

Letter from Gustavus Vassa et al. to William Pitt, *The Morning Chronicle and London Advertiser*, 15 July 1788

To the Right Honourable WILLIAM PITT.

Sir,

We will not presume to trouble you with many words. We are persons of colour, happily released from the common calamity, and desirous of leaving at your door, in behalf of our Brethren, on the Coast of Africa, this simple, but graceful acknowledgement of your goodness and benevolence towards an unhappy race.

THOMAS COOPER.

GUSTAVUS VASSA.

OTTOBAH CUGOANA STEWARD.

GEORGE ROBERT MANDEVIL.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER.

THOMAS JONES.

For ourselves and Brethren.