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Return to an Address of The Honourable the House of Commons ;  
dated the 13th April 1824 ;

(as far as it can at present be complied with)

*for*

Copies of all REPORTS made by the Commissioners, or by either of them, who were appointed by His Majesty, in compliance with an Address of The House, to inquire into the state of the AFRICANS, who had been condemned to His Majesty under the Acts abolishing the Slave Trade, and who had been apprenticed, or otherwise disposed of, in the West Indies.

Colonial Department, }  
Downing-street, }  
16 June 1824. }

*R. J. Wilmot Horton.*

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,*  
*18 June 1824.*

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## — N° 1. —

A joint LETTER, enclosing a REPORT of the Commissioners on the EXPENSES incurred for the care and maintenance of certain captured AFRICANS in the Island of *Antigua*;—dated Tortola, 4 June 1822.

Tortola 4th June 1822.

SIR,  
WE have the honour to enclose our report on the subject submitted to us for that purpose, in your letter of the 11th February 1822, enclosing certain accounts of expense for the care and maintenance, &c. of apprenticed Africans under the charge of George Wyke Esq. the collector of St. John's Antigua.

We have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient humble servants,

(signed) *Thomas Moody.*  
*John Dougan.*

R. J. Wilmot Esq. M. P.  
Under Secretary of State for War & Colonies,  
&c. &c. &c.

Report.  
Accounts.  
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REPORT of the Commissioners for inquiring into the state of captured *Africans*; on certain Accounts of Expenses incurred for the care and maintenance, &c. of *African* Apprentices, in charge of George Wyke Esq. Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Antigua;—referred to them by Mr. Wilmot's Letter, dated 11th of February 1822.

AS some of the papers transmitted from the colonial office to the Treasury, (which had been sent originally from the governor or collector at Antigua), had not been returned to the under secretary of state for war and colonies, we were directed to apply on our arrival at Antigua for these and other documents, to enable us to report on the matter referred to us.

We accordingly addressed letters to his Excellency major-general Sir Benjamin D'Urban, the governor, and B. Parkhurst, esq. acting collector, requesting copies of the documents mentioned to us; and particularly specifying that referred to by Mr. Goulburn in his letter of 4th August 1819, to the lords commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, as being written from General Ramsay to Mr. Goulburn, enclosing the proceedings of the council of Antigua, relative to the accounts to be reported on. This letter of General Ramsay's we could not procure, as the copy was entered into a book, which his private secretary had removed on the death of that officer; but we procured from his Excellency major-general Sir Benjamin D'Urban, a copy of the minutes of council.

In the letter of Mr. Wyke, the collector, to Earl Bathurst, dated June 22d, 1819, he refers to a former communication to his lordship, without specifying the date, in which former communication Mr. Wyke appears to have stated his reasons for incurring certain expenses for vaccinating and indenting the African apprentices, &c. under his care. Mr. B. Parkhurst, the acting collector, informed us, that no copy of such letter was in his office; and as Mr. Wyke is now in Europe, we consequently were unable to ascertain the reasons which influenced his conduct on those points.

Under these circumstances, we proceeded to inquire into the accounts referred for our examination; and our remarks thereon will have reference to the original document sent to us, and which we now return marked N° 1.

The first page contains the summary of the charges for which, in the subsequent pages, detailed documents and specific receipts are annexed, amounting in the whole to 2,215 *l.* 17 *s.*  $-\frac{1}{2}$  Antigua currency.

N°		£.	s.	d.
1.	Duplicate of accounts already transmitted - - - - -	1,692	19	-
2.	A subsequent account, paid by Wm. Scholes, late collector's clerk - - -	215	16	$4\frac{1}{2}$
3.	A ditto - - - - - paid by Wm. Simpson, collector's clerk - - -	127	5	2
4.	Dr. West's account for medicine and medical attendance - - - - -	168	18	6
5.	Robert Mason's bill for meal, not charged in other account - - -	7	4	-
6.	Jail fees, as per account - - - - -	3	14	-

At the rate of £. 200 per cent. is £. 1,107. 18s.  $6\frac{1}{2}$ d. sterling.

£. 2,215 17  $-\frac{1}{2}$

## 4      REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONERS,

N<sup>o</sup> 1. duplicate of accounts, consisting of items of charge already transmitted 1,692*l.* 19*s.*

The article marked (A.) in the above sum, is 77*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* for subsistence, clothing, and wine, &c. for sick and returned Africans.

This account being defective in neither showing the number of Africans, nor the period for which they were subsisted, we required certain details, which were furnished; and this account may now be admitted. The corrected account is in the annex, intituled "Vouchers," and numbered 1.

The article marked (B.) for rice, may be admitted for 10*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

The article marked (C.) for a nurse to the sick apprentices, may be admitted for 7*l.* 13*s.*

The article marked (D.) is for vaccinating 215 African apprentices, at 3*l.* 12*s.* currency, or 12 dollars each, amounting to 774*l.*

This account, in the first place, appeared to us incorrect, in having no list of apprentices vaccinated, nor dates, which however were supplied, and is in the annex, intituled "Vouchers," and numbered 2.

A more serious objection as to the amount of the charge of 3*l.* 12*s.* or 12 dollars, for vaccinating each African apprentice, has not been explained to our satisfaction. It will appear in the annexed, intituled "Certificates," N<sup>os</sup> 1, 2, 3, that the medical charges of the colony are various for the class of free persons.

	Free Persons, in good circumstances.			For every Slave.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Dr. Weston charges for - - -	7	4	-	1	7	-
Dr. Tait - - - - -	9	18	-	1	16	-
Dr. Crichton - - - - -	7	4	-	1	7	-

But the latter adds, if the number of negroes, free or otherwise, were under 20, he would charge 1*l.* 7*s.*; if above that number, 18*s.* each; and if above 200, that he would think 13*s.* 6*d.* currency each, a fair remuneration.

The governor and council taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case, thought 5 dollars, or 2*l.* 10*s.* currency, to be a fair charge for vaccinating an African apprentice; and we also thinking that sum a very liberal remuneration, do give it as our opinion, that we see no reason why a greater sum should have been paid for that service than 537*l.* 10*s.*; making 236*l.* 10*s.* less than the sum charged and received by Dr. West.

The article marked (E.) is for drawing indentures for African apprentices, amounting to 761*l.* 8*s.*

This account was imperfect as to the names and dates of the Africans apprenticed, but the information has been supplied by the annex, intituled "Vouchers," and numbered 3.

Our objections both to the amount of the expense and the necessity of incurring it on the part of His Majesty, have not been removed by any explanation which Mr. Parkhurst, the acting collector, has been able to afford on the part of Mr. Wyke, who is absent. The sum demanded for one indenture is 12 dollars, and is reasonable, being half the sum charged in Barbadoes; but as there were 141 indentures nearly in the same form, it only required (as was really done) the blanks of a printed form to be filled up, and this might have been accomplished without incurring the expense of employing a lawyer. If such a measure were deemed necessary, then the expense ought to have fallen on those to be benefitted by the services of the apprentices.

In former cases at Antigua, this expense to the Crown was avoided, as it appeared by the duplicate indentures lodged there, that they were made and witnessed by the collector's clerk.

The articles marked (F.)(G.)(H.)&(I.) may be admitted, amounting to 62*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.*

N<sup>o</sup> 2, is a subsequent account for subsistence, clothing, &c. of African apprentices, amounting to 215*l.* 16*s.* 4½*d.*

This account being defective in not affording the number of Africans subsisted, nor the specification of provisions, we required a more satisfactory statement. In answer

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answer to our application we received a new account, amounting to the same sum of 215 *l.* 16 *s.* 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  *d.* but varying materially, so as to induce us to believe they would not be made up from the same vouchers. This new account is in the annex intituled "Vouchers," and numbered 4.

The following comparative Schedule will show the variations we have stated :—

COMPARATIVE Schedule of the Expense incurred for the Clothing, Maintenance, &c. of Africans at Antigua, as delivered in by George Wyke, esq. the Collector, and B. Parkhurst, esq. the Acting Collector, for the same period, and the same number of Persons.

By whom the Account was delivered.	Police and Jail Fees.	House Rent.	Clothing.	Provisions.	Arrow Root, Wine, and Candles.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Mr. Wyke - - -	13 11 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 16 -	31 12 9	156 16 3	—
Mr. Parkhurst - -	15 9 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 18 -	14 10 6	168 15 -	5 3 6

It will be observed under the head of Provisions in the above schedule, that the reformed account by Mr. Parkhurst charges 168 *l.* 15 *s.* currency, whereas M. Wyke only charges 156 *l.* 16 *s.* 3 *d.* being an excess of 11 *l.* 18 *s.* 9 *d.*; but in Mr. Parkhurst's account for provisions, he charges the allowance for 12 Africans at 9 *d.* a day each, for 375 days, though the period is only from 10th January to 31st December 1819, which is an obvious error in the period of time, containing an overcharge of 9 *l.* for provisions. Under all the circumstances of the case we have to observe, that the accounts seem to have been carelessly kept in the first instance, but from the absence of Mr. Wyke, we are inclined to make much allowance for the want of satisfactory explanation. The surcharge of the new account of 9 *l.* for feeding the Africans being obviously an error, we recommend that sum to be deducted, when the account for 206 *l.* 16 *s.* 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  *d.* may be admitted.

N° 3, contains the expense attending the sick, lame and blind } Africans, amounting to - - - - - }	£. s. d. 95 3 2
And a bill of D <sup>r</sup> Oldum's, for medical attendance on one } African, amounting to - - - - - }	32 2 -
	<u>£. 127 5 2</u>

Neither of these accounts gave the means of satisfactorily examining their correctness, but these objections were removed by the new accounts which we enclose in the annex, marked "Vouchers," and numbered 5 and 6.

The account N° 5, now furnished by Mr. Parkhurst, varies a little in the statement of items, but not in such a degree as to require any particular observation from us, and we recommend that the account may be admitted.

We also recommend that Dr. Oldum's account N° 6, may be admitted, amounting to 32 *l.* 2 *s.* currency; but we beg leave to observe, that such charges for the future may be lessened by contracting with a medical gentleman for the care of Africans, at a certain sum each per annum, as is done by families in the town and country in the West Indies. The charges of funeral expenses for one African, amounting to 1 *l.* 16 *s.* 0  $\frac{1}{4}$  *d.* and a coffin amounting to 4 *l.* 1 *s.* appear to us to be a very high expenditure, which requires regulation; as at a very small expense the body might be conveyed to the grave and buried with some degree of decency.

N° 4, charges for medical attendance, amounting to 168 *l.* 18 *s.* 6 *d.* which we recommend may be admitted.

It is obvious that a bill for medicines (the sick Africans) can in no manner be checked by us, but we would for the future recommend, as in the case of the preceding account, that it would be best to contract with some competent medical gentleman to attend to the Africans, at a certain sum per annum for each person.

