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Joseph Manesty, Letters to Bannister and Harrison 1745
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108. JOSEPH MANESTY TO JOHN BANNISTER, 1745.¹

LIVERPOOL Augt. 2d 1745.

Sir, I desire you will order Two Vessels built with the best white Oak Timber at Rhode Island, both to be Square stern'd with 2 1/2 and 3 Inch plank with good substantial bends or Whales. they are for the African Trade to have middling bottoms to have a full Harpin and to carry their Bodies well forward and in the upper work not so much tumbled in as common for the more commodious stowing Negroes twixt Decks. To have snug heads without Rails, plain sterns, firm Quarter pieces no Quarter Windows nor Joiners work in the Cabbin (except so much as to sit in the Cabbin Windows) to Stern with a Tiller over the Round house to be sheath'd on the Stocks.

58 feet long in the Keel } Main Mast 60 feet long, Main Yard 44
22 feet beam } feet long, Main Top Mast 30 feet long
10 feet hold } all the other Masts and Yards in proportion, each Yard Arm 2 feet a Rising
5 feet twixt Decks } on the Quarter Deck and fore Castle
10 inches, bulk heads to be a Solid
beam a half Round house 12 feet long on the sheets, the Gun Wall on the Main Deck 14 Inches Solid, on the Quarter Deck and fore-castle 4 Inches, but the Timbers left high enough to Support Rails all round the Vessel for Guns 2 1/2 feet from the Gunell, the Round house to be 2 1/2 feet higher than the Quarter Deck 5 1/2 feet high in the inside under the Beams, to have the same rounding on the Top as the other Decks, for messing Negroes on lower deck laid fore and aft. let them be ready for Launching in August next, to be Coated with Pitch and Tarr and I will send over Cordage, Sails, Anchors, Nails, and such a Cargoe as you shall order and will send a Master if required to go hence about April next.
[P. S.] 2 Gun Ports Stern

109. JOSEPH MANESTY TO JOSEPH HARRISON, 1745.¹

LIVERPOOL Septem^r 10th 1745.

Sir, Above you have a Copy of an order which I gave to Mr. John Bannister and inclos'd you have Invoice of a parcel of Goods ship'd

[108] ¹Newport Hist. Soc. John Bannister Letter-Book, no. 66, p. 2. Joseph Manesty, a Liverpool merchant, is best known as the friend and employer of John Newton during his slaving career (this work II, 496). Gomer Williams occasionally refers to him as connected with the commercial ventures of Liverpool (*History of the Liverpool Privateers*, 1897, pp. 82, 149, 496, 518). John Bannister (or Bannister), whose grandfather and father had been Boston merchants, came to Newport sometime after 1733. In 1739 he was in London, probably to arrange connections for the business which he was establishing in Rhode Island. Not only merchant but privateer, he was at one time concerned in three privateering vessels. Darius Baker, in his sketch of the "Newport Bannisters," describes him as of "marked business ability, active, alert, shrewd, bold and masterful." Newport Hist. Soc., *Bulletin*, no. 43, p. 5.
[109] ¹Bannister Letter-Book, no. 66, pp. 2-3. Joseph Harrison, a brother of the

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The New England Colonies

on the *Queen Elizabeth* Capt. James Neal which I desire you will make the most of for my Account and take all opportunities of causing the Carpenters etc to take Goods on acco^t of these Vessels. . . . You will find some Nails in my Goods which I intend to be used in my Two Vessels and Expect you will manage so as to make the Sheating Nails and single Spikes do for Sheating them and if any more is wanting we can easily mend it here. I wou'd not have any Bolts in the Butts I think it quite needless for double Vessels. as you said Iron was as cheap with you as here I have not sent any so leave that part to your discretion but as Insurance is very high wou'd have as little money laid out on the Vessels as possible and if heads to them will be any Charge above £4 Sterling a Ship don't put any more than a piece before the Stern for Securing Gammanning of Bow-sprit. as both Ships are design'd for Guinea a great regard must be had to the goodness of their Masts on the whole. the good opinion of your knowledge and integrity has put me on this Scheme so I make no doubt of your Executing it in a frugal Suitable manner. . . . shou'd it happen that a Vessel of or near the Dimentions of one of these order'd can immediately be bought Cheap² with you or of any other Size suitable for Africa I shou'd choose to do it and build only one if that can be done. . . .

