

George Hingston Factor

The Arthur Capt[ain]

Doegood Com[m]ander

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Notes

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- The spelling has been maintained, however note:
 - 'y' is the Anglo-Saxon letter Thorn for 'th' and has been transcribed as 'th' so ye = the and yt = th[a]t
 - words with superscripts and contractions (missing letters) have been expanded with [...]. Eg Capⁿ = Cap[tai]n, p^r = p[e]r
- Where there is doubt as to a word it is followed by (?); see pages 2, 5, and 21.
- Punctuation marks have been omitted except in the compass directions and to ease clarity of meaning.
- Capital letters have been omitted except for names, proper nouns and compass points.
- A glossary of places mentioned in the journal and unfamiliar terms is included at pages 23 and 24.

December
The 5th 1677

A Journall of a voyage att New Callabarr
in the shipp the Arthur Capt[ai]n : Rob[er]tt. Doegood
Commander : one the account of the Royall
Affrican Company of England of all
actions & tranceactions from Graves
End to New Callabar & from thence to
the lland of Barbados : our portt of discharge
(Follo?) 1677
S[igned] Geo Hingston

Wednesday	05	Wee brake ground at Graves End by five of the clock in the mourninge & came to anchor againe th[a]t day att twelve the winde att S:E
Thursday	06	this day wee wayed in the mourninge and came to anchor att the bay the Redsands aboutt fower in the after noone
Fryday	07	wee wayed againe this day about 12 in the forenoone & haveing butt littell winde came to anchor againe in the Gore
Sattday	08	By 6 in the morninge wee wayed anchor againe the winde beinge att S:W wee came to anchor about 10 in the forenoone
Sunday	09	wee wayed this day about 3 in the morninge & came to anchor about 12 in the forenoone in the Downes
Munday	10	Accordinge to my order I did make enquiry of Mr Jo[h]n Adames & Mr Jo[h]n Beneland your hon[ou]rs Waitors what private trade they had reci[ev]ed into the shipp contrary to your hon[ou]rs lycence they answered mee they had been very carefull as to that & had made sarch over all the shipp & could finde nothinge & with all immedatly did farther endeavor to finde if any but could finde none att all contrary to lycence & what them selfs had befor taken an accompt of, my selfe assistinge them in itt. [deletion] acquenteing the men of the shipp after had made enquiry & alsoe giveinge them to understand the danger of itt w[hi]ch did all protest the had nether of them the worth of one shillinge to dispose more then a smale matter of liquore for there one use
December		Wee were alsoe carfull & watchfull th[a]t nothinge was brought one board th[a]t tyme wee lay there how long wee did nott then know
Satt[ur]day	15	Mr Adams & his p[ar]tner made enquiry & did endeavor againe if the[y] could finde any such trad contrary to lycence but could nott finde any thinge more then what they did before the Cap[ta]in did protest to mee th[a]t he did reyally beleieve there was noe man of his had any thing upon th[a]t accompt

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Sunday	16	the winde att E:N:E ffresh gale wee wayed about 10 of the clock with our full compliment of men vixt twentie four seamen & one boy
Munday	17	the winde continues E:N:E a fresh gale
Tuesday	18	this day by observation did reckon th[a]t by fower of the clock in the afternoone wee might be up with the Lizzard
Wednesday	19	this morninge the winde shifted from the E:N:E to the S:B:E & S haveinge very littell winde & soe continued till the next morninge
Thursday	20	this day about 5 in the morninge wee had the winde att S:S:W but littell winde & continued soe till the next day 10 of the clock
Fryday	21	this day aboutt 10 in the forenoone wee had the winde att S:W & blew ffresh
Satt[ur]day	22	this day about 4 in the morninge the winde came att N:W:B:W wee steerd away S:W a fresh gale
Sunday	23	the wind continues att N:W:B:W keepinge our way S:W the winde blew ffresh
Munday	24	About 8 in the morning wee had the winde att S:W and sealed p[e]r compas S:S:E & about two in the after noone came nigh to a Flyboate w[hi]ch wee thought to have hayled butt by reson of the badniss of the weather & greatness of the seas could nott, wee judge shee was bound for Virginia
Tuesday	25	About 8 in the morninge wee had the winde att W:N:W being very uncertaine & ffickell, wee led our way by compas S:W and aboutt three in the after noone wee had sight of the same ship, againe the seas beinge quieted & the winds lyen wee did speake with her; the name of the ship nott one with us could understand but his name th[a]t did command her was playnly heard to be Capt[ai]n Hayles. Immedately after he seales away more westerly & in short tyme had noe sight of him
Wednesday	26	this day aboutt 6 in the morninge wee had the winde S:S:W and S:W:B:W haveinge very littell winde
Thursday	27	the eveninge befor this day wee had about 11 of the clocke the winde att W a fresh gale wee sealed by compas S:B:W and S:S:W

