

Capt. William Ellery

Boston 14th January 1759.

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me to follow Your Directions in every particular & deliver you y^e Cargo,
being Consign'd You. My Orders are to you, that you embrace the
first favourable Opportunity of Wind and Weather and proceed to the
Coast of Africa, touching first if you think proper at Sinagall, where
if you find Encouragement, You may part with such part of your
Cargo, as you can sell to your liking, otherwise I hope you wont
Tarry twelve Hours, and then proceed down the Coast to such Ports or
Places as you judge best to dispose of your Cargo to Advantage,
so as to purchase a Cargo of Slaves with which you are to proceed
to South Carolina, unless a Peace should happen, or a good Opportunity
of coming off with a Man of Warr, or some Vessell of Force for y^e West Indies
in that case I would recommend the Island of St. Christophers, being
Handy to St. Eustatia for the Sail of your Slaves. — Wherever you may
sell your Slaves, either in the West Indies or S^c. Carolina, you may load
your Vessell with the Produce of the Place, such as you are acquainted
with the Value, which may be some help to the Sale of your Slaves
and for the Remainder take none but undoubted Bills of Exchange,
otherwise Cash = giving the Reference to the Cash if a Peace or good
Convoy home. — At Surrileon the place where I suppose You
will make your Trade, You will I hope meet with Cap^t. Waffe Rand
in the Schooner Bachus & Cap^t. Elias Ellery in the Sloop Peggy, who
have both Orders from me to part with their Vessell, & Cargo, and Ship
their Effects on board You. — if they have not sold their Vessell, & Cargo
before your Arrivall, you are to Aid and Assist them in doing it & in
every Respect, make it a Joynt Interest as the whole is upon my Acc^t.
and take on Board your Snow the Masters & Seamen which will
strengthen you — as you have a suitable Cargo for the Coast
and the best that could be procured here according to your own
memorandum & Part of it bespoke & boats for Trade with y^e advantage
of the Sloop Cap^t. Elias Ellery — all this I hope will comman I
Dispatch as Nothing else can help the Voyage as you are sensible.
You sail at Great Expence to say at least £ p^a 9m^o
Portledge Bill, Provisions &c. but that is not all, Consider the Season
we fitted out, Nothing could be done as to Sheathing the Snow, so that
if you should Lay so long on the Coast as to bring on the Rains, —
which I understand by you is in the month of May, y^e Vessell's Bottom
will be Destroy'd by the Worms and the men sickly & Die, which
will render it impossible to gett off the Coast; all this I make no
doubt you'll consider and will exert yourself to the utmost; otherwise
the whole Scheme will be frustrated, I would recommend to You to
overhale your Vessell's Bottom as soon and as often as you can
Consider

Consider her a New Vessel which the Worms soon takes. —
You have with you Carpenters and all the Materials for sheathing the
Snow if required, but this I can't think of by any means, and should
rather than tarry longer than May, sell to a Disadvantage, and if
not compleatly Slav'd, take in on Freight. — Tho' I should think that
your own Cargo with your Brothears Cargo & Sloop when sold & perhaps
Hands, will more than be sufficient to purchase Two Hundred Slaves.
— Your Cargo is good and well assorted, your Dum I make no Doubt
will hold out more than it was taken in for, having Prov'd some to
hold out more than the Gage. mark'd upon them, & as all of them, are
Strong Cask Iron Bound, hope You'll have little or no Leakage.
I should chuse you should pay off as much of the Portledge Bill in the
West Indies or Carolina as you can, even to the amount of their
whole wages, if can do it to Advantage.

as You have Guns and men, I doubt not You'll make a good Use
of them if required. — This one Thing in a particular manner I would
remind you of, that is to be sure to write me by all & every Opportu-
-nity, and be very particular, — which will serve for my Government.
There is further a greater ^{Dis} Advantage in Tarrying on the Coast after
the Month of May, that is the Hurricanes in the West Indies, which
You'll meet with, and being so late there as to fitt out in the Winter
for the next Voyage, This no doubt you'll likewise Consider as you have
experienced the Difficulty

— as you have had often the Care of
a Number of Slaves, so I think it needless to say much upon
that head in Regard to keeping them well secured & a Constant Watch
over them, & at the same time you'll consider that many Vessels
have been outt off through Neglect or thinking themselves Secure.
You have a good Medicine Chest with Good Directions, which if well
followed, is much better in my Opinion than an Unskillfull Doctor
as at this Time no other is to be had. —

