



BIBLIO-PILOT SERIES

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Africa and the Transatlantic Slave Trade: A Selective Bibliography of Rare Atlases, Narratives and Histories

Adams, Robert Sailor. *The Narrative of Robert Adams: A Sailor who was Wrecked on the Western Coast of Africa, in the year 1810, was Detained Three Years in Slavery by the Arabs of the Great Desert, and Resides Several Months in the City of Tombuctoo.* London: J. Murray, 1816.

RARE DT356.A2

Provides details of description and travel in one of ancient Africa's former great empires. Good for comparing the experience of a white man in African slavery with the experience of an Africans enslaved in America.

Alexander, Sir James Edward. *Narrative of a Voyage of Observation Among the Colonies of Western Africa, in the flag ship Thalia, and of a Campaign in Kaffir-land on the staff of The Commander-in-Chief in 1835.* London: Henry Coburn, 1837. RARE DT497.A37

Another description of travel in West Africa containing detailed social commentary on such subjects as funeral custom, education, etc. Contains commentary on persons who were imprisoned for illegal slave trading.

Alexander, Sir James Edward. *Transatlantic Sketches, Comprising Visits to the Most Interesting Scenes in North and South America, and the West Indies. With Notes on Negro Slavery and Canadian Emigration.* Philadelphia: Key and Biddle, 1833. RARE E165.A3

The author visited British Guyana, Barbados, Tobago, Trinidad, Grenada, St. Vincents, Jamaica, and Cuba, then up the Mississippi River through Canada and the Eastern United States.

----- *An Inquiry in the Effects of Putting a Stop to the African Slave Trade, and of Granting Liberty to the Slaves in the British Sugar Colonies.* London: J. Phillips, 1784.

RARE HT861.R18

Addresses the concerns of maintaining British wealth and concerns about newly freed Africans joining with America. Argues for the conversion of the slave trade to normal trade relations with Africa.

Atkins, John. *A Voyage to Guinea, Brasil, and the West-Indies: in His Majesty's Ships the Swallow and Weymouth 1685-1757.* London: Ward and Chandler, 1737. RARE G475.A8

Noted in this rare book are "the colour, diet, languages, habits, manners, customs, and religions of the respective natives and inhabitants." With remarks on the gold, ivory, slave trade; and on the winds, tides, and currents of the several coasts."

Baldwin, Roger S. *Argument of Roger S. Baldwin, of New Haven, before the Supreme Court*

of the United States, in the Case of the United States, Appellants, vs. Cinque And Others, Africans of the Amistad. New York: S.W. Benedict, 1841. RARE E447.B18

This is an original copy of the argument that freed Cinque and the rest of the Amistad Slaves.

Boteler, Thomas. *Narrative of a Voyage of Discovery to Africa and Arabia: Performed in His Majesty's Ships Leven and Barracouta, from 1821-1826, under command of Captain F. W. Owen.* London: Richard Bentley, 1835. RARE DT365.B74

A description of the East and West Coasts of Africa with lithographic specimens.

Carey, Henry Charles. *The Slave Trade, Domestic and Foreign: Why it Exists, and How It May Be Extinguished.* Philadelphia: H. C. Baird, 1872. RARE HT901.C2

Deals with labor conditions and economic policy in Europe and the United States.

Cochelet, Charles. *Narrative of the Shipwreck of the Sophia, on the 30th of May 1819. On the Western Coast Africa, and of the Captivity of A Part of the Crew in the Desert of Sahara.* London: Sir Richard Phillips & Co., 1822. RARE G530.S7C6

This account is written by one of the survivors and includes engraving by him as well. Includes eight leaves of plates.

Combe, George. *Notes on the United States of North America: During a Phrenological Visit in 1838-9-40.* Edinburgh: Neill & Co. 1841. RARE E165.C73

A three volume set. Contains commentary on the "Negroes of the Amistad" on page 129 and comments on Negro form and features, pages 113-114.

A Compendious Geographical Dictionary: Containing a Concise Description of the Most Remarkable Places, Ancient and Modern, in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, Interspersed with Historical Anecdotes:... London: W. Peacock, 1795. RARE G101C73

Contains illustrations and maps from geographical notations made in 1794.

