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A very nice copy in a recent dark-blue buckram with leather label to spine. Maurice Abadie (1877-1948) was a lieutenant-colonel in the French Colonial Infantry when he wrote this. He later wrote on tribal life in Vietnam and became a general in the French army. £ 150.00


Michel Adanson (1727-1806) was a French naturalist who went to Senegal in 1748 where he spent five years researching not only animals and plants but also the people, the commerce, and the languages. His *L'Histoire naturelle de Sénégal* was published in Paris in 1757 and used just a portion of his extensive research. This narrative is a translation from the French of the first part of this account, which describes his journey, the country and the people; it is valuable for its first-hand accounts. The folding map is backed with tissue, map, title page and last leaf browned, last leaf re-margin, title guarded in the margin, some chipping to preliminary edges, a very nice copy in a recent full calf with raised bands and maroon morocco label. £ 450.00


The African Institution was founded in 1807 ‘for the purpose of instructing and civilizing Africa’. It was the pivotal abolitionist and anti-slavery group during the early nineteenth century. This variant issue includes pages 81-88 which list the subscribers of the African Institution. A very nice original uncut copy in the publisher’s blue-grey wrappers, lettered in gothic script ‘African Institution’ on the upper wrapper. [Luke: 185; Hogg: 3066.] £ 400.00

4. **[ALEXANDER, Boyd]. *Boyd Alexander’s Last Journey.*** With a Memoir by Herbert Alexander. London: Edward Arnold, 1912 Med.8vo. x,296pp. photogravure frontispiece and 32 plates, 2 maps (1 coloured and folding), index.

Boyd Alexander (1873-1910), traveller and ornithologist, started his African travels in 1897 when he visited the Cape Verde Islands. The account of his arduous journey from the Niger to the Nile in 1904-1906, published as *From the Niger to the Nile* at London in 1907, earned him the 1908 founder’s medal of the Royal Geographical Society of London. Late in 1908 Alexander left England again for West Africa. After exploring in the Cameroons where he climbed Mount Kamerun, he journeyed on into French Central Africa. He was killed at Nyeri during the wars between the French and the Moslem rulers. Spine a little unevenly faded, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-blue cloth. £ 120.00

1. xxiii,428pp. frontispiece, 16 plates and other illustrations, 2 maps.
2. xii,352pp. 7 plates (3 in colour of South African rock paintings), and other illustrations in text including 3 maps, appendix.

Sir James Edward Alexander (1803-1885) served in the Cape Frontier War of 1835 as aide-de-camp to Sir Benjamin D’Urban; this book contains his observations on the West African colonies through which he passed on his way to the Cape from England. ‘This work contains an account of the principal islands, ports, and settlements on the West Coast of Africa in 1835, and much information is afforded regarding the colonies on the Gold Coast’ [Mendelssohn: I, 20]. The steel-engraved plates are all foxed as is usual with this work, stamps of King’s Inn Library to the verso of title pages, the final leaf in each volume and the front paste-downs, encased in a later dark blue buckram, occasional spotting in the text, a good set of the first edition. £ 400.00


Containing excellent accounts of Sierra Leone at the end of the nineteenth century. Thomas Joshua Alldridge (1847-1916) was the district commissioner of Sherbro and undertook many important official journeys into the interior, including a complete circuit of the country as topographer accompanying the governor, Sir F. Cardew, in 1894. He formed an important ethnographic collection which was later dispersed by the famous tribal art dealer William Ockelford Oldman. A little spotting to endpapers, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-blue cloth with two African wooden figures embossed in gilt on the upper board. £ 350.00


During the American civil war, many African Americans emigrated to the new nation of Liberia. Benjamin J. K. Anderson (1834-1910) was one of these, a resourceful explorer who travelled through the territory that is now Liberia and Guinea, firstly in 1868-9 and again in 1874. This book is his account of his first expedition to Musardu. (He repeated his journey in 1874 but this account was not published until 1912.) Edward Wilmot Blyden was the driving force behind the expedition; he persuaded two New York bankers, Schieffelin and Swan, to finance the project. It lasted 13 months and was hailed as a great success.
Anderson made treaties with Fanfi Doreh, the King of Musardu, and several of the Mandingo chiefs. The two lithographed plates show elephants ravaging the cotton fields outside the town of Ballatah, and a view of the town of Mahommadu, while the engraved map shows the coast of Liberia with the route of the expedition up the St. Pauls River and eastwards to Musardu. The appendix consists of an English translation followed by two plates of facsimile in Arabic of a letter from the King of Musadu to the President of Liberia, written in Arabic by Mohammed Barta with the translation by Blyden. These works were distributed by the Smithsonian Institution and the secretary, Joseph Henry, added a preface. Harry Johnston, in his book Liberia, compares Anderson’s explorations favourably with those of Captain Binger which took place 20 years later. From the library of the Royal Society of Edinburgh with their ink stamp to the title page and to the verso of the map (some offsetting from the stamps), an excellent copy in a contemporary maroon cloth with the title and Royal Society arms in gilt on the spine. £ 3,000.00

8. ANDERSON, Benjamin. Narrative of the expedition despatched to Musahdu by the Liberian government under Benjamin J. K. Anderson, Sr., Esquire in 1874. Edited by Frederick Starr of the University of Chicago. Monrovia: College of West Africa Press, November 1912 Wrpps, Cr.4to. 43pp.

Benjamin Anderson (1835-1910) was sent by President Roberts to Musahdu for a second time in 1874, one of the purposes being to reach the gold mines believed to be there. However on his return no published account was made, although it was printed several years later in instalments in The Observer, a Monrovian newspaper. Frederick Starr (1858-1933) was curator of the American Museum of Natural History’s ethnological collection from 1889 to 1891. He then became the first anthropologist to hold a position at the University of Chicago, where he remained until 1923. Starr did anthropological fieldwork in Mexico, Liberia, the Congo, the Philippines, and in the United States. While in Liberia researching his book on the country (Liberia: description, history, problems, published privately in Chicago in 1913), he organised this printing of Anderson’s second expedition to Musahdu. 500 copies were printed in Monrovia, wrappers fragile due to the paper quality, a very nice copy in the publisher’s wrappers. £ 750.00


The preface signed: ‘A Lover of Africa’. With the armorial book-plate of James Howell and tipped on to the front free endpaper is note signed by Francis Fry stating: ‘This is entered in my catalogue under “Anonymous”. The author I do not know, perhaps Luke Howard but it is uncertain.’ Francis Fry (1803-1886) was a businessman and bibliographer, whose Quakerism led him to involvement in the anti-slavery cause. In 1850 he visited northern Italy for three months as a member of a deputation from the Society of Friends to various sovereigns. Fry’s chief claims to fame now are as a student of the bibliography of English versions of the printed Bible and as a collector of them. Luke Howard (1772-1864) was a Quaker from Tottenham in London who is best remembered for his naming of cloud formations but also wrote anti-slavery tracts. These anecdotes contain ‘extracts from various authors, illustrative of the character of the Africans’. Page 1 has an erasure on a blank portion which has removed some of the paper resulting in a few words missing on the verso, spine a little worn, a very nice copy in the publisher’s grey boards still retaining the original paper label listing the title and ‘Price 2s’. £ 500.00

A fifteenth- to seventeenth-century iron-age complex was discovered at Komaland in Northern Ghana. This culture is primarily known from its distinctive terracotta figures excavated from burial sites. With a presentation inscription from the author, Professor James Anquandah, the Ghanaian archaeologist, to Dr Timothy Garrard.

£ 200.00


‘This book of poems has been published to celebrate the 80th birthday of Peggy Appiah.’ Peggy Appiah, MBE (1921-2006), the youngest daughter of the Labour chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, was married to Joe Appiah, a Ghanaian lawyer and political activist. She was renowned for her collection of 7000 Ghanaian proverbs, published as *Bue Me Be* in 2001. From the library of Timothy Garrard with a signed photograph of the author and a Christmas card to him from her. [COPAC lists the BL and Oxford copies.]

£ 250.00


Containing a wealth of information on the colony of Gambia, as well as a list of officers, with detailed records of their services. Covers slightly rubbed, slightly shaken, first folding map, ‘Plan of Bathurst’, detached but present, second folding map of the colony torn along one fold, a good copy in the publisher’s two-tone brown cloth with the arms of the colony in gilt on the upper cover.

£ 150.00


The Ashanti war of 1900 was a seemingly fantastic tale of British pluck, sang-froid and heroism against a determined, dangerous and barbarous foe. Coming at a time when the Boer War wasn’t going very well, this escapade helped to bolster public belief in the armed forces of the Empire. As often, the truth itself was somewhat different. Governor Frederick Hodgson was sent to Kumasi in February 1900 where he foolishly demanded the ‘Golden Stool’, the symbol of Ashanti sovereignty, which had been hidden in the bush. Hodgson sent a party led by Captain Armitage into the bush to search for it, thereby provoking the Ashanti into an uprising. The 750 African soldiers and 29 Europeans were besieged inside the fort at Kumasi. Written in two parts, ‘The Siege of Kumasi’, by Captain Armitage and ‘The Relief of Kumasi’ by Lieutenant-Colonel Montanaro. A fascinating account of the siege by Captain Armitage who was one of the defenders and the subsequent relief party under Lieutenant-Colonel Montanaro. Cecil Hamilton Armitage (1869-1933) entered the Gold Coast colonial service as assistant inspector, Gold Coast Constabulary in 1894 and took part in the earlier Ashanti war of 1895-6. Arthur Forbes Montanaro (1862-1914), of the Royal Artillery, led the force which eventually raised the siege. Spine darkened and rubbed slightly at head and tail, with gilt lettering to spine and upper board, a nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth.

£ 275.00

John Atkins (1685-1757), a naval surgeon, wrote this account of a naval expedition between February 1721 and May 1723 which was for the purpose of dealing with piracy on the Guinea coast. In this they were very successful, capturing 270 pirates and £10,000 worth of gold dust. He took part in the trial of several pirates at Cape Coast Castle.

Contains much information on the affairs of the Guinea coast at that time and the author’s contempt for the slave trade. The first edition was published in 1735 and this is basically a reissue of that edition. In a contemporary full speckled calf with gilt spine and boards, marbled endpapers, carefully rebacked with the original spine replaced, an excellent clean and crisp copy.

£ 2,000.00


Robert Baden-Powell (1857-1941) served in the British Expedition to Ashanti under Sir Francis Scott during the Fourth Ashanti war of 1895-96. He later achieved worldwide renown as the founder of the Boy Scouts. Slight foxing to fore-edge and endpapers, a fine copy in the publisher’s dark-green cloth.

£ 250.00


William Balfour Baikie (1814-1865) joined the 1854 Niger Expedition as surgeon and naturalist; he took over command of the steamship *Pleiad* after the death of the British Consul in Fernando Po, John Beecroft who was to lead the expedition. Thanks to the supplies of quinine he had brought to treat the crew, they successfully explored a further 250 miles of the Niger and Benue than had been travelled before. ‘The British Government collaborated with MacGregor Laird in a third attempt to penetrate the Niger from the sea. Baikie’s expedition explored the Niger and Benue during 1854. But the most remarkable fact about Baikie’s expedition was that none of its members lost their lives’ [J. D. Fage: *A History of West Africa.*] A very nice copy in a recent red quarter morocco with marbled boards.

£ 500.00

Albert Ernest Augustin Baratier (1864-1917) was a gung-ho colonial soldier and adventurer to whom the appellation ‘Imperialist’ would seem an understatement. He saw military service in Algeria (1886-1891), against Samory (1891) and the country of Kong (Ivory Coast) in 1894. In 1897 he accompanied Marchand as second-in-command on the mission to Fashoda. A nice set of the two volumes bound together in a recent brown cloth with a red leather label and the publisher’s colour-printed wrappers bound-in. [Broc: 15.] £ 150.00

18. BARTELS, W. *Cape Coast Castle*. Dedicated to Matthew Forster, Esqre. by his humble servant, W. Bartels. Engraved by C. Rosenberg. London: Published by Mr. Huggins, 105 Leadenhall Street, 1841 A mounted hand-coloured aquatint 14 x 21½ inches with good wide margins, showing an off-shore view of Cape Coast Castle, an American vessel and a Dutch ship, the Accra, are in the foreground.

W. Bartels was a member of a well-known Dutch expatriate family and the Dutch edition of Brodie Cruickshank’s *Eighteen Years on the Gold Coast* has a lithographed view of Elmina by Bartels, Elmina being a Dutch possession at that time. The original oil painting of Elmina is now in the Peabody Essex Museum at Salem, Mass. Matthew Forster, the MP for Berwick to whom this is dedicated, was the proprietor of Forster and Smith, which traded extensively with West Africa. He used his position to campaign against the British Government action to halt the slave trade; his company was cited by Madden’s 1841 report as possibly trading with Cuban slave-traders. £ 1,000.00


Heinrich Barth (1821-1865), the German explorer, joined Adolf Overweg, a Prussian astronomer, as colleagues of James Richardson, the explorer of the Sahara who had been selected by the British government to open up commercial relations with the states of the central and western Sudan. The party left Tripoli early in 1850, but the deaths of Richardson in March 1851 and Overweg in September 1852 left Barth to carry on the mission alone. He returned to Europe in September 1855, where he prepared this collection of Central African vocabularies. The story of his travels was published simultaneously in English and German,
under the title *Travels and Discoveries in North and Central Africa* (1857-8, 5 vols.), which was considered one of the finest works of its kind at the time. During his travels Barth learnt both Hausa and Kanuri, and this collection of vocabularies is a brilliant study of these and other Sudanic languages. It was published during the apogee of his linguistic disagreements with Schön and Koelle. It is generally assumed that a fourth volume would have completed the set, however Barth died in 1865. This work makes an interesting and important addition to the text of his *Travels and Discoveries*. Occasional spotting in the text, a very nice copy in a mid twentieth-century brown buckram with a leather label to spine and the publisher’s wrappers bound-in. [Gay: 2743 for the first two volumes; Joucla: 605; COPAC lists just the British Library copy; OCLC lists two copies.] £ 2,500.00

20. BEATON, A. C. *The Ashantees: Their Country, History, Wars, Government, Customs, Climate, Religion and Present Position; With a Description of the Neighbouring Territories.* With Map, Portraits of Sir Garnet Wolseley, Colonel Harley, and other illustrations. London: James Blackwood and Co., 1874 Cr.8vo. iv,140pp. with 31 pp. of publisher’s advertisements, folding map, 6 illustrations. Apart from the portraits of Sir Garnet Wolseley and Colonel Harley, there are four plates of Ashanti weapons and implements. Pages 122 to 140 contain an article by the special correspondent of *The Standard*, G. A. Henty, later to become the well-known writer of adventure stories. Covers worn around the edges, in the publisher’s colour printed paper-covered boards, with the illustrated cover of an Ashanteé soldier standing in front of a conflagration, a nice copy. £ 200.00

21. BEATTY, K. J. *Human Leopards.* An account of the trials of Human Leopards before the Special Commission Court, with a note on Sierra Leone, past and present. By K. J. Beatty of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law for some years resident in Sierra Leone. With a preface by Sir William Brandford Griffith. London: Hugh Rees, Ltd., 1915 8vo. xiv,139pp. frontispiece and 32 plates, appendix. The appendix contains the governor’s report on measures taken against the secret societies. Kenneth James Beatty (b.1875) took part in several of the trials of members of secret societies, with much information on the Poro and Bundu societies. In the original red cloth, the covers slightly faded and stained, inscribed on the front endpaper: ‘Lord Southborough from the Author 1917’. £ 125.00

22. BEAVER, Philip. *African Memoranda: Relative to an attempt to establish A British Settlement on The Island of Bulama, On the Western Coast of Africa, in the year 1792.* With a brief notice of the Neighbouring Tribes, Soil, Productions, &c. And some observations on The facility of Colonizing that part of Africa, with a View to Cultivation; and the Introduction of Letters and Religion to its Inhabitants: but more particularly as the means of gradually abolishing African Slavery. By Captain Philip Beaver of His Majesty’s Royal Navy. London: Printed for C. and R. Baldwin, 1805 Half calf, 4to. [8],xv,500pp. 2 plates with facing descriptive letter-press, large folding map with outline colouring, appendix. The account of Beaver’s ill-fated attempt to found a colony on the West African coast on the island of Bulama, part of the Bissagos group. Captain Philip Beaver (1766-1813) was a naval officer who had a distinguished career during the Napoleonic wars. At the
end of 1791 Beaver participated in a scheme for colonizing the island of Bulama, near Sierra Leone. He left England for Bulama on 14 April 1792 with 65 men, 24 women and 31 children. The climate combined with the unsuitability of the island and of the colonists themselves contributed to a situation where most of the colonists died. The survivors left in November 1793 and went to Sierra Leone, from where Beaver obtained a passage to England and arrived at Plymouth on 17 May 1794. He published this account of his Bulama experiences in 1805. The fine engraved map is by C. B. Wadstrom, altered and amended by Beaver, and the two plates also by Beaver show detailed plans and elevations of the blockhouse and the surrounding settlement. The spine with a later reback and the boards recornered, new endpapers with the ink stamp of the King’s Inns Library to the front paste-down dated 1956, presumably when the repairs were carried out. The calf used is of an inferior quality but it remains an adequate repair. Small circular ink stamp of the King’s Inns Library to verso of title and foot of last page. Some foxing and offsetting to title page and foxing to last leaf. With contemporary marbled boards and marbled edges, the text tight and clean, a very good copy. £ 1,200.00


John Beecham (1787-1856) became general secretary of the Wesleyan Missionary Society in 1831 and wrote several important works on missions, including this. Surprisingly Beecham never visited Africa but as Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society he was able to collect original material. ‘With the assistance of Mr. Freeman, and more especially by the aid of Christian natives of the Gold Coast – with two of whom, Mr. Joseph Smith, Headmaster of the Government-School at Cape-Coast Castle, and Mr. William De Graft, son of the linguist, to whom such frequent references are made by Bowdich and Dupuis, the writer is personally acquainted – a full and connected view is furnished of the dark and sanguinary idolatry of the people.’ Contemporary ownership signature of Jane Myles to head of title page, covers a little stained and faded, spine rubbed at head and tail, a very nice copy in the publisher’s green blind-stamped cloth. £ 350.00


Sir Henry Conway Belfield (1855-1923) was a colonial governor and lawyer. His expertise in land law in colonial Malaya led to him being appointed to issue this report on land tenure in the Gold Coast. The Forestry Ordinances became something of a ‘cause célèbre’ for African nationalists in the last years of the nineteenth century and the first quarter of the twentieth century. As early as 1883 the British government had tried to create forest reserves, ostensibly for conservation. This was resisted by many Africans who saw it as a way of appropriating land. This report went some way towards alleviating those suspicions, although the matter was not finally settled until 1927. This contains evidence
from well-known Gold Coast figures including Thomas Hutton Mills, Edmund Bannerman, Attoh Ahuma (Samuel Brew), and Joseph Casely Hayford. Encased in a later blue cloth with an accession number to base of spine and cancelled library book-plate to front endpaper, a very good copy.

£ 150.00


Philip Askell Benton (1880-1918) worked for the British administration in Northern Nigeria and wrote several linguistic works. Containing unpublished correspondence from Richardson’s and Barth’s travels, as well as material pertinent to Bornu. With the signature of the famous archaeologist A. J. Arkell to the endpaper, head and sides of spine rubbed, some pencilled underlining and notes by Arkell, a good copy in the publisher’s blue cloth.

£ 250.00


(1). Erster Band. Mit 131 Abbildungen auf 12 farbigen Tafeln und im Text sowie einer Karte. xi,303pp. 12 colour plates, 131 illustrations in the text, folding map with the author’s route marked in red.

(2). Zweiter Band. Mit 400 Abbildungen. ivpp. 400 colotype illustrations on plates.

Hugo Adolf Bernatzik (1897-1953), the Austrian anthropologist and ethnographer, made this superb photographic record during his ethnological research in Portuguese Guinea in 1933. Both spines slightly faded, boards faintly marked, plates 70-77 are bound out of sequence between plates 61 and 62, a very nice copy in the publisher’s gilt-lettered bright red cloth.

£ 1,200.00


Harold Edward Bindloss (1866-1945) was an English novelist who later wrote many adventure stories set in western Canada. However this was his first book, a non-fiction account which describes his travels on water and on foot through the lower Niger region. Spine slightly rubbed and boards slightly marked, a very nice copy in the publisher’s decorated blue cloth.

£ 100.00


(1). iv,513pp. numerous wood engravings, map.

(2). iv,411pp. numerous wood engravings, 4 full-page illustrations showing tattooing marks, 7 maps, 5 geographical profiles (1 coloured folding), appendix.
Louis Gustave Binger (1856-1936) was an important French explorer of West Africa, specifically the region of the Ivory Coast, Mali and Upper Volta. In 1887 he travelled from Senegal up to the Niger River, then down to the coast, arriving at Grand Bassam in 1889. During this expedition he discovered that the fabled Mountains of Kong did not exist. He was in turn a botanist, zoologist, geographer, geologist and ethnographer throughout his travels, in which he, although determined, was renowned for his peaceful and diplomatic manner. He managed to conclude many treaties with the inhabitants, resulting in a vast expansion of French influence. In 1892 Binger returned to the Guinea Coast to supervise the frontier between the British and French colonies and in 1893 was appointed governor of the Côte d’Ivoire. In 1898 he became director of the French Ministry of Colonies. A very nice copy in contemporary red half morocco. £ 1,200.00


Captain Harold Biss of the 5th Battalion Middlesex Regiment took part in the relief of Kumasi during the Ashanti war of 1900-1 and was wounded in the fierce fighting before the city. Spine faded with a little foxing in the text, a very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth. £ 150.00


Sisaala is a Niger-Congo language spoken in northern Ghana. £ 125.00


An important work concerning colonisation and missions by one of the leading nineteenth-century African nationalists. The central (and at the time controversial) tenet of this work is that the Islamic religion has a much more unifying and fulfilling effect on sub-Saharan Africans than Christianity, which he felt had a demoralizing effect. Edward Wilmot Blyden (1832-1912), widely regarded as the Father of Pan-Africanism, was born in Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands and in 1850 went to the U.S. to enrol in a theological college. Having failed in this on account of colour, he moved to Liberia and became involved in the development of the country. He edited and wrote articles for newspapers in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria, served as an ambassador for Liberia to Britain and France, became the Liberian secretary of state (1862-64) and minister of the interior (1880-82). From the library of Professor Christopher Fyfe with several of his neat pencilled notes on the blanks, expertly recased in the original cloth, small repair to edge of contents page, a nice copy of the first edition in the publisher’s black cloth. £ 2,000.00

‘The following pages contain nothing more than a record of the daily incidents and impressions of a voyage from Liberia to the Holy Land, copied from a journal regularly kept for the information of friends at home. Having to perform the entire journey alone... I trust that those who may have the curiosity to follow an African in his wanderings through sacred lands, may be able to participate, to some extent, in the pleasure and profit which my tour has afforded me.’ This is sometimes erroneously cited as the first book to be published in Freetown. The title page has been marked in the centre, presumably by the removal of an ownership or library stamp, resulting in some marking and discolouring of the paper and a small hole through the page, the frontispiece is marked in the margin and has signs of a stamp having been removed from the verso of the frontispiece. Head and tail of spine frayed, corners a little rubbed, small white liquid stains on upper board, a nice copy in the publisher’s dark-blue cloth. [COPAC lists four copies.] £ 2,500.00


Heinrich Bohner (1842-1905) spent 35 years as a missionary in the Gold Coast and Kamerun. He published linguistic studies and accounts of the life of the people of West Africa. With the stamp and withdrawn stamp of the Basler Mission Bibliothek, a very nice copy in the publisher’s maroon cloth. £ 150.00


In the 1890s Benin was the last important traditional state surviving in southern Nigeria. The consul-general of the Niger Coast Protectorate was Ralph Moor, who had for some time been pressing for action against Benin, using force if necessary. In December 1896 while Moor was on leave in London, Lieutenant James Robert Phillips (RN), the acting consul-general, embarked on an expedition to Benin with a party of seven officials, two traders and more than 200 carriers. Although the eventual aim was to depose the king and replace him with a more compliant native council, the expedition was unarmed. However, news of this incursion reached the king and, although he himself urged caution, the Iyase, the commander-in-chief of the Benin Army, ignored the king’s views and attacked Phillips’ column and annihilated it. Only two escaped, Captain Boisragon and Mr. Locke. This is Boisragon’s account of the massacre, followed by a short account of the punitive expedition. ‘In the following account of our escape from the awful Benin Massacre, I have tried to keep away from all questions of politics and policy, and to give my own opinion as little as possible.’ Spine slightly faded with 1cm nick to base, a very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth. £ 150.00

35. BOLD, Edward. The Merchant’s and Mariner’s African Guide; containing an accurate description of the Coast, Bays, Harbours, and adjacent Islands of West Africa, with their corrected longitudinal positions; comprising a statement of
the seasons, winds, and currents peculiar to each country: To which is added, a minute explanation of the various Systems of Traffic, that are adopted on the Windward and Gold Coast, As well as the Principal Ports to Leeward; also, A few Hints to the Mercantile Navigator, suggesting a means of securing more rapid passages, both to and from the Coast, than have hitherto been practised; With Three Correct Draughts, from recent surveys by the author, of the ports of Benin, Callebar and Princes. By Lieutenant Edward Bold, R.N. London: Published by Charles Wilson (Late Norie and Wilson) At the Navigation Warehouse and Naval Academy, 1841 Recent quarter morocco, 8vo. [2],vi,112,[2]pp. 3 folding maps engraved by W. G. Rowe, table ‘containing the latitudes and longitudes of the most principal places on the West Coast’.

Edward Bold entered the Royal Navy in 1804 and attained the rank of lieutenant in 1815. This work supplemented the navy’s African Pilot of 1807 by introducing commerce to navigation, and these two were the standard works until the Hydrographical Office’s African Pilot of 1856. This work was originally published in 1822, this curious 1841 reissue has not been traced on COPAC nor OCLC; presumably, given the date, it was issued for the Niger Expedition of that year. An uncut copy recased in a quarter red morocco with marbled boards, a very nice copy.

