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FURTHER
P A P E R S
RELATING TO
CAPTURED NEGROES ENLISTED,
AND TO THE
Recruiting of NEGRO SOLDIERS in *Africa*, for
The *West India* Regiments.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be printed,
30 July 1814.

Further RETURNS to Orders of the Honourable House of Commons
of 4 July 1814;—*for*

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Whitehall Treasury Chambers, }
30 July 1814. } S. R. LUSHINGTON.

FURTHER PAPERS RELATING TO CAPTURED NEGROES.

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—(1.)—

Return of CAPTURED NEGROES Enlisted into the Royal *African* Corps,
and into the *West India* Regiments, to the latest Period.

	MEN.	BOYS.	TOTAL.	
At the Recruiting Depôt at <i>Bance</i> Island, on the 25th September 1812 - - - }	133	124	257	
ENLISTED SINCE:				
In October, - - 1812 - - -	-	-	-	} The Returns for these Months have not been received.
November - - - - -	-	-	-	
December - - - - -	-	-	-	
January, - - 1813 - - -	-	-	-	
February - - - - -	5	7	12	
March - - - - -	-	10	10	
April - - - - -	4	4	8	
May - - - - -	2	8	10	
June - - - - -	50	13	63	
July - - - - -	24	19	43	
August - - - - -	1	1	2	
September - - - - -	-	-	-	
October - - - - -	-	2	2	
November - - - - -	17	3	20	
December - - - - -	1	-	1	
TOTAL - - - - -	237	191	428	

N. B.—No Return has been received since that
dated 25 December 1813. }

(Signed)

Harry Calvert,
Adj^t Gen^l.

—(2.)—

Return of the Number of CAPTURED NEGROES entered into The *Navy*,
to the latest Period.

SIR,

Admiralty Office, 13th July 1814.

HAVING laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, your Letter of the 6th instant, transmitting Copy of an Order of the House of Commons for a Return of the Number of Captured Negroes entered into the Navy to the latest period; I have their Lordships commands to acquaint you, that having called on the Navy Board to furnish this Account, they have reported to my Lords, that there are no means of making up such Accounts.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

John Barrow.

Geo. Harrison, Esq.

—(3.)—

Statement of the SUMS advanced for the *West India* Recruiting Service at
Sierra Leone, to the latest Period.

1812 - - - - -	£.1,724 — 2
1813 - - - - -	2,184 15. 6
1814 - - - - -	557 2 10
TOTAL - - -	£. 4,465 18 6

44, Charing-Cross, }
19th July 1814. }

(Signed)

John Ridge,

General Agent for the
Recruiting Service.

Note.

The above Sums are exclusive of any Issues made by the Treasury.

Amount of MONEY advanced for the *West India* Recruiting Service at
Sierra Leone, by the Treasury.

4th February 1812 - - - - - £. 4,903. 3. 0.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, }
30 July 1814. }

S. R. Lushington.

CAPTURED NEGROES ENLISTED.

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—(4.)—

Return to an Order of the Honourable House of Commons,
dated 4 July 1814;—for

Copies of the CORRESPONDENCE of the Governor of *Sierra Leone* and
Major *Wingfield*, with the Treasury and the War Office;—relative to the
recruiting of NEGRO SOLDIERS in *Africa*, for the *West India* Regiments; from
the Commencement of that Service in the Year 1812 to the latest period.

Appendix A, - - No. 1 to No. 15; Returns from the Treasury.

Appendix B, - - No. 1 to No. 15; Returns from the Secretary at War.

Appendix A,—Returns from the Treasury.

—No. 1.—

SIR,

War Office, 4th January 1812.

IT being intended to establish a Recruiting Depôt on the Coast of Africa, for the Enlistment
of Men of Colour, for service in the West India Regiments, I have the honour to transmit
herewith Copies of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Torrens, and of its enclosure from
Major Wingfield of the 8th West India Regiment, covering a list of Articles which are
stated to be requisite to be taken out by the party proceeding to that Station, viz. for Presents
to the African Chiefs, and for the use of Recruits; and am to request that you will submit
the Papers to the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

I am, Sir, your most obedient Servant,

PALMERSTON.

George Harrison, Esq.
Treasury.

34,670.

23 Dec. 1811.

18 Nov. 1811.

Expense.

£.4,179. 10.

SIR,

Horse Guards, 28th December 1811.

WITH reference to the Correspondence which has taken place relative to the
Establishment of a Recruiting Depôt upon the Coast of Africa, I am now directed to
transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary at War, Copy of a Letter from Major
Wingfield, enclosing a Statement of certain Articles which will be required to be taken out
for the use of the Party; and the Commander in Chief desires that you will be pleased to
move his Lordship to take measures for the supply of the whole of the Articles in the
manner proposed by Major Wingfield, the same appearing to be essential for carrying on
the Recruiting Service for the West India Regiments; and as all difficulties with the
African Society have been removed by the explanations of Government, His Royal Highness
desires that the measures may be carried into early execution.

W^m Merry, Esq.

(Signed)

I have, &c.

H. Torrens.

1 November.

18 Ultimo.

—1—

SIR,

Windsor, 18th November, 1811.

I HAVE the honour to enclose a List of such Articles as will be required for the Re-
cruiting Establishment on the Coast of Africa, including the Presents for the Kings, Chiefs,
&c. with the Musical Instruments that will be necessary to take out for the use of the Party.

