1801 - 1826

1801-02

LABARTHE, Pierre

Mémoire pour servir de réponse à celui du Colonel Laserre, ex-Commandant en Chef du Sénégal, contenant quelques détails sur la situation intérieure.

Paris, 1805.

Laserre, the Governor of Senegal in 1801-02, tried to create a monopoly of the Senegal river gum trade, but he was seized by a group of St. Louis merchants and removed to Goree. For a note on the author of this Mémoire, see 1784 LABARTHE. See also 1801 LADURANTIE and 1801 LASERRE. Extracts from all three documents are printed in Léonce JORE, Les établissements français sur la côte occidentale d'Afrique de 1758 à 1809, Paris, 1965.

1801-02

LADURANTIE & DURÉCU, merchants of Bordeaux

Réponse des SS Ladurantie et Durécu, negocians de Bordeaux, à l'écrit calomnieux publié sous le nom de Mémoire pour le Colonel Laserre, ex-Commandant du Sénégal, Paris, 1805.

See also 1801 LABARTHE and 1801 LASERRE.

1801-02

LASERRE, Col. Louis-Henri-Pierre

Mémoire pour le Colonel Laserre, ex-Commandant au Sénégal, deporté par suite de l'insurrection qui a éclaté dans la Colonie pendant la nuit du 4 au 5 Thermidor an X..., Paris, 1805.

See also 1801 LABARTHE and 1801 LADURANTIE.

c. 1801-18

ROBERTSON, George A.

Notes on Africa, particularly those parts which are situated between Cape Verde and the River Congo.... London, 1819; 2nd ed. 1820.

Ger. trans. of Robinson's section on the Fanti, Ethnographisches Archiv, 10 (1820) 142-92.

1826 Walkenaer

Contemporaries regarded Robertson as a mine of information - mainly, but not exclusively, about commercial matters - on the coasts from Sierra Leone to the Congo on which he had been trading since the beginning of the century. 1820 DUPUIS appointed him acting consul to Asante upon his own departure from the Gold Coast. His book appears to be rather rare.

(1801 onwards)

SIERRA LEONE

From 1801 onwards, the United Kingdom Parliament printed a number of papers dealing with the affairs of the Sierra Leone colony, some of which contain first-hand evidence.

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The following Reports of Select Committees etc may be particularly noted for the information on Sierra Leone which they contain:

Session 1801-2: ii, 100.
Session 1806-7: ii, 55.
Session 1820: xii, 90.
Session 1826-7: vii, 312, 552.
Session 1830: x, 66.

In the Irish Universities Press facsimile reprint of 19th century Parliamentary Papers, the papers relating specifically to Sierra Leone are to be found in the series 'Colonies: Africa' in Vols. 1 and 52-55. See Catalogue of British Parliamentary Papers 1801-1900, Dublin, 1977.

From 1846 onwards, there are also Annual Reports from the Governors of the Colony.

1802-04

BONNÉ, C. H.

Søreiser paa Europas kyster og kysten af Guinea. Thisted, 1833.
Bonné visited West Africa as a member of the crew of a slavership.

1802-16

MARRÉE, Johannes Adam de

Marrée served twice in the Dutch administration on the Gold Coast, as Secretary and Fiscal in 1802-04 and then as General Secretary and Linguist in 1810-16; his account of the country merits comparison with 1688 BOSMAN. In 1822 he was appointed Commissioner in the Mixed Court at Sierra Leone (cf. 1822 FIGANIÈRE).

1802-28

WALKER, Rev. Samuel Abraham

Missions in western Africa among the Soosos, Buloms etc..., Dublin, 1845.
Walker set out to write a history of the Church Missionary Society but completed only two volumes (for the second, see 1804 WALKER). He made lavish use of original material.

1802-65

COLLECTION: BENNETT, Norman R., & BROOKS, George E.

Much of this collection relates to East Africa, but there is also some useful material for western Africa.

1803

M'LEOD (or McLEOD), John, Surgeon. R.N.

A voyage to Africa, with some account of the manners and customs of the Dahomian people, London, 1820.
Fr. trans. 1821; Dutch trans. 1822.

[cont.]
Contemporary bibliographies and catalogues also credit M'Leod as author of *Journal of a short captivity in Dahomy*, also dated 1820 and from the same publisher. But it would seem likely that this was an advance title for the book here listed.

**(1804/05)**

CANNECATTIM, Bernardo Maria de

2. *Colleção de observações grammaticàes sobre a língua Bunda ou Angolense e diccionário da língua Congueza*, Lisbon, 1805; 2nd ed. 1854.

**(1804)**

LEDYARD, John, & LUCAS, Simon

*Voyages de MM. Ledyard et Lucas en Afrique... suivis d'extraits de voyages faits à la rivière de Gambie...*, Paris, 1804.

A translation of parts of the *Proceedings of the African Association*, 1790-1802 (see 1790 AFRICAN ASSOCIATION), followed by substantial extracts translated from 1730 MOORE. Ledyard died in Cairo in 1788 on his way to West Africa. In the following year, Lucas did not go much further than Tripoli, though he did obtain useful information about the Fezzan and about Bornu.

**1804–35**

MISSIONARY RECORDS


This was produced by the Religious Tract Society and includes extensive verbatim reports.

