost by wh<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> may be able to judge, wh<sup>o</sup> / expence o<sup>f</sup> building is g<sup>t</sup>er or less by / materials b<sup>e</sup>g found here or sent f<sup>r</sup> England I h<sup>e</sup> not misde<sup>d</sup> / Co's slaves pay in / acct bec<sup>o</sup> they must work up / materials wh<sup>o</sup> found here or sent f<sup>r</sup> England, & they must be paid wh<sup>o</sup> they work or not. I use please to deserve to / propos<sup>n</sup> o<sup>f</sup> lime is much g<sup>t</sup>er in building here than in England. The Blacks cannot work w<sup>h</sup> / small quantity o<sup>f</sup> lime wh<sup>o</sup> white men use, & / un<sup>o</sup> surface o<sup>f</sup> / Stone found at C. Coast requires much g<sup>t</sup>er quantity than wh<sup>o</sup> suffice in building w<sup>h</sup> bricks. As to Shells, wood or lime stone, I found more on my com<sup>g</sup> here

Every one to uses this Trade know<sup>s</sup> to a Dutch is preferable to a British Gun, but as I cannot acct f<sup>r</sup> / diff<sup>s</sup> o<sup>f</sup> 10 Ach<sup>s</sup> betw<sup>n</sup> them, I must take / liberty to refer y<sup>e</sup> to Mr Lemor

If it was in / power o<sup>f</sup> yr Servants on / Coast to settle / diff<sup>s</sup> betw<sup>n</sup> / Warsaws & Families they wd<sup>o</sup> f<sup>r</sup> th<sup>e</sup> own advantage (tho<sup>o</sup> they had no regard f<sup>r</sup> / Publick) be glad to do it; but to attempt th<sup>e</sup> reconciliation at present wd<sup>o</sup> be wast<sup>e</sup>g o<sup>f</sup> time & thro<sup>w</sup>g money away w<sup>h</sup> any prospect o<sup>f</sup> success.

Enclosed y<sup>e</sup> h a list o<sup>f</sup> y<sup>e</sup> slaves now remaining at CCC. w<sup>th</sup> / manner in w<sup>ch</sup> they h<sup>ave</sup> b<sup>een</sup> employ<sup>ed</sup> & since I came here; he t<sup>h</sup> cannot find ney repairs to employ double / numbers at present, or to be excluded fr<sup>om</sup> / management o<sup>f</sup> y<sup>e</sup> affairs

Iron & Wood are sold in Wood Road to / Capt's o<sup>r</sup> vessels by Negroes genlly at as low a price as they can be purch<sup>as</sup>d f<sup>or</sup> at this Castle, & as it is / case b<sup>ig</sup> sums annly cannot be got by such sort o<sup>f</sup> peddl<sup>ing</sup>.

- as to / disposal o<sup>f</sup> new cannon - at CCC & Commda -
- The flung cloths & uniforms <sup>at</sup> CCC
- The timber used f<sup>or</sup> gun caives - fr<sup>om</sup> Wood wh<sup>ar</sup> & C<sup>o</sup>da

The dispute betw<sup>en</sup> / Dutch & us concerning Ptichuma was left to y<sup>e</sup>s or / w<sup>th</sup> C<sup>o</sup> Hollands determination. Both <sup>parties</sup> pick some stone at Ptichuma when<sup>t</sup> they please, The Caboccz is in y<sup>e</sup> pay & / few people belong to it are in y<sup>e</sup> int<sup>er</sup>. Th<sup>er</sup>fore I cannot can scarce persuade myself t<sup>o</sup> / Dutch h<sup>ave</sup> wrested Ptichuma fr<sup>om</sup> us as yet, tho' it is probable they will attempt it one day or o<sup>th</sup>er unless / affair is settled at home: & in t<sup>h</sup> case it will cost more m<sup>o</sup>ny to maintain y<sup>e</sup> right to it than all / inhabitants w<sup>o</sup>d meet [sic] here were they sold in / w<sup>th</sup> I. I can assure y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>h</sup> ney / Dutch nor us ever pick<sup>ed</sup> limestone at Bushaw, f<sup>or</sup> it<sup>h</sup> was never any produced at t<sup>h</sup> place; ney h<sup>ave</sup> we since y<sup>e</sup> Establishment had any right to Bushaw, tho' it did in former days belong to / English, & probably w<sup>o</sup>d now had / African Co handed down t<sup>h</sup> right to / place, to y<sup>e</sup> serv<sup>ants</sup>.

I sent a flag to Bnaqua some months ago & y<sup>e</sup> will see by / quantity o<sup>f</sup> shells brot fr<sup>om</sup> t<sup>h</sup> place, t<sup>h</sup> we are at present in a good understandg w<sup>th</sup> / inhabitants

- some brot fr<sup>om</sup> Bnaqua used f<sup>or</sup> washg old walls - inside & out -
- when th<sup>er</sup> are veg<sup>s</sup> in / Garden to spare (wh<sup>ich</sup> is seldom) any white man may be supplied -

I h<sup>ave</sup> now to / best o<sup>f</sup> my knowledge eniz<sup>er</sup>ed all y<sup>e</sup> Queers. Give me leave to add t<sup>o</sup> as y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> pleased to app<sup>ro</sup>ve Mr Bell to / Chair I hope y<sup>e</sup> will likewise h<sup>ave</sup> given him y<sup>e</sup> Orders, & soon send them t<sup>o</sup> I may be us<sup>ed</sup> in rank to him or to h<sup>is</sup> / choice o<sup>r</sup> any one o<sup>f</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Oub Forts. As y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> had / chief dir<sup>ect</sup>ion o<sup>f</sup> y<sup>e</sup> affairs I sh<sup>o</sup>ld not choose to be less than / second Person in y<sup>e</sup> service & I flatter myself t<sup>o</sup> - y<sup>e</sup> will readily grant my request. I sh<sup>o</sup>ld not likewise add t<sup>o</sup> I h<sup>ave</sup> never broon away y<sup>e</sup> money in / prisoners w<sup>th</sup> / Negroes, nor in disputes w<sup>th</sup> / Dutch, & I may venture to affirm t<sup>o</sup> / animosities wh<sup>ich</sup> subsisted so long am<sup>ong</sup> y<sup>e</sup> serv<sup>ants</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> now entirely subsided

Hh. 32.

Read Dec 1 1761.

The Ctee to Gov & Council, CCC.

London 21 November 1761.

- Send copy o the last by Mr Richd Brewin / Duke o Marlboro & copy o Invoice  
o Sundries sent by to ship. Since when they h recd Mr Maiters letters o Feb 15  
[P 142] & 31 Mar [1761] 1761. w / cons -

As / Bot o Ordnce did not send out a sufer quantity o paving stone to complete / paving o  
Rhoos Fort we direct t / expence & were at in providing stone to finish it togr w / pay o  
/ Slaves employed on t service be sent us, t we may demand paym<sup>t</sup> o / Board

We are pleased to hear t / Trade increases at Rhoos & heartily wish t evy obstacle to its  
prosg better was removed.

As since a more effectual method has bn made use o than dashes, to stop / clamours  
o / Rhoos people, when they take it into th<sup>r</sup> heads to be troublesome, we expect t / present  
Gov<sup>t</sup> o t Fort will take care not to be profuse in t article

- Approve / new Barracks ~~they~~ they are erectg & o / Battery made on / Spur - also o /  
disposin<sup>g</sup> o / new cannon sent out

- I recd / 2 boxes o acct<sup>s</sup> for Jan 1 - Dec 31, 1759.

As quers ar g<sup>t</sup> concearn to hear t / of know / least prospect at present o effectg a reconcilia<sup>n</sup>  
betw<sup>n</sup> / Wardsawts & Fantiers. We expect if any opening happens to beg abt an accommoda<sup>n</sup>  
t / of will embrace it, & thereby remove / obstacle to / Trade o / Coast.

By Order o / Ctee ---  
(sd) Saml Pinnet Secy.

Hh. 33.

Read Dec 16. 1761.

Charles Bell Gov o CCC. to / Ctee

Sedonaugo 5 June 1761.

I arrivd at this place on / 13<sup>th</sup> ulto after a short but disagreeable passage  
occasioned by / badness o / accommoda<sup>n</sup> on board / Josepha

I found /<sup>r</sup> Service almost destitute o / usual w<sup>g</sup> o officers at this place. no  
Surgeon... no warehouse keeper... / acct<sup>s</sup> prodigiously far behind... for wh reason I  
was glad o / oppy o engag<sup>g</sup> in /<sup>r</sup> Service as a Writer on Mr David Mill (who came to this  
Country on purpose to learn / Nature o / Trade) ---

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At present we h seal o / new Soldiers sick. The distemper wh at present prevails is / dry belly ache . . .

The new work wh has bn carried on in / Spurr is now almost finish'd; a few days more will finish / Parapet a dem / platform will only want to be patcht wh must be done w<sup>th</sup> Bricks laid edgeway's or else w broad party stones wh latter will be much less expensive . . . but afraid it will be difficult to obtain procure them nearer than Comments & t we make it v<sup>y</sup> expensive. when this new platform is patcht w / 12 lb guns mounted upon it, t<sup>h</sup> wh was formerly / weakest part o this Castle towards / sea will be pretty well fortified. so t<sup>h</sup> I think we run no g<sup>t</sup> risk now o having / Fort beat down w<sup>th</sup> less able at least to make a tolerable defence. The next wh we are to set abn is / new layg / battlements; & as / timber & joints are all ready, t<sup>h</sup> will take up no g<sup>t</sup> time . . . After / battlements are laid, we must pull down / Soldiers Barracks as they were stand no longer. Over them I believe, we must build a new stall, as / Chapel or / lodg<sup>s</sup> rooms adjoining are in so bad a condition t<sup>h</sup> it is not dangerous to live in them in any g<sup>t</sup> like blood<sup>y</sup> weather. And indeed there is not one building in / whole Castle ( / Warehouse excepted) but wh<sup>ch</sup> is to be pulled down & rebuilt; but how this is to be done w<sup>th</sup> a sum o m<sup>o</sup>y granted f<sup>r</sup> t<sup>h</sup> partic<sup>u</sup>lar purpose I am really at a loss to know.

I will be / better able to judge o our present situation when I inform f<sup>r</sup> t<sup>h</sup> by / nearest<sup>ly</sup> Calculation wh we h bn able to make ( f<sup>r</sup> the h bn no ac<sup>t</sup>s for why dah this 13 m<sup>o</sup>s ) / debts due to / Chiefs o / Orlforts w<sup>h</sup> what was due to our M<sup>aj</sup>ty, f<sup>r</sup> advancements &c, & salaries due to these Gent<sup>l</sup> at this place, amounts to £11,246. Gold price, wh is a sum t<sup>h</sup> far exceeds / amt<sup>o</sup> o all / supplies sent out by / Josephia wh after putt<sup>g</sup> / usual advance upon am<sup>t</sup>ed to "carse" £10,000- includ<sup>g</sup> / powder left in England by Capt M<sup>aj</sup>ty - £1000' o wh I h pd away to / Chiefs o / Forts in part o / debts due to them, & what remains here consists chiefly o provins. necessaries, gunpowder not to be used in pay, Brandy & a v<sup>y</sup> little cloth so t<sup>h</sup> I sh be obliged to adv<sup>an</sup>ce f<sup>r</sup> / support o this place, as must also / Chiefs continue to advance f<sup>r</sup> / support o dr<sup>h</sup> Forts.

Includ<sup>g</sup> I will see / Acts o Council by wh I will see in what manner we h regulated f<sup>r</sup> Forts &c . . . I wish how<sup>ev</sup>er f<sup>r</sup> h<sup>ad</sup> sent me orders before I left England, as I know<sup>th</sup> our M<sup>aj</sup>ty had succeeded to / Chair. As to / sudden promotion o those who came out w<sup>th</sup> us t<sup>h</sup> pay o / presents at present is at least 25 or 30 % under / price wh we are obliged

140. To put upon / goods, & they cd not live upon so small a salary as £60, & they also do  
xtry duty in / office in order to brg up / Books, we shd it but reasonable to give them this  
encouragement.

— The leakage o brandy on / Joseph's owing to old rotten casks, keev casks, shd always  
be provided. They fetch at least prime cost. --- Rum has bin in plenty lately at Aboe  
so th Brandy is a worse article than it was a y<sup>r</sup> or even 6 mo's ago. Brazil Tobacco is now sold  
f £9 in gold. — So fluctuating it is in price th it is no accounting its value abany parts period o time.

— as Capt Adams ... had 20,000 Drupps on board before y speed for her ... — he has taken  
them over on Mr Tucker / Surveyor's report informed him a good no o bricks wd be necessary for  
intended building where / Soldiers' barracks are now situated —

This is no sort o Trade o any kind at this place, & all we can do is to hope f better times;  
f Warsaws & Fontiers are not yet like to make up m<sup>ts</sup> & until they do then we can expect  
nothing in / way o Trade here now. The whole o / slave Trade is now confined to Tantom quarry,  
dagee, M unford, Aprom & Winnebah, & th is nothing to be done ere to Windward or leeward  
o these places as all / ports are stopp'd.

— Asks f instructions as to / disposal o 220 barrels o Gunpowder landed at Aboe, fm /  
Ad o Orleans — They are now as quiet at Anamaboe as any where else upon / Coast, &  
will satisfy w Mr Greenhill the Chief.

— The bad consequence o th sending out supplies too late in / year owing to / difficulty o  
landing them at this season o / danger o / canoes be'g broken. Hopes they will not  
despatch / ship in Nov<sup>r</sup> or Dec<sup>r</sup> at latest.

As / Acts o Council will shew f what we h done in regard to / Forts as I h only  
to add t Mr Mutter's expected / salary wh y formerly allowed to Mr Young & Mr  
Flower as Vice President o / Council, wh was £200 p.a. This hour I cd not agree  
to let me h y<sup>r</sup> farther orders. --- it appears to me t / second person in y<sup>r</sup> service shd h  
somewhat more than / common salary provided y<sup>r</sup> finances will admit o it.

Mr Gross of Secretary has required / Board f £1000 --- He is older in y<sup>r</sup>  
service than next t h Forts & / only reason why he was not promoted is th th was not  
ano<sup>r</sup> person fit f / Secretary's place. This I dare say f will allow is a hardship. I hope

therefore I will endeavour to send out one or two persons to understand so much of French as to be able to write it correctly as it is what is chiefly wanted of the office, all our correspondence w/ Dutch &  $\frac{2}{3}$  Danes being carried on in the language. - Asks for an Assistant  $\frac{1}{2}$  for Tunder / Surveyor.

P.S. Since writing above we are come to a resolution of laying / new Platform w/ bricks sent from / Joseph, having found upon calculation to pay for it w/ stone for Commedia would be much more expensive, intended tidings or attended w/ risk of breaking / canoes in transporting it; besides wch / brick indented by / Incident a next year will be sufficient to carry on / new building.

This moment Cudjoe Laboerers, w/ / Points of Commedia came in to inform me that / Dutch had sent up 192 quantities of ammunition to Commedia as a view of recommencing hostilities etc, do I am apt to think it is a false alarm

C.C.C. 16 May 1761.

At a Council held here this day  
Present. Charles Bell Esq. President of Council &c. Wm Mutter late President of Council. James Whyte M.C. Govr of Neva. Charles Bonville M.C. Govr of Wmibah  
whereas Char Bell Esq. was here in / Joseph, Capt<sup>Genl</sup> Melam 13th of this month of / Ctee in quality of Govr. President of Council, Treasurer & Warehouse Keeper in / room of Wm Mutter late President who, as he is desirous to accept of an out port: -  
Resolved that he be appointed Vice President of Council & Govr of Wbah. - Bonville to have command of taxation garrison, Wm Webster (Chief of Fort <sup>be</sup> removed to Commedia Vice Foodson who is to return to C.C. as factor [agreed by / above]

C.C.C. 1st June 1761.

At a Council held here this day  
Present - Bell, Mutter, Whyte & Bonville.  
Resolved that Robt Anderson and Surgeon promoted Surgeon of C.C.C. at £100 pa.  
That Tunder Surveyor to act as Register & Reader of Mine Licence at £15 pa. <sup>was</sup> <sup>Langlands</sup>  
Saml Henderson, Robt Bennett - Charles Bell Junr & David Mill to be rated Factors at £80 pa. Char Graves and Writter to be Writter at £60 pa. - all for this date  
[Signed by / above]

Charles Bell to / Ctee

C.C.C. 29 June 1761.

- I wrote y or / 5th [supra] - sends copy

Reports death o / Surgeon Anderson. Hopes they h sent out a Surgeon or two  
also a pson. h understands somethg o building to be under Mr Twinder or to succeed  
him in case o his death or his leaving yr Service wh he has lately threatened to do f no  
reason but hec. I reprimanded him. h beats one o / Chapple Boys w whom he has  
no sort o business. but / breath is h thinks himself a very man a t our work cannot  
be carried on wth him & therefore wd take advantage o our necessity.

-- The ships in Abbe Road are all -y near done. - except Capt Anderson Phoenix

Printed f 200 slaves - He will probably be able to know / price, now raised to 9-9 1/2 oz. a most  
shameful price - All / Slave trade still centres abt tantum quarry, a Wimbobah; it is little  
or nothing to be done here.

