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SLAVE TRADE.

Return to an Address of The Honourable House of Commons, dated  
the 8th of April 1824;—*for*

Copies of all CORRESPONDENCE touching the SLAVE TRADE, received from the  
Governors of *Sierra Leone*, and other British Possessions on the Coast of *Africa*,  
and from the Governors of the *Mauritius* and The Cape of *Good Hope*; since  
the 1st of January 1823, and not already laid before this House:—Viz.

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| MAURITIUS -                              | { | N° 1.—Copy of a Despatch from Sir R. Farquhar to Earl Bathurst, dated 1st of January 1823.               |
|  |   | N° 2.—Extract of a Despatch from Sir R. Farquhar to Mr. Wilmot Horton, dated 22 January 1823.            |
|  |   | N° 3.—Copy of a Despatch from Sir R. Farquhar to Earl Bathurst, dated 23 January 1823: Three Enclosures. |
|  |   | N° 4.—Extract of a Despatch from Sir R. Farquhar to Earl Bathurst, dated 16 May 1823.                    |
|  |   | N° 5.—Extract of a Despatch from M. General Darling to Earl Bathurst, dated 15 June 1823.                |
| SIERRA LEONE,<br>and Coast of<br>AFRICA. | } | N° 6.—Copy of a Despatch from Sir Charles Mac Carthy to Earl Bathurst, dated 13 December 1823.           |
| CAPE OF GOOD HOPE - - - - -              |   | Nil.   |

Colonial Department,  
Downing-Street,  
10th June, 1824. }

*R. J. Wilmot Horton.*

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

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## MAURITIUS.

N<sup>o</sup> 1.—Copy of Sir R. Farquhar's Despatch, dated Mauritius, 1 January 1823; respecting the close of the Slave Traffic by the Imaum of Muscat; addressed to Earl Bathurst.

Port Louis, Mauritius, 1 January 1823.

MY LORD,

I BEG leave to return to your Lordship my most humble and grateful thanks for the manner in which your Lordship has been pleased to communicate His Majesty's most gracious approbation of the measures I had reported to your Lordship, for effectually closing the source of slave traffic in the dominions and dependencies of the Imaum of Muscat.

Already laid before  
Parliament, 11 July  
1823, N<sup>o</sup> 556.

Your Lordship will already have been apprized of the successful result of those measures, by my letter of the 27th November last, No. 42; transmitting the definitive treaty concluded with the Imaum on this subject.

I beg leave to add, that I sedulously avail myself of every occasion of impressing upon the Imaum the solid advantages which he must expect to derive from the continuance of the friendship and protection of Great Britain, which must depend, in a great measure, upon the fidelity with which he fulfils his solemn engagements, in conformity to the earnest wishes and expectations of His Majesty.

I have, &c.

*R. T. Farquhar.*

No. 2.—Extract of a Letter from Governor Sir Robert Farquhar, addressed to R. J. W. Horton, Esq.; dated Mauritius, 22d January 1823.

I HAVE the honour to subjoin an extract of a letter addressed to me by Commodore Nourse, under date the 8th December last, exhibiting the practical effects of our treaty with the Imaum of Muscat, in preventing the Slave Trade, at the former great market of Zanzibar. The intelligence will, I trust, be considered interesting. The Commodore writes,—“We arrived at Zanzibar on Sunday the first of December, and quitted the 8th. About fifteen days before my arrival, a vessel under French colours, with twenty-four guns, they said, came direct from Europe to purchase slaves at Zanzibar, which was refused; and she sailed professedly for Muscat.”

Commodore Nourse, with a view of promoting and enforcing a strict fulfilment of the treaty with the Imaum, in Zanzibar and the adjoining dependencies of that sovereign, provisionally appointed a consul, with the consent of the governor of Zanzibar, and in conformity to the tenor of the treaty, to reside at Zanzibar.