**1804**

POSTEL, Athanase


**1804–41**

WALKER, Rev. Samuel Abraham


Walker's second volume; cf. 1802 WALKER.

**1805–06**

CORRY, Joseph

*Observations upon the Windward Coast of Africa, the religion, character, customs etc. of the Natives...*, London, 1807.

Corry deals principally with Sierra Leone, Goree and the Rio Pongo (or Pongo); he argues for the development of 'legitimate trade'.
1805-09

MONRAD, Rev. Hans Christian

Bidrag til en skildring af Guinea-kysten og dens Indbyggere..., Copenhagen, 1822.
Ger. trans. Weimar, 1824.
1826 Volckenaer.

Monrad served as chaplain in the Danish settlements on the Gold Coast.

1805

NICHOLLS, Henry

See 1790 AFRICAN ASSOCIATION

1805

PARK, Mungo

The journal of a mission to the interior of Africa... to which is prefixed an account of the life of Mr Park, London, 1815; 2nd ed. revised & corrected, with additions, also 1815; many other eds.

The Life is by E. WISHAW of the African Institution. The narrative of Park's Mandingo guide, ISAACO, is included with the documents that are printed in the book.

Fr. trans. Second voyage de Mungo Park... avec des additions tirées de la narration de Robert Adams en Afrique en 1810, Paris, 1820.

See also 1795 PARK, 1810 ADAMS.

1805

SPILSBURY, Francis B., Surgeon, R.N.

Account of the voyage to the western coast of Africa by H.M. Sloop Favourite in the year 1805. London, 1807.

Goree and Sierra Leone; good illustrations.

1806-10

BAPTISTA, Pedro Joam, & JOSE, Amaro


The two pombeiros began their journey in Angola, but little is said about it in this account. The original Portuguese text was published in various issues of Annaes Maritimos e Coloniaes (Lisbon) for 1843.

1806-14

NYLÄNDER, Rev. Gustavus R.

Nylander was the first missionary linguist to work with the Church Missionary Society in Sierra Leone, where he served between 1806 and 1824. P.E.H. HAIL has published a bibliography of the writings of Nylander and other early missionary linguists in Sierra Leone (*Sierra Leone Studies*, 19 (1966) 146-50).

(1807-24) 

AFRICAN INSTITUTION, The 


After 1824 the series continues as: _The Anti-Slavery [Monthly] Reporter_.

1807-57 

DRAKE, Capt. Richard


T.C. McCASKIE argues, in _HA_, 11 (1984), that Drake's account of a visit to Asante in 1839 is certainly spurious, but accepts that he may well have visited the West African coasts. Cf. 1795 HAWKINS.

1807-1957 

COLLECTION: METCALFE, George Edgar


e. 1808-18 

ALI EISAMI GAZIRMABE, of Bornu


Ali Eisami was a Kanuri of Bornu born c. 1787. He was captured and enslaved by Fulani c. 1818 and sold by Hausa traders to Old Oyo. In 1817 he was sold from Porto Novo into the Atlantic slave trade, but his ship was intercepted by the Royal Navy and he was liberated in Sierra Leone, where he became known as William Harding.

1808-26 

MACAULAY, Kenneth

_The Colony of Sierra Leone vindicated from the misrepresentations of Mr Macqueen of Glasgow_, London, 1827. facs. 1968

After a short and chequered period of government service, Kenneth Macaulay, a cousin of 1793 MACAULAY, became a prominent Freetown merchant. For a note on Macqueen, see 1800 MACQUEEN.
1808-10 & 1817-27

The SIERRA LEONE ROYAL GAZETTE

This officially sponsored periodical is known to have been produced at Freetown for the years given.

(1808-14)

VOYAGES: PINKERTON, John


Vols. 15 & 16 deal with Africa and include, for example, 1666 DIONIGI CARLI, 1682 GIROLAMO MEROLLA, 1688 BOSMAN, 1749 ADANSON, and 1766 PROYART.

1810-13

ADAMS, Robert

Narrative of Robert Adams... who was wrecked on the western coast of Africa in the year 1810, was detained three years in slavery by the Arabs of the Great Desert, and resided several months in the city of Tombuctoo, ed.


Fr. trans. 1817, 1820 (see 1805 PARK); Dutch trans. 1818, 1826.

Doubts have always existed about the authenticity of Adams's Narrative, and especially about the part that relates to Timbuctoo. Cock explains in his Introduction how Adams was interrogated by members of the African Association, and he prints a letter from Joseph DUPUIS (see 1820), who had met Adams in 1813 when he was consul at Mogador, and who believed his story to be genuine. See also the Concluding Remarks to the volume at p.196. Dupuis's evidence appears to have been decisive, and it was he who contributed many of the notes to the Narrative and also Appendix II. On the question of authenticity, see e.g. The Quarterly Review, 14 (1816) 453-73, and 16 (1817) 309-13, and the hostile conclusions of E. JOMBARD in the 'Remarques et recherches géographiques' appended to 1824 CAILLIE, Vol.3, 164-67.

Also cf. 1815 RILEY.

c.1810-20

AVEZAC-MACAYA, Marie-Armand-Pascal d'


Modern ed. in Eng. trans., annotated, by P. C. LLOYD in Philip D. CURTIN, Africa remembered, Madison, 1967, pp.217-88; this omits the original's 90-page appendix, 'Esquisse grammaticale de la langue Yébous'.