-- Phoenix good but stocks shows that's bad --

As y must see now h been / Act o Council wh excluded Mr Westgate fm / Success,  
I sh not presume to offer y my sentiments upon it. I sh only in justice to / character o t gent<sup>n</sup>  
beg leave to observe to y t while I hd / honour to preside here formerly it was nobody  
behaved better in yr Service. As to what happened afterwards betw Mr Senior thim as I was  
not upon / spot. I sh not pretend to make any observations upon what passed durg t time, &  
indeed I believe it were faults on both sides. Mr Senior hd certainly lost all sort o  
aithy o / effects o his God were still to be s<sup>d</sup> plainly seen even after my aril here. I  
sh hope I hope be able to resume a just decorum & subordination in yr Service. At least I  
sh exert myself accordg to / best o my judgment & abilities

Chas Bell to / CteeHA. 35

C.C.C. 15 August 1761.

- Sends copy o / dhis letter o 5 June [p 146] & o his letter o 26 June [sic - copy?]

This goes by / Josephia Capt Adams. He will carry off abt 200 slaves - Now only  
Capt Anderson o Bristol & Capt Mackie o Spout at Abbe w a Plum Vessel belongg to  
Philadelphia - Anderson will carry abt 300 slaves

On / 4th in / afternoon we discovered a lge ship to windward standing down  
/ Coast at a very gr offg, abt sun-setting she was near abreast o / Castle, but at 8 o  
gram offg t we cd not determine wh she was a 2 Decked or a Frigate, but cd see t

she had English colours, at first I took her for an English man o' war, but as she did not stand in  
f / Road we concluded that it was a lge whydah man

Early next m<sup>o</sup> I recd a ltr from Mrs Webster Chief o' Commenda w a letter inclosed  
sent to him by / Serjt o' Succedee, inform<sup>g</sup> Mr Webster t Mr Cockburn his Chief had seen a lge  
ship comg down, a t as he concluded t she was an English man o' war he went on board o her in  
his Canoe; t / ship carried him off toge w his canoe & boy; & t he was informed by / Blacks t she  
was a French man o' war. Immediately upon this inform<sup>n</sup> I dispatched messengers to Mr Greenhill,  
Chief o' Abbe & to / Capt<sup>s</sup> o' English Vessels in Abbe Road & / intelligence I had recd. & I also dispatched  
2 lge Canoes w all our Canoe-men, a few soldiers & Mr Goodson to assist / ship [to] in landg its goods &  
slaves at / Fort, a lustily / inform<sup>n</sup> got down just in time to save / ships & cargoes from fallg into  
t hands o' Enemy, who in / m<sup>o</sup> lay a little to seaw<sup>rd</sup> o' Abbe & 2 or 3 miles fur out than our ships.  
Just as / enemy began to get ready to get under way, / English ships got up t<sup>r</sup> anchors & stood in  
within point blank shot o' guns in / Fort, where they aft came to in a regular line, landed all t<sup>r</sup>  
slaves & had them put into / Fort to / am<sup>t</sup> o' 400. The Frenchman stood in f some time, & we all  
imagined t he wd at least endeavor to sink our ships or to drive them on shore, but as Mr Cockburn  
told him we had 2 lge guns on shore, 32 lbs he did not attempt to do either, beg<sup>d</sup> afraid o' l<sup>g</sup> a  
mast abt 4 o'clock in / ev<sup>g</sup> he stood down / Coast, & I hear he has since passed Beera w<sup>o</sup> attemptg  
to do anythg.

As soon as he gave over / attempt at Abbe & a little to / seaw<sup>rd</sup> o' that place, he gave Mr Cockburn  
his Canoe, & Canoe-men to put him on shore, but obliged him first to give him an order upon Mrs Deshaynes  
& 2 Chief s<sup>t</sup> whydah f 6 men slaves, as a ransom f himself w / free canoemen & a free boy servant  
Mr Cockburn had suffered a v<sup>y</sup> considerable loss before they had<sup>l</sup> carried on board w him abt  
22 oz. gold on order to lay in out w / officers o' supposed English man o' war, & this booty they  
immediately seized & sold it to / Capt<sup>s</sup>. The ship is called / Amethyst, a frigate t carries 36 guns  
& 300 men. She sailed from Port l'Orient abt 3 1/2 m<sup>o</sup>s ago & has taken 10 English Vessels on  
her passage on<sup>t</sup> & since she has come upon / Coast. The officers on board told Mr Cockburn  
t they had attempted to surprize t<sup>r</sup> Fort in Gambia riv<sup>r</sup>, but t they miscarried by / vessel  
runng on shore wh was to h landed t<sup>r</sup> men. I hope I will allow Mr Cockburn f /  
6 slaves wh he was obliged to sign an Order f on Mrs Deshaynes, provided Mrs Deshaynes  
pays them to / French man, & indeed I think / underwriters o' those ships wh lay in Abbe Road or  
to make it good to f, f he not / accident happened to Mr Cockburn, these ships must wdoubtedly  
all h fallen into / hands o' Enemy as we had no sort o' inform<sup>n</sup>, nor wd we h had any, had not  
t happened. The French Capt told Cockburn t his beg on board was / occas<sup>n</sup> o' his miscarve

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to if he had succeeded at Pboe to he wd<sup>d</sup> have demanded no ransom. The loss o his good  
is vry considerable to a man in his wife, but shd<sup>d</sup> not allow him / slaves, & wd go  
nigh to ruin him, wh I shd be vry sorry f. as his behaviour has bn remarkably good, &  
he has bn raised altoget by his own merit to / state he now enjoys in yr Service, has I believe  
keas or no friends at home t are capable o serving him. As I imagined t Capt Crump o /  
Brest wd not be gone off, fm Popoe, I dispatched an express to Mr White at Neva dring him to  
dispatch an acct o this frigate to Capt Crump at Popoe w / utmost expedi<sup>n</sup>, wh he  
accordgly did. I wish how<sup>r</sup> it wd not be too late. In / Landg o slaves / Anamaboe  
people behaved w the usual roquery. They stole 3 slaves belongg to Capt Adams toget w  
£14 or £15 pf goods. The slaves w recovered, but / goods, accordg to custom w  
immediately set up & dispersd in such a manner as I am afraid it will be impossible to  
recover them. The Penn Vessel also lost a slave wh was not recovered by my last acct fm  
t place. This event will how<sup>r</sup> plainly shew / utility o yr Fort at Pboe wh may  
fairly claim / merit o havg saved a good deal o money to / Man. Capt Adams o /  
Joseph, Anderson o / Phoenix o Bristol, & Mackie o Charms Peggy o Lpool, w a Penn  
Ship belongg to Philadelphia w / Vessels t must h suffered had y had no Fort at Pboe.

We h had anor extremely troublesome affair since I wrote to y last, wh is  
as follows: The people o Wumehah Town durg / time t Mr Donville was here (just  
after my aril) had insulted / Drummer o Cudimony King o Acroam. This man  
a Cabocero t lives up / Country & it is he who takes / ground rent f Wumehah Fort,  
as also f / 2 Dutch Forts nearest t t place. The Drummer went to his master & told  
him t / people o W'bah beat him & what was still a much worse affront, had taken his Drum  
& tore it all to pieces. This enraged him so much t he swore he wd assemble all his forces,  
& also call in / assistce o all fo<sup>r</sup> Acroam Caboceros, & come down & burn / Town, kill many  
o / ppl people & make all rest his slaves. These threats he continued to utter when Mr  
Donville returned to W'bah wh did all he in his power to accomodate matters, & as / W'bah  
people were sensible they were in / wrong they were wllg to pay f the folly accordg to / Custom  
o / Country. Thgs were in this situat<sup>n</sup> when Mr Muller arid to succeed Mr Donville  
in / command o / Fort, & they laboured jointly to bring thgs to an amicable accommod<sup>n</sup>, &  
Cudimony (who lay incampd w some o his people at some distce fm / Town) seem'd

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indiscoverable to listen to terms, The Tobah people had employed some Calicoons to act as  
mediators, & they undertook to send presents wh / Towns people wanted to send to appease  
Wrath o / offended King o Acroan; but these treacherous pretended friends, instead o  
sending / presents (wh were to / save o near 2 slaves) to Cudimony, applied them to their own  
use, & afterwards left / town, joined Cudimony & encouraged him in his designs ag<sup>t</sup>  
these people, & actually joined him in protesting his s<sup>on</sup>ge<sup>e</sup>. Mr Mutter suspected / integrity  
o these pretended friends & told his people not to trust them, but they did not follow his  
advice. The King o Acroan w<sup>h</sup> his confederates encampd near / town & still threatened to  
burn it. Mr Mutter sent him word he sh<sup>d</sup> h<sup>e</sup> satisfaction b<sup>e</sup> / unalt<sup>r</sup> offered him; begged he  
w<sup>d</sup> not think o burning / town, f<sup>o</sup> as he was Chief o / Fort it was his duty to defend /  
town & t<sup>h</sup> he w<sup>d</sup> defend it. Thgs went on in this manner f<sup>o</sup> some time, & most people  
thot / confederates w<sup>d</sup> not venture to attack / town as it lay under / guns o / Fort. One m<sup>o</sup>  
hour they did attack it, after hav<sup>g</sup> drove / Tobah soldiers into it, & an engagement ensued  
just under / Fort. They succeeded so far t<sup>h</sup> they burnt 5 or 6 houses, but by / help o our  
guns in / Fort they were drove off after hav<sup>g</sup> lost 40 or 50 men. They had fired the muskets  
into / Fort f<sup>o</sup> / beginning & had wounded a mulatto soldier & also a Co's slave woman  
just as she was entering / gates b<sup>e</sup> protection. After this action they abandoned the camp, & they  
threatened to come down agn w<sup>h</sup> a much more powerful force, army. I sent our best canoe  
to Tobah w<sup>h</sup> ammunition & military stores, & as Mr Mutter was afraid o another visit, he kept  
17 o yr best canoe men ~~here in order~~ f<sup>o</sup> 5 or 6 weeks in order to buy corn from Tantom, as  
Acroan w<sup>d</sup> suffer no provisions to come down. The want o our canoe men here, in order to  
procure shells to carry on / build<sup>g</sup>s obliged me to recall them, but I sent him 4 soldiers  
& 10 Co's slaves to go w<sup>h</sup> Mr Henderson, where they must remain till / affair is settled, & I  
am hopeful we sh<sup>d</sup> be able to buy t<sup>h</sup> abt in a short time; but it must be attended w<sup>h</sup>  
some expence as no balance o so g<sup>t</sup> consequence can possibly be settled w<sup>h</sup> it, but we sh<sup>d</sup> be as  
frugal as possible. Our good friends / Dutch, who are settled in / neighbours hood o  
Tobah, were not backward in encourag<sup>g</sup> / Acroan request to undertake this affair,  
& assisted them, it is sd, w<sup>h</sup> powder & guns, hope, no doubt, t<sup>h</sup> our town w<sup>d</sup> be destroyed  
& t<sup>h</sup> they w<sup>d</sup> reap t<sup>h</sup> advantage by sharing / trade wh usually went to t<sup>h</sup> place, wh  
indeed is at present / case, as no sort o trade can be carried on till this affair  
is made up.

The new works in / Spence are now finished. The Bricks wh we had out o Capt Adams served to pave / platform & we h got ten 12 & 18 lb guns mounted upon in wh makes a considerable addn to / strength o this place - Has drawn Bills on Dem of 20,000 bricks & sold them to Capt A - The Battlements are nearly near finished ...

Thrs is no Trade at this place & provisions extremely dear & scarce. What Trade thrs is still continues to centre at / several forts

Cudjoe has bin w me for / Tison's people to desire me to write <sup>to</sup> to send out / 3 black boys wh were comd home by <sup>Gen</sup> Thompson / Parson

- Most of best Soldiers <sup>of</sup> served the time & demand discharge. costs f 25-30 by / next ship

- Enclosed a plan o a store<sup>house</sup> o new Building prepared to carry on / front o / Parade where / Soldiers Barnacks now are. The upper story intended f / Hall o apartments f / Govt on / 2nd story set good rooms f strangers or / Officers, a ground floor barracks f / Soldiers. but much time required to carry on this building -

- Asks f a small sloop or Schooner o abt 25 tons as canoes carry but a small supply quantity o shells, & it wd be useful f carrying supplies to / Outports

The NE Bastion o this Land called Greenhill Point or / SE Bastion are both in vj bad Condition must be repaired before setting abt / New building & we h so much to do & all so extremely ney t I am at a loss what to begin w when / Battlements are finished. If / Parliament will I want f / £15000 we shd soon be able to clear off all yr debts, to repair our Forts & to support them w credit & I am afraid a less sum wd not answer effectually. The whole o / Outports want repairs, & I know t Succedee must absolutely be rebuilt.

The discovery wh Mr Daugh made o / practicality o getting shells from ~~the~~ Annanqua was a vj exten<sup>sive</sup> piece o service, as it hd always bin represented as a thing impracticable, bec it was defeat<sup>ing</sup> & indeed nothing but his perseverance after havg bin often baffled wd h convinced / people here t it wd be done, & I ackn<sup>ow</sup>l<sup>ed</sup>g t I was o / some opinion myself

- Asks f 8-10 pipes o wine for Tenerife if / next ship touches thrs -

- Mr Calver<sup>ly</sup> / Actur<sup>al</sup> hopes to get / Books brot up to 30 Dec 1760. in abt 2 m<sup>o</sup>s -

Papers enclosed:

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no y. Copy o a Certificate from Capt Granady de Kleguet o / Amherste French Frigate, f having used for Mr Cookham Chief o Succedee (whom he took prisoner off t Fort in a canoe) a Bill upon Mr Desjardes f 6 men slaves as a ransom f himself & his canoe

[No The plan o new Building at CCC is not in this list]

The Ctee to / Gov & Council C.C.C. London 20 January 1762

- Send copy o the last o Nov 21 1761 [P 146]... & indentures f 1 Ash Secy 3 Writers & 20 Soldiers
- It recd Mr Bells des o 5 June [146] & 29 June [150] 1761 w/ Incs.
- Congratulate Bell on his safe arrivl -
- Approve / appoint o Mr David Mill as Factor... Mr Gabriel Duce who goes by this ship beg perfect master o French language will be a vry proper person to succeed Mr Grosh [Secy] when he gets a Fort.

The strengthening C.C.C. by new works made in / Spite is vry agreeable to us & we approve o /<sup>d</sup> buildgs & repairs of inland works & we doubt not you'll use every means in yr power to keep / Forts in best repairs possible & be able to reduce / debt wong on / Coast out of additional supplies we now send y.

- Approve / alterations & promises in / Acts o Council o 16 May & 1 June -

We gily lament t / diffes betw / Warsaw & Fontenoy are not likely to be soon accomodated. We heartily wish f / benefit o trade t the disputes were ended. Can y propose any method to accomodate the diffes?

- Consent to Muttler beg allowed \$100 pa as Vice President of Council - / same as Mr Yang had on 16<sup>th</sup> 909 on. War was declared here agst / Spaniards on / 4<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>

Mr Herwick also understands French & /<sup>d</sup> languages & will be a vry good act<sup>n</sup> in / Secy's office  
By Order of Ctee --- Some former Act.

The Ctee to / Gov & Council C.C.C. 26 January 1762

- Since writing / above of the 15 August p. Capt Melams came to hand [P 150]

We are vry sorry to find / Frenchish French Bregate has made such a destructive progress on / Coast & disappointed in our hopes t y w<sup>o</sup>ld h<sup>o</sup>ld early intelligence o his beg on / Windward coast. It gives us concern to find Mr Cockburn in time o War was so imprudent as to go off fm his Fort to any ship w<sup>o</sup> knowy certainly what she was; & our concern is increased when we consider t it is not in our power to make good his loss as / may granted us is f / maintenance & support o / Forts only for we cannt appropriate any part to any / uses. Howev<sup>r</sup> if Mr Deshayne has pa / ransom f / canoe & canoe-men, as they are / party o / Publick, we are inclin<sup>d</sup> in complie w<sup>o</sup> y<sup>r</sup> strong recommend<sup>n</sup> & / good character of give o Mr Cockburn, to serve him as far as we can in / matter, & hereby give y<sup>r</sup> liberty to make good to him out o / supplies by / ship.

136 Plowise / sum Mr DeWagnes may be paid to / Capt<sup>r</sup> of French frigate of the redemp<sup>n</sup>.  
And as to / Gold dust we will recommend his case to / Merchants & owners o' ships to where  
sailed at / Abbe, wh we think was in some measure owing to Mr Colburn, & all of whom are  
soon as <sup>we</sup> can what seems our recommend<sup>n</sup> meets w.

The affair at / Wabak wh of give a detail o, appears in a strange light at present to  
us. We cannot doubt for what of say to Mr Bonville & Mr Muller did say in the power to  
accomodate w<sup>rs</sup> before / Quarrel came to extremities; but we imagine t no incident, such as of  
relate (o vizually / Drummer o / Haig o / Perce) was happen under / Wabak o any o our forts w<sup>r</sup>  
beg known to some o our people immediately immediately, or in t case effectual steps shd be  
directly taken by / Chief o / Fort to accomodate w<sup>rs</sup>. We take it for granted Mr Muller ~~that~~  
it absolutely necessary to make use o <sup>guns</sup> in defence o / Town & Towns people, but we wish so many  
lives had not been lost, & respect for / future to say possible means may be best used to accomodate  
differ w / Natives before recourse is had to guns. It is certainly imprudent to offend such a numerous  
body o inland inhabitants on whom / Forts are dependant in a g<sup>t</sup> measure of provisions as well as Trade. We  
hope to hear soon of h settled this palaver betw<sup>n</sup> Ludimoney & / people o / Wabak.