N<sup>o</sup> 3.—Copy of Governor Sir Robert Farquhar's Despatch, N<sup>o</sup> 7, to Earl Bathurst, dated Mauritius, 23 January 1823.

Port Louis, Mauritius, 23 January 1823.

MY LORD,

I DO myself the honour of enclosing a copy of a letter from the collector of customs, on the subject of the two blacks, which have been seized and condemned to the Crown, during the last year, on the abolition Acts. It is a great source of satisfaction to me, to be enabled to point your Lordship's attention to the testimony of the collector, as proving, that even these two individuals were not introduced since the affair of the “Courreur;” the vessel that was chased ashore and wrecked, two years ago, as reported to your Lordship at the time, since which no attempt to land negroes here has been made.

I am happy to be able to confirm my former reports to your Lordship, of the sources of the slave traffic having been closed by our treaties, and every hope of its renewal cut off, as well by those most effectual means, as by the zeal and vigilance of His Majesty's naval and military force on the station, and of the internal police of the colony.

Your Lordship may depend on my unremitting exertions in the course I have hitherto pursued, in carrying into effect His Majesty's commands on this most important point. It has ever appeared to me, and experience has proved, that the mode of proceeding, which could most reasonably be expected to lead to the permanent

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permanent and final extinction of the Slave Trade, was to make both the exporter and the importer feel that the relinquishment of that commerce was their common interest.

Mauritius.

I have, &amp;c.

*R. T. Farquhar.*(N<sup>o</sup> 1.—Enclosure in Sir R. Farquhar's Despatch, N<sup>o</sup> 7.)

Custom-House, Port Louis, 22 January 1823.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to enclose for your Excellency's information, a copy of the report, dated 1st January 1823, on the subject of the blacks condemned to His Majesty, and apprenticed or otherwise disposed of, under the Slave Trade abolition Acts, and the Orders in Council, which I have had the honour to address to His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department. With reference to the two blacks, whose names are contained in the schedule, as being the only natives of Africa condemned to His Majesty, under the Slave Trade abolition Acts, during the last year, your Excellency may be glad to learn, that I had the most satisfactory evidence of these two individuals having formed part of the cargo of the "Courreur," at the time that vessel was burnt on these shores; though I did not happen to take them up until many months after the seizure of the main body of slaves introduced on that occasion.

I have, &amp;c.

(signed)

*Hart Davis,*  
Collector of Customs.

(No. 2.)—Copy of Despatch from Governor Sir Robert Farquhar to Lord Bathurst, dated "Port Louis, Mauritius, 23 January 1823;" covering Report of Collector of Customs respecting the condemnation of two Blacks to His Majesty.

Custom-House, Port Louis, 1 January 1823.

MY LORD,

AGREEABLY to the injunctions contained in the Order of his late Majesty in Council, dated 16 March 1808, as confirmed by a subsequent Order of his Royal Highness the Prince Regent in Council, under date the 11th July 1817, I have the honour to forward enclosed, for your Lordship's information, a statement specifying the names, numbers, sex and age of the new negroes received by me, as collector of His Majesty's customs, after condemnation to His Majesty in the Court of Vice Admiralty, and subsequently enlisted, apprenticed, or otherwise disposed of, from the 31st December 1821, (the period at which the last similar return closed) to the 31st December 1822; together with the names and descriptions of their masters and mistresses, and the occupations to which they have been apprenticed.

I have the honour to add, with reference to the report I had the honour to address to your Lordship on the 1st January 1822, regarding the means I had adopted to endeavour to ascertain the state and condition of the apprentices at large, that I have not renewed in the year just concluded the requisition for the attendance of the apprentices at the custom-house, for personal examination, which I had carried into effect in the preceding year.