In such Articles as my want of knowledge prevents me from selecting, I have been aided
by the assistance of Mr. Macantz, the Secretary to the African Association, whose know-
ledge is fully competent to make a proper choice.

The Estimate for Five Hundred Recruits is as near the Sum required as possible; but as
it is difficult to fix upon Articles to the exact amount of Four Thousand Guineas, the
present may be something over or perhaps under.

No. 1.
A.
(Returns from Treasury)
continued.

In regard to the Articles for Presents, &c. it will be indispensably necessary that I should make choice of them myself, particularly as they must be selected so as to be acceptable to the different nations of the neighbourhood they are wanted for; and as finery is more the object than real goodness, much expense may be saved by such a measure; and as a part of them will take some time to complete, I should hope the order may be given for that purpose as early as possible.

I think it my duty to suggest the propriety of adding some trifling Lace Cord to the Slop Jackets for the Recruits; such an addition will be but trifling in the expense, but will doubtless prevent a comparison which the Recruits would make between their Dress and that of the Party.

I have, &c.

(Signed) *R. J. Wingfield,*
B. Major, 8th West India Regiment.

Lieut.-Colonel Torrens, &c. &c. &c.

For PRESENTS to the KINGS and CHIEFS:

Six Suits of Embroidered Clothes.
Six Gold Laced Hats.
Six Gold Headed Canes.
One dozen Coloured Silk-fringed Umbrellas.
Six Silver Gilt Snuff Boxes with Durns.
Six Silver D°, not Gilt.
Six Silver-mounted Hangers, with red Scabbards and Belts.
Six Gilt Dirks with Silk Belts.
Six Silver-mounted Fowling Pieces.
One Double Barrelled D°.
Two pair of Pistols.
Four pair Pocket D°.
Six Gold Neck Chains.
Six Cut Amber D°.
Six D° Coral.
Six Tambourines.
Two dozen Magnifying Glasses.
Four Saddles and Bridles, with Trappings and Holsters.
Three Copper Tea Kettles.
Two Hand Organs.

For the Use of the RECRUITS:

		£.	s.	d.
600 White Shirts	- - - - -	6/	- -	180 — —
1,000 Check D°	- - - - -	4/6	- -	225 — —
3,000 yards Sheeting for Trowsers	- - - - -	1/4	- -	200 — —
20 cwt. Brown Soap	- - - - -	80/	- -	80 — —
1,000 Snuff Boxes, with a painted Portrait of a Black Soldier under Arms	- - - - -			50 — —
1,000 Pocket Knives	- - - - -	at 9d.		37 10 —
500 Quart Tin Pots with Covers	- - - - -	1/3	- -	31 5 —
500 Tin Dishes	- - - - -	6d.	- -	12 10 —
30 Small Tambourines	- - - - -			- - - -
200 Pans Pipes, or Musical Reeds, 12 Violins	- - - - -			100 — —
100 Tin Cooking Kettles, two to four quarts	- - - - -			10 — —
200 Small Looking Glasses	- - - - -			10 — —
2,000 yards Ginghams	- - - - -			100 — —
200 L ^v Scarlet Cloth	- - - - -	8/	- -	80 — —
600 fine Blue Bafts	- - - - -	25/	- -	750 — —
300 White D°	- - - - -	18/	- -	270 — —
300 pieces Romal Handkerchiefs	- - - - -	13/6	- -	202 10 —
100 Byrampants	- - - - -	18/	- -	90 — —
100 Chilloes	- - - - -	22/	- -	110 — —
30 pieces Red and Striped Taffety	- - - - -	70/	- -	105 — —
80 Red Chintz	- - - - -	32/	- -	128 — —
100 Blue Satin Stripes	- - - - -	32/	- -	160 — —
60 lb. Amber	- - - - -	92/	- -	270 — —
10 lb. Coral	- - - - -	24/	- -	240 — —
Trinkets, Coral, &c.	- - - - -			100 — —
100 lb. Mock Coral	- - - - -	5/	- -	25 — —
300 Bunches Barley Corn Beads, assorted	- - - - -	6d.	- -	7 10 —
200 lbs. Common Beads, D°	- - - - -	1/3	- -	12 10 —
1,000 Agate Stones	- - - - -	1/3	- -	62 10 —
60 cwt. Bar Iron	- - - - -	20/	- -	60 — —
30 cwt. Tobacco	- - - - -			100 — —

CAPTURED NEGROES ENLISTED.

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	£.	s.	d.
30 dozen Hats. - - - - -	30/	-	-
5 D° - D° - - - - -	108/	-	-
30 D° Kilmarnock Caps - - - - -	12/6	-	-
20 gross Tobacco Pipes, half long, half short - - - - -	-	-	6
60 dozen Cream-coloured Mugs, Quart Pints and Half Pints - - - - -	-	-	6
200 Mandingo Kettles - - - - -	-	-	40
250 Pewter Basins - - - - -	-	-	30
20 dozen Padlocks - - - - -	-	-	7 10
200 Common Cutlasses - - - - -	-	-	40
An Assortment of Cutlery - - - - -	-	-	50
100 Fowling Pieces - - - - -	-	-	100
	<u>£.4,179</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>

No. 1.
A.
(Returns from Treasury)
continued.