We are glad to find of any <sup>gun</sup> / practicability o getting shells for Annaqua  
wh of much continue to employ / canoes in bringing as it will not be in our power to send of / sloop or  
Schooner of derive, owing / continue o / war o our short finances.

The decision o War ag<sup>t</sup> Spain, wh accompanies this, shews of t our ships cannot touch at  
/ Canaries. You to h / decision made Publick in / usual form at all our Ports.  
We are persuaded of will exert yourselves to compleat / Building agreeable to / Plans of sent us,  
wh appears to be well designed.

Let Judge know we will apply to Mr Thompson / Parson abt / 3 Black Boys wh of mention, &  
send em back by 1<sup>st</sup> oppy. We repeat our desire t of will discharge of / believe any more boys coming over  
or they are trouble some, & expensive.

We are sorry to find our neighbours / Dutch were so forward in encourag<sup>n</sup> & assist<sup>n</sup> of  
African negroes to powder (hop<sup>n</sup> no doubt t / Wabak town will be destroyed) wh it quick as much  
pleasure to find they were disapproved.

We sh<sup>d</sup> make appl<sup>n</sup> of £15,000 so near to discharge our Debt as / Coast, furnish / Building.  
we wish we may succeed as we are of sensible how much right our Ent<sup>y</sup> sum of want o proper supplies.

PS. Jan 30 1762. Since wh<sup>ch</sup> / about we yesterday rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from / West Mr Thompson o wh /  
follow<sup>n</sup> is an extract: "O above 3 boys wh were sent to England for C.C., one died abt t 4<sup>th</sup> ago at  
" / Kingston, where they were placed at School. The o<sup>r</sup> two were alive & well on Nov<sup>r</sup> last when I saw them.  
" & were under / tuition o / Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Moore o Charter House square. As the friends did fix on time of return<sup>n</sup>  
" them to / Capt<sup>r</sup>, they h<sup>d</sup> request<sup>n</sup> in England in order to compleat the Educa<sup>n</sup> wh is directed by / Hon<sup>ble</sup> S. P. G.  
" to whom I beg to refer / worshipful Ctee. We sh<sup>d</sup> therefore write to / Secy o / S. P. G. concern<sup>n</sup> them; but as  
" in our now too late to send them by this ship we sh<sup>d</sup> endeavor to do it by / next oppy.

By Order o / Ctee. - - Saml Parier, Secy

Chas Pell to / Ctee

C. C. C. 19 September 1762.

- Sends copy o his ltr o 15 Augh [p. 150]

Nothing of material has happened since my last. The Wunnebak Palatris is not yet settled altho I h taken vry gr pains to brg it abt. & h bn already at a pretty considerable expence, & I am afraid we sh still be obliged to be at more before it is finally settled, wh I hope will be soon; but / Blacks are so extremely delatory in all the transac<sup>ns</sup> t I cannot positively assure y when it will be concluded. In / meantime / whole trade t formerly went to t place goes to / Dutch Ports. The are now 3 slow ships o t man at Ptloe & only one English vessel viz. Capt Hutton of Board. belongs to hooke whom I advised to be by ltl Capt Bradson of Phoenix (to whom this goes) was done, in order to try to reduce / price o slaves wh were are now at an exorbitant price, no less than 9-9 1/2 oz or if no English vessels arrive here soon, I think it will be his own fault if he does not succeed.

The Dutch at Comenda are vry busy in repairing & adding new works to the Fort. wh it seems was an article t was agreed upon at / settling / late dispute, t both parts shd be at liberty to repair & strengthen the Fort w<sup>th</sup> assistance for one ano<sup>r</sup>. The negroes here, & indeed / English negroes all over / Coast will h it t they intend to renew hostilities as soon as the works are finished, or at least renew the claim to t sole right o / lands place; wh were they to do must undoubtedly oblige us to defend our rights. I consulted both / present & / late Chief o our Fort at Comenda concerning / intentions of Dutch, & they were both o opinion t they hd no int<sup>n</sup> to renew / dispute, & are only repairing the Fort in consequence of its not beg so strong as ours; wh I am / more ready to believe, as I know / Blacks, both here & elsewhere, got so much by / last affair, t they wish for [nothing?] more than to see / Dutch & us go ag / each o<sup>r</sup> agn. Mr Erasmus, / present Gen o Elmina, appears, by / correspondence wh I h hitherto had at him, to be a reasonable man, & I h ever since my arrival lived upon good & friendly terms w him, & it sh not be my fault if it does not continue.

We are now beginning to take down / old Barracks w / Acc<sup>ts</sup> & Secy's Office & / whole front o / Parade w part o / Warehouse Yard must come down & be rebuilt for Bastion to Bastion wh must be a most tedious & expensiv<sup>e</sup> job; but what is absolutely new as / whole must soon be tumbled down, & indeed it is next to a miracle it has stood so long. I h bot a new pretty lge long Boat f<sup>r</sup> service & I propose to keep 2 boats as well as canoes constantly employ'd in bringg shells for Amagaa so as to be able to keep our Bricklayers employ'd

We h no oppy o sendg supplies to whydah & I am now obliged to apply to / Dutch Gen to get a Port vessel to carry down Mr Dewayne's supplies besides, in case o dispute w / natives it is often hazardous to send canoes, as is at present / case at Wobah, & we are now

158 obliged to send our Canoes w<sup>th</sup> corn & necessaries in / night & w<sup>th</sup> secrecy & fear o' falling  
into / hands o' / Spaniards, w<sup>ch</sup> are people t<sup>h</sup> lately endeavored to burn & destroy w<sup>th</sup> both Town  
& w<sup>th</sup> Palaces. I am apt, as ment<sup>d</sup> above, to endeavor to settle.

This is a ship fr<sup>m</sup> Boston in New England w<sup>ch</sup> flom, w<sup>ch</sup> lately arrived here w<sup>th</sup> news at Rhode  
Is<sup>l</sup> & heard nothing yet o' Capt Chadwick's Vessel, & I began to fear she has also fallen into / hands  
o' French Private.

— we are much troubled w<sup>th</sup> intermittent fevers - but no deaths since / Doctor died  
Cudjoe Cabeer has just now br<sup>o</sup> us one & tells me t<sup>h</sup> he has got v<sup>y</sup> certain inform<sup>n</sup> t<sup>h</sup>  
Dutch Gov<sup>er</sup> has sent, a few days ago, v<sup>y</sup> considerable presents consisting chiefly o' guns & gun powder,  
to / Warraws, in order to engage them to send down a number o' people to destroy our town at  
Commedia, & t<sup>h</sup> by / time t<sup>h</sup> they are assembled, t<sup>h</sup> / Dutch will ag<sup>re</sup> commence hostilities by stopp<sup>ing</sup> our  
Landg. I have sent fr<sup>m</sup> Ptarmoc Cabeer, who lives not far fr<sup>m</sup> / borders o' Warraws Country,  
fr<sup>m</sup> whom I expect to see more certain intelligence o' / schemes w<sup>ch</sup> / Hollanders are carrying on  
amag<sup>t</sup> / Warraws. Perhaps it may be, as / Dutch say themselves, only to make us over to open  
/ Paths to the big down Trade, t<sup>h</sup> they are at present so lavish o' the presents, & surely they must  
know t<sup>h</sup> our Gov<sup>er</sup> at home wd not suffer them long to avail themselves o' any advantage. They  
wd obtain over us in this country, where they are so much superior to us in force & numbers, &  
if they had a mind to commence hostilities ag<sup>st</sup>, they wd take yr fort at Succondee where they  
pleased as it is entirely in ruins, & t<sup>h</sup> o' Dutch in good order & well stored w<sup>th</sup> heavy cannon.

I am endeavoring to bring some o' people to settle in our town at Succondee, as at present  
there are scarce any inhabitants in it. o' / Dutch negroes are v<sup>y</sup> numerous in the town. When y<sup>e</sup>  
come to rebuild yr fort at t<sup>h</sup> place (wh<sup>ch</sup> doubtless y<sup>e</sup> will think o' soon) I want t<sup>h</sup> inhabitants  
wd be a v<sup>y</sup> g<sup>d</sup> union & vicinity

Good night  
End o' CO. 266/49.

Recd Aug 13 1762

Chas Bell to / Ctee

C. C. C. 16 December 1761.

- Sends copy o his last o 18 Sept [P. 157].

On 24th o same month / Duke o Marlborough and w Mr Brew & 1/2 Writing w yr dr  
o 24th June [P. 14] by wh I found I had apprd Mr Richd Brew Gov o Proc & had settled  
his rank in Council

As all / paras. in yr dr precedg t wh relates to William Pnsah, he already bn answerd  
I sh begin w t. I h taken a good deal o pains to inquire into / state o this affare wh I had heard o  
long before I recd yr dr, & by / best acct t I can get o it, Pnsah's behaviour to Mr Mutter was v  
insolent & provoking, but I sh refer y to what Mr Mutter writes me himself upon this affare, a  
copy o wh y will see w this [enc.] as also a copy o a dr fm Mr Frank who was present, I  
sh only beg leave to observe to y t I am vj far fm approving o any man's conduct, who makes  
a practice o beating or abusing o Blacks in gen, or if they are people o consequence in / country,  
it is still less excusable, at / sometime I cannot be insensible t / authority o yr Officers upon  
1 Coast must be kept up, especially such as h / ppl direct o yr affairs; b if t is evn  
done, I may depend expect o continual disturbances & vj but anarchy & confusion wd  
ensue. I am therefore o opinion t support Mr Mutter has bn to blame if wd still be extreme  
bad policy to order him to make any concessions to Pnsah, as it wd be / means o making  
/ Blacks extremely insolent evj where, & vj much loosen t authy wh is so neccy to be  
kept up & w wh there is no living here.

... Acts... Capt Harrison (Shelton) o / Ford o Spout carries off 400 slaves  
tho is only a small English Brig now at Proc. & vessel for Doston in New England, & a  
Dutchman. The price o Slaves 80z f man.

Mr Brew employs / Place Carpenters, & has not desired any o yr Gov's slaves for this place, as he is desirous t we shd employ double / number in bringing up shells from Anamaqua, as / repairs & new buildg's wh are to be carried on here, will require a vast quantity o lime. And this leads me to observe t y t yr expectations are fully answered by yr Surveyor in his manner o buildg, f he makes use o only nothing but good lime. The new Platform wh he has built is sup'r evidence o / goodness o his Work, wh is / best buildg o its kind in this country. I wish I cd say t same as much f / work wh Mr Daugh carried on at Abbe, wh place I lately visited in order t houldar demonstration o what I hd so often heard, & altho I am no gr judge in affairs o this sort, yet I cd plainly see t all / work done in his time is excessively slight & insuff<sup>t</sup>, & t / greatest part o / buildg in / inside o / Fort must be plaster'd or pointed w lime, as / walls are so thin t / rain beats thro them so t in / rainy time it is not a dry room in it. I hd desired Mr Brew to send t Anamaqua f shells & he has now a couple o Bricklayers at work upon it. We h also a couple o bricklayers at Commeda; but as t Succedee it wd only be lost labour t endeavour t make any repairs at t. Fort, as it is altho in ruins; I mean / fortification<sup>s</sup> o it; / Chuffs apartments are not so bad, as / walls are extremely thick.

They h been at work f some time in making a garden at Anamaqua. A m's & w's gun is fired at Abbe accordg to yr orders; but / ships in t Road formerly set the watch by w's & m's gun wh is fired here.

I do not know o any private disputes amongst / people upon / Coast at present, but it is what is frequently happens. I do therefore establish a civil power, f at present any private person who is not in yr Service may commit crimes o any sort, & we can take no notice o it.

A copy o / Resoln o / Ctee o 10th May 1753 is put up in our office & copies are also sent to all / Outposts.

Cudjoe Caboc<sup>s</sup> thinks t his services h deserved at least as much for / English Ma<sup>n</sup> as John Carrantee. The umbrella wh is sent formerly to Cudjoe is too small & o no use t him. If I please to send him a white hat w black feathers, & hat lined w silk silver or gold, a walking cane or history stick abt 4½ or 5 feet long w a handsome silver head, & a satin cloth lined silk w silver or gold, it will be esteemed a v handsome present; & / whole o / expense need not exceed £20.

The palace at Winnebah, after having cost us gr expence is not yet settled, altho I h  
 used very method t was that proper f t purpose. The Dutch Chiefs to deeward h  
 done us all / all offices in the power, o wh I h complained loudly to Mr Erasmus / Gen o Emma,  
 who is himself I believe, unacquainted w/ infamous intrigues carried on by his Chiefs o Pappam  
 & Berrace, who h used all dir influence w/ Aroans to prevent / settl<sup>g</sup> o this dispute. They h  
 constantly supplied these people w/ Powder & Ball & made o<sup>r</sup> valuable presents to / princip<sup>l</sup>  
 men o/ Country, so t they hoped f no less than / total destruct<sup>n</sup> o / Town as well as for Fort,  
 wh, I need not tell f, is one o y<sup>e</sup> most valuable settlemts in this Country. This affair, am<sup>g</sup>  
 am<sup>g</sup> o<sup>r</sup> less consequence, has given me no small trouble, & has obliged me to keep constantly  
 at t place double / usual Garrison, w<sup>th</sup> seel o y<sup>e</sup> Cos slaves canoe men & labourers. Mr  
 Whyte had bn about a month at Winnebah labouring in vain to settle this affair. He carried  
 Cudjoe o Aroca w<sup>th</sup> him to assist in settl<sup>g</sup> affairs, & altho Cudjoe has gr influence am<sup>g</sup> / people  
 o t Country, & is much esteemed & respected by / Blacks evywhere, yet the joint indentures  
 proved ineffectual, so t Mr Whyte is now here, ~~to~~ but Cudjoe remains at Winnebah, & I h  
 sent Mr Munnis our deert o / Guard w<sup>th</sup> Mr Robinson & two more Soldiers as an additional  
 reinforce<sup>mt</sup> to Mr Muller. I k also dispatched y<sup>e</sup> long Boat w<sup>th</sup> corn & o<sup>r</sup> provins, f / Aroans  
 will suffer no provins to enter into / Town or Fort & they are encamped w<sup>th</sup> near / Town  
 where they h 8 or 9000 men.

I h agn sent ~~to~~ down / Priests & Senators o Santee (or Curantiers as they are so  
 called in this Country) to try once more if they can accomodate this y<sup>e</sup> troublesome affair;  
 & / Dutch Gen has wrote to his deeward Chiefs, t he will call them to an acct f the  
 Villainous proceed<sup>g</sup>s ag<sup>t</sup> us. I am sensible t those Chiefs will deny evy article o charge  
 exhibited ag<sup>t</sup> them, & t we can only prove it by / testimony & word o / Blacks, yet I thot  
 it was best to let / Gen know t I was not insensible o / infamous practices carried on by  
 his ha<sup>n</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> us.

We are still employed at this place taking down old walls wh is a tedious & dis-  
 agreeable work. This has not bn a bit o lye employed in building those walls. They were only  
 plastered on / outside so t it is amaz<sup>g</sup> how they h stood so long.  
 There is no trace at this place o any kind nor any appearance o any.

o This copy is so marked ( )

762. Mr Calver [acct<sup>nt</sup>] has made out an acct o Advancements f / Board o Ordnance  
fr Mar 25 Apr 1760 to Mar & Apr 1761 wh amts to £606-9-11 wh sum I hope y  
will also be pd as well as t contained in / Ordnance Day Books

.. / Soldiers wh y sent out in / Josepha are / most wretched creatures I ever saw in  
my life & t out o 12 men the are not more than 3 or 4 t are o any sort o use.

I cannot conclude w<sup>th</sup> mentioning to y / disinterested & spirited behaviour o Cudjoe  
o Neera in / affair o / Wobah palaces, who immediately sent 16 or 18 men, w<sup>th</sup> arms  
& Blacks' accoutrements to assist Mr Mutter in / defence o / Fort in case o an<sup>d</sup> attack.  
& this he did w<sup>th</sup> any appl<sup>n</sup> haov<sup>g</sup> bn made to him; & afterwards went up himself  
along w<sup>th</sup> Mr Lohyle to try & settle / affair, where he still remains & spares neither  
labour nor expence to get / affair settled; & altho' he is old & infirm, he will not leave  
/ place till this is bro<sup>u</sup>ght, & says he will rather die under / Walls o / Fort, than  
leave us at this critical juncture

Chas Bell to / Ctee.

