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the Impression that the Vessel was a Merchantman. "The Merchant *British Empire in America*, Ed. 1741, I, 369. sold 20 Negroes, which were the first Slaves that were brought thither (to *Virginia*) from *Guinea*."

At this Period a Class of Adventurers, called "*Guinea* Traders," resorted to *Africa*; another Class, called "*Virginia* Traders," resorted to *America*. One or other of these, it is supposed, landed the above mentioned Negroes.

In 1621, all the Dutch private Companies trading to *Africa* and *America* were merged into one—the celebrated West India Com-