Donnan, Documents, I, pp 354-355
Instructions to Capt. Samuel Kempthorne, 1686

The Slave Trade

136. INSTRUCTIONS TO CAPTAIN SAMUEL KEMPTHORNE¹

LONDON, the 4th May 1686.

You are with the First Opportunity of Wind and Weather that God shall send after receipt hereof, to Sett Sail with your Ship the *Loyal Factors* from the River of Thames, and make the best of your way to the Coast of Angola in Africa, and on Arrival there, use yo'r utmost endeavours to dispose of the cargo of Goods, we have laden aboard your Shipp amounting to £1143:12 s: 0 d. for the Purchasing of 300 Lusty and Sound Negroes and Provisions for them, according to Charter party to which we expect you duely conforme, and with the Surplusse of the said Cargoe,² buy what Elephants teeth you can for our Acco'tts. We have likewise laden another Cargoe of Goods importing £173:17: for the buying Elephants teeth, wherein you and your Own'rs are concerned as agreed in Charter party.

Having finished your business on the Coast of Angola you are to direct your course to Jamaica where God sending you safe to arrive deliver the Negroes to Hender Molesworth Esq'r, Mr. Charles Penhalow and Mr. Walter Ruding our Factors there who will pay you two thirds of your Freight out of them, and give you Certificates for the remainder.

Wee expect that you bring or send home a certificate under your Mates and Chirurgions hands to testifie the Death of all Negroes that shall happen to dye in the voyage specifying the time of their Death, for wee will not allow of any for dead but what are soe certified.

Herewith you have a booke signed by the Dep'y Gov'r in which you are daily to enter what Goods you Barter and what you receive for them, Signing the Same every Night for our Satisfaction, in case of your Mortality this voyage, (which God forbid). Give the Company full advises of your proceedings by all Opportunities.

The Lawes having asserted his Maj'ties right to grant Charters and to punish any Subjects that shall presume contemptuously to violate his Prerogative therein, Wee have by vertue of his Maj'ties Charter given you a Commission to Seize Interlopers, and doe expect and require in Conformity to your Charter Party, that you put the same effectually in execution against all vessells and Persons you shall meet with, and find trading on the Coast contrary to his Maj'ties said Grant according to the Instructions Signed by our Secret'ys. And for your encouragement vigorously to execute the said Commission, the Royal African Company doe hereby engage their Stock to keepe and Save you harmless for what you shall act agreeable thereto, and grant you one fourth part of what prizes you shall seize and be condemned. And wee have ordered our Factors in the Plantations to Secure you against

[136] ¹ T. 70: 61.
² Despite the complain's made of the increasing price of negroes on the coast, they were evidently not expected to average £4 per head.

March, 1687

any trouble may happen to you for executing the said Commission. We wish you a good voyage. Yo'r Loving Friends etc.

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| BENJA. BATHURST | Sub. Gov'r. | JEREMY SAMBROOKE |
| GAB. ROBERTS | Dep'ty Gov'r. | WILLIAM LANGHORNE |
| WM. TURNER | | WM. DES BOUVIERE |
| HEN: TULSE | | GEORGE BONN |
| JACOB LUCIE | | FRAUN HOPEGOOD |
| JOHN SHORT | | WILLIAM JUATR |
| JOHN MORICE | | ROBT. WILLIAMSON |
| JOHN MORGAN | | SAMLL STANIER |
| RICH'D GRADDOCK | | JOHN NORTH |
| JOHN PERY | | |

P: S. If you meete any of these Interlopers that are to Strong for you, soe that you cannot take them, yett you shall doe well to enquire as much as you can who is the Master and from whence the Ship was Sett out and what is her Lading and who are the Owners or Imployers and what is the Name of the Ship and what other particulars you can learne that may helpe us to a further discovery at their returne, and that no thing be forgot or lost of the discovery you make, lett all be plainely and fairly written in your Journall.