C.C.C. 13 February 1762

- Sends copy o his last dt- 16 Decr. [supra]

This has bn no gr alteram happened in / state o affairs upon this Coast since  
t to me; & I am v<sup>y</sup> sorry to acquaint y t / Wimebah Palace is as far frn bn  
settled as w<sup>er</sup>. These Negroans are such a set o rogues & they keep no faith; f /  
palace was once seemingly settled, & it was agreed t / Wobah people were to pay to  
them, in order to get matters made up. Evy Negroan Soldier Cabocers hd his share o  
goods allotted to him, as also / shares o / Soldiers, P<sup>r</sup>ims or Elders &c. All this  
was settled by Neera Cudjoe on our side, & by an Negroan Cabocers who was  
deputed by Guddimony King o Negroan on / o<sup>r</sup>; & Mr Mutter hd actually pd  
away a gr part o / goods accordg to / agreement, & hd also given seal presents o liquor  
& o<sup>r</sup> the 9<sup>th</sup> & he expected t they wd be sent f / rem<sup>o</sup> of / goods / next day. Instead  
o wh / Negroan Soldiers drew near to t town Wall, at, or a little after sun set, they

as they imagined to both / Town & Fort wd look upon / Palaver as good as settled, they expected to h burnt / Town. But they were soon perceived by / wobah people, wh, when they saw, <sup>with</sup> ~~them~~ endeavoured to take / Town by a Coup de main & accordingly made an attack upon each side o it w<sup>th</sup> dr small arms, wh was soon returned by those within / walls, & a few shot fired fm / Fort dispersed them; & shortly after, they sent a few people in / night, & threw down / goods (or / great part o them) behind / Town Wall, & made off agn to ~~the~~ camp as soon as possible.

It is / opinions o / Blacks, as well as o us here, t / Dutch are at / bottom o all this disturbance & h secretly supported / Persons fm / beginning o / affairs. And it appears t they hd' promised to sell / Fort to / Dutch after they hd' conquered it fm us: o wh they made little doubt f sometime. And indeed they h given me infinite trouble, as I am obliged not only to double garrison / Fort, but also to supply / Town w corn, or wine they must starve; & this is attended w<sup>th</sup> gr danger & inconvenience f I am obliged to put soldiers (wh I can vj ill spare) on board / Boat f fear o / Persons attacking her in dr canoes.

I h within these few days, engaged a vj powerful Caboner o Fantie called Cugo, who I am hopeful may be o use in getting this Palaver settled amicably settled; wh he is first to try, or if he does not succeed in t way, he has promised / Town or Fort w his whole force, wh is vj considerable. I made him a handsome present when he took' his leave o me & he is now gone down to try what he can do.

I h formerly complained to y so much o / Wahaw w<sup>th</sup> o / Dutch, t<sup>o</sup> / Wahaw pair ever see I amj effectual action method taken at home to protect us fm dr insolence & under hand Villainy

... we sh begin to lay / foundation o / new buildg<sup>s</sup> & h now collected abt 8 or 900 Pouchons o Shells, so t our Patrick layers will not be obliged to stop f want o t. we h also lge quantity o stone ready -

- This has bn / most sickly season he has seen since / year in wh Mr Mel's died, but no deaths except 2 or 3 soldiers. He himself has not bn in tolerably good health since his arriv & if he does not soon recruit he will be obliged to quit / Surin. f / 2nd time. - They h no surgeon on / coast.

164 I am gilly surprized to see to hear nothing o a Co's ship altho' you promised me to despatch one here sometime in November, or / beginning o Decr. wh had y done, she is to be here (having accidents) before now. There has hardly been any supplies belongg to y at this f some time past, save gunpowder, provins & some liquor, wh last week all expended at or abt Xmas when there is a lge demand f the Article, so t I am now obliged to support / whole expence o / Garrison.

The Duke o Marlboro Capt Livingstone, w whom this goes, is now in / Broad filling up his Water. He carries off abt 500 Slaves, most o wh were bot at Whydah & Popoe, & / vessels were put on board by Mr Brew. Capt Duncumb o Bristol in / Cornwall, & / Panther o Lpool, Davis Master, are / only British Vessels at Ptoe. Duncumb will soon be slaved, & Mr Brew has taken up Davis's Bug. The price o Slaves at Ptoe is 8 oz. f men.

There are 2 Dutch Ships now at Elmina & we hear o cool more t are coming down for / Windward Coast. There are also 3 Span Vessels for Rhode Island & Boston in Ptoe Road.

This is just <sup>back</sup> / Mascaree, Snow, o Glasgow, Setton Master who informs me t he left Capt Laise o Lpool on / Windward Coast a t he also wd soon be down here. Capt Setton informs me also t he saw a g<sup>d</sup> many English Vessels to Windward but t trade was vj dull.

A Dutch ship for Rotterdam is just arriv'd at Elmina & I am inform'd t a French Gove f Whydah came passng<sup>g</sup> in this ship & t he is now at Elmina: & it is thot / Dutch will put him on board a Portuguese & so smuggle him down to Whydah.

A Chief Gove f / Danes Fort is also arriv'd w his lady, as also a Second, who is Gove o Nungoe. The principal Gove was lately They come out upon a new Establishment o h / King's Commission. The principal Gove was lately Gove o / Island o St. Thomas in / W. I.

The trade begins to be a little better & I am hopeful it will continue to mend. The goods most in demand are Striped Taffeties, Iron Bars, Brass, Peaces, Patina Chintz, Half Sajs & long Ells.

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Read Nov 11 1762.

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George Grenville to / Lords Commrs o Trade & Plantans, St James's 20 August 1762

having laid Yr Lordships' letter o / 13<sup>th</sup> inst [post, sub CO 389/91] before / King. I recd H<sup>M</sup>s commands to transmit it, w / seal inclosures it contained, to Sir Joseph Yorke. I now send to Yr Lordships a copy o my dr to His Grace, upon t occ<sup>n</sup>.

Hh 47. Read Nov 11 1762.

G. Grenville to His Grace Sir Joseph Yorke, St James's 20 August 1762

I am only, by this occ<sup>n</sup> to transmit to y a letter fr<sup>m</sup> / Lords Commrs o Trade & Plantans inclosg two dispatches fr<sup>m</sup> / Govr o Cape Coast Castle, by wh Y. E. will observe t / Dutch h taken a v<sup>y</sup> hostile part in some disputes w / natives o country much to / prejudice o H<sup>M</sup>s subjects tradg to these parts. I am likewise to acquaint y & it is / King's Pleasur, y shd represent this to / Ministers o States & endeavour to obtain satisfact<sup>n</sup> & full & safer security f H<sup>M</sup>s Ports & Settlements on t Coast, wh appear to be w<sup>g</sup> grey endangered by / injurious proceedgs o / Dutch, & / necy direct<sup>s</sup> to prevent such proceedgs in / future

Hh. 51. Read Nov 18 1762.

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In fr<sup>m</sup> Mr Porter to Mr Pronall, dd 17 Nov 1762 returns / thanks o / African Co. to / Board f having communicated to them a copy o Mr Grenvilles letter to Sir Jos. Yorke.

Hh 56

Read Nov 24 1762

Chas Bell to / Ctee

C.C.C. 29 April 1762

- Has sent copy o his dr o 13 February last. [P. 62]. and he sends this w / Books to ulto Dec 1760 by Capt Dabynsple o H<sup>M</sup>s Winchester who arvd thr on 16<sup>th</sup> ulto.

We h no acts o y<sup>r</sup> ship w supplies. Our Provisions are now totally exhausted, so t if she does not soon arrive we must all starve. I need not repeat to y / hardship t it is

to me to support / expense o/ place, & it is no less so to / Chiefs o/ Our forts. One  
Mr Compton Beale who was a Surgeon o/ ship Brest when she was taken by a French  
Frigate, was put on shore at Wolydah, for which place he arid here sometime ago, & as  
we had no surgeon I appoynted him Surgeon o this place, & as I h yet seen o him he  
appears to be a careful sober man.

The Palaver at Wunnibah is now more likely to be settled than when I  
wrote of last, & I h had more trouble w<sup>t</sup> the affair than were I had w<sup>t</sup> any one thing  
in my whole life before.

There are now only 4 Vessels for Europe at Annamaboe vizt. Low o Lpool,  
Setton o Glasgow, Campbell o London & Davis o white haven: 1 2 last are ready to sail

Mr Dowdell who petitioned for his discharge is succeeded in / command o  
Tantinnquerry Fort by Mr Cockburn, & Mr Mill succeeded Mr Cockburn as Deputy  
Warehouse Keeper, both o wh I doubt not but of w<sup>re</sup> approve.

Capt Dalrymple was to h sailed for this p<sup>t</sup> / W<sup>9</sup>. just 4 weeks ago, when I rec<sup>d</sup> a  
dr from Capt Hallisall, Master o Brig Williamsburg o Bristol acquaints me t he was bound to  
Benin, & t ther was an Enemy's Frigate on / Windward Coast t had taken three English Vessels, & t war  
was declared ag<sup>t</sup> Spain before he left England. I had no sooner rec<sup>d</sup> this inform<sup>n</sup> than one o / depts  
o/ Winchester brot Capt Dalrymple w<sup>th</sup> an acct<sup>n</sup> o wh he had taken in writing from / Master  
o/ Brig wh was just to / same purpose as / contents o my dr<sup>s</sup>. Capt Dalrymple & his Officers  
immediately went on Board & he got under way as soon as possible & stood up / Coast. He beat up  
as high as St Andrews where he met w<sup>th</sup> a Sloop for Rhode Island, / Master o wh informed him t  
he had bin chased himself off Cape Mount by this Frigate, but t he out sailed her, & t he soon had  
certain intelligence from / Blackt t / Frigate had gone off / Coast, upon wh he returned to Cape  
Mount where he w<sup>as</sup> loaded & watered, & ther was informed t / Frigate arid the 1<sup>st</sup> march & sailed  
t / W<sup>9</sup> on / 3<sup>d</sup> ditto. She had taken 2 Vessels belong<sup>g</sup> to Lpool & 1 to Glasgow & had also drawn  
a Schooner & a sloop on shore. She sunk one o/ Vessels she had taken & put all / slaves w<sup>th</sup> /  
600 on board / o<sup>r</sup> two & carried them w<sup>th</sup> her off / Coast. She was afraid, it seems, o meet<sup>g</sup> w<sup>th</sup> /  
English Man o War wh made her in such a hurry to get off / Coast.  
I need not tell of / situ<sup>n</sup> we are in at this place in respect o Soldiers  
I hope how<sup>ev</sup>r yr ship will arrive safe, & bring us a supply.

We h begun upon / new Buildgs / foundat<sup>n</sup> o wh is now all laid; but as no supply  
o slaves come by / Man o War fm Gambia, I sh be obliged to hire some freemen to carry  
stone, o wh we must blow a gr<sup>t</sup> quantity as it is a very extensive Buildg t we are now go<sup>g</sup>  
upon. It seems wh happened some diffe<sup>n</sup> p<sup>er</sup>son Capt Dalrymple o Mr Debat, wh was  
reason we hd no slaves . . . I hd o Ctee slaves look<sup>g</sup> v<sup>y</sup> l<sup>y</sup>g but upon ex<sup>n</sup> o / list it is  
surpris to see what a no o them are past th<sup>r</sup> labour being quite superannuated; I<sup>d</sup> . . . set up w<sup>th</sup> Jaws  
or Paces, & a gr<sup>t</sup> many Children & Women w<sup>th</sup> child . . . many laid up w<sup>th</sup> worms & disorders. It has  
bn & still is an extremely sickly time especially w<sup>th</sup> / natives many o whom h died lately & we  
has also lost a few slaves by it.

The Pavemt<sup>t</sup> o / lower Platform is so bad t th<sup>r</sup> is a necessity o hav<sup>g</sup> a new laid wh we are  
immediatly to set ab<sup>t</sup>

Hh 74. Read March 2 1763.

Chat Bell to / Ctee.

CCC. 12 May 1762.

- Ackings <sup>rec<sup>d</sup></sup> <sup>th<sup>r</sup></sup> Dec o 4<sup>th</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Jan [th<sup>r</sup> not here. 20<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> on p 175 list]  
17 & 24 Feb & March [none here]

The Phoenix arriv<sup>d</sup> here on / 4<sup>th</sup> with w<sup>th</sup> 3 Writers, an Ant Secy, & 19 soldiers . . .

In my life I never saw such a set o creatures & I think I shd be want<sup>g</sup> in my duty if I did not  
assure y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>h</sup> send<sup>g</sup> such people here to just so much o / Publick Moy thrown away, as one half o  
them will never be able to do an hours duty.

Altho / Phoenix has bn now here 8 days we h not bn able to send Comets 3 days on  
board o her as / seas are so bad th<sup>r</sup> is no land<sup>g</sup> anything; f<sup>r</sup> in these 3 days we h hd 4 or 5  
l<sup>y</sup>g canoes all broke to pieces in land<sup>g</sup> / goods & I am now obliged to send all over /  
Coast to look out f<sup>r</sup> new Canoes. I h often ment<sup>d</sup> it to y<sup>e</sup> in my letters, as also when I  
was at home, t this is / worst time in all / Year f<sup>r</sup> a ship to land goods upon this  
Coast & if she must always be sent so as to arrive here at this time, y<sup>e</sup> may lay y<sup>e</sup>  
Arch at ~~the~~ put to gr<sup>t</sup> expense in / lett<sup>g</sup> o canoes & also run / with o ~~h~~ many o our  
goods damaged if not lost

Ms / ship is just go<sup>g</sup> to sail I h not time to add more



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from coming to such a height; but both these Gentlemen were here when / affair o / Drum  
happened, wh was just after I arrivd here, & it was neccy t / Gentlemen o ye Council shd  
be convened, to settle / affairs o / Forts &c. And this is one grt inconvenience  
wh attends sending f, (Chiefs o / Forts (especially to seaward) who are in / Council,  
to attend upon any business here; f as y h seldom so many Writers or Factors t one  
can be spared to each. Out fort (wh shd be / case) there is only a stupid fellow o a Serjt  
left to take care o ye Forts, & in ~~the absence~~ / absence o ye Chiefs / Blacks are more  
licentious, & pay little or no regard to a Sergeant. I was extremely sorry when  
so many people were killed, when / England People attacked ye Fort & Town; but  
our Murther did not fire a gun till they had actually set fire to some part o / Town,  
killed 2 or 3 people in it & wounded a Mullator Soldier & a Cob slave in / Fort, &  
had he not found his gloves, it is most probable t / Town wd h bn reduced to ashes, one half  
o / people murdered & / dr half carried off as slaves. And indeed it is hard to say wh  
or not these people wd h stopped here, f had they entire possess<sup>n</sup> o / Town they cd h  
starved out / Fort when they pleased; nor cd we h supplicd it even by sea, as ye Fort  
is so stupidly situated & so situated, t it does not command / Land<sup>d</sup> Place; & as /  
Dutch had a hand in / affairs fm / beginning, it is probable they wd h spirited them  
up to brg us to ye last extremity.

I wrote y formerly t I had orderd ye lower Platform upon wh 14 bge guns  
are mounted, to be new paved, wh was a thg so necessary, t it wd h bn almost  
impossible to h worked / Guns had we bn attacked. It is now almost done, & when it is  
quite finished & / parapet repaired, wh is also exceedg bad, I will h / two finest Batteries  
in this part o Africa, both o them in this Castle; f altho / guns at Annamaboe are  
lger yet / platform is far inferior to ~~an~~ o ours. This job regards our new buildg, but it  
is no help f it as it is absolutely neccy to h our Fortifications in good order at such a time as this.

I need not repeat what I h wrote y by Mr Bonville -- recommending him  
as a most capable man. He does not take up / money wh is due to him by y, wh amts  
to upwards o \$600: He offered it to sale at 25% discount on ye gold price at wh ye

170. Goods are issued, but nobody wd give it him, so he rather chose to remain a Creditor upon yr Books than to sell at a lower rate.

I complained to J. formerly o yr soldiers wh came out in yr Josephia. These wh of <sup>the</sup> sent out us by / Phoenix are still worse, wh I thot was hardly possible. Many o our soldiers, Serjts & Gunners, h served thr time, & those who h given 6 months previous notice o thr desire to leave yr Service cannot well w justice be denied thr discharge. These people do not all intend to go home; The rage o commencing private traders is vj prevalent amongst ~~them~~ those sort o people, who when once they h picked up a trifle in yr Service, want to try thr genius amongst / Blacks, tho it is vj seldom t they succeed.

But ~~through~~ As I find my health will not permit me to stay long in Africa, I think I shd to acquaint J. t I propose to quit yr service ~~as~~ soon after yr arriv o yr next Ship. I can only say t it has bn my ppal study to promote harmony amongst yr ppal officers; to get yr Forts put into ye best posture o defence by repairing / Fortifications & to do every thing else to promote / Trade & gain / affects o ye natives. If I h not succeeded so well as I wd wish, I hope J will do me / justice to attribute it rather to want o better capacity, than to any want o zeal f / Publick Service.