Avezac-Maya was Vice-President of the Société Ethnologique in Paris. His information about the Igbo came from questioning a slave, OSIFEKUNDE, who had been brought to Paris by his Brazilian master. For other work on Africa by Avezac, see 1837, 1844 & 1845.

1810-11

CUFFEE, Capt. Paul

Memoir of Captain Paul Cuffee, a man of color, various eds: London, York, Liverpool, Dublin etc from c.1811.

In 1810-11 and 1816-17, Cuffee, an Afro-American Quaker, sought to develop businesses in Sierra Leone to support Afro-American settlers. In early editions, the Memoir may follow The History of Prince Lee Boo. A text was edited by 1848 ARMISTEAD (London, 1840).
An account of some recent transactions in the Colony of Sierra Leone. London. 1810.

Christopher FYFE (A history of Sierra Leone, London, 1962, p.111) says that this book is almost entirely taken up with Grant's own affairs.

Voyages and travels of Capt. Abel Sampson in Europe, Asia and Africa...
related by himself; written by Edmund Hale Kendall, Boston. 1852.

This includes a slaving voyage to Loango. There is an earlier publication with the same pagination, The wonderful adventures of Abel Sampson (Lawrence City, Mass. 1847).


An informative document of 30 pages.

Robert Thorpe was dismissed from the office of Chief Justice of Sierra Leone in 1813. Thereafter he became an energetic pamphleteer, responsible for the following (all London):

(1) A letter to William Wilberforce. 1815 and other eds.
(2) A reply... to the Special Report of the Directors of the African Institution, 1815.
(3) Postscript to the reply. 1815.
(4) A view of the present increase of the slave trade. 1818.
(5) A commentary of the Treaties.... 1819.


There is little African material in this collection outside Vol.7.


Cf. 1828 DESCRIPTION DE LA CÔTE.
1814

SALDANHA da GAMA, António de
Memórias sobre as colônias de Portugal situadas na costa ocidental d'Africa ... em 1814. Paris, 1839.

1815-17

DAENDELS, Herman Willem
Eng. trans. from the transcripts made by J.T. FURLEY from the General State Archives at The Hague and now in the Balme Library of the University of Ghana, Legon.

1815-20

DAVIES, Rev. William
(1) Extracts from the Journal of the Rev. William Davies, Llanidloes, 1835.
(2) What would seem to be the complete diary was published in Welsh from Abertawe (Swansea) in 1829.
Davies was a Methodist missionary in Sierra Leone.

1815-46

FERGUSSON, Dr William
Fergusson was an Edinburgh-trained West Indian surgeon active in Sierra Leone from 1815 until his death in 1846, and governor of the colony in 1844-46. Much of his letter is also in T.F. BUXTON, The African slave trade and the remedy (London, 1840), pp.367-84.

(1815)

IJZENDOORN, P. van
De Goudkust. The Hague, 1815.

(1815)

LABARThE, Pierre
See 1784 LABARTHE for a note on the author.

(1815)

PYM, Sir William
Observations on the Bulam Fever... , London, 1815.
In 1848 there was a second and enlarged ed. of Pym's book which also contained 'A review of a Report... by Sir William Burnett and Dr Bryson... ' (Cf. 1847 BRYSON). On 'Bulam Fever', see 1793 CHISHOLM and the reference there cited. Pym became the army's Superintendent of Quarantine.
1815

RILEY, James

An authentic account of the loss of the American brig Commerce... with an account of Tombuctoo etc. Hartford, 1817; New York, 1817; London, 1817; & many later eds.
Fr. trans. with additional material, 2 vols, 1818.

Unlike 1810 ADAMS, Riley was a person of education and substance. He was both master and supercargo of the Commerce, a member of the New York Historical Society and, for a time, a member of the Ohio State Legislature. He did not himself claim to have been to Timbuctu, but his book includes - among other collected material - a narrative of a trans-Saharan journey to and from that city by one SIDI HAMET, who was his master during his enslavement. See also 1815 ROBBINS and - for Sidi Hamet - 1819 COCHELET.

1815

ROBBINS, Archibald

A journal comprising an account of the brig Commerce of Hartford... [wrecked] upon the western coast of Africa, August 28th 1815; also of the slavery and suffering of the author and the rest of the crew, Hartford, 1817; Rochester, N.Y. 1818; New York, 1819; & many later eds.
Cf. 1815 RILEY.

1816

DARD, Charlotte-Adélaïde

La chaumière africaine, ou histoire d'une famille française jetée sur la côte occidentale de l'Afrique à la suite du naufrage de la Méduse, Dijon, 1824.

See also 1816 SAVIGNY and 1818 MOLLIE. The wreck of the Méduse became a celebrated subject in French art and literature. Charlotte-Adélaïde Dard (née Picard) became the wife of the Jean DARD of the next entry.

1816-25/26

(2) Grammaire Wolof..., Paris, 1826.

Jean Dard was the first schoofteacher at St Louis, going out in 1816 with the French re-occupation. See also 1816 DARD, C.-A.

1816-20

HUTTON, William

A voyage to Africa, including a narrative of an embassy to one of the interior kingdoms, London, 1821.
1816-17

HUYDECOPER, Willem


1816-23

JOHNSON, Rev. William Augustine Bernard


There is also a popular short account based on the above: Marie Louise CHARLESWORTH, *Africa's mountain valley, or the Church in Regent's Town, West Africa*, (London, 1856).