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Fryday	28	This day about 7 in the morninge wee had the winde att N:W & wee sealed the compas S:W:B:S, nott much winde
Sattday	29	this day in the morninge wee had the winde att N:E:B:N we sealed p[e]r compass S:W:B:S, very littell winde
Sunday	30	the winde continues att N:E:B:N
Munday	31	the winde continues a fresh gale att NEBN
January	01	Wee have still the winde att N:E:B:N and by observation doe reckon our selves to be the lenth of the Madary Ilands
Wednesday	02	The winde continues N:E:B:N wee seale p[e]r compass S, a fresh gale
Thursday	03	about four in the morninge the winde shifted from the N:E:B:N to the S:B:W & very littell winde
Fryday	4	the winde very low hardly decerninge w[hi]ch way itt is, butt the saight of skie promiseth a S:W winde
Satt[ur]day	05	Towards the morninge wee had the winde at S:W:B:W wee seald p[e]r compas S:B:E
Sunday	06	the windes very uncertaine, shiftinge from the S:W:B:W to the N wee sealed p[e]r compas S, an easaie gale
Munday	07	the winde continues: wee keepe our course S
Tuesday	08	the winde wee have this morninge att E:B:N a fresh gale wee sealed p[e]r compas S
Wednesday	09	the winde continues att E:B:N a very littell winde wee keepeinge our course S
Thursday	10	This morninge about five of the clock wee had the winde att N:E and about 10 in the forenoone wee had sight of land. By 12 found it to be St Iago , wee had itt att the S:E of us about three leagues a distance
Fryday	11	this morninge very early wee had sight of other land w[hi]ch wee did suppose wee might have seen the evening befor but by reason of the haisinge of the weather were att an uncertenty but yett exspectinge sight of other land found itt to bee to goe att the west[war]d of us
Satt[ur]day	12	the winde continues att N:E wee keepe our course S:B:E very littell winde

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Sunday	13	this day wee had the winde att N:E wee sealed p[e]r compass S:E:B:S a very easie winde
Munday	14	the winde continues att N:E wee keepe our course S:E:B:S butt very littell winde
Tuesday	15	this morninge about six of the clock the winde var[ie]d from the N:E to the N and we sealed p[e]r compass S:E:B:E a fresh gale
Wednesday	16	the winde continues att N & wee keepe our course pe]r compass S:E:B:E blowinge ffresh
Thursday	17	the winde continues still att N & wee altered our course and sealed p[e]r compass E:B:S
Friday	18	This day wee had the winde att N:B:W very littell winde wee sealed p[e]r compass E:B:S
Satt[ur]day	19	this day in the morninge the winde shifted from the N:B:W to the W:B:N an easie gale & wee sealed p[e]r compass E:B:S
Sunday	20	the winde shifted againe from the W:B:N to the N havinge rainy weather & very uncertain winds wee sealed p[e]r compass E & E:B:S. Butt nott much winde
Munday	21	The winde shifts againe from the N to the W very littell winde wee steard p[e]r compass E
Tuesday	22	The winde from the W (?) wee gave itt this morninge att the W:N:W wee sealed p[e]r compass E not much winde
Wednesday	23	the winde continues butt very smale wee sealed p[e]r compas E
Thursday	24	This day about 8 in the forenoone wee had the winde att W: butt not much wee sealed p[e]r compass E:B:N
Fryday	Land 25	This day about 5 of the clock in the morninge we had sight w[hi]ch was the first wee saw after wee came upon the coast the winde wee had att W:B:S and about 10 of the clock the winde shifted & came att S:B:W. The land is called Sina wee were aboutt three leagues distance from itt
		the winde continues att W. Butt very low, wee have still sight of the land

		January 1677/8
Sunday	27	This day wee had the wind att W:B:N and about 8 in the morninge wee had sight of Cape Palmos
Munday	28	This day wee had the winde att W:N:W butt very littell wind wee keepe our course E
Tuesday	29	The wind this day shifted about 9 in the forenoone from the W:N:W to the N:W a fresh gale
Wednesday	30	The wind att N:E wee haveing a very smale gale wee sealed p[e]r compass E
Thursday	31	This day wee had in the morninge the winde att N & wee sealed p[e]r compass E, nott much winde & by observation that day supposed our selves to bee up with Capetreespontus butt have had noe sight of any land since the 26 day att w[hi]ch tyme wee loosed the sight of Sina
Feb[rua]ry	01	This day in the morninge wee had sight of a seale w[hi]ch wase the first wee saw after wee came upon the coast, shee was a greate way distantt from us to the southard a smale vessel, wee would have spoken with her butt wee were bee calmd haveinge noe wind att all
Satt[ur]day	02	wee had this day the wind att S:B:E but very littell this morninge wee had losd the sight of the shipp
Sunday	03	This day the greatest part of itt wee had the winde att W a fresh gale wee sealed p[e]r compass E
Munday	04	The winde att S:W rainy dark weather, wee sealed p[e]r compass E:B:S not much winde
Tuesday	05	The winde att S:S:W, not much winde butt durtye Weather, wee sealed p[e]r compass E:B:N
Wednesday	06	This day wee had aboutt 9 in the morninge the winde att S and wee sealed p[e]r compass E:B:N. An easie gale
Thursday	07	The winde att S:W wee sealed p[e]r compass E:S:E about 4 in the afternoone wee had sight of land as wee did [deletion] guesse aboutt three leagues from us to the northard wee sopposinge to bee the place wee were bound to, wee sounded & could finde noe ground, wee sounded againe a short tyme after & found ground & about 5 in the after noone wee sounded & had butt 12 ffathom of water, then wee kept by the shore till nine of the clock & came to anchor in 5 fathoms & halfe of water, wee did accou[n]pt our selves to be from Callabarr 8 leagues