Further LIST of ARTICLES shipped on Board the Herald Transport, for the Use of the Recruiting Establishment on the Coast of Africa.

Two Fishing Nets.
Sundry Articles of Shoe Brushes, Blacking Balls, Shaving Boxes, and Cutlery.
8,000 Gun Flints.
148 pair Men's Shoes.
12 pieces of Checks.
12 pieces of Irish Linens.

—No. 2.—

SIR,

Windsor, 28th January, 1812.

No. 2.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of yesterday's date, and herewith send you the Estimates for the Presents intended for the African Chiefs, also for the Musical Instruments for the use of the Party. It will be almost impossible to state the exact amount; therefore the present may be something more, or perhaps under, what the different articles will cost; but regard will be observed in the purchase, to have the different Prices as near the Estimate as possible.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. J. Wingfield.

Br Major, 8th W. I. Reg^t.

Rich^d Wharton, Esq. &c. &c.
Treasury.

ESTIMATE of the Expenses of Articles intended as Presents to the African Chiefs.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
6 Suits of Embroidered Clothes - - - - -	at 10	-	-	60	-	-
6 Gold Laced Hats - - - - -	5	-	-	30	-	-
6 Gold Headed Canes - - - - -	2	10	-	21	-	-
12 Showy Umbrellas - - - - -	2	-	-	24	-	-
6 Silver Gilt Snuff Boxes - - - - -	4	-	-	24	-	-
6 Silver - D° - - - - -	2	2	-	12	12	-
6 Silver-mounted Hangers, with red Scabbards and Belts	12	-	-	72	-	-
6 Dirks and Belts - - - - -	2	10	-	15	-	-
6 Silver Mounted Fowling Pieces - - - - -	15	-	-	90	-	-
1 D° Double barrell'd - D° - - - - -	25	-	-	25	-	-
2 Pair Silver-mounted Pistols - - - - -	15	-	-	30	-	-
4 pair Pocket - - D° - - - - -	4	-	-	16	-	-
6 Gold Neck Chains - - - - -	5	-	-	30	-	-
6 Cut Amber D° - - - - -	3	-	-	18	-	-
6 Coral - D° - - - - -	5	-	-	30	-	-
2 Hand Organs - - - - -	25	-	-	50	-	-
6 Tambourines - - - - -	1	10	-	9	-	-
24 Magnifying Glasses - - - - -	1	-	-	24	-	-
4 Saddles and Bridles, with Holsters, Trappings, &c. -	20	-	-	80	-	-
3 Copper Tea Kettles - - - - -	-	16	-	2	8	-
				<u>£.603</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

£. s. d.

Musical Instruments, as per List, sent by the Secretary at War for the }
use of the Party in Africa - - - - - } 55 - - -

£. 55 - - -

A.
(Returns from Treasury)
continued.

845.
1,034.

—No. 3.—

SIR,

Treasury Chambers, 4th February 1812.

I AM commanded by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you, that a Warrant is directed for issuing to you the sum of £.4,900. to defray the expense of certain Articles which are stated to be requisite to be taken out by the Party about to proceed to establish a Recruiting Depôt on the Coast of Africa, for the Enlistment of Men of Colour for Service in West India Regiments; and I am to desire you will transmit to this Board with the least possible delay, the several Bills and Vouchers, for the amount of the Articles in question.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Major Wingfield.

(Signed)

Geo. Harrison.

845.
1,034.

—No. 4.—

MY LORD,

Treasury Chambers, 4th February 1812.

HAVING laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, your Lordship's Letter of the 4th ultimo (34,670) transmitting Copies of a Correspondence as to establishing a Recruiting Depôt on the Coast of Africa, for the Enlistment of Men of Colour for Service in the West India Regiments; and also a List of Articles requisite to be taken out by the Party proceeding on that Station, I am commanded to acquaint you, that my Lords have directed £.4,900. to be issued to Major Wingfield, to defray the expense of the Articles in question, and have desired he will transmit to this Board, with the least possible delay, the several Bills and Vouchers for the same.

I am, my Lords,

Your Lordships most obedient Servant,

Secretary at War.

(Signed)

Geo. Harrison.

—No. 5.—

SIR,

Windsor, 4th February 1812.

I HAD the honour to receive a Letter this day, dated from the Treasury Chambers, signed by George Harrison, acquainting me from the Lords Commissioners, that a Warrant had been granted for £.4,900. to be issued to me for the purchase of such Articles as are necessary for the use of the Recruiting Establishment on the Coast of Africa.

I cannot doubt but this communication has been made to His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief, as from his authority I receive my Orders; but should it not have been done, in order to prevent delay, I hope no time will be lost in doing it; and at the same time I request you will be pleased to acquaint me, when the Money is to be issued to me, and whether from the Treasury.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. Wharton, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

R. J. Wingfield,

B. Major 8 W. I. Regt.

1,432.

—No. 6.—

SIR,

Treasury Chambers, 13th February 1812.

HAVING laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury your Letter of the 4th instant, requesting information as to the sum of £.4,900. directed to be issued to you for the purchase of such Articles as are necessary for the use of the Recruiting Establishment on the Coast of Africa, I am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint you, that you, or your Agent, must apply at this Office for the Warrant alluded to in the Letter of this Board of the 4th inst. and produce the same at the Office of the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces, where the Money will be paid; and I am at the same time to acquaint you, that the necessary communications have been made to the Secretary at War, who, at the instance of the Commander in Chief recommended the issue in question.