Old John Curranter, as also his good son William Ansah are now carry'd on a most villainous Palaver agst one Coffee Aboe, who is linguist f yr Fort at Annamaboe; but this is only accordg to custom. They owe this man a spite bec he tells truth (a thg vj disagreeable to them) to / Chief & to ye white men in gen. But he has behaved rather worse than usual o late. This not long ago since he sent up his messengers to me to inform me t Mr Brew had used him vj ill & had wron beat him, & desired I wd give him satisfaction. I told his messengers t I wd enquire into / truth o his asser<sup>n</sup>, but t I cd say nothing all I was better informed; but before his messengers had done w thr second harangue, Coffee Aboe arriv'd w a letter to me f Mr Brew, wherein he told me / side proceedings o old John, & I found t / story o Mr Brews beating him was entirely false. I sent him word back by his messengers t Mr Brew had only hon too much his friend, & t I looked upon him as most ungrateful t send me a false accus<sup>n</sup> agst him. & advised him to make up all difes, wh he accurately did, as he found he wd h no encouragement f me in his request. This only shows f what a man he is, wh indeed I think J must h known long ago.

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Good h sent y / Pts o Council f interest Mr Cockburn w / Command o Garrison  
Fort; as also one f / new Secretary &c; but not a man in / Council can not present leave  
his Fort Mr Wolfe is v'y ill. Mr Mutter does not think it prudent in him to be absent  
(altho he has a factor w him) till / Palaver is finished finally adjusted; & Mr Brew  
by / Willing o old John Curran's other son Mr Wm Probst in / Palaver w / Inquisit  
o / Fort. Thanks also t shd he lease it just now, some mischief wd ensue. We are all  
how v'y unanimous in our opinions; but this shows y how inconvenient it is to h a  
Council so situated & so scattered

The rains continue to be v'y violent & I am afraid h done gr damage to sett o y Fort;  
indeed they h done us gr mischief here. Mr Tunder / Surveyor is now at Annapolis where  
I am told there is not a room in / whole Fort t does not lease. I intend to send him up soon up to  
Dietrich where there are some repairs t I find are absolutely neccy. At present we h no communication w any o  
our Forts as there is no travelling by land or water.

The violence o rains & wind h bro't down / gardeners house, except away / walls o my stock yard  
& has destroyed v'ything in / garden. Our people also began to grow v'y sickly & to add to the misfortune, there is  
hardly any fresh provisions to be got & / few t are to be sold are at such an extravagant price t y Writers &  
Factors are obliged mostly to live upon salt provisions; so t upon / whole we are at present in a v'y uncomfortable  
situation & h no o' consolation but to hope f better times

Mr Cockburn is extremely thankful f y indulgence to him, but I do not find t Mr Delanyes  
has as yet considered / Drafts & I hope he will not.

I will rece / Order Day Books & an acct o y expences - attorney / payment o Pts  
Fort; as also sett o charges wh are placed to / acct o / Deacid o / Order

- Acts f an Assistant to Mr Tunder -

I may depend upon it, I never will send home a black Gentleman, I measure wh  
I always v'y much disapproved o

Chas Bell to / Ctee

C. C. C. 4 August 1762

Sends copy o his letter o 21 July [sic].

- Mr Senior's unwillingness to / Ctee -

- The disorderly behaviour o Mr Capleton Aspley a well husband in C.C.C.

o. on Mr Senior's will for 1700 they determined to discharge ~~Aspley~~ for / Service & military section & disobey o orders - I am no lawyer but still think his services h forfeited the Bond, & since I do not know what is / use o having Bondsmen for any o yr settlements

The Winnebago Palaver, tho seemingly settled, I am afraid is not yet upon a firm basis. The Accoans keep no faith & they h lately cut off a Winnebago man's head on acct o an old dispute w a Winnebago man w / Dutch town o Berracoce, not w the Palaver was settled abt a year ago before that wd upon / Coast. So it is like to be fresh disturbances in t Quarter, wh in order to prevent if possible, I h agreed w / Gen o Elmira t he & I sh each o us send a deputy to Berracoce, where they sh use the joint endeavours to terminate all disputes amongst / Blacks in an amicable manner; wh indeed I am afraid they will find a difficult matter. I h applied Mr Cockburn on our side, who is well acquainted w / language & customs o / Blacks & a capable man in wry respect, and / Dutch Gen has applied / Chief o Commandine on / side o / Dutch, & I h sent a factor to take charge o Tanqueray Fort dars Mr Cockburn's abode

- Young Bonville, Dardis, & Crichton apptd Factors as per Act o Council enclosed [in h.]

Our new buildg is go'g on as well as can be expected in this part o / Shore. Mr Under takes t pains ... to carry on / Buildg in a strong substantial manner, but I find he is not inclined to remain longer in yr Service unless he has t prospect o ~~a~~ getting a Fort. He has now bn almost 10 yrs in yr Service. I will see t. at all events it will be neccy t. if send out a man t is capable to supply his place

- Mr Gabriel Rice - His madness, among all his helaggs & clothes out of his room - being discovered stark naked - Will try to get a Capt to carry him off / Coast.

Capt Britton o / Surprize, a Capt Hamilton o / Marag (both bn London) are t only ships bn Europe now at Pt Hope. Apts done o / bark, o / hool, by whom this goes carries off abt 330 slaves.

Chas Bell to / Ctee. C.C.C. 4 August 1762.

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... - short, o no int - ...

Hh 75. Read April 27 1763.

Chas Bell to / Ctee C.C.C. 20 August 1762

• Sends duplicate o by dr o 4 Augh  
- why dah -

Slaves are plenty, but in gen extremely bad. Capt Hamilton o / Nancy o London is / only ship for Europe now in Annamaboe Road  
no Trade at Wintehah, but at present all is quiet  
Our best Buildings are going on as well as can be expected from our situ<sup>n</sup> when we h<sup>o</sup> nothing but com<sup>o</sup> to transport our shells.

Hh 76. Read April 27 1763.

The Ctee to Bell w/ Council o C.C.C. London 28 February 1763.

Our last letter to y was 20 Jan 1762 [P 153] p / Thomas Capt McEachern o . . .

We now inclose y Invoices & B/Ls of goods & stores by / Black Prince Capt Jas Wallange  
amtg to £10,015-6-2. also indentures of 1 Factor, 1 Water & y Soldiers . . .

In regard to yr complaints abt / soldiers business o / soldiers sent out p McEachern, y must  
be content w this answer; t they were / best t cd be procured, / demand o / For beg so gr<sup>t</sup> for  
security / Army & Navy t / getting any of Africa was of diff<sup>r</sup> & attended w gr<sup>t</sup> expence; but as / other  
is now over men will be more plenty, & hope those of vice vice by this ship will please better,  
have taken a gr<sup>t</sup> deal o pains of this purpose

The following letters from y w / seal p<sup>r</sup> them enclosed we h<sup>o</sup> read viz<sup>t</sup> Sept 10 [p 157]  
Dec 16 [159] 1761. Feb 13 [162] April 29<sup>th</sup> [165] May 12 [167] June 16 [168] & 21 [168], & two  
o Aug<sup>t</sup> 4 [172.93] 1762. wh we now answer.

The Wunnebach Palaces & its long continuance is a very unfortunate affair. It must  
 be attended w<sup>th</sup> a gr<sup>d</sup> deal o<sup>f</sup> trouble to y<sup>e</sup> / people who hd / care o<sup>f</sup> Fort. & also a gr<sup>d</sup> expense  
 to / Publick. We are much concerned to observe by yr last letter t<sup>h</sup> it was not then entirely settled:  
 / outrage on one o<sup>f</sup> / both people beg a proof o<sup>f</sup> / contrary. The behaviour o<sup>f</sup> yr neighbours / Dutch on this  
 occa<sup>n</sup> agrees w<sup>th</sup> the former practices & usages / seemg discountin'd given them by / Gen<sup>l</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Elmira, we  
 almost help thinkg it was in his power to h<sup>ve</sup> put a stop long ago to these proceedings, & therefore  
 do not entertain any gr<sup>d</sup> expectation fr<sup>m</sup> / joint deputat<sup>n</sup> sent by yrself & him. Thus we h<sup>ve</sup> a gr<sup>d</sup>  
 depende on yr prudence or judgment in supportg / rights o<sup>f</sup> British ~~on~~ & hope yr next des<sup>ts</sup> will inform  
 us o<sup>f</sup> this troublesome Business beg adjust'd to our & yr satisfact<sup>n</sup>.

We h<sup>ve</sup> on this side done what is in our power on us by representg / our grievances  
 t<sup>h</sup> / reason to / Trade & Publick by / all behaviours o<sup>f</sup> / Dutch on / Coast, & h<sup>ve</sup> procur'd, by /  
 our Govern<sup>r</sup> o<sup>f</sup> / dords o<sup>f</sup> Trade, a letter to be writt<sup>n</sup> by / Secretary o<sup>f</sup> State to His Minister  
 at / Hague, a copy o<sup>f</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> is inclosed herewith. We hope it will h<sup>ve</sup> its desired effect, leave  
 it to yr discre<sup>tion</sup> how far it may be proper to communicate / same to / Gen<sup>l</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Elmira,  
 as perhaps when he sees / affair is in a way o<sup>f</sup> beg<sup>g</sup> taken up at home, he may be  
 induc'd to exert himself in preventg future complaints o<sup>f</sup> this nature.

The disinterested & spirited behaviour o<sup>f</sup> Cudjoe o<sup>f</sup> Accra, on / Wunnebach  
 palaces, is w<sup>th</sup> agreeable to us. We therefore recommend it to y<sup>e</sup> to make him such satisfact<sup>n</sup>  
 as may be adequate to his services.

Observg in yr des<sup>ts</sup> o<sup>f</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> t<sup>h</sup> 3 Dutch ships were bound at Annamaboe, &  
 only one English, we are o<sup>f</sup> opinion t<sup>h</sup> these foreigners h<sup>ve</sup> met w<sup>th</sup> discouragem<sup>t</sup> fr<sup>m</sup> our Chief  
 Officers to Trade, & this beg absolutely contrary to our original instr<sup>ns</sup> to Mr Melvil,  
 whereby all Trade w<sup>th</sup> foreigners is prohibited, except w<sup>th</sup> / Portuguese o<sup>f</sup> Gold & Brazil  
 Tobacco, we insist upon yr exertg<sup>s</sup> t<sup>h</sup> authority to prevent this illicit Trade in future.

The repairs & improvements o<sup>f</sup> British Forts & Settlements, beg / principal one o<sup>f</sup>  
 present Establishm<sup>t</sup>, a business t<sup>h</sup> had been so long neglected by / Chief Officers, notwithstanding  
 our repeated instr<sup>ns</sup>, we cannot avoid qu<sup>er</sup>ing our approb<sup>n</sup> to / attendg<sup>s</sup> o<sup>f</sup> h<sup>ve</sup> part shewn to  
 our Order in / repairs & new buildg<sup>s</sup> now carryg<sup>s</sup> on, & also o<sup>f</sup> purchase o<sup>f</sup> ano<sup>r</sup> long  
 Boat o<sup>f</sup> fieldg<sup>s</sup> time. But as to / proposal o<sup>f</sup> sendg<sup>s</sup> y<sup>e</sup> out a sloop o<sup>f</sup> 25 & 30 tons

we sh take it into common know, f as / Preliminary Articles o Peace were signed on /  
9<sup>th</sup> o November last betw Gr Britain France & Spain, & most probably / Definitive

Treaty will soon follow betw those three Powers, we hope all sorts o goods will fall  
in prices, when we sh be better able to comply w<sup>th</sup> ye Indents, & determine on buyg  
● Goods / Sloop of so much desire; do at / same time must observe t<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Indent f<sup>r</sup> Stores  
f<sup>r</sup> new repairs ~~run~~ <sup>run</sup> so high t<sup>h</sup> it is not at present in our power to admit o this  
extra expence, how<sup>ev</sup>r necessary it may be. The same reason prevents us fm determing  
at present upon / rebuildg o / Fort at Secounde, we know this place to be o gr<sup>at</sup>  
consequence, & sh therefore solicit / lords o Trade f<sup>r</sup> Mr Pitt to procure us an add<sup>l</sup> Grant  
fm / Parliamt.

We are sorry to find / Work done at Annamaboe is so badly executed as to be  
already out o repair. The Eng<sup>s</sup> employed in ye Service must be v<sup>ry</sup> blameable on this  
Acct as no expence was spared by / Ord<sup>r</sup> o Ordnance t<sup>h</sup> this Fort completely finished.

Upon considerg what y<sup>e</sup> mention in regard to buyg / Eng<sup>s</sup> & Eng<sup>s</sup> guns at Annamaboe we  
sh determined to ~~discontinue~~ repeal / Order & desire y<sup>e</sup> to send / new guns to Mr Brew to h<sup>av</sup>  
discontinued.

The Capt<sup>n</sup> o Ships & Merch<sup>ts</sup> tradg to Annamaboe fm Bristol & Lpool, havg frequently  
complained to sevl o / Che o detrim<sup>nt</sup> they meet w<sup>th</sup> fm / revent<sup>ive</sup> Trade carried on by  
Mr Brew & Co. & partly o his shippg off fm / Coast on his own acct a gr<sup>at</sup> number o Slaves, in  
defiance o / Instructions ordered to be fried up on each Fort; y<sup>e</sup> are on this occasion to give  
Mr Brew immediate notice t<sup>h</sup> we insist upon havg these Instructions observed, as upon / first  
complaint made to us in form & proved, we sh send positive orders to dismiss him fm  
/ Service. It therefore behoves him to take care o his future conduct, as w<sup>th</sup> an alter<sup>n</sup>  
he cannot expect any fav<sup>r</sup> countenance fm us.

We are much concerned to hear Mr Pell's health is so indif<sup>t</sup> as to oblige  
him to come home. Beg so sensible o his good qualities & services, we wish, f<sup>r</sup> / benefit  
o all under his Command, t<sup>h</sup> he may alter his resol<sup>n</sup>. If not, we app<sup>ly</sup> Mr W<sup>m</sup> Mutt<sup>r</sup>  
& Succed as Gov<sup>r</sup>, President o / Council, Treasur<sup>r</sup> & Warehouse Keeper, as Mr White is

176. On 30<sup>th</sup> Dec a state of health. Should refer first a letter to her mother tell we have agreed for / Grant, in light of being a better offer.

It would be / demands regarding a Power re on / Grant etc & induce it to advise / salary of / officers by giving all that were sent out to them, to be satisfactory / I don't think we shall do readily come into any feasible scheme for / management of our Exchequer in any other manner, but as / present establishment was founded on E. of the Royal Person & who did not allow this Exchequer any privilege for point a trade, common sense tells things to more suitable to continue / support a to which do harm at / usual salary of £60 p. a. probably as to whom we so frequently employ on / Grant & they are soon advanced in turn to be feasible. This we mention on act a our present advice for Parliament being unnecessary to obtain a an increase in / Expenses; but if a sum can be obtained, if many depend on the big capital trade / better support & maintenance of our Exchequer. It may not be amiss to remark if on this occasion a / case for to be taken in assistance by Person to whose conduct or abilities no material objection can be made, accordg to / Kingd. a some day & be in P. Eliza's service.

Your brother is coming. Love often a by Elizabeth's usage in / Phoenix, at foundation near / Lakes. I beg a & it will be of great / useful means they were seized. It is necessary to return to / Grant in his former state of Secretary, & as his case is of my offer for / generally a time with offer / Grant & if a not objected with his behaviour or qualifications during 6 years residence, we cannot refuse doing him / justice or a conviction, desiring he may meet us "p. memo" in his own, last given copy. Love to the purpose.

We & agree some out your John Johnson as a Letter, & we direct it to visitate him in his former rank appointing him to a full according to the former order a. Visiting Expenses. If submitted to us, we shall see it may be our wish to suffer our Exchequer to come to England & then return to the former State; we & taken to matters into concern & give a opinion. It when they do come on six years on / long's a. believed will, they are directed to some advantage. We shall readily agree to let give all due encouragement to the several Charities there.

It is necessary to our Regulars  
As to / bad conduct of Mr. Appleby they conform his demands & will endeavour to obtain for satisfaction for his services at home & also on their services for / future account.

The Rev Doctor Purton, Secretary to / S.P.G. in for parts under whose care / 2  
Black Boys bred home by / Rev Mr Thompson are, has informed us / Gray one o opinion  
t / inton<sup>n</sup> o the educan<sup>n</sup> is not yet compleat; therefore if the friends upon / Coast wd not be  
unnecessary at detaining them here a year or two longer, they think they not be considered much more  
useful f / purpose intended; but if Cudjoe, or the friends, shd be dissatisfied at the stay  
longer, we will send them home by / next store ship.

The new works begun at C.C. must be highly retarded & want o / slaves ordered  
for Fambia. There is a man now ready to sail f Africa wh has orders to call at  
Fambia & take on board any slaves t may be ready f C.C.

- Before <sup>the</sup> / Act o Proclam<sup>t</sup> to / B/o Ordinance unto / £606-9-14

Mr Winder Surveyor o C.C. beg a very essential & useful servant o / C.C., we  
think he cannot be too much encouraged in his present statu by any increase o salary if  
may think proper but we cannot consent to his beg removal to any o<sup>r</sup> statu t is  
inconsistent w / duty o a Surveyor at least till such time as an Act is past w / which  
we are ~~working~~ out for.

His / behaviour o some months to Mr Winder was so very insolent & provoking we join  
in opinion w / t he shd make no account to Pariah, especially as such concession wd be /  
means o making / Blacks extremely insolent & o throw<sup>n</sup> off t respect to our Chiefs, wh  
is so neccy to be preserved; at / same time we recommend such a civil humane  
behaviour o our Officers to / Blacks as may be consistent w / keep<sup>n</sup> up a proper decorum  
& subordination among them.