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Fryday	08	This day aboutt 6 in the morninge wee wayed & haveing butt littell wind could nott gett soe farr in as wee did expect wee might, but came to anchor aboutt fflower in the afternoone, wee did suppose itt to be aboutt three miles from the poynt leadinge up New Callabarr River called Fogo Poynt , then wee sentt our long boatte away to finde the depth of water & whether wee could geett by the breakers w[hi]ch weere aboatt one mile head of us & soe to sound the river up the next morninge betyme came one board againe giveinge accou[n]tt of three fathom of water & three ½ att high water
Satt[ur]day	09	this morninge after there comeing one board beeinge not well sattisfied sentt the boat away againe with some other hands & came not one board againe till night giveinge the same accou[n]tt of the depth of water
Sunday	10	This day aboutt 11 of the clock wee wayed & sealed up into Callabarr River aboutt three miles from Fogo Poynt and there came to anchor rideinge att low water 8 fathoms
Munday	11	This day aboutt nine in the morninge came one board the Kinge on New Callabarr with some others of his gen[erals] and after a long discourse came to agreem[en]tt for currentt for Negro man 36 copper barrs, for on Negro woman 30, & for on monello eight yames
Tuesday	12	This morninge came one board of us some cannews belonginge to Bandy with Negroes but nott any that wee did like, from w[hi]ch persons wee had intelligence of Capt[ai]n Wilkins your Hon[ou]rs ship & that he had been gone from thence aboutt two moones & whiles he lay there was enforced to putt his Negroes all on shore by reason of fire w[hi]ch happened to be in his forecastell in soe much t[ha]t hee was very likely to have lost his ship by fire had nott the [deletion] the ihapitants there been kinde to him & helpd him in the quenching the fire & did honestly deliver him againe all his Negros
Wednesday	13	the 12 th day wee bought 3 men & 3 women as your hon[ou]rs will finde one my booke of accou[n]tt & this day wee bo[ugh]t 14 men & 18 women very good & young Negros with some provitions for them

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Thursday	14	wee had the sight of a Dutch man w[hi]ch doe belong to the Mine to trade for teeth, soe t[ha]t wee conclude by his meanes wee shall fare the worse as to the accou[n]tt of teeth wee are now settinge up our furnace sendinge our boate one shore for wood & water - this day wee bo[ugh]t nott on Negro nor any p[r]ovitions
Fryday	15	This day wee had on board of us but 3 cannews outt of w[hi]ch wee purchase 3 men & 1 woman with some provitions
Satt[ur]day	16	This day was on board of us on cannew from Bandy & another from Donus, wee bo[ugh]t 4 men & 4 women, som yames
Sunday	17	This day wee had some teeth brought one board of us butt had noe incoragementt to deale in them. Exspectinge more for them then wee could suppose to be worth, or to doe your hon[ou]rs any good in itt. Bandy men & Donus men did inform us that the Dutch man w[hi]ch before is minded had bo[ugh]t a greate many & by reason of us gave a greate rate to make up, there loadinge if could. This day wee bou[gh]t 10 men, 5 women, 1 boy & 3 girles all very likely Negroes, nott one of them exceedinge 30 years nor one under 14 years
Munday	18	This day wee bo[ugh]t 4 men & 4 women haveinge noe incuridgm[en]t to by more by reaon of there remississ in bringing us p[r]ovitions doubtinge wee should have more Negroes then wee were likely to have p[r]ovitions & soe they to take the advantage that did forebare to bye sendinge away againe severall Negroes, takeinge onely such as wee had minde to
Tuesday	19	Wee findeinge provitions to come very slackly, sentt our boat with 5 hands and our chiefe mate w[hi]ch did very well understand his businiss with arms & aminition for feare if any accation might bee to Bandy to see for p[r]ovitions haveinge butt few from Callabarr w[hi]ch were wantinge the greatest t[ha]t of one day and on night & in the morninge return[e]d with them 900 yames findeinge p[r]ovitions there to be very scarce // this day wee bo[ugh]t 12 men, 12 women
Wednesday	20	This day wee had 4 cannews from Callabarr and wee bougat 6 men, 6 women & on boye, but have very littell p[r]ovitions from them // this day wee bo[ugh]t 06 men, 6 wo[men], 1 boy

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Thursday	21	This day wee had severall cannews on board of us with Negroes, butt very few p[r]ovitions, wee bo[ugh]t 9 men and 11 women w[hi]ch were very stoute Negroes indeed, butt nott many yames more than what befor this day was p[r]omised to bee brought, the goods in our hands wee kept till such tyme as they had brought pro[visions] for those Negroes wee fore bo[ugh]t of them
Fryday	22	This day wee sentt our boat att Donus to see whatt might be done there, wee findeing Negroes to be brought one board of us fast enough but were nott free to deale in many feareing least wee should take in Negroes & have noe provitions for them, & the boate returnd againe with 1000 yames w[hi]ch theye had purchased from severall p[e]rsons there, findeinge yames very scarce this day wee bo[ugh]t 7 men & 4 women with some p[r]ovitions as your hon[ou]rs may finde one the booke of accou[n]tt
Satt[ur]day	23	This day wee bo[ugh]t butt one Negro woman with some provitions haveinge but few cannews one board of us and noe choice of captives
Sunday	24	This day wee bo[ugh]t 11 men, 6 women & 3 girles findeing the Negroes to be very good & likely stout & young Negroes did pu[r]chase the more butt those w[hi]ch had nott brought p[r]ovitions as wee exspected for the passage of there Negroes they sould us did detainee & keep in our hands soe much goods as would p[ur]chase there p[r]ovitions & they to bringe the same the next comeing one board & then to receve there goods soe which they should bring more kept & goods for there yames A w[hi]ch they were very well sattisfied with & after did deale the same with all. By w[hi]ch meanes wee found p[r]ovitions to come accordinge to our desire
Munday	25	This day wee bo[ugh]t 6 very lustie men with some p[r]ovitions, more indeed wee might have pu[r]chased butt havinge Negroes plentie one board & the advantage of takinge our choice did resolve to take none but such as were very good indeed therfor sentt away againe severall Negroes

