

We the Braffoe and Curranteers, the Priests and People of *Fantee* do declare, that our Fathers, under the Conduct of their Braffoe *Imorah*, were brought by the *English* from the Country now *Arkania*, and by them furnished with Arms, Ammunition and Money, not only to take Possession of this Land inhabited by us, but likewise to conquer all those States around us at present subject to our Dominion.

And whereas we are certainly informed that within these ten Years past, several Subjects of the *French* King have been endeavouring by Bribes of various Kinds, not only to dissolve that close Connection between the *English* and *Fantee* Nation, which we look upon as our greatest Security, but likewise to procure to themselves some of the Ground which was conquered at the *English* Expence; which, besides the natural Injustice of the Thing, can have no other Tendency, than to introduce jarring Interests and Divisions among us, and thereby deliver us up as an easy Prey to our Enemies.

For these Reasons, and to recognize, the Rights of the *English* Nation in the most solemn and authentic Manner, and to cut off all Claims and Pretensions of any other Nation whatsoever; we the whole People of *Fantee*, did, on the 26th of *October* last, assemble at *Munnin*, and then unanimously passed the following Law to be Constitutional; and publickly, according to the wonted Form of our Ancestors, denounce a Curse upon ourselves, or any of our Posterity, who shall attempt, either directly or indirectly, to break thro' it.

' Be it known to all the People of *Fantee*, and to all under their Obedience, that we the Braffoe and Curranteers, the Priests and People of *Fantee*, do enact and ordain, That no Subject of the *French* King shall ever be permitted to settle any where, either by building Forts, or otherwise, between *Queen Anne's Point* and *Jame's Fort, Aura*: And that whoever attempts to harbour them in his House shall, on the Proof of the Fact, be adjudged guilty of Treason against his Country, and punished accordingly.'

And as a farther Proof of the Reality of our Intentions, and to secure, as far as in us lies, the *English* Interest in this Country, and to engage them, by our candid Behaviour, to continue to us that Protection which
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