£ 850.00


Chr. Hersnach Bonne travelled during 1803-4 on the Danish ship Wilhelm on a slaving voyage between the Danish colonies in Guinea and the Virgin Islands (then also a Danish colony). Aboard the ship were 100 slaves of both sexes; in the book he describes the daily life and how the sailors take ‘wives’ for night-time company. On March 31, 1804 they arrived at St.Croix in the Virgin Islands, to find out that the Danish government had abolished the slave trade in the Danish islands. Not put off by this, they proceeded to Cuba where they sold the slaves. Subsequently, Bonne returned to Denmark, where he became a farmer in the small town of Thisted. Many years later he wrote this account and had it printed and published in Thisted by a small printer. Uncut in contemporary grey-blue wrappers, front wrapper not present. [Not listed on COPAC nor on OCLC; one copy listed in the Royal Library, Copenhagen; unknown to Hogg.] £ 2,500.00

37. **BOSMAN, Guillaume.** Voyage de Guinée. Contenant une description nouvelle & très-exacte de cette Côte ou l’on trouve & ou l’on trafique l’or, les dents d’Elephant, & les Esclaves: de ses Pays, Royaumes, & Republicques, des Moeurs des habitans, de leur Religion, Gouvernement, administration de la Justice, de leurs Guerres, Mariages, Sepultures, etc. Comme aussi de la nature & qualité du terroir, des arbres fruitiers & sauvages, de divers animaux, tant domestiques que sauvages, des bêtes à quatre pieds, des reptiles, des oiseaux, des poissons, & de plusieurs autres choses rares, inconnuë jusques à présent aux Européens. Par Guillaume Bosman, Depuis peu Conseiller & premier Marchand dans le Château de St.George d’Elmina, & Sous-Commandeur de la Côte. Londres: David Mortier, Libraire dans la Strand, 1705 Contemporary calf, Cr.8vo. xvi,520pp portrait frontispiece, extra engraved title page, 18 folding plates comprising 21 views of forts and castles on 11 plates; 29 illustrations of animals, birds
and insects on 5 plates; and two further folding plates, one showing an elephant which had broken into the gardens at Accra; and the other the slaughter of pigs after one had devoured an idolatrous serpent worshipped by the Africans.

The first French edition was published the year after the original Dutch edition of 1704. The English edition published in the same year had just 7 plates. At the end of the seventeenth century, the author spent 14 years on the Guinea Coast as chief factor for the Dutch East India Company at the Castle of St. George d’Elmina. This book represents one of the best and most accurate accounts of the region, its inhabitants, its geography, trade and flora and fauna, for the period. Carefully rebacked with a new calf spine, lettered and ruled in gilt in a contemporary manner, old inscriptions to endpaper and head of engraved title, occasional light browning in the text, a very nice copy with the text and plates still remarkably clean and crisp.

£ 1,250.00

38. BOSMAN, William. A New and Accurate Description of the Coast of Guinea, divided into the Gold, the Slave and the Ivory coasts. Containing a Geographical, Political and Natural History of the Kingdoms and Countries: With a Particular Account of the Rise, Progress, and Present Condition of all the European Settlements upon that Coast; and the Just Measures for Improving the several branches of the Guinea Trade. Illustrated with several Cuts. Written Originally in Dutch by William Bosman, Chief Factor for the Dutch at the Castle of St. George d’Elmina. And now done faithfully into English. To which is Prefix’d, An Exact Map of the whole Coast of Guinea, that was not in the Original. The Second Edition. London: Printed for J. Knapton, D. Midwinter, B. Lintot, G. Strahan, J. Round, and E. Bell, 1721

Contemporary full calf, 8vo. viii, 456, 16pp. 7 plates (4 of European forts and castles on the coast, and 3 of birds and animals), folding map by Moll as frontispiece, index.

William Bosman (b.1672) was the Dutch West India Company’s chief factor, or European agent, at Elmina on the Guinea Coast in West Africa in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth century. This book is a series of letters written home to an uncle in the Netherlands who was also a director of the Dutch West India Company. It was first published in Dutch in 1704, followed by the first English edition in 1705. This book represents one of the best and accurate accounts of the region – its inhabitants, its geography, trade and flora and fauna – for the period. ‘The brilliant account of the country’s human geography’ [Kwamina B. Dickson, A Historical Geography of Ghana]. The contemporary boards in full calf, blind stamped and ruled in gilt, rather worn at the edges and a little marked, the spine recently rebacked in calf with raised bands, the original gilt compartments and the red leather lettering piece carefully restored. Occasional pencilled marginalia; map, plates and text unusually clean and unfoxed, with the book-plate of John Somers, Lord Somers. A very nice copy.

£ 1,200.00

39. BOWDICH, T. 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: John Murray, 1819

Contemporary full calf, 4to. x, 512pp. 7 hand-coloured plates after drawings by Bowdich (2 folding), 3 other plates and 5 sheets of music, folding map, 6 appendices including one linguistic.

Thomas Edward Bowdich (1791-1824) secured a writership in the service of the Royal African Company in 1814, with the help of his uncle, Mr Hope Smith, governor-in-chief of
the settlements of the company. In 1816 the African Company planned a mission to the Asante, and initially contemplated appointing Bowdich to lead it, though on reaching Cape Coast Castle he was judged too young, and Frederick James (the governor of Fort Accra) was appointed to lead the expedition. During the expedition, however, Bowdich took over the leadership of the mission and formed a treaty with the King of the Asante, which promised peace to the British settlements on the coast in return for commercial and political cooperation. This book, published a year after his return in 1818, gives a graphic account of the journey, the negotiations, and of the kingdom of Ashante at that time. The folding coloured print of ‘The first day of the Yam Custom’ is justly famous. This work, with its glowing account of Asante society and culture in a powerful and large kingdom in the centre of Western Africa, attracted considerable interest. Some foxing and offsetting of the monochrome plates on to text, endpapers foxed, armorial book-plate of Christopher Turnor (1810-1886), MP for Leicestershire, signature on title, an excellent copy in an attractive binding with particularly fine bright plates. £ 4,000.00


Thomas Jefferson Bowen (1814-1875) was a colourful and interesting character from Georgia who had commanded a company in the Indian wars in 1836 before becoming a cavalry captain in the army of the Republic of Texas. In 1840 he decided to become a clergyman and later in 1850 travelled to Nigeria as a missionary. He spent two years exploring south-western Nigeria and returned to America in 1852. The next year he was back in the Yoruba country, where he set up a mission station at Ogboboshaw north of Abeokuta. Returning to America in 1856, he produced this linguistic study of the Yoruba language, a scholarly work much respected at the time and since. Although Crowther first published his Grammar and Vocabulary in 1843, Bowen was the first to bring to notice the poetic structure of the language in the prayers of the traditional religion. This work is contained within Volume VI of Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge, which also contains two other works: Samuel F. Haven’s Archaeology of the United States, and Brantz Mayer’s Observations on Mexican History and Archaeology, with a special notice of Zapotec Remains. Encased in nineteenth-century half calf, covers slightly rubbed, from the library of Lieutenant-General Fox Pitt-Rivers with his book-plate. £ 350.00


Sir Henry Brackenbury (1837-1914) was appointed professor of military history at the Royal Military Academy in 1868. When Garnet Wolseley was given command of the Asante expedition in 1873, Brackenbury became Wolseley’s assistant military secretary and a member of his ring of military reformers. He served in most of the major actions of the campaign, and back in England wrote a semi-official history, The Ashanti War: a Narrative (1874). In a later half calf with raised bands and marbled boards, a very good copy. £ 250.00

This was written by Horatio Bridge. Commodore Horatio Bridge (1806-1893) was an officer in the United States Navy who took part in the anti-slavery blockade of the West African coast by the British, French and United States navies. He writes with interest of the coast of that time and his journals were edited by his undergraduate friend the writer Nathaniel Hawthorne. With the book-plate of the American book collector Charles B. Foote, whose library was sold by Bangs and Co. in New York in 1894, and the further red leather book-plate of American book collector Henry W. Poor. In a contemporary maroon morocco with a recent reback in maroon morocco with a contrasting black leather label; a nice copy with an interesting provenance. £ 650.00


Travels in the French Congo, Obangui-Chari, and the Cameroons. Spine slightly faded, a very nice copy in the publisher’s maroon cloth. £ 150.00

44. [BRUNTON, Henry]. A Grammar and Vocabulary of the Susoo Language. To which are added, the Names of some of the Susoo Towns, near the Banks of the Rio Pongas; a Small Catalogue of Arabic Books, and a list of the names of some of the learned men of the Mandinga and Foulah countries, with whom an useful correspondence could be opened up in the Arabic Language. Edinburgh: Printed by J. Ritchie, Blackfriars Wynd, 1802 Contemporary calf, 8vo. xlv,5-136pp.

Henry Brunton (1770-1813) was sent as a missionary to the Rio Pongas, where he learnt Susu. He returned to Scotland three years later and published this grammar. Fyfe, in A History of Sierra Leone, states that Brunton wrote the first books published in Britain in a West African language. P. E. H. Hair, in Notes on the Early Study of some West African Languages, notes that 200 copies were printed of this work. Much of the long preface is taken up with a description of the people themselves, and an appendix at the rear contains a list of Susoo towns, a catalogue of Arabic books, and a list of learned men in the Mandinga and Foulah countries with whom a correspondence might be opened up in the Arabic language. One of these has an asterisk beside his name: **‘I’m afraid that Mohamedu is not in Kifikifi now, and that he has fallen a victim to his own simplicity, and the treachery of his enemies. Mr Hayes, a slave-trader, at Cape Mesurada, having been at Freetown when Mohamedu was there, pretended to him that he was going by the way of the Isles de Los, and proposed to carry him thus far home. Mohamedu went with him, much against my will, and I have never been able to hear of him since.’ The spine is rebacked in calf, endpapers browned, old stab-holes to inner margins, with the neat blind stamp of the British and Foreign Bible Society to the first blank, a very good copy in a contemporary calf. [Luke: 549; COPAC lists four copies.] £ 3,000.00
45. [BRUNTON, Henry]. **A Spelling Book for the Susoos; and a Catechism for Little Children.** Kaire se sinkge Susu dimediek bë se ra; nung Mawhoring se dië iorek be se ra. Edinburgh: Printed by J. Ritchie, 1802   Cr.8vo.  33pp.

Bound with:
The First Catechism, in Susoo and English, for the use of the Susoo children.
Fourth Catechism, Intended to point out the advantages that would arise to the Susoo people from their learning to read and write their own language. Edinburgh: 1802  25pp.
Fifth Catechism, Intended to expose the absurd notion that the Susoos entertain concerning religion.  29-47pp.
Sixth Catechism for the Susoo children intended as a comparison between Christ and his religion, and Mohammed and his religion.  49-117pp.
Remarks concerning the Countries in the Neighbourhood of Sierra Leone.  117-120pp.
Mostly printed with Susoo and English on facing pages.

Henry Brunton (1770-1813) went on behalf of the Missionary Society to the Rio Pongas, where he learnt Susu. He returned to Scotland three years later and published this grammar. He later established a mission among the Tartars in Russia taking with him several Scotsmen and a member of the Susu.  P. E. H. Hair, in *Notes on the Early Study of some West African Languages* (Dakar: I.F.A.N, 1961), notes that 500 copies were printed of each Catechism. From the John Lawson collection with his book-plate, as well as the library of the noted German linguist Hans Georg Conon von der Gabelentz, with his signature and notes dated 1860 on the endpaper and the distinctive Gabelentz-Poschwitz book-plate. A very nice copy in the publisher’s or contemporary grey boards with brown paper spine and manuscript paper label (now slightly worn), the first four title pages dusty and soiled, a very good original uncut copy. [Luke: 548.]

£ 2,500.00


Brass-work among the Dan and Guere-Wobe in the Ivory Coast and Liberia, with numerous photographs of objects and field photographs of manufacture, etc. Wrappers slightly worn, from the library of Timothy Garrard with some annotations by him, a good copy in the publisher’s yellow wrappers.

£ 250.00


Adolphe Marie Louis Burdo (1849-1891) was a Belgian explorer of Africa; he wrote works on the Congo, East Africa, as well as this interesting account of his travels up the Niger and Benue rivers, published in the same year as the original Paris edition. Spine a little rubbed, a very nice copy in a contemporary maroon half morocco.

£ 300.00
48. BURTON, Richard F. **A Mission to Gelele, King of Dahome.** With notices of the so-called ‘Amazons,’ the Grand Customs, the Yearly Customs, the Human Sacrifices, the present state of the Slave Trade, and the Negro’s place in nature. By Richard F. Burton (Late Commissioner to Dahome.) In two volumes. London: Tinsley Brothers, 1864 8vo.

   (1). xviii, 386pp. frontispiece.
   (2). vi, 412pp. frontispiece, 5 appendices.

Sir Richard Francis Burton (1821-1890), explorer and author, was offered the consulship at Fernando Po in 1861, a posting he disliked during which he spent as much time as he could on the mainland. This resulted in several works among which was this, written as a result of his mission to Dahomey, where he was instructed to take diplomatic measures to suppress the slave trade. The appendices contain an itinerary from Whydah to Agbome by Captain George, R.N.; the Rev. Mr. Bernasko’s account with Burton; extract of a letter from the Rev. Peter W. Bernasko, native assistant missionary, on his visit to Dahomey in 1860; a catalogue of the Dahomean Kings; and a letter on the people and customs of Dahomey from M. Jules Gerard, ‘the celebrated lion-hunter’. Small wormhole in the inner margin of Volume II extending to page 5, both spines carefully restored retaining the original backstrips, spines slightly faded, a very nice copy in the publisher’s purple cloth with the gilt vignette to the upper boards. [Penzer: 72.]

£ 2,500.00

49. BUTT-THOMPSON, F. W. **The First Generation of Sierra Leoneans.** By Capt. F. W. Butt Thompson. Freetown: Printed and Published by the Government Printer, Sierra Leone, 1952 Fcap.8vo. ii, 70pp. index.

One of 400 copies printed, this copy has an enclosed type-written letter from the colonial secretary of Sierra Leone presenting the book to Christopher Fyfe, who has annotated much of the work in pencil. At the end of the chapter entitled ‘Memorable Dates’ he has written ‘89 dates, 15 wrong, 23 inaccurate’. Cover title in gilt on upper board, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-green Rexine cloth.

£ 375.00


‘My one desire in this work has been to record something of the old tribal discipline and society organisation of West Africa, now slowly but surely passing, and to do this as far as possible without an attempt to point a moral or adorn a tale.’ Covers slightly rubbed, head and tail of spine rubbed, a good copy in the publisher’s black cloth.

£ 120.00

51. BUXTON, Charles (Ed.). **Memoirs of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, Baronet, with selections from his correspondence, edited by his son.** London: John Murray, 1848 8vo. xvi, 600pp. portrait frontispiece.

Sir Thomas Buxton (1786-1845) was the successor to Wilberforce as leader of the Anti-Slavery party in the House of Commons, and the Niger Expedition of 1841 was despatched on his recommendations. Spine carefully rebacked retaining the original backstrip, a very nice copy of the first edition in the publisher’s brown embossed cloth with the book-plate of the Irish Quaker industrialist John G. Richardson.

£ 150.00
52. **CAILLIE, René. Travels through Central Africa to Timbuctoo; and across the Great Desert, to Morocco, performed in the years 1824 - 1828.** In two volumes. London: Henry Colburn and Richard Bentley, 1830 Nineteenth-century binder’s cloth, Med.8vo.
   (1). viii,475pp. lithographed portrait frontispiece of the author.
   (2). xiv,501pp. folding map as frontispiece, 5 engraved plates (1 folding), folding route map.

Both folding maps are backed with fine linen, the folding plate shows the view of the city of Timbuctoo. Translated from the first French edition of the same year. René Caillie (1799-1838) was a remarkable French traveller who as a child had become obsessed with travelling in Africa. He set off without any official backing, disguised as a Mohammedan and sustained only by his personal savings. He was only the second European to reach Timbuctoo, but the first to return alive and write about it. In a later nineteenth-century, dark-green cloth with the book-plates of Lord Carew, title page and frontispiece to Volume I slightly browndown by the tissue guard, an excellent copy. £ 1,500.00


Albert Frederick Calvert (1872-1946) wrote many travel works on Africa, Australia and Spain. With useful illustrations of the towns, mines, railways, people, etc. £ 100.00


The gilt cover title is ‘Fanti Reading Book and Exercises’. The author gives credit in the preface to Mr. E. J. Hayford for his assistance in this work. William Morrison Cannell (b.1859) wrote several works on the Fanti language, including bible translations and the first Fante dictionary, published in 1886. A very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-green cloth. [Not in Cardinall; COPAC lists just the SOAS copy; Warren: 348.] £ 250.00

   (1). Tome Premier. Études ethnographiques. Dialecte Toubou. [3],ii.380pp. appendix.

Henri Carbou (1882-1973) was a French colonial officer and ethnographer who undertook pioneering studies of the languages and ethnology of the various different peoples living in the Chad region. A very nice set in a later dark-blue quarter calf with green cloth boards. £ 500.00
56. CARDINALL, A. W. **In Ashanti and Beyond.** A Record of a Resident Magistrate’s many years in Tropical Africa, his arduous and dangerous treks both in the course of his duty and in pursuit of Big Game, with descriptions of the people, their manner of living and the wonderful ways of beasts and insects. London: Seeley & Co., Service, 1927 8vo. 288pp. 16 plates, folding map, index.

Sir Allan Wolsey Cardinall (1887-1956) was a district commissioner who wrote several ethnographic works on the inhabitants of the Gold Coast, as well as the standard bibliography of the country published in 1931. Spine slightly faded, a very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth.

£ 125.00

57. CARNES, J. A. **Journal of a Voyage from Boston to the West Coast of Africa:** With a full description of the manner of trading with the natives on the coast. London: Sampson, Low, Son and Company, 1853 Small 8vo. iv,5-479pp. appendix.

The date of the voyage is not mentioned but Goree, which was the first place visited, was under British control at the time. This would place the voyage some time between 1758 and 1817. Contains much information on the Gold Coast, the slave trade, and the various customs. This London edition was published the year after the first American edition. Covers spotted, inner hinges weak, spine slightly rubbed, armorial book-plate of Lord Harris (third Baron Harris, 1810-1872, the governor of Trinidad, 1854, and governor of Madras, 1854-9), engraved pictorial book-plate of Emil Torday (1875-1931), the anthropologist and writer; a very nice copy in the publisher’s blind-stamped brown cloth. [Sabin, in note for 10947; not in Cardinall, Luke nor Gay.]

£ 200.00


‘But there can be no doubt about the thoroughness with which the author has prepared the ground. He has made a detailed study of Yoruba life, religion and traditions, of Nigerian art from the earliest times to the present day, and in particular of four traditional carvers personally known to him, their techniques and intentions’ [from the dust-wrapper]. Father Kevin Carroll (1921-1993) was a missionary of the Society of African Missions who worked in Ghana and Nigeria. He was buried in Oke-Are, Ibadan, Nigeria. A very nice copy in a slightly chipped dust-wrapper.

£ 250.00


Written to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the city in 1857. A very nice copy in a light tan calf binding, gold lettering to spine, hand-printed endpapers, probably a Senegalese colonial binding.

£ 150.00

The Reverend Johann Gottlieb Christaller (1827-1895), a German missionary and philologist with the Basel Missionary Society, was sent to the Gold Coast in 1853 by the Basel Mission to work on the Twi language. He made the decision to use the Akuapem dialect of Twi as the literary medium of the language and within a year of his arrival he had produced Old Testament Bible stories in Twi. Between 1859 and 1866, with the assistance of African missionaries and Twi speakers David Asante and Theophilus Opoku, he produced a Twi translation of the New Testament, which was published in Basel in 1871. Aside from his religious translations, Christaller is best known for his grammar of 1875 and dictionary of 1881, in which he employed his wide knowledge of philology, phonetics and linguistics to solve various grammatical problems. This is still regarded as the best Twi grammar, even though the orthography has changed over the years. An excellent copy in a recent half calf with marbled boards.

£ 475.00


The 1933 revision of Christaller’s 1881 dictionary, written in Basel, is still the standard Twi dictionary. Gilt on spine and upper cover a little dull, a very nice copy in the publisher’s maroon cloth, from the library of Timothy Garrard with some inserted linguistic notes by him.

£ 300.00


Small tear to upper joint at tail of spine, a very nice copy in a contemporary or publisher’s black cloth-backed marbled boards, from the library of the noted German linguist Hans Georg Conon von der Gabelentz with the distinctive Gabelentz-Poschwitz book-plate. [Darlow and Moule: 1899.]

£ 450.00


With the ‘Cancelled’ stamp of the International African Institute on the verso of the title page, a very nice copy in a contemporary dark-blue cloth.

£ 150.00

John Clarke (1802-1879) was a Baptist missionary who worked from 1829 to 1839 in Jamaica, and from 1841 to 1847 on the Island of Fernando Po and the Cameroon coast. Upon returning to Britain due to ill-health in 1847, he published in 1848 *Specimens of Dialects: Short Vocabularies of Languages,* and *An Introduction to the Fernandian Tongue.* This work also includes Part II (pages 43-56), containing ‘Specimens of sentences in the Fernandian’. Despite having ‘Second Edition’ to the title page, no previous edition is known of. The ‘Fernandian Tongue’ is the Bube language (also known as Bubi, Fernandian, Adiyah, Ediya) spoken in Fernando Po and Equatorial Guinea. Includes a translation of Chapters 3 to 5 of the Gospel According to Matthew, as well as a hymn and a Fernandian war song. With a paper manuscript label to the spine, in the publisher’s dark-brown cloth, blind stamp to endpaper of the British and Foreign Bible Society, a very nice copy. [COPAC lists five copies; OCLC lists 15 copies.] £ 1,250.00


The paging is continuous, although the ‘Memoir of Joseph Merrick, Missionary to Africa’ has its own title page. The gilt title on the upper cover reads ‘Memoirs of R. & J. Merrick’. Richard Merrick was a Jamaican who, with his son, became a missionary of the Baptist Missionary Society. Richard stayed in Jamaica where he died in 1844. His son, Joseph, having been apprenticed to a printer in Jamaica, went to Africa in 1843 with John Clarke. After staying at Fernando Po he went to the Cameroons River, where he stationed himself at Bimbia and learnt the local Isubu tongue. He set up a printing press there and published religious works in that language. He died in 1849 while still compiling his dictionary of the Isubu language, which was later published in Bimbia by his co-missionary Alfred Saker. Spine and boards a little faded and rubbed, a very nice copy in the publisher’s light brick-red cloth lettered in gilt on the upper board. [COPAC lists three copies; OCLC lists two copies.] £ 600.00


In *Specimens of Dialects,* Clarke gathered material from his own researches; from uprooted Africans both in the West Indies and on the African Coast; and from previous works, including those of Hannah Kilham, Joseph Merrick and Thomas Winterbottom. This work foreshadowed Koelle’s *Polyglotta* by five years, and has been described by P. E. H. Hair in *An Introduction to John Clarke’s Specimens of Dialects* as justly neglected. Hair goes on to state that ‘whereas Koelle is relatively simple to use and coldly accurate, Clarke’s vocabularies have the charm of mystery in their muddle: their obscurity invites us to search within. The search is not always unrewarding.’ Clarke wrote this for modest and unacademic reasons, mainly in order to assist those using the book to gain the confidence of Africans in which he was most probably successful; his works are labours of love by an untrained but dedicated and enthusiastic linguist. As usual the wrapper imprint reads ‘London: Published by B. L. Green, 1849.’ Recased in the publisher’s wrappers with a cloth
backstrip to spine, both wrappers laid-down on matching paper, repair to lower outer corners of title and last leaf, page 3/4 bound after 5/6, occasional neat marginalia by a previous owner, a very nice copy in the publisher’s light yellow wrappers enclosed in a recent solander box with a black leather, gilt-lettered title piece to the upper board. £ 1,750.00


Professor Peter Bernard Clarke (b.1940) is professor of the history and sociology of religion at King’s College London and has written several works on religion in West Africa. £ 120.00

68. [CLARKSON, Thomas]. An Essay on the Slavery and Commerce of the Human Species, particularly the African: Translated from a Latin Dissertation, which was honoured with the First Prize in the University of Cambridge, for the year 1785. The second edition, revised and considerably enlarged. London: Printed and Sold by J. Phillips, 1788 Contemporary grey paper boards, 8vo. xxii,167pp. with 1p. publisher’s list.

After winning the Cambridge University Latin essay prize in 1784, Thomas Clarkson (1760-1846) resolved to win it again the following year. The essay topic for 1785 was ‘Anne liceat invitare in servitutem dare’ (‘Is it lawful to enslave the unconsenting?’). Clarkson took the title to be an invitation to consider the Atlantic slave trade, and won the prize. A translation of his essay was published by the Quaker bookseller James Phillips in 1786 as An Essay on the Slavery and Commerce of the Human Species, particularly the African. This was the first work in what was to be a lifetime of pamphleteering; in all he published 23 works, most of which dealt with slavery. The ‘Essay’ had a great success and led to the creation of the Committee for the Abolition of the Slave Trade; its most important achievement was the recruiting of William Wilberforce, in which Clarkson played the chief part. The spine relined in paper in the manner of the original, a very nice copy in the publisher’s grey boards. [Hogg: 1888.] £ 900.00


A presentation copy from the co-author Doran Ross to Timothy Garrard, thanking him for his help and quoting the Akan proverb ‘A good soup attracts chairs’. A very nice copy in the pictorial hardcover. £ 250.00

70. CONCANEN, Alfred. Stannard and Son’s Perspective View of Ashantee and the whole of the Gold Coast. London: Printed and Published by the Proprietors, October 16th., 1873 A coloured lithographed map printed on heavy paper folding into 16, 30 x 22 inches, encased in stiff paper wrappers. ‘Shewing Elmina, Accra & Cape Coast Castle, with proposed routes to Coomassie, the railways, roads, etc., etc. Compiled from Captain Gловर survey and all the latest official sources. Drawn and Lithographed by Alfred Concanen. With an inset map shewing relative position of Britain and Ashantee.’