1816-18

LEE, Mrs Sarah

*Stories of strange lands and fragments from the notes of a traveller*, London, 1835.

Sarah Lee (née Wallis) was the widow of 1817 BOWDICH, who died in 1824. She went out to join him on the Gold Coast in 1816 and she returned with him to England via Gabon in 1818. This book contains annotated stories of Gold Coast Africans and accounts of her voyages to and from the Gold Coast and of a short excursion she made while she was there. She later made use of her experience in two adventure stories (see 1847 LEE and 1856 LEE). She also contributed to 1823 BOWDICH.

1816-21

LEE, William


While serving in the army as a sergeant-major, Lee was a member of the abortive mission to the Niger led by Major Peddie in 1816-17 and of the somewhat more successful one led by 1818 GRAY. (See also 1826 HULBERT).

1816-18

REIJNHOUT (or REYNHOUT), Dr Martinus Johannes

(1) *Beschrijving van de Natuur der Koorts, welke de Aankomelingen uit Europa aan de Kust van Afrika aantast...*, Amsterdam, 1819.

(2) *Redevoering... over den natuurkundigen, zedelijken en verstandelijken toestand der Goudkust en hare Bewoners*, Amsterdam, 1824.

Reijnhout was doctor and botanist on the Gold Coast under 1815 DAENDELS. The first work is a treatise on the fevers which attack new arrivals in Africa from Europe; the second is an address on the physical, moral and intellectual condition of the Gold Coast and its inhabitants.
1816 - 27  

RICHARD, Claude


During 1816-27 Richard managed the government garden in Senegal where exotic plants were tried out; his catalogue is dated 26 July 1827 and lists more than 600 plants. An earlier list (1824) of 544 species was published by Théodore Monod in *BIFAN* 13 B (1951) 1281-98. Richard-Roc was later called Richard-Toll.

1816  

SAVIGNY, Jean-Baptiste-Henri, & CORRÉARD, Alexandre

*Naufrage de la frégate la Méduse, faisant partie de l'expédition au Sénégal en 1816.* Paris, 1817. facs. 1979


See also 1816 DARD, C.-A. (and the reference there to A.W.LAWRENCE, *The wreck of the Medusa*), and 1818 MOLLIER.

1816  

TUCKEY, James Kingston, Capt. R.N.

*Narrative to explore the River Zaire... in 1816... to which is added the journal of Professor Smith; some general observations of the country and its inhabitants.* London, 1818. facs. 1967

This official British exploration of the lower Congo did not penetrate beyond the rapids above Matadi and many of its members, including Tuckey, died from fever. Chetien SMITH was a Norwegian botanist trained at the University of Copenhagen. His journal was published in Danish from Christiana (Oslo) in 1819. The Br. Lib. indicates that Tuckey's second Christian name was really Kingston, not Kingston.

1816  

WEST AFRICAN COMMITTEE


1817 - 18  

BOWDICH, Thomas Edward

*Mission from Cape Coast Castle to Ashantee, with a statistical account of that kingdom and geographical notices of other parts of the interior of Africa.* London, 1819. facs. 1966

This includes the diary of William HUTCHISON, who in September 1817 remained in Kumasi as the British representative when the mission departed, and stayed there until February 1818. It also includes 'A sketch of Gaboon', which Bowdich (and his wife) visited on the voyage back to Britain.
Fr. trans. 1819; Ger. trans. 1819, 1820, & 1826; Dutch trans. 1820. Another ed. of the English text, London, 1873. This has an introductory memoir by Bowdich's daughter, Mrs Hale, but omits Hutchison's diary and most of the appendices.

This first in-depth study of Asante also contains some information on neighbouring territories. Bowdich was a young writer in the African Company's service when he went on the mission to Asante in 1817, and he succeeded to its leadership in Kumasi in July of that year. He subsequently made himself more widely an authority on Africa (see 1821 and 1823 BOWDICH) and died in the Gambia at the early age of 32. His widow subsequently made some use of his knowledge and experience (see 1816 LEE, Sarah; also 1847 and 1856).

c.1817-55 CARRÈRE, Frédéric, & HOLLE, Paul

De la Sénégalie française, Paris, 1855.

Carrère was in the French judiciary in Senegal; Holle, a mulatto évolué, held administrative and military appointments on the frontier with the Tukolor empire. Their book is a critique of French policy in Senegal since c.1817. See Robert JULY, The origins of modern African thought (London, 1968), pp.167-76. Carrère was a contributor to Revue Coloniale; other writings by him will be found in the Guide under the dates 1854 and 1857.

1817-18 ROUSSIN, Albin-Reine, Baron

Mémoire sur la navigation aux côtes occidentales d'Afrique depuis le Cap Bojador jusqu'au Mont Souzos, Paris, 1819.

Eng. trans. 1827. 1826 Waleckenaer Following the wreck of the Méduse (see 1816 DARD, 1816 SAVIGNY), Roussin, a naval officer of some distinction, was employed in a hydrographic survey of the West African coast.