N° 5 and 6 contain two accounts, one for corn-meal, amounting to 7 *l.* 4 *s.* and another for 3 *l.* 14 *s.* currency, for jail fees, both of which we recommend to be admitted.

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When the expense here paid for jail fees, and subsistence of 12 persons, is added to the considerable expense charged for similar objects in the other accounts, for the apprehension and good government of these people, we beg leave to recommend, solely on the principles of economy, that the governor should be instructed to direct that the collector of the customs should be informed of the apprehension of an apprenticed African as soon after the event as possible, that all unnecessary expense may be avoided.

Having thus given our opinion on each item of the accounts referred to us, we beg leave to conclude with submitting for consideration the great trouble which Mr. Wyke the collector had with those apprentices on his first entry upon his duty, for which he had no compensation; and although he does not appear to have acted with due attention to economy, yet as it might have an injurious effect to be too strict in examining the necessity for expenditure incurred for the purposes of humanity, we respectfully presume to recommend that the whole case be received with a spirit of liberal indulgence.

Totola, 4th June, 1822.

(signed)

*Thomas Moody.*  
*John Dougan.*

R. J. Wilmot, Esq. M. P.  
Under Secretary of State for War and Colonies,  
&c. &c. &c.

N<sup>o</sup> 1.—ANTIGUA.

Custom-House, Port St. John.

(Duplicate.)—Account of Expenses attendant on the African Apprentices.

1819:		£.	s.	d.
May 20.	To this sum paid nurse Venus, at different times, for the subsistence, cloathing, wine, &c. of sick and returned African apprentices	77	10	3
(A.)				
(B.)	To paid James Greenidge's bill, for rice for d <sup>o</sup>	10	2	6
(C.)	To paid Venus, for the care of the negroes 17 weeks, at 9 s. per week	7	13	—
(D.)	To this sum paid Dr. West, for vaccinating 215 apprentices, at 3 l. 12 s. per head	774	—	—
(E.)	To d <sup>o</sup> , Henry Hill, esq. bill for indentures	761	8	—
(F.)	— William Collins' bill	4	7	9
(G.)	— Loving and Hills d <sup>o</sup>	3	9	9
(H.)	— William Dawes's d <sup>o</sup>	4	7	9
(I.)	— John M'Intosh's d <sup>o</sup>	50	—	—
		£.	1,692	19
				—

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Antigua, Port of St. John.

THE Particulars of Account rendered for the Clothing and Maintenance of 11 Africans, as per Account marked N<sup>o</sup> 1, May 20th, 1819.

1819:		£.	s.	d.
Jan. 10.	To 160 days allowance for 11 Africans, at 9 d. per day each, from August 3d 1818 to date	66	—	—
—	To clothes and blankets for the sick	6	10	9
—	To arrow-root, wine and candles for d <sup>o</sup>	4	19	6
		£.	77	10
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Custom-House, St. John's, Antigua, }  
26 April 1822. }

*B. Parkhurst,*  
Act<sup>s</sup> Coll<sup>r</sup>.

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## Voucher, N° 2.

## LIST of 215 Africans Vaccinated by Wm. West, M. D.

Names of the Africans.	Date of their being Vaccinated.	Names of the Africans.	Date of their being Vaccinated.	Names of the Africans.	Date of their being Vaccinated.
	1819 :		1819 :		1819 :
Phoebe - -	Feb. - 2d.	Eliza - -	Feb. - 4th.	Clay - -	Feb. - 4th.
Lydia - -	—	Clara - -	—	Ash - -	—
Gay - -	—	Eliza - -	—	Ben - -	—
Wellington - -	—	Fanny - -	—	Sam Huggins - -	—
Bess - -	—	Richard - -	—	Nelly - -	—
Anderson - -	—	Peggy - -	—	Maria - -	—
Robin - -	—	John - -	—	Branch - -	—
Bella - -	—	George - -	—	Louisa - -	—
Cox - -	—	Scilla - -	—	Scilla - -	—
Maria - -	—	Alexander - -	—	Phoebe - -	—
Catherine - -	—	Anna - -	—	Prudence - -	—
Louisa - -	—	William - -	—	Adam - -	—
Church - -	—	Eliza - -	—	Cecilia - -	—
Mary Ann - -	—	Caroline - -	—	Garron - -	—
Daw - -	—	Catherine - -	—	Ann - -	—
Zanith - -	—	Thomas - -	—	William - -	—
Lee - -	—	Margaret - -	—	Sally - -	—
Cecilia - -	—	Charlotte - -	—	Susan - -	—
Harriott - -	—	Jane - -	—	Sarah - -	—
Jack - -	—	Byam - -	—	Nancy - -	—
Caroline - -	—	Bella - -	—	Tommy - -	—
Wellington - -	—	Rebecca - -	—	Susannah - -	—
Louisa - -	—	Thomas - -	—	Hope - -	—
Rosetta - -	—	Jenny - -	—	Jane - -	—
Caroline - -	—	George - -	—	Mary - -	—
Nancy - -	—	Barbary - -	—	Grace - -	—
Julia - -	—	Joseph - -	—	Sally - -	—
Becka - -	—	Jane - -	—	Rose - -	—
Betty - -	—	Jane - -	—	Peggy - -	—
Alesia - -	—	Mary - -	—	Octavia - -	—
Eliza - -	—	Anna - -	—	Jenny - -	—
William - -	—	Nelly - -	—	Black - -	—
Ann - -	—	Ann - -	—	Charlotte - -	—
Henry - -	—	Joe - -	—	Jane - -	Feb. - 11th.
Beckway - -	—	Thomas - -	—	Ben - -	—
Ryan - -	—	Kate - -	—	Doig - -	—
Sarah - -	—	Anna - -	—	Peter - -	—
Presence - -	—	Abbey - -	—	Rachel - -	—
Harvey - -	—	Will - -	—	Caroline - -	—
Betsey - -	—	Joshua - -	—	Laura - -	—
Scotland - -	—	Walters - -	—	Jenett - -	—
Jarvis - -	—	Tom - -	—	Patty - -	—
Sarah - -	—	Everet - -	—	Sally - -	—
Mary - -	—	Robert - -	—	John - -	—
Gibbons - -	—	Robertson - -	—	Bassett - -	—
Nalton - -	—	Kate - -	—	Mary - -	—
Betsey - -	—	Louisa - -	—	Joe - -	—
George - -	—	Ann - -	—	M'King - -	—
Robert - -	—	Sinclair - -	—	Mary - -	—
Martha - -	—	Tom - -	—	Nancy - -	—
Grace - -	—	Harry - -	—	Eliza - -	—
Robert - -	Feb. - 4th.	Will - -	—	Peter - -	—
Frank - -	—	Dick - -	—	John - -	—
George - -	—	Mary Ann - -	—	Nancy - -	—
Jenny - -	—	Massey - -	—	Patience - -	—
Ellen - -	—	Nancy Ryan - -	—	Darby - -	—
Presence - -	—	Caroline - -	—	Green - -	—
Christian - -	—	George - -	—	Cook - -	—
Elizabeth - -	—	Abbey - -	—	Maria - -	—
John - -	—	Betty - -	—	Lisby - -	—
Presence - -	—	Mary - -	—	Fanny - -	—
Louisa - -	—	Hope - -	—	Grace - -	—
Nibbs - -	—	Jane - -	—	Andrew - -	—
Tom - -	—	Mary Ann - -	—	Polly - -	—
Gilbert - -	—	Rigg - -	—	Susannah - -	Feb. - 12th.
Mary - -	—	Sade - -	—	Octavia - -	—

(continued)



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Names of the Africans.	Date of their being Vaccinated.	Names of the Africans.	Date of their being Vaccinated.	Names of the Africans.	Date of their being Vaccinated.
	1819:		1819:		1819:
Georgeanna -	Feb. - 12th.	Dick -	Feb. - 13th.	Rose -	Feb. - 26th.
Harris -	—	Betty -	—	Harriott -	—
Catherine -	—	Smith -	Feb. - 18th.	Cecilia -	—
Rachael -	—	Charley -	—	Wellington -	—
Providence -	—	Charlotte -	Feb. - 26th.	George -	—
Kitty -	Feb. - 13th.	Fanny -	—		

Total - - - 215.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing 215 Africans were vaccinated by me, by order of George Wyke, esq. collector of His Majesty's customs, St. John's, Antigua, 30th April 1822.

Customs, St. John's, }  
1st May 1822.

(signed)

W<sup>m</sup> West, M. D.

A true Copy.

(signed)

B. Parkhurst, Act<sup>d</sup> Coll<sup>r</sup>.

St. John's, Antigua, 27th April 1822.

I do certify that the following are the usual terms for Vaccination in this town, viz.—

	£.	s.	d.
For every white person - - - - -	10	16	-
For every free person, if in good circumstances - - -	7	4	-
For every slave - - - - -	1	7	-

(signed)

Ja<sup>s</sup> C. Weston, M. D.

Saint John's, Antigua, 27th April 1822.

I do certify that the following are the charges which I have been in the habit of making for Vaccination in this town, viz.—

	£.	s.	d.
For every white person - - - - -	9	18	-
For every free person, if in good circumstances - - -	9	18	-
For every slave, if not per annum - - - - -	1	16	-
For every d <sup>o</sup> , if per annum - - - - -	-	18	-

(signed)

Robert Tait.

GENTLEMEN,

St. John's, 30th April 1822.

IN answer to your queries respecting the charges for Vaccination, I beg leave to state, that 10 l. 16 s. currency, is the common charge for that operation on a white person in good circumstances; 7 l. 4 s. on a coloured person in good circumstances; and for negroes, free or otherwise, 1 l. 7 s. if the number is under 20; if above that number, 18 s. each. And supposing the number of patients to exceed 200, I should think 13 s. 6 d. each a fair remuneration in town or country.

I have the honour to be, with much respect, your obedient humble servant,

(signed)

Robert Crichton, M. D.

To the Commissioners for Inquiry into the state of captured Africans.

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## Voucher, N° 3.

NAMES of 141 Apprentices, and date of Indentures drawn up by Mr. Henry Hill.