In my last year's report to your Lordship, I had the honour to offer as an opinion, that the best means of avoiding the difficulty of identifying the apprentices, as well as for the correction of any chance error that might arise in giving them out, was apparently to be found in the frequency of the collector's examination of the apprentices; and that, if this appeal was not absolutely necessary every year, it would appear extremely undesirable to allow, at any time, two years to pass without such an event. Your Lordship may therefore have expected to learn that I had effected, in the year just closed, a personal examination of the apprentices similar to that of the preceding year.

That I have not done so has arisen chiefly from an idea that before a second appeal was entered upon, it might be desirable to know whether the previous undertaking was wholly approved by your Lordship, or whether any alterations might be suggested by your Lordship, through his Excellency the Governor, or otherwise, in the mode of proceeding; and I felt the less difficulty in adopting this view of the subject, from not having originally regarded the omission of one year as of major importance.

I have, &amp;c.

(signed)

*Hart Davis,*  
Collector of Customs.

Schedule containing two names.

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No. 3.—DETAILED Statement of BLACKS seized, since the last Return dated 31st December 1821, on in His Majesty's Vice-Admiralty Court at Mauritius, under the Act of 47 Geo. III, and the sub-Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, as required by the Order in

Name of Ships in which, or where, captured.	Numeral.	Native Name.	Apparent Age.	CAST.	SEX.	French height. Feet. Inch.	MARKS.
On shore -	1	Mandola -	24	Mozambique	male - -	5 2	* on stomach ; belly, arms, forehead, cheeks and temples, tattooed.
Ditto - -	2	Fadaguira -	25	Ditto -	d* - -	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	☉ on both cheeks ; tattooed on forehead, temples and breast.

Total Number of the

Custom-House, Port Louis, Mauritius, }  
this 31st December 1822. }

N° 4.—Extract from a Despatch from Governor Sir Robert Farquhar, addressed to Earl Bathurst dated Mauritius, 16th May 1823.

THE Treaty between Radama and this Government has been religiously observed, and there is no ground for believing that a single slave has been shipped from any part of his dominions to any other country since the treaty was confirmed. It is a great source of satisfaction to me to leave this island freed from the stigma of the slave traffic. No instance of this crime having occurred for so long a period, and the measures for preventing its revival receiving each day greater force, extent, and consolidation

N° 5.—Extract of a Letter from Major General Darling, addressed to Earl Bathurst ; dated Mauritius, 15th June 1823.

I BEG leave to transmit for your Lordship's information, the copy of a proclamation, N° 1, announcing the treaty which had been entered into by Captain Moresby, of His Majesty's ship Menai, with the Imaun of Muscat for the suppression of the Slave Trade ; and to state, that it does not appear by any documents here, that the Imaun is to receive any pecuniary compensation for the part he has taken in this affair.

## PROCLAMATION.

In the name of His Majesty George IV. of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, KING, his Excellency Sir Robert Townsend Farquhar, bart. Governor and Commander in Chief of the Island of Mauritius and Dependencies, Captain General and Vice Admiral, &c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS by a treaty bearing date the 10th September 1822, made and executed by and between his Highness the Imaun of Muscat, at Muscat, of the one part, and Captain Fairfax Moresby, of His Majesty's ship Menai, C. B. vested, for this purpose, with full powers, by his Excellency Sir R. T. Farquhar, bart. Governor and Commander in Chief of the Island of Mauritius and Dependencies, Captain General, Vice Admiral, &c. &c. &c. of the other part ; it was agreed, among other things, that all traffic in slaves to foreign countries should cease and be abolished for ever from the dominions and dependencies of his said Highness.

This is to declare, that in conformity to the said treaty, solemnly made by his said Highness, he has issued orders at Zanzibar, and throughout all the dominions and dependencies of the Imaun of Muscat, on the coasts of Arabia, Africa, &c. &c. to all his officers, to prohibit the sales of slaves to all foreign nations, and also to seize upon any Arab vessels laden with slaves, for the purpose of sale, in any foreign countries, together with their owners, captains, officers and crews, or that may be found transporting slaves to or from Madagascar, or on the seas adjacent ; and it is further declared by the said treaty, that British cruisers have authority to seize all Arab vessels that may be found laden with slaves to the eastward of a line drawn from

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board different Vessels, or on Shore in the Island of Mauritius and Dependencies, and condemned sequent Slave Trade Abolition Acts, forwarded by the Collector of Customs of Mauritius to His Council of the 16th March 1808.