Alfred Concanen (1835-1886) was a Victorian draughtsman particularly famous for his sheet
music covers. During the 1870s he made several bird’s-eye maps of seats of war for Stannard and Son’s: Paris during the Franco-Prussian war; Turkey; Afghanistan; and South Africa; as well as this one. This map would seem to be unrecorded, neither listed on COPAC nor OCLC. A minute hole without loss on the meeting point of the central folds, wrappers slightly marked, ownership inscription of L. A. Wotton on upper wrapper, a very nice copy in the publisher’s printed yellow wrappers.

£ 750.00


After serving in the Ivory Coast, Capitaine Charles Joseph Cornet was posted to Fort Archambault in 1905. He was responsible for pacifying and exploring the Chad region and the river route to Obangui-Chari. A very nice copy in contemporary blue marbled paper boards with a leather label to spine and the publisher’s wrappers bound-in. [Broc: 89.]

£ 125.00

72. CRONISE, Florence M. and Henry W. Ward. **Cunnie Rabbit, Mr. Spider and the Other Beef: West African Folk Tales.** Illustrations by Gerald Sichel. London: Swan Sonnenschein & Co., 1903 Cr.8vo. viii,330pp. numerous illustrations, vocabulary. ‘The collection of folk-lore-tales, from which the stories contained in the present volume have been selected, was made by Miss Cronise while a teacher in the mission school at Rotifunk, Protectorate of Sierra Leone, West Africa.’ Containing 38 tales in Krio (English-derived Creole). Occasional spotting in the text, the spine carefully rebacked, a very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth with gilt decoration.

£ 100.00

73. CROOKS, J. J. (Major). **Records Relating to the Gold Coast Settlements from 1750 to 1874.** By J. J. Crooks (Major) Sometime Colonial Secretary of Sierra Leone. Dublin: Browne and Nolan, Ltd., 1923 8vo. xii,557pp. title vignette and a coloured map of the colony, index.

The records are given in great detail, gathered from the archives of the English African Companies and State papers. Major John Joseph Crooks (b.1842) was the colonial secretary from 1890 to 1895. As an Irishman interested in Irish nationalist politics, he was popular in Sierra Leone with those interested in African nationalism. Spine faded and frayed at head, a very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth.

£ 150.00

74. DALLAS, R. C. **The History of the Maroons, from their origin to the establishment of their Chief Tribe at Sierra Leone:** Including the Expedition to Cuba, for the purpose of procuring Spanish Chasseurs; and the State of the Island of Jamaica for the last ten years: With a succinct history of the island previous to that period. In two volumes. By R. C. Dallas, Esq. London: Printed by A. Strahan, for T. N. Longman and O. Rees, 1803 Contemporary quarter calf, 8vo.

(1). cxiv,359pp. frontispiece, folding map.
(2). xi,514pp. frontispiece, folding map, 1 leaf containing 1 page of errata and 1 page of publisher’s advertisements, appendix.

Robert Charles Dallas (1754-1824), a writer, was born in Kingston, Jamaica, educated in
Scotland and London, and lived in Jamaica, America, France and Britain. As he explains in the preface, ‘I undertook, at the request of a friend, to write a history of a short war, carried on by the government in Jamaica, against the body of black people called Maroons, long established in the interior of that island’. The Maroons was an established group in Jamaica, originally composed of runaway slaves who conducted a war with the government. After this conflict many of them settled in Nova Scotia and from there went on to help found the new settlement of Sierra Leone. ‘Despite “an ardent tendency in my heart to disapprove the slave-trade”, Dallas’s History of the Maroons offered a qualified acceptance of the institution of slavery in a fallen world, and addressed criticisms of planters’ behaviour and the government’s conduct against the rebellious Jamaican Maroons’ [ODNB]. With the armorial book-plate of J. Talbot Clifton of Kildalton, contemporary signature to upper margin of title of Volume I, title page of Volume I slightly dusty, spines darkened and rubbed, a very nice copy in a contemporary quarter calf with red-leather labels and marbled boards. £ 1,000.00

75. DALZEL, Archibald. The History of Dahomy, an Inland Kingdom of Africa; Compiled from Authentic Memoirs; With an Introduction and Notes. By Archibald Dalzel, formerly Governor at Whydah, and now at Cape-Coast-Castle. London: Printed for the Editor, by T. Spilsbury and Son, Snow-Hill, and sold by J. Evans, Pater-Noster-Row, 1793 Small 4to. xxxvi,xxvi,230pp. engraved folding map as frontispiece, 6 engraved plates, subscribers’ list.

Archibald Dalzel (1740-1818) was sent to Anoumabu on the Gold Coast in 1763 as a surgeon employed by the Company of Merchants trading to Africa. After trading in slaves, he became governor of the British Fort at Whydah during 1767-70. In 1791 he was appointed governor of Cape Coast Castle and this work was published while he was there; he resigned as governor in 1802. It is a compilation drawn from his own experiences as well as from the works of Robert Norris, whose personal knowledge of the Guinea coast appears to have reached back at least as far as 1755, and those of William Snelgrave. The map is by Robert Norris and the account of his journey to the Court of Bossa Ahadee, King of Dahomey, is included. Dalzel adds material from other authors and includes an introduction by himself. In his introduction to the 1967 reprint, J. D. Fage points out that: ‘despite his pro-slave trade bias, and despite the fact that modern research can fault him on points of detail, [Dalzel] is no mean historian of eighteenth-century Dahomey and its neighbours. His History of Dahomey deservedly served as a standard source for many other distinguished writers on Dahomey, including Sir Richard Burton and Professor Melville Herskovits. It can still be studied with profit, and read with pleasure for its nineteenth century prose.’ Half calf with contemporary marbled boards, endpapers and edges. The spine has been carefully rebacked, lettered and tooled in a contemporary style, occasional slight spotting on the plates, the text unusually clean with no offsetting, contemporary book-plate of Thomas Dawson, later book-plate of Edward Geoffrey Sergeant; an excellent copy. [Cardinall: 396; Hogg: 170.] £ 2,000.00

This work on case law consists of numerous decisions delivered by Sir Ofori on land titles, adultery, child custody, property, witchcraft, etc. He was one of the three African chiefs nominated to sit on the legislative council of the Gold Coast. Ghanaian statesman Joseph Kwame Kyeretwi Boakye Danquah (1895-1965) studied law and philosophy at the University of London, where he was the first continental African to receive a doctorate in law. With the signature of Paul W. Chirington, professor at Harvard, to the front endpaper.

A very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-blue cloth. £ 150.00

77. DAVIS, Herman S. A Seven Months Cruise among the Islands of the Atlantic and along the West Coast of Africa in a Man-of-War. Being a brief account of the U. S. Scientific Expedition to observe the Total Eclipse of Dec. 22, 1889. Np: Reprinted for Private Circulation, August, 1890 8vo. v,40pp.

Thirteen civilians from Columbia, Princeton, Amhurst and other leading institutions went on the U.S.S Pensacola to observe the eclipse. Sailing from New York in October 1889, they went to the Azores, Cape Verde Islands, Freetown, Elmina and Cape Coast, Loanda, Cape Town, Kimberley and returned via St.Helena, Ascension, Barbados, and Bermuda. The text is printed in double columns and was reprinted from a series of articles written for the State Sentinel of Dover, Delaware. Davis gives an interesting account of the places visited, where he always managed to get ashore. He later went on to became a well-known astronomer. A presentation copy from the author to a Miss Cora R. Hoffecker. A very nice copy in the publisher’s black cloth. [Neither in COPAC nor Cardinall; OCLC lists seven copies.] £ 350.00


Johann Theodore and Johann Israel de Bry were the two sons of Theodore de Bry (1528-1598), who had started the publication of de Bry’s Grands Voyages and Petits Voyages, which were issued from 1590 to 1644. The sons continued to issue and expand this famous series of travel voyages. This was the only edition of Part VI and contains Pieter de Maree’s description of Guinea in 1600, and accounts of other early voyages to West Africa by the Portuguese, Dutch, and French. Nineteenth-century, dark-brown half morocco with marbled-paper boards and endpapers, engraved title page followed by engraved dedicatory page. The ex Grolier Club Library copy. The main body of the text very clean and crisp, corner torn from page 71/72 (not affecting text), five of the plates with old repairs, a very good copy of one of the important early scientific works on Guinea. £ 2,000.00

Richard Edward Dennett (1857-1921) was a British trader working in Western Africa who wrote several anthropological works, including *At the Back of the Blackman’s Mind* and *Nigerian Studies*. This book is a mixture of religion, law and language following on from his other works. Inscribed on the half title: ‘With R. E. Dennett’s compliments’. A very nice copy of the first edition in the publisher’s printed wrappers. £ 120.00


Augustin Marie Louis Desplagnes (1878-1914), a lieutenant in the French colonial army, was the first person to explore in depth the Dogon Country of Mali during a 2,800-kilometre trip that took him from Timbuctoo to the cliffs of Bandiagara and to the Lake Faguibine. He was the first to document dances, masks, daily life and material culture of the Dogon, taking numerous photographs, many of which are published in this book. An important early scientific account of the peoples of Mali and Niger. Book-plate of the Royal African Society presenting this copy to the Library of the West African Students Union, ink stamp to endpaper and half title, covers slightly rubbed, a very nice copy in a later olive-green cloth. £ 400.00


Tyebara is one of the four principal dialects of Senari, a branch of the Gur sub-family of Niger-Congo languages spoken by the Senufo in the north of Côte d’Ivoire. Produced on a duplicator, bound using two metal screw systems, front wrapper a stiff card with back wrappers made from recycled pressboard. [Not listed on COPAC; OCLC records two copies.] £ 250.00


Earlier in 1829 Lieutenant-General Sir Rufane Donkin (1773-1841) had published his work *A Dissertation on the Course and Probable Termination of the Niger*. In the 81st number of the *Quarterly Review*, the editor, Sir John Barrow, had quoted extensively from Captain Beechey’s *Travels* to refute Donkin. This is Donkin’s published reply, arguing his case apparently unaware of Barrow’s authorship. In contemporary plain green wrappers with an inscription in pencil on the half title, ‘From the Author’, a very nice copy. £ 350.00
(1) 1441-1700. x,496pp. folding map, index.
(2) The Eighteenth Century. lxii,731pp. index.
(3) New England and the Middle Colonies. xiii,553pp. index.

Elizabeth Donnan (1883-1955), who was professor of economics and sociology at Wellesley College, gathered information for this work from the Colonial Office, the Royal African Company, the Spanish archives, and traders’ and seamen’s accounts, both printed and manuscript. A fourth and final volume was published in 1935 entitled *The border colonies and the southern colonies.* An excellent set in the publisher’s blue cloth. £ 500.00

84. DU CHAILLU, Paul B. *Explorations and Adventures in Equatorial Africa;* with accounts of the manners of the people, and of the chase of the Gorilla, crocodile, leopard, elephant, hippopotamus, and other animals. London: John Murray, 1861. Modern half calf with marbled boards, 8vo. xviii,479pp. with 28pp. publisher’s list. folding frontispiece of the gorilla, 72 plates and illustrations, lithographed folding map, appendices of fauna and languages of tropical Africa.

Paul Belloni Du Chaillu (1831-1903) was a French-American explorer who had been bought up in Gabon where his father was a trader. After going to the United States in 1852, he was sent by the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences on a four-year expedition into Central Africa, where he travelled about 8,000 miles. In 1860 he returned to the United States with the first gorilla ever seen there. He was also the first explorer to bring back information about the pygmies in the remote interior. This readable account was understandably a great success when published. A recased copy in half calf, raised bands on spine and marbled boards. With the ownership stamp of Baron de Worms on the title page. £ 250.00

(1) xxiv,824pp. 3 plates, 199 illustrations, 6 maps, biblio., index.
(2) xx,635pp. 33 illustrations, 4 maps (1 folding), biblio., index.

Idelette Dugast (b.1898) worked in the Ndiki chiefdom of the Banen over a 20-year period from the mid 1930s to the 1950s. Ndiki was a 2500-people chiefdom in the Cameroons to the south of the Bamilike area. Pages slightly browned in Volume I, a very nice set of unopened copies in the publisher’s printed wrappers. £ 150.00

86. DUKE, George. *The Life of Major-General Worge, Colonel of the 86th Regiment of Foot, and Governor of Senegal, in Africa; with an Account of the Settlements of Senegal and Goree.* By George Duke, Esq., Barrister at Law. London: Parker, Furnivall, and Parker, Whitehall; Lewes, Sussex: George P. Bacon, 1844. 8vo. vii,152pp. folding map as frontispiece, 2 plates, coloured chart of the Island of Sanaga or St.Louis, errata slip.

The first two chapters form the biography of Richard Alchorne Worge (1707-1774), who
captured Senegal and Goree from the French in the campaigns of 1758-9. A third chapter deals with the subsequent history of Senegambia. With a presentation inscription on the title page from Worge’s son-in-law, traveller and travel writer Sir Arthur de Capell Brooke (1791-1858), ‘N. S. Millhouse from Sir A. D. C. Broke Bt 1846’. The spine has been rebacked retaining the original gilt-lettered backstrip, new endpapers, a very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth. [Unknown to Joucla and to Gay; COPAC lists three copies; OCLC lists six copies.]

   (1). xv,304pp. portrait frontispiece of the author and 1 plate of Dahomean weapons, folding map.
   (2). xi,314pp. 2 tinted lithographs and 2 woodcuts in the text.

John Duncan (1805-1849), having survived the Niger Expedition where he had been master-at-arms, offered his services to the Royal Geographical Society who sent him to Whydah in Dahomey where he travelled inland from the coast. Although refused passage through the Asante country, he was favourably received by the King of Dahomey. ‘Although uneducated, Duncan wrote well from his own experience and his book was favourably received by a public eager for adventurous tales from Africa and rightly impressed by his extraordinary courage’ [ODNB]. A little offsetting to both titles, both volumes rebacked retaining the original spines, small tears to margin of map, book-plates of R. C. Gordon-Canning, a nice set in the publisher’s dark-green blind-stamped cloth.


Elliott George Morson Dupigny served in the colonial administration in northern Nigeria. Light wear to spine, a very nice copy in the publisher’s yellow wrappers.

89. DUPUIS, Joseph. Journal of a Residence in Ashantee. By Joseph Dupuis, Esq. Late His Britannic Majesty’s Envoy and Consul for that Kingdom. Comprising notes and researches relative to the Gold Coast, and the Interior of Western Africa; chiefly collected from Arabic MSS. And information communicated by the Moslems of Guinea: to which is prefixed an Account of the Origin and Causes of the Present War. Illustrated with a map and plates. London: Printed for Henry Colburn, 1824. Recent quarter morocco, 4to. [2],viii,xxxviii,[2],264,xxxvi pp. 15 plates, comprising 14 aquatints (3 folding and 1 double-page), and 1 engraved plate, 1 folding map, errata, appendices including transcripts of Arabic manuscripts with translations.

Joseph Dupuis, while the British vice-consul at Mogador in Morocco, ransomed an African-American seaman calling himself Benjamin Rose from slavery among the desert Arabs in 1814. Two years later, the same man published in London The Narrative of Robert Adams, which recounted the adventures of Robert Adams, who survived shipwreck and slavery. Dupuis was then sent by the British Government to Ashanti as an ambassador in 1820, following the success of Bowdich’s visit in 1817. Containing valuable accounts of Ashanti
and the interior of the Gold Coast at the beginning of the nineteenth century, well illustrated by the superb folding and full-page aquatints drawn by the author. Encased in a quarter dark-brown morocco with raised bands and gilt title, the boards in a lighter brown cloth, some browning to the plate edges and occasional offsetting from this, particularly on the title page, the map foxed, many pages unopened, a very nice copy. £ 3,500.00


Jean Baptiste Léonard Durand (1742-1812) was a consul of France and a director of the Compagnie du Senegal. Between 1785 and 1786 he travelled to Senegal and inland to Galam. He concluded several treaties with the local rulers for the acquisition of gold and gum arabic. He believed that the economic potential of the African colonies was being neglected since the discovery of the New World and describes the commercial advantages that Senegal can bring to France in the development of the cultivation of such commodities as indigo, tobacco, cotton and sugarcane. In the first volume Durand gives a history of European discoveries on the west coast of Africa and a description of the geography of the area, including an interesting early account of Sierra Leone (a chart of the mouth of the Sierra Leone river is in the atlas volume). This is followed by details of his voyage and travels into the interior and journey back to Europe where, instead of reaching Le Havre, they are shipwrecked on the coast of Wales; luckily all survived. The atlas volume contains the text of three treaties with the local rulers, printed in French and Arabic, preceded by an ‘advertissement’ by Sylvestre de Sacy. An abridged English 8vo. edition was published in 1806. It would be difficult to imagine a more original copy of this work, both volumes encased in the publisher’s grey paper-covered boards with printed paper labels to spines (the label on the atlas volume mostly gone), the paste-down endpapers to both volumes are composed of publishers’ surplus sheets from another work. With the signature of Fr Lauth to the half-titles of both volumes, Volume I has the book-plate of Frédéric Lauth Docteur en Médicine, while Volume II has the book-plate of Durand, Rue de Moulins, No. 546. Most copies of this work have the text in two 8vo. volumes, this large paper issue of the text in one volume is unusual. The boards are worn around the edges, especially the atlas volume, internally clean and crisp with the pages uncut, a marvellous copy. [Joucla: 4375.] £ 4,000.00

91. EASMON, M. C. F. *Sierra Leone Country Cloths*. British Empire Exhibition 1924, (Sierra Leone Section). By Dr. M. C. F. Easmon. London: Waterlow & Sons Limited, 1924 Wrppps, Cr.4to. 34pp. frontispiece and 20 plates.

The author was the medical officer for the Southern Province and this work has many photographs of cloth being woven and worn, as well as of the cloths. Wrappers unevenly faded, a very nice copy in the publisher’s blue wrappers. £ 150.00

‘During part of the years 1908 and 1909 I was among the Gbaris, in the Province of Zaria, Northern Nigeria, where the material for this work was collected. The tribe is a very large one, lying in the Provinces of Zaria, Niger, and Nassarawa.’ The ex-War Office Library copy with several ink stamps to the title page. £ 125.00


(2). Litafi na biyu. To be obtained from The C.M.S. Bookshop, Lagos, Nigeria, 1924. xvi,463pp.

Major Frank (Francis) Edgar was a scholarly official in the British administration who made a vast collection of Hausa folklore primarily in Sokoto Province under the direction of the Resident, Major John Burdon. ‘The work consists of a transliteration into the Roman characters of a large number of Hausa and Arabic manuscripts, with revised spellings and rearrangements. The volume contains stories, folk-lore, historical extracts, prose, riddles, etc., etc. Extracts from the “Risalah of Maliki”, containing inter alia the law of inheritance, with illustrations, are also included’ [pertaining to Volume I]. Volume I has been rebacked and recased with new endpapers, title and preliminary pages spotted in volume II, occasional annotation in volume I, covers a little rubbed, a good set, both in the publisher’s dark-blue cloth. £ 200.00


Relating to ‘the interdenominational rivalry and competition between the different Christian missions’. A very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth. £ 120.00


Alfred Burdon Ellis (1852-1894), army officer and writer, became a lieutenant in the 1st West India regiment in 1873 and went with the regiment to the 1873-4 Asante War. He served in Gambia, Sierra Leone, the Gold Coast and South Africa. In 1891 he was promoted to colonel and placed in command of all the troops on the west coast, based at Freetown. He conducted a major expedition in 1893 against Sofa soldiers of Samori, and in December of that year was involved in the infamous Waima incident where British and French troops clashed mistakenly, with considerable loss of life. Ellis, although he had married in England, had a second, Fante, wife and family at Cape Coast. It was through his African wife and his gaining of local knowledge that Ellis was able to write his books on the peoples of West Africa, which although peppered with his personal observations and prejudices remained for many years the standard works. C. Fyfe in *A History of Sierra Leone* referred to Ellis’s anecdotal works as ‘malicious, entertaining books’.

Little wear to head and tail of spine, a very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth. £ 200.00
96. ELLIS, A. B. **The Ewe-Speaking Peoples of the Slave Coast of West Africa.** Their Religion, Manners, Customs, Laws, Language, etc. By A. B. Ellis, Major, First Battalion West India Regiment. London: Chapman and Hall, 1890  Med.8vo. viii,331pp. coloured folding map.

Much of this work is on Dahomey. The Ewe tribe inhabit the eastern part of Ghana and the countries of Togo and present-day Benin. Sections a little shaken. With the signature of the Swedish ethnographer Sture Lagercrantz to the half title and the margin of the title page, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-brown cloth. £ 375.00

97. ELLIS, A. B. **The Land of Fetish.** By A. B. Ellis, Captain First West India Regiment. London: Chapman and Hall, 1883  Contemporary binder’s half calf with marbled boards, 8vo. viii,316pp.

This work contains interesting accounts of the author’s travels and residence in the Gambia, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast and Dahomey during 1877-81. Library stamp to margin of title page, occasional preliminary foxing, spine a little rubbed and hinges weak. £ 250.00


The Tshi (or Twi) speaking people are mostly the Akan-speaking group who inhabit present day southern Ghana and the south-eastern part of the Ivory Coast. Most pages as yet unopened, a very nice copy in the publisher’s maroon cloth. £ 300.00


‘The material for this work were notes taken during visits made to the principle islands lying off the West Coast of Africa, in the course of 15 voyages to and from South and West Africa, between the years 1871 and 1882.’ - from the preface. The islands being St.Helena, Ascension, Fernando Po, The Isles de Los, St.Vincent, San Antonio, Goree, Grand Canary, Tenerife and Madeira. An ex-University of London, Colonial Department copy with their ink stamp to the endpaper, half title and first page of contents, a very nice copy in the publisher’s maroon cloth. £ 275.00


Kenneth Vaughan Elphinstone (1878-1963) served in the colonial administration in northern Nigeria. A few small nicks to outer margins of fore-edge, a very nice copy in the publisher’s grey wrappers. £ 90.00
101. **Emancipation of the Negro Slaves in the West India Colonies considered, with reference to its impolicy and injustice;** in answer to Mr. Wilberforce’s appeal. By the author of ‘A Statement of the Claims of the West India Colonies to a Protecting Duty against East India Sugar.’ No. I. London: Printed for Whitmore and Fenn, 1824. Recent binder’s boards, 8vo. ii, 44pp. Occasional spotting. No further parts were published. [Goldsmiths’ Kress: 24309; Ragatz: p.426; Sabin: 6:22402] £ 200.00


103. **Extracts from the Evidence taken before Committees of the Two Houses of Parliament relative to the Slave Trade,** with illustrations from collateral sources of information. Second Edition. By a Barrister of the Middle Temple. London: James Ridgway; James Bain, 1851. Disbound, 8vo. 136pp. Last part of contents in manuscript. An interesting series of questions on the slave trade with the answers supplied from established sources with the necessary acknowledgements. [Hogg: 3388, quoting the first edition of 126pp.] £ 200.00

104. **EYO, Ekpo. Two Thousand Years Nigerian Art.** Photographs André and Ursula Held. Lagos: Federal Department of Antiquities, 1977. Roy.4to. 238pp. numerous colour and monochrome plates, folding map, biblso., dw., slipcase. Ekpo Eyo is a Nigerian archaeologist who became the Nigerian Director of Antiquities in the Sixties; he later moved to academic posts in America. £ 90.00

105. [FAIERS, H. V., W. R. Hancock and A. Dowman]. **The Army Catering Corps in British West Africa 1941-1943.** (Cover title) Army Catering Corps G.H.Q. Command Staff. Command Catering Advisor - Major H. V. Faiers, Chief Clerk and Instructor - Q.M.S.I. W. R. Hancock, Travelling Instructor - S/Sgt A. Dowman. Photographs by Lt. H. J. Clements, Official Photographer, G.H.Q., W.A.F. [Freetown]: West Africa Command, 1943. 4to. printed title with 4 mounted typescript pages followed by 36 mounted monochrome photographs (6 x 7½ inches) with typed captions underneath and tissue guards. Contains descriptions of the food, with good photographs of the army cooks preparing fufu, meat, kenke balls, etc. Brown paper-covered boards with the title printed on the upper board, with the signature of A. Dowman dated 1943 to the front endpaper. A later printed note inside remarks that this was a gift from the grand-daughter of S/Sgt. A. Dowman, who opened the first army cookery school in Sierra Leone in 1941. [Not listed on COPAC nor OCLC.] £ 2,000.00
106. FALCONBRIDGE, A[nn]a M[aria]. **Narrative of two voyages to the river Sierra Leone, during the years 1791-2-3, performed by A. M. Falconbridge.** With a succinct account of the distresses and proceedings of that settlement, a description of the manners, diversions, arts, commerce, cultivation, custom, punishments, &c. and every interesting particular relating to the Sierra Leone Company. Also, the present state of the slave trade in the West Indies, and the improbability of its total abolition. The second edition. London: Printed for L. I. Higham, 1802 Cr.8vo. vii, (9)–287, [4]pp. errata.