1817-c.1845 SAEID, al-Hajj


Al-Hajj Saeid was a Koran reader for the last of the three Sultans whose reigns are here chronicled: a French translation of his chronicle may be found in Houdas's 1750 TEDZKIRET. On this chronicle and its translations, see Murray LAST, The Sokoto Caliphate (London, 1967), pp.xxxix-xlii.

c.1817-21 WARGEE of Astrakhan

Wargee was a Tatar who crossed the Sahara and travelled through Hausaland, northern Yorubaland, Timbuktu, Kong, Dagomba and Asante to the Gold Coast. The account of his travels was first pub. in the Royal Gold Coast Gazette, 31.12.1822 & 7.1.1823. It was subsequently pub. elsewhere, e.g. 1826 HULBERT.

1818-21
GRAY, Major William, & DOCHARD, Staff-Surgeon

Travels in Western Africa in the years 1818, 19, 20 and 21 from the River Gambia... to the River Niger. London, 1825.
Fr. trans. 1826
Although after many vicissitudes this large expedition did reach the upper Niger, it produced little new information. Cf. 1816 LEE, William, 1818 MOLLlien and 1819 CAILLIE.

1818-20
LYON, George Francis, Capt. R.N.

A narrative of travels in northern Africa... in the years 1818, 19 & 20, accompanied by geographical notices of the Soudan and of the course of the Niger... London, 1821.
Fr. trans. 1822.
Lyon spent some months in the Fezzan. The greater part of the substantial information about the western Sudan and the Niger which he collected there is in his Chapter 3.

1818
MILLS, Rev. Samuel J.

Mills undertook a missionary reconnaissance of Sierra Leone and Sherbro in 1818; Dr Spring was a prolific writer on Christian affairs.

1818
MOLLlien, Gaspard-Théodore

Ger. trans. Weimar, 1820; Berlin, 1820.
Ital. trans. in Raccolta de' Viaggi, 40 & 41, Milan, 1820.
1819 Phillips, 1826 Walckenaer
Modern eds: (1) Découverte des sources du Sénégal et de la Gambie en 1818, précédée d'un récit... du naufrage de la Méduse, Paris, 1889.
(2) L'Afrique occidentale en 1818..., abridged, but with useful annotation by Hubert DESCHAMPS, Paris, 1967.
Mollien, a lone traveller, wrote one of the classic accounts of 19th century European travel in West Africa.

1818-19
MORENAS, Joseph-Elzéar

(1) Pétition contre la traite des noirs qui se fait au Sénégal, Paris, 1820.
(2) Seconde pétition...., Paris, 1821.
Morenas went to the Senegal, when the official policy was to turn it into an agricultural colony, as 'an agricultural botanist or gardiner'. Debien's piece is an edition of the letters Morenas sent home, for the most part to his sister.

1819-28 CAILLIE, Rene (and see comment)

Journal d'un voyage à Temboctou et à Jenné,... précédé d'observations faites chez les Maures Braknas, les Nalous et d'autres peuples... Avec une carte... et des remarques géographiques par M. Jomard, Membre de l'Institut, 3 vols., Paris, 1830. facs. 1965
another ed., in 2 vols., Brussels, 1830; many later eds.
Eng. trans. Travels through central Africa to Timbuctoo...2 vols., London, 1830. facs. 1968

Prior to his great solo journey in 1827-28 from the Rio Nunez to Jenne and Timbuktu and then across the Sahara to Tafileit and Morocco, Caillie had spent some time with Major Gray's expedition (see 1818 GRAY) and in 1824-25 he had lived for a period among the Brakna Moors. These early adventures occupy the first 250 pp. of Vol.1 of the original French ed., while the last 250 pp. of Vol.3 are occupied by Jomard's commentary, and the vocabularies collected by Caillie etc. In some reference works, the spelling 'Caillé' may be found.

1819 COCHELET, Charles

Naufrage du brick français La Sophie, perdu le 30 mai 1819 sur la côte occidentale d'Afrique, et captivité d'une partie des naufragés dans le desert de Sahara; avec des nouveaux renseignements sur la ville de Timectou.... Paris, 1821.
Eng. trans. 1822; 1819 Phillips.

The captives came into the hands of the same Sidy (or Sidi) Hamet that had possessed 1815 RILEY. They were ultimately ransomed by the English consul at Mogador.

1819-39 MONSERAT, Le Sieur


Monserat was a French official in Senegal who served as the commandant of the post at Richard-Toll in Wollo.

(1819-23) VOYAGES: PHILLIPS, Sir Richard

The major western African item is 1818 MOLLIEN in Vol.3.
(1) Jehudi ASHMUN, Memoir of... the Rev. Samuel Bacon, principal agent of the American government for persons liberated on the coast of Africa, where he terminated his life in... May 1820, Washington, D.C., 1822.

(2) Abstract of a journal of E. Bacon, assistant agent of the United States to Africa. Philadelphia, 1821; later eds 1822 & 1824 (twice).

Samuel and Ephraim Bacon were brothers who both served as U.S. government agents in the first attempts to settle black Americans in Africa, Ephraim being appointed after Samuel's death. See also 1821 ASHMUN and 1820 COKER.

(1820) BOWDICII, Thomas Edward

A reply to the Quarterly Review, Paris, 1820.