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Tuesday	26	This day wee bo[ugh]t 1 man & 1 woman haveinge nott many cannews one board some p[r]ovitions wee bo[ugh]t this day
Wednesday	27	This day wee had severall cannews one board of us and wee bought 7 men, 04 women & 2 girles w[hi]ch were stout & tale very likely captives some provitions. Likewise wee had this day but nott soe much as wee exspected
Thursday	28	This day wee bo[ugh]t 7 men, 3 women & 4 boys as by my acc[oun]t booke your hon[our]s may have the p[er]fect price with some provitions, wee are now makeinge p[re]paration for to p[er]fect all our businiss takeing in wood & to fill our casque with water hopeinge not much longer to tarry here
March Fryday	01	This day wee bought 13 men & 4 women very good Negroes with some p[r]ovitions, wee have some of our seamen sick & doubt shall loose some. Butt the incouragment [deletion] and hopes of not stayinge long here is our greatest comfortt and trust shall bee ready to goe from this place in three weekes tyme more our businiss fully p[er]fected as to our Negroes & p[r]ovitions. Butt as for teeth, doubt shall nott contentt your hon[ou]rs, they are very deare & scarce by reason of the Flemmons beeinge upon the coast yett some wee have bo[ugh]t & are willinge to bye more but wee mast give a greate rate & many smale teeth the accou[n]tt no & price your hon[ou]rs may finde one my booke of accou[n]pt
Satt[ur]day	02	This day wee bought 2 men & 2 women haveinge nott many cannews one board of us [deletion] did foebare to buy two many exspectinge to have as wee did resolve our choice of Negroes. [deletion] wee have made choice of Negroes to the best of our skill & judgm[en]tt and as likely Negroes as a man should see yett wee finde that some of them doe decay & grow leane and some are sick the want for nothings haveinge dealy as much p[r]ovitions as the cann make use of nether doe the want for any contentt not suffering any man one board to strike them

		March: Accou[n]t of what Negroes dye every day	M E N	W O M E N	B O Y S	G I R L S
Sunday	3	This day wee bought 5 men & 5 women and some p[r]ovitions, aboutt 2 in the morning died one of our seamen after 5 dayes sickniss and about 4 in the afternoon died one Negro man, have 5 others sick	01	00	00	00
Munday	4	This day wee bought 3 men & 4 women & 1 girle, very likely captives wee had some p[r]ovitions & some ayle for them as will appere p[e]r accou[n]tt	00	00	00	00
Tuesday	5	This day wee bought 5 men & 5 women wee forgett nott your hon[ou]rs interest, mindeing if possible, to gett most men, if they are any way p[r]omising butt as yett wee finde the women gen[er]ally better than they men	00	00	00	00
Wednesday	6	This day wee bought 3 men, 1 woman with some p[r]ovitions p[e]r accompt will appeare very good Negroes nott forgettinge your hon[ou]rs orders that none exceed the age of ffourtye nether under the age of twlve yeaese, as heatherto have been minded & accordingly bo[ugh]t	00	00	00	00
Thursday	7	This day wee bought 2 men & 1 woman haveinge nott many cannews one board to take greater choice therfore did forbare to purchase exspectinge more for to chuse for your hon[ou]rs better advantage. Resolvinge as was befor minded to buye not any butt such as might if life might bee p[e]rmitted answer your hon[ou]rs expectation and advantage, this day aboutt tenn in the forenoon died one woman	00	01	00	00
Fryday	8	The 7 day as will appeare p[e]r accompt wee did nott pu[r]chase any Negroes butt some provitions for Negroes, wee have many sick captives butt take the greatest care wee can to p[re]serve	00	00	00	00
Sattday	9	This day wee bought 8 men & 6 women very likely Negroes with some p[r]ovitions, wee had died this day one man & severall others that are sick, notwithstandinge our care with the Dockters phisick there is nothinge wantinge to them	01	00	00	00

		March	M E N	W O M E N	B O Y S	G I R L S
Sunday	10	This day wee bought 12 men, 11 women and one boye with some p[r]ovitions, wee had severall cannews on board this day	00	00	00	00
Munday	11	This day haveinge butt few cannews on board bought butt 1 man & 1 woman, and about 4 in the after noon died one woman haveing many Negroes more sick, wee tooke the best care wee could to p[re]serve them	00	01	00	00
Tuesday	12	This day wee purchased 1 man, 4 women and 1 boy with some provitions as will appear p[e]r accontt, and att 10 in the forenoon died one man w[hi]ch to our knolidge had not been sick 12 houres	01	00	00	00
Wednesday	13	This day haveinge many cannews on board wee bought 9 men & 8 women with some provitions many others wee might have bo[ugh]tt more but wee had noe reason findeinge many bad Negroes and the sickniss of ours one board did soe much troble us takeinge them in very likely & stout Negr[o]es to fall sick in soe short tyme that wee littell in curagm[en]tt this day died 1 man & 1 boy	01	00	01	00
Thursday	14	This day wee bought 1 man & 1 woman with some provitions, wee are nott free to buy to many att one tyme our complem[en]tt beinge all most up. Butt are very likely to lose more here haveinge many very sick	00	00	00	00
Fryday	15	This day wee haveinge many cannews on board & very likely Negroes wee bought 11 men, 4 women, 2 boyes & 1 girle wee had not purchase soe many butt findeinge them very likely Negroes & haveinge then many sick, wee had died this day one man	01	00	00	00
Satt[ur]day	16	This day wee bought 3 men & 1 woman with some provitions wee hope to depart this place in few dayes, our complementt beinge up, nether intend to purchase one Negroe more except more dye to make our full number when wee shall come clare of a wee have many sick & doubt will not long live, the reason of ouer byinge is bye the loss of Negroes here	00	00	00	00