The first edition was published in 1794, the second edition later in the same year, and a third edition in 1795, all identical apart from pagination and a minor change to the bookseller on the title page. This edition was different in that it omitted Henry Thornton’s name from the title page and was published by Higham rather than the author. In Christopher Fyfe’s book on Anna Maria Falconbridge, he states that the appendix containing her second letter to Thornton was omitted from the 1802 edition; however this copy contains that four-page appendix bound in at the end with the errata on the final page. Anna Maria Falconbridge, née Horwood (1769–1802), was married to Alexander Falconbridge who, as a doctor on board a slave ship, had become a noted abolitionist and written a book on slavery, *An account of the slave-trade on the coast of Africa*, published in London in 1788. She travelled twice to Sierra Leone and while there wrote a series of letters home not intended for publication. Following her husband’s death in 1792, however, she became increasingly more anti-abolitionist and fell out with the Sierra Leone Company. Her work was self-published in an attempt to explain what she saw as the mismanagement of the Company. This is the first published Englishwoman’s narrative of a visit not only to West Africa, but probably to the whole of Africa. [*Wayward Women: 211.*] Encased in the original boards, rebacked in a stiff matching paper spine with paper label affixed, near contemporary inscription of ‘Josh. Bird. Nov. 15 1815’ over a previous erased inscription and inscribed underneath ‘J? Glynn the gift of his grandmother Bird. March 17th 1845’. Covers and endpapers a little marked and stained, small piece missing from outer margin of title, ink stain on page 161, one square piece torn from margin of page 211/212 resulting in loss of two letters, a good clean uncut copy. £ 1,000.00

107. FERGUSSON, W. **Government Notice.** Freetown: [Government Printer], 1848 Single sheet, small folio. [11½ x 7½ inches.] ‘The Apprenticeship of Liberated African Children, for the purpose of their being compelled to labour gratuitously as Menial Servants, having been found by experience liable to degenerate into a condition scarcely consistent with the advantages of that entire freedom, to which by Law they are entitled, the Acting Governor deems it his duty to abstain in future from providing for such Children under his superintendence in a manner so open to abuse. By Command of His Honor the Acting Governor, Secretary’s Office. Freetown, 15th April 1848. W. Fergusson, Act’g: Col: Secretary.’

Doctor William Fergusson was a West Indian army doctor of African descent, he became acting governor in 1841 and he offered in that year to assist the Amistad survivors to find homes in Sierra Leone. He became governor in 1844 and instigated a system of apprenticeship for children over the age of 12, rather than leaving them to their own devices as the British government wanted. In 1846 he died, leaving a son, William, who was appointed colonial secretary in 1848 and the author of this notice. Slight offsetting due to having been folded, a very nice copy from the John Lawson collection with his book-plate to verso. £ 650.00

Wilhelm Frederik Fennekol (1761-1837) was born at Elmina in the Dutch possessions on the Gold Coast and this work is a plan to make the colony profitable after the end of the slave trade. He was the first to successfully cultivate cotton on the Guinea coast; in 1815 he became the Dutch minister for the colonies. In the original grey paper-covered boards, spine repaired, a very good unopened copy. [Cardinall: 530.] £ 200.00


Rudolf Fisch (1856-1946) was a Swiss missionary with the Basel Missionary Society who travelled through northern Togo and Ghana in 1910. Boards slightly marked, a very nice copy in the publisher’s light-blue cloth with an oval photograph mounted on the upper board. £ 150.00

110. FORBES, F. E. Despatch communicating the Discovery of a Native Written Character at Bohmar, on the western coast of Africa, near Liberia, accompanied by a vocabulary of the Vahie or Vei tongue. With notes on the Vei language and alphabet by E. Norris. London: Extract from the Royal Geographical Society Journal, 1849 Recent cloth, 8vo. 89-114pp. 2 plates (1 folding) showing examples of Vai script.

Lieutenant Frederick Edwyn Forbes R.N. discovered the Vai script while commanding H.M.S. Bonetta on patrol with the African Squadron off Sierra Leone. Originally read before the Royal Geographical Society of London on the 23rd of April, 1849. A very nice copy bound in a recent grey cloth. £ 200.00

111. FORBES, Lieutenant. Six Months’ Service in the African Blockade: From April to October, 1848, in Command of H.M.S. Bonetta. London: Richard Bentley, 1849 Recent calf-backed boards, 8vo. ix,145pp. 1 hand-coloured folding map as frontispiece showing the coast between Sierra Leone and Liberia, entitled ‘Plan shewing the Countries between Sierra Leone and Liberia whose Sovereigns signed The Anti-Slave Treaty’, linguistic and other appendices.

Lieutenant Frederick Edwyn Forbes (1819-1851) of the Royal Navy commanded the H.M.S. Bonetta in the anti-slavery patrols off the West African coast. He discovered the Vai script at Cape Mount while he was taking part in the Gallinas blockade; he also returned to England with a girl from Dahomey, Sarah Forbes Bonetta, who was adopted by Queen Victoria. This book mostly describes the author’s experiences during the blockade. Old repairs to map, some old library blind stamps to map and text, a nice copy in a recent brown calf with red morocco labels and gilt-ruled spine. £ 450.00

The author went to MacCarthy Island in April 1836 to replace the Rev. T. Dove. He employed up to one hundred recaptives to farm the 600 acres of the Wesleyan mission lands and returned to England in 1839. [Not listed in COPAC nor OCLC.]

£ 350.00

113. FREEMAN, Richard Austin. Travels and Life in Ashanti and Jaman. London: Archibald Constable, 1898 Med.8vo. xx,559pp. frontispiece and about 100 illustrations by the author and from photographs, 2 coloured maps (1 folding) and 1 monochrome map, index, t.e.gilt and gilt title and African art designs on the front cover.

Richard Austin Freeman (1862-1943) entered the colonial service as assistant colonial surgeon at Accra in the Gold Coast colony, where he landed in June 1887, remaining for four years. As assistant colonial surgeon and Anglo-German boundary commissioner he joined the expedition to Bontuku, the capital of Jaman, in 1888. He later achieved literary fame as the creator of Dr. Thorndyke, the fictional detective. The covers are a bit dusty (as usual with this book), book-plate of the Signet Library to the front paste-down, a very nice copy in the publisher’s orange cloth.

£ 350.00


Thomas Birch Freeman (1809-1890), missionary and colonial official, was born in England to an African father and English mother. He volunteered as a Methodist missionary to West Africa and landed on the Gold Coast in 1838. Freeman was one of the most successful missionaries of his age, founding the Methodist churches of the Gold Coast and Nigeria. He visited Kumasi in 1839, where he tried unsuccessfully to have a church and school built. On his second visit in 1841, however, he did establish a church. Pages unopened, ink stamp of Bibliothèque de Mr. Guizot to verso of frontispiece, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-green blind-stamped cloth.

£ 250.00


The edited diaries of John Morton Fremantle (1876-1936), who served in the Boer War then became a colonial administrator in northern Nigeria in 1904. A card pasted to the front endpaper reads ‘With Mrs. J. M. Fremantle’s Compliments’. Spine slightly faded, with a paper title label pasted on to the upper board, a very nice copy in the publisher’s green cloth.

£ 150.00
116. **FREMANTLE, J. M. Gazetteer of Muri Province (up to December, 1919).**
A very nice copy in the publisher’s green wrappers. £ 100.00

Nombreuses Illustrations de Bretegnier, Darondeau, Fernando, Jeanniot, Nousveaux, Philippe. 4 cartes tirées en couleur. Paris: C. Marpon & E. Flammarion, 1890 Later cloth with original wrappers bound-in, 4to. iii,xvi,543pp. 294 plates and illustrations, 4 coloured folding maps, index.
This is strongly military in tone but with much ethnographical and geographical information, mainly covering the French colonies and dependencies in West Africa. With 411 pages on Sénégambie and Dépendances de la Colonie du Sénégal; the remainder on Maroc, Iles Canaries, and Iles du Cap-Vert. Occasional spotting in the text, encased in a recent brown cloth with a contrasting leather label, a very nice copy. [Joucla: 4772; Cardinall: 874] £ 150.00

118. **FROBENIUS, L. Der Kameruner Schiffsschnabel und seine motive.**
Abhandlungen der Kaiserlichen Leopoldinisch-Carolinischen Deutschen Akademie der Naturforscher Band LXX. Nr. 1. Halle: Druck von Ehrhardt Karras, 1897 Publisher’s cloth-backed printed boards, Roy.4to. 95pp. 6 lithographed plates (4 double-page and 2 in colour).
Leo Viktor Frobenius (1873-1938), German explorer, ethnologist and archaeologist, was one of the originators of the culture-historical approach to ethnology and a major figure in German ethnography. The fine plates show 32 examples of wooden figure carvings from the ornamented prows of canoes from the Cameroons. This volume also contains 4 other papers on natural history. £ 120.00

The Konkomba live in northern Togo and north-eastern Ghana. A very nice unopened copy in the publisher’s wrappers. £ 100.00

Benjamin-Sigismond Frossard (1754-1830) was a French Protestant pastor and a famous abolitionist. In 1784 he journeyed to England and became interested in the emancipation of the African slaves. On his return to France, he spoke out against the slave trade and published this work, giving a precise description of methods of transportation for the first time. Due to the efforts of Frossard and the Société des Amis des Noirs, slavery was abolished by the French Convention in 1794 (only to have it reinstated by Napoleon in 1802). The chapter headings in Volume I are: Introduction; De l'esclavage des anciens, depuis son origine jusqu'à sa destruction; Origine de la traite des nègres; Description du pays d'où l’on tire les nègres; Manière de se procurer des esclaves en Afrique; Transport des esclaves dans les isles; Vente des esclaves dans les Indes occidentales; travaux auxquels on les soumet; leur nourriture, leurs châtiments, leur population, leur religion; and in Volume II: L'esclavage des nègres est contraire aux lois de la justice; L’esclavage des nègres est contraire à tous les précepts de la religion Chrétienne; L’esclavage des nègres contraire à la prospérité des etats & aux intérêts des particuliers; Moyens d’abolir par degrés l’esclavage en Amérique; Moyens d’adoucir la rigeur de l’eslavage dans les colonies, par l’abolition de la traite des nègres; Réponses à quelques objections sur le projet d’abolir la traite des nègres; Conclusion. Due to a binder’s error, two copies of page vii have been bound-in at the end of Volume II; the leather on Volume II has been worn away on half of the upper board and slightly on the spine and lower board; an excellent copy in a contemporary leather binding with red-leather labels. [Hogg: 1927; Gay: 2813; Sabin: 26013.] £ 5,000.00


Sir Francis Fuller (1866-1944) was the British chief commissioner of Ashanti from 1902 to 1920. He wrote this after his retirement from service. A very nice copy in the publisher’s green cloth. £ 100.00


Christopher Hamilton Fyfe (1920-2008) is considered the father of Sierra Leone studies. This work was modelled on James Joyce’s *Ulysses* and was written as a single block of text. When the publishers insisted on chapters for the book, Fyfe merely inserted chapter breaks with corresponding chapter numbers. A very nice copy in the publisher’s cloth with the dust-wrapper. £ 150.00


Fernando Galhano (1904-1995) was a Portuguese ethnographer and one of the founders of the Lisbon Museum of Ethnography which opened in 1985. Showing material from the Bidyogo, Nalu, Fula and Mandinga peoples. £ 90.00
124. GAMBIA. **Gambia Ordinances, 1886-1915** (so labelled on spines) Bathurst, Gambia: Government Printer, 1886-1915 Contemporary quarter calf, Roy.4to. The Ordinances (Laws) of the Colony of the Gambia bound in three volumes. Volume I (1886-1897) is prefaced by a handwritten letter from the acting administrator, H. M. Brandford Griffith, at Government House Bathurst replying to a request from the librarian of the Inner Temple to supply the ordinances. It contains 121 ordinances and, although a few are missing (being out-of-print at the time of the request), these are noted with their titles. All were printed by J. Taylor Coker, the Government Printer, with print runs of between 65 and 150 copies. Volume II (1897-1906) contains 121 ordinances, mostly printed by J. Taylor Coker and N. E. Williams, the Government Printers, with print runs of between 70 and 100 copies. Volume III (1907-1915) contains 158 ordinances printed by the Government Printers. Both volumes II and III contain typewritten letters from the Colonial Secretary at Government House, Bathurst. A fascinating insight into colonial history, covering subjects as diverse as dog licences, customs regulations, annual expenditure, trading with the enemy, etc. The occasional ordinance is missing. All volumes contain the book-plate of the Inner Temple Library, each ordinance with the small ink stamp of that library. The leather spines are all worn. £ 450.00


Timothy Francis Garrard (1943-2007) entered the service of the Ghanaian government in 1967 as the senior state attorney. After involving himself in Ghanaian archaeology, he went on to become the foremost authority on the history of the metallic arts of the region. This important analysis of Akan gold-weights is an excellent copy in the publisher’s black cloth with the dust-wrapper, an interesting association copy signed on the front endpaper by Opoku Ware II the Asantehene of Ashanti and dated 21.8.80. £ 350.00

126. GAUNT, Mary. **Alone in West Africa.** London: T. Werner Laurie, 1911 8vo. xix,404pp. frontispiece, 96 plates, endpaper map, index.

Mary Eliza Bakewell Gaunt (1872-1942) was brought up in Australia, graduated from Melbourne University, was married a doctor who died soon after, and then embarked on a trip from London to Dakar. This account of her adventurous trip through West Africa, which delighted Edwardian audiences, went through three editions between 1911 and 1914. Her robust style of writing on Africa was favourably compared with that of Mary Kingsley and she went on to write travel books into the Thirties on China, far-eastern Russia and Jamaica. Spine faded, occasional slight foxing, a very nice copy in the publisher’s gilt-decorated blue cloth. [Wayward Women: 181.] £ 125.00
127. **Genuine state of facts. The Trial of Captain John Kimber, for the supposed murder of an African girl, at the Admiralty sessions**, before the Hon. Sir James Marriot, Knt. (Judge Advocat) and Sir William Ashurst, Knt. on Thursday, June 7, 1792. Of which he was most honourably acquitted, and the Two Evidences for the Prosecution committed to Newgate to take their Trials for Wilful and Corrupt Perjury. Third Edition. London: printed by William Lane; and sold by Richardson; Owen; Wesley; and all other booksellers, [1792] Later half calf, Cr.8vo. 43,[4] pp. appendix.

Describing a hearing in the Central Criminal Court, London, concerning an alleged offence committed on board the ship *Recovery*. One Bristol ship’s captain became a household name during the abolition campaign to end the slave trade. John Kimber was master of the slave ship *Recovery* on her 1791 voyage to New Calabar where he bought about 300 enslaved Africans. On the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean from Africa to the island of Grenada in the Caribbean, Kimber had punished a female slave. She was refusing to eat. The girl died. The surgeon on the ship, Thomas Dowling, had told this to the abolitionist campaigner William Wilberforce, who speaking in the House of Commons during a debate on the slave trade, accused Kimber of murder. This was widely reported. The newspaper, *Felix Farley’s Bristol Journal* for 7 April 1792, published a report of the debate. Kimber placed an advertisement in the Bristol paper the next week. He denied the assault and promised to tell his own side of the story, asking that people did not judge him until they had heard his version of events. Kimber was tried in the High Court of the Admiralty in June, and *Felix Farley’s Bristol Journal* reported the case. Kimber was accused of assaulting the girl, by suspending her by the ankle while beating her with a whip, and that she died of injuries received from this ‘punishment’. Various witnesses, including the Bristol merchant Walter Jacks and a fellow captain, Phillips, spoke for Kimber. The witnesses against him, the surgeon Dowling and the 3rd Mate Stephen Devereaux, were accused of making up the case against Kimber because they had quarrelled with him. It was claimed that the girl had died of natural causes. The four-page appendix is entitled ‘Observations on the particular case of Captain John Kimber’. Bound in a late nineteenth- or early twentieth-century half calf with marbled boards, slight spotting or browning, a very nice copy.

128. **GEORGE, Claude. The Rise of British West Africa.** Comprising the early history of the Colony of Sierra Leone, the Gambia, Lagos, Gold Coast, etc. With a brief account of climate, the growth of education, commerce, and religion, and a comprehensive history of the Bananas and Bance Islands and sketches of the constitution. By Claude George of the Colonial Secretary’s Office, Sierra Leone. London: Houlston & Sons; and Plymouth: William Brendon & Son, 1904 8vo. ix,468pp. appendix.

Claude George was a Durham graduate of Fourah Bay College who in 1902 took the name Esu Biyi; he wrote this while in Government service and was able to use official sources. A very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-green cloth.


The act setting up The Company of Merchants trading to Africa, and the incorporation of the assets of the Royal African Company into it.
130. Georgii III. **An Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade.** [25th March 1807]

‘That from and after the First day of May One thousand eight hundred and seven, the African Slave Trade, and all and all manner of dealing and trading in the Purchase, Sale, Barter, or Transfer of Slaves, or of Persons intended to be sold, transferred, used, or dealt with as Slaves, practiced or carried on, in, at, to or from any Part of the Coast or Countries of Africa, shall be, and the same is hereby utterly abolished, prohibited, and declared to be unlawful.’
In the 47th year of George III’s reign (47 Georgii III. Cap. 36). First, second and last two pages printed off the vertical and with some offsetting throughout. £ 350.00


Paul Germann (1844-1966) was a German ethnographer who undertook an expedition to northern Liberia during 1928-9. An important ethnographic account embracing the art and material culture of the Gbande, the Toma, the Kissi and the Mende. Slight damp stain to lower half of preliminary pages, some crinkling to lower edge, a very nice copy in the publisher’s printed grey wrappers. £ 100.00


A very nice copy in the publisher’s light-green wrappers. £ 125.00


The plates are all after paintings by the German colonial artist E. M. Heims (1886-1922), done in 1907-8 showing views in towns and villages, ten for Kamerun and two for Togo. They comprise: 1: Gouverneurhaus in Buea; 2: Faktorei Longji; 3: Faktorei Plantation; 4: Mündung des Kribi-Flusses; 5: Manenguba-Gebirge; 6: Bakossidorf ‘Nkak’; 7: Jaunde-Station; 8: Karawanenweg im Urwald; 9: Nachtigalschnellen des Sanaga; 10: Haus der Batanga-Neger; 11: Landungsbrücke in Lome; 12: Europäerviertel in Lome. The portfolio is in a dark grey-brown card printed with scenes in black, red and gold. This was published to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the German colonies in West Africa. The portfolio is contained within the publisher’s cream paper-covered solander case lettered in gilt on the upper cover ‘Kupferberg-gold Kolonial Serie III Kamerun und Togo’.
solander case has one flap missing from the left-hand side of the upper lid, the upper cover of the portfolio has the ink stamp of the ‘Bibliothek Kaiser Wilhelm Gymnasium Frankfurt’ and a small hand-written accession number to both upper flaps and to the upper cover of the case. Colour plate works on Africa are rare and these superb evocative images are in excellent condition. [OCLC lists three copies, in Berlin, Gotha and Hamburg.] £ 1,200.00


135. GODWIN, Benjamin. The substance of a course of lectures on British colonial slavery. Delivered at Bradford, York and Scarborough. By the Rev. Benjamin Godwin. London: Printed by Ellerton and Henderson, Published by J. Hatchard and Son, and J. and A. Arch, MDCCCXXX, 1830 Contemporary boards, 8vo. xi,171pp. folding table entitled ‘Statistical view of the British slave colonies’. Benjamin Godwin (1785-1871) was a Baptist minister whose works were very popular. ‘A series of four lectures on slavery as an institution, the evils of the system, its unlawfulness, the growth and progress of the anti-slavery movement and the need for emancipation. The author, a Nonconformist clergyman at Bradford, delivered these addresses in public halls to gain sympathy for the negro cause on the part of those who might not be drawn into a dissenting church to hear him speak. A later American edition appeared for propaganda purposes in the United States under the title Lectures on slavery’ [Ragatz, p.507]. Spine rebacked in a contemporary style in brown paper with a printed paper label, book-plate of the Bath Public Reference Library, some blind stamps of that institution, many pages unopened, a very nice copy in contemporary boards. [Goldsmiths’: 26479.] £ 275.00

136. GOODY, Jack. The Myth of the Bagre. Oxford Library of African Literature. Oxford: At The Clarendon Press, 1972 8vo. xii,381pp. 9 plates, biblio., index, dw. Sir John (Jack) Rankine Goody (b.1919), the British social anthropologist, examines the Bagre myth among the Lodagaa in north-western Ghana, presenting ‘the text and translation of the most extensive myth to have been recorded in Tropical Africa’. A very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-blue cloth with the yellow dust-wrapper. £ 100.00

137. GOWERS, W. F. Gazetteer of Kano Province. Compiled by W. F. Gowers, Esq., C.M.G. Nigeria, Northern Provinces. London: Printed by order of His Excellency the Governor by Waterlow & Sons, 1921 Wrpps, Roy.8vo. 56pp. folding map, 6 folding charts. William Frederick Gowers (1875-1954) served in the colonial administration in northern Nigeria from 1902; by the time this was published, Gowers had become lieutenant-governor of northern Nigeria and later became governor of Uganda. Pages 43-56 have a 2cm tear in the outer margin of the fore-edge, base of spine a little worn, a very nice copy in the publisher’s blue wrappers. £ 100.00
8vo. xiv,271pp. 41 illustrations, 2 maps, index, chipped dust-wrapper with some loss.
The author was an ex-MP who travelled in British West Africa in 1925 and became interested in the possibility of exporting British cars there. On his return to Britain he wished to obtain cars from manufacturers in order to test them in the African environment. The only company willing to sell him cars for this purpose was Messrs. Jowett of Bradford. ‘To meet this point, the Jowett Brothers and I agreed, at my suggestion, upon a sporting and supplemental condition, i.e., that if I drove the cars successfully from Lagos to Khartoum, on the completion of the journey the cost of the cars should be refunded to me, so that I should have a monetary incentive to do my best to get the cars to Khartoum!’ The author successfully drove from Lagos to Khartoum and on to Massawa. The Winterton copy with his book-plate, a very nice copy in the publisher’s light-grey cloth lettered in black. £ 120.00

No. 1 Further Papers relating to the Ashantee Invasion. x,228pp. 3 maps (2 coloured and folding). [C.890.]
No. 2 Further Correspondence... xi,214pp. 6 maps (2 colour). [C.-891.]
No. 3 Further Correspondence... xi,257pp. 1 coloured map. [C.-892.]
No. 4 Further Correspondence... vi,69pp. [C.-893.]
No. 5 Further Correspondence... v,68pp. [C.-894.]
No. 6 Latest Despatches from Sir Garnet Wolseley. ii,13pp. [C.-907.]
No. 7 Further Correspondence... iv,18pp. [C.-921.]
No. 8 Further Correspondence... vii,94pp. [C.-922.]
The official accounts as presented to Parliament of the famous 1873-4 Ashanti war when Sir Garnet Wolseley commanded the expedition sent against King Koffee of Ashanti, defeated him at Amoeful and occupied Kumasi. No. 9 Further Correspondence... [C.1006.] of 36 pages is not present here. The cover and free endpaper of Part 8 is damaged and the lower margin of that title page a little stained and chipped, small discreet library stamps to the lower margin of each title page and to the upper covers, a very nice set in the publisher’s dark-blue wrappers. £ 600.00

Mostly concerning Sierra Leone, the British ships there and their detention of suspected ships, the court cases, etc. £ 200.00

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142. GREAT BRITAIN. **Correspondence with the British Commissioners, at Sierra Leone, The Havana, Rio de Janeiro, and Surinam, relating to the Slave Trade, 1836.** Class (A.) Presented to Both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty, 1837. Binder’s buckram, Imp.4to. 3,viii,375pp.  
[With] Correspondence with Foreign Powers relating to the Slave Trade.  
Class (B.) x,144pp.  
[Papers: State Papers; with numerical list and General Index. Session 31 January - 17 July 1837. Vol. LIV.]  
A manuscript inscription on the verso of the first leaf states ‘This Book is to be preserved in the Office of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State Home Department 1838’  
[Temperley & Penson: p.67]. Relating to Sierra Leone, the British ships there and their detention of suspected ships, the court cases, etc. £ 350.00

143. GREAT BRITAIN. **Correspondence with the British Commissioners, at Sierra Leone, The Havana, Rio de Janeiro, and Surinam, relating to the Slave Trade, 1837.** Class (A.) Presented to Both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty, 1838. Binder’s buckram, Imp.4to. 3,iii,5,172pp.  
[With] Correspondence with the British Commissioners, relating to the Slave Trade.  
Class A. (Further Series) viii,95pp.  
[With] Correspondence with Foreign Powers, relating to the Slave Trade.  
Class B. xi,140pp.  
[With] Correspondence with Foreign Powers, relating to the Slave Trade. Class B. (Further Series) viii,79pp.  
A manuscript inscription on the verso of the first leaf states ‘This Book is to be preserved in the Office of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State Home Department 1838’  
[Temperley & Penson: p.68]. Relating to the British ships in Sierra Leone, and their detention of suspected ships, the court cases, etc. This volume has an interesting correspondence concerning an official Dutch visit under General Verveer to the King of Ashantee. The purpose of this mission was to procure recruits for the Dutch Colonial army in the East Indies. £ 350.00

144. GREAT BRITAIN. **Papers Relating to Her Majesty’s Possessions in West Africa. Sierra Leone and Gold Coast Colony, including Lagos.** (In continuation of C.1343 of 1875.) Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty. February 1876. London: HMSO, 1876  
Later glued spine, Fcap folio. ix,121pp.  
6 coloured folding lithographed maps.  
Containing in the Sierra Leone section the reports by Lieutenant-Governor Samuel Rowe on the two expeditions he undertook to the Mongeri country and to the Upper Bompeh and Mendi country; and in the Gold Coast section, reports of the dispute between Osai Mensah the King of Ashanti, and the King of Djuabin. £ 150.00
145. GREAT BRITAIN. Papers; Abolition of Slavery, Jamaica, Barbados and British Guiana. Papers presented to Parliament, by Her Majesty’s Command, in explanation of the measures adopted by Her Majesty’s Government, for giving effect to the act for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies. Part IV. (1.) Jamaica, Barbados and British Guiana. (In continuation of the Papers presented in 1835 and 1836, Nos. 177, 278 of 1835, and 166.-I. & II. of 1836). London: The House of Commons, 1837 Recent binder’s dark-blue buckram with red-leather label to spine, Roy.4to. vii,585pp. with 61pp. appendix, tables.