By this ship we have sent a present f Cudjoe Calaboes as desired in yr letter o  
Decr 16<sup>th</sup> 1761. wh we hope will be agreeable & satisfactory to him

By Order &c

(signed)

Samuel Pomeroy



I please to consider / thickness o' walls & a building o' 140 feet in length, w<sup>ch</sup> parting o' party walls between each apartment. I did not indeed imagine at first t<sup>t</sup> it wd<sup>d</sup> be taken / quantity o' stone & lime, w<sup>ch</sup> I now find will be necessary to complete it; but when finished, I believe it will be / best building t<sup>t</sup> ever was erected in this part o' / World; & this leads me to inform y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>t</sup> / roof o' Hall in Panamaeoe Fort has lately bn<sup>o</sup> propped, & as it was in danger o' falling in, & I sent / Surveyor Mr Trinder down th<sup>er</sup> f<sup>r</sup> t<sup>t</sup> purpose. Mr Baugh has certainly done g<sup>d</sup> injustice to / Publick in / building / Apartments at Aboe.

- Mr Trinder at Dixcove to build a new powder magazine -

- Has had to hire freemen as labourers f<sup>r</sup> / new Buildings at 4 shillings in trade p. m. w<sup>ch</sup> is no more than / pay o' an ordinary Co's Slave but has had to advance them goods.  
- If / ship does not arrive sooner this year than last, he will be hard put to it to get support & repairs o' this place

The Dutch h<sup>av</sup> bn<sup>o</sup> extremely troublesome o' late; / Pen has renewed his claim to Atchuma, in / most haughty manner & insisted in / most peremptory tone t<sup>t</sup> I sh<sup>d</sup> immediately send orders to / Chief o' Dixcove to turn out one Quamin who is a Caboccer in gr<sup>at</sup> pay & w<sup>th</sup> takes in t<sup>t</sup> Village; but this demand I h<sup>av</sup> not complied w<sup>th</sup>, & much altercations has passed between us upon this subject. The Dutch pretend to shew by th<sup>er</sup> records t<sup>t</sup> they h<sup>av</sup> bn<sup>o</sup> in possession o' this Village f<sup>r</sup> almost a century. It is certain how<sup>ev</sup>er, t<sup>t</sup> we exercised jurisdiction o' f<sup>r</sup> a good number o' years w<sup>th</sup>out / Controul. [sic] Our unfortunate attack f<sup>r</sup> us o' our publick records h<sup>av</sup> bn<sup>o</sup> very badly kept. I am told t<sup>t</sup> Roberts, Husband, & Boteler destroyed many at / time when our present Establishment took place. At present we can hardly shew anything more than some copies o' Letters f<sup>r</sup> / Chiefs o' Dixcove, to / Agents o' / R. A. C. upon this subject; & these Letters are v<sup>er</sup>y imperfect evidences, as they only mention some little disputes between / Chiefs o' / English & Dutch Forts t<sup>t</sup> are contiguous to this Village. I was willing to allow / Pen t<sup>t</sup> / place sh<sup>d</sup> be in common f<sup>r</sup> both Nations to pick limestone &c, w<sup>th</sup> till such time as it is decided in Europe. This, how<sup>ev</sup>er, he wd<sup>d</sup> not agree to, & I do not believe it is f<sup>r</sup> want o' inclination t<sup>t</sup> he does not establish / right (or what he calls / right) o' his Nation by force. But at present th<sup>er</sup> hands are pretty full; occasioned by a vile iniquitous scheme w<sup>ch</sup> they h<sup>av</sup> bn<sup>o</sup> carry<sup>ng</sup> on f<sup>r</sup> several months past ag<sup>o</sup> f<sup>r</sup> Caboccer o' Cape Appellonia, who is a v<sup>er</sup>y considerable man. They h<sup>av</sup> hired a g<sup>d</sup> many o' / Achantas, & h<sup>av</sup> collected th<sup>er</sup> whole force & influence upon t<sup>t</sup> part o' / Coast w<sup>ch</sup> is to Windward

A westward o' Elmina, in order to destroy this man. And altho' they pretend t' they  
 h' bin injured by him, yet the real motive is avarice, f' they want to plant a Caboeer o'  
 a non market at Appolonia, & if I am not g<sup>tly</sup> misinformed, they wd' immediately  
 set abt' building a Fort, & by t' means Engross / whole Trade o' t' place, wh' is v<sup>y</sup> g<sup>t</sup>,  
 & o' wh' / English h'd always a considerable share. Any o' / Capt's o' / Vessels t' frequent  
 Annamaboe will inform f' what an advantage it is to the Trade to send the long Boats  
 up to Cape Appolonia, where they seldom fail to sell a g<sup>t</sup> many articles f' gold, & such articles  
 as often will not go off in Annamaboe, & the gold is o' g<sup>t</sup> service to them in / purchase o' the  
 slaves. This is also a pretty considerable trade at Appolonia in slaves & Ivory, so t', upon  
 / whole, I look upon it as a most valuable place. The English ships h' continued to send up  
 the Boats during this disturbance w<sup>th</sup> / Dutch, & he supplied / Caboeer w<sup>th</sup> guns, powder & such things  
 else he wanted. Abt' a month ago / Caboeer sent three mess<sup>rs</sup> to me by Capt  
 Cummings' long Boat to inform me o' cruel usage he had met w<sup>th</sup> f<sup>r</sup> / Dutch, by being /  
 whole country to make war upon him; t' he was not subject to / Dutch or any o' / Power,  
 & t' he thought it was hard not to be protected by / English; & t' he was not, how<sup>ev</sup>, much  
 afraid o' his enemies; t' / Dutch troops were all mercenaries, but t' he & all / inhabitants  
 o' Appolonia were fighting f' the country & the liberty, & t' at all events he never shd' fall  
 into the hands o' / Dutch. He desired his mess<sup>rs</sup> to inform me t' he did not  
 desire me to send him any assistance: but as he was now fully convinced t' / Dutch were  
 not to be trusted, t' he wished f' nothing so much as f' / English to build a fort at  
 Appolonia, & t' he wd' assist them w<sup>th</sup> all his people. I sent back word to him  
 by his mess<sup>rs</sup> t' / English were much obliged to him f' his friendship to them; t' /  
 building o' a fort in his country was an affair wh' I cd' not undertake w<sup>th</sup> orders f<sup>r</sup> / Co  
 in England; t' I wd' mention / generous offer, wh' he had made, in / 15<sup>th</sup> letters wh' I sent  
 home, & t' I did not doubt but orders wd' soon arrive f<sup>r</sup> us to embrace it; t' I was v<sup>y</sup>  
 willing in / meantime to shew him ev<sup>ry</sup> act o' friendship, t' say in my power w<sup>th</sup> send w<sup>th</sup>  
 ourselves in a quarrel w<sup>th</sup> / Dutch. As he had sent me some presents, I sent him a  
 suitable return by his mess<sup>rs</sup> whom I dispatched back in / same Boat wh' had them here, &  
 they were g<sup>tly</sup> pleased w<sup>th</sup> the receipt, & / Caboeer no less so w<sup>th</sup> / presents wh' I sent him.

A. (19th Dec)

H (192 post)

This Cobocoe, whose name is Amoma, is / same man in whose house Mr Stockwell settled after he was superseded by Roberts, & I have always heard he behaved in such a manner to him & not do honors to a white man o any Na<sup>m</sup>.

I have nothing fur to say on this subject, but to make one observation t a Fort at Cape Appolonia wd be o more advantage than all yr Forts wh are to Windward o this place, put tog<sup>r</sup>. I doubt not, therefore, but yr will consider this affair w/ attention w/ utility o it deserves.

- Has desir'd for / Morice / Mulattoe Bay. w<sup>m</sup> husbands, as ignorant of accts, waste badly & not willing to improve -
- Looks for a good Surgeon or two, for Beale, present surgeon, in poor state o health. -
- Dy / death o so many people, more w<sup>m</sup>ters needy.

B (195 post)

P.S. The Dutch have rec'd some heavy Cannon, 12 & 18 pds by the last Co's Ship wh they have mounted at Commedia & Beera. This ship arriv'd here in Sept, & a Co's Snow, wh is to remain upon / Coast a few days after her. The Snow ~~was~~ sail'd for Holland in Augt, & may minister as if she bro't some intelligence t a rupture wd soon happen between us & the Na<sup>m</sup>.

Hk y B

Recd  
Read May 27 1763.

To / Rt Hon / Lords Commrs of Trade & Planters  
The Memorial of C<sup>o</sup> o / Co o Merchts Trading to Africa

Humbly Sheweth  
That they have lately rec'd from the Gov<sup>r</sup> a Copy of a Bill establish'd at C.C.C. Copies o wh are laid before yr Hon<sup>rs</sup>, it appears t attempts have lately been made by / Dutch to encroach upon / Rights & properties o British Subjects on / Coast under pretence o having a Claim to some Negro Towns situated w<sup>m</sup> / British Forts, & under the Protection, wh / Captns of the said Towns settled & govern'd up, by / Interpos<sup>n</sup> o H<sup>l</sup> Mos Ships o War sent out of / protection o / African Trade; & upon the leaving / Coast, as often concerted.  
The Memorialists therefore most Beg leave to solicit yr Hon<sup>rs</sup> Support in an Address to / Lords Commrs o / Privy C<sup>o</sup> of proper Instructions to be given to / Comds o H<sup>l</sup> Mos Ships, wh may best be sent to / Coast o Africa, to settle these Disputes, & take / most effectual Measures in concert w<sup>m</sup> our Gov<sup>r</sup>s, to prevent a Renewal o them for / future.

Which wh is Submitted to yr Hon<sup>rs</sup> Consideration

By Order o / C<sup>o</sup>  
o / Co o Merchts Trading to Africa

Saml Pinner  
Secretary

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[m d.]

Hh 79.

Read July 15 1763.

Dunk Halifax [ear of] to Lords o Trade St James's 7 July 1763

Upon recy yr Ldps' Lr o 13th may [CO 309/31-post p] I relate to a Dispute  
 betw<sup>n</sup> yr mis Subjects & those o / States Gen. abt / possn o some Negro Towns upon / Coast o  
 Africa & betw<sup>n</sup> / King's Command & Sir Joseph Yorke, H<sup>m</sup>s Ambassador at / Hague, to know  
 what had pass'd in / Negoti<sup>n</sup> o / Years 1752 & 1753 upon t<sup>e</sup> Subject, wh<sup>ch</sup> yr Ldps refer to, as y<sup>e</sup>  
 will see by / enclosed copy o my Lr to His Excy; & have since recd his Answer abt<sup>o</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> an  
 Abstract<sup>n</sup> o / Proceed<sup>gs</sup> at t<sup>e</sup> Time, I inclose / same likewise brief, t<sup>o</sup> yr Ldps may like /  
 same into yr Cons<sup>n</sup>, & acquaint me w<sup>th</sup> yr Opin<sup>n</sup>, as to / Instr<sup>ns</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> may judge  
 fitt<sup>g</sup> to be given to / Commanders o / Men o War stationed, or to be stationed upon / Coast o  
 Africa w<sup>ch</sup> respect to th<sup>er</sup> Conduct in what relates to / sd disputed Point<sup>s</sup>, t<sup>o</sup> I may be enabled to  
 rec<sup>e</sup> H<sup>m</sup>s Commands thereon & to signify th<sup>em</sup> to yr<sup>e</sup> Lords Commrs o / Privy C<sup>ty</sup>.

Hh 80

Dunk Halifax to His Excy St. Jos York<sup>e</sup> St James's 3 June 1763

I send y<sup>e</sup> enclosed / copy o a letter wh<sup>ch</sup> I have rec<sup>d</sup> fm / Lords o Trade, w<sup>ch</sup> a  
 Memorial fm / C<sup>ty</sup> o African Co to th<sup>e</sup> Ldps & a Lr to / sd C<sup>ty</sup> fm / Gov<sup>r</sup> o  
 C. C. C. yr Excy will see t<sup>h</sup> these Pieces relate to / Possn o some Negro Towns wh<sup>ch</sup>  
 seems h<sup>av</sup> long in Dispute betw<sup>n</sup> / British & Dutch Subjects, & wh<sup>ch</sup> was / Object o a  
 Negoti<sup>n</sup> at the Hague in / Yrs 1752 & 1753 It<sup>h</sup> this happened in / Time o yr Ministry  
 th<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> will be able to h<sup>av</sup> recourse to / parties o t<sup>e</sup> Negoti<sup>n</sup>, & when y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>av</sup> seen upon what Foot<sup>g</sup>  
 t<sup>h</sup> Affair was don<sup>e</sup> left, y<sup>e</sup> will talk w<sup>th</sup> / Ministers o The Republick upon / Subject o it &  
 acquaint me w<sup>th</sup> / Result, t<sup>o</sup> I may lay / whole before / King in order to / giv<sup>g</sup> such  
 Instr<sup>ns</sup> to / Lords o / Privy C<sup>ty</sup> thereon as H<sup>m</sup> sh<sup>al</sup> judge fitt<sup>g</sup> or nec<sup>y</sup>.

Sir Joseph Yorke to / Earl o Halifax

The Hague 17 June 1763 [retract"]

In obedience to yr Ld's Commands o / 3rd inst, I h rec<sup>d</sup> w<sup>th</sup> atten<sup>n</sup> w<sup>th</sup>ly wh occurred here in / Yrs 1752 & 1753 relative to / negotia<sup>n</sup> w<sup>th</sup> / Dutch upon / African Disputes & take / Liberty to inclose a short Narrative o our Proceedgs at t<sup>e</sup> Time. One o / Gent<sup>m</sup> who was commissi<sup>o</sup>ned to treat w<sup>th</sup> me, / Admiral Pieterman appeared at / Time o / negotia<sup>n</sup>, perfectly well inform<sup>d</sup> o / Situa<sup>n</sup> o / Trade in those Parts where he had bin Gov<sup>r</sup>. T<sup>e</sup> Gent<sup>m</sup> always persist<sup>d</sup> in his Opinion t<sup>e</sup> / Disputes upon / African Coast were not to be settled in Europe; t<sup>e</sup> / only way was to prevent squabbles betw<sup>n</sup> / Subjects o both Countries, by v<sup>y</sup> peremptory Orders, & t<sup>e</sup> as to / Propriety o part<sup>r</sup> Villages, they were insignificant in themselves & ~~only~~ were only to be acquiesc<sup>d</sup> by / good or bad treatm<sup>t</sup>, as / g<sup>o</sup> or lesser Profit wh / Natives found as / diff<sup>r</sup> European Powers. In sum<sup>m</sup> o ver / Correspond<sup>n</sup> to wh I h inform<sup>d</sup> recurred, I observ<sup>d</sup> t<sup>e</sup> when<sup>r</sup> any o H<sup>m</sup>'s Ships appeared upon / Coast all / Disputes were adjust<sup>d</sup>, & w<sup>th</sup> Point settled, in all appear<sup>n</sup>, to mutual Satisf<sup>n</sup>; but as soon as they departed f<sup>r</sup> Europe, old Pretensions resusc<sup>d</sup> revived, & / some Compl<sup>ts</sup> were transfer<sup>d</sup> fr<sup>m</sup> one Gov<sup>r</sup> to ano<sup>r</sup>.

I h taken an Opp<sup>y</sup> to speak both to / Pensionary & / Greffier upon / Inform<sup>n</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> Ld<sup>p</sup> sent me; but as I found them perfectly ignorant o this Affair, I desir<sup>d</sup> them to make some Enquiry, tho' as Y<sup>r</sup> Ld<sup>p</sup> did not order it, I did not think it proper as yet to set on foot a formal negotia<sup>n</sup> upon / Subject

Hh 82.

The Hague June 17th 1763.

A Narrative o / Proceedgs  
betw<sup>n</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Yorke & / Dutch  
Ministers in / Yrs 1752 & 1753  
relative to / Disputes betw<sup>n</sup>  
/ African Co<sup>o</sup> & / Dutch

W. I. Co.

1752 October

In October 1752 Col<sup>o</sup> Yorke deliver<sup>d</sup> to / Greffier a note o / Part Points in Dispute  
wh<sup>ch</sup> were these:

1. The Quilty upon wh / Dutch Gov<sup>r</sup> reclam<sup>d</sup> / English fm / Bay o Comma<sup>n</sup>.
- 2<sup>d</sup> The Pretensions o / Dutch to a Settlement at Busha
- 3<sup>d</sup> The Pretensions to a like Settlement at Atchemah

December.

In December follow<sup>g</sup>, / Dutch Co did<sup>t</sup> to Col<sup>o</sup> Yorke send P<sup>s</sup>, as evidence in Support<sup>r</sup> o the Claims, wh he sent on / 19<sup>th</sup> o / same month to this Grace / Duke o Newcastle at t time S o S; & in March 1753 Re had a Confer<sup>s</sup> w Burgo- Master Hop, & Messrs Pranger & Petersen. This Confer<sup>s</sup> was quite ineffectual, as / Dutch had nothing to propose, except<sup>t</sup> to leave / Determina<sup>n</sup> o / Right contended f, to / natives o respective Places<sup>n</sup>.