N°	NAMES.	Date of Indentures.	N°	NAMES.	Date of Indentures.	N°	NAMES.	Date of Indentures.	
SAN JOSEY ANEMAS:									
		1819:			1820:			1819:	
1	Church -	April - 1st.	50	Dunbar -	Oct. - 13th.		Blackett -	April - 10th.	
	Cox -	—		Smith -	—		Nixon -	—	
	Anderson -	April - 2d.	52	Harris -	Jan. - 31st.	35	Napier -	—	
	Waldron -	—		Cunningham -	—		Anderson -	—	
5	Hall -	—		EL DOS DE MAYO:				Burdett -	—
	Ryan -	—						Abdy -	April - 12th.
	Dawson -	April - 3d.	1	Dashwood -	1819:		Bowyer -	—	
	Telfer -	—		Gascoyne -	April - 2d.	40	Vernon -	—	
	Roberts -	April - 5th.		Kemp -	— 5th.		Buck -	April - 13th.	
10	Gilbert -	—		Wilberforce -	— 6th.		Head -	—	
	Atkins -	—	5	Wharton -	— 15th.		Bishop -	—	
	Baker -	—		Knox -	—		Dormer -	—	
	Hunt -	—		Foley -	May - 1st.	45	Ridgway -	April - 14th.	
	Nibbs -	—						Asgill -	—
15	Carr -	—	8	Hood -	1821:		Baker -	—	
	Ash -	April - 8th.						Wheatley -	—
	Williams -	— 10th.						Juxton -	—
	Bott -	— 13th.		CARLOS:			50	Lawson -	April - 15th.
	Davis -	—						Doyle -	—
20	Gray -	April - 14th.	1	Baker -	1819:		Touchwood -	April - 16th.	
	Douglas -	— 15th.		Davie -	April - 1st.		Burton -	— 17th.	
	Kentish -	— 16th.		Dalling -	—		Cotton -	— 19th.	
	Buchanan -	— 19th.	5	Sinclair -	—	55	Peshall -	—	
	Turner -	— 21st.		Child -	—		Aubrey -	April - 20th.	
25	Doig -	— 23d.		Cook -	—		Brown -	—	
	Burn -	—		Gibbs -	—		Duke -	—	
	Carr -	April - 28th.		Herschel -	April - 2d.	60	Blake -	—	
	Wilkinson -	— 29th.		Dewar -	—		Booth -	—	
	Lee -	May - 3d.	10	Lloyd -	—		Boyd -	April - 30th.	
30	Grenion -	—		Burrard -	—		Dornton -	—	
	Higgins -	—		Cruso -	—		Vincent -	May - 5th.	
	Shand -	May - 10th.		Thomas -	—		Burrell -	— 8th.	
	Musgrove -	— 11th.		Carr -	—	65	Damer -	—	
	Barnard -	—	15	Rigg -	—		Dorimont -	—	
35	M'Craith -	—		Gay -	April - 3d.		Bacon -	May - 10th.	
	Carr -	July - 11th.		Shore -	—		Copley -	— 11th.	
	Smith -	— 13th.		Clifton -	—		Roach -	—	
	Reed -	— 18th.		Dudley -	April - 5th.	70	Doyley -	—	
	Quinn -	—	20	Gibbons -	—		Darnley -	—	
40	Foote -	Sept. - 2d.		Norton -	—		Lemon -	—	
	Bauman -	— 8th.		Despard -	—		Roy -	—	
	Cranstoun -	Oct. - 20th.		Dallas -	—		Burgess -	May - 19th.	
	Cooper -	— 20th.		Croft -	—	75	Romford -	—	
	Bunn -	—	25	Ashford -	—		Briggs -	May - 8th.	
45	Shaw -	Nov. - 12th.		Dorking -	April - 6th.		Buller -	— 10th.	
	1820:			Irving -	—		Acland -	June - 5th.	
	Crichton -	April - 15th.		Beevor -	—		Bishop -	— 15th.	
	Mackay -	May - 11th.	30	Blunt -	—	80	Bromley -	July - 18th.	
	Blaney -	Sept. - 22d.		Woolsley -	April - 7th.	81	Blair -	Sept. - 22d.	
				Acton -	— 10th.		Bastard -	Nov. - 15th.	

San Josey Anemas - - - - 52  
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## 10 REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONERS,

## Voucher, N° 4.

Antigua, Port of St. John.

THE particulars of Account rendered for Clothing and Maintenance of Africans, as per Account marked N° 2, amounting to 215 *l.* 16*s.* 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  *d.*

1819:			£.	s.	d.
Feb.	1.	To police for apprehending two Africans - - - -	-	13	6
March	20.	To clothing for three Africans - - - -	2	7	3
April	26.	To - d° - for six - d° - - - -	4	10	-
	30.	To police fees for taking up Africans and lodging in jail	3	14	-
May	21.	To - d° - d° - d° - - - -	-	9	-
	29.	To house-rent one month - - - -	1	14	-
June	15.	To police fees for Africans taken up and lodged in jail	-	6	-
	18.	To clothes for two Africans - - - -	2	1	6
	29.	To police fees for Africans taken up and lodged in jail	2	18	-
July	9.	To clothes and blankets for sick house - - - -	3	-	-
	10.	To police fees for Africans taken up - - - -	-	9	-
	29.	To house-rent two months - - - -	3	8	-
August	29.	To house-rent one month - - - -	1	14	-
	-	To clothes for two Africans - - - -	2	3	6
Sept.	29.	To house-rent - - - -	1	14	-
Oct.	5.	To jail fees for Africans taken up - - - -	2	9	-
	12.	To - d° - - d° - - - -	-	9	-
Nov.	29.	To house-rent two months - - - -	3	8	-
Dec.	14.	To jail fees for Africans taken up - - - -	4	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	31.	To 375 days allowance for 12 Africans, at 9 <i>d.</i> per day each, from 10 January 1819, to this date - - - -	168	15	-
		To arrow-root, wine and candles for sick house - - - -	5	3	6
		To clothes for an African boy - - - -	-	8	3
			£.	215	16 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Custom-House, St. John's, }  
Antigua, 26 April 1822. }

(signed)

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Act<sup>s</sup> Coll<sup>r</sup>.

## On Account of Africans, N° 2.

1819:			£.	s.	d.
Jan.	19.	Provisions for the Africans - - - -	2	-	6
	22.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	-	18	-
	25.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	2	-	6
	28.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	1	16	-
	29.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	-	10	-
	30.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	-	6	-
Feb.	1.	Police for apprehending some Africans - - - -	-	13	6
	2.	Provisions for - - - - D° - - - -	-	10	-
	3.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	-	9	-
	4.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	1	7	-
	5.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	1	13	9
	8.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	1	8	-
	15.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	1	4	9
	17.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	1	18	-
	18.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	-	18	-
	20.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	1	7	-
	22.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	-	9	-
	25.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	2	5	-
March	1.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	2	16	3
	5.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	-	18	-
	7.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	1	16	6
	9.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	1	1	-
	10.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	1	16	-
	11.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	-	15	-
	12.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	-	9	-
	16.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	-	9	-
	19.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	1	18	6
	20.	Clothing for three Africans - - - -	2	7	3
	21.	Provisions for the Africans - - - -	1	-	3
	22.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	2	14	-
	26.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	-	9	-
	27.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	-	18	-
	29.	- D° - - - - D° - - - -	2	5	-

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1819:	On Account of Africans, N <sup>o</sup> 2— <i>continued</i> .	£.	s.	d.
April 3.	Provisions for the Africans	1	16	—
6.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - -	1	16	—
10.	Clothing for - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - -	1	7	—
11.	Provisions for - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - -	—	18	—
13.	- - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	2	5	—
17.	- - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	—	2	—
19.	- - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	2	16	3
26.	Clothing for - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - -	4	10	—
27.	Provisions for - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - -	2	18	6
29.	- - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	—	11	3
30.	Mr Burn the police officer	3	14	—
May 3.	Provisions for the Africans	1	18	3
5.	- - - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	—	16	—
6.	- - - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	11	5	—
10.	- - - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	16	—
13.	- - - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	2	18	6
17.	- - - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	18	3
20.	- - - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	—	15	—
21.	Mr. Burn the police officer	—	9	—
24.	Provisions for the Africans	1	8	—
29.	House-rent	1	14	—
30.	Provisions	—	18	—
31.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	2	5	—
June 6.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	—	18	—
7.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	7	—
9.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	—	9	—
14.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	2	5	—
15.	Mr. Roach the police officer	—	6	—
17.	- - - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	—	6	—
18.	Clothing for the Africans	2	1	6
21.	Provisions - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	13	9
23.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	16	—
29.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	2	5	—
-	Paid Mr. Roach the police officer	—	18	—
July 5.	Provisions for the Africans	1	11	6
9.	Clothing for - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	3	—	—
10.	Police officer - - - - - - - - - -	—	9	—
12.	Provisions - - - - - - - - - -	1	11	—
13.	House-rent - - - - - - - - - -	2	14	—
17.	Clothing for Africans	9	9	9
19.	Provisions - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	13	—
23.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	—	15	—
26.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	11	6
August 2.	Corn meals, two bushels	6	6	—
4.	Provisions - - - - - - - - - -	—	18	—
9.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	11	6
13.	House-rent - - - - - - - - - -	1	14	—
14.	Provisions - - - - - - - - - -	—	10	—
16.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	13	9
23.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	16	3
28.	Clothing for three Africans	2	3	6
Sept. 1.	Provisions - - - - - - - - - -	1	16	—
6.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	11	—
11.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	7	4	—
12.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	2	5	—
13.	House-rent - - - - - - - - - -	1	14	—
21.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	—	18	—
23.	Provisions - - - - - - - - - -	1	11	6
27.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	11	6
October 4.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	11	6
5.	Mr. Burn's, for fees - - - - - - - - - -	2	5	—
11.	Provisions - - - - - - - - - -	2	2	—
12.	Mr. Roach the police officer	—	9	—
17.	Provisions - - - - - - - - - -	2	2	—
20.	House-rent - - - - - - - - - -	1	14	—
22.	Corn meal, one bushel - - - - - - - - - -	3	7	6
25.	Provisions - - - - - - - - - -	2	13	—
26.	Clothing for six Africans	6	13	6
Nov. 1.	Provisions - - - - - - - - - -	1	8	—
8.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	1	18	—
12.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	—	6	6
14.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	2	2	3

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1819:	On Account of Africans, N <sup>o</sup> 2— <i>continued</i> .	£.	s.	d.
15.	House-rent - - - - -	1	14	-
22.	Provisions - - - - -	1	18	3
29.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	2	2	-
Dec. 4.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	-	9	-
7.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	1	18	3
9.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	4	16	6
13.	- D <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	2	-	6
14.	R. L. Manton, esq. jail fees - - - - -	4	1	10½
17.	House-rent - - - - -	1	14	-
18.	Provisions - - - - -	-	4	-
Currency - - - - -		£.	215	16 4½

Paid by W<sup>m</sup> Scholes.

N<sup>o</sup> 2.—I do hereby certify that the above account was paid by me out of the funds in office, by order of the collector.

(signed)      W<sup>m</sup> Scholes.

N<sup>o</sup> 3.—EXPENSES attending the Sick, Lame and Blind Africans.