I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

Major Wingfield.

(Signed)

Geo. Harrison.

CAPTURED NEGROES ENLISTED.

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A.
(Returns from Treasury)
continued.No. 34,670.
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—No. 7.—

SIR,

War Office, 21st March 1812.

REFERRING to my Letter of the 2nd January last, and to yours of the 4th ultimo, upon the subject of the Recruiting Depôt intended to be established on the Coast of Africa, under the superintendance of Major Wingfield; I am to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, that the Commander in Chief, in apprising me of the establishment of the Depôt by his communication of the 1st November 1811, a Copy whereof is herewith enclosed, has stated it to be expedient to send out 500 Suits of Slop Clothing for the use of the Black Recruits expected to be raised in Africa.

As this Slop Clothing is required to be made up in a manner most suited to the habits and dispositions of the Africans, it has seemed to be advisable to permit the same to be prepared by Messrs. Pearse, under the direction of Major Wingfield; and I have given the necessary authority accordingly.

A Copy of the Estimate of the Price of the Articles, as furnished by Messrs. Pearse, is transmitted herewith.

I am, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

George Harrison, Esq.
Treasury.

PALMERSTON.

SIR,

Horse Guards, 1st November 1811.

I AM directed by the Commander in Chief to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary at War, that with a view to the completion and augmentation of the West India Regiments by recruiting on the Coast of Africa, His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to approve of a Recruiting Depôt being formed either at Sierra Leone or Goree, and placed under the command of Brevet Major Wingfield, of the 8th West India Regiment, with a daily pay of 15 s. who is to be assisted by one Captain at 10 s. per diem. Four Lieutenants, 5 s. ditto.

1 Paymaster.

1 Adjutant.

1 Serjeant Major.

1 Serjeant.

2 Corporals.

} From every Black Regiment in the West Indies.

In consideration of the nature of the Service on which it is intended to employ these Officers, it has appeared to His Majesty's Government to be absolutely essential that those who are placed permanently in Africa, should be encouraged by the Rates of Pay recommended in addition to their regimental situations; and care will be taken in the selection of Non-commissioned Officers, that the most trust-worthy from amongst those who speak the African Language, shall be appointed to the Depôt, the success of the measure depending in a great degree upon the explanation of the advantages attending the situation of a British Soldier, which such Black Non-commissioned Officers will be enabled to give their countrymen.

Major Wingfield will receive instructions to appropriate to the Service such eligible persons as may be found amongst Cargoes of Negroes captured under the Slave Abolition Act; but as it will be highly necessary to bring the Military Service into repute, by the encouragement of Voluntary Enlistment, the Prince Regent has approved that the Major shall be authorized to disburse a Bounty of Eight Guineas for each Recruit, under such regulations as may leave at least Three Guineas for his equipment or necessaries.

The usual full Bounty of Fifteen Guineas is not proposed, in the hope that the sum of Eight Guineas will answer the purpose, under the idea that such trifling articles of inducement, more acceptable to the Negroes than Money, may be furnished by a portion of the latter sum.

This consideration, however, and many others which cannot possibly be provided for or foreseen in the arrangement of so novel an establishment will be subject to such subsequent modifications as may be attendant upon the experience of execution.

It will be necessary that Major Wingfield, who will proceed direct from this country to the Coast of Africa, should be authorized to take out with him about 500 Suits of Slop Clothing, and other articles of necessaries for the equipment of the Recruits; and the Commander in Chief requests that the necessary orders may be given for the provision of these Stores accordingly.

I have, &c.

W. Merry, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

H. Torrens.

No. 7.
A.
(Returns from Treasury)
continued.

ESTIMATE of Prices for the following Clothing:

	s.	d.
A Round Red unlined Slop Jacket	-	8 6
A Pair of Grey Cloth Regulation Pantaloon	-	7 6
A Black Leather Stock and Clasp	-	0 9
A Hat and Ornaments	-	3 0
		<hr/>
The Suit	-	19 9
The Stock and Clasp being articles of necessaries will be charged against the Recruits.		
Deduct	-	0 9
		<hr/>
Remains	-	19 0
		<hr/> <hr/>

London, 17th March 1812.

(Signed)

J. & B. Pearse.

3,543.

— No. 8. —

SIR,

Treasury Chambers, 26 March 1812.

I AM commanded by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to refer you to the Letter of this Board of the 4th ultimo, and to desire you will immediately transmit to their Lordships, the Accounts and Vouchers for the sum of £.5,000, which was issued to you to provide articles for the use of the Recruiting Depôt, intended to be established on the coast of Africa.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Major Wingfield.

(Signed)

Geo. Harrison.

— No. 9. —

MY LORD,

Treasury Chambers, 25 March 1812.

I AM commanded by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to acquaint you that a Copy of your Letter of the 21st instant, and its Enclosures, No. 34,67 $\frac{3}{8}$, has been transmitted to the Commissary in Chief, with their Lordships directions to pay Messrs. Pearse for the Slop Clothing, prepared by them for the use of the Recruiting Depôt intended to be established on the coast of Africa.