		March 1677	M E N	W O M E N	B O Y S	G I R L S
Sunday	17	This day wee bought 4 very good Negro Men, & some provitions as p[e]r accou[n]tt will app[ear] wee are now ready to seale intendinge god p[e]rmit to move tomorrow	00	00	00	00
Munday	18	I was nott free that one Negroe should be bought butt after some consideration that itt might be for your hon[ou]rs advantage haveinge soe many very sick exspectinge in few dayes the loss of some Negroes & haveinge very likely Negroes by the side wee bought 4 men and some provitions, this day died 1 woman	00	01	00	00
Tuesday	19	This day removed and came down againe Fogo Towne where we lay two dayes to take in water	00	00	00	00
Wednesday	20	This day wee pe[r]fected our businiss as to the ffittinge every thinge intendinge the next day to seale, wee had died this day on man & on woman	01	01	00	00
Thursday	21	This day in the morninge wee wayd from thence and gott out as farr as wee could to wards the barr wee haveinge very shole water this day died on man haveinge many more very sick	01	00	00	00
Fryday	22	This day haveinge noe brize did forbare to way sendinge away our long boate to finde outt the depeess water	00	-	-	-
Satt[ur]day	23	This morninge wee sentt our boate out to sound the channell wee resolvinge to follow them with the ship who found 4 fathom, 3 ½ and 2 ½ the sholings wee did gett as far as wee thought convenienn to attempt haveinge greate discouragm[en]t to goe farther untill such tyme as wee were better satisfied as to the depth of water wee drawinge 12 foott of water & more & a swellinge sea this day died on man, one woman	01	01	00	00
Sunday	24	This day wee wayed againe sendinge our boate on head of us to finde out the deepess water butt had noe encouragm[en]t to seale above 1 houre haveinge very shole water & not in a littell troble how we should gett out. Came to anchor againe in 4 fathom of water w[hi]ch before wee came to that thought wee should have stuck, this day died two men	02	00	00	00

		March 1678	M E N	W O M E N	B O Y S	G I R L S
Munday	25	This morninge wee wayd againe & gott outt a littell farther haveinge a land brize and came to anchor in 4 fathoms & ½ water this day died on man & one woman	01	01	00	00
Tuesday	26	This morninge wee wayd & seald aboutt two miles farther outt the wind fealinge came to anchor againe & then sentt away our boat to finde out the deepess water intendinge if wee had awind & smooth sea to run outt and soe to sea, wee lay then in 4 fathom of water, this day died one sea man	00	00	00	00
Wednesday	27	This day in the morninge the wind att N:W and N:N:W and a smooth sea wee wayd and [deletion] did gett over the sholes without strikeinge, the shalest water wee did meett with was 2 ffathom & halfe w[hi]ch continued for 5 cast of leed or more & did very much disharton us our ship drawinge 12 foott & ½ of water or upwards. But after wee found three ffathom of water for two leagues & more then water did increase and itt pleasd god that wee gott out into deeper water w[hi]ch did very much rejayse us, this day died one man	01	00	00	00
--	27	died of our Negroes befor such tyme as wee could get over the barr: 12 men, 6 woman & 1 boy, have severall others sick	-	-	-	-
Thursday	28	This day wee had the wind att S & S:B:E wee steerd W:S:W not much in the after noone I causd a muster of the Negroes haveinge all that were well downe between decks soe told them up, on & on, giveinge all tobaco as the came up, & found to bee one board a life: 175 men, 135 women, 9 boyes & 10 girles and nott one Negro more in the ship, my selfe sarchinge both between decks, & likewise the hold and am very certaine there was not one Negroe more bought for & paied the goods my selfe for every Negroe was purchased this voayge This day died one man & 2 women	01	02	00	00

		March 1678	M E N	W O M E N	B O Y S	G I R L S
Fryday	29	This day wee had the wind att S wee sealed p[e]r compass W:S:W afresh gale and aboutt 5 of the clock in the after noon wee had sight of Farnandypo att the S:E of us, this day died one woman	00	01	00	00
Satteday	30	This morninge wee had very littell wind till aboutt two in the after noon att w[hi]ch tyme wee had the wind afresh att W & W:B:S and aboutt six of the clock att night wee had sight of Princese to the S:W of us, the eveninge proved calm. This day wee had died two men haveinge att least 30 more very sick	02	00	00	00
Sunday	31	This morninge wee had afresh gale att S:B:W wee seald p[e]r compass S:E about 8 in the morninge died one of our sea men & in the afternoon that day died our doctor w[hi]ch wee did accou[n]tt agreat loss haveinge 6 white men very sick & many Negroes sick, had not been sick passinge three dayes and wee had been att sea of from the barr when he died 5 dayes this day died one woman & one girle	00	01	00	01
Aprill Munday	01	This day the greatest part of itt wee had noe wind untill 3 in the after noone att w[hi]ch tyme wee had the winde att S:S:E nott much wee steard W, this day died one man & one woman	01	01	00	00
Tuesday	02	The winde continues att W butt very littell wee keepe our course S:S:E about two of the clock in the after noone wee came up with Cape St Johns itt lay E from us aboutt 7 leagues. This day died two men wee haveinge many more sick takeinge the greatest care wee could for there p[re]servation	02	00	00	00
Wednesday	03	The wind in the morninge att E:B:S w[hi]ch continued till 4 att night then wee had the winde att W but very littell	-	-	-	-
Thursday	4	This day wee had the winde about 10 in the forenoone att S:B:S [or E] butt very low itt continued soe till twards eveninge then itt shifted a littell to the E, this eveninge died our docktors mate, 4 white men more beinge very sick, this day died two Negro men	02	00	00	00