Whydah ("Whiddah") Cargo for East India Merchant, 1693

Whiddah Cargo for 2600 for 650 Negroes
 Allowed in the E. India Merchant Capt. Sherley

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480	Blem paper	Stezias	180	1
4	Brass	Pans	030	1
6	hdas	Brandy	096	1
500	Beads		050	0
190	Canes		770	10
500	Ounces	Corral	100	
400	Chints	Caodee	150	1
200	Chints	Broad	158	1
120	Crowls		016	0
50	Furcs		042	0
2000	Iron	bars	350	2
100	Dozen	Knives	013	
200	Lanes		085	0
6	Musketoones		007	
10	Neptunes		074	1
325	Old	Sheets	050	0
100	perpt		120	0
5	Whole	10 halfe barrels of Powder	050	1
3	paire	of Pistolls	004	
6000	Ranges		045	
6	Sp	Silke	040	1
100	Salampoores		140	
20	Says		040	
			2610	46

Allowed & above Goods to be Laden on board y^e E. India Merc^{ht} Capt. Sherley May 29th 1693

John Morice
 John Fellame
 Henry Nurse

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Reference:-

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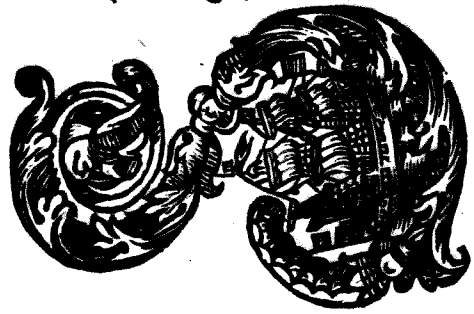
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Account of Slaves Purchased aboard Sarah Bonaventure, 1677

The amount of negroes bought on board y^e good Ship called y^e Sarah Bonaventure by Henry News Comander for y^e amount of y^e Royall African Company of England: on y^e gold Coast of Guiney from y^e 28 day of Feb: to y^e 12 day of July 1677

Men Slaves	Women	Boys	Girls	of first Coast	2 ^d Coast	3 ^d Coast	4 th Coast	5 th Coast	6 th Coast	7 th Coast	8 th Coast	9 th Coast	10 th Coast	11 th Coast	12 th Coast	13 th Coast	14 th Coast	15 th Coast	16 th Coast	17 th Coast	18 th Coast	19 th Coast	20 th Coast	Sum: chg	
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Hipped by the Grace of God in good Order, and well Conditioned by
Egypt and no booler. For Account of y^e Royall
called the ~~Spodwell~~ ^{African Compa} of England in and upon the good Ship
whereof is Master under God for this present Voyage Robert Dorey
and now riding at Anchor in the River of ~~London~~ ^{London}
and by Gods Grace bound for ~~London~~ ^{London} to say
two hundred fourty and two men Negroes
and twenty eight Women Ditto
and one hundred ~~fourty~~ ^{two} hundred of more

being marked and numbered as in the Margent, and are to be delivered in the
like good Order and well Conditioned at the aforesaid Port of ~~London~~ ^{London}
unto
Mr Edward Dorey and ~~John Thomas~~ ^{John Thomas}

or to their Assigns, be or they paying freight for the said goods
according to Charter par t^{is}

with Primage and Avarage accustomed. In witness whereof the Master or
Purser of the said Ship hath affirmed to three Bills of Lading all of this
tenor and date, the one of which 3 Bills being accomplished, the other
two to stand void. And so God send the good Ship to her desired Port in
safety. Amen. Dated in ~~London~~ ^{London} the 19th day of 1489

Authority of ~~Edward~~ ^{Edward} and Executors of provisions
only excepted by us: Robt Dorey

London the 26th March 1678

Port Royale In Jamaica 28 November 1677
 Account of Sales of fower hundred
 Servants & four Negroes rec. out of the
 Sarah Bonaventure Capt. Henry Purse
 for Acc. of the Royall of the Sea Camp
 of England to pay at 6 Mon. Vir^t

