

able the House of Commons, in the Year 1730, resolved that the Trade and Navigation to *Africa* should never be charg'd with any Duty for the Maintainance of the *British* Forts and Settlements there; and they have granted an Allowance every Year since that Time to the Royal *African* Company of *England* for that Purpose; but Experience hath shewn that this Allowance has not by any Means prov'd sufficient.

THE Allowance of 10,000*l.* Sterling lately granted to the present Company, will not enable them to keep their Forts and Castles in Repair, and much less in a proper defensible Condition: It will take more than twice as much *per Annum* to enable any Company to keep them as they ought to be; and above 100,000*l.* *per Annum*, were they in the Hands of the Government without a trading Company to make Alliances by means of their Residence and Trade as aforesaid: For as such Alliances will procure more Friends, there will of Consequence be a better Strength and fewer Enemies; and besides, the Company's Governors, Factors and other Servants, may also officiate as military Officers, and thereby save large Sums to the Publick.

IN order to render such a Company, and the rest of his Majesty's Subjects, serviceable to each other as well as to the *American* Planters, the Company's Factors should be always authoriz'd by the Company, to sell Negroes to separate Traders for Goods, Money or Bills of Exchange; a Credit, as to Bills, to be first obtain'd from the Company. By this Means the separate Traders may be furnish'd with their full Complement of Negroes of the Company, if they please, and be dispatch'd from the Coast in three or four Weeks, instead of three or four Months, whereby there will be great Savings in Demurrage and Mortality; and besides, the
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