		April 1678	M E N	W O M E N	B O Y S	G I R L S
Fryday	05	Wee had noe wind att all this day till 4 in the after noone then wee had a littell wind att E & E:B:N wee seale p[e]r compass S:W and W:S:W, this day died two men & 4 women haveinge many more sick, wee take the greatest care wee cann of them there is nothings wantinge to them	02	04	00	00
Satt[ur]day	06	This morninge wee had the winde att S:S:W wee steard p[e]r compass S an easie gale this day died one man & one woman	01	01	00	00
Sunday	07	Aboutt 5 in the after noone this day wee had sight of Cape Lopus haveinge but littell winde the day died 2 men & 1 woman	02	01	00	00
Munday	8	This morninge & the night pasd wee had very littell wind & our Negroes fallinge sick very many to our greate troble. Resolved to goe att Cape Lopus to take some refreshinge for them there about 4 in the afternoon wee had a fresh gale, this day died one man	01	00	00	00
Tuesday	09	This day about 12 in the forenoon wee came to anchor neare the watering place at Cape Lopus died this day & last night	00	02	00	00
Wednesday	10	there was att Cape Lopus when wee came in a Dutchman belonging to the Mine which had traded upon the coast 5 months for teeth the next day after wee came in he went away from Cape Lopus this day wee sentt our boat one shore for water this day died	00	01	00	00
Thursday	11	This morninge our men went ashore woodinge load of wood and some for water wee had one board ^ this day & 4 tunn of water, this day died one man	01	00	00	00
Fryday	12	This day wee had 2 boates load of wood on board and some water wee finde our Negroes to a mend and to be very well refreshed wee conclude itt to be by reason of the change of water this day died one woman	00	01	00	00
Satt[ur]day	13	Wee are now cleeninge our ship in the hold throwinge away the rotten yames w[hi]ch are a great many more then wee thought wee doubt wee shall not have good in the ship 30000 yames, & shall be forced to take in provition here this day died one woman	00	01	00	00

		April 1678	M E N	W O M E N	B O Y S	G I R L S
Sunday	14	The tyme wee had been at Cape Lopus wee did accord with some of the inhabitants there for some provitions for our Negroes & they brought one board this day green plantins and some drye one buffalo w[hi]ch your hon[ou]rs will finde one the accou[n]tt booke	-	-	-	-
Munday	15	This day aboutt 2 of the clock in the morninge wee sett seale from Cape Lopus haveinge afresh gale att S:B:E and S:S:E wee seald p[e]r compass S:W wee finde that the Negroes are greatly refreshed by the stoping a littell tyme, this day died one man	01	00	00	00
Tuesday	16	wee had very littell wind till 4 in the afternoon then wee had itt att W:S:W an easie gale w[hi]ch continued with us till the next day I in the forenoone this day died one man	01	00	00	00
Wednsday	17	This day wee had the winde att S:S:E wee seald p[e]r compass S:W:B:W an easie gale runninge aboutt 12 miles in 4 houres p[e]r logg	-	-	-	-
Thursday	18	The winde att S:E wee seald p[e]r compass S:W:B:W haveinge butt a low winde	-	-	-	-
Fryday	19	The winde continues att S:E haveinge now afresh gale sealeinge 20 miles & upward in 4 houres p[e]r logg, wee steard p[e]r compass W:S:W in the after noone wee had sight of Anabo aboutt 8 leagues distance this day & last night died 2 Negro men	02	00	00	00
Satt[ur]day	20	The winde continues att S:E ffresh gale wee keepeinge our course W:S:W	-	-	-	-
Sunday	21	The wind continues still to our comfortt sealinge p[e]r logg 25 miles in 4 hourse this day died one Negroe man, some more wee have sick and thought wee have noe docktor yett wee doe the best wee cann for them giveinge them brandy & mallagetta there is nothings wantinge to them, this day died one man	01	00	00	00
Munday	22	This day the winde nott blowinge soe ffresh I did muster the Negroes, causinge all to goe downe between decks that were weell & soe counted them up, giveinge as they came up one after one beinge all out of sheckells tobacco and found to be alife 155 men, 119 women, 9 boyes, 9 girles & noe more This afternoone died one woman	00	01	00	00

		Aprill 1678	M E N	W O M E N	B O Y S	G I R L S
Tuesday	23	The winde continues att S:E afresh gale wee seal p[e]r logg 25 miles in 4 hours this day & last night died two women	00	02	00	00
Wednesday	24	Wee had the winde this morninge att E:B:S afresh gale wee seald p[e]r compass W p[e]r logg 25 miles in 4 houres, this day died one man one woman	01	01	00	00
Thursday	25	The winde continues att E:B:S nott soe much as wee have had sealinge p[e]r compass W p[e]r logg 20 miles in 4 houres	-	-	-	-
Fryday	26	Wee have the winde still att E:B:S blowinge fresh wee seal p[e]r logg 24 miles in 4 houres, this day & last night died one man and one woman, wee have now not passinge seaven Negroes that are sick and take the best care wee can to p[r]eserve them	01	01	00	00
Satt[ur]day	27	This morninge wee had the winde more to the southard till 2 in the after noon then wee had it againe att E:B:S an easie gale	-	-	-	-
Sunday	28	The winde continues att E:B:S wee seale p[e]r compass W p[e]r logg 20 miles in 4 houres	-	-	-	-
Munday	29	Wee have the wind continued afresh sealinge p[e]r compass W p[e]r logg 24 miles a watch this night pasd died one man	01	00	00	00
Tuesday	30	The winde wee have now att S:E:B:E wee seald p[e]r compass W:B:N nott much winde an easie gale p[e]r logg 116 miles in 24 hourse	-	-	-	-
May Wednesday	01	This morninge wee had the winde att E:B:S an easie gale, wee seald p[e]r logg 86 miles in 24 houres, our Negroes are now for the most part in health	-	-	-	-
Thursday	02	Wee had the winde att E:B:S wee sealed p[e]r compass N by logg 98 miles in 24 hours	-	-	-	-
Fryday	03	The winde now vareinge from the E:B:S to the S:E:B:E. An easie gale, wee seald p[e]r compass W:B:N p[e]r logg 84 miles	-	-	-	-
Satt[ur]day	04	Wee have now the winde att S:E: & E:S:E very uncertaine weather with some raines wee seald p[e]r compass N:W, this day died two men & one woman	02	01	00	00