Containing 184 schedules, correspondence to and from Lord Glenelg, the Colonial Secretary, concerning education, missionary work, court cases, names of apprentices (the freed slaves), cases brought by apprentices, reports of magistrates as to the functioning of the act, etc. in the colonies of Jamaica, Barbados and British Guiana. A manuscript note in a contemporary hand on the title page notes that no additional papers were published in this part, there were no further parts. A very good copy in a smart new binding. £ 600.00


Containing 184 schedules, correspondence to and from Lord Glenelg, the Colonial Secretary, concerning education, missionary work, court cases, names of apprentices (the freed slaves), cases brought by apprentices, reports of magistrates as to the functioning of the act, etc. in the colonies of Jamaica, Barbados and British Guiana. Old repair to spine by having thick paper glued over it, boards rubbed, a manuscript inscription on the verso of the first leaf states ‘This Book is to be preserved in the Office of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State Home Department 1837’. £ 500.00

147. GREAT BRITAIN. Papers; Abolition of Slavery, Jamaica, Barbados and British Guiana. Papers presented to Parliament, by Her Majesty’s Command, in explanation of the measures adopted by Her Majesty’s Government, for giving effect to the act for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies. Part V. Jamaica. (1.) (In continuation of the Papers presented in 1835, 1836 and 1837, Nos. 177, 278 of 1835, and 166.-I. & II. of 1836, and 521-I. & II. of 1837). London: The House of Commons, 1838 Recent binder’s dark-blue buckram with red-leather label to spine, Roy.4to. [154.-I]. vi,340pp. appendices, tables.


[Bound with] Copy of a Memorial addressed to Her Majesty’s Government relative to the System of Negro Apprenticeship in the British Colonies; and of any Reply thereto. 1837. [27.] 3pp. Written by Captain R. Howard and George Grey.

during February, March and April of 1838.
[Bound with] Similar papers for Jamaica, British Guiana, etc. 19pp.
[Bound with] Six papers relating to the abolition of Slavery, Jamaica, etc.
These papers contain a very large amount of information, particularly concerning numerous individuals in the islands, their reports, testimonies, etc. and these papers present a fascinating inside view of the conditions in the West Indies at the time of the abolition of slavery. A very good copy in a smart new binding. £ 675.00


In May 1821 a short act was passed that abolished the African Company and transferred the ownership of its eight forts on the Gold Coast to the Crown. On the 3rd of July the transfer was affected. Contains listings of the Company’s employees, lists of kings and cabboceers, etc. who received stipends from the Company, with amounts, details, etc. [Unknown to Cardinall.] £ 350.00

149. GREAT BRITAIN, Sierra Leone. Accounts relating to the Duties, Exports, Imports; Population; Schools, Churches, Marriages; &c. of the Colony of Sierra Leone. [520.] London: Ordered by the House of Commons to be Printed, 5 July 1825 Sewn as issued, Fcap folio. 41pp.

Containing the census for the years 1818, 1820, 1822; number of schools; owners of boats; lists of imports and exports; register of shipping, etc. A very detailed report. [Luke: 229.] £ 250.00

150. GREAT BRITAIN, Sierra Leone. Correspondence respecting Disturbances in the Native Territories adjacent to Sierra Leone. In six volumes. Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty, February 1886-1889. London: Printed by Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1886-89 Original blue wrappers, folio.

(1). Disturbances in the Native Territories. [C.-4642.]. ix,105pp. 6 maps (5 coloured, 3 folding).
(2). Disturbances in the Native Territories. [C.-4840.]. vi,65pp. 3 maps (1 coloured folding).
(3). Disturbances in the Native Territories. [C.-4905.]. iv,63pp. 2 maps (1 coloured folding).
(5). Recent Expedition against the Yonnie Tribe. [C.-5358.]. viii,75pp. 2 folding maps (1 coloured).
(6). Disturbances in the Native Territories. [C.-5740.]. xi,121pp. £ 350.00


153. GREAT BRITAIN, Slave Trade, Sierra Leone. Copy of a Charge Delivered by Mr. Chief Justice Jeffcott to the Grand Jury of Sierra Leone, on the Subject of the Slave Trade in that Colony, with any Correspondence thereon. [364.] Ordered by the House of Commons to be Printed, 6 April 1832 Sewn as issued, Fcap folio. 42pp. In 1830 Jeffcott was appointed chief justice and, after a kidnapping case, he investigated the occurrences of slavery and came to the erroneous conclusion that 32,000 Sierra Leoneans had been sold into slavery. This reply was printed to reassure Parliament. £ 125.00

154. GREAT BRITAIN, West Coast of Africa. Correspondence Respecting the Slave Trade and Other Matters, from January 1 to December 31, 1869. Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty, 1870. [C.-140.] London: HMSO, 1870 Original blue wrappers, Fcap folio. 98pp. Containing correspondence between the authorities of the State of Basel and the British Government on the detaining of the missionaries Ramseyer and Kuehne by the King of the Ashantees; and the Journal of the Niger Expedition of 1869 by J. W. East. £ 125.00


The Abbé Henri-Baptiste Grégoire (1750-1831) was a Catholic priest and bishop, and a leading French abolitionist. He partook in the Revolution of 1789, and was a member of its governing assembly. Grégoire systematically refuted the arguments for the inferiority of Africans, giving numerous examples of African (and Haitian) enterprise. Among those mentioned are Higiemondo, Lieutenant-General Hannibal, Anthony William Amo, L’Islet Geoffroy, James Derham, Thomas Fuller, Othello, Benjamin Bannaker, Ottobah Cugoano, James Eliza John Capitein, Francis Williams, Olandad Equiano, Ignatius Sancho, and Phillis Wheatley. The first (French) edition was published in Paris in 1808, there was no English edition. With the book-plate of the Essex Institute to the front paste-down and their blind stamp to the margin of the title page, occasional spotting, a very nice completely uncut copy in contemporary cream paper-backed blue boards. From the library of Quentin Keynes. [Sabin: 28728; COPAC lists just the British Library copy.]

£ 4,500.00


Marcel Henri Griaule (1898-1956) became the first professor of ethnology in France. His early research was on the Ethiopian language and he became deputy secretary-general of the Society of Africanists in 1931. In the same year he headed the Dakar-Djibouti mission; however it is for his considerable research on the Dogon of Mali, begun in the late 1930s, that Griaule is justly famous. This is Griaule’s seminal work on Dogon children’s games and was his minor thesis for his doctorate awarded in 1938. A very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-green cloth.

£ 250.00

157. GRIAULE, Marcel. **Masques Dogon.** Travaux et Memoires de L’Institut d’Ethnologie, XXXIII. Paris: Institut d’Ethnologie, 1938 Roy.8vo. xi,896pp. 32 collotype plates from photographs, 261 text illustrations (many in colour and many full-page), biblio., index, white plastic double-sided musical record in the pocket of the rear board, printed in olive green with drawings of the dances.

This was the major thesis of Marcel Henri Griaule (1898-1956) for his doctorate awarded in 1938. Small neat ownership stamp of the Stockholm Nord Mus.Bibl. and their withdrawn stamp to the lower margin of the title page, a very nice copy of the first edition in the publisher’s green cloth.

£ 500.00

158. GRIAULE, Marcel and others. **Minotaure: Mission Dakar-Djibouti 1931-1933.** No 2. Numero Special. La Mission ethnographique et linguistique Dakar-Djibouti. Paris: Minotaure, 1933 Binder’s cloth backed boards, Roy.4to. 88pp. 3 colour plates, numerous plates and illustrations, map.

This expedition was led by Marcel Griaule (1898-1956), financed by the French Government and crossed 15 African countries between May 1931 and February 1933. They recorded 30 languages and collected 300 manuscripts and 3500 ethnographic objects. The Musée de Trocadéro held an exhibition of these findings and Minotaure devoted their entire second issue to the results of this important expedition. With contributions by Marcel Griaule, Eric Lutten, Andre Schaeffner, Deborah Lifszyc and Michel Leiris. With Gaston-Louis Roux’s striking lithographed front wrapper mounted on the front board.

£ 250.00

Griaule and Dieterlen’s important work on the cosmology of the Dogon which gave rise to the ‘Sirius mystery’. Germaine Dieterlen (1903-1999) accompanied Griaule on his 1936-7 and 1938-9 missions to west Africa. A very nice copy in a contemporary brown cloth with red-leather label, the publisher’s wrappers and dust-wrapper bound-in. £ 250.00


1. *A Funny Book about the Ashantees.* v,12pp. 16 colour plates.

A compilation volume of four children’s books by Ernest Griset (1844-1907), the famous French/English Victorian illustrator of anthropomorphic animals. The stories have African themes, the first drawing on the then current war in Ashantee. The plates are coloured lithographs, printed rectos and each has a few lines of nonsense verse. The verses are probably by Tom Hood who collaborated with Griset on *Griset’s Grotesques*, published in 1867; although ‘The Brothers Bold’ is an adaptation taken from James Greenwood’s *The Hatchet Throwers* of 1866. Spine slightly frayed at head and tail, boards a little rubbed, a nice copy in the publisher’s decorated brown cloth. [See Lionel Lambourne: *Ernest Griset, Fantasies of a Victorian Illustrator.*] £ 500.00


J. Bonnat, a French trader, was captured at Ho and kept prisoner in Kumasi. His fellow prisoners were the Swiss missionaries Ramseyer and Kühne. Quarter brown morocco, marbled paper boards and endpapers, original wrappers bound-in, a fine copy. [Joucla: 5192; Cardinal: 889.] £ 150.00


Brigadier-General Sir Frederick Gordon Guggisberg (1869-1930) was appointed director of surveys in southern Nigeria in 1910 and compiled this work for the guidance of his assistants. He made a special point not to alienate the local peoples. He went on to become governor and commander-in-chief of the Gold Coast in 1919 and is remembered as the founding father of Achimota School. In the publisher’s light-blue cloth, the front board marked. £ 120.00

From the John Lawson collection with his book-plate, spine rubbed, a very nice copy in the publisher’s green cloth-backed marbled boards. £ 150.00


Bono (or Brong) state is now in the Brong-Ahafo or Bono-Ahafo region of Ghana. Printed rectos only on a duplicator, a very nice copy in the publisher’s black cloth-backed pink wrappers. [COPAC records two copies.] £ 90.00


With the signature of G. I. Jones on the front wrapper, a very nice copy of the rare first edition in the publisher’s grey wrappers. £ 150.00


Doctor Pierre Harter (1928-1991) was a leading specialist in the arts of Cameroon. £ 900.00


Sir John Charles Dalrymple Hay (1821-1912) was a naval officer and politician. In 1835 and 1836 he served on the brig *Trinculo* on the West African anti-slavery patrol. He wrote this work in 1874 during the Ashantee war of that year, drawing on his earlier experiences of West Africa. Covers slightly rubbed, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-green decorated cloth. £ 100.00


Joseph Ephraim Casely-Hayford (1866-1930) was a Gold Coast lawyer and politician who became a famous African nationalist. This political novel drew largely on his experiences while studying at the Bar in London and working in the Gold Coast. In writing this book he was inspired by his wife, Beatrice Madeline Pinnock, a Gold Coast girl whom he had married in London, but who unfortunately died on the Gold Coast in 1902. With the armorial book-plate of Sidney Barton, a diplomat who was consul-general in Shanghai and British minister in Addis Ababa in the Twenties and Thirties; slight marking to spine and boards; a very nice copy in the publisher’s gold-lettered brown cloth. £ 1,200.00

The travels of the German zoologist and anthropologist Reinhold Buchholz (1837-1876) posthumously edited from his diaries and letters. He travelled along the West African coast, visiting Accra, Cape St.Paul, Whydah, Lagos and Bonny, as well as journeying extensively in the Cameroons and Gaboon between 1872 and 1875. Signature of previous owner Alberto Castro to title page dated Lisbon 1917 with his book-plate to verso of title, and a small ink stamp of a further owner to title and endpaper. A very nice copy in the publisher’s brown cloth. £ 250.00


‘The bush warfare referred to here is principally West African.’ William Charles Giffard Heneker (1867-1939) served as an infantry captain in western Africa. Between 1897 and 1906, Heneker saw action in a dozen separate small campaigns, ranging from peacetime military engagement to major combat operations, and this book reflects his opinions and suggestions. Spine faded, a very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth. £ 375.00


‘It serves, as the editor ventures to hope in his foreword, as an example of what may be achieved in less than thirty years by sympathetic and indirect British administration through the Native Authorities and their institutions.’ The Hon. Harry Baldwin Hermon-Hodge (1885-1947) was Resident of Ilorin Province, northern Nigeria, and served in the First World War with the Nigerian Frontier Force. A typewritten errata is laid on to the front endpaper, with the ink stamp of the ‘Nigeria Survey Central Headquarters’ to the front endpaper, a very good copy in the publisher’s green cloth with the original (now chipped) dust-wrapper. £ 250.00


Hans Himmelheber (1908-2003), the eminent German anthropologist, started his ethnological work in the Ivory Coast in the mid Thirties; this work was the result of his researches among the Dan of Liberia. By the Sixties he was regarded as the foremost authority on African art in the German-speaking world. With the 45 rpm record in a pocket of the rear board. A very nice copy in the publisher’s grey cloth with the dust-wrapper. £ 250.00
173. HOARE, Prince. **Memoirs of Granville Sharp, Esq.** Composed from his own Manuscripts, and other Authentic Documents in Possession of his Family and of the African Institution. With observations on Mr. Sharp’s biblical criticisms by the Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of St. David’s. London: Printed for Henry Colburn and Co., 1820. 4to. xxxii,524,xxxiiiipp. portrait frontispiece, subscribers’ list, errata. appendix. Prince Hoare (1755-1834) was a painter of portraits and historical scenes and a playwright. Hoare had access to Granville Sharp’s letters and other papers after his death in 1813, and wrote this biography covering Sharp’s concerns with the slave trade and the establishment of Sierra Leone, his correspondence with the French National Assembly, as well as with Franklin and Adams and the American universities, etc. Lacking half title, an excellent uncut and mostly unopened copy, in an attractive recent light-brown half calf with marbled paper-covered boards and contrasting leather label to the spine. £ 650.00

174. HODGSON, Lady. **The Siege of Kumassi.** By Lady Hodgson, Wife of Sir Frederic Hodgson, K.C.M.G. Late Governor of the Gold Coast. London: C. Arthur Pearson Ltd, 1901. 8vo. 366pp. 32 plates, folding map, index. Lady Hodgson accompanied her husband, Sir Frederic Hodgson, the governor of the Gold Coast, to Kumasi in Ashanti. Although initially welcomed, various faux pas by Hodgson led to a breakdown of relations and a full-scale revolt. The British contingent were besieged in the fort and Lady Hodgson writes a graphic account of the siege and their subsequent escape from Kumasi to the coast. Old library book-plate to front paste-down, spine marked and rubbed, sections slightly loose, a nice copy in the publisher’s decorated maroon cloth. [Wayward Women: 264.] £ 100.00

175. HOLAS, B. **L’Art Sacré Sénoufo. Ses Différentes Expressions dans la Vie Sociale.** Abidjan: Les Nouvelles Éditions Africaines, 1985. Wrpps, Fcap.8vo. 333pp. 145 monochrome plates, 1 map. Bohumil Théophile Holas (1909-1979), originally from Czechoslovakia, spent the early Thirties marketing the ‘Aero’ car by driving many thousands of miles through Europe, to India, and through North Africa. In 1946 he moved to West Africa and worked for IFAN in Dakar. He became director of the Musée d’Abidjan where he studied, collected and wrote on the culture and arts of the Ivory Coast, Guinée and Liberia. A prolific writer, his bibliography extends to over 160 titles. This work examines the religious art of the Senoufo who live in the north of the Ivory Coast. A very nice copy in the publisher’s wrappers. £ 125.00

176. HOLMAN, James. **Travels in Madeira, Sierra Leone, Teneriffe, St. Jago, Cape Coast, Fernando Po, Princes Island, etc. etc.** By James Holman, R.N., F.R.S. Second Edition. London: George Routledge, 1840. Contemporary calf, 8vo. x,491 pp. engraved frontispiece of the author and 5 lithographed plates (1 fold-out panorama of ‘Settlement of Clarence’). Originally published in 1834 in four volumes as *A Voyage around the World*. At the age of twenty-five James Holman (1786-1857) completely lost his sight but determined to travel the world recording the places he had visited. He sailed from Plymouth to the coast of Africa on board the *Eden*, under the command of Captain W. F. W. Owen. This book catalogues his West African travels and observations. Despite his affliction, his accounts have the most...
scrupulous attention to detail. Frontispiece foxed and some foxing to the lithographed plates. A very nice copy in a contemporary or near contemporary full calf with gilt spine and boards. [Mendelssohn: 728 for the 1st edition of 1834.] £ 500.00

177. HOLMES, Harold James. **Behind Mount Lion: Treks and Tours in Sierra Leone.** Compiled from the Letters of ‘Homo’. Andover: Published at the ‘Advertiser’ Printing Works, nd. (circa 1932) Cr.4to. 93pp. frontispiece and 14 plates from photographs. ‘Compiled from a selection of letters of Lieut. Harold James Holmes, 1st Batt. Prince of Wales’s Volunteers, better known as ‘Homo’, during the period September, 1927, to February, 1931, that he was seconded with the Royal West African Frontier Force, Sierra Leone Battalion. The descriptions of the country and the inhabitants were obtained from treks made while on duty or on local leave, and offer a different view of the Crown Colony to those obtained from the official guide or the missionary report.’ Lieutenant Holmes was killed during the Haidara incident of 1931, while leading a detachment of troops through the bush. A copy of *Sierra Leone Studies* for December 1953 is included, which has an article by B. M. Jusu entitled ‘The Haidara Rebellion of 1931’. A very nice copy in the publisher’s brown cloth-backed boards. [No copy listed on COPAC; OCLC records three copies; Williams: 2495] £ 300.00

178. HOPKINSON, E. **Birds of Gambia.** London: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, 1908-1911 Contemporary morocco, 8vo. 133pp. 5 plates. These are extracts from *Bird Notes* prepared for the author. A presentation copy from the author to Captain Armitage, governor of the Gambia, with a letter tipped-in presenting the book and discussing other ‘Gambians’. A very nice copy in a full maroon morocco (slightly scuffed on the edges), marbled endpapers and gilt inner dentelles. £ 150.00

179. HORNE, Melvill. **Letters on Missions; Addressed to the Protestant Ministers of the British Churches.** By Melvill Horne, Late Chaplain of Sierra Leone, in Africa. Schenectady: Printed by C. P. Wyckoff, 1797 Fcap.8vo. xiii,124pp. The first English edition was published in 1794 in Bristol, this is the first American edition. Melville Horne (1761-1841), who was the son of an Antiguan barrister and planter, was sent to Sierra Leone in 1792 by the Sierra Leone Company as one of the first two chaplains. Returning in 1793, he was instrumental in the setting up of the various Missionary Societies and this work was a considerable inspiration to a generation of missionaries. Paper uniformly browned as usual, a nice copy in a later binder’s dark brown half cloth with marbled boards, paper label to spine. £ 275.00

180. HOURST, Lieut. **French Enterprise in Africa.** The Personal Narrative of Lieut. Hourst of his Exploration of the Niger. Translated by Mrs. Arthur Bell. With 190 illustrations and a map. London: Chapman & Hall, 1898 8vo. xvi,520pp. portrait frontispiece and numerous illustrations from photographs, folding map, index. Lieutenant Émile Auguste Léon Hourst (1864-1940) started from Timbuktu in January 1896 and navigated the Niger from that point to its mouth, executing a careful survey of the river, the first Europeans to accomplish this journey. The expedition took a year travelling in a specially constructed 100 foot barge. A very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-blue cloth. £ 150.00

Robert Huish (1777-1850) was a well-known writer on bee-keeping and of travel biographies. Richard Lemon Lander (1804-1834) initially went to West Africa in 1825 with Clapperton as his servant. After Clapperton’s death in Sokoto, Lander made his way to the coast with Clapperton’s papers. In 1830, Richard Lander, with his brother, John, undertook another journey into West Africa to determine the course of the Niger. They got as far as Yelwa, about 100 miles above Bussa, before returning to the coast by way of canoes. The journey was one of great hardship but they were rewarded greatly on their return to London. Richard became the first gold medallist of the Royal Geographical Society and John Murray gave them £1000 to publish their account. The discoveries made by Lander and his brother were a significant step in the geographical discovery of West Africa and also opened up the Niger as a route into central Africa. Light offsetting to frontispiece, most pages as yet unopened, spine faded and carefully repaired, a very nice copy in the publisher’s brown blind-stamped cloth. £ 575.00

182. HULBERT, Charles. **The African Traveller; or, Select Lives, Voyages, and Travels,** carefully abridged from the original publications of Bruce, Barrow, Campbell, & Park; including the narrative of Robert Adams, a sailor, who resided some months in the city of Tombuctoo. The shipwreck of James Riley, and his companions, who were made captives by the Arabs, and ransomed in 1815; an account of the total failure of the recent expedition up the river Congo, death of Capt. Tuckey, &c. The history of the settlement of Sierra Leone; and the best and most recent description of the Cape of Good Hope, interspersed with a variety of interesting and important original intelligence, notes, observations, etc. The whole designed as an entertaining companion to the general reader, and a faithful guide to the emigrant. By Charles Hulbert, Editor of the Salopian Magazine, &c. &c. assisted by several literary gentlemen, formerly residents of Africa. Shrewsbury: Printed and published by C. Hulbert at the Salopian Press, 1817. Recent half calf, small 8vo. viii,171pp. with 1 page of publisher’s advertisements, frontispiece, folding map.

Charles Hulbert (1778-1857) was originally a cotton-mill manager, but after a religious conversion he became a writer and publisher. Encased in a recent dark-brown half calf with marbled boards and contrasting leather labels to the spine, a very nice copy. [COPAC lists three copies; OCLC lists six copies; Mendelssohn: 746.] £ 275.00

183. HUTCHINSON, T. J. **Narrative of the Niger, Tshadda, & Binue Exploration:** including a report on the position and prospects of trade up those rivers, with remarks on the malaria and fevers of Western Africa. By T. J. Hutchinson, Esq., Her Majesty’s

The account of the travels of Thomas Joseph Hutchinson (1820-1885) as the chief surgeon on the Niger expedition of 1854-5. Small amount of cloth missing at head of spine, light stain to outer corner of last five leaves, a very nice copy in the publisher’s brown cloth. £ 250.00

184. HUTCHINSON, Thomas J. Impression of Western Africa. With remarks on the diseases of the climate and a report on the peculiarities of trade up the rivers in the Bight of Biafra. By Thomas J. Hutchinson, Esq. Her Britannic Majesty’s Consul for the Bight of Biafra and the Island of Fernando Po. London: Longmans, Brown, Green, etc., 1858 Cr. 8vo. xvi, 313pp. with 6 pages of publisher’s advertisements, title vignette, appendices, index.

The author had been a medical officer in Old Calabar and served on the Niger Expedition of 1854. Contains much useful information on the history and the peoples of these coastal regions. The three appendices contain: a letter to the author from the Rev. Samuel Crowther; an essay on the commerce of Africa; and a summary of the diseases of the native Africans. With a small book-plate of Professor R. M. Gordon, M.D. of the School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool affixed to rear paste-down and his signature dated 1940 to the verso of the front endpaper; spine slightly faded; a very nice copy in the publisher’s brown cloth of a work seldom seen in the original cloth. £ 750.00

185. HUTCHINSON, Thomas J. Ten Years’ Wanderings among the Ethiopians; With Sketches of the Manners and Customs of the Civilized and Uncivilized Tribes, from Senegal to Gaboon. London: Hurst and Blackett, Publishers, 1861 Binder’s buckram, 8vo. xx, 329pp. tinted lithographic frontispiece and title vignette.

Thomas Joseph Hutchinson (1820-1885) travelled to West Africa in 1851, afterwards becoming the chief surgeon on the Niger expedition of 1854-5. He served as English Consul at the Bight of Biafra and Fernando Po from 1855 to 1857, before becoming governor of Fernando Po until 1861. In a late nineteenth- or early twentieth-century cream buckram binding with a black leather label (the spine now darkened), book-plates of Edward John Payne and R. B. N. Walker, and the cancelled book-plate of University College, Oxford. Walker’s discreet blind-stamp to title page, slight stain to lower outer margin of frontispiece, occasional light spotting, a very nice copy. £ 300.00


Alexandre Yevgenievich Jacovleff (1887-1937) was a Russian artist who moved to Paris after the revolution. This book is the result of his work on the Citroën expedition of 1924-5 to the Sahara and Equatorial Africa. His African paintings were a great success in Paris and he was awarded the Legion of Honour by the French government in 1926. Containing a 30-page fascicule of text with numerous text illustrations, in suede-backed black silk with an African design printed in red and white on the covers; and 50 magnificent coloured plates, from drawings by the author, of people and scenes on the route of the expedition. Enclosed
187. **Institution for benefiting the Foulahs and other Aborigines of Western Africa, at MacCarthys’s Island, Gambia.** London: [No publisher], 10th June, 1841  Disbound, Cr.8vo. 4pp. drophead title. subscriber’s list.

‘This Institution has for its object to supply the Christian Foulahs, and other Aborigines of Western Africa, located in Mac Carthys’s Island, Gambia, and its vicinity, with agricultural instruments, mechanics’ tools, mills, &c.’ A model village was planned as well as an ‘Institution for the education of the sons of Native Kings and principle persons.’ Possibly written by the Rev. John Beecham, a Wesleyan missionary. [Not listed in COPAC nor OCLC.] £ 150.00


Paul Erdman Isert (1756-1789) was a German botanist who was appointed chief surgeon at the Danish fort of Christiansborg in 1783. He was the first European to describe a visit to Ashantee and he took part in a voyage on a ship carrying slaves to the West Indies. So disturbed was he by his experiences, particularly on the slave ship, he resolved to establish plantations in Africa. In 1788 he sailed for Africa and established a plantation near Akropong on behalf of the Danish crown. He purchased land from a friend made on a previous stay in Guinea, the Akwapim chief, Nana Obuobi Atiemo. With African help the plantation was initially successful, however in 1789 Isert was murdered by pro-slavery officials in the Danish establishment at Christiansborg. Partly as a result of this, Denmark became the first state to prohibit the slave trade in 1803. This work was much drawn upon by writers on the slave trade. This is the first French edition, being translated from the German *Reise nach Guinea und den Caribäischen Inseln* in Columbia (1788). Head and tail of spine rubbed, top joint a little weak, small repair and old stamp to title page, a very nice copy in a contemporary binding. £ 750.00

189. **IWEKA-NUNO, I. E. & A. N. Ekpunobi.** *Akuko-ala Obosi na onwo nke ala-ibo nile okwu-ibo dere n’onu-asusu nke ora ibo nile.* Ejikotara De Sten’aka Mr. I. E. Iweka-Nuno agudara ya tune azi, na nsikwu nke ndi Rev. A. N. Ekpunobi bu otu nime ha. The history of Obosi and of Ibo-land in brief, partially translated from the Ibo copy. Obosi: [The authors], 1924  Cr.8vo. 138,[2],7-124pp. 22 plates, coloured folding map.

