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An extract of a letter from on board one of the ships with the Blacks, bound to Africa, having appeared on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. in the public papers, wherein injurious reflexions, prejudicial to the character of Vasa, the Black Commissary, were contained, he thinks it necessary to vindicate his character from these misrepresentations, informing the public, that the principal crime which caused his dismissal, was an information he laid before the Navy Board, accusing the Agent [Irwin] of unfaithfulness in his office, in not providing such necessaries as were contracted for the people, and were absolutely necessary for their existence, which necessaries could not be obtained from the Agents. The same representation was made by Mr. Vasa to Mr. Hoare, which induced the latter, who had before appeared to be Vasa's friend, to go to the Secretary of the Treasury, and procure his dismissal. The above Gentleman impowered the Agent to take many passengers in, contrary to the orders given to the Commissary.

(Mr. Vasa).