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Sunday	05	The winde att S:E wee seald p[e]r compass N:W p[e]r logg 98 miles	-	-	-	-
Munday	06	This 24 houres the winde vareinge between the S:E & the N:E with many showers and dark weather, wee seald p[e]r compass N:W & N:N:W p[e]r logg 105 miles, this day died one man	01	00	00	00
Tuesday	07	The wind veareinge from the S:E to the N:E with gusts & much raine wee seald p[e]r compass N:W p[e]r logg 105 miles this night pasd died one Negro woman	00	01	00	00
Wednesday	08	This day wee had the winde for the most part att S:E wee seald p[e]r compass N:E p[e]r logg this 24 houres 94 miles this died one man	01	00	00	00
Thursday	09	This day the wind beinge very uncertaine with gusts & showrs vareinge from the S:E to the N:N:E wee seald p[e]r compass N:W p[e]r logg 73 miles, this day died	00	01	00	00
Fryday	10	This day wee had the wind att E wee seald p[e]r compass N:W p[e]r logg 108 miles this day died one man haveinge been sick a long tyme & very poore	01	00	00	00
Satt[ur]day	11	This day wee had the winde att E:N:E with some raine wee seald p[e]r compass N:W p[e]r logg 102 miles	-	-	-	-
Sunday	12	Wee have now the winde att N:E wee seald p[e]r compass N:W p[e]r logg 117 miles this 24 houres	-	-	-	-
Munday	13	The winde continues att N:E, wee seald p[e]r compass N:W p[e]r logg this 24 houres 118 miles this day & last night died 2 men & 1 woman	02	01	00	00
Tuesday	14	The wind continues wee seald p[e]r compass N:W p[e]r logg this 24 houres 149 miles this day died one man wee finde our Negroes provitions to fall shortt by reason of the many yames w[hi]ch are rotton	01	00	00	00

		May 1678	M E N	W O M E N	B O Y S	G I R L S
Wednesday	15	This day wee had the winde att N:E:B:N wee seald N:W a fresh gale butt very fare weather in the after noone I tooke acco[un]tt of the Negroes causeinge all that were well to goe downe between decks and soe countinge the sick alought in the forecastell and upon deck, first then causinge the woman to come up, first one after one, and after the men, and I found to bee alife then 144 men,110 women, 9 boyes and 9 girles and noe more this eveninge about seaven of the clock died one woman	00	01	00	00
Thursday	16	This morninge wee had the winde att N:E:B:E wee seald p[e]r compass N:W p[e]r logg this 24 houres 140 miles, this morninge and last night died two men, one boye, god continue the gale otherwise wee doubt itt will be hard for us all intendinge to give our Negroes white mens provitions if theres should fall shortt w[hi]ch wee doubt as yett wee have nott abated the Negroes any thinge of there victialls but have as much as att first	02	00	01	00
Fryday	17	The winde att N:E wee seald p[e]r compass W:N:W p[e]r logg 142 miles	-	-	-	-
Satt[ur]day	18	From yesterday two in the after noone to this day 10 in the forenoone wee have had the winde att W butt an easie gale wee seald p[e]r compass N:W p[e]r logg this 24 houres 61 mile this after noone died one man	01	00	00	00
Sunday	19	The winde att W:B:S wee seald p[e]r compass N:W a fresh gale and fare weather p[e]r logg this 24 houres 131 miles	-	-	-	-
Munday	20	This morninge wee had the wind att E:N:E and E with showres & gusts wee sealed p[e]r compass W and W:B:S a fresh gale p[e]r logg this 24 houres 122 miles	-	-	-	-

		May 1678	M E N	W O M E N	B O Y S	G I R L S
Tuesday	21	Wee have the winde att E:N:E & E afresh gale, wee sealed p[e]r compass W, aboutt 4 of the clock in the afternoone wee had sight of the Island of Barbadoss suppossinge too late to gett in that night wee stood away S:E with an easie seale	-	-	-	-
Wednesday	22	This morninge beinge hasie and darke wee could nott see the Island for two houres after wee stood towards itt wee made seale and seald N:W, and by 12 of the clock that day wee anchord in Caleele Bay in Barbadoss , aboutt two houres after wee came to anchor; the commander hæd ordered his boate to be mand who goes one shore & gives your hon[ou]rs agents accompt of the ships arrival, my selfe continuinge one board exspectinge there worships one board that night	-	-	-	-
Thursday	23	This day wee expected your hon[ou]rs agentts one board but did nott come. I went into the hole to see what was left of the Negroes provitions and found about 240 yames a few dried plantains w[hi]ch was left of t[ha]t wee tooke in att Cape Lopus , 18 stock ffish, 3 parts of a ho[gshea]d of beanes, avery smale matter of mallagetta, and about 10lb of tobaco, this is that w[hi]ch was left of there provitions w[hi]ch was not enough to give them sattisfacktion three days, wherfore your hon[ou]rs agentts did order partatoes one board whiles the remaind there	-	-	-	-
Fryday	24	This day I wentt one shore to your hon[ou]rs agentts and gave there w[o]rships the charter (ptt?) and alsoe an accompt of what Negroes wee bought what died one the coast, what in the passage and how many wee brought into Barbadoss alife, alsoe there worships had the sight of the invoyces with the declaration and proclamation, there worships intendinge the next day to bee one board and lotte the Negroes w[hi]ch after I had sattisfied there worships what they desired I went one board againe, died one woman	00	01	00	00