I am, my Lord,

Your most obedient Servant,

Secretary at War.

(Signed)

Geo. Harrison.

3,543.

— No. 10. —

SIR,

Treasury Chambers, 26th March 1814.

I AM commanded by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to transmit to you Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at War, dated 21st instant, and its Enclosures, further on the subject of providing articles for the Recruiting Depôt, intended to be established on the coast of Africa; and am to desire you will pay for the Slop Clothing prepared by Messrs. Pearse for that service.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Commissary in Chief.

Geo. Harrison.

CAPTURED NEGROES ENLISTED.

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A.
(Returns from Treasury)
continued.

— No. 11. —

SIR,

Windsor, 27th March 1812.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th, and to acquaint you in reply, that it was not until yesterday the Transport Board communicated to me, that a ship had arrived at Deptford for the purpose of receiving on board the stores, &c. intended for the Recruiting Establishment on the Coast of Africa; and that it will be impracticable for me to furnish the Bills and Vouchers for the same, until they are shipped, which will be done as expeditiously as possible, and the contents of the Letter referred to complied with, as soon as the accounts with the different Tradesmen are received and paid.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

George Harrison, Esq.
&c. &c.
Treasury.

R. J. Wingfield,
B. Major 8 W. I. Regt.

Immediate.

— No. 12. —

SIR,

War Office, 6th April 1812.

THE Superintendents of Military Accounts having stated, that in a conversation had with Major Wingfield, who has been appointed to superintend the Depôt to be formed either at Sierra Leone or Goree, with a view to the completion and augmentation of the West India Regiments, by recruiting on the Coast of Africa, it appeared that the Major conceives that the whole of the Levy Money of the Men to be recruited is intended to be paid by him, and accounted for to the Board of Treasury, instead of being paid by the Paymaster, and stated in his accounts with this Office, I am to request to be informed at your earliest convenience, whether Major Wingfield is correct in this supposition.

36,648
and
34,670.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

George Harrison, Esq.

PALMERSTON.

4,154.

— No. 13. —

MY LORD,

Treasury Chambers, 20 April 1812.

HAVING laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury your Letter of the 6th instant, on the subject of Major Wingfield's accounting for the Levy Money of the Men to be recruited on the Coast of Africa for the completion and augmentation of the West India Regiments, and having stated to my Lords your Lordship's opinion that all the articles, with the exception of the Presents to the Chiefs and Musical Instruments, are provided expressly for the use of the Recruits proposed to be raised in Africa, and may be regarded in the light of Levy Money, for which Major Wingfield should render an account to your Department; I have it in command to acquaint your Lordship, that they have issued to Major Wingfield the sum of £.4,900. to enable him to provide these several articles; and that it appears to my Lords that it could relieve from some inconvenience and perplexity in this account, if the whole of the Expenditure (the greater part of which appears of course under the description of Levy Money) was to be accounted for to your Department; and if your Lordship sees no objection thereto, my Lords will give the necessary directions accordingly.

I am, my Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient Servant,

Secretary at War.

(Signed) Geo. Harrison.

A.
(Returns from Treasury)
continued.

—No. 14.—

SIR,

War Office, 4th May 1812.

I AM to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 20th ultimo, respecting a sum of Four thousand nine hundred Pounds imprested to Major Wingfield of the 8th West India Regiment, for the Service of the Recruiting Depôt about to be established at Sierra Leone, for the completion and augmentation of the West India Regiments; and to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, that I am not aware of any objection to the Expenditure of the Money being accounted for to the War Office.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Geo. Harrison, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) PALMERSTON.

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—No. 15.—

SIR,

Treasury Chambers, 18th May 1812.

REFERRING you to a Letter from this Board of the 26th March last, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to desire, that you will render your account of the sum of £. 4,900. imprested to you for the service of a Recruiting Depôt about to be established at Sierra Leone, to the Secretary at War.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Major Wingfield.

(Signed) *Geo. Harrison.*

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Appendix B.—Returns from the Secretary at War.

SCHEDULE OF THE CORRESPONDENCE.

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8. } Instructions to him as Paymaster of the African Recruiting Depôt.
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12. } — Letter, with Three Enclosures, from Lieut. Col. Maxwell to Lord Palmerston ; dated
13. } 10th November 1813.
14. }
- No. 15. — Letter from the Secretary at War to Lieut. Col. Maxwell ; dated 8th February 1814.

No. 1.—Copy of the War Office Letter of 14th March 1812, to Major Wingfield; appointing him Commandant of the Depôt for Recruiting, to be formed on the Coast of Africa.

SIR,

War Office, 14th March 1812.

HIS Royal Highness the Prince Regent having been pleased to approve of a Recruiting Depôt being formed at Sierra Leone, or at Goree, for the Enlistment of Men of Colour, with a view to the completion and augmentation of the West India Regiments, I have the honour to acquaint you, that His Royal Highness has been pleased to select you for the Superintendance and Command of the said Depôt.

In the performance of the duties which will in consequence devolve upon you, His Royal Highness has directed that you shall be assisted by

- 1 Captain,
- 4 Lieutenants,
- 1 Paymaster,
- 1 Adjutant,
- 1 Serjeant Major,
- 1 Serjeant } from every Black Regiment in the West Indies.
- 2 Corporals }

You will be allowed the daily Pay of Fifteen Shillings, in addition to that of your Regimental Appointment; the Captain will in like manner be allowed the additional Pay of Ten Shillings, and the Lieutenants of Five Shillings each, while detached upon this duty.