Curious Adventures of Captain Stedman, During an Expedition to Surinam, in 1773:

Including the Struggles of the Negroes, and the Barbarities of the Planters, Dreadful Executions, the Manner of Selling Slaves, Mutiny of Sailors, etc.: and various other Interesting Articles. London: T. Plummer, 1809. RARE F2410.S8

The title gives a sense that the extracts contained in the piece were highlighted to promote the cause of the Anti-Slavery Movement.

A Dialogue Concerning Slavery of Africans: Shewing it to be the Duty and Interest of the American States to Emancipate all their African Slaves... New York: R. Hodge, 1785. A fine specimen of 18th century American printing which argues for freedom of slaves in light of the American argument for independence. It was originally published in 1776.

RARE E446.D5

A fine specimen of 18th century American printing which argues for freedom of slaves in light of the American argument for independence. It was originally published in 1776.

Edwards, Bryan. *The History, Civil and Commercial, of the British Colonies in the West Indies.* London: John Stockdale, 1793. RARE F2131.E26 1793

The subject of slavery is included in this commentary on British commercial and civil life in the West Indies.

The English Pilot. The Fourth Book, Describing the West India Navigation, from Hudson's Bay to

the River Amazonas...Also a New Description of Newfoundland, New-England, New York, east and west New Jersey, Dellawar-Bay, Virginia, Maryland, Carolina, &c..... London: J. Mount & T. Page, 1770. RARE VK803.E54

These charts and descriptions give a wonderful nautical picture of the destinations of slavers in what were then the North American colonies of Great Britain.

The English Pilot, Part 5, Describing the Sea Coasts...on the West Coast of Africa. London: Mount & Page, 1720. RARE VK803.E55

The charts contain fascinating descriptions of Africa's West Coast at the peak of the slave trade. African fishing villages and the locations of their nets, which are seen as navigation hazards, are mentioned in the notations.

Hawkins, Joseph. *A History of a Voyage to the Coast of Africa, and Travels into the Interior of that Country....* Philadelphia: S.C. Ustick, 1797. RARE HT1322.H4 1797

Missing pages 29-32. An account that begins with a young man's search for work that takes him by sea from Boston to Charleston, South Carolina. There he finds work on the 'Guinea Trader' *Charleston* bound for Africa. The author's experiences include a rich commentary on how slaves are obtained through warfare between African peoples and states.

Helps, Sir Arthur. *The Conquerors of the New World and Their Bondsmen: Being a Narrative of the Principal Events which led to Negro Slavery in the West Indies and America.* London: W. Pickering, 1848-52. RARE F1411.H47

A two volume set with a treatment of Latin American history and the beginning of Slavery in the Americas. Begins with Portuguese discoveries of Africa under Prince Henry.

The Importance of Effectually Supporting the Royal African Company of England... London: E. Say and J. Roberts, 1745. RARE HF486.R88

Written to promote the support of the Royal African Company's settlements, forts, and trade on the West Coast of Africa.

Laird, MacGregor. *Narrative of an Expedition in the Interior of Africa by the River Niger in the Steam Vessels Quorra and Alburkah in 1832, 1833, and 1834.* London: R. Bentley, 1837. RARE DT360.L18

Includes an African to English vocabulary at the back of volume two. Expresses opinions on the great advantages that would result from the total abolition of the slave trade and having free trade established with Africa in its stead.

Laurie, Robert. *The African Pilot: Being a Collection of New and Accurate Charts, On a Large Scale of the Coasts, Islands, and Harbours of Africa.* London: R. Laurie and J. Whittle, 1799.

RARE VK877.L38 OO

Map #9 contains some of the most familiar coasts of the study of the slave trade: Grain, Ivory, Slave, and the Kingdom and Bight of Benin. Includes views of coastal approaches from 1717-1785. A good study tool for anyone who wants a good introduction to the West African coast.

