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The Voyage of the Hare

Instructions: You and your group will use the documents below to trace the route of a slave ship. Look at the documents and read their transcriptions (they have been transcribed with modern spelling and punctuation to make them easier to read). You may need an atlas to complete this exercise. On the map, do the following:

1. Mark the location from which the ship left North America. Indicate who was the owner of the ship.
2. Mark the location on the map from which the captain of the ship wrote his letter to the owners. Indicate the name of the captain.
3. Mark the location on the map where the slaves were sold. Indicate how many were sold, and who the selling agent was.

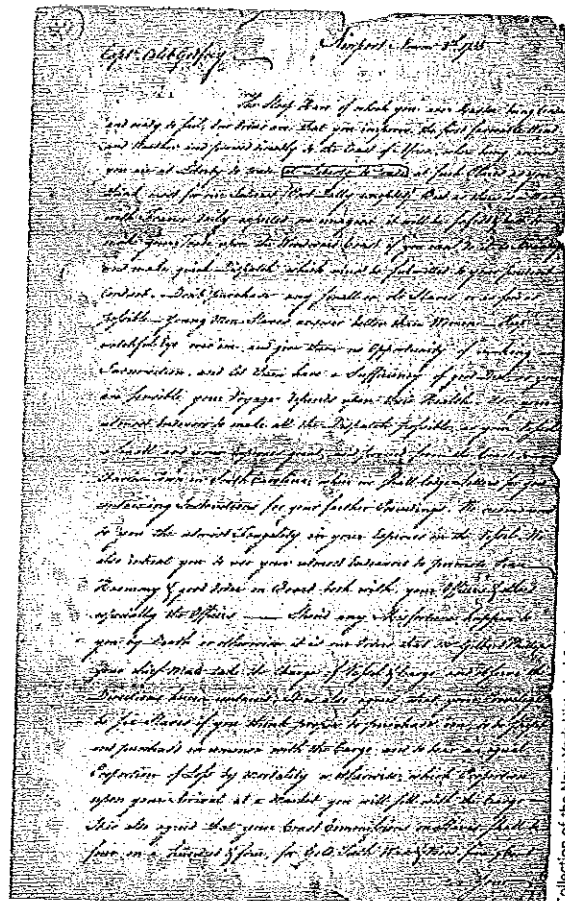
The Vernons' letter of instructions to Captain Godfrey

Newport, November 8th, 1755

Captn. Caleb Godfrey—

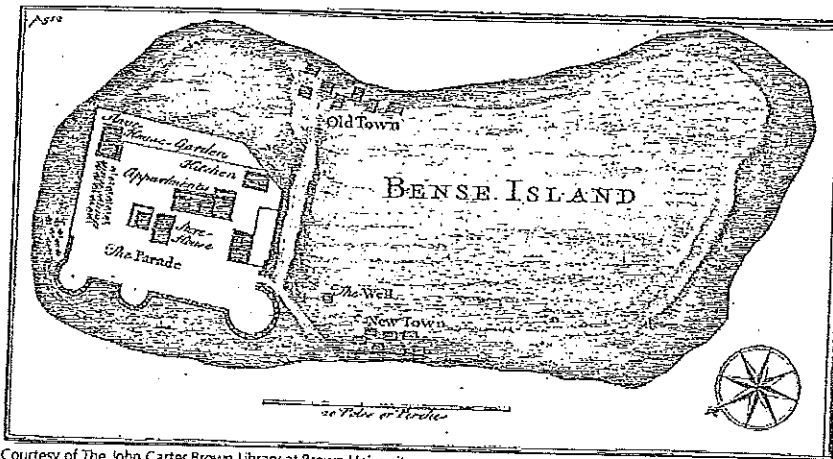
The Sloop Hare of which you are Master being loaded and ready to sail, Our Orders are that you improve the first favorable Wind and Weather and proceed directly to the Coast of Africa, where being arrived you are at Liberty to trade at Liberty to trade at such Places as you think most for our Interest.... Don't purchase any small or old Slaves or as far as possible—Young Men Slaves answer better than Women—Keep a watchful Eye over 'em and give them no Opportunity of making an Insurrection, and let them have a Sufficiency of good Diet, as you are Sensible your Voyage depends upon their Health. Use your utmost Endeavors to make all the Dispatch possible, as your Vessel is small and your Expenses great, and proceed from the Coast to—Charleston in South Carolina, where we shall lodge Letters for you containing Instructions for your farther Proceedings. We recommend to you the utmost Frugality in your Expenses on the Vessel. We also entreat you to use your utmost Endeavors to promote Peace—Harmony and good Order on Board both with your Officers and others, especially the Officers.... Don't omit writing us by all Opportunities we wish you Health and a prosperous Voyage who are your Friends,

Sam. & Wm Vernon



This is the first page of the Vernons' letter.