1819:		£.	s.	d.
Dec. 20.	To provisions - - - - -	1	16	-
24.	To nurse Venus, for the attendance and care of Africans } twelve weeks, at one dollar per week - - - - - }	5	8	-
26.	To provisions - - - - -	1	16	-
1820:				
January 4.	To clothing - - - - -	7	4	-
-	To provisions - - - - -	1	16	-
10.	To - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	1	7	-
14.	To house rent - - - - -	2	14	-
17.	To provisions - - - - -	4	5	6
20.	To - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	1	11	6
24.	To - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	2	5	-
31.	To - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	2	5	-
February 4.	To Ann Todd, (midwife) - - - - -	3	12	-
5.	To provisions - - - - -	2	14	-
14.	To - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	3	13	-
15.	To house-rent - - - - -	2	14	-
21.	To provisions - - - - -	3	3	8
29.	To - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	2	17	-
March 1.	To funeral of Abby - - - - -	5	13	-
4.	To provisions - - - - -	1	17	-
15.	To - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	2	2	-
16.	To house-rent - - - - -	2	14	-
20.	To provisions - - - - -	2	5	-
25.	To Venus, for attendance and care of Africans twelve weeks	5	8	-
28.	To provisions - - - - -	3	4	-
April 5.	To - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	2	5	-
13.	To - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	2	5	-
20.	To house-rent - - - - -	2	14	-
-	To provisions - - - - -	2	5	-
26.	To - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	2	5	-
May 2.	To - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	2	5	-
-	To two suits of clothes - - - - -	1	11	6
8.	To a barrel of rye flour - - - - -	3	3	-
-	To provisions - - - - -	2	5	-
Currency - - - - -		£.	95	3 2
Dr. Oldum's bill - - - - -			32	2 -
		£.	127	5 2

Custom-House, St. John's, }  
Antigua, May 10th, 1820. }

W<sup>m</sup> Simpson,  
Geo. Wyke, Collector.

N<sup>o</sup> 3.—I do hereby certify that the above account was paid by me out of the funds in office, by order of the collector.

W<sup>m</sup> Simpson, Collector's Clerk.

## RELATIVE TO CAPTURED AFRICANS.

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## Voucher, N° 5.

Antigua, Port of St. John.

THE Particulars of the Account rendered for the Maintenance, Clothing, &c. of Africans at this Port, as per Account marked N° 3; amounting to £. 95. 3s.

1820:		£.	s.	d.
Jan. 4.	To clothing for five Africans in sick house	7	4	-
28.	To one month's house-rent	2	14	-
Feb. 4.	To Ann Todd, midwife, for delivering an African	3	12	-
28.	To one month's house-rent	2	14	-
March 28.	To - d° - d°	2	14	-
	To funeral, Abby, an African	5	13	-
April 28.	To house-rent one month	2	14	-
May 5.	To clothes for one African	1	11	6
	To 126 days allowance for 12 Africans, at 9d. per day each, from January 1st to May 6th inst.	56	14	-
	To nurse Venus, for 12 weeks attendance of sick Africans	5	8	-
	To wine, arrowroot and candles, for the sick house	4	4	6
		£.	95	3 -

Custom-House, St. John's,  
Antigua, 26th April 1822.

(signed)

B. Parkhurst,  
Act<sup>s</sup> Col<sup>r</sup>.

## Voucher, N° 6.

Particulars of Dr. Oldum's Bill, amounting to £. 32. 2s.

1819.	George Wyke Esq. Collector of H. M. Customs, Antigua, To William Eyre Oldum, D <sup>r</sup> .	£.	s.	d.
July 13.	Attendance and manual assistance to Jenny in labour, &c.	3	6	-
	Quart cathartic mixture for - - - D°	1	7	-
14.	Visit to Jenny at Main Top	-	18	-
	Mercurial cathartic for - - - D°	-	6	-
	Large blister for the belly of - - - D°	-	13	6
	Quart antispasmodic mixture	1	16	-
15.	Visit, &c. to Jenny	-	18	-
	Quart febrifuge mixture	1	7	-
	12 fever powders	1	4	-
16.	Visit, &c.	-	18	-
	Blister for the neck	-	12	-
	Quart antispasmodic fever mixture	1	16	-
	Visit, &c. at night	1	16	-
	12 fever powders	1	4	-
17.	Visit, &c.	-	18	-
	12 doses bark	1	4	-
18.	Visit, &c.	-	18	-
19.	- - D°	-	18	-
	12 doses bark	1	4	-
	Blister for the stomach	-	12	-
20.	Visit, &c.	-	18	-
	Paid Mr. Gilbert for necessaries for Jenny	-	13	6
	- - D° - - to Jenny for sustenance	-	9	-
	- - D° - - - bottle wine	-	9	-
	- - D° - - - funeral expenses	1	16	-
	- - D° - - - for coffin, &c. as per account	4	1	-
		£.	32	2 -

We, the undersigned medical practitioners, do hereby certify that the above medical account is just and reasonable.

J<sup>r</sup> Crawford.  
J. B. Douglass.

Received the above from Collector Wyke,  
J. Douglass.

(Duplicate.)—Original sent home with the accounts for African apprentices.  
G. W.

(found in the office)

B. Parkhurst, Act<sup>s</sup> Col<sup>r</sup>.

26 April 1822.

## 14 REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONERS,

(N<sup>o</sup> 4.)—George Wyke, Esq. Collector H. M. Customs;To William West, M. D. D<sup>r</sup>.

1819:			£.	s.	d.
Jan.	23.	To a purge for Grace, an African apprentice	-	7	-
	-	- 12 doses emmenagogue powders, d <sup>o</sup>	1	10	-
	27.	To six sudorific powders - - - d <sup>o</sup>	-	15	-
	29.	To a dose of rhubarb - - - d <sup>o</sup>	-	7	-
	30.	To 12 doses of asafætida pills - d <sup>o</sup>	1	10	-
Feb.	4.	To ̄viii collyrium astringent (Louisa)	-	18	-
	-	- 12 doses alterative pills - D <sup>o</sup>	1	10	-
	6.	To dressings for George's leg	-	18	-
	10.	To a course of antivenereal medicines (Betty)	7	4	-
	-	- ̄xiv decoction bark (Grace)	1	15	-
	13.	To a purge for Sylvia	-	7	-
	-	- six powders for Sylvia's child	-	15	-
	21.	To 24 doses bark, for George	3	-	-
	-	- ̄xiv decoction repeated, Grace	1	15	-
	27.	To ̄viii collyrium for Sarah	-	18	-
March	2.	To 12 doses bark for George	1	10	-
	3.	To six powders for Sylvia's children	-	15	-
	-	- 12 doses bark for George	1	10	-
	7.	To four powders for Sylvia's children	-	10	-
	17.	To 14 doses bark for George	1	15	-
	18.	To a dose of salts	-	7	-
	26.	To 14 doses bark for George	1	15	-
	-	- 12 d <sup>o</sup> alterative pills for Grace	1	10	-
	30.	To a course antivenereal medicines (Patience)	7	4	-
	31.	To 12 doses bark for George	1	10	-
April	8.	To 12 doses d <sup>o</sup> for D <sup>o</sup>	1	10	-
	-	- ̄xxxii astringent lotion, D <sup>o</sup>	-	18	-
	-	- 12 doses of tonic powders for Rose	1	10	-
	-	- two blisters for - - - D <sup>o</sup>	-	9	-
	-	- ̄xxxiv gargle for Patience	-	18	-
	12.	To a course of antivenereal medicines for Jenny	7	4	-
	-	- ̄vi emetic solution for Susan	-	15	-
	-	- 12 doses resalient? powders, D <sup>o</sup>	1	10	-
	16.	To - d <sup>o</sup> - - d <sup>o</sup> - - D <sup>o</sup>	1	10	-
	-	- 12 doses bark for George	1	10	-
	20.	To blue stone for Bruchey	-	4	6
	21.	- 12 doses bark for George	1	10	-
	23.	To 12 powders repeated, for Susan	1	10	-
	-	- 10 doses anodyne mixture for Grace	1	5	-
	27.	To sweat for Susan	-	7	-
	-	- 12 doses columbo for Rose	1	10	-
	28.	To dressings and lint for Bruchey's foot	1	7	-
	-	- ̄vi cordial mixture for Rose	-	15	-
	-	- præcipitati ointment and lint for George	1	2	6
	-	- 12 powders repeated, for Susan	1	10	-
	29.	To a dose of salts for Bruchey	-	4	6
	30.	- extracting a tooth for Garron	-	18	-
	-	- 12 doses bark for George	1	10	-
	-	- lbij caustic solution	-	18	-
May	1.	To ̄ij cordial mixture (Sarah)	-	12	-
	-	- ̄vi emetic solution (Susan)	-	15	-
	2.	To emetic for Grace	-	7	-
	5.	To 12 doses bark (George)	1	10	-
	-	- a dose salts (Grace)	-	4	6
	6.	To ̄xxxii mercurial solution	1	10	-
	10.	- a purge for Sammy	-	7	-
	12.	To 12 doses bark for George	1	10	-
	-	- a strong purge for Sammy	-	7	-
	17.	To a febrifuge draught for Nancy	-	7	-
	-	- ̄vi mixture for Nancy's child	-	15	-
	-	- a dose rhubarb for Mary	-	7	-
	20.	To 12 doses bark for George	1	10	-
	-	- dressings and lint for D <sup>o</sup>	1	7	-
	-	- - d <sup>o</sup> - d <sup>o</sup> - for Jenny Hamilton	1	7	-
	-	- a purge for - - - D <sup>o</sup>	-	7	-
	21.	To a d <sup>o</sup> for Jenny	-	7	-
	-	- dressings for Bruchey	-	9	-
	22.	To six worm powders for Susan's children	-	15	-
	-	- a purge for Jenny	-	7	-