Le Maire, Jacques-Joseph. *A Voyage of the Sieur Le Maire to the Canary Islands, Cape Verd, Senegal, and Gamby: Under the Monsieur Dancourt, Director General of the Royall African Company.* London: F. Mills and W. Turner, 1696. RARE DT526.L55

A late 17th Century overview of African Culture.

Matthews, John, R.N. *A Voyage to the River Sierra-Leone: On the Coast of Africa; Containing an Account of the Trade and Productions of the Country, and of the Civil and Religious Customs and Manners of the People...* London: B. White & Son, and J. Sewell, 1788. RARE DT516.M4

Written by John Matthews as a series of letters to a friend in England in the years 1785, 1786, and 1787. Includes a letter describing the slave trade.

Montefiore, Joshua. *An Authentic Account of the Late Expedition to Bulam, on the Coast of Africa: With a Description of the Present Settlement of Sierra Leone, and the Adjacent Country.* London: J. Johnson, 1794. RARE DT671.B9M7

A description of West African Colonization

Morrell, Benjamin. *Morrell's Narrative of a Voyage to the South and West Coast of Africa: Containing the Information from Whence Originated the Present Trade in Guano, Found in Certain islands on that Coast.* London: Whittaker & Co., 1844. RARE DT732.M87

Descriptions of travel in West Africa, the slave trade, and trade in guano are covered.

Murray, Hugh. *Historical Account of Discoveries and Travels in Africa.* Edinburgh: Archibald Constable & Co., 1818. RARE DS5.M3a

Chapter four looks at the first plan of English colonization in Africa. Addresses the Process by which black loyalists from the American Revolution were relocated from their first settlement in Nova Scotia to Sierra-Leone.

Olmsted, Frederick Law. *A Journey in the Seaboard Slave States, With Remarks on Their Economy.* New York: Dix & Edwards; London: Sampson Low, Son & Co., 1856. RARE F213.O49

These observations were first printed as letters in the New York Daily Times in 1853. The piece includes descriptions of such areas as Petersburg, the James River, Norfolk, and the Dismal Swamp in Virginia. Comments on North Carolina include the manufacture of naval stores. South Carolina and Georgia include descriptions of rice culture and rice plantations; with a chapter devoted to rice and its culture. Alabama and Louisiana are also included.

Owen, W. F. W. *Narrative of Voyages to Explore the Shores of Africa, Arabia, and Madagascar: Performed in H. H. Ships Leven and Barracouta/ Under the Direction of Captain W.F.W Owen.*

New York: J. & J. Harper, 1833. RARE DT365.O9

Chapter 27 includes a description of canoes with sails and the boarding of a slaver.

Park, Mungo. *Travels in the Interior Districts of Africa: Performed in the Years 1795, 1796, and 1797...* London: J. Murray, 1816. RARE DT356.P3

Descriptions from a well-known explorer of Africa. Includes entries from Park's guide. A vocabulary of the Mandingo language is also included.

Phillips, Thomas. *A Journal of a Voyage made in the Hannibal of London, Ann. 1693, 1694 From England to Cape Monseradoe in Africa: and thence along the Coast of Guiney to Whidaw, the Island of St. Thomas: and so forward to Barbadoes...* London: J. Walthoe, 1732.

RARE G160.P5 O

Included are descriptions of Phillips' experiences and observations on sea and land. Includes his interactions with Africans, descriptions of Portuguese and Dutch forts, and activities of Factors.

Pinckard, George. *Notes on the West Indies: Written During the Expedition Under the Command of the Late General Sir Ralph Abercromby...* London: Longman, Hurst, Rees, and Orme, 1806.

RARE F1610.P6

This is an account of the 1795-96 English West Indian Expedition and covers slavery of the Indians of South America, yellow fever, creoles and slaves.

The Present State of the British and French Trade to Africa and America... London: E. Coymns, 1745. RARE HF3505.P9

This piece was written to promote British trade interests in Africa and the Americas. Page 32 contains proposals to revive, secure, and extend the African trade in raw materials and slaves by securing more money for the maintenance of forts and garrisons on the West Coast of Africa.

