

Copies of Instructions

From the Royal African Company of England

To the Captains of Ships in their Service

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From December the 10th 1685.

To April the 16th 1700.



your way to ^{James Ingham} ~~the~~ River of Gambia according to Charterparty, and
 arrival deliver our Letters to Agent, Alexander Coode or in case of
 absence, to such Person as shall be appointed to act in his stead, in
 affairs, whose orders you are diligently to observe during your
 in those parts. We have ordered our said Agent to putt aboard your
 shipp two hundred Negroes and as many more as he shall get
 ready and your shipp can conveniently carry, with Provisione necessary
 for them, besides what are Laden there. You being obliged by the
 to stay at Gambia or thereabouts till such time as our Factors take
 procure your Complement of Negroes, it will import you, and We being
 for us quiet or dispatch that you give them if best assistants you take
 When your Complement of Negroes are aboard or such part of
 as you think fitt to take in, We order if you give our Agent or
 four Bills of Lading for the Number you receive, for what provide
 and thipt for them at y^e time of your taking y^e Negroes aboard
 whilst you stay in the River, And then proceed, with what ex-
 ition wind and weather will permit, to Potomack River in Maryland
 and deliver them to Mr Edward Portous. W^c. Christopher Robinson
 Mr Richard Gardiner

or either of them according to y^e Order
 of Mr Jeffery Jefferoys who will see you paid as well for y^e Freight
 the Negroes, as for what will be due for y^e care of them, to whom
 you are to be accountable for what relates to them during the
 being aboard.

The Law having asserted his Majesty's right to grant Chart
 and to punish any Subjects if shall presume contumptuously to
 break them, We have by vertue of his Majesty's Charter of
 you a Commission to seize Interlopers, and doe expect and require
 in conformity to your Charterparty if you put y^e effortually in
 execution against all vessels and Persons you shall meet with
 and find trading on the Coast contrary to his Majesty's said
 Grant, according to the Instructions signed by our Letters
 And for your ~~encouragement~~ encouragement vigorously to execute
 the said Commission the Royall African Company doe hereby
 their stock to keep and save you harmless for what you are
 agreeable thereto, and grant you one fourth part of Prizes
 shall be seized and be condemned, and we have also ordered
 Warrants in the Plantations to secure you against any trouble
 may happen to you for executing the said Commission, We desire
 you a good voyage and rest

Jeffery Jefferoys
 John Morice
 Thomas Hopgood
 Richard Cadock
 Samuel Stainer
 John Morgan
 John Vandy
 John Ashby
 Wm Swatt
 John North
 George Bourn
 Wm Bourn
 John Short

John Loving
 Benj. Bathurst
 Gabriell Roberts
 Earl of Berkeley
 Henry Tulio
 Jeremy Sambrooke
 Jacob Lucid
 John Dory
 John Bourne