Account of
 Sale of Slaves
 aboard
 Sarah Bonaventure
 Jamaica
 1677

	77	10	B	G.
Richard O'Neil	4	3	-	154
Francis Newark	4	3	-	154
Wm Shute	5	2	-	154
Hen ^r . Archbold	13	8	-	462
Oliver Hampson	4	3	-	154
Jm ^r Barneford	4	3	-	154
Thomas Hollis	9	5	-	308
Robert Verney	4	3	-	154
Doctor Bockford	13	7	-	440
Jam ^s . Strigh	4	3	-	154
Jm ^r White	5	2	-	154
Whitgift Byemore	5	2	-	154
Thomas Hoard	4	3	-	154
Robert Stone	4	3	-	154
Jm ^r Davies	4	3	-	154
Benjamin Brayne	5	2	-	154
Jm ^r Williams	4	3	-	154
Tho ^s . Alscough	9	5	-	308
Jm ^r Harris	4	3	-	154
Geo Hanbury	4	3	-	154
Jm ^r Hawke	4	3	-	154
Thomas Martin	4	3	-	154
James Harding	4	3	-	154
Richard Darke	5	2	-	154
Thos Hudson	4	3	-	154
Doctor Purpin	9	3	-	132
Ralph Whitford	4	3	-	154
Chm ^t Richardson	4	3	-	154
Wm Warren	4	2	-	132
Robert Subbs	2	2	-	88
Benj ^a . Amell Bm	3	1	-	80
Carryd over	159	97	-	5492

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London the 26 of March 1678

Port Royalle In Jamaica 28 Nov^r 1677

Brought over	M	N	P	
	153	97		5492
M ^r Stephens	1	1		40
Poppe	1			20
Elijah Rogolott	1			20
Henry Maighler	1			20
Andrew Bright	1			24
Nicolas Laros	1	1	1	52
Henry Dawson	1	1		44
Francis Woodcote	3			62
M ^r Gomersell	2			36
Tho. Eaton	1			24
M ^r Spiro	1			22
Francis Hudson	1			19
W ^m Fulke Rose	4	2		127
Charles Whitfield	2			44
Leah Grigg	2			40
W ^m Hoater	1			22
Robert Ersum	2			44
Thomas Coker		1		17
M ^r de Lurano	2	2		60
W ^m Cand		1		20
Joel White	3			60
Joseph Hunt	1		1	32
Benj. Lottman	1			16
M ^r Mohun	2	1		54
Roger Lindway	1	1		30
M ^r de Cordora	1			18
Jacob Mender Guteros	4	2		96
Edw. Budge	1			7
Princed		1		8
M ^r de Cordora Refuse	7	15		280
M ^r de Edwards	8	7	9	528
Cash	6	5		
Comission	53	36	6	4
Brought	1	1		
Remaining under care				
	270	175	16	7298 10

270
175
16
03

424
36
550

474
112
362

6
53
36
6

London the 26 Marty 1678

Port Royall In Jamaica No. 28. 1677

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Brought over				7298 10 1
To Cash for the Dec. head money	23	14	-	
To ditto for Capt. to make good his bill	2	6	8	
To ditto to make good his commission	3	10	-	
Messengers to give Notice	1	10	-	
Provisions for Neg. Capt. being spent	5	10	-	
Boat hire to & fro	-	15	-	
Entertainment aboard	9	15	-	
	41	00	08	
To our Commission at 41-0-8	2	17	4	
To ditto for Freight Negroes 1683	117	16	2	
	161	14	2	

To Balance seven thousand and hundred thirty six pounds fifteen Shillings & ten pence 15h. every to y^e etc. Co. Grant about our proficied untill the out standing debts are Received

161 14 2

£ 7136 15 1

The Factors at Jamaica Co. profit & Loss

For too much commission on Freight of negroes on the Mary gold should be at 1 1/2 %

£ 4 16 3 8 is

Ditto on the morning Star at 1 1/2 %

£ 8 3 3 8 is

12:19:6	£ 38 01 7
	£ 60 13 9
	£ 12 19 6
	£ 47 14 3

In this acct. above have charged 7 % too much on £ 1683: 00: 00

Should be at 1 1/2 % too much

£ 117: 16: 2

£ 25: 04: 10

92 11 4

This £ 140: 05: 7 1/2 must be paid to them

£ 140 5 7