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1819:		(N° 4).— <i>continued.</i>	f.	s.	d.
	25.	To three sweats for Jenny Hamilton - - - -	1	1	-
	-	- 12 doses mercurial pills (Patience) - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- purge for Mary, 7 s.—29th, d Sarah, 7 s. - - - -	-	14	-
	30.	To 12 doses bark for George - - - -	1	10	-
June	1.	To 12 doses absorbent powders (Sarah) - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- ʒxxiv mercurial solution - - - -	1	7	-
	2.	To a purge for Henry - - - -	-	7	-
	-	- a blister (Sarah) - - - -	-	9	-
	-	- dressings (George) - - - -	-	18	-
	4.	- ʒij flor sulphur (Patience) - - - -	-	14	-
	9.	To a sweat for Rose - - - -	-	7	-
	-	- 12 doses asafoetida pills for D° - - - -	1	10	-
	10.	To 12 doses Tr. digitalis for Sarah - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- 12 d° bark for George - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- bleeding Sarah - - - -	-	18	-
	16.	To 12 doses bark for George - - - -	1	10	-
	19.	To an emetic for Mary - - - -	-	7	-
	-	- dressings for George - - - -	-	18	-
	24.	To 12 doses bark D° - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- purge, Mary, 7 s.—25th, d° Jack Hall, 7 s. - - - -	-	14	-
	28.	To purge, Patience, 7 s. sarsaparilla D°, 30 s. - - - -	1	17	-
July	2.	To 12 doses bark for George - - - -	1	10	-
	10.	To three purges for Mary - - - -	1	1	-
	-	- 12 doses bark for George - - - -	1	10	-
	13.	To a purge for Sylvia 7 s.; a bottle lotions D° 18 s. - - - -	1	5	-
	18.	To - d° - D° - 7 s. - d° - - - D° 18 s. - - - -	1	5	-
	20.	To 12 doses bark for George - - - -	1	10	-
	25.	To 12 doses d° - - D° - - - -	1	10	-
Aug.	1.	To ʒvi mixture for Sylvia's children - - - -	-	15	-
	-	- 12 doses bark for George - - - -	1	10	-
	11.	To 12 doses d° - D° - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- dressings for Jenny - - - -	-	13	6
	16.	To 12 doses bark for George - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- dressings for - - D° - - - -	-	18	-
	17.	To 12 doses lax. mixture (Eliza) - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- six powders, Eliza's child - - - -	-	15	-
	20.	To ʒvi flor sulphur (Abbey) - - - -	-	15	-
	-	- itch ointment - D° - - - -	1	7	-
	21.	To ʒxii asafoetida mixture (Mary) - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- two blisters - - - - D° - - - -	-	9	-
	22.	To a purge - - - - D° - - - -	-	7	-
	24.	To ʒxii lax. solution (Eliza) - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- two blisters - - D° - - - -	-	9	-
	25.	To two sudor. pills - D° - - - -	-	14	-
	26.	To sulphur (Abbey) - - - -	-	12	-
	-	- 12 doses bark (George) - - - -	1	10	-
	28.	To ʒviii collyrium (Abbey) - - - -	-	13	6
	30.	To a dose rhubarb (Susanna) - - - -	-	7	-
Sept.	1.	To dressings for George - - - -	-	18	-
	-	- a sweat for Susanna - - - -	-	7	-
	-	- 12 doses pills for Patience - - - -	1	10	-
	3.	To 12 doses bark for George - - - -	1	10	-
	6.	To a sweat 7 s.—7th, a purge for Jenny, 7 s. - - - -	-	14	-
	8.	To pulv. scillæ. dos. ix for Wright - - - -	1	2	6
	17.	To two blisters and a purge for Sarah - - - -	-	16	-
	20.	To purge (Robert) 7 s.; 12 doses bark, George, 30 s. - - - -	1	17	-
	-	- ʒviii collyrium for (Abbey) - - - -	1	-	-
	25.	To a course antivenereal medicines (Ann) - - - -	7	4	-
Oct.	31.	To dressings for George, 18 s.; d° for Bruchey 18 s. - - - -	1	16	-
Nov.	15.	To 12 doses Tr. digitalis (Abbey) - - - -	1	10	-
	22.	To blister and 12 doses pills for Rose - - - -	1	19	-
Dec.	9.	To 12 doses expectorating powders D° - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- ʒxii mercurial solution (Patience) - - - -	1	10	-
	13.	To 12 doses steel mixture (Abbey) - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- ʒxii asafoet. mixture (Grace) - - - -	1	10	-
	-	- Pij magnesia for Molly's child - - - -	-	7	-
			£.	168	18 6

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above charges for medicines, &c. are moderate and customary.

Ja<sup>s</sup> C. Weston, M. D.  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Coull, M. D.



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I do hereby certify that the number of African apprentices who have been in the hospital, and supported at the expense of George Wyke, Esq, collector of His Majesty's customs, have averaged at least twelve, from January 1819 to January 1820.

St. John's, Antigua, }  
April 27th, 1820. }

W. West, M. D.

## ANTIGUA.

Before William Lee, Esq. one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of said Island;—

Personally appeared Rebecca Jane Lowen, formerly Rebecca Jane Steward, who being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposeseth and saith, that she was not able to pay a charges and funeral expenses, &c. &c. of one of the African apprentices named Jenny, who died in the year 1819.

her  
Rebecca ~~Lowen~~.  
mark.

Sworn to before me, this 19th day of May 1820.

W. Lee.

Memorial, in consequence of Mrs. Lowen's not being able to pay for doctor's attendance and funeral of Jane the African apprentice; the same was paid by me.

George Wyke.

(N<sup>o</sup> 5.)—George Wyke, Esq. Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the Port of St. John, D<sup>r</sup>.

		£.	s.	d.		
1819:						
Oct.	13.	To fee for commitment of Sarah, one of the African apprentices	—	3	—	
Nov.	3–10.	To d <sup>o</sup> of Tom - 3/ - - 8 days subsistence, at 1/ - 8/	—	11	—	
	11–12.	To d <sup>o</sup> of Sarah - 3/ - - 2 d <sup>o</sup> - - d <sup>o</sup> - - - 2/	—	5	—	
	24.	To d <sup>o</sup> of Zanny - 3/ - - 30th d <sup>o</sup> Henry - - - - 3/	—	6	—	
Dec.	12–16.	To d <sup>o</sup> of Nancy - 3/ - - 5 days - - d <sup>o</sup> - - - 5/	—	8	—	
1820:						
Jan.	9–16.	To d <sup>o</sup> of Mary - 3/ - - 8 d <sup>o</sup> - - d <sup>o</sup> - - - 8/	—	11	—	
	13–16.	To d <sup>o</sup> of Abbey - 3/ - - 4 d <sup>o</sup> - - d <sup>o</sup> - - - 4/	—	7	—	
	21–22.	To d <sup>o</sup> of Preechy 3/ - - 2 d <sup>o</sup> - - d <sup>o</sup> - - - 2/	—	5	—	
May	19–21.	To d <sup>o</sup> of Nelly - 3/ - - 3 d <sup>o</sup> - - d <sup>o</sup> - - - 3/	—	6	—	
	30.	To d <sup>o</sup> of George - 3/ - - 3 d <sup>o</sup> - - d <sup>o</sup> - - - 3/	—	6	—	
June	1.	To d <sup>o</sup> of Caroline 3/ - - 3 d <sup>o</sup> - - d <sup>o</sup> 3/ (om <sup>d</sup> Jan. 6–8.)	—	6	—	
			£.	3	14	—

The whole of the above being African apprentices.

Received in full,

James A. Byrne,  
Officer of Police.

(No. 6.)—George Wyke, Esq. to Robert Mason, D<sup>r</sup>.

		£.	s.	d.		
1810.	August 9.	To one barrel corn meal (cash price) - - - -	3	3	—	
	Sept. 14.	- one d <sup>o</sup> - - d <sup>o</sup> - - - - - - - - - -	4	1	—	
		(Use of the Africans.)	£.	7	4	—

Received payment,

June 15th, 1820.

Robert Mason,

£. 380 l. 14 s. Sterling.

St. John's, Antigua, January 1st, 1820.

RECEIVED from George Wyke, Esq. collector of His Majesty's customs, the sum of seven hundred and sixty one pounds eight shillings, currency; or three hundred and eighty pounds fourteen shillings sterling; being the amount of my bill for drawing out indentures for 141 African negroes, at 12 dollars for each indenture; the same being certified by three professional gentlemen of this island, as a reasonable and moderate charge.

Henry Hill.

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£.387. Sterling.

St. John's, Antigua, January 1st, 1820.

RECEIVED from George Wyke, Esq. collector of His Majesty's customs, the sum of seven hundred and seventy-four pounds, currency; or three hundred and eighty-seven pounds, sterling; being the amount of my bill for vaccinating 215 African apprentices, at 1*l.* 16*s.* sterling, per head, as certified by two medical gentlemen of this town, being reasonable and customary for similar services.

W. West, M. D.

(Duplicate.)

£. 50. Currency.

£. 25. Sterling.

St. John's, Antigua, 1st January 1820.

RECEIVED from George Wyke, Esq. collector of His Majesty's customs for the port of St. John, the sum of fifty pounds currency, or twenty-five pounds sterling; being the amount of my account for making out an account of Africans that have died previous to, and after they were apprenticed out, &c. with a duplicate of the same, to be transmitted to Earl Bathurst, as certified to be fair and reasonable by three merchants.

John M<sup>c</sup>Intosh.

## — N° 2. —

A joint LETTER from the Commissioners, containing a REPORT on the POLICY of condemning Runaway Slaves from the *French* Islands, in the court of Vice Admiralty at *Dominica*; with a Law Opinion;—dated Tortola, 31st May 1822.

Tortola, 31st May 1822.

SIR,

WE have had the honour to receive your letter of the 6th April, covering a letter from Mr. Bridgwater to Earl Bathurst, dated *Dominica*, 5th January 1822, inclosing the annual returns of negroes, in charge of the collector in that island.

You are pleased to direct us fully to consider and report upon the circumstances, under which certain Africans, described in Mr. Bridgwater's letter to Earl Bathurst, have been placed under his charge, and the manner in which they have been employed.

The description of Africans referred to are fugitive African slaves, who escaped from the French islands, were seized at *Dominica*, and condemned to the Crown; after which they were allowed to earn their own livelihood, without being apprenticed out, as appears by the statement of the collector.

Taking up the consideration of this measure with reference to its policy, we have the honour to report as follows:

Formerly, it appears to have been generally a part of the intercolonial policy of the governors of West India islands, belonging to European powers in amity with each other, to give up, on proper application, all fugitive slaves found in their respective governments.

This regulation, however, appears to have been one of expediency only, in countries where slaves are considered property; as we are not aware of such regulation ever forming part of a national treaty between parent states.

Each governor was therefore free to act under the expediency of the measure, and we confine ourselves to this view of the subject.

If the fugitive French slaves are received in a British colony, where by a process of law they are declared free, it is obvious, whatever benefit may arise to the individual slave, that a certain portion of capital is taken from individuals under the government of France without their consent; and that an injury is done, so far as the French government and proprietors are concerned.

In the present state of our amicable relations with France, and the peculiar circumstances under which the fugitive African slaves were received by us, it is possible an explanation could be given so as to remove the idea of their existing a *malus animus* on our side. But if we should fail in removing such an idea, or the present amicable state of our political relations be affected, from any cause, it seems probable

bable that the French government, with a view of showing the practical ill-consequences of the measure, may adopt some method to injure our planters, by receiving, or even seducing our slaves to desert from our colonies to theirs.

It is not necessary to say more to show the bad policy of the measure, as affects our relations with foreign colonies, whose parent states are in amity with Great Britain.

As it affects our domestic policy, and the interior tranquillity of the colony, where slavery exists sanctioned by laws, the policy of the measure seems equally injurious.

For a slave, in any of the British colonies, may comprehend the reason why the immunities and privileges of freedom should be granted to a slave who has been freed by the good will of his master, or by His Majesty, for faithful services; as a soldier, or even for the breach of an interdicted trade in slaves; but his seeing a recently imported African, enjoying the same privileges of freedom, from having absconded from his master in a French island, during peace, will certainly have a dangerous effect on the minds of the best disposed slaves, who cannot be expected to reason accurately upon the principles on which these fugitive Africans were freed.