The reply is to 'The mission from Cape Coast Castle to Ashantee' in the issue for January 1820. This was critical both of Bowdich's book (1817 BOWDICII) and of the administration on the Gold Coast of the African Company in which he had served. See also 1820 DUPUIS.

1820 COKER, Rev. Daniel

Journal of Daniel Coker... on a voyage to Sherbro... in company with three agents and about ninety persons of color. Baltimore, 1820.

Coker was an African-American pastor who was a member of the first party of black settlers sent out by the American Colonization Society; see also 1820 BACON and 1821 ASHMUN.

c. 1820-50 CONNEAU, Théophilus (nom de plume: CANOT, Theodore)

Captain Conot, or twenty years of an African slaver.... Written out and edited from the Captain's journals, memoranda and conversations by Brantz Mayer, New York, 1854.


(2) Les aventures d'un nègre, Paris, 1931.

Modern eds:


(2) A.W. LAWRENCE (abridged), Memoirs of a slave trader by Theodore Conot, London, 1929.

Publication of Conneau's original MS memorandum:


There is a considerable literature on Conneau and his career and on Brantz Mayer's transformation of his original reminiscences into the 'Captain Conot' book. There is a handy listing of this literature in fn.3 of an article by Adam JONES in HA, 8 (1981).
1820

DUPUIS, Joseph

Journal of a residence in Ashantee... comprising notes and researches relative to the Gold Coast and the interior of western Africa, chiefly collected from Arabic MSS.... London, 1824. facs. 1966

In the treaty which 1817 BOWDICH had secured from the Asantehene, the latter had agreed to receive a British consul. The British government, which was already being urged to take over responsibility for British affairs on the Gold Coast from the African Company, decided to send out its own envoy. Its choice was Joseph Dupuis, who had developed an interest in the trans-Saharan trade with West Africa from his experience in Morocco (see e.g. 1810 ADAMS). Dupuis tried hard to oust Bowdich, not least in the production of a major book. See also 1816 HUTTON.

1820-21

FIGANIÈRE e MORÃO, Joaquim Cesar

Descrição de Serra Leoa e seus contornos..., Lisbon, 1822.

Figanière was the Portuguese nominee on the Court of Mixed Commission that was set up at Freetown to adjudicate on slaveships captured by the Royal Navy which were not British.

c. 1820-45

MAHOMMAH BARDO BAQUAQUA

Samuel [Downing] MOORE, Biography of Mahomma G. Baquaqua, a native of Zougou in the interior of Africa, with a description of that part of the world, Detroit, 1854.

Modern ed. with additional material in 1701 COLLECTION: AUSTIN, pp. 585-654.

'Zougou' is Djougou in the modern Republic of Bénin.

1821-25

ASHMUN, Rev. Jehudi

(1) History of the American colony of Liberia... 1821 to 1823, Washington, D.C., 1826.

(2) The territory of Liberia according to a survey completed in 1825, Washington, D.C., 1826.

(3) Ralph Randolph GURLEY, Life of Jehudi Ashmun... with... extracts from his journal and other writings..., Washington, D.C., 1835; 2nd ed. New York, 1839.

Ashmun, a white American, was the first effective governor of Liberia. He was also the author of the Memoir of Rev. Samuel Bacon, the first U.S. government agent for the settlement in Africa of free persons of colour (see 1820 BACON and 1820 COKER), and of a short farmer's guide for Liberian settlers (Philadelphia, 1825).

1821-26

BOTELE, Thomas, Capt. R.N.

Narrative of a voyage of discovery to Africa and Arabia performed by H.M.S. Leven and Barracouta from 1821 to 1826 under the command of Capt. W.F. Owen, R.N., 2 vols, London, 1835.
An account of the first comprehensive modern survey of the whole of the Indian Ocean and Atlantic coasts of Africa. Another was provided by Owen himself; see 1821 OWEN. Only the latter part of Boteler’s second volume deals with western Africa. Boteler was also responsible for an eight page booklet of sailing directions:

The west coast of Africa from the Isles de Los to Sierra Leone, London, 1830.

(1821 - 24)

BOWDICH, Thomas Edward

3. The British and French expeditions to Teembo, with remarks on civilization in Africa, Paris, 1821.

See note to 1817 BOWDICH. To gain training in geology and natural history etc, Bowdich spent the years 1820-22 in Paris, studying with such well known men of science as Baron Cuvier, Alexander von Humboldt and Baron Denon and meeting with 1818 MOLLIESEN, and in 1822 he spent some time in Lisbon before proceeding to the Gambia (see 1823 BOWDICH).

1821 - 22

CROWTHER, Bp Samuel Adjai

Letter of Mr Samuel Crowther to the... Secretary of the Church Missionary Society detailing the circumstances connected with his being sold as a slave', first pub. in Church Missionary Record, 8 (1837) 217-23, and then as an appendix to 1841 SCHÖN & CROWTHER.


The future bishop’s recollections of his two years’ slavery as a young man in his native Yorubaland. (Cf. Adjai, ou le jeune esclave africain: récit authentique destiné à la jeunesse (Toulouse, 1837).) Crowther’s subsequent remarkable career is summarised in Professor Ajayi’s introduction - and see entries in the Guide at 1841, 1854, 1857, 1862 and 1871 (which last notices his linguistic publications).