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Plan of "Bense Island"

Now called Bunce Island, this island housed a slave fortress owned by the British. It is in the country of Sierra Leone. It was one of the stops the *Hare* made on her journey. This drawing was originally published in 1726.

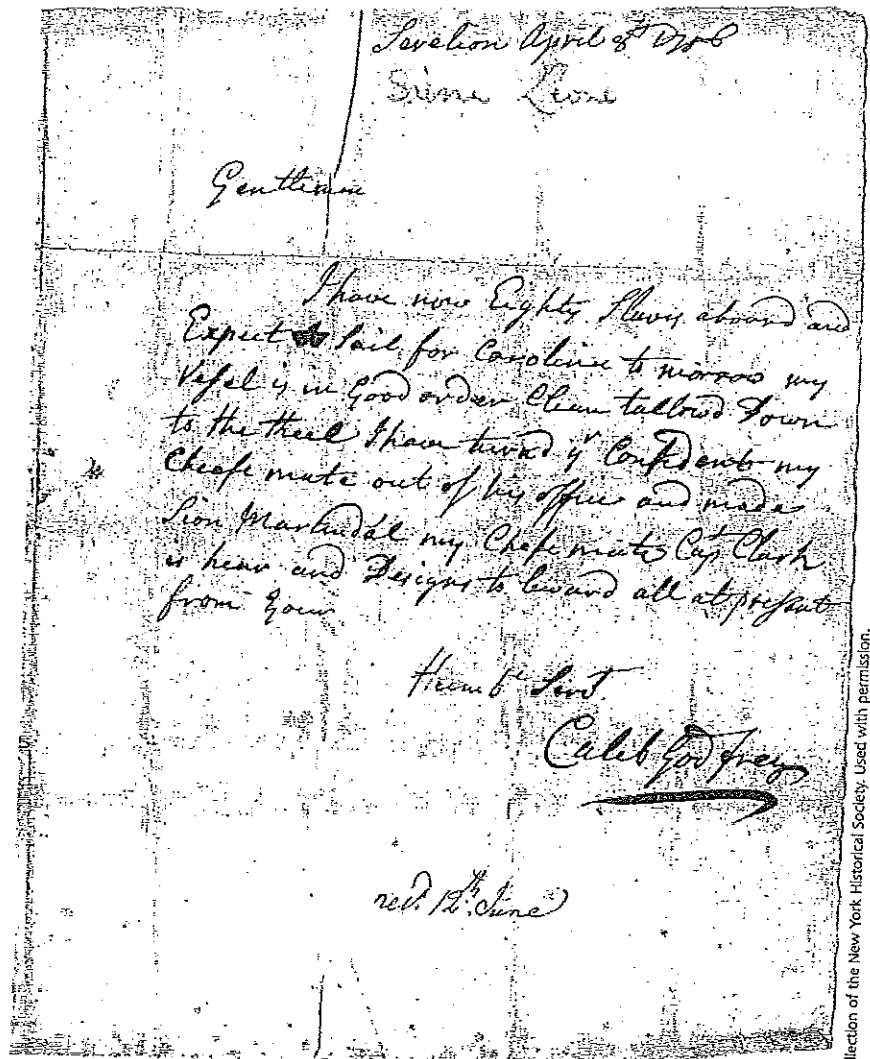
Captain Godfrey's letter to the Vernons, Sierra Leone April 8, 1756

Serelion, April 8th, 1756

Gentlemen

I have now Eighty Slaves aboard and Expect to Sail for Carolina tomorrow. My Vessel is in Good order, Clean, tallowed down to the Keel. I have turned your Confidant, my Chief mate, out of his office and made Lion Martindal my Chief mate. Capt. Clark is here and Designs to leeward all at present.