The other object on which we are directed to report is, the manner in which these fugitive Africans have been employed; but as your letters only reached us in Tortola, we shall take up the consideration of that question on our return to Dominica.

We have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient humble servants,

(signed)

*Thomas Moody.*  
*John Dougan.*

R. J. Wilmot, Esq. M. P.  
Under Secretary of State for War and Colonies,  
&c. &c. &c.

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EXTRACT of a Case laid before the King's Advocate, and Attorney and Solicitor General, as to proceeding against fugitive Slaves, and Copy of their opinion.

FIVE slaves (fugitives from the French colonies of Martinique and Mari-gallante) have been lately proceeded against in Dominica, under the 47 Geo. 3, sec. 1. cap. 36; and being claimed by two French subjects, a decree of restitution passed, on the ground that they were not imported or brought into Dominica. Some of these slaves had the appearance of having been recently imported from Africa, and evidence was given as to that; but on the contrary, evidence was also tendered and received, that all the five had been imported before the year 1818. The law of the case appearing so doubtful, the commissioners of His Majesty's customs have directed, that the opinion of the King's advocate, and attorney and solicitor-general, should be taken on the following points.

1st. Whether slaves, fugitives from foreign colonies, can be proceeded against under statute 47 Geo. 3, cap. 36, if they should be found in any of the British colonies or plantations, if they have been imported or brought into such foreign colonies after the abolition of the Slave Trade in those colonies?

2d. Whether they can be so proceeded against, if they should have been imported into such foreign colonies prior to the abolition of the Slave Trade in such colonies?

3dly. Whether, in either case, a decree of restitution could be carried into effect, notwithstanding the statute 46 Geo. 3, above recited?

4thly. Whether, in either case, the judge would not be justified in refusing to admit a claim from any person residing in a foreign colony?

You will be pleased to advise accordingly.

Doctor's Commons,  
2d August 1822.

1st. and 2d. We are of opinion, that fugitive slaves from foreign colonies do not, in any case, come within the provisions of the statute 47 Geo. 3, cap. 36; and cannot, therefore, be proceeded against under that statute.

3d. and 4th. We are of opinion, that fugitive slaves from foreign colonies cannot be removed from the colony or settlement to which they have come, it being contrary to the 46 Geo. 3, cap. 52, sec. 1; and the 51 Geo. 3, cap. 23, sec. 1; the latter of which is not referred to in the case stated, but is even more extensive in its provisions than the former statute.

(signed)

*Ch<sup>r</sup> Robinson.*  
*R. Gifford.*  
*I. S. Copley.*

## — N° 3. —

A joint REPORT in a Letter from the Commissioners, with Enclosures; relative to the Sale of an *African* Apprentice in the *Danish* Island of *St. Thomas*, &c.;—dated Tortola, 29th May 1822.

Tortola, 29th May 1822.

SIR,

WE have the honour to transmit for the information of Earl Bathurst, the copy of a letter with its enclosures, which we wrote a few days ago to his Excellency Colonel Maxwell, governor of these islands, relative to African apprentices, or those who had been such, when confined in the fort or gaol of the Danish island of Saint Thomas.

We have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient humble servants,

(signed)

*Thomas Moody,*  
*John Dougan.*

R. J. Wilmot, Esq. M. P.

Under Secretary of State for War and Colonies.  
&c. &c. &c.

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Tortola, May 27th, 1822.

SIR,

WE have the honour to inform your Excellency, that soon after our arrival here we were informed an African apprentice, named Jem, was confined in the Danish fort at St. Thomas, and that by the laws of that colony it was probable he would be sold as a slave. Governor Van Scholten, in his letter to President Porter, dated 6 December 1821, which we enclose, states; "that no strange man of colour, by the laws of Denmark, is allowed to reside at St. Thomas's, or be considered free, unless he obtain a free brief from the government, or otherwise permission to remain there, in order to prevent the colonies from being infested with bad subjects from other countries."

Under those circumstances, with a view to save time and expense, on the 11th instant, we submitted the case to the consideration of President Porter; and, in conformity with our instructions, requested him to take such measures as he might think most proper to restore the individual to his liberty.

We have the honour to enclose the answer of President Porter, who lost no time in communicating with his excellency Governor Van Scholten.

We have also the honour to enclose another letter from President Porter, conveying information as to the individual, Jem; but we apprehend his honour has not as yet had any official communication from the Danish governor.

It is also necessary farther to state to you, that we find the individual, Jem, has served his apprenticeship, and has been his own master for a year or two.

Under those circumstances, we feel it our duty to avail ourselves of your Excellency's obliging assurances, of your wish to give the commission all the aid in your power, for the better accomplishment of those services expected from it.

It appears, by our commission, that the protecting authority of the collectors over the said apprentices does not extend beyond the terms of apprenticeship; we therefore respectfully submit to your Excellency, whether this be not a case wherein you may judge it proper to enter into such correspondence with the Danish governor, and His Majesty's minister for war and colonies, as you may think most likely to restore the individual to liberty, if he should not have forfeited his claim thereto by some crime. It would be also desirable, at the same time, to establish some regulation for the future, so that the local government should be early apprised of the apprehension and detention of apprentices in the Danish colonies, that the expenses might be lessened by speedy liberation of the individuals.

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We have been sitting for a week, during which period we have met with no difficulties to impede the progress of our inquiries.

We have the honour to be, Sir, your Excellency's most obedient humble servants,  
(signed) *Thomas Moody.*  
*John Dougan.*

His Excellency Col. Maxwell, C. B.  
Governor of St. Kitts,  
&c. &c. &c.

A true Copy.

*J. Barrow,*  
Secretary to the Commissioners of Inquiry,  
into the State of captured Africans.

GENTLEMEN,

Tortola, May 14th, 1822.

ON receipt of your joint letter of the 11th instant, I immediately wrote to his honour, the commandant of St. Thomas, requesting him to prevent the sale of the man Jem, the African mentioned in your letter; and if consistent with the law of that island, to send him up to Tortola by the first safe conveyance. On receiving an answer to my letter, I shall do myself the honour to communicate to you its contents.

In conformity to your wish, I now send a copy of the only correspondence which I have held with Commandant Von Scholten on the subject of the African apprentices; from which you will see, that by a timely application, I was so fortunate as to save two of three people from being sold as slaves. The commandant mentions only one, as sent up; two, however, were delivered to me: and I doubt not, but that if the application were made to Commandant Von Scholten, by his excellency Governor Maxwell, the whole of this class of people now in St. Thomas, (which amount to a large proportion of those who were apprenticed in this island) would be most readily delivered up to any one authorized to receive them.

I have the honour to remain, very respectfully, Gentlemen,  
your most obedient humble servant,

Major Moody, and John Dougan, Esq.

*Geo. R. Porter.*

A true Copy.

*J. Barrow,*  
Secretary to the Commissioners of Inquiry,  
into the state of captured Africans.

Copy of a Letter to Lieut. Col. P. C. V. Scholten, Commandant of the  
Island of St. Thomas.

SIR,

Tortola, Nov. 28th, 1821.

YOUR honour is doubtless aware, that some years since a large number of the natives of Africa were condemned to His Majesty in the Vice Admiralty Court of this Island, under what is termed the Abolition Act. Those who were not selected for the service of the army or navy were, in conformity with that Act, apprenticed for a term of years to individuals in this island.

Many persons, to whom these people were apprenticed, either ignorant of the obligation by which they were bound, or supposing no notice would be taken of the breach of their covenant in direct violation of the Act of Parliament, have sent or permitted these apprentices to go to your island, and remain there; and many of these negroes so apprenticed have ran away, and are at present in St. Thomas, passing as free persons, who are entirely at their own disposal.

Among these, I have just now been informed that one called Jem, who was an indented servant to the late Mr. James Robertson of this island, deceased, was lately put into the fort in your island, (on what ground I have not heard) and sold to a person named Wolf, who has since sold him as a slave to some person who carried him in that capacity to Porto Rico. I have further been informed, that another of these Africans, named John, (who was apprenticed to a coloured man in  
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this island, named Jun Wickham, who is dead) is at present in your fort, and will also be sold as the other is stated to have been.

Having received this information, it becomes an imperious duty upon me to acquaint your honour, that these persons by the laws of England, are free; but, although free, they are under the control of His Majesty, to whom they were condemned, and that by our laws they cannot be sold as slaves.

The information which I have received may be true, or it may not; but having received it, I feel compelled to mention the matter to your honour, well convinced that should it be as represented, you will interpose your authority, not only to prevent the sale of the negro John, but so far as in your power, to rescue from slavery the man Jem.

I remain very respectfully, your Honour's most obedient humble servant,

(signed)

*Geo. R. Procter,*

President.

His Honour, P. V. Scholten, Esq.

Commandant of the Islands of St. Thomas and St. John's,  
St. Thomas.

## ANSWER TO THE ABOVE.

SIR,

Government House, St. Thomas, 6th December 1821.

IN compliance with your honour's wish, I have investigated the facts stated in your letter of the 28th ult. and have hereby to inform you that a negro Jem alias James was taken up upon Mr. Villers' estate, on the 13th May this year, as a thief, and consequently put in gaol. He either would or could not give the least information about himself, or how he came to this island, and seemed to be mad.

After having been arrested over the time prescribed in our laws, he was, according to the same, no reclamation of him having been made, advertised in the newspapers for sale, and sold by public vendue for one dollar, to Mr. Aaron Wolff, who afterwards sent him to Porto Rico.

Probably this may have been that negro Jem of whom your honour writes, was free, and an apprentice to Mr. James Robertson, deceased; but as these circumstances were not known here, and even not mentioned by the man himself, he could not be looked upon in any other light than a runaway, slave, who, not claimed by any one, was sold off in order not to remain a burthen to the colony.

Your honour is no doubt informed, that no strange man of colour, by our laws, is permitted to reside here, and considered as free, less he obtain free brief from the government, or otherwise permission to remain here; in order to prevent the colonies from being infested with bad subjects from other countries.

Concerning negro John, I have the honour to enclose a translation of a receipt dated the 4th instant, of which your honour will see that this man is delivered up to Captain B. Smith.

By your honour's letter I further observe, that many of those negroes condemned to his H. B. Majesty shall have found their way to this island; but as these cannot be discerned from runaway slaves, and in order to avoid all difficulties, I should be glad to find that your honour would, if possible, find means to prevent the sending of them to this country, where such people, without means to maintain themselves, become a burthen and nuisance to the community.

I remain, with great respect, your Honour's most obedient humble servant,

(signed)

*P. V. Scholten,*

His Honour, Geo. R. Porter,  
President of the Virgin Islands,  
&c. &c. &c.  
Tortola.

