Log Book of Slave Traders between New London & Africa, 1757-8

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This website from the Connecticut State Library presents nine pages of the manuscript logbook of Samuel Gould, a Connecticut native who oversaw operations of three slave ships based in New London. One of these ships, the Africa, sailed to what is now the West African nation of Sierra Leone, ultimately anchoring at Bunce Island, where a British company centered its slave trading operations. Among other details of the journey, Gould’s log records the death of a number of slaves, from amoebic dysentery.