You will be allowed to appropriate to the Service of the West India Regiments, such eligible Persons as may be found amongst Cargoes of Negroes, captured under the Slave Abolition Act; but as it is deemed an essential point to encourage voluntary enlistment as much as possible, the Prince Regent consents to a Bounty of Eight Guineas being disbursed for each Recruit, under such Regulations as may leave at least Three Guineas for his Equipment in Necessaries.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have authorized the sum of Four Thousand Nine Hundred Pounds to be issued to you, to defray the expense of the Presents to be taken out for the Native Chiefs, and of the Articles of Necessaries for Recruits, agreeably to the List enclosed in your Letter of 18th November 1811, addressed to Colonel Torrens; and the necessary steps will be immediately taken for providing Five Hundred Suits of Slop Clothing for Recruits, upon your transmitting a specification of the Articles, and of the Prices at which the same can be procured.

I have, &c.

Brevet Major Wingfield,
8th West India Regiment.

(Signed) PALMERSTON.

B.
(Returns from the
Secretary at War)
continued.

No. 2.—Copy of a Letter from Major Wingfield to the Secretary at War, dated 19th March 1812, enclosing an Estimate for Slop Clothing for the Recruiting Establishment in Africa.

MY LORD,

London, 19th March 1812.

I HAD the honour to receive your Lordship's Letter dated the 14th March, requiring an Estimate for Five Hundred Suits of Slop Clothing for the Recruiting Establishment in Africa.

I have seen Mr. Pearse the Clothier, and fixed upon the quality and price which appears to me most suitable; an Estimate of the same is enclosed.

Mr. Pearse will be prepared to complete the Five Hundred Suits in a few days, as soon as he receives an order to that effect.

I have the honour to be, &c.

The Right Hon^{ble}
Lord Visc^t Palmerston,
&c. &c. &c.

R. J. Wingfield,
Br Major, 8th W. I. Reg^t.

No. 3.—Copy of the Estimate referred to in Major Wingfield's Letter, dated 19th March 1812, to the Secretary at War.

Estimate of Prices for the following Clothing:

	£.	s.	d.
A round Red unlined Slop Jacket - - - - -	—	8	6
A Pair of Grey Cloth Regulation Pantaloon - - - - -	—	7	6
A Black Leather Stock and Clasp - - - - -	—	—	9
A Hat and Ornaments - - - - -	—	3	—

The Suit £. — 19 9

The Stock and Clasp, being articles of necessaries, will be charged against the Recruits.

London, 17th March 1812.

(Signed) J. & B. Pearse.

No. 4.—Copy of the Secretary at War's Letter to Major Wingfield, dated 21st March 1812.

SIR,

War Office, 21st March 1812.

I AM to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th instant, and to acquaint you that I have authorized Messrs. Pearse to furnish you with Five Hundred Suits of Slop Clothing at the Price mentioned in their Estimate, viz. Nineteen Shillings per Suit, for the use of the Black Recruits expected to be raised on the Coast of Africa.

No. 34,670
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I am, &c.

Major Wingfield,
8th West India Regiment.

(Signed) PALMERSTON.

No. 5.—Copy of a Letter from the Deputy Secretary at War to Major Wingfield, dated 2d April 1812.

SIR,

War Office, 2d April 1812.

REFERRING to the Secretary at War's Letter of the 21st ultimo, I am directed to acquaint you, that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have apprized Lord Palmerston, that they have instructed the Commissary in Chief to pay Messrs. Pearse for the Five Hundred Suits of Slop Clothing, preparing by those Gentlemen for the use of the Recruiting Depôt intended to be established on the Coast of Africa.

No. 34,670
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I am, &c.

Major Wingfield,
8th West India Regiment.

(Signed) W. Merry.

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No. 6.—Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at War, to Major Wingfield, dated the 1st May 1812.

B.
(Returns from the
(Secretary at War.)
continued.)

SIR,

War Office, 1st May 1812.

REFERRING to my Letter of 14th March last, I have the honour to acquaint you, that in addition to the Officers and Men therein mentioned, who are to assist you in the Duties of the Recruiting Depôt on the Coast of Africa, His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief has directed, that one Drummer shall be detached upon those Duties from every Regiment of People of Colour in the West Indies.

No. 34,670
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I have, &c.

Brevet Major Wingfield,
8th West India Regiment.

(Signed)

PALMERSTON.

No. 7.—Copy of Mr. Merry's Letter, dated 22d May 1812, to the Paymaster of the Recruiting Depôt on the Coast of Africa, transmitting his Instructions.

SIR,

War Office, 22d May 1812.

I AM directed by the Secretary at War to transmit to you herewith, Instructions for your information and guidance, as Paymaster of the Recruiting Depôt, to be formed on the Coast of Africa, and am,

No. 34,670

Sir, &c.

J. Eastlake, Esq.

(Signed)

W. Merry.

No. 8.—Copy of the Instructions to the Paymaster of the Recruiting Depôt on the Coast of Africa, dated 21st May 1812.