(1821)

McLACHLAN, Peter

Travels into the Baga and Soosoo countries, Freetown, 1821. Christopher FYFE (A history of Sierra Leone, London, 1962, p.145) records this as the first book published at Freetown; the author was a surgeon on the medical staff there.

1821 - 25

MORGAN, Rev. John

1821-26

OWEN, William FitzWilliam, Capt. R.N.

*Narrative of voyages to explore the shores of Africa, Arabia and Madagascar, performed in H.M. Ships Leven and Barracouta*, 2 vols, London, 1833; 2 vols, New York, 1833.

Only the last part concerns western Africa. See note to 1821 BOTELE. 1827 HOLMAN and 1830 LEONARD also touch on Owen’s activities in western African waters.

1821-24

ROGER, Jacques-François, Baron

(1) *Fables sénégalaises recueillies de l’Ouolof...avec des notes destinées à faire connaître la Sénégambie...et les mœurs des habitants*, Paris, 1828.

(2) *Kélédor; histoire africaine*, Paris, 1828; 2nd ed. 1829.


Roger, by training a lawyer, was Governor of Senegal in 1821-24. His novel *Kélédor* is based on his ethnographic and historical research to the extent that Philip D. CURTIN has written that ‘some of the dialogue...[is] lifted straight from Wolof oral tradition’ (*Africa remembered*, Madison, 1967, p.6). Some of Roger’s researches were published in *BSGP*.

1821

SINGLETON, William

*Report of the Committee...managing a fund for the purpose of promoting African instruction; with an account of a visit to the Gold Coast and Sierra Leone*, London, 1822.

Singleton was the visitor.

(1821)

SHOBERL, Frederic

*The world in miniature: Africa, containing a description of the manners and customs, with some historical particulars, of the Moors of the Zahara and of the Negro nations*, 4 vols, London, 1821.

These exquisitely produced and illustrated 32mo volumes form part of a series which ultimately had 43 volumes. Shoberl was a prolific writer and editor employed by Ackermann. In this instance he did little more than adapt, or arrange for the adaptation of, 1785 GEOFFROY de VILLENEUVE.

(1821)

SOME REMARKABLE PARTICULARS

Some remarkable particulars concerning the rapid civilization of the Negroes in the Colony of Sierra Leone, Retford, 1821.
BOLD, Edward, Lt. R.N.

The merchants' and mariners' African guide, containing an accurate description of the coasts, bays, harbours and adjacent islands of West Africa... to which is added a minute explanation of the various systems of traffic adopted on the Windward and Gold Coasts... London, 1822.

An invaluable source for early 19th century coastal trade.

DENHAM, Major Dixon; CLAPPERTON, Hugh, Cdr. R.N.; & OUDNEY, Dr Walter

Narrative of travels and discoveries in northern and central Africa in the years 1822, 1823 and 1824... 1st ed. in 1 vol., London, 1826; 2nd ed. in 2 vols, London, also 1826; later Eng. eds 1828, 1831.

Fr. trans. 3 vols, Paris, 1826.
Ger. trans. Jena, 1826; Weimar, 1827.

Bovill provides substantial supporting documentation for this major exploration of the central Sudan. See also 1825 CLAPPERTON.

LAING, Major Alexander Gordon

Travels in the Timannee, Kooranko and Soolima countries in western Africa.
London, 1825.

1826 Walekenaer; 1833 Montémont

Laing was serving as an army officer in Sierra Leone when he went on this mission. In 1826 he was killed near Timbuktu after having crossed the Sahara from Tripoli. The surviving material relating to this second expedition is printed in:

Théodore MONOD, De Tripoli à Tombouctou: le dernier voyage de Laing, 1825-26 (Paris, 1977) usefully supplements, and provides some corrections to, the work by Bovill.

PIERCE, Capt. J. Thursfield

'A sketch of Whydah, customs of the Gold Coast, and other articles,' in Charles HULBERT, African fragments..., Shrewsbury, 1826.
See 1826 HULBERT.

RICKETTS, Major Henry John

Narrative of the Ashantee War, with a view of the present state of the Colony of Sierra Leone, London, 1831.

[cont.]
Ricketts was a regular army officer who served as chief of staff to Governor Macarthy and to subsequent British governors and commandants in West Africa, and who was himself in charge of British affairs on the Gold Coast for twelve months in 1826-27.

(1822-24)

ROYAL GOLD COAST GAZETTE, The

The Royal Gold Coast Gazette and Commercial Intelligence, Cape Coast, 1822-24.

This short-lived officially sponsored periodical includes some interesting pieces; for example, 1817 WARCE.

(1822)

STORMONT, Charles, M.D.

Essai sur la topographie médicale de la côte occidentale d' Afrique, et particulièrement sur celle de la Colonie de Sierra Leone, Paris, 1822.