Saugnier. *Voyages to the Coast of Africa, by Mess. Saugnier and Brisson: Containing an Account of their Shipwreck on Board Different Vessels, and Subsequent Slavery and Interesting Details of the Manners of the Arabs of the Desert, and of the Slave Trade as Carried on at Senegal and Galam...* London: G.G.J. and J. Robinson, 1792. RARE DT8.S2

One of many example from the collection of narratives of shipwreck and captivity by Arabs on the African coast.

Smith, William. *A New Voyage to Guinea: Describing the Customs, Manners, Soil, Climate, Habits Buildings, Education... Illustrated with Cuts, Engraved from Drawings Taken From the Life.* London: J. Nourse, 1744. RARE DT471.S66

The author was commissioned in 1726 as The Royal African Company's surveyor in Africa. This book could be considered a companion piece to 'Thirty Drafts of Guinea', as it was produced most likely during the same time period by the same author. The descriptions of his duties to the Royal African Company are fulfilled in 'Thirty Drafts of Guinea'. Includes a thorough index.

Smith, William. *Thirty Different Drafts of Guinea.* England: not before 1727. RARE DT477.S65 OO

An extremely rare piece containing etchings of maps and plans of slave and trading forts belonging to different countries along the coast of West Africa. Descriptions of the forts include location, supplies available, and type of trade conducted there.

Snelgrave, William. *A New Account of Guinea, and the Slave Trade Containing the History Of the Late Conquest of the Kingdom of Whidaw by the King of Dahomey, the Manner How the Negroes Become Slaves, A Relation of the Author's Being Taken by Pirates and the Many Dangers He Underwent.* London: J. Wren, 1754. RARE DT477.S68

A foldout map with notations of such places as Goree Island, slave forts, and the locations of people known slave trading areas on the West African Coast.

United States. *Report of the Naval Committee to the House of Representatives, August, 1850, In Favor of the Establishment of a Line of Mail Steamships to the Western Coast of Africa, and thence via the Mediterranean to London; Designed to Promote the Emigration of Free Persons of Color from the United States to Liberia: also to Increase The Steam Navy, and to Extend the Commerce of the United States.* Washington: Gideon & Co., 1850. RARE HE6477.A45 1850

The report begins with a comparison the U. S. Steam Navy to other navies of the world. The proposal's chief concern is the relocation of free persons of color in America to Africa and the

suppression of the slave trade. The piece includes comments on the conditions under which free blacks live in the United States. The appendix includes letters from such persons as Henry Clay and John Marshall, strongly supporting African colonization and race separation.

Stedman, John Gabriel. *Narrative of a Five Years Expedition Against the Revolted Negroes of Surinam in Guiana, On the Wild Coast of South America from the Year 1772 to 1777...With an Account of the Indians of Guiana and the Negroes of Guinea.* London: J. Johnson, 1796.
RARE F2410.S81 1796

Many great descriptions and accounts contained in this two-volume set with excellent engravings.

Ramsay, James. *An Essay on the Treatment and Conversion of African Slaves in the British Sugar Colonies.* London: J. Phillips, 1784. RARE HT861.R18

Compares master slave relations at different time periods and in the French and British Colonies. The author writes about giving instruction to enslaved Africans. A chapter is devoted to the natural capacity of Africans to learn, disputing Hume's essays on the superiority of the white race.

Tracts on the Slave Trade. Published between 1791 and 1850. RARE HT1033.F18

This is a collection of four tracts bound together. Benezet's piece is *Some Historical Account of Guinea...With an Inquiry Into the Rise and Progress of the Slave Trade.* Another piece in this collection is *An Abstract of Evidence...Petitioners for Abolition of The Slave Trade.* This piece includes the famous foldout of the *Brookes* showing how slaves are tight packed in a slaver. Falconbridge's work is *An Account of the Slave Trade on the Coast of Africa.* It is very descriptive, as Falconbridge was a surgeon who worked on slaving vessels. Rev. Clarkson's work is *An Essay on the Impolicy of the African Slave Trade in Two Parts.* The piece begins with an essay dedicated to William Wilberforce.

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