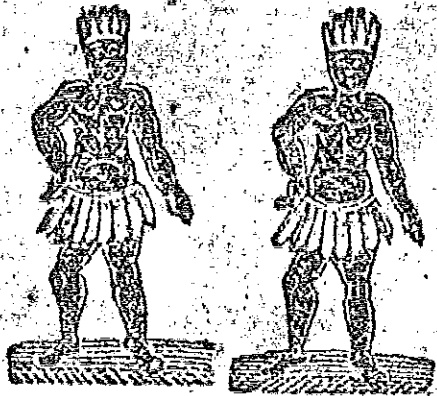
From your
 Humble Servant,
 Caleb Godfrey



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Advertisement for slaves from the *Hare, South-Carolina Gazette*, June 17, 1756



JUST imported in
the *Hare*, Capt.
Caleb Godfrey, di-
rectly from *Sier-
ra-Leon*, a Cargo of
Likely and Healthy

S L A V E S,

To be sold upon easy Terms, on *Tues-
day* the 29th Instant *June*, by
AUSTIN & LAURENS.

Courtesy of the Charleston Library Society, Charleston, South Carolina.

Henry Laurens's record of the sale of slaves from the *Hare*, June 29 to July 9, 1756

The "Account of Sale" is broken down into four columns:

- 1) "Purchaser";
- 2) Type of slave, i.e. men, women, boys, girls;
- 3) "Terms of Payment";
- 4) "Amount" (in Pounds)

Indicates the numbers sold:
 Men - 28
 Women - 13
 Boys - 13
 Girls - 9

The "Charges hereon" are outlined and include:

- 1) Doctor visiting
- 2) Doctor for medicine
- 3) Duty for 52 slave & 11 "undersize" slaves.
- 4) Printed Advertisements
- 5) Payment for various items
- 6) Commission on total sales

Reads: "Net Proceed being eight thousand seven hundred & six Pounds seventeen Shillings Eight pence...."

Acco^t of Sale of 69 Slaves of the Hare Capt. Gustavus Horn June 29 to July 9 1756

Purchasers	Sexes				Terms of Payment	Amount
	Men	Women	Boys	Girls		
Thomas Brown	13	5	11	3	1000	1000
James Brown	1	1	1	1	100	100
Thomas Brown	5	7	1	1	1000	1000
James Brown	10	3	12	4	1000	1000
<i>Charges hereon: Wat</i> Doctor's Payment for visiting & medicine 4/6 Kin. Duties to the Negroes 11/10 Duty of 52 Slaves 1/11 N. A. Duties 2/5 Payment for the Auctioneer's Commission 2/6 Printed Advertisements 1/11 Payment for various items 10/11 Commission on total sales 2/6 Total Charges 17/11						
<i>Net Proceed being eight thousand seven hundred & six Pounds seventeen Shillings Eight pence....</i> Received of the Purchasers 8700 17/8 Paid for the Slaves 1000 0/0 Paid for the Charges 17 11/11 Balance in Hand 7682 6/0						
<i>Charter from South Carolina 17th July 1756</i> Errors excepted Henry Laurens						

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Henry Laurens's record of the sale of slaves from the *Hare*, June 29 to July 9, 1756

*List of Sales, Charges, & Net Proceeds for some Negro Slaves Sold of the
 Schopt Hare Capt. Jeffrey Commanche's Ship, Purchas'd on the proper Account
 of Messrs. Samuel & William Pennock Merchants of New York Island.*

Purchasers	Age	Sex	Color	Terms of Payment	Amount
James Neal	1	M	Black	paid	120
Jehoi Panaman	1	M	Black	paid	200
Nicholas Houlston	2	M	Black	paid	200
Robert James Pugh	1	M	Black	paid	200
Samuel Parsons	1	M	Black	paid	200
John Twissent	1	M	Black	paid	120
Robert Nesmith	1	M	Black	paid	150
Thomas Cooper	1	M	Black	paid	200
John Scott	2	M	Black	paid	100
John Walden	1	M	Black	paid	200
Benjamin Stewart	1	M	Black	paid	100
Charles Meiner	1	M	Black	paid	200
James Cooper	1	M	Black	paid	150
James Hammond	1	M	Black	paid	250
Michael Sagan	2	M	Black	paid	150
Elias [unclear]	3	M	Black	paid	100
Nicholas Houlston	1	M	Black	paid	180
Sarah [unclear]	2	F	Black	paid	150
Mary [unclear]	2	F	Black	paid	120
William Jamison	1	M	Black	paid	250
Bartholomew [unclear]	1	M	Black	paid	150
Solomon [unclear]	1	M	Black	paid	100
Thomas [unclear]	2	M	Black	paid	150
John [unclear]	1	M	Black	paid	150
Henry Laurens	1	M	Black	paid	200
John [unclear]	1	M	Black	paid	100
Total	22	5	17	Carried forward	2740