This is one of a substantial number of medical theses bearing on West Africa that were presented to the Universities of Paris (indicated by P.) or Montpellier (M.) in the 19th century; it is unusual only in that it refers to a British sphere. Others include:

MARTEL, F.A.M., Considérations sur le climat de nos établissements d' Afrique, et sur les fièvres qui y règnent, M. 1828;
TAYEAU, D., Topographie médicale... de Gorée, M. 1828;
BAX, J.B., Considérations hygiéniques et médicales sur la colonie du Sénégal, P. 1830;
BANCO, E.P., Les fièvres de Sénégal, M. 1834;
HERVÉ, —, Topographie médicale du Sénégal, P. 1845;
MARTINEAU, J.B., Topographie médicale et maladies de la côte occidentale d' Afrique, M. 1849;
FONSSAGIVES, J., Histoire médicale de la frégate... L'Eldorado... côtes occidentales d' Afrique, P. 1852 (see also 1850 FONSSAGIVES);
CASTEL, F., Essai d'un guide sanitaire de l'Européen au Sénégal, M. 1850;
SIMONOT, F.P., Dysenterie observée au Sénégal, M. 1850;
Papy, F., Coliques séches... le brick L'Entrepreneur, M. 1858;
BÉAL, B.A., Quelques considérations sur les maladies... observées au Sénégal, P. 1862;
MAHÉ, J.H., Étude sur les maladies endémiques au Sénégal et à la côte occidentale d'Afrique, M. 1865.

See the appendix 'Sciences médicales et vétérinaires' in E. JOUCLA, Bibliographie de l'Afrique Occidentale Française (Paris, 1937). See also the Guide entries 1782 DOUÉ and 1855 RICARD.

1823-24

BOWDICH, Thomas Edward

Excursions in Madeira and Porto Santo during the autumn of 1823...; to which is added, by Mrs Bowdich, I. A narrative of the continuance of the voyage to its completion...; the subsequent occurrences from Mr Bowdich's arrival in Africa to... his death; II. A description of the English settlements on the River Gambia, London, 1825.

Fr. trans. 1826.

See also 1817 and 1821 BOWDICH; also 1816 LEE, Sarah, 1847 LEE and 1856 LEE.
1824-25

FORSBERG, A. C.

"Røst fra Kysten Guinea, eller beregning om den i Aaret 1822 der til sendte expedition under Major von Richelieu..., Copenhagen, 1827."

Forsberg set out for the Gold Coast, to take a Danish official post, in the company of the newly appointed Governor Richelieu. But they got no further than England, where they quarrelled; Forsberg did not get to the Gold Coast until later.

1824-25

GROUT de BEAUFORT, Ensign


See also Claude FAURE, "Le voyage d'exploration de Grout de Beaufort au Sénégal en 1824 et 1825", *BSGP*, (1919) 146-201.

Beaufort died at Bakel in September 1825.

1824-32

KILHAM, Mrs Hannah

(1) *Report on a recent visit to the Colony of Sierra Leone*, London, 1828.
(2) *Present state of the Colony of Sierra Leone...; extracts from a recent letter from Mrs Hannah Kilham*, Lindfield, 1832.
(3) *Memoir of the late Hannah Kilham, chiefly compiled from her journal, and edited by her daughter-in-law, Sarah Bilier, of St. Petersburg*, London, 1837


1824

WEST AFRICAN SKETCHES


Commodore Sir George Collier was in command of the West African squadron of the Royal Navy during 1818-21; Sir Charles MacCarthy was Governor of the Colony of Sierra Leone from 1814 until his death on the Gold Coast in battle against the Asante in 1824.

1825-28

CLAPPERTON, Hugh, Capt. R.N., & LANDER, Richard Lemon

*Journal of a second expedition into the interior of Africa from the Bight of Benin to Socotaroo... to which is added the journal of Richard Lander from Kano to the sea..., London & Philadelphia, 1829.* facs. London, 1966
Fr. trans. 2 vols, 1829.
Ger. trans. Jena, 1829; Weimar, 1830.
Dutch trans. 2 vols, Rotterdam, 1830-31
For Clapperton’s first expedition, see 1822 DENHAM. Clapperton died at Sokoto in April 1827 and his journal was brought back by his servant and companion, Richard Lander. Lander was subsequently solely responsible for a more finished account:

*Records of Captain Clapperton’s last expedition to Africa... with the subsequent adventures of the author, 2 vols., London, 1830.*

*facs. 1967*

**1825-30**

**FAWKNER, Capt. James**

*Narrative of Captain James Fawkner’s travels on the coast of Benin... edited by a friend of the Captain, London, 1837.*

Published by subscription to raise funds for Fawkner, who had become penniless.

**1825-31**

**PERROTTET, G.-Samuel**


After a round the world botanical collecting expedition, Perrottet was in 1825 commissioned to undertake the botanical exploration of Senegambia and was active there until 1831. Among the places he visited were Podor, Cape Verde, Goree, Albreda and Casamance. He published accounts of his Senegambian travels in:

*Nouvelles Annales des Voyages, 57, 28-89; 58, 170-216; 59, 137-86; 60, 5-54.* A collection of these articles was apparently republished in Paris in 1833.

See also *Annales Maritimes, 1831*, where may be found Perrottet’s criticism of L.-B. HAUTEFEUILLE, *Plan de colonisation des possessions françaises dans l’Afrique occidentale.*

**1825-37**

**RABAN, Rev. John**

*A vocabulary of the Eyo, or Aku, a dialect of western Africa, 3 vols., London, 1830-32.*

The second and third parts of this work are also titled *The Eyo Vocabulary.* Raban was a CMS missionary in Sierra Leone, where he worked among the Aku, Liberated Africans of Yoruba origin.

**c. 1825**

**WRIGHT, Joseph**


‘Ackoo’ would today be rendered Aku, i.e. ‘Yoruba’.