Instructions for the Information and Guidance of the Paymaster of the Recruiting Depôt at Sierra Leone, on the Coast of Africa.

YOU are to issue Pay to such Officers and Men as are attached to the Depôt by the proper Authority, and to such Recruits as shall be enlisted under the Regulations by which the Depôt is established; and you are to be guided in all points relating to the issuing and charging of Pay and of the Allowances to Officers, by the existing Regulations, so far as the same are applicable thereto.

The Sums necessarily required for the Pay of the Commissioned Officers belonging to any Regiments, are to be drawn from the Agents of the Regiments thereof; and those for their Special Allowances, for the Pay and Allowances of Officers belonging to the Depôt only, for your own Pay, and for that of the Non-commissioned Officers and Recruits; for all other Services authorized by the Secretary at War to be charged in your Accompts with this Department, are to be drawn from the General Agent for the Recruiting Service, John Ridge, Esq. Charing-cross, London.

Your Bills are to be drawn according to the Rules laid down for Regimental Paymasters; but are to be approved and signed by the Officer commanding the Depôt, as established in regard to the Bills of District and Depôt Paymasters.

As to making up and transmitting the Monthly Estimates, Adjutant's Rolls, and Quarterly Accompts, and to all other points not specially mentioned herein, you are to be governed by the instructions for a Regimental Paymaster, so far as the same may be properly considered to be applicable thereto.

As the Non-commissioned Officers and Drummers attached to the Depôt are to be furnished from the West India Regiments, you will take care always to specify opposite to their Names in each of your Pay Lists, the Corps to which they respectively belong.

The Expenditures and Receipts, on account of Levy Money, are not to be accounted for in your Pay Lists,—a separate Statement thereof being to be rendered by the Commandant of the Recruiting Depôt.

Given at the War Office, this 21st day of May 1812.

(Signed)

PALMERSTON.

B.
(Returns from the
Secretary at War)
continued.

25th June 1812.

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No. 9.—Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at War to Major Wingfield, dated the 25th July 1812.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith for your information, the Copy of a Letter addressed to the Superintendents of Military Accompts, relative to the Extra Pay of Five Shillings per diem, to be allowed to Adjutant Hyde, who is attached to the Recruiting Establishment under your command, in addition to the Pay of his regimental appointment.

Brevet Major Wingfield,
8th West India Regiment, Goree.

(Signed)

I have, &c.

PALMERSTON.

No. 10.—Copy of the Enclosure referred to in the Secretary at War's Letter to Major Wingfield, dated 25th July 1812.

GENTLEMEN,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 13th instant, and to acquaint you, that under all the circumstances of the case, the Secretary at War consents to allow Adjutant Hyde, who is attached to the Recruiting Establishment on the Coast of Africa, the same rate of Extra Pay as is granted to the Subalterns employed on that Duty, viz. Five Shillings per diem, in addition to the Pay of his regimental appointment, so long as he shall be detached upon the Service in question.

I have, &c.

Superintendents of Military Accompts.

(Signed)

W. Merry.

No. 11.—Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Cha' Maxwell, to the Secretary at War; dated Sierra Leone, 10th November 1813.

MY LORD,

Sierra Leone, 10th November 1813.

I HAVE the honour to enclose to your Lordship, two Letters addressed to me by Lieutenant Hyde, commanding the African Recruiting Depôt, on the subject of some Disallowances which have been made by the Superintendents of Military Accompts; and to offer to your Lordship my opinion on the same.

The late Brevet Major Wingfield on his arrival here, informed me that he had your Lordship's concurrence to make such appointments of Non-commissioned Officers, as the nature of the service might require; the novelty of it rendering it impossible to devise or settle a stated arrangement in England; in consequence, he appointed the Non-commissioned Officers alluded to by Lieutenant Hyde.

After Brevet Major Wingfield was displaced in the Command of the Depôt, as the Recruits increased, and owing to a great proportion of the Non-commissioned Officers from the West India Regiments having been sent with Recruits to Barbadoes, added to the necessity of employing some of the remainder on the Recruiting Service, up the River and in this Colony, the other two Non-commissioned Officers were appointed; these were absolutely necessary to assist the regular Non-commissioned Officers, who for some time had the entire charge of the Depôt in consequence of the sickness of the two Officers.

Under these circumstances, I hope your Lordship will be pleased to sanction the expenditure on that head, and the appointment of such Non-commissioned Officers as may be necessary to carry on the duty of the Depôt.

With regard to the Allowance drawn by Lieutenants Hyde and Gregg, as a Committee of Paymastership, it was done by my consent, on the death of the late Mr. Eastlake, under the 10th Article of the Regulations, page 215. Chance of service placed Lieutenant Hyde in the situation of Commanding Officer and Adjutant, but as I was led to expect a reinforcement of Officers for the Establishment, and amongst them a Captain, it appeared to me to be the regular channel to conduct the Depôt Accounts.

I beg leave to state to your Lordship, that Lieutenants Hyde and Gregg have had a most laborious task to perform, since the November of last year; being the only Officers at the Depôt, during the greater part of the time, they have had to manage and pay a body of people nearly equal to three Companies, without any allowance whatever on that account. All Returns, Accounts, and Public Documents relating to the Establishment, have been made out by Lieutenants Hyde and Gregg, and most of these in manuscript, owing to the want of printed Forms; much of this they had to wade through, after recovering from dangerous and debilitating illnesses, of which Lieutenant Hyde still labours under.