1753 August

In August 1753 Col<sup>o</sup> Yorke rec<sup>d</sup> fr<sup>m</sup> this Grace / Duke o Newcastle a compleat state o English Claims supported by a Detail o Evidence, together w Copies o / former Treaties betw<sup>n</sup> / English & Dutch Cos. The African Co now added two 2<sup>d</sup> Articles to / former wh they desired not be considered viz<sup>t</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> They demanded a Reimbursem<sup>t</sup> o Charges they had bn at
- 2<sup>d</sup> They desired to renew an Article o a former Treaty; by wh all Europeans (except<sup>t</sup> / Portuguese) were included fr<sup>m</sup> trading in / Settlements o o<sup>r</sup> Nation on / African Coast.

November.

In Nov<sup>r</sup> 1753 Col<sup>o</sup> Yorke had a Confer<sup>s</sup> on these Points w Messrs Dedel & Petersen o wh he gave an acc<sup>t</sup> to this Grace / Duke o Newcastle on / 20<sup>th</sup> o / same month. These Gent<sup>l</sup> seemed well informed on / Subject they were engaged on, but were not suff<sup>tly</sup> authoris<sup>d</sup> to determine finally. They promised how<sup>ev</sup>r to make an immediate Report to / W. C. at Amsterdam & they did<sup>t</sup> th<sup>r</sup> own Opinions v<sup>y</sup> freely.

- 1<sup>st</sup> They agreed t / Bay o Commodore sh<sup>d</sup> f / future be common to both Nations
  - 2<sup>d</sup> They allow<sup>d</sup> / English to take Rushia if they pleas<sup>d</sup>. Admiral Petersen who had bn Gov<sup>r</sup> on t Coast<sup>s</sup> sd it was worth nothing
  - 3<sup>d</sup> As to / Village o Achumah they sd they had v<sup>y</sup> strong Proofs (a Copy o wh was inclosed in Col<sup>o</sup> Yorkes fr<sup>m</sup> to / D<sup>o</sup> Newcastle y<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1753) wh g<sup>tly</sup> invalidated in th<sup>r</sup> Opinions what We best to prove Our Right.
- T / Person who gave them t had resided 14 Yrs upon / Coast<sup>s</sup> had command<sup>d</sup> Fort de Guiera who at Accota, & was now gov<sup>r</sup> o all th<sup>r</sup> Forts, to Elmina. T<sup>h</sup> was impossible to offer more fairly than they had already done, to leave / Decision o it to / People themselves. Admiral Petersen sd t this Village was under / King o / Phantées

+ N. B. Mr<sup>r</sup> Vander Noot de Guiera who is since dead

(or Haratas) & to let us settle in wh way we please, the King or Chief (whom he owned afterwards to be more in the Int<sup>r</sup> than in Ours) wd remain Master to do as he thot proper, & to shd / Dutch give up / Point, / Harata King wd v<sup>y</sup> likely remove w<sup>th</sup> his People to another Place. The Credit upon / Coast wd not admit o<sup>r</sup> the withdrawing the Protec<sup>n</sup> where it was already granted; but t<sup>h</sup> if we cd gain those People, they had no objec<sup>n</sup> to make. T<sup>h</sup> it was a Jest to dispute upon Points, wh did not in / least depend upon us or Europe, but merely upon / better or worse treat<sup>mt</sup> / Persons employed upon / Coast gave to / Negroes. T<sup>h</sup> shortest way was therefore to h<sup>ave</sup> it decided upon / Spot; but t<sup>h</sup> / Co was determin'd not to sacrifice its Credit, by permitting it to be reported upon / Coast & they abandoned / People who lived quietly under the Protec<sup>n</sup>. Mr Pietersen appealed f<sup>r</sup> / Truth & all he sd to those Jun<sup>rs</sup> who had decided upon / Coast & on part<sup>s</sup> to Mr Creighton to whom, he sd, he was partly well known.

4<sup>ly</sup> They were willg to settle Acts if / English desired it, having v<sup>y</sup> long Ours ag<sup>t</sup> Us, wh they did not doubt wd out-balance Ours  
 5<sup>ly</sup> They wd never consent to exclude all Europeans except / Portuguese, partly, they wd not exclude / French

December Wilson less than a month after this / Directors o<sup>f</sup> W<sup>est</sup> I<sup>ndia</sup> C<sup>o</sup> at Amsterdam, by the Resol<sup>n</sup> o<sup>f</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> [i.e. 11<sup>th</sup>] December confirmed 17<sup>th</sup> Art. o<sup>f</sup> our Decel's Report "T<sup>h</sup> / Bay o<sup>f</sup> Comma<sup>nd</sup> shd be common". They took no notice o<sup>f</sup> / St Paris, Col<sup>o</sup> York immediately transmitted this Resol<sup>n</sup> to His Grace / Duke o<sup>f</sup> Newcastle in his L<sup>r</sup> o<sup>f</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> o<sup>f</sup> December, & desired to see His farther Orders, in consequence o<sup>f</sup> this Preliminary Step; but he recd no farther Instructions from England.

It shd be added, t<sup>h</sup> / two Cos agreed to send Orders to the Gov<sup>rs</sup> on / Coast to forbear all Hostilities, & to remind them the Compl<sup>ts</sup> to the Superiors in Europe

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Hk 84.

Recd Augt 4 1763

Chas Bell to / Ctee

C.C.C. — February 1763

Sends copy o his last o 24 December [1761] per Phoenix Capt Cuning.

On / 24<sup>th</sup> ulto H<sup>rs</sup> Mellampe, John Clerk Esqre Commander arrivd in this Road. The Ship had misfortune to lose her mainmast by lighting off Cape Palmas wh was / Cause o her comg down here, f / Capt tells me his Intensions were to go off / Coast at Cape Lahou.

I h taken / Oppy to send by Capt Clerk / Accs to ulto June 1761. We are now looking out f a Ship w Supplies o wh we stand in gr need. I am hopeful y despatched her early this year as I h so fully represented to y / bad consequence o sendg her out so late.

There has nothing material happened since I wrote y last

We h still a sickly time o it, especially amg / Natives

I h bot and long Road to carry Shells f our new Buildg

Yest<sup>day</sup> I h an acct o a Sloop belongg to Lpool beg w off by / <sup>reg 2003</sup> / at Popo

We are just now informed by Cap<sup>t</sup> Chadwick, o / Squirrel o Lpool t / Preliminaries f a Peace w France & Spain were signed at Fontenoybeau in November.

Hh. 85.

187.

Anno 1761.

An acct of m<sup>y</sup> recd & expended by / C<sup>o</sup> of / Co<sup>o</sup> merchants tradg to Africa f / Support & Improvement o / Forts & Settlements upon / sd Coast the C<sup>o</sup> currency o ... [9 names] ... [Summary]

Recd o / C<sup>o</sup> f 1760 Balce o last yrs acct

Sundry  
By Payment fm / Treasury  
Deduct Fees  
Refund o Premium  
Advances on Gunpowder, Sugar & Cloth  
Sundry items

13,000-0-0  
667 13-0

£ 548-1-0  
47-19-0  
12, 332-6-6  
118-10-11  
82-8-0  
59-12-0  
£ 13,184-5-8

Expended

1916-18-4  
Pambia ~~1000-0-0~~  
Cape Coast 6772-17-0  
8689-15-4

Charges o Management }  
by Act o Parliament }  
Sundries

800  
28-10-4  
11528-5-8  
1656-0-0  
13,184-5-8

Balance to C<sup>o</sup> f 1762.

Hh. 86.

Anno, 1762

An Act of Money received & expended by / Ctee of / Co of Merchants Trade to Africa for / Support & Improvement of / Ports & Settlements upon said Coast. The Ctee consisting of... [9 names].

Recd for / Ctee of 1761. Balance of last year's acct

By Warrants from / Treasury

Deduct Fees

Returns of Premium

Rebenture on Refund. Sugar, Sumpacides re.

Returns of Premium

Sundries

In Bal of Orders paid acct vices York at 1700

Advances to Treasurer of Co at 40/- each

£13,000-0-0  
667-13-6

Summary  
1656-0-0

12332-6-6

163-16-0

55

24-13-6

280-1-3

16-1-2

219-12-6

28

14775-11-1

Expended

Famalia

Cape Coast

Charges of Management by Act of Parliament  
Sundries

Balance to / Ctee of 1763

1781-3-8

10346-1-1

12,327-4-9

800-0-0

48-1-6

13,168-5-3

1,604-4-10

14775-10-1

H. H. 88.

Recd Sept 28 1763.

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Char Bell to / Ctee

C.C.C. 14 April 1763

+ Sends copy o his dr o 6 Feb [1763] sent per HMs Melampus.

Nothing vs material has happened here since my last, only t Mr Webster who was Chief o yr Port o Comenda asked f his discharge fm yr Service, having had a much more advantageous offer fm Mr Brew. As his discharge cd not be denied him, he accordingly quitted yr Service ulto March & w<sup>as</sup> applied Mr Calcraft to succeed him as Chief o Comenda, & Mr Malcolm to succeed Mr Calcraft as Act<sup>ing</sup>; . . . Sends / Part o Council copy above & begs f its approval.

The Advantages Mr Webster ~~who was Chief o yr Port o Comenda~~ ~~asked f his discharge~~ fm yr Service having had a ~~much more~~ advantageous offer fm Mr Brew. As respects fm his having a share in / Trade & Capital w<sup>ith</sup> Mr Brew is infinitely more than any o yr Servants who h<sup>ave</sup> had / best Parts here can expect

We are in / utmost distress f want o Supplies, nor h<sup>ave</sup> we any intelligence o yr Annual Ships beg<sup>ing</sup> arriv<sup>ed</sup> on any part o this Coast. It is partly hard upon me who have / Burden o this place to support & more especially so at this time, as my health is very indif<sup>erent</sup> & I only wait / arriv<sup>al</sup> o yr Ship in order to realize & get out o this Country as soon as possible

I h<sup>ave</sup> shipped by HMs.

There are only 3 Vessels fm Europe at<sup>t</sup> Above Place Johnston o L'pool in / Dolphin Anderson o Bristol in / Phoenix or / Oswego, a Snow fm Sp<sup>ain</sup> arriv<sup>ed</sup> on acct o Mr Brew's wh arriv<sup>ed</sup> at Above abt 10 or 12 days ago. By this Snow I sh<sup>all</sup> / Hon. o a Kr fm / Earl o Egremont w<sup>ith</sup> HMs Proc. declar<sup>ing</sup> a Cessa<sup>tion</sup> o Arms by Sea & Land, wh<sup>ich</sup> his L<sup>ord</sup> desired. I w<sup>ill</sup> conform to & give / proper orders f / observe thro<sup>ugh</sup> within my Pow<sup>er</sup> wh<sup>ich</sup> I h<sup>ave</sup> accordingly done

Mr Brew has<sup>t</sup> purchased a Brig wh<sup>ich</sup> came upon / Coast f Plum —  
— he (Brew) has ~~sent~~ supplies to ~~Mr~~ Goodson at Whydah by her —

This goes by HM 5 / Asst. James Smith Esq. Commander. She arrived in this Road on / Oct & sailed for Africa on / 12th

The Dutch negroes had two battles w. Amoria / Cabboceer o Cape Appollonia, or rather w. the Heuydecoper / late President o Edmona, heads / Dutch negroes in person, & has also 20 or 30 white men along w. him, yet Amoria has hitherto surprisingly kept his ground. He was indeed wounded in one engagement, but / Dutch (if I am rightly informed) had not much to boast o the Victory. I am afraid howe they will overpower him at last. This affair must cost them a good deal o money; but if they succeed (wh. I heartily wish they may not) the establishing a factory & building a Fort at t place will soon reimburse them / Charges they have in at & in a short time be o no small benefit to the Trade on / ~~Windsor Coast~~ part o this Coast, & wh. they have got a share already

PS

HM 89 Read Oct 7 1763.

15<sup>th</sup> October 1763

Proximity Office. In P<sup>r</sup> Stephens to John Pownall

Sends f / inform o / Lords o T & P copy o / observations o Capt Smith o HM 5 Asst. on / Forts & Settlements on / Coast o Africa

[Summarized] HM 90. Read Oct 7 1762

C.C.C. 12 April 1763.

Chas Bell Garrison Chief, John Malcolm Accountant, Chas Bell Jun Secy. Wm C Beale Surgeon, David Munn Dep J Warehouse Keeper, Tho's Tucker Surgeon, 4 Factors (one Chas Gowers), Richd Murray, Lieut o / Guard, 1 Surg, 2 Corples, 1 Purveyor, 1 Water-side Bombay, 1 Master o / Hoop, 1 Gardener, 18 white Soldiers, 1 Platoon o / Shell Boat, 1 white Woman on / 2 pay, 11 Malattoe Soldiers (at a Dinner Point - For o Drummers & fife.) Cadjan Cabour, o linguist, Fredrick Adoy, Black Writer, John Payne & George Sawley, Irish Writers, George Barnwickes Mungo XBuy. Furno - lower platform 8 15 lb, 4 12 lb, new Platform over garden Bermocks. 2 15 lb, 8 12 lb, w Boston 1 15 lb, 4 12 lb, 5 Boston 1 15 lb, 2 12 lb, 2 Boston 1 15 lb, 2 12 lb, 10 mounted = 2 Boston called Greenhill Point 2 6 lb, 2 4 lb, down Platform a new Boston 3 36 lb, 9 16, 10 mounted = 8 12 lb, 12 1 lb. all / Bulwark Buildings: 1 Goods & credits Apartments, Warehouse & Soldiers new Barnacks excepted, in numerous condition. Soldiers Walls except 1/2 Boston called Greenhill Point, in good condition. New buildings, 1 Kengath o windows with o 2nd storey. Goods old apartments pulled down. 2 slaves [long list o names & details, o employment - Bricklayers, Carpenters, Blacksmiths, ammunicions sentgen] 109 w. o. f. 2 slaves long list o names & details, o employment - Bricklayers, Carpenters, Blacksmiths, ammunicions sentgen

(sd) Chas Bell Jun Secy

Annamaboe 15 April 1763  
 Puck & Brew Gov. 1st wing guards second. Fleet Brew Factor, 1 Gardner, 1 Sqr, 1 Gunner, 9 white soldiers  
 Black men: - 1st wing water. 1st Curranter ppal Cbr. Coffee Yangoe 2nd Cbr. Mylord Gramak.  
 Class, 1st Apper, Fish Cabin. Adairam Miller Fish Cabin. Affarry Ground landlord, 2 Cooks.  
 Coffee Aboc Languish, Cos Slaves 16 m. 6 w.  
 Guns 6 18<sup>lb</sup> 3 12<sup>lb</sup> 13 6<sup>lb</sup> 8 4<sup>lb</sup> 8 3<sup>lb</sup> sga Fleet Brew

Dixcove 1 April 1763 Hh 92  
 Gilbert Petre Chief (1754) 1 Sqr, 1 Gunner, 1 white soldier, 5 mulatto soldiers. Slaves 13 m. 16 w + 9.  
 plankmen Anthony Helen black water. Interary Cbr. Pico Cbr & Languish. Enffers Cbr & Ground  
 Kamalard, Quashie Antora Cbr & Cos messgr. Quamina Cbr o Atchuma (1761)  
 Guns 18 6<sup>lb</sup>. 11 3<sup>lb</sup> 5 2<sup>lb</sup>.  
 when repairs finished Fort will be in good order as any on coast except Aboc. ---  
 sgt Gilbert Petre

Commenda 6 April 1763 Hh 93  
 John Calverly Chief. 1 Sqr, 1 Gunner 5 soldiers. Slaves 12 m 10 w. Guns. 2 18<sup>lb</sup> 1 12<sup>lb</sup> good -  
 1 12<sup>lb</sup> 2 9<sup>lb</sup> 2 6<sup>lb</sup> 2 4<sup>lb</sup> 10 2<sup>lb</sup> 6 1<sup>lb</sup> bad. 6 useless. Roof floor 9 parts o stall v4 bad. 9 w Boston  
 now open where die is a magazine buildg. / Rest in tolerable good repair.

James Fort Anra 19 April 1763. Hh 94  
 Wm Muller Chief 1 Sqr, 1 Gunner, 2 white soldiers, 6 mulatto soldiers. Slaves - Cudjoe Languish &  
 8 m, 12 w. Free blacks: - Abadia Cos Cbr et. Adra. 179 guns, Cbr o Skidoe, 1 Gunner  
 1 Carpenter 1 Cook Guns 10 12<sup>lb</sup> 2 9<sup>lb</sup> 15 6<sup>lb</sup> 7 4<sup>lb</sup> 3 3<sup>lb</sup> 1 1<sup>lb</sup>.

Vernon Fort Prampan Lunder Naval  
 1 Factor, 1 Sqr, 1 mulatto soldier. Slaves 1 m 1 w. Free blacks Query Kerma Cbr.  
 Gustida Languish Itada Cbr o Loy, 1 Cook Guns 6 18<sup>lb</sup> 1 3<sup>lb</sup>.