The history of Obosi (a town in Anambra State, south-eastern Nigeria) in the Igbo language with an English translation. Isaac Iweka-Nuno was part of the African intelligentsia in the Twenties and Thirties who published provincial histories based on local knowledge. Upper joint splitting, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-grey paper-covered boards with the title printed on the spine and upper board. [COPAC lists the British Library copy and a Cambridge University xerographic copy; OCLC lists just the Cambridge copy.] £ 500.00
190. JACKSON, R. M. *Journal of a voyage to Bonny River on the West Coast of Africa in the ship Kingston from Liverpool, Peter Jackson, Commander.* By R. M. Jackson, Surgeon, Said Vessel. Letchworth: Garden City Press, 1934. Cr.8vo. 159pp. portrait frontispiece. Edited by Roland Jackson. Written in five parts:

1. Journal of a voyage to Bonny River in 1825.
2. Journal of a Residence in Bonny River on board the Ship *Kingston* during the months of January, February and March, 1826.
3. Journal of a Trip to, & from, & residence in, the river Cameroons, on board the cutter *Hafod*.
4. Journal of a further Residence in the River Bonny on board the ship *Huskisson*.
5. A Brief Journal of a Passage from Bonny to Liverpool in the ship *Huskisson* during the months of August, September and October, 1826.

Each part has its own title page, covers and spine slightly marked, a very nice copy in the publisher’s grey cloth. [COPAC lists the British Library and SOAS copies only.] £ 250.00

191. JAMIESON, Robert. *A further appeal to the government and people of Great Britain, against the proposed Niger expedition:* a Letter addressed to the Right Hon. Lord John Russell, principal secretary of state for the colonies, &c. by Robert Jamieson, Esq. London: Smith, Elder, and Co, 1841. Disbound and recently stapled in the inner margin within protective wrappers, 8vo. 31pp. 3 tables showing the exports and imports of Sierra Leone for the year 1836, half page addenda tipped in.

Robert Jamieson (1791/2-1861), merchant, traded to Africa, South America, India, and China from the City of London between 1836 and 1861. He sought to open up West African rivers to navigation and commerce, particularly in palm oil. His schooner, the *Warree*, went to the Niger in 1838. In 1839 he built and equipped the steamer *Ethiope*, which, under the command of John Beecroft, explored several West African rivers, including the Fermoso and tributaries of the Niger. When the Melbourne ministry resolved to send the African Colonization Expedition to the Niger, Jamieson denounced the scheme in two appeals (1840 and 1841). The expedition broke up through disease and disaster in September 1841, and on 25 October most of the surviving colonists and their ship, the *Albert*, were rescued by the *Ethiope*. ‘I deem it my duty, before the actual departure of the three Government steam-vessels now finishing their equipment for Africa, to communicate to your lordship intelligence which I have received from that coast.’ The half-page addendum contains the latest news from Captain Beecroft of the *Ethiope*.

[COPAC lists four copies; OCLC lists seven copies.] £ 350.00


Richard Jobson was a merchant and travel writer who in 1620 was sent as one of the supercargoes on an expedition up the Gambia River. He sailed up the river for 200 miles and continued on in an open boat as far as Tenda to trade for gold with Bucko Santo. Although no gold was exchanged, his account of the journey was of much interest to the traders and
public of the time. The first reprinting of Jobson’s *Golden Trade*, an impressive production printed on hand-made paper, this is one of 290 copies for sale from an edition of 300. Spine a little rubbed and marked, boards rubbed and marked (particularly the lower board), a very nice copy in the publisher’s cloth-backed maroon boards. £ 175.00


The Acts and Romans translated into Mende by the Rev. Henry ‘Eloquent’ Johnson (b. 1840) of the C.M.S., later Archdeacon of the Upper Niger Territory, who had been born in Sierra Leone of Yoruba parents and educated in England. His younger brother, Samuel, wrote the important work, *History of the Yorubas*. In a contemporary calf, the spine rebacked in matching calf, title and first leaf missing small section of outer margin (not affecting text), with the signature of F. W. H. Migeod dated 1905 to head of title, a very good copy. [COPAC lists the British Library and Cambridge copies; Darlow & Moule: 6770 and 6771; Luke: 527 and 529.]

£ 350.00


(1). xxviii,520pp. 12 colour plates, 208 monochrome plates and illustrations, 4 coloured folding maps and 15 maps in text, biblio.

(2). xvi,521-1183pp. 16 colour plates, 218 monochrome plates and illustrations, 3 maps in text, index. With copious appendices on the flora and fauna as well as chapters on the history, anthropology, languages, commerce, geography, etc.

Sir Henry Hamilton Johnston (1858-1927), the explorer and British colonial administrator, started his professional life as an artist before becoming involved in expeditions to Africa. ‘From 1904 to 1906, at the request of the government of Liberia and with the encouragement of the secretary of state for foreign affairs, the Marquess of Lansdowne, Johnston was principally occupied in elaborating, in concert with President Barclay of Liberia, a promising scheme for improving and strengthening, by the employment of British officials, the financial, judicial, and defensive administration of that republic. This beneficent project was supported by (Sir) Austen Chamberlain, then chancellor of the exchequer, but under French pressure the whole scheme was jettisoned by Sir Edward Grey when he became foreign minister, and the affairs of Liberia relapsed into anarchy. During three visits Johnston explored the country, and embodied [this] in a valuable book, *Liberia* (1906)’ [Archive DNB]. Heads and tails of spines slightly rubbed, a very nice set in the publisher’s dark-brown cloth. £ 400.00

‘This book is about West African sculpture in wood and specifically about that of Eastern Nigeria.’ Gwilliam Iwan Jones (1904-1995) was a district officer serving in Bende in south-eastern Nigeria from 1926 to 1946. He built up an important collection of photographs of the people of the area and later became an anthropologist at the University of Cambridge. A very nice copy in the publisher’s brown cloth with the dust-wrapper. £ 200.00

196. KEMP, Dennis. *Nine Years at the Gold Coast*. By the Rev. Dennis Kemp, Late General Superintendent Wesleyan Missions Gold Coast District. London: MacMillan and Co., 1898. 8vo. xv,279pp. 39 illustrations on plates, map, index.

A description of the missionary work of the Rev. Dennis Kemp and his wife on the Gold Coast from 1887 to 1897, when he returned to England. Dennis Kemp (1859-1936) was ordained in 1887 and volunteered for missionary work on the Gold Coast of West Africa. In 1888 he was the headmaster of Mfantsipim School, the first secondary school to have been established in the Gold Coast (in 1876), and in 1895 he was appointed a military chaplain to the Ashanti Expedition. A very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-blue cloth with gilt decoration to upper board. £ 150.00


Indomitable would seem too mild a description for Hannah Kilham (1774-1832), a Sheffield Quaker who was involved in philanthropic, educational and missionary work with women in Britain, Ireland and West Africa in the early nineteenth century. She became interested in furthering the education of Africans and, in 1820, she had the idea of recruiting African men from a ship just arrived from the Gambian coast. Two of them, Sandanee and Mahmadee, agreed to stay so she could teach them English while in return they taught her the Wolof and Mandingo languages. This resulted in the publication of *Ta-re Wa-loof, Ta-re boo Juk-à. First Lessons in Jaloo*. First Lessons in Jaloo in 1820. She visited the Gambia in 1822-3 and on her return published *African Lessons: Wolof and English in Three Parts* in 1823. She visited Sierra Leone in 1827-8 and 1830-2. In 1828 she published *Specimens of African Languages spoken in the Colony of Sierra Leone*, a pioneering work which predated Clarke’s and Koelle’s works, and in which many African languages saw their first appearances in print. Her interest in teaching led her to promote teaching in the vernacular and to that end she produced dictionaries, grammar books and school books in those languages and organized schooling for girls who had been liberated from slave ships. On her last visit to Sierra Leone she sailed from Freetown to Liberia to study the conditions there, however on the return voyage she became ill and died. She was buried at sea. Some light pencilled marginalia, a very good disbound copy. [She is not mentioned in *Wayward Women*]

From the John Lawson collection with his book-plate, the spine with a later reback in matching calf with a red leather label; an excellent fresh copy in a contemporary calf. £ 1,500.00
198. [KILHAM, Hannah]. **Continuation of the Appendix to the Second Report of the Committee on African Instruction.** London: Printed by Harvey, Darton and Co., 1824. Disbound and recently stapled in the inner margin within protective wrappers, 8vo. 26pp. Published by the Society of Friends, Committee on African Instruction.

‘Since the Second Report of the Committee on African Instruction was printed off, letters have been received, by members of the Committee, from our friends Hannah Kilham and John Thompson...from which the following are extracts.’ Containing letters from Hannah Kilham to William Allen, T. Bevan, Luke Howard and Robert Forster; and from John Thompson to William Allen and to Luke Howard. All the letters were written from Freetown or from Gloucester in Sierra Leone, describing people and conditions in Sierra Leone and the Gambia. ‘An English Quaker, Hannah Kilham, a friend of William Allen’s, living in London, became interested in teaching African children in their own language... She learnt Jolof from two sailors, and in 1824 and 1827 paid short visits to the colony’ [Fyfe: *A History of Sierra Leone*. [COPAC lists four copies; OCLC lists the CUD and QCL copies.]

£ 450.00

199. [KILHAM, Hannah]. **Specimens of African Languages spoken in the Colony of Sierra Leone.** London: Printed for a Committee of the Society of Friends, for Promoting African Instruction, by P. White, 1828. Calf-backed boards, Fcap.8vo. [18 cm.] xi,[1],47,[1],12,12pp. folding chart, index.

The main part of this work is comprised of 69 English words with their equivalent in 30 African languages, the folding chart shows the numerals from one to ten in the same languages; following this is ‘Lessons in Aku, (or Eio,) and English’, and ‘Lessons in Bassa and English’. The preface contains instructions for teaching English to children of different tribes. The contemporary grey paper-covered boards are slightly marked, with a new dark-brown leather spine, lettered in gilt, a very nice copy. [COPAC lists three copies; OCLC also records three copies; Vater: 385; Luke: 485.]

£ 2,500.00


‘The following little sketch of the Jaloof, or Waloof language, has been formed chiefly upon the testimony of two young Africans during the first three months of their instruction in English.’

[COPAC lists just the Birmingham copy, OCLC lists the INU and AOW copies.]

£ 1,000.00

201. [KILHAM, Sarah Biller]. **Memoir of the late Hannah Kilham; chiefly compiled from her journal and edited by her daughter-in-law, Sarah Biller, of St.Petersburg.** London: Darton and Harvey, 1837. 12mo. [19 cm.] v,506pp. portrait frontispiece of Hannah Kilham, appendix.

‘11th mo. 20th. 1817. An apprehension has seized upon my mind this morning, that after having finished the little books I am preparing for the children of Sierra Leone, it will be my duty to attempt the introduction of them myself into that country and the neighbourhood, and even to attempt the reduction of unwritten languages. I would not go merely under a profession of opening a school or schools, but to proceed to the religious instruction of the
children, for my heart feels an engagement towards them that cannot possibly be fulfilled without going there’ [Memoir of the late Hannah Kilham, 1837]. With the contemporary inscription of Alice Hornor dated 1837 to the endpaper, spine lightly faded, a very nice copy in the publisher’s green cloth. £ 350.00

202. KILLINGLY-GIBBONS, R. *Journal of the Senior Officer, Bights Sub-Division being some Account of the Duties performed by Her Majesty’s Ships in the Oil Rivers, Gold Coast, etc.*, Compiled from the Journal kept by their Commanding Officers, from July, 1884 to March 1892 by R. Killingly-Gibbons, Assistant Transport Officer, Gold Coast Colony. Accra: Government Press, nd. (c.1919) Wrpps, 8vo. ii,62pp.

An interesting account of early British involvement in the ‘Oil Rivers’ area of south-eastern Nigeria. Original staples have rusted and have been replaced. A nice copy in the publisher’s buff-coloured wrappers. £ 200.00

203. KIMBLE, George H. T. *Esmeraldo de situ orbis by Duarte Pacheco Perira.* Translated and edited by George H. T. Kimble, Lecturer in Geography in the University of Reading. Works issued by the Hakluyt Society; Second series, No. 79. London: Printed for the Hakluyt Society, 1937 8vo. xxxv,193pp. 7 plates (3 folding), 2 folding maps printed in red and black, biblio., index.

Translated from the Portuguese editions of 1892 and 1905, this was originally written some 400 years earlier but its printing was suppressed. ‘Providing, as it does, the only detailed, contemporary eyewitness’s description of the African coasts’ [from the preface]. From the library of G. I. Jones with his signature to the endpaper and some constructive marginalia by him on the page dealing with the lower Niger, a very nice copy in the publisher’s light-blue cloth. £ 150.00


Mary Kingsley (1862-1900), the famous African traveller, first went to the ‘Coast’ in 1893, then again in 1894, when she stayed for a year in present-day Gabon. ‘The two travel accounts she produced were immediate best-sellers, both for their serious scientific content and their exuberant raciness. They are masterpieces.’ [Robinson: *Wayward Women*]. Foxing to title page, spine faded, a good copy of the first edition in the publisher’s red cloth. £ 200.00


The first part of Kjersmeier’s four-volume magnum opus on African sculpture published from 1935 to 1938 covers French Soudan, Guinée and the Ivory Coast. Some underlining and annotations in pencil in the text, in the publisher’s printed grey boards with the original slightly chipped dust-wrapper, a very good copy. £ 200.00
206. **KOELLE, S. W. Polyglotta Africana; or A Comparative Vocabulary of nearly Three Hundred Words and Phrases in more than One Hundred Distinct African Languages.** By The Rev. S.W. Koelle, Missionary of the Church Missionary Society. London: Church Missionary House, 1854 Royal Folio. vi,(24),188pp. hand-coloured lithographed folding map.

Sigismund Wilhelm Kölle (1820-1902), a German missionary and pioneer scholar of African languages, was one of the German clergymen employed by the Church Missionary Society to watch the interests of freed slaves landed at Sierra Leone. There he carefully collected examples from them of all the African languages available. One of the most important and valuable works in the history of African philology, in which he compared 156 African languages using a phonetic script devised by the Egyptologist Lepsius. ‘This work deserves the highest praise, even in comparison with philological work at the present day’ [H. H. Johnston in *Comparative Study of the Bantu Languages*]. Migeod, in his *Languages of West Africa*, refers to this book as ‘one of the most widely quoted works on West African Languages’, and devotes a page and a half to recommending it. ‘Published in 1854, the *Polyglotta* was a work of genius’ [P. E. H. Hair in *The Early Study of Nigerian Languages*]. C. Fyfe in his *History of Sierra Leone* describes it as containing ‘specimens of 200 African languages or dialects...ranging in origin from Mozambique to Senegal’. After 24 pages of introductory remarks concerning the localities of the languages, are 187 pages of ruled columns containing translations of words and phrases in various languages. This copy has been carefully resewn, replacing the original rather cavalier stitching, and the spine rebacked preserving the original backstrip. A few small marginal tears to the margins of 4 pages, otherwise a very clean copy; with the book-plate of the British and Foreign Bible Society noting that this copy was accepted from the committee of the Church Missionary Society. £ 1,500.00


With sections on general information, history, society and politics, current events, agriculture, development progress and economy. ‘The notebooks focus on agricultural development in specific countries and are interdisciplinary in content.’ A very good copy in the white plastic ring-binder with inlaid colour photograph to the upper cover. [Not listed on COPAC.] £ 250.00


Ministry account of the First World War in West Africa produced for the Paris International Colonial Exhibition of 1931. This book comprises five parts: 1: the history of German expansion in the continent of Africa; 2: the military organizations involved in French Africa, German Togo and Cameroon; 3: the operations in the territory of Cameroon; 4: the operations in Togo; and 5: the operations against the Senussi. This copy does not have the 11 maps published separately in a folder. A very nice unopened copy in the publisher’s dark grey wrappers. £ 150.00


One of the works published during the Peace of Amiens, entreating the French government to take more interest (and possessions) in West Africa. However Napoleon, the consul, had his eye on the French West Indies. Pierre Labarthe (1760-1824) was chief of the Colonial Bureau dealing with Africa and the Orient between 1794 and 1808. The work is a valuable compilation of French naval officers’ reports and information from various sources. With a twentieth-century reback, spines recornered, boards a little worn, a very nice copy in a contemporary tree calf with gilt-edged boards and marbled endpapers. [Gay: 2818; Joucla: 6207.] £ 1,200.00


Professor Henri Labouret’s (1878-1958) initial experience of Africa was as a lieutenant in the Senegalese infantry. After being wounded in fighting in west Africa in 1918, he stayed in the Lobi country until 1926 where he learnt Lobi and several other African languages. After his return to Paris he succeeded Marcel Delafosse as the Director of the International African Institute. In this work he examines the Lobi of Northern Ghana and Burkino Faso following on from his Les Tribus du Rameau Lobi of 1931. £ 200.00


(1). xvi,451pp. frontispiece and 3 plates, chart of the Quorra.
(2). vii,447pp. 2 plates, 2 appendices, one of meteorological tables, the second of vocabularies of Houssa, Kacundah or Shabbe, Eboe, Falatah, and Nufie.

The purpose of this expedition was the opening up of the interior to trade with Britain, and two small steamers were constructed. However they failed to progress much beyond Lokoja. £ 900.00
212. LANDER, Richard & John. *Journal of an Expedition to Explore the Course and Termination of the Niger; with a narrative of a Voyage down that river to its termination.* In three volumes. Illustrated with engravings and maps. London: John Murray, 1832 Contemporary half morocco, 12mo.

1. lxiv,272pp. portrait frontispiece, 2 maps (1 folding).
2. vii,321pp. portrait frontispiece and 3 plates.
3. vii,354pp. 2 plates, appendices.

Published as ‘The Family Library, XXVIII, XXIX, XXX’.

Richard Lemon Lander (1804-1834) initially went to West Africa in 1825 with Clapperton as his servant. After Clapperton’s death in Sokoto, Lander made his way to the coast with Clapperton’s papers. In 1830 Richard Lander, with his brother, John, undertook another journey into West Africa to determine the course of the Niger. They got as far as Yelwa, about 100 miles above Bussa, before returning to the coast by way of canoes. The journey was one of great hardship but they were rewarded greatly on their return to London. Richard became the first gold medallist of the Royal Geographical Society and John Murray gave them £1,000 to publish their account. The discoveries made by Lander and his brother were a significant step in the geographical discovery of West Africa and also opened up the Niger as a route into central Africa. The spines faded and rubbed at heads and tails, internally very fresh and clean, a very nice copy in a contemporary red half morocco with marbled boards, endpapers and edges. £ 450.00


Covering the travels of Mungo Park, 1796, Denham, 1823-4, Clapperton and Lander, 1827-8, Caillé, 1827-8, Lander, 1830-2, and Barth, 1850-5. Some browning to fore-edge of first 60 pages, head and tail of spine slightly rubbed, a very nice copy. [Joucla: 6427.] £ 125.00


Arcadio de Larrea Palacin was a Spanish ethnographer and folklorist who published several books on Spanish and Moroccan music and folklore. This elaborately produced monograph (printed in Tetuan) documents the hairstyles of Spanish Guinea. Number 122 from an edition of 500 copies. The text pages are printed with multicoloured borders. Covers a little dusty and marked, a very nice copy in the publisher’s stiff printed wrappers. £ 150.00


Originally a book of 38 pages, this copy has been expanded to 97 pages with a typewritten index tipped in inside the front board. Numerous pages and slips have been tipped in by A. C. Russell, district officer of the Ashanti region. The laws and ordinances deal with the native courts in Ashanti and the additions and annotations reflect various changes. A good copy in the publisher’s grey-blue cloth. £ 150.00

Jean-Paul Lebeuf (1907-1994) was a French archaeologist and ethnologist specialising in the Cameroons and Chad. The illustrations are of objects collected by Lebeuf during the Sahara-Cameroon mission of 1936-7. Printed on fine paper, in an edition limited to 500 numbered copies. Front and rear covers a little rubbed and spotted, the spine has been renewed in red buckram, a very nice copy in the publisher’s printed slipcase. £ 350.00


Fine illustrations of sculpture from the Dogon, Mossi, Bambara, Senoufo and Bobo. The English translation of this important monograph. F. H. Lem was a French collector and dealer who lived in Africa in the Thirties. He had hoped to establish a museum in Dakar but funding didn’t materialise and he sold most of his collection to the cosmetics queen Helena Rubinstein. This copy came from the library of the famous Pacific collector Captain A. W. F. Fuller and bears his signature in pencil. Paper spine showing signs of wear. £ 125.00


Matthew Gregory Lewis (1775-1818) was a famous novelist and writer among whose successes was a novel written in 1795 entitled *The Monk*, ‘perhaps the most celebrated of all English Gothic novels’ [ODNB]. His literary career was brought to an end in 1812 by the death of his father, who left him his sugar plantations in Jamaica. The author visited Jamaica twice, in 1815 and again in 1817. After his first visit he met William Wilberforce to discuss reforms of the plantation system. During his second visit he put into place many far-reaching changes. On the voyage home he died of yellow fever and his journals were published posthumously by John Murray as *Journal of a West Indian Proprietor* in 1834. This is the first edition under this title. Half-title page dusty, a very nice copy in recent marbled paper-covered boards with a paper label to spine. £ 100.00


Edward Littelton (1625-1702) graduated as a lawyer and in 1666 sailed to Barbados to become secretary to the governor and the King’s Attorney. He became a major landowner, politician and eventually speaker of the House of Assembly. After returning to Britain in 1683 he continued to lobby on behalf of the planters and this work was one of the results; he managed to have the Imperial Sugar Tax of 1685 repealed as well as the Royal African Company’s monopoly on the import of slaves on to the island. This is a vivid description and explanation of the sugar industry in Barbados, in a successful attempt to have the duty reduced. Margins cut close, some browning, a very nice copy in a recent binder’s black morocco-backed boards. £ 750.00

‘This exhibition presents the first comprehensive survey of primitive African Sculpture in this country.’ Wrappers dusty.

£ 120.00

221. LUGARD, F. D. *Revision of Instructions to Political Officers on Subjects chiefly Political & administrative,* 1913-1918 London: Printed by Waterlow and Sons Limited, 1919 Med.8vo. 455pp.

The cover and spine title reads ‘Political Memoranda. 1918’. Written and revised by Frederick John Dealtry Lugard (1858-1945), who in 1900 assumed office as high commissioner of northern Nigeria. Following his military successes at Kano and Sokoto in 1903, he elaborated the principle known as ‘indirect rule’, in which the traditional rulers were to continue to rule their domains under British administration. This book is a compilation of Lugard’s instructions and ideas to his political officers issued over several years and is generally known as ‘the district officer’s bible’. ‘Immediately, however, he completed his version of the instructions he had issued to his staff in the founding years of northern Nigeria, now titled Political Memoranda (1919), though the book did not come into the public domain until 1970’ [A. H. M. Kirk-Greene’s biography in the ODNB].

Spine and covers unevenly faded, a very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth.

£ 500.00


The 12 annual reports for northern Nigeria bound together with a very useful index. At the end is appended ‘Memorandum on Taxation of Natives in Northern Nigeria’ by Sir F. D. Lugard. The work was issued without a separate title page and contains much useful information on the peoples of the area and the early colonial expansion. Covers rubbed, spine spotted and a little worn, missing one folding map (as often seems to be the case), inscribed on the front endpaper ‘Provincial Office Yola’ and ‘Copy for A.D.O. Touring Mubi. 15/5/35’, a copy of Lugard’s obituary from The Times of April 12, 1945 loosely inserted, a good copy in the publisher’s dark brown cloth.

£ 150.00


Felix von Luschan (1854-1924) was an archaeologist and ethnographer who in 1885 became assistant director at the Berlin Museum für Völkerkunde. After the death of Adolf Bastian (1826-1905), von Luschan became director of the Museum. In this capacity he acquired many of the Benin antiquities, which had been taken after the sack of that city in 1897.
This is the most important and detailed of the works on the Benin sculptures. The fine collotype plates show the bronze-work, as well as some wood and ivory examples from worldwide collections. A very nice set, the text volume in a contemporary brown half cloth (some vertical creasing to the title page), the plate volumes in publisher’s green half-cloth portfolios (spines slightly worn). Enclosed in the first volume is a typewritten letter dated 3 November, 1908, on Museum für Völkerkunde headed paper, signed by von Luschan to an unnamed colleague.