The difficult and novel situation these Officers have been placed in, I trust will induce your Lordship to afford them every indulgence in your power; and until a regular Establishment is formed to conduct the African Recruiting, that you will be pleased to sanction their drawing the allowances in question.

To the Right Honourable
Lord Viscount Palmerston,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed)

Cha' Maxwell.
L. Col. Com.

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No. 12.—Copy of Lieutenant Hyde's Letter of 9th November 1813, referred to in Lieut.-Colonel Maxwell's Letter of the 10th of the same Month to Lord Palmerston.

B.
(Returns from the
Secretary at War)
continued.

S:R,

Bance Island, 9th November 1813.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that the Superintendents of Military Accounts have written to Lieutenant Gregg (Joint Paymaster with me) saying the sanction of the Right Honourable the Secretary at War should be gained, previous to appointing any Non-commissioned Officers amongst the Recruits enlisted on this Establishment; and also requesting to know by whose authority the Appointments were made, in order, I should hope, that their Pay may not be disallowed.

I have therefore the honour to say, that Major Wingfield made Three Non-commissioned Officers; and after his departure from hence I took the liberty from former example, to appoint two deserving Persons. The whole have had their Pay reduced to Privates from 25th September, but hope your representation will occasion its being again continued to them.

Lieut.-Colonel Maxwell,
Comm^r of the Forces, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

I have, &c.

Henry B. Hyde,
L^t Com^d African R^g Depôt.

No. 13.—Copy of Lieutenant Hyde's Letter, No. 2, dated 9th November 1813, referred to in Lieut.-Colonel Maxwell's Letter of 10th of the same Month to the Secretary at War.

S:R,

African Recruiting Depôt, 9th November 1813.

I BEG to offer the following Statement for your perusal, and trust if it meets your approbation, that the same may be communicated to the Right Honourable the Secretary at War.

Agreeably to your Orders, I received the Public Papers of the late Paymaster, John Eastlake, and there being but one Officer (Lieutenant Gregg of the 6th West India Regiment) at the Depôt, I thought it most proper that we should act as a Committee, and accordingly drew the usual Allowance of 10s. per diem granted in such cases. The Superintendents of Military Accounts have notified to Lieutenant Gregg, that that Allowance cannot be granted unless sanctioned by the Secretary at War; and if granted, his Extra Allowance (on this Service) must cease.

I beg leave to observe, that from the multiplicity of business it is impossible the duty of Paymaster can be performed by one Officer at this Post; and where two must share in the trouble, it is but just they should partake in the emolument, which if curtailed, would be a very small portion to each, and particularly so where we do not receive the usual Allowances granted to Officers paying and commanding Companies.

I trust you are convinced of the justness of our claims to these Allowances, and beg you will be pleased to represent it in such terms as will ensure a continuance of them.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

L^t Colonel Maxwell,
Comm^r of the Forces, &c. &c. &c.

Henry B. Hyde,
L^t 1st West India Reg^t,
Com^r Af^a R. Depôt.

No. 14.—Return of the African Recruiting Depôt, dated 9th Nov^r 1813.
Bance Island, River Sierra Leone, 9th Nov^r 1813.

	Attached from The West India Regiments.					Recruits.		TOTAL Recruits.
	Lieutenants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Privates.	Men.	Boys.	
Fit for Duty - - - -	2	3	9	6	1	152	135	287
Sick - - - -	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	4
On Command - - - -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - - - -	2	4	9	7	1	156	135	291

(Signed)

Chas^r W. Maxwell,
L^t Col. Com^d the Forces,
W. C. Afr.

Sierra Leone,
10th Nov^r 1813.

B.
(Returns from the
Secretary at War)
continued.

No. 15.—Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at War, to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell dated 8th February 1814.

SIR,

War Office, 8th February 1814.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 10th November last, and to acquaint you, that it does not appear that the late Major Wingfield was authorized to make any Appointments of Non-commissioned Officers;—the Letter of Service for conducting the Recruiting on the Coast of Africa, having declared that he was to be assisted by One Serjeant and Two Corporals from each West India Regiment; a Number which, if present, would no doubt have been fully sufficient for the duty required of them; but as you state, that it was found necessary to detach some of the Serjeants and Corporals of the West India Regiments, in care of the Recruits, and upon other Duties at a distance from the Depôt, I shall not object to admit the proper Charges on account of the Men who were appointed Non-commissioned Officers in the absence of the men so detached. In future, however, such additional Appointments must be limited to supplying the places of the regular Non-commissioned Officers necessarily absent from the Recruiting Depôt, and are to cease upon the return of the latter to their duty. Any Charges made on this account should be supported by your Certificate, that the additional Appointments were actually necessary:

I am further to acquaint you, that I consent to allow the proper Charges for the Committee of Paymastership to the Depôt, from the date of the death of the late Paymaster Eastlake.

I have, &c.

Lieut. Colonel Maxwell,
&c. &c. &c.
Sierra Leone.

PALMERSTON.

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(Slave Trade.)

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P A P E R S

RELATING TO

CAPTURED NEGROES ENLISTED,

AND TO THE

Recruiting of Negro Soldiers in *Africa*, for
The *West India* Regiments.

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