Lieut. Col. Gentleman of H. M.  
bedchamber, Knight of the Royal  
French order du Merite Militaire,  
Madshauptman of St. Thomas, and  
Commandant of the Danish West  
India Islands of St. Thomas and  
St. John.

A true Copy.

*J. Barrow,*

Secretary to the Commissioners of Inquiry into  
the state of captured Africans.

Tortola, May 23d, 1822.

GENTLEMEN,

I BEG leave to inform you that I have received a letter from my friend Mr. Morrison of St. Thomas, who I requested to inquire into the situation of the African, Jem, said to be committed to the fort in St. Thomas, which informs me, that he spoke to the commandant on the subject, who told him, that Jem has been long in the fort, and that the expenses already incurred are about 35. He also mentions, that his honour, the commandant, paid 15 or 16 dollars for the African he was so kind as to send up some time since, in consequence of my application in his favour.

I beg leave to suggest to you, gentlemen, the propriety of requesting the collector of His Majesty's customs to apply for the man Jem, and pay the expenses. Should you consider this as proper, the earlier it be done the better, as the expenses are daily increasing.

I have the honour to be very respectfully, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,  
(signed) *Geo. R. Porter.*

To Major Moody and John Dougan, Esqr.  
&c. &c. &c.

A true Copy.

*J. Barrow,*  
Secretary to the Commissioners of Inquiry into  
the state of captured Africans.

## — N° 4 —

A joint LETTER from the Commissioners, containing a REPORT on the EXPENSES incident to the Condemnation of Slaves seized in *Dominica*, and the Policy of removing them, when liberated, from the Island;—dated Tortola, 3d June 1822.

Tortola, 3d June 1822.

SIR,

WE have the honour to report to you the result of our inquiry into the subjects referred to us by your letter, dated 11th February 1822, respecting the expense attending the prosecution of negroes, and other matters contained in an extract of a letter from S. Bridgwater, esq. collector of the customs at *Dominica*, to Earl Bathurst, dated 14th February 1821.

We should have transmitted our report sooner, but we deemed it desirable to compare the expenses incurred at *Dominica* with those at the principal courts of Vice Admiralty in the Windward and Leeward Islands, including Tortola, where we arrived on the 9th ultimo.

We have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient humble servants,

*Thomas Moody.*  
*John Dougan.*

R. J. Wilmot, esq. M. P.  
Under Secretary of State for War and Colonies,  
&c. &c. &c.

REPORT of the Commissioners for inquiring into the state of captured Africans, on the Extract of a Letter from S. Bridgwater Esq. to Earl Bathurst, dated Custom-House Roseau, *Dominica*, 14th February 1821; respecting the heavy Expenses incurred in the Court of Vice Admiralty of that Island, for the prosecution of Five fugitive Negroes; and the propriety of removing Persons of that description from the said Island of *Dominica*.

WE first proceeded to examine if the charges, amounting to 92 *l.* 4 *s.* 6 *d.* *Dominica* currency, were made on due authority, and found them to be in conformity with a docket of fees established in the year 1813, by the governor and council; of which a copy is annexed, and marked N° 1.

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On comparing the costs incurred at Dominica with those in other islands, under similar circumstances when no claim was preferred, we found the charges to be as shown in the following comparative schedule, where the currency of each island is reduced into Spanish dollars (at 4 s. 2 d. sterling each,) the most common circulating medium of exchange.

Abridged Statement of the Case, where no Claim was preferred.	Name of the Colony where the Seizure was prosecuted.	Date of the Condemnation.	Amount of Expenses incurred in the Vice Admiralty or Instance Court.	
			In Dollars.	Sterling.
English schooner Jackman, condemned for illegally importing one African into Demerara - - - - }	Barbadoes -	7th Sept. 1821	339 $\frac{2}{3}$	£. s. d. 70 14 2
Five fugitive negroes from Marigallante, a French island - - - - }	Dominica -	31st Jan. 1821	184 $\frac{2}{3}$	38 8 4
French brig Louise, seized at Antigua, with 139 Africans - - - - }	Antigua -	21st Oct. 1820	158 $\frac{3}{4}$	33 - 10
Five negroes, illegally imported from Santa Cruz - - - - }	Tortola -	17th Aug. 1821	280	280 8 4

The above schedule, formed from original accounts furnished to us by the collectors of His Majesty's customs at the different ports, shows that there is a want of uniformity in the dockets of fees, and in the mode of making charges in the courts of Vice Admiralty in the West Indies; and that those made in Dominica, though higher than Antigua, are lower than Barbadoes and Tortola.

Having stated these circumstances, it does not appear that any further observations are required from us, as the lords commissioners of His Majesty's treasury are best able to judge from the statements furnished, if any further inquiry or measures may be necessary.

We have, however, great pleasure in stating, that the judge of the court of Vice Admiralty at Dominica, on our request that he would suggest the best means for reducing the expense on the prosecution of small seizures of Africans, informed us, that he should in future direct the registrar to admit that description of persons to be included in the monitions issuing under the seal of the court, together with goods, wares and merchandizes, the objects of forfeiture; they may be also included in any monition for vessels.

We beg leave to suggest, that the collector be instructed, in cases where there may be claimants desirous for a speedy trial, that the seizing officer should proceed to adjudication as soon as possible.

It also appeared to us proper, that after the apprehension of any fugitive slave or slaves, the governor should be instructed to inform the collector of His Majesty's customs thereof, with as little delay as circumstances would admit. These measures will not only lessen the expense of condemnation in a great degree, but will also diminish the expense for their care and maintenance until the period of adjudication may arrive.

With respect to the question as to the propriety of removing persons of the description of fugitive Africans from the French islands, to some other island remote from Dominica and the French colonies, we addressed letters to the president of the island administering the government, to the judge of the court of Vice Admiralty, and the collectors of His Majesty's customs. Their answers we have the honour to enclose, numbered 2, 3, and 4.

All these gentlemen agree in recommending the removal of the fugitive Africans, but the collector does not think that the removal of the creole negroes (who had been condemned) was necessary.

We beg leave to express our acquiescence in the opinion of those gentlemen, so far as relates to the propriety of removing fugitive Africans stated to be recently from the coast of Africa. The case of the creoles, forfeited for illegal exportation, does not seem to be under the same circumstances as the fugitive Africans; and as we had not time, personally, to examine their present state and condition, when in Dominica, we cannot recommend their removal from their families and connexions in that island.



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We recommend that the fugitive Africans from the French islands, condemned at Dominica, be removed from thence to Sierra Leone, or some place remote from the West Indies, at such periods as His Majesty's government might deem proper, under all the circumstances of the case.

As it is apparent to us that the removal of these people would be beneficial to the colony, and their own future welfare, we recommend it may take place as soon as it may suit the convenience of His Majesty's ministers, the comfort of those persons, and the expenditure attending such removal.

Tortola, 3d June 1822.

*Thomas Moody,  
John Dougan,*

R. J. Wilmot, Esq. M. P.  
Under Secretary of State for War and Colonies,  
&c. &c. &c.

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Dominica.—No. 1.

Docket of Fees for the Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty of Dominica.

	£.	s.	d.
Every petition and order - - - - -	3	6	-
Affidavit (if any) in support thereof - - - - -	1	4	9
Monition and citation - - - - -	3	6	-
Attachment - - - - -	-	16	6
Examination of each witness - - - - -	1	13	-
Claim - - - - -	3	6	-
Final sentence 8 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i> and double if the value exceed 500 <i>l.</i>			
Each monition and order thereon - - - - -	3	6	-
Warrant of appraisement - - - - -	3	6	-
Swearing the appraisers to their return - - - - -	1	13	-
Warrant of survey of vessel or goods, including the petition for the warrant, and swearing the surveyors to their return - - - - -	3	6	-
Every subpœna - - - - -	-	18	-
Writ of execution - - - - -	1	13	-
For commission to examine witnesses, or any other purpose - - - - -	3	6	-

Dominica, April 19th 1822.

(signed) *Arch<sup>d</sup> Gloster,*  
Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty.

A true Copy.

*J. Barrow,*  
Secretary to the Commissioners of Inquiry  
into the State of captured Africans,

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Dominica.—Fees as Register of the Admiralty.

	£.	s.	d.
Filing affidavit, and order for monition to issue - - - - -	-	9	-
Drawing monition and filing return - - - - -	1	2	3
Filing libel, attending court, if no more than one day, and entering judgment when the ship or vessel, or goods prosecuted, amount to no more than 50 <i>l.</i> or where the wages sued for, or other demand prosecuted for, exceed not that value - - - - -	2	5	-
For the same in all things where the value is above 50 <i>l.</i> and not exceeding 150 <i>l.</i> - - - - -	3	6	-
For the same in all things where the value is above 150 <i>l.</i> and not exceeding 500 <i>l.</i> - - - - -	5	12	-
For the same in all things where the value is above 500 <i>l.</i> - - - - -	11	4	-
For every day or part of a day the registrar attends the court after the first day - - - - -	-	15	-
For filing any affidavits, exhibit, or any other paper in the said court - - - - -	-	4	6
For a subpœna, if no more than one name in a writ, 8 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i> ; and 2 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i> for each name besides the first - - - - -	-	8	3
For each motion and order in the said court - - - - -	-	19	6
For the copy of any paper or proceeding whatsoever, or for recording any paper desired to be recorded at length, 1 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> per copy sheet - - - - -	-	-	-
For a writ of execution or delivery, 18 <i>s.</i> , or 1 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> per copy sheet - - - - -	-	18	-
For every writ of attachment whatsoever, 10 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> , or 1 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> per copy sheet - - - - -	-	10	6
For drawing a warrant of appraisement 10 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> , or 1 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> per copy sheet - - - - -	-	10	6
For any bond or recognizance for bail on an appeal or otherwise, 10 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> , or 1 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> per copy sheet - - - - -	-	-	-

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	£.	s.	d.
For any commission whatsoever, either to examine witnesses or for any other purpose out of this island, 14 s., or 1 s. 6 d. per copy sheet - -	-	14	-
For fixing the seal to, and attesting a transcript of any records - -	1	7	9
For examining of witnesses, each witness - - - -	-	15	-
For any other business not hereinbefore particularly specified, which is done by the registrar, the same fees to be taken as are allowed under the head of Common Pleas, in this docket; if it be in its nature like the business of the common law; or for every copy sheet of such business, 1 s. 6 d. per copy sheet - - - -	-	-	-

A true Copy.

*J. Barrow,*  
Secretary to the Commissioners of Inquiry into the  
state of captured Africans.