Tamunquerry Hh 95  
 John Cockburn Chief 1 Sqr, 1 Gunner, 5 soldiers. Free blacks: - Quambah Cbr  
 1 Munford, Apper Appraco Cbr o Lagoon. Coffee Aqua Ground landlord  
 1 Wharveside Newbay, 1 Cook Slaves 6 m 3 w  
 Guns 2 9<sup>lb</sup> 3 3<sup>lb</sup> 4 4<sup>lb</sup>. 2 3<sup>lb</sup> 2 2<sup>lb</sup> 4 1<sup>lb</sup> leads almost very close walls  
 these repairs  
 sd John Cockburn

Succowee 3 April 1763

Patrick Greenhill Chief 1 Sgt 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers Slaves 3 m 4 W Guns  
 3 qd. 5 68 11 60 4 36 5 1st: 29 ~~on~~ 3 dismantled w/ 20 unworkable carves  
 The whole a heap o' ruins except Chifs apartments & ~~Buildings~~ 24 Pat Greenhill

Winnidah 15 April 1763

James white (Chief) 1 Peter 1 Sgt 1 Gunner 1 Soldier 7 ~~British~~ Soldiers Slaves 12 m  
 (8 from CC's song (Palmer)) 4 W. Black Servants Cudumany Ground Landlord, King  
 o' Mroam. Quabon Cos Caboch, Caboch o' Assin, Jacan <sup>P</sup> ~~How~~ <sup>D</sup> Capt o' Town, <sup>P</sup> ~~Queen~~ <sup>D</sup> ~~Butty~~  
 605 <sup>P</sup> ~~gunner~~ 1 <sup>P</sup> ~~Winnidah~~ <sup>D</sup> ~~Bombay~~, 1 <sup>P</sup> ~~Cook~~ Guns 3-8, 6-4, 2-3, 8-2 2-1  
 Fork in gen in had concon - new terras, roofs & floors re. . . . .

End o' CO 958/50.







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Ii 10. Read Dec 2 1863.

Chas Bell to / Ctee

CCC

25 May 1863

- Sends copy o his last o 14th ulto [p 189] per lms arista - -

I am now in / utmost distress f want o ~~provis~~ supplies, Provis Goods & 20 y being  
 we are in want of, & I am much afraid some accident has happened to / ship wh of  
 sent long ago he sent us. Had it be lost it wud be / hardest case in / world ~~for~~  
 upon me. You are now near £3000 in my debt & my health is such t I must  
 get off this Coast in a ty short time. The new Buildings go on as well as we  
 can expect. / masonry o / 2nd Storey beg more than half up.

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 foolscap. w Ii 39 ]

[Letters written]

1759  
 may 2 John Pownall. to / Ctee o / Co o Merchts Trade to Africa Whitehall may 2 1759  
 I am directed by / Hds Commrs of T & P. to send y / enclosed Copy o a  
 Lre to me from Mr Cleveland Secy to / Hds Commrs o / Admirty to / send t y may  
 take such measures w regard to / Negro Prince mentd therein as sh appear to y to be necessary  
 & proper. & I am at / same time to acquaint y t I h by the Hds orders, signified to  
 Mr Cleveland. t as the Hds apprehend it may be o some impec & utility to our Commercial  
 Int upon / Coast o Africa t this Young Man shd be returned to his Fr, they submit it to /  
 Consideration o / Hds Commrs o / Admirty, wher it may not be advisable to send him home  
 in / 1<sup>st</sup> Ship o War t sh sail f t Coast

[Lre to Cleveland to 503. n.c.]

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1759

June 21.

At Honble / Earl o Holderness.

My Lord

The Ctee o / Co o M. Trade to Afr. having laid before us copies o sev<sup>l</sup> Lres lately  
 rec<sup>d</sup> from the Officers on t Coast containing, amongst o<sup>r</sup> things, an Acc<sup>t</sup> o / ~~the~~ Conduct o /  
 Chief Officers o / Dutch Settlements in serving / former dispute concerning / Common use o / Bay &  
 Landing Place o Commenda & o / Proceed<sup>gs</sup> o / Officers o / English Settlements in consequence thereof, we think  
 it our duty to transmit to y<sup>r</sup> Lordship / inclosed copies o such party o / sd Lres as relate to this matter  
 & to desire t y<sup>r</sup> Lordship wd be pleased to lay them before H.M. to send t such fur<sup>r</sup> Instructions, as to  
 H.M. sh seem necessary & proper, may be sent to H.M.s Minister at / Hague who, as appears by our  
 Correspondence w H.M.s Secy o State in / years 1752 & 1753, has already had negotiations w /  
 Ministers of / States Gen upon this & o<sup>r</sup> matters at those times in dispute w / Dutch on / Coast  
 o Africa

We are — &amp;c —

Dunk Halifax

T Pelham

Some Jennings

Whitehall

June 21. 1759

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Rt Honble / Earl o Holderness

1759

June 24.

My Lord Since our ltr to yr Ld<sup>sh</sup> o 21<sup>st</sup> inst / Ctee o / Co o m. tradg to Africa h transmitted to us Copies o 2 ltrs fr the Chief Officer at C.C.C. acquaintg them t hostilities h bn commenced by / Dutch at Commenda, on acct o / disputes concerng / comm on use o / Landg Place on t Day, We think it our Duty thfore to enclose to yr Ld<sup>sh</sup> Copies o such parts o / sd ltrs as relate to t matter & to desire t yr Ld<sup>sh</sup> will be pleased to lay them also before H<sup>on</sup>. b his Direcs<sup>ns</sup> thupon. We are - re - Dunk Halifax // Richd Raby // W<sup>o</sup> Hamelton.

Whitehall  
June 24 1759

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- John Personall to / Ctee o / Co o m. tradg to Af. Whitehall July 6 1759

July 6.

I am directed by / Adm<sup>l</sup> Commis o T<sup>o</sup> P. to send y / inclosed Copy o a ltr to me fr Mr Cleland concerng / Son o Old King Lewis o Mesurada, sometime since taken by Capt Barrington & to acquaint y t as Mr Cleland has since signified to me t thr is no probability tht any o H<sup>ms</sup> Ships o War will soon sail fr / Coast o Africa, We hope tht it expedient t y shd take this Youth under yr protectn & maintain him until a proper oppy offers o sendg him home to his f<sup>r</sup>.

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Rt Honble Earl o Holderness

Nov 20

My Lord. Since our ltr to yr Ld<sup>sh</sup> o 21 o June last inclosg Copies & extracts o sev ltrs or p<sup>rs</sup> paid before us by / Ctee o / Co o m. tradg to Af. givg an acct o / revival o / former dispute w / Dutch concerng / common use o / Day & Landg Place o Commenda, / sd Ctee h laid before us / Copy o a Conv<sup>nt</sup> made in March last betw<sup>n</sup> / English Gov<sup>r</sup> o C.C.C. & / Chief Officers o / Dutch Settlement, wherby it is stipulated t no fut<sup>r</sup> hostilities sh be committed on acct o / sd dispute, but t / matter sh be referred to / decim o / resp<sup>se</sup> Cos in Europe. We think it thfore our Duty to transmit to yr Ld<sup>sh</sup> / inclosed copy o / sd Conv<sup>nt</sup>, to / send t such fut<sup>r</sup> instr<sup>ns</sup>, as to H<sup>on</sup> sh seem necy & proper, may be sent to H<sup>ms</sup> Minister at / Hague. We are - re.

Whitehall

Nov 29. 1753

Dunk Halifax  
James Oswald  
George Jenkinson  
W<sup>o</sup> Hamelton  
W<sup>o</sup> Sloper

[ End o CO 389/30 ]

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Trade Entry fm Oct 1760 to Feb 1761.

[Letters written].

1760

To/ Ctee o/ Co o merchants trading to Africa.

Octr 29.

Jun<sup>r</sup>. Orders having bin given for procuring H.M. in / E + W I, in the Americas & at Guinea & Senegal, / Lords Comms of T + P. have directed me to acquaint y<sup>e</sup> t they are o opinion, it will be proper for y<sup>e</sup> to

give / my directions for procuring H.M. as soon as possible & in / most solemn manner in all / Places upon / Coast o Africa within yr Jurisdiction I am - &c - John Pownall  
Whitehall // Octobr 29 / 1760

109] 1762

To/ R<sup>t</sup> Hon George Grenville one o H<sup>rs</sup> ppal S<sup>ts</sup> o S.

Aug<sup>r</sup> 15.

Sir The Ctee o/ Co o merchants trading to Africa have communicated to us some L<sup>rs</sup> wh  
they h<sup>e</sup> lately recd fm Charles Bell Esq<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> o C. C. C. upon / Coast o Africa, by wh  
it appears t some o/ Officers o/ Dutch Forts & Settlements on t Coast h<sup>e</sup> improperly & injuriously  
interfered in a Dispute wh arose some time ago betw<sup>n</sup> / Towns People o Wonnebooh (under /  
Protection o/ British Forts etc.) & (Acroam Nam. & t they h<sup>e</sup> by such interfered historic defectia  
all Endeavours o/ Co's Officers to make up this Dispute wh operated to / Prejudice o Our  
Trade & wh must so long as it continues endanger / Security o our Forts etc. We h<sup>e</sup> cho<sup>se</sup> t  
Our Duty to transmit to y<sup>e</sup> / enclosed Extracts o those parts o Mr Bells Letters wh relate  
to the Affairs to / and such Measures may be taken there upon as wh be  
judged most proper & expedient we are - &c - Goudygs // John / etc // Ed. Bacon  
Dunville H.B. 45.  
[P 162 supra]

110] 1762

November 13<sup>th</sup>

To/ Ctee...

Jun<sup>r</sup>. The L<sup>ds</sup> Comms of T + P. have in Aug<sup>st</sup> last transmitted to our Secy  
Grenville extracts o those parts o Mr Bells letters to y<sup>e</sup> o 16<sup>th</sup> Decr 1761 &  
13<sup>th</sup> o Feby 1762. & Mr Grenville have in consequence thereof forwarded  
the L<sup>ds</sup> L<sup>ts</sup> w a copy o a L<sup>tr</sup> wh he wrote upon this Occ<sup>sn</sup> to Sir Joseph Yorke L<sup>ds</sup> Ministers  
at / Hague & h<sup>e</sup> the L<sup>ds</sup> L<sup>ts</sup> borrow to send y<sup>e</sup> / enclosed Copy o / sd L<sup>tr</sup>, I am - &c -  
John Pownall

1755] 1763

May 30<sup>th</sup>To / Earl o Halifax, One o H<sup>rs</sup> ppal S<sup>o</sup> S.

My Lord The Ctee o/ Co o merchants trading to Africa h presented a memorial to his. settg forth t Attempts h lately bn made by / Dutch to encroach upon / Rights & Properties o/ British Subjects on / Coast, unde pretence o having ~~some~~ <sup>a</sup> Claim to some Negro Towns, situated near / British Forts & under ibr Protection & desiring t ~~the~~ We wd support them in an Application to / Lds Commrs o/ Admiralty & Justice to / Capts o H<sup>ms</sup> Ships upon t Stan. to settle / sd Disputes. But as it appears by / Books o our Office t in / Years 1752 & 1753, when Disputes o a like Nature subsisted on / Coast o Africa, a negotiation was by His late Majesty's Command, carried on by ~~H<sup>ms</sup>~~ His Minister at / Hague. & Settlement o those by Claims wh are now insisted by / Dutch. We think it our Duty to transmit to Y<sup>r</sup> Ldp / inclosed copy o/ sd Memorial together w<sup>th</sup> an Extract o a L<sup>r</sup> therein referred to & to desire if Y<sup>r</sup> Ldp wd be pleased to lay them before H<sup>ms</sup>. f his Royal Councils thereupon. We are — or — sh<sup>l</sup> be bound // Soame Sonjurs // Ed. Elliot // Ed. Bacon // John Yorke // Geo Rice // Orswell // Bomber Gas coyne.

165] 1763

Octe 13<sup>th</sup>To / Earl o Sandwich One o H<sup>rs</sup> ppal S<sup>o</sup> S.

My Lord In obedience to H<sup>ms</sup> Commands signified to us by / Earl o Halifax in his L<sup>ds</sup> Letter o / 4<sup>th</sup> o July last t We sh<sup>d</sup> consider & report an Opinion as to / Instructions wh we sh<sup>d</sup> judge best to be given to / Commanders o / Men o War stationed upon / Coast o Africa w<sup>th</sup> respect to the conduct in what relates to / Points undisputed betw<sup>n</sup> / Officers o/ Ctee o/ Co o merchants trading to Africa & / Officers o/ Dutch Forts & Settlements & to use h taken / subject matter o his L<sup>ds</sup> L<sup>r</sup> into cons<sup>on</sup>. & find by / narrative o what passed at / Hague upon this subject under / negotian o Sir Joseph Yorke (wh narrative is annexed to / sd Letter) t it had bn proposed on / part o / Dutch W. I. C. t / use o / Bay o Commedia sh<sup>d</sup> be free to / subjects o both nans, & therefore t / only quest<sup>n</sup> remaining to be decided is t wh regards / claim o both parties to

an evidence right o ppty in / Village o Aitchuma & as evy proof t cd be  
collected by / Ctee o African Co in support o the Claim has already bn advanced  
& humbly submitted to H.M. & / gr Impie o / place in furnishing some stone & o<sup>r</sup> materials  
f buildg wh are diffcult & rarely to be found upon t Coast has already bn fully represented  
in a Ltr fm this Board to / Duke o Newcastle dated June 24<sup>th</sup> 1753. & has bn agn  
Trade Intines urged to us by / Ctee in a conversation we h had w them upon / subject  
p 390. this day. It will remain f H<sup>rs</sup> Minutes to decide, upon a reason o

these Circs, what Instructions it may be proper to give to / Capt<sup>s</sup> o H<sup>ms</sup>  
Ships o War or what o<sup>r</sup> measure it may be proper to take as well to support / Claims  
o / Ctee to a Right o property in / Village o ~~Aitchuma~~ Aitchuma as f fullfillg  
/ Engagemts offered to be made on / part o / Dutch & / Bay o Commedia shd be  
free f / Subjects o both nations; these be<sup>g</sup> questions wh we humbly conceive are not  
within our Province to determine or give any Opinion upon. We are — — —  
Hillsborough // Soame Jengras // Ed. Bacon // John Yorke

165] 1763  
Oct 26 To / Ctee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa.  
Penry the L<sup>ts</sup> Commrs f T & P. have taken into <sup>the</sup> Consideration what is set forth  
in Mr Bell's Ltr to / of 24<sup>th</sup> o Decr last [PMS supra] anavng / nation<sup>s</sup> o  
/ Dutch to reach a port at Appolonia upon / Coast o Africa; I am directed by the L<sup>ts</sup> f  
to desire f will lay before them / most full & partic<sup>l</sup> accus<sup>l</sup> o / nature  
& extent o / Trade carried on by H<sup>ms</sup> Subjects to this place, w<sup>ch</sup> the opinion o / Imp<sup>ee</sup>  
o it is / British Ints, & wher f think / makg an Establishment<sup>r</sup> it is at present<sup>ly</sup>  
neey or Expedient, & if so what / nature o t Establishment shd be. I am — — —  
John Pownall.

[PMS Min<sup>o</sup> docs & letters written, fm 1764 onwards are  
transmitted on full fcap paper]

[11B. 150 55/2 1755-61 contains a few reports on Hills f Peter Fort but o evy value]

1766

975.] 1766.  
May 9<sup>th</sup>

To / R<sup>d</sup> Hon Henry Seymour Conway Esq<sup>r</sup> & H<sup>is</sup> ppal  
S<sup>cs</sup> G.

For The Ctee o / Co<sup>rs</sup> merchants trading to Africa h<sup>ave</sup> before us copy o  
a Lett<sup>r</sup> to t<sup>he</sup> Ctee<sup>e</sup> fm<sup>r</sup> Mr<sup>r</sup> Muller Chief o C. L. C. in wch he represents t<sup>hat</sup> he had rec<sup>d</sup>  
Informan<sup>t</sup> / Dutch Gov<sup>r</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Elmina was taking measures, by presents & supplies o<sup>f</sup> Arms  
& Ammunition, to excite / Natives o<sup>f</sup> t<sup>he</sup> Coast who live in / neighbourhood o<sup>f</sup> Ippolonia, to  
attack Ammoniah. / Cobbever o<sup>f</sup> t<sup>he</sup> place, under whose protection, & at whose  
request, / Ctee are now making an Establishment t<sup>here</sup>, on consequ<sup>ent</sup> o<sup>f</sup> a grant o<sup>f</sup> Parliam<sup>ts</sup>  
o<sup>f</sup> t<sup>he</sup> purpose.

As these proceedings o<sup>f</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Elmina can h<sup>ave</sup> no<sup>t</sup> t<sup>he</sup> least t<sup>endency</sup> to defeat t<sup>he</sup>  
measure, & as Mr<sup>r</sup> Muller presumes t<sup>hat</sup> he acts by express Orders fm<sup>r</sup> Holland, we  
think it our duty to transmit to y<sup>ou</sup> / enclosed extract<sup>s</sup> o<sup>f</sup> so  
much o<sup>f</sup> Mr<sup>r</sup> Muller's Lett<sup>r</sup> as relates to this affair / and t<sup>hat</sup>

such measures may be taken thereon as sh<sup>all</sup> be their expectation we are — re —  
Dartmouth // Soame Tenyus // J Dyson // Palmerston.

[End o<sup>f</sup> CO 388 / 31.]