£ 2,000.00

The Benin material in the Stuttgart Museum für Völkerkunde. £ 125.00

225. M’WILLIAM, James Ormiston. **Medical History of the Expedition to the Niger during the Years 1841-2.** Comprising An Account of the Fever which led to its abrupt termination. By James Ormiston M’William, M.D. Surgeon of H.M.S. Albert and Senior Medical Officer of the expedition. London: John Churchill, 1843 8vo. viii,287pp. 2 lithographed portraits, hand-coloured geological section, plan of the boat’s ventilation, and a folding chart of the Niger by Arrowsmith.
The work is divided into three parts: an account of the expedition; the history of the fever and its treatment on board the *Albert*; and an analysis of the state of medicine, ventilation, meteorology, and the geology of the Niger. This large expedition under the command of Captain Trotter and Commander Allen was sent from England in three steamers with a supply ship for the purpose of ascending the Niger. However, the expedition was decimated by fever, mainly malaria, and one-third of the Europeans died within two months. James Ormiston M’William (1808-1862) used quinine to some effect and states: ‘no medicine was found so efficacious as quinine in diminishing the severity of the paroxysms’. A very nice copy in the original dark green cloth, with new endpapers. £ 850.00

226. [MACAULAY, Zachary]. **Negro Slavery:** or A View of some of the more prominent features of that state of society, as it exists in the United States of America and in the Colonies of the West Indies, especially in Jamaica. London: Printed for Hatchard and Son, 1823 Disbound, 8vo. iii,119pp. biblio.
After working in Jamaica, Zachary Macaulay (1768-1838) became acquainted with William Wilberforce and the slavery abolitionists. He visited Sierra Leone in 1790 and again in 1792, becoming the governor from 1794 to 1799. Back in Britain he was secretary of the Sierra Leone Company until 1808, when it was taken over by the British government. As a member of the Society for the Abolition of the Slave Trade, he used his experience in the West Indies and Africa to further the cause. ‘The object of the present publication is to furnish to the public a plain, authentic, and unvarnished picture of Negro slavery, not as it may have existed at some antecedent period of time, but as it exists at the present moment, both in the United States of America, and in the European Colonies of the West Indies, which have been peopled by imported Africans.’ Title page rather dusty and name erased with a small loss. £ 200.00

Covers the British colonies of Nigeria, Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and the Gambia, with information on the administration, history, produce, population, trade, local firms, etc. The photographs are of particular value – many individuals are depicted and a great many of the photographs have the photographer’s acknowledgement. One of the important features of this work is that it contains pictures and biographies of many prominent West African businessmen. MacMillan continued to write these commercial guides, to the West Indies in 1922 and further ones on the Far East, Eastern Africa, Rhodesia, and South Africa through the 1930s. Dust-wrapper chipped, slight damp-crinkling to upper outer corner of last 80 pages, spine a little faded, but a very nice copy in the red cloth with a gilt image of a palm tree on the upper cover.  £ 200.00


An unusual work on the French colonial troops in Africa. Lieutenant-Colonel Mangin was the chief exponent of ‘La Force Noire’, the idea that Africa would be an inexhaustible reservoir of dedicated colonial soldiers. Repair to front wrapper, spine tender, a very nice copy in the publisher’s printed yellow wrappers.  £ 100.00


During the late 1840s, the British anti-slavery naval squadron operating off the west coast of Africa came under attack on the grounds of cost and effectiveness. John Smith Mansfield was a prominent lawyer who wrote this influential pamphlet in support of the continuation of that enterprise.  £ 100.00

230. MAP.  **Carte du Dahomey.** Dressée par J. Hansen avec Notice explicative. Dessins et Vues d’après Nature. Paris: H. Le Soudier, 1892  Colour lithographed map on one 45 x 65cm sheet folding in eight sections down to 22 x 17cm.

The map shows the southern part of Dahomey, from Lagos in the east to Togo in the west. The insets show a map of Western Europe and Western Africa, and seven views of Dahomey, boats, people, arms, etc., all lithographed in colour. A further inset, ‘Notice sur la Dahomey’, gives details of configuration, climate, religion, language, etc. Small 3cm square missing from lower blank margin, 10cm tear to lower part (with no loss). An unusual and attractive map.  £ 200.00

231. MAP.  **London Atlas Map of West Africa, showing the British Possessions.**

London: Edward Stanford, nd. (c.1910)  Hand-coloured lithographed map dissected into 18 sections mounted on linen, folding into red cloth covers, [27 x 20 inches].

Shows West Africa from Cape Bojador in Rio del Oro to Cape St. John in Rio Muni, with the frontiers previous to 1911. A very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth with the yellow label to upper board.  £ 125.00
232. **MAP. London Atlas Map of West Africa, showing the British Possessions.**
London: Edward Stanford, nd. (c. 1920) Hand-coloured lithographed map dissected into 18 sections mounted on linen, folding into red cloth covers, [27 x 20 inches]. Scale 1: 5,977,382; 94.34 English miles to 1 inch.
Shows West Africa from Cape Bojador in Rio del Oro to Cape St. John in Rio Muni, with the changes to frontiers after the Great War. A very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth with the yellow label to upper board. £ 125.00

233. **MAP. The British Possessions in West Africa.** London: Edward Stanford, Feb 1, 1898 Hand-coloured lithographed map dissected into 21 sections mounted on linen, folding into red cloth covers, [20 x 30 inches]. Scale approximately 95 miles to the inch.
An interesting map showing the whole of West Africa with many frontiers as yet undefined. British territories extend further north than Gao on the Niger. Spine slightly darkened, a very nice copy in the red cloth with the yellow label to upper board. £ 200.00

234. **MAP, Ashanti. W. & A. K. Johnston’s Map to illustrate the Ashanti Expedition in West Africa.** Edinburgh: W. & A. K. Johnston, nd. (1895) A coloured lithographed map folding into eight and mounted on linen opening out to 20 x 17 inches, encased in a cloth cover with one page of letterpress to the front paste-down.
With an inset map showing the relative position of Britain and Ashanti. An excellent copy in the publisher’s dark blue cloth lettered in gilt to the upper board. [British Library Maps 65330.(14)] £ 250.00

235. **MARINHO, Joaquim Pereira. Memoria Official em Resposta a’s Accusaçoes dirigidas a Sua Magestade contra o Governador Geral da Provincia de Cabo Verde, o Brigadeiro Joaquim Pereira Marinho.** Lisboa: Typografia de A. S. Coelho, 1839 Original printed wrappers, 8vo. 302pp. with 2pp. errata. 5 folding charts or tables, index.
The defence of Joaquim Pereira Marinho (1782-1854) against charges of corruption while governor of the Cape Verde Islands from 1835-6 and 1837-9, with much information on the trade of the island at that time. £ 350.00

Covers the history of Wesleyan Methodism in Sierra Leone from 1811 to 1911. Charles Marke (1835-1915) was the son of Nupe parents and had no formal education. Mostly self-taught, he spent 50 years in the Methodist ministry before retiring in 1909 when he wrote this useful history. College library book-plate to front paste-down, faint blind stamp to title and acquisition number to verso, the spine carefully rebacked retaining the original backstrip, a very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth with the full-length portrait of the author as the frontispiece. [COPAC records the BL, Manchester, Birmingham and SOAS copies.] £ 300.00

Josef Marquart (1864-1930) was a German oriententalist who wrote this description of the Leiden Benin collection; it also contains considerable information on the history of the trade routes across North Africa and the Sahara. Spine faded but a very nice copy in the original red cloth. £ 500.00


Joseph Marryat MP (1757-1824) served as a colonial agent for the island of Grenada, and wrote pamphlets in defence of the slave trade. This was a reply to Zachary Maculay’s *East and West India Sugar*, which denied that Eastern sugar was the product of slave labour. £ 100.00


The Tharaud brothers, Jérôme (1874-1953) and Jean (1877-1952), were prolific French authors who collaborated on dozens of books, won the Goncourt Prize in 1906, and became members of l’Academie Française in 1938 and 1946. In 1922 they had written *La Randonnée de Samba Diouf*, which tells the story of a young Senegalese fisherman, Samba Diouf, who, while travelling in the interior, is conscripted into the French colonial army and goes off to fight in France during the First World War. They use his name in the title of this portfolio which comprises reproductions of watercolours executed in 1922-4 in Senegal and Mali by the French illustrator Mary-Morin, illustrating proverbs from the region. The text is printed on three folded leaves and comprises half-title, title, two pages of text and a page documenting the limitation. Text and plates printed on ‘Arches’ paper. The slip case is covered in a patterned paper with a paper label bearing the title. An unnumbered copy from an edition limited to 250 copies. With a signed presentation inscription from Mary-Morin on the half-title. Little wear to edges of slip case, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark blue cloth-backed portfolio. [Unknown to Joucla; not listed in COPAC; OCLC lists two copies.] £ 1,000.00

240. MATTHEWS, John. *A Voyage to the River Sierra-Leone.* On the Coast of Africa; containing an account of the Trade and Productions of the Country, and of the Civil and Religious Customs and Manners of the People; in a Series of Letters to a Friend in England. By John Matthews, Lieutenant in the Royal Navy; During his residence in that Country in the Years 1785, 1786, and 1787. With an additional Letter on the Subject of the African Slave Trade. Also, a chart of part of the coast of Africa, from
Cape St. Ann, to the river Rionoonas; with a view of the Island Bananas. To which are added, Eight plates of views of the country, and of instruments. London: Printed for B. White and Son, at Harace’s Head, Fleet Street; and J. Sewell, Cornhill, 1791 Contemporary half calf with marbled boards, 8vo. vii,[3],183pp. folding frontispiece (view of the Isle of Bananas) and 8 plates (1 folding), folding map.

Lieutenant John Matthews was an unemployed naval officer who went as an agent of a slave-trading company to Sierra Leone and resided there in 1785-7. In the series of eight letters he describes the culture and customs of the country of Sierra Leone which had just been founded. This is the second issue of this work, the first having been published in 1788. However in this issue the author has added eight plates and an extra five preliminary pages describing them. The plates are of great interest, three showing views, two with musical instruments, and three more titled: ‘A Representation of my first Conference with the Natives’, ‘A View of Sierra-Leone River from St.George’s Hill, where the Free Black settlement was made in 1787’ (this is the first view of Freetown), and ‘A View of Ya Ma Cooba’s Town in White Man’s Bay, Sierra Leone’. This reissue with the illustrations is of great rarity. Spine carefully renewed in calf with the original gilt-decorated backstrip laid-on, some offsetting of the plates on to facing text, several plates slightly shaved on the side, a very nice copy in a contemporary binding. [Luke: 142; ESTC locates nine copies.] £ 7,500.00


‘This book is the Third Edition of the Gold Coast Handbook, and is, it is hoped, a far more convenient volume than its predecessors, which were published in 1923 and 1924 respectively.’ Head and tail of spine slightly rubbed, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-blue cloth with gilt lettering and decoration on the spine and upper board. £ 150.00


Joseph Claudius May (1845-1902) was the son of a Yoruba Methodist clergyman, the Rev. Joseph May. J. C. May was educated in England and, after returning to Sierra Leone, became principal of the Wesleyan High School, a post he held until he died. In 1884 he founded with Dr. Edward Wilmot Blyden the Sierra Leone Weekly News. This book contains a list of contributors to the Semi-Jubilee fund, a list of the 918 pupils who have passed through the school, and mission students and pupil teachers. A very nice copy in the publisher’s light brown, decorated cloth. [Not on OCLC; COPAC records the SOAS copy only.] £ 250.00

243. MAYER, Brantz. Captain Canot; or, Twenty Years of an African Slaver. Being an account of his career and adventures on the coast, in the interior, on shipboard, and in the West Indies. Written out and edited from the Captain’s Journals, Memoranda and Conversations, by Brantz Mayer. New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1854
Cr.8vo. xiii,448pp. with 12 pages of publisher’s advertisements, frontispiece, extra engraved title page, and 6 plates.

Theodore Canot (1804-1860), whose real name was Théophile Conneau, was a French-Italian adventurer and slave trader. After giving up the slave trade he met Brantz Mayer (1809-1879), a journalist, in Baltimore in 1853 and this book was the result. It is a detailed account by a former captain of a slave ship accurately portraying the realities of commercial slavery at its height in the nineteenth century. Occasional spotting, the spine rubbed at head and tail, a very nice copy in the publisher’s blind-stamped black cloth.


Duke Adolf Friedrich Albrecht Heinrich of Mecklenburg (1873-1969) was an African explorer and colonial politician. From 1907-8, Mecklenburg led a scientific expedition which traversed Africa from east to west, and in 1910-11 he led an expedition to Lake Chad and the northern rivers of the Congo, which this work describes. He then became the last colonial governor of German Togoland. Surprisingly without the foxing in the text which is usual with copies of this book, the Winterton copy with his book-plate, an excellent copy in the publisher’s maroon cloth.

£ 475.00

(1.) xiii,312pp. 90 illustrations on plates and in text, 2 folding maps.
(2.) viii,277pp. 32 illustrations on plates, 58 tables, folding map, index.

Charles Kingsley Meek (1885-1965) was a colonial administrator and ethnologist. He became commissioner of the decennial census of 1921 and used his position to gather information outside his original remit, including painstakingly recording all the available information on the disappearing customs of the tribes of northern Nigeria. An excellent set in the publisher’s red cloth.

£ 200.00

(1.) x,582pp. 60 plates, 44 text illustrations, coloured folding map.
(2.) vii,633pp. 48 plates, 81 text illustrations, 3 maps, index.

A pioneering work of ethnology, the result of five years spent collecting reports on 50 of the less-studied non-Muslim tribes of northern Nigeria. A very nice set in the publisher’s chocolate-brown cloth.

£ 275.00

247. [MELVILLE, Mrs]. A Residence at Sierra Leone. Described from a journal kept on the spot, and from letters written to friends at home. By a Lady. Edited by the Hon. Mrs. Norton. London: John Murray, 1849 8vo. xii,335pp.
Elizabeth Helen Melville was the wife of the registrar of the mixed court, Michael Melville. While residing in Freetown she wrote these letters to her cousin Caroline Sheridan Norton (1808-1877), who edited and published them anonymously in 1849. An excellent copy in the publisher’s red cloth. [Wayward Women: 289.] £ 150.00


(1). xi,573pp. plates, illustrations and maps.
(2). 554pp. plates, illustrations and maps.

A history of French West Africa during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Pages as yet uncut, a very nice copy in a recent brown cloth with the original wrappers bound-in and contrasting leather labels to the spines. £ 250.00


Joseph Merrick was the son of Richard Merrick, a Jamaican, and both became missionaries of the Baptist Missionary Society. Richard stayed in Jamaica where he died in 1844, his son Joseph went to Africa in 1843 with John Clarke the Baptist missionary and author of Specimens of Dialects. After staying at Fernando Po he went to the Cameroons River where he stationed himself at Bimbia and learnt the Isubu tongue. He set up a printing press there and published religious works in that language. He died in 1849 while still compiling his dictionary of the Isubu language, which was later published in Bimbia by his co-missionary, Alfred Saker. Although not the first person of African descent to compile a published African dictionary (preceded by Samuel Crowther’s 1843 Vocabulary of the Yoruba Language), this is the first one to be published in West Africa. An important early contribution to African philology. Isubu is a Niger-Kordofanian language related to Duala. Published without title and letters A to Iso only, the text beginning with signature B. In a near contemporary half calf with marbled boards, calf rubbed and worn, book-plate of the Church Missionary Society Library to front paste-down, author’s name in contemporary manuscript at head of first page. [Doke: Bantu: 3; Doke Collection Catalogue: 161; Johnston: Comparative Study of Bantu: I, 811, incorrectly? stating that this was printed in 1842; COPAC lists the BL and Oxford copies; OCLC lists the NYPL and Yale copies.] £ 2,000.00

250. MIGEOD, Frederick. A View of Sierra Leone. New York: Brentano’s, 1927 Med.8vo. xi,351pp. 8 plates, 6 text illustrations, folding map, appendix, biblio., index.

Frederick William Hugh Migeod (1872-1952) served in the Royal Navy from 1889 before becoming assistant transport officer in the West African Frontier Force at Lokoja from 1898 to 1899. He entered the Colonial Office in 1900 and served in the Gold Coast as chief of the transport department until he retired in 1919. He was a gifted amateur ethnologist and philologist who wrote several linguistic works and travel books. The first part of the book recounts the author’s travels through Sierra Leone for six months in the winter of 1924-5; the second deals principally with the Mende people. A nice copy of the American edition in light-grey cloth. £ 90.00
   (1). viii, 373pp. folding map, biblio., index.
   (2). ix, 436pp. biblio., index.
   A very nice copy in the publisher’s olive-green cloth. £ 150.00

   No further parts appear to have been published. The head of title reads: ‘For Official Use Only. This document is the property of H.B.M. Government’. The contents are divided into five parts: history; geography; communications; material and economic resources; and military and other forces. Spine faded with old paper labels affixed, boards slightly marked, a very nice copy in the publisher’s cloth-backed printed blue boards. [COPAC lists only the Rhodes House Library copy; OCLC lists four copies in microfiche only.] £ 450.00

   With several pages intentionally blank for additional manuscript notes. I can find no reference to Part I having been published. The head of title reads: ‘For Official Use Only. This document is the property of H.B.M. Government.’ The contents are divided into three parts: road reports; river reports; and appendices. Spine with old paper label affixed, boards slightly marked, a very nice copy in the publisher’s cloth-backed printed blue boards. [COPAC lists three copies; OCLC lists four copies.] £ 200.00

   The author travelled up the Senegal river and visited Gorée and Bathurst, while ‘taking notes of the manners and customs of the people and the natural productions of Africa - to see which was the chief object of his journey’. An excellent recased copy in dark brown covers, with an elaborately decorated spine and upper cover. £ 400.00

   From the library of William Bascom. Augustus Ferrymen Mockler-Ferrymen (1856-1930) was a major, later lieutenant-colonel, in the 43rd light infantry. A very useful work detailing not only British, but also other European enterprise in West Africa, with accounts of the countries, peoples, wars, ethnology, etc. £ 120.00

Gaspard Theodore Mollien (1796-1872) travelled into the interior, discovering the sources of the Senegal, the Gambia and the Rio Grande. Sir Richard Phillips’ abridged edition was published in the same year as the first 4to. English edition, with the title Modern Voyages and Travels. No. II - Vol. III. With the publisher’s front wrapper tipped on to the front endpaper, a very good uncut copy in a recent red quarter morocco with marbled boards. £ 250.00

257. MONTAGU, Algernon. The Ordinances of Sierra Leone. Volumes I - III. Published by the Authority of the Governor of the Colony of Sierra Leone. London: Her Majesty’s Stationary Office, 1857, 1861, 1868. Contemporary calf; Imp.4to.

(1). The Ordinances of Sierra Leone, (now in force), Commencing 12th October 1811, and ending 5th October 1857. With Analytical Tables and a Copious Index. Compiled under the Direction of His Excellency Lieut.-Col. Stephen John Hill, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief. xxxii,320pp. with 1 leaf of corrections and additions and a 1857 ordinance of 3 pages bound-in.

(2). Ordinances of Colony of Sierra Leone, Passed in the years 1858, 1859, and 1860; Ordinances Repealed, But of occasional Reference; Royal Charters; Treaties of the Government of Sierra Leone with the Native Chiefs. 442pp.

(3). Ordinances of Colony of Sierra Leone, Passed in the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1866, and 1867; Royal Charters; Acts of Parliament; Orders of Council; Treaties of the Government of Sierra Leone with the Native Chiefs, &c. &c. &c. From the 2nd of April 1861 to 1867. 301pp. This volume contains a 6-page handwritten letter from T. Risely Griffith, the colonial secretary, to the librarian of the Inner Temple Library.

All boards worn, covers detached on volumes II and III, with title pages also loose, book-plates and occasional stamp of the Inner Temple Library; internally in very good condition. £ 475.00

258. MONTAGU, Algernon. The Ordinances of Sierra Leone Volume V. London: Printed by George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, 1875. Contemporary calf, Imp.4to. Ordinances of Settlement of Sierra Leone, Passed in the years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874; Royal Charters; Acts of Parliament; Orders of Council; Treaties of the Government of Sierra Leone with the Native Chiefs, &c. &c. xiv,399pp. 5 folding lithographed maps (2 hand-coloured), index.

This volume contains lists of the Wesleyan and Church Missionary Society missionaries who went to Sierra Leone. A map of the colony is called for but not present, whether it ever was present is doubtful. The covers are worn, book-plate and occasional stamp of the Inner Temple Library. £ 350.00

Charles Victor Monteil (1870-1949) was a French Africanist and anthropologist who worked as a colonial administrator and conducted research in the French Sudan. Recent brown cloth with a red leather label, publisher’s orange wrappers bound-in, a very nice copy with the signature of A. J. Arkell to the upper wrapper. £ 150.00


On 15 August, 1905, Lilian Decima Moore (1871-1964) became the second wife of Frederick Gordon Guggisberg (1869-1930). Guggisberg, an officer in the Royal Engineers, had been appointed director of surveys in the Gold Coast in 1905 and his wife accompanied him; together they published this account of their survey journeys. The Signet Library copy with their book-plate, covers lightly rubbed, with the gilt-illustrated panel on the front board, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark red cloth. £ 120.00

261. MOORE, Francis. Travels Into the Inland Parts of Africa: Containing a Description of the Several Nations for the Space of Six Hundred Miles up the River Gambia; their Trade, Habits, Customs, Language, Manners, Religion and Government; the Power, Disposition and Characters of some Negro Princes; with a particular Account of Job Ben Solomon, a Pholey, who was in England in the Year 1733, and known by the Name of the African. To which is added, Capt. Stibbs’s Voyage up the Gambia in the Year 1723, to make Discoveries; with an accurate map of that river taken on the spot: and many other Copper Plates. Also extracts from the Nubian’s Geography, Leo the African, and other Authors ancient and modern, concerning the Niger, Nile, or Gambia, and Observations thereon. By Francis Moore, Factor several Years to the Royal African Company of England. London: Printed by Edward Cave, at St.John’s Gate, for the Author, and sold by J. Stagg, 1738 Contemporary calf, Cr.8vo. xi,xiii,305,90,23pp. 11 plates (1 folding, all with hand-colouring), coloured folding map, vocabulary of English and Mundingo words, appendices.

Francis Moore (1708-?1756) was employed by the Royal African Company in 1730 at James Fort in the Gambia. During his five years’ service he kept a journal describing the local people and his work there. These were published in this book which, at the time, was the most up-to-date account of the geography of West Africa. In contemporary Cambridge-style calf boards, the spine has been rebacked with the original gilt panels laid-on, new endpapers, internally a very clean crisp copy with no traces of foxing or browning. The coloured plates would seem to have later colouring, probably by a previous owner. [Gay: 2929; Joucla: 7355; Cardinall: 332.] £ 2,500.00

263. **Murder shall not go Unpunished: the Trial of Governor Wall, for a murder Committed nearly Twenty Years ago. At Goree in Africa.** Tried and convicted under a special commission, before the Chief Baron, Justice Rooke, Justice Lawrence, and a special jury, At the Sessions House, Old Bailey, on Wednesday, January 20, 1802. To which is added, an account of his execution, and also the particulars of his life. Third Edition, with Additions. London: Printed and sold by J. Davenport, sold by J. S. Jordan, and by the booksellers and newscarriers in town and country, [1802] Later half calf, 8vo. 32pp.

Trial for the death of Benjamin Armstrong in 1782. Joseph Wall (1737-1892), after distinguishing himself at the capture of Havanna in 1762, became an army captain and an official in the East India Company. In 1773, while the secretary at Goree, he was imprisoned by the governor of Senegambia for a military offence involving great cruelty. After returning to London he managed to obtain damages against the governor. However, due to his various intrigues, he was obliged to leave Britain and he procured the governorship of Senegambia, where he stayed from 1779 to 1782. Forced to leave for health reasons, he was approached by Benjamin Armstrong on behalf of the Africa Corps to seek a settlement for the garrison. Wall had Armstrong arrested and given 800 lashes by African slaves, which was contrary to military law; Armstrong died from his injuries. On Wall’s return to London, charges were brought against him but were allowed to drop as the ship bringing witnesses was believed lost. When the ship arrived Wall escaped to France and a reward was offered for his capture. Wall was later captured, tried and executed. Although this is not directly concerned with slavery, this account was much quoted by abolitionists as an example of the cruelty meted out to the paid employees, the inference being that if they were this bad to their staff, how much worse would they treat their slaves. Title shaved rather close at tail, bound in a late nineteenth- or early twentieth-century half calf with marbled boards, slight spotting or browning, a very nice copy.

£ 675.00

264. **MUSGRAVE, George C. To Kumassi With Scott.** A Description of a Journey from Liverpool to Kumassi with the Ashanti Expedition, 1895-6. With illustrations from sketches by Mr. H. C. Seppings Wright, Artist Correspondent to the ‘Illustrated London News’, and others. London: Wightman & Co., 1896 Cr.8vo. vi,217pp. frontispiece and 17 plates and illustrations, map.

George Clarke Musgrave, a war correspondent, gives an eye-witness account of the Ashanti Campaign of 1896 in which King Prempeh was captured and the Bantama Mausoleum and Fetish Trees destroyed. Covers slightly stained, slightly shaken, small worming to margins of preliminary leaves, armorial book-plate of Cecil Claude Walter Troughton, a nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth.

£ 250.00


Professor Dr François Neyt, a Benedictine monk, was born in Likasi in the Congo and in 1980 succeeded Albert Maesen as head of the archaeology and history-of-art department at the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve in Belgium. With a long presentation inscription from the author to Timothy Garrard on the endpaper. A very nice copy in the publisher’s brown cloth with dust-wrapper.

£ 150.00

[No copies on COPAC nor OCLC.] £ 150.00


Professor Georges Niangoran-Bouah (?1928-2002) was an anthropologist from the Côte d’Ivoire. This work started as a Thèse de doctorat d’État in 1972, under the direction of Éric de Dampierre. With French and English text. The full set of this magnificent work on the Akan weights. £ 450.00

268. NIGERIA. **The Nigeria Handbook.** Containing Statistical and General Information respecting the Colony and Protectorate. Tenth edition, 1933. Lagos: Printed and Published by the Government Printer, 1933 Med.8vo. [67],[6],vi,[3],409pp. 48 plates, 14 coloured folding maps, biblio., index, 3 page errata.

A presentation copy from the Chief Secretary G. Hemmant to G. I. Jones ‘with thanks for the good work put into this volume’. Bound in the publisher’s black leather, spine a little worn and rubbed, a good copy. £ 100.00


Including some correspondence between the subscriber and the editor, an excellent run of this influential journal of art and culture for the first 25 years of Nigeria as an independent state. £ 250.00


Two important slavery accounts, one for and the other against. Robert Norris (1724-1791) made five slaving voyages to Dahomey between 1770 and 1777, during which he journeyed in that kingdom. Carl Bernhard Wadström (1746-1799) was a Swede who, in 1788, came to live in England and joined the abolitionist cause. Preliminary leaves with some neat inner
margin paper repairs, occasional slight browning, a very nice copy in a twentieth-century
half vellum with marbled boards, from the library of Jacques Kerchache with his neat
ownership stamp to the front endpaper.