## Dominica.— Fees of Marshal of the Admiralty.

	£.	s.	d.
For executing an attachment against the captain of a ship or vessel - -	1	13	-
For attachment against a common sailor - - - -	1	13	-
For continuing an officer on board of any ship or vessel each day - -	-	16	6
For the trial of any ship or top-sail vessel whether prize or otherwise, if condemned - - - -	6	12	-
If acquitted - - - -	3	6	-
For the whole trial and proceedings of any goods slaves or merchandize, not conjunct with any vessel, if in value 100 l. or under - - - -	3	6	-
If above - - - -	6	12	-
For the trial of any ship or small vessel, if condemned - - - -	3	6	-
If acquitted - - - -	1	13	-
For every warrant or writ - - - -	-	16	6
For summoning appraisers to appraise a vessel or goods, each - -	-	8	3
For attending the appraisers - - - -	1	4	-
For drawing their return - - - -	-	16	6
For raising the posse insulæ - - - -	5	-	-

A true Copy,

*J. Barrow,*  
Secretary to the Commissioners of Inquiry into the  
state of captured Africans.

(N° 2.)

GENTLEMEN, Government House, Dominica, April 19th, 1822.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated April 18th, in which you enclose an account specifying the amount of fees paid by the collector of His Majesty's customs of this island in the court of Vice Admiralty here, in a case were five negroes from Marigallante were condemned without any claim being prosecuted.

On these charges, and the best mode of reducing similar expense in small seizures, or any others under acts connected with the illegal importation of slaves, defrayed by the treasury, you are pleased to express your wish of availing yourselves of my judgment and experience in such matters, and also my opinion how far the removal from Dominica of the slaves condemned here, would affect the future welfare of the individuals themselves, or that of this community.

In answer to your first question I beg leave to state, that the fees of the officers of the court (except the attorney general or King's proctor) are regulated by a docket, established in the year 1813 by the governor and council; and I am given to understand these accounts are made up agreeably to that docket; and as to the King's proctor, his fees have been regulated partly by usage, and partly by the discretion of the judge who taxes his bill.

The fees of prosecutions under the revenue laws have been considered as moderate by the commissioners of His Majesty's customs, and instances often occur where small seizures are made, the articles seized are included in the same libel with those of greater value to save expenses; a practice which, I think, might with propriety be ordered to take place on proceedings in the cases of captured Africans in small numbers.

In reply to your second question, it is my opinion, that the removal of these Africans from this island would be highly beneficial to its interest and tranquillity,

as such removal would soon be known in the neighbouring islands, and would greatly tend to discourage other slaves and Africans there from following their example in considerable numbers, and prevent that danger to the colony which might result from such a practice.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your very obedient and humble servant,  
(signed)      *Rob<sup>t</sup> Reid,*  
President.

A true Copy.

*J. Barrow,*  
Secretary to the Commissioners of Inquiry into  
the state of captured Africans.

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Dominica, April 18th, 1822.

GENTLEMEN,

I WAS favoured with your's of the 16th instant, notifying your appointment as Commissioners by His Majesty, to inquire into the state of the Africans captured under the Abolition Acts.

To facilitate your information upon the subject of the Admiralty fees, I have directed the registrar of that court to transcribe the docket established by law, and I have the honour to enclose it.

In regard to your request to know the most efficacious means of reducing the charges in the prosecution of seized Africans under the Abolition Acts, I have to suggest, that I shall in future direct the registrar to admit that description of persons to be included in the monitions issuing under the seal of the court, together with goods, wares and merchandizes, the objects of forfeiture; such suits being of more frequent occurrence in the court than those of new negroes; the latter will of course be thereby more expeditiously adjudicated, and at a mitigated expenditure.

The question respecting the policy of removing from the colony Africans condemned to the Crown, is a subject of graver consideration; and I could desire more time to furnish my ideas upon the subject than your short stay here affords, particularly as it regards *their future welfare*, of which no man of feeling can be unmindful. I am really quite at a loss to say where I would advise their transportation hence with a view to bettering their condition; larger naval yards, or military depôts of stores and ordnance departments, it occurs to me, would afford them employment beneficial to His Majesty's service. On board ship too they might be found of some use. At present they are without religion or moral discipline, and under no sort of superintendance or restraint; following the dictates of their own blind minds and impetuous passions; and you can, gentlemen, very well judge from your own knowledge of mankind, of what little utility to themselves or to the state such half savages can be: I know of none employed in the country upon sugar, coffee, or provision estates.

As far as this community is concerned, and more particularly as we cannot say to what extent this anomalous population may be hereafter carried, there can be but one sentiment, which is, that their removal would be beneficial. The few we have are, I understand, an idle, drunken, noisy, quarrelsome, fighting race, of no use to our internal force, not being called, as are other *free* blacks, to discharge militia duties; indeed they are of that class that might in case of insurrection or of invasion be dangerous. They are, moreover, the cause of angry and jealous feelings in the bosoms of the field and domestic slaves, who view with envious eyes persons of their own black complexions, much more ignorant, uncivilized, unlawful and tumultuous than themselves their own masters; and labouring or not labouring, just as it suits their own convenience.

Excuse me, Gentlemen, for thus far trespassing upon your time, and believe me with real esteem,

Your faithful and obedient servant,  
(signed)      *Arch<sup>d</sup> Gloster,*  
President of His Majesty's Council  
and Chief Justice of the Supreme  
Court of Justice of Dominica.

To Thomas Moody and John Dougan, Esqs.  
&c. &c. &c.

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*J. Barrow,*  
Secretary to the Commissioners of Inquiry  
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(N° 4.)

Custom-House, Dominica, 18th April 1822.

GENTLEMEN,

I BEG leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16th instant, informing me of your being directed to inquire into and report on the heavy expenses attending the prosecution of negroes illegally imported into this island, and requesting to be furnished with any documents which my office may afford to enable you to carry into effect the wishes of Lord Bathurst; for which purpose, I have deemed it necessary to enclose two sets of accounts of the charges made on two recent prosecutions by the respective offices of the court of Vice Admiralty, which have been paid by the Crown, as the common costs of suit to be paid by it; the one set is for a case wherein five fugitive Africans were prosecuted without claim, and amounts to 92*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* currency; and the other, for a similar prosecution of fifteen others; in which two claims were interposed, amounting to 199*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*: the items charged in the latter, and marked thus , were incurred by the Crown in consequence of the claims. The claimants, Hotissier and Delisè, paid their own expenses, independent of the above, as will appear by other accounts herewith enclosed.

*Judge's bill	-	£. 27	12	9
Registrar's	-	17	6	9
Marshal's	-	7	1	-
Attorney-general's	-	40	4	-
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		£. 92	4	6

*Judge's bill	-	£. 39	12	9
Registrar's	-	38	10	9
Marshall's	-	7	1	-
Attorney-general's	-	114	9	-
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		£. 199	13	6

In respect to any suggestions which my experience may enable me to afford you as to the best means of reducing such expense in future, it will be requisite to observe, that in regard to the reduction of the expenses of *prosecution*, it would be advisable for you to communicate with the judge and different officers of the court, on the expediency of such measure; and from those gentlemen being perfectly aware of the benevolent disposition of the government towards the objects of such prosecutions, there can be little doubt of a ready concurrence being made, on their part, to meet the wishes of His Majesty's government in this particular, by aiding as much as may be within their power, in diminishing their respective charges on such prosecutions in future; and as another step well calculated for lessening such expenses, it would be very desirable if the court would consent to allow unclaimed fugitives, coming over from time to time (immaterial the number) being included in the same monition and prosecution with other unclaimed seizures of goods or vessels; and I would further beg leave to suggest the propriety of a difference in the charges being proposed to the officers of the court, between such cases of claim being interposed, and those where there is no claim.

A saving would also result, particularly should the arrival of the fugitives from foreign colonies be of frequent occurrence, if the governor or president were to direct all persons apprehending fugitive slaves, not belonging to the inhabitants, to bring them, without loss of time, either to his Excellency, or to the officers of the customs, without lodging them in jail, as has hitherto been the practice. The adoption of this measure would not only diminish the expenses, by avoiding the payment of jail fees and feeding in prison, but it would afford a better opportunity of knowing what foreign slaves were in the colony liable to seizure. And

This island is certainly, in my opinion, well adapted for the comfort and happiness of the condemned Africans, provided they were not fugitives from the adjacent French colonies, and had a part of the unappropriated grounds given to them by government to cultivate (for it would be otherwise difficult for them to earn a livelihood from the little doing in this colony, in the way either of trade or agriculture;) but situated as it is in the immediate vicinity of the said colonies, it is in consequence by no means to be considered as a place of safety for them to remain in; for the inhabitants of Guadaloupe, Martinique and Marigallante, are so highly exasperated at having their runaway negroes detained here and made free, that I should not at all be surprised, in the event of a war breaking out, at their attempting a rescue of them, or otherwise visiting the island with some dreadful catastrophe by way of retaliation, either in setting fire to the town, or levying contributions on the inhabitants.

Under this impression, therefore, I am inclined to think that a removal of them to another British colony, remote from the French islands, would be much more likely to secure their future welfare than allowing them to remain in this island.

In regard to how far Africans condemned could support themselves by regular labour throughout the year, or if any expense may be expected to be incurred by

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\* Salt fish, plantains, yams, and farine magno; rice, sugar, rum, tobacco and pipes.  
Glauber salts, hoes, cutlasses, pickaxes, hatchets.

the treasury for their maintenance during any part of that time; from the frequent requests for grounds to cultivate on their own account, which have been made to me by the Africans under my charge, who are of a laborious and industrious turn, I am decidedly of opinion, that they would be fully competent to provide themselves all the year round, if such were given to them for that purpose. But as it would require some nine or ten months before they could erect huts, cultivate their grounds and get settled, it would be necessary for government to supply them in the meanwhile with such articles of food \*, &c. as are commonly given to negroes, which might be furnished very reasonably; after which period I cannot conceive that any expense ought to be incurred by the treasury for their maintenance. Such Africans as have trades, and are desirous of working at them, I think it but right that they should be allowed to exercise their judgment as to the line of life they prefer; and as a measure likely to secure their welfare and good conduct, I would beg to suggest, that every countenance and support ought to be given to them by the governor and collector; for it is indispensably necessary that they should have some persons in authority to look up to in the light of guardians, in order to excite emulation and correct any tendency to improper conduct among them.

The removal of the creole negroes under my care, I do not imagine, would in the least promote their future welfare; as they are all settled here, and have their families and connexions in the island, from whom they would not like to be separated. These persons are natives of Dominica, and became forfeited on account of illegal exportation; and as their former owners, who exported them, absconded and quitted the island on being prosecuted, I do not conceive that the same risk applies to their remaining here as to the fugitives. The creoles have all along supported themselves for several years without incurring any expense to government for their maintenance, some earning a livelihood by trades, and others by agriculture, in cultivating lands which they rent.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your most obedient humble servant,  
(signed)    *S. Bridgwater.*

Thomas Moody and John Dougan, Esquires.  
&c. &c. &c.

A true Copy.

*J. Barrow,*  
Secretary to the Commissioners of Inquiry  
into the State of captured Africans.

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