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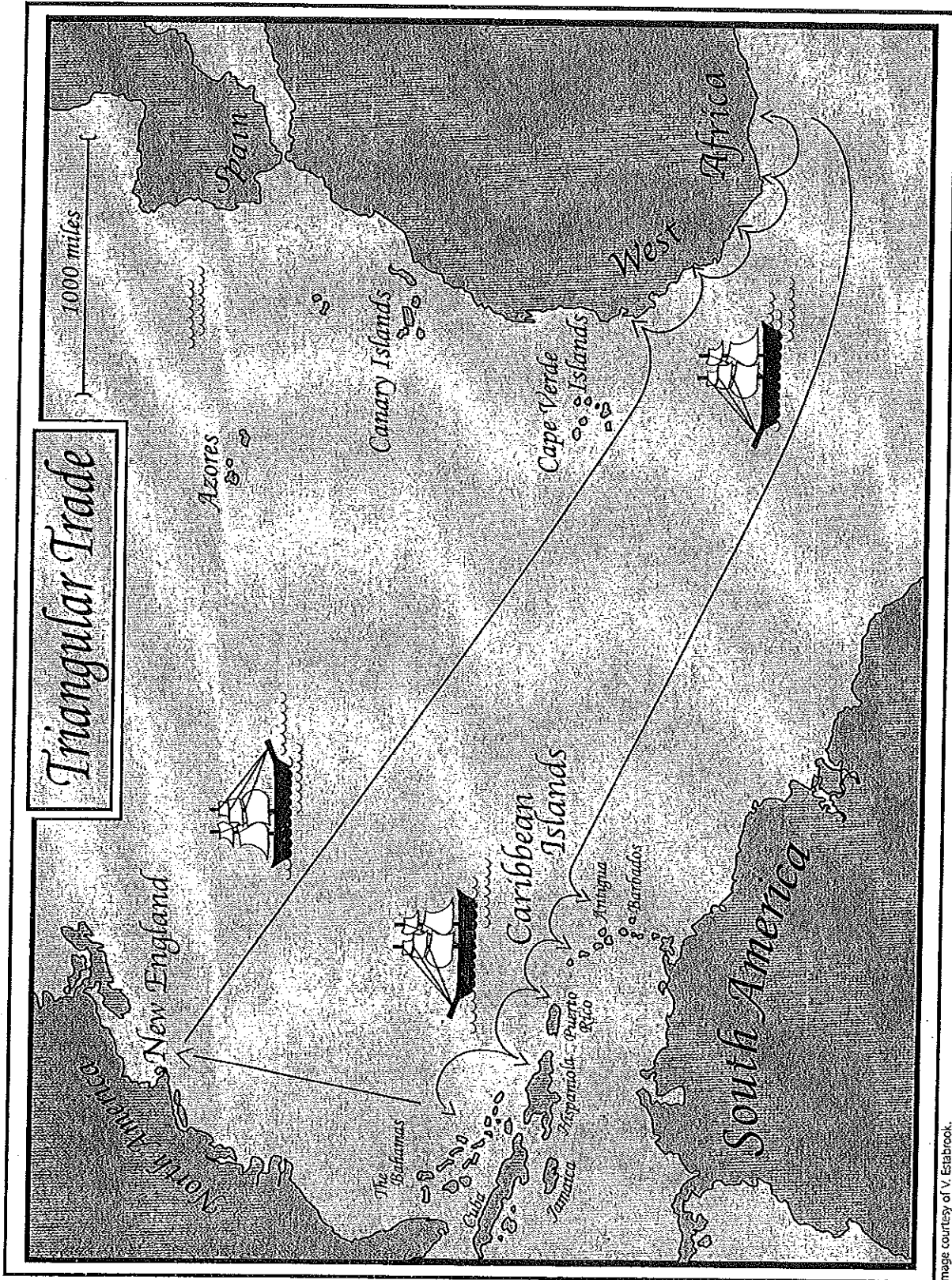


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