		Barbados: May the 25 th 1678
Satt[ur]day	25	This day your hon[ou]rs agentts were on board & lotted the Negroes, after which beinge done I shewed there worships my booke of accompt and whatt provitions was left, alsoe the accompt of teeth purchased & what goods remayned of the cargoe shipt one board by your hon[ou]rs beinge now in the ship the <i>Arthur</i> eight hole cest of copper barrs, and 34 barrs in a broken chest 26 iron barrs, 16 tapseels 10 pentadoss, 16 dozen knives this day died one Negro man w[hi]ch your hon[ou]rs agentts had the sight of
Sunday	26	Tuesday ffollowinge is intended the day for sale of Negroes. I am ordered to torry one board w[hi]ch accodingly doe this day died one man
Tuesday	28	This day were many of your hon[ou]rs Negroes sold the next day beeing kept there were none sold untill Thursday --- Wednesday beinge the 29 May
Thursday	30 31	this day the Negroes were very thinn upon haveinge nott many left, the next day rainy weather were not many buyers on board, if itt had been ffare weather suppose had sold all the Negroes, there were 23 left unsold and the next day beinge satterday Mr man came one board by your hon[ou]rs agentts order & caused them to be caryed away I suppose the were sold, after the Negroes were all outt I left the shipp & went one shore and the 7 th of June came outt of Barbadoss in the shipp the <i>Edward & Ann</i> Capt[ain] Nathaniell Green commander in company with eleven seale more bound for England Your Hon[ourable] Sa[r]v[an]t Geo Hingston

Glossary

The spellings are as used in the original journal and transcription.

Locations mentioned in the journal (in the order first encountered)

Graves End	Gravesend , a town in Kent on the south side of the River Thames where the <i>Arthur</i> began her voyage on 5 December 1677
Redsands	Red Sands , a sandbar in the Thames Estuary off the coast at Herne Bay
Gore	... a sand bar ...
Downes	The Downs , a secure anchoring point off the coast at Sandwich, Kent, where ships used to meet before setting off to the Mediterranean, Africa and the Americas
Lizzard	The Lizard , the southern-most peninsular in Cornwall
Virginia	A British colony on the Eastern seaboard of America, now a state of the United States
Madary Ilands	Madeira Islands , a group of Atlantic islands
St Iago	San Tiago , the largest island in the Cape Verde Islands, in the Atlantic
Sina	Sinoe , a river and county in Liberia
Cape Palmos	Cape Palmas , a headland in the southern Liberia
Capetreepontus	Cape Three Points , a headland in southern Ghana
Callabarr	Calabar , Nigeria, a maritime district and the name of two rivers in south-east Nigeria. The region is intersected by the two rivers of Old and New Calabar. New Calabar River is to the west of Port Harcourt and Old Calabar River is in the area of the city and river of Calabar
Fogo Point	Uncertain, but possibly Fouche Point on Fouche Island, Nigeria at the mouth of the New Calabar and Bonny rivers
Fogo Town	Uncertain, but possibly Ifoko a town on Fouche Island
The Mine	Elmina , a former slaving fort in Southern Ghana. Built by the Portuguese in 1482 but captured by the Dutch in 1637. Elmina and other Dutch possessions in Ghana were ceded to Britain in 1871
Farnandypo	Fernando Po, now Bioko Island , Equatorial Guinea
Princese	Princes Island, now Principé , Equatorial Guinea
Cape St Johns	also Cape St Jean, now Cabo San Juan , Equatorial Guinea
Cape Lopus	Cape Lopez , a headland in Gabon
Anabo	Annabon , Equatorial Guinea, and island south of Soa Tome
Barbadoss	Barbados , where the <i>Arthur</i> finished her voyage
Carleele Bay	Carlisle Bay , the main harbour in Barbados where Bridgetown is situated

Nautical terms

Fathom	About 6 feet in depth
League	About 3 miles distance

Log	A piece of wood attached to a rope which is has knots a regular intervals, this is dropped overboard to find out how fast the ship is moving and how far it has travelled
Muster	Gathering all the people together so that they can be accounted for.
Sound	To cast a line and lead weight to see how deep the water is
Watch	Four hours
Weigh	To weigh anchor, to raise the anchor off the seabed

General

Factor	an agent employed by the Royal African Company
Flemmons	Flemings, Dutch speaking people from the Flanders region in Northern Belgium; though it was part of Southern Netherlands at the time of this journey
Flyboate	Flyboat, a Dutch merchant ship usually used for coastal trade
Lott	To prepare, assess and group the Africans for sale by auction – to put into lots
Mallagetta	Malaguetta pepper (<i>Amomum melegueta</i>), a spice from Africa related to ginger, known as 'grains of paradise', used to flavour food and drink
Monello	Manilla – a copper bracelet used as a trading currency
Pentadoss	Pintados, Printed cloth (batik) from the East Indies
Royal African Company	A company established in 1672 to create settlements in Africa and to trade in African goods including slaves. Until 1698 the Royal African Company had a monopoly to supply slaves to British colonies in America and the Caribbean.
Tapseels	Tapsells, Indian cloth of mixed cotton and silk
Teeth	Elephants' tusks, ivory
Waitors	Tide waiters, customs officials who came aboard ships to look for illegal goods, to claim taxes and to enforce customs regulations