Date of Condemnation.	At whose Suit Condemned.	To whom Apprenticed.	Description of Masters.	Place of Abode of Masters.	Trade or Employment of Apprentices.	Term of Apprenticeship from date of Condemnation.	When not Apprenticed, how otherwise disposed of.	Remarks.
8th Feb. 1822	Hart Davis, Esq. Collector of Customs.	Mr. J. Cou-dray.	Provisour of the Royal College.	Port Louis	servant -	fourteen years	—	—
ditto - -	Ditto - -	Ditto -	Ditto -	Ditto -	ditto -	ditto -	—	—

foregoing Schedule, Two.

(Seal)

(signed)

*Hart Davis,*  
Collector of Customs.

from the Cape Delgado, passing sixty miles to the eastward of the Island of Socotro, and on to Diu Head, being the western extremity of the Gulf of Cambay; or that may be found carrying slaves to or from Madagascar, or in the seas adjacent; and further, finally, it is by the said treaty agreed, that all vessels from the ports or harbours of his Highness's dominions or dependencies, shall in future be furnished with a certificate from the local authorities, stating the port they belong to, and the object of their voyage and declaring, that all vessels unprovided with these certificates shall be liable to seizure and confiscation after the 10th January next, in order the more effectually to extirpate the slave traffic; of which all persons will take due notice.

(signed) *R. T. Farquhar.*

Government House, Port Louis, } By order, (signed) *G. A. Barry,*  
Mauritius, 30th October, 1822. } Chief Secretary to Government.

SIERRA LEONE,  
AND COAST OF AFRICA.

N<sup>o</sup> 6.—Copy of a Despatch from Sir Charles Mac Carthy to Earl Bathurst, dated 13th December 1823.

Cape Coast Castle, 13th December 1823.

MY LORD,

ON my arrival here I received with heartfelt sorrow the news of the death of Commodore Sir R. Mends, commanding His Majesty's squadron on this station; that gallant officer was at that time in these roads, ready to afford every assistance in his power for the defence of His Majesty's settlements: the zeal he evinced on that occasion, and the very essential aid Major Chisholm derived in making the necessary dispositions for attack or defence from Captain Bowen, commanding His Majesty's ship "Driver," who had received instructions to that effect from the late Commodore, will be more fully stated at an early opportunity.

Captain Percy Grace, of His Majesty's ship "Cyrene," is now returning with her, in obedience to Admiralty orders, to Europe; and as I am led to fear that his conduct in taking a French vessel may have been the cause of these orders, and may, perhaps, retard his promotion, I trust that I shall not be deemed trespassing the proper line of discretion, in humbly volunteering to express my sincere regrets at his departure, and the opinion I entertain of his zeal for His Majesty's service. Recent information fully proves that the traffic in slaves is continued to be carried on in full vigour by the French; during the period of eighteen months, no less than five vessels have

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have taken cargoes at Shebar, the mouth of the Sherbro ; as the Galinas and Cape Mount have not been visited for several months by our cruizers, the exact number of slaves has not been ascertained but I am informed on good authority, that scarcely one month has elapsed without two or three French vessels being thus employed at those places ; and by the arrival of a Danish schooner we have information, that she fell in with *two* at the Galinas, and one at Cape Mount, last September.

I have, &c.  
C. Mac Carthy.

(signed)

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE - - - - NIL.





CORRESPONDENCE

RELATING TO

THE SLAVE TRADE;

*viz.*

The Mauritius, Sierra Leone, and  
The Cape of Good Hope.

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