£ 1,200.00

271. NUAMAH, H. A. Murder in the Palace at Kibi: An account of the Kibi Ritual
Murder Case. By H. A. Nuamah. Kumasi: Educational Press and Manufacturers,
1985 Wrpps, 8vo. 59pp. 12 plates.

Following the murder of Akyea Mensah, the Odikro of Apedwa, in 1944, H. A. Nuamah
(b.1910) was one of the police detectives involved in the murder case, which resulted
from allegations of ‘ritual murder’ in the course of Nana Sir Ofori Atta’s final
funeral rites in Akyem Abuakwa, Ghana. A very nice copy in the publisher’s garishly
printed wrappers.

£ 150.00

272. NYLANDER, G. R. A Spelling-book of the Bullom language; with a Dialogue and
Missionary Society, by Ellerton and Henderson, Johnson’s Court, Fleet Street, 1814
Publisher’s boards, 16mo. [15.25cm] vi,[2],56pp.

The Scripture exercises include Matthew Chapters 1 and 2 and John Chapter 1, in Bullom
and English, and the Ten Commandments and Gospel stories in Bullom only. Bullom is
spoken near Freetown, Sierra Leone. Gustavus Reinhold Nyländer (1776-1825) was a
German Lutheran from Livonia who trained at the Berlin Missionary Seminary. In 1805
he was recruited by the CMS and served as a chaplain in Freetown from 1806 to 1812,
before opening a mission station on the Bullom shore opposite Freetown, where he stayed
until 1818. Following this he served as a parish minister at Kissy village until his death.
He was the earliest of the CMS missionaries in West Africa to see his linguistic works in
print. The first two chapters of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew in the Bullom
language was published in 1813 and Grammar and Vocabulary of the Bullom Language
was published in 1814, both by the CMS in London. A remarkably fine copy in the
grey publisher’s boards, encased in a recent green solander box with a leather label
to upper cover. [Darlow & Moule: 2349; COPAC lists the Cambridge and BL copies;
OCLC lists three copies.]

£ 1,500.00

273. OLDENDORP, Christian Georg Andreas. Tillforlatlig underrattelse om negerne
pa Guinea Kusten, Samt de derifran hamtade slafvars narvarande belagenhet,
medfart, seder och sinnelag. Under deras traldom pa de Christnas nybyggen i
Vestindien. Jamte bihang om Caraibiske nationen, sockerberedningen, m. m.
Utdragen ur Herr Oldendorp’s Missions Historia. Upsala: Tryckt hos Direct. J.
Edman, på egen bekostnad, 1784 Contemporary half calf, 12mo. 187pp. with 5pp.
publisher’s lists.

A Swedish work on slavery and the West African countries, mainly based on Oldendorp’s
account of the mission history of the Virgin Islands. Christian Oldendorp (1721-1789), a
German minister with the Moravian Church, was in the Danish West Indies in 1767-8.
With information on African geography and kingdoms, customs and religion, the origin of
slavery, and conditions in the West Indies. An excellent copy in a contemporary half-calf.
[COPAC lists just the British Library copy.]

£ 1,000.00


Matthew James Higgins [pseud. Jacob Omnium] (1810-1868) was a writer and journalist who inherited an estate in British Guiana which he visited in 1838 after the abolition of slavery. This contains two of his letters on the difficulty of sugar production, with much information on the West Indies and a strong attack on Cuba. £ 90.00


Nicholas Owen (d.1759) was a sailor who kept a record of ‘remarkable accedents’ that occurred during his sea voyages and during his life as a slave trader in Africa. With much on Sierra Leone, illustrated with contemporary drawings. £ 100.00


The Ohafia are an Igbo-speaking people who live in a region located west of the Cross River in south-eastern Nigeria. G. I. Jones wrote a two-page article in 1937, *Ohafia Obu Houses*, published in *The Nigerian Field*. Printed rectos only on a photocopier, the plates rather indistinct, a very nice copy in the publisher’s brown cloth-backed orange wrappers. [No other copy of this thesis traced.] £ 150.00

277. **OZANNE, Paul. Tobacco-pipes of Accra and Shai.** [Accra: University of Ghana, Institute of African Studies], nd. (c. 1965)  Cloth-backed wrappers, Cr.4to. 85 leaves printed rectos only, 4 plates.

The archaeologist Paul Ozanne examined the large collection of pipes in the National Museum of Ghana. Focusing specifically on the finds from the Shai Hills and the surrounding Accra Plains, he defined five basic pipe forms on the basis of differences in the base, bowl and stem. £ 125.00

278. **PACKARD, Edward T. and D. F. Wilbraham. A Revised Edition of the Ordinances of the Colony of Sierra Leone.** Prepared under the Provisions of Section 15 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1906. By Edward Turner Packard, of the Inner Temple, a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Nigeria; Late Attorney-General of the Colony of Sierra Leone; and Donald Fortescue Wilbraham, of Lincoln’s Inn, Barrister-at-Law; Attorney-General of the Colony of Sierra Leone. In six volumes. London: Printed by Waterlow and Sons [appointed by the Government of Sierra Leone the Government Printer], 1908-1913 Med.8vo.


Herbert Richmond Palmer (1877-1958) served in the colonial administration in northern Nigeria and the Sudan from 1904. In 1925 he became lieutenant-governor of northern Nigeria and, in 1930, governor of the Gambia. Hanno of Carthage was reputed by ancient sources to have travelled down the west coast of Africa in 60 ships. *The Origin of the Fulbe*, written between 1806 and 1809, is an extract from the Arabic work *In fak el maisuri*, by Muhammad Bello, Sultan of Sokoto, who died in 1837. A very nice copy in the publisher’s green cloth-backed printed boards.

£ 200.00


‘During some twenty-six years spent in various parts of Northern Nigeria, much of the author’s leisure was occupied in attempts to find data for the compilation of a true history of its more important units, or ruling races, such as the Fulbe and Kanuri of Bornu.’ A very nice copy in the publisher’s green cloth.

£ 250.00


(1). Travels in 1795, 1796, and 1797. xx,560pp. folding map with routes coloured in, vocabulary.

(2). Last Journey, and Life. ccviii,301pp.with 2pp. publisher’s advertisements, 11 text illustrations and maps.

Mungo Park (1771-1806), a famous African traveller, was sent to the Gambia in 1795 under the instigation of Sir Joseph Banks, the object of the expedition being ‘to ascertain the course, and if possible, the rise and termination of the Niger’. He returned to Britain after a period of two-and-a-half years. In 1805 he undertook his final and fatal expedition which ended on the rapids at Bussa. Edges rubbed and hinges a little tender to both volumes, a very good copy of the octavo edition in a contemporary tree calf with the armorial book-plates of Sir Archibald Grant of Monymoske, Bart.

£ 400.00
282. PARK, Mungo. **Travels in the Interior Districts of Africa.** Performed in the Years 1795, 1796, and 1797 with an Account of a Subsequent Mission to that Country in 1805. By Mungo Park, Surgeon. To which is added an Account of the Life of Mr. Park. A New Edition in Two Volumes. Vol. I. (of II). Travels in 1795, 1796, and 1797. With an Appendix, Containing Geographical Illustrations of Africa. By Major Rennell. London: William Bulmer and Co. Cleveland-Row, 1816. Recent half calf with marbled boards, 4to. xviii, 458pp. portrait frontispiece and 5 engraved plates, leaf of music, 3 folding maps (2 with outline hand-colouring), appendix. The first volume (of two, but complete in itself) which deals with Park’s first journey. Frontispiece bound before the half-title, hardly any foxing or browning present, a very nice copy in a recent half calf with marbled boards, raised gilt bands to spine, and a red leather label. £ 400.00

283. PARTRIDGE, Charles. **Cross River Natives:** Being some notes on the Primitive Pagans of Obubura Hill District, Southern Nigeria, including a description of the circles of upright sculptured stones on the left bank of the Aweyong river. London: Hutchinson & Co., 1905. 8vo. xvi, 332pp. 74 illustrations on plates, 2 folding maps, index, t.e.gilt. Charles Stanley Partridge (1872-1955) was assistant district commissioner in southern Nigeria and a keen amateur anthropologist and archaeologist. In 1904 he arrived in Nigeria as a district commissioner at Ikot Ekpene; he remained in the Nigerian colonial administration until 1915, and during this time becoming a great friend of local missionary Mary Slessor. This interesting and informative work contains the first detailed account of the now-famous stone sculptures of the Eko of the Cross River. A very nice copy in the publisher’s gilt-decorated green cloth. £ 375.00


286. PHOTOGRAPHS, Maison Moreau Frères (Photographers). **Mali and Guinée.** Two oblong half morocco 4to. photograph albums [10 x 15 inches, 25 x 37 cm.] containing 97 albumen prints, [5 x 6 inches, 12 x 16cm] with 10 loose albumen print photographs. Paris: Maison Moreau Frères, nd. [c.1895] The albums contain 97 albumen print photographs mounted one to a page photographed in
Mali and Guinea around the 1880s to 1890s during the French colonial conquest. The photographs are slightly yellowing but generally in good condition. They are numbered 1 to 100 in ink (3 photographs are not present) and at the back of each volume is an index with a description of each photograph. The photographs show many architectural details of towns in Mali and Guinée. There are topographical views of new European buildings (mainly connected with the building of a railway), African buildings and villages (including two views of Bambara iron-smelting works), and views of breaches in town walls caused by French artillery. About 20 of the images show French and African groups and individuals. Towns and locations shown and listed in index are Médine, Segou, (including a view of the bombardment of the town walls in 1890 and the resulting breach), Koniakary, Moro, Diena, Kayes, Falls at Felou, the Niger, Diena, Kankan, etc. The albums are dedicated to General Gustave Borgnis-Desbordes (1839-1900) who was the colonial head of Mali from 6 September 1880 until 3 September 1883, with a hand-written ink inscription in French on the inside cover of both albums. He was a major figure in the French Imperial conquest of the French Soudan and was commandant of the French Military Territory of Haut-Sénégal. He founded the French forts at Kita (1881) and Bamako (1883), which became two of the key towns of French Soudan. He famously remarked to the French Colonial Ministry, then planning a series of slow topographical expeditions and peace treaties for the rail line, that ‘The peaceful conquest of the Niger is an illusion.’ These must be among the first photographs taken of this area, which had only recently come under French control, indeed these areas remained a ‘Zone Militaire’ for many more years. The first album had a manuscript label of the Maison Moreau Freres of 21 Rue St.Jacques, Paris. Also included are 10 loose albumen print photographs: two are 22 x 17cm, four are 18 x 10cm, three 16 x 12cm, and one of 10 x 7cm. One shows ‘1880 – Vue d’ensemble de Médine, base des operations de la 1º Columne du Haut-Fleuve’. Another shows Tieba Traoré seated, he was king of the Kénédougou Empire reigning from 1876 to 1893. From his capital at Sikasso he fought both Samory and the French. Yet another photograph shows Tiebo with his war chief and his brother Babemba who became king after Tieba’s death in 1893. Three of the other photographs show named individuals, two African – ‘El Hadj Toucouleur’ (leader of the Toucouleur Empire, who died in 1864) and ‘fils de Mou???’ and one French ‘Capitaine Quiquandon’. An interesting archive concerning the French colonial expansion in what is now modern Mali.

£ 6,000.00

287. PHOTOGRAPHS, West Africa. **H.R.H. The Prince of Wales Tour in West Africa 1925.** (so titled on upper board.) London: Presumably compiled by or for Captain Armitage, 1925 Contemporary half morocco, folio. [46 cm.] 52 leaves containing 118 gelatine silver and platinum prints, with typed captions below. The majority of the images are full plate [15 x 22 cm.] with a few smaller of postcard size. They include: The Gambia, (51); Sierra Leone (12); Gold Coast (27); Nigeria (24); and H.M.S. Repulse (4).

An interesting album documenting the visit of the Prince of Wales’ visit to West Africa in 1925 where he met with colonial officials and local chiefs. The photographs show the meetings, officials, chiefs, musicians, soldiers, dancing, etc. and are all in very good condition with mounted captions underneath. The album was compiled during the Prince of Wales’ visit by or for Captain Sir Cecil Hamilton Armitage (1869-1933), K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., who was governor of the Gambia from 1920 to 1927. Armitage’s signature and list of titles, etc, is written on the front endpaper. The maroon morocco spine and corners rubbed, a very good copy.

£ 1,200.00

James Pinnock was for many years a Liverpool merchant trading in the Warri region of Nigeria, under the umbrella of Goldie’s United African Company. With much anecdotal narrative on Benin, Lagos and the Niger trade in the second half of the nineteenth century. A very nice copy in the publisher’s decorated red cloth. £ 450.00


Lieutenant-General Augustus Henry Lane Fox Pitt-Rivers (1827-1900) was an anthropologist and archaeologist who introduced and promoted the theory of typology in those disciplines. A total of 393 Benin pieces are illustrated on the 50 plates, with several text illustrations, showing examples of Benin sculpture in bronze, stone and ivory which had been obtained by the punitive expedition of 1897, ‘collected’ by Pitt-Rivers and deposited at his museum in Farnham, Dorset. A very nice copy in the richly gilt publisher’s royal blue cloth. £ 450.00

290. POSTER. **Polo. Accra, Lagos North, Ibadan.** Polo Tournament at the Army Playing Field - Water Works Road, Ibadan. Easter Friday 20th, Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd, Monday 23rd. Reserved seats: 5/- per day or 10/- for 4 days. Standing Enclosure 1/- Children half price. 20 x 14 inches (51 x 36cm) printed in maroon and black by silk-screen on a white paper, the centre of the poster showing two players on ponies with the writing to the top and bottom.

Presumably printed in Lagos or Ibadan in 1962. The poster has been folded twice and there is splitting at the edges of the horizontal fold, pin holes in each corner and a few tears around the edges. £ 100.00

291. POSTLETHWAYT, Malachy. **The Importance of the African Expedition considered:** with copies of the memorials, As drawn up Originally, and presented to the Ministry, to induce them to take Possession of the French Forts and Settlements in the River Senagal, as well as all other on the Coast of Africa. The Whole as planned and designed, By Malachy Postlethwayt, Esq; Author of The Universal Dictionary of Trade and Commerce. To which are added observations, Illustrating the said Memorials, for the peculiar Benefit and Advantage of all British African and West-India Merchants and British Planters, as well as the Kingdom in general: With Reasons for Great-Britain’s keeping Possession of the French African Settlements, if possible; Humbly addressed to the British Ministry. London: printed by C. Say; and sold by M. Cooper, 1758 Later plain wrappers with a copy of the title laid on the upper wrapper, Cr.8vo. [2],xxiv;99pp. ‘In honour to the administration’ at head of title.

Malachy Postlethwayt (?1707-1767) wrote several works on trade and economics. It is thought that he was a paid agent of the Royal Africa Company, in whose interests he had
published three pamphlets. He was elected a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1734 and devoted 20 years to the preparation of *The Universal Dictionary of Trade and Commerce* (London, 1751), a translation, with large additions, from the French of J. Savary des Bruilons.

[COPAC lists 4 copies.]

£ 1,500.00

292. **Proceedings of the Association for Promoting the Discovery of the Interior Parts of Africa.** In two volumes. London: W. Bulmer and Co., 1810   Binder’s half calf, 8vo.


(2). v, 424pp. 2 maps (1 folding with the routes outlined in colour), list of subscribers.

Covers the years 1788-1809. Volume I lacks the two maps – a general map of Africa and a map of Park’s route. Containing accounts of the travels of Mr. Ledyard, Mr. Lucas, Major Houghton, Mr. Hornemann and Mungo Park in Volume I, and the travels of Frederick Hornemann in Volume II. The Association was incorporated into the Royal Geographical Society in 1831. Encased in an early twentieth-century half calf with raised bands and gilt spine, contrasting leather labels, a very nice copy.

£ 350.00


Maximilien Quénum (1911-?), a member of the Fon tribe of Dahomey, wrote this important work concerning their history, religion, art, life, etc. Occasional spotting in the text, a very nice copy in the publisher’s printed stiff wrappers.

£ 125.00


(1). 350pp. frontispiece, notes, index.

(2). 500pp. frontispiece, folding illustration, notes, index, errata.

The three engravings, all by Ambroise Tardieu, show a portrait of Landolphe; a portrait of ‘le Prince Boudakan, Neveu du Roi d’Owhère’; and a folding ‘Plan de l’établissement français formé par le Capitaine Landolphe dans l’Ile de Borodo (Royaume d’Owhère, côtes d’Afrique)’.

Jean François Landolphe (1747-1825) was born in Auxonne in Bourgogne and went to sea in 1766. He traded in the Benin River between 1769 and 1792, living for long periods in Warri and at his factory at the mouth of the river. He visited Benin several times and describes the city and inhabitants with considerable detail. An important first-hand account of that area much relied upon by later writers. ‘In matters of detail he is nonetheless often verifiable and exact; his acquaintance with the Benin area, extending over thirty years, was an exceptionally long one for a European; above all his memoirs reveal an uncommon sympathy with the people among whom he lived and whose manners he observed’ [Ryder: *Benin and the Europeans 1485-1897*]. During the American War of Independence he was in Boston and New London, where he met Washington and Lafayette. In the Napoleonic wars he commanded a French cruising squadron off the coast of Brazil which was defeated by the British navy. Contemporary half calf with marbled boards,

After serving in the navy as a surgeon, James Ramsay (1733-1789) took holy orders and settled in the West Indies where he became interested in the welfare of the slaves. Returning to Kent in 1781, he set about stimulating a movement in England in favour of the abolition of slavery; he had a considerable influence on Wilberforce and Clarkson. A very good uncut copy in a later blue cloth (occasional brown spots in the text and on the title page), with the book-plate of G. Carleton Jones.

£ 900.00

296. RAMSEYER, Frederick and Johannes Kühne. *Four Years in Ashantee.* By the missionaries Ramseyer and Kühne. Edited by Mrs. Weitbrecht, with introduction by Rev. Dr. Gundert, and preface by Professor Christleib, D.D. London: James Nisbet & Co., 1875. Half calf with marbled boards, 8vo. 320pp. frontispiece and 3 plates, appendix.

Swiss missionary Frederick Ramseyer and German missionary and cotton trader Johannes Kühne of the Basel Missionary Society, together with Ramseyer’s wife and child, were arrested by the Ashantis at their mission station in the town of Anum, after that town had fallen to the Ashanti force in 1869. After a two-month march they were taken to Kumasi, where they stayed until the end of the 1874 Ashanti war. An early first-hand account of this important African kingdom. Water stain to lower corner of frontispiece, in an attractive recent half-calf binding with raised bands and black leather label to spine, a very nice copy.

£ 350.00


A discussion of the grammar is followed by an Akra-Danish vocabulary and a Danish-Akra vocabulary. A very early work on the Ga language of Ghana by this important Danish linguist, Rasmus Rask (1787-1832). Spine carefully relined in paper, some foxing and browning, pages uncut, a good copy in contemporary grey boards.

£ 150.00


Robert Sutherland Rattray (1881-1938) joined the colonial civil service of the Gold Coast in 1906. While working in the administration he studied anthropology at Oxford and law at Gray’s Inn. In the years from 1916 to 1930, his writings on the Akan people and particularly the Ashanti displayed a deep understanding of their culture and became ethnographic...
masterpieces which still today remain valuable sources. ‘This volume contains the results of the first year’s work of the new Anthropological Department in Ashanti, West Africa.’

An unusually fresh copy in the publisher’s red cloth and dust-wrapper. £ 250.00

299. RATTRAY, R. Sutherland. **Hausa Folk-Lore, Customs, Proverbs, Etc.** Collected and transliterated with English translation and notes. With a preface by R. R. Marett.


(1). xxiv,327pp. frontispiece.

(2). 315pp. frontispiece and 2 plates.

With sections on historical folklore; stories about people; animals; arts and customs (including marriage and burial customs, how a Benin Head is made, etc.); and proverbs. Some spots to the covers on the first volume, a very nice set in the publisher’s red cloth. £ 200.00


‘Religion and Art in Ashanti...displays not only the command of ethnographic detail of the former but also a deep sympathy with the moral basis of Asante cosmology’ [ODNB]. With the 108 colour illustrations of Kente cloth which were not present in the later edition. Spine slightly rubbed, a very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth. £ 300.00


An important ethnological survey of the tribes of the Northern Territories to the north of Ashanti. Comprising the Dagomba, Gonja, Talensi, Dagati, Lobi and others. With the signature of the Swedish ethnographer Sture Lagercranz to the margins of the half-title and title pages, a very nice set in the publisher’s red cloth. £ 350.00

302. [RAWSON, Mary Ann (Compiler)]. **Hymns for Anti-Slavery Prayer Meetings.** London: Jackson and Walford, Sold by Leader, Sheffield; and all other booksellers, 1838  Cloth-covered limp boards, Fcap.8vo. (iv),5-16pp.

Mary Anne Rawson (1801-1887) was first involved with a Sheffield group who successfully campaigned for people to boycott sugar from the West Indies, as it was produced by slave labour. She then became a founding member of The Sheffield Ladies’ Anti-Slavery Society flourished 1825-33, and in 1837 became secretary of the newly formed Sheffield Ladies Association for the Universal Abolition of Slavery. ‘Any profits arising from the sale of these hymns will be placed at the disposal of the Sheffield Ladies’ Association for the Universal Abolition of Slavery’ [the preface]. Decorated in gilt on the cover: ‘Anti-slavery hymns’. A very nice copy in the publisher’s faded purple cloth. £ 150.00
303. [RAWSON, Mary Ann (Compiler)]. **The Bow in the Cloud; or, The Negro’s Memorial.** A collection of original contributions in prose and verse illustrative of the evils of slavery and commemorative of its abolition in the British colonies. London: Jackson and Walford, 1834 Contemporary morocco, Fcap.8vo. xv,408pp. Errata slip.

With an additional engraved title page: ‘The entire Profits arising from the sale of this Volume will be devoted to the West-India Negroes’. Inscribed on the endpaper: ‘William Wilson Hindsmith in memory of his aunt Mary Anne Rawson, the compiler of this book, See pages xii and 254. “E.” is his grandmother Eliza Wilson.’ (Two of the contributions in the work are by ‘E’.) Containing 85 pieces in verse and prose on an anti-slavery theme from over 50 local philanthropists and writers. Some foxing to engraved title and second free endpapers, spine and edges rubbed, upper joint tender at head, a nice copy in a contemporary gilt-decorated and blind-stamped dark green morocco. £ 350.00

304. READ, Charles H. & O. M. Dalton. **Antiquities from the City of Benin and from other parts of West Africa in the British Museum.** By Charles Hercules Read, Keeper of the Department of British and Mediaeval Antiquities and Ethnography, and Ormonde Maddock Dalton, M.A., Senior Assistant in the Department. Printed by Order of the Trustees. London: British Museum, 1899 Publisher’s half morocco, Roy.folio. vi,61pp. numerous illustrations of Benin bronze work and antiquities in 32 collotype plates, 22 illustrations in the text.

Sir (Charles) Hercules Read (1857-1929) was employed privately by A. W. Franks in 1874 to act as his clerk and to assist in registering the ethnographical collections which Henry Christy had bequeathed to the British Museum in 1865. In 1880 Read was appointed assistant in the department of British and medieval antiquities and ethnography, of which he became keeper in succession to Franks in 1896. He retired in 1921. Ormonde Maddock Dalton (1866-1945) entered the department of British and medieval antiquities at the British Museum under Sir Wollaston Franks in 1895, and was promoted to first-class assistant in 1901, then assistant (later called deputy) keeper in 1909. From the library of Lieutenant General Lane Fox Pitt Rivers with his book-plate. Covers slightly rubbed and marked with some staining, lacking original morocco corner piece from outer base of upper board, but with a cloth replacement, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark green half morocco with dark green cloth lettered in gilt to spine and upper board. £ 1,000.00


The catalogue of the Henri Abel collection of Akan goldweights held by the Musée de la Monnaie in Paris. Dr Josette Rivallain of the Musée de l’Homme is a historian and archaeologist who taught in three African universities from 1971 to 1984. £ 200.00

Calabar River.

Dr Alexander Robb writes about his father-in-law, the missionary William Jameson (1807-1847). A presentation copy inscribed: ‘To Rev. W. Robson from a friend Feb. 1862’. Spine slightly rubbed, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark brown cloth. £ 125.00

307. ROBINSON, Charles Henry. **Hausaland, or Fifteen Hundred Miles through the Central Sudan.** With map and illustrations. London: Sampson Low, Marston and Company, 1896 8vo. xv,304pp. frontispiece and 16 plates, 15 text illustrations, coloured folding map, biblio., index.

Charles Henry Robinson (1861-1925) was a missionary and linguist who wrote several religious and linguistic works including his dictionary of the Hausa language, the standard work on the language. Book-plate removed from front endpaper, ink stamp erased from half-title, tears on map repaired with ‘invisible’ tape, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-green cloth. £ 125.00

308. ROTH, H. Ling. **Great Benin: Its Customs, Art and Horrors.** With 275 illustrations. Halifax: F. King & Sons, Ltd., 1903  Contemporary half morocco, Cr.4to. xii,234,xxxiipp. portrait frontispiece, 275 illustrations from photos and drawings, index.

Henry Ling Roth (1854-1925) went to Australia in 1878 where he wrote several articles and on his return to Britain published *The Aborigines of Tasmania* in 1890 and *The Natives of Sarawak and British North Borneo* in 1896. After becoming curator of the Bankfield Museum, Halifax he published this work on Benin. ‘The number of Copies of this Work is limited to 320 for sale in the British Isles and Abroad, and no other or cheaper edition will be issued.’ An excellent copy in half red morocco by Zaehnsdorf with marbled endpapers, extremities slightly rubbed, with the original gilt-decorated cloth and spine bound-in at the end of the book. £ 750.00


Alfred Saker (1814-1880) of the Baptist Missionary Society had in 1848 established a mission station known as Bethel on the south bank of the Cameroon River, where he set up a