Your Priviledge is Slaves, your Commissions is p^o £
your wages £ Sterling p^o month Upon the whole notwithstanding
what has been said in Regard to the Voyage, as I have a good Opinion
of your ability, I leave the Affairs to your Prudent management
not doubting of your best Endeavours, so that if any thing should
appear to you to be for my Interest you have Liberty to act, as
you think proper in every particular — Recommending to you in
a particular manner Frugality and Industry which attends Dispatch

— You have on Board a Chest of small Arms & a Number of Brass
Shettles, which is not included in the Inv^o as you esteem y^m unfeasible.
They are put on board by the Owner for one half the N^o Profit,
If you go to the West Indies or S^c Carolina & want any assistance,
apply to the undermentioned Gentlemen who are my Friends. — You
are not to leave with them or any other Persons any Debts behind,

would sooner take any kind of Produce — Bring some of the Slaves
this way if not too late — you being provided with Water Cask, hope
will add to Dispatch & on your Arrivall in the West Indies, you
may dispose of them, as you know they will not answer to put
Rum in after Water, on acco^t. of taking of the Proff. — you have
severall small Articles on Board, which is not included in the Invoice
which you'll observe — I am with wishing you Health, Success
and Happiness Your assured Friend & Owner

March 5th in South Carolina
Richard Wiltshire Esq^r. March^t. in Barbadoes
M^r. Neal and Caxton — in S^t. Christophers
Isaac Treeman in S^t. Eustatia
James Towers in S^t. Croix

Timothy Hitch

P.S. I have wrote your Brother to follow your Orders. Therefore if you
find it to advantage you may put a proper Assortment of Goods
into his Sloop to go up the River Immediately On your Arrivall
to make Trade, which will help in Dispatch

John Fitch (Lithu)

to Capt. Blane
out of 1. Moral Lesson
July 14th. 1759

Capt. John Blane's
Orders

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TRANSCRIPT OF LETTER

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Observe_I am with wishing you Health, SucceSs, and HappineSs Your aSsured
Friend & Owner Timothy Fitch Merchants in South Carolina Richard Wiltshire Esq.
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Tim Fitch to Capt Ellery out of Snow Caesar January 14th 1759

Bene Island Africa June 1799

Account of What Slaves on Mr Timothy Fitch
Merchant in Boston Rescue

138 men Boys Woman & Girls &c
1 Child
26 Buried in all Till sold
113

Providence Slaves Belonging to William Ellery
Factor

4 men & 2 Woman & 2 Boys
In the Hole 8 Slaves

D^o Marmaduke Masterman Comander &c

1 Woman
2 Boys &c

D^o Peter Gwin Chief mate &c

1 Boy slave

D^o on Freight &c

1 Woman for West Indies
1 Child for Ditto &c one Boy for Boston

In the Hole on Board of the Snow Caesar

153
2 Children
155

Bridge Town Barbados Aug 21 1759

An Account of what Slaves was sold at Publick Vendue
Belonging to M^r Timothy Fitch Marchant in
Boston New Eng: &c

Tuesday Aug 21 1759 — Currency

1 Boy	£ 3 10 0
1 Girl	2 00 0
1 Do	5 02 6
1 Woman	10 00 0
1 Girl	13 15 0
1 Boy	11 05 0
1 Do	20 05 0
1 Do	06 02 6
1 Do	17 05 0
1 Woman	13 00 0
1 Girl	10 05 0
1 Woman	13 00 0
1 Boy	19 15 0
1 Do	18 05 0
1 Ditto	13 10 0
1 Girl	15 15 0
1 Woman	21 05 0
1 Man	24 05 0
1 Do	20 10 0
1 woman	23 15 0
1 Do	26 05 0
1 man	22 10 0
1 Ditto	08 00 0
1 Do	

Inventory of Slaves sold on 21st
of Aug 1759

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Marcht in Boston, New England : Vz -----

Tuesday Augt : 21, 1759 -----

Currency

1 boy	L 3.10.0
1 girl	L 2.00.0
1 Do	L 5.02.6
1 woman	L 10.00.0
1 girl	L13.15.0
1 Boy	L11.05.0
1Do	L20.05.0
1Do	L06.02.6
1 Woman	L17.05.0
1 Girl	L13.00.0
1 boy	L10.05.0
1 Do	L13.00.0
1 Ditto	L19.05.0
1 Girl	L18.05.0
1 woman	L15.15.0
1 man	L21.05.0
1 Do	L24.05.0
1 Man	L20.10.0
1 Ditto	L23.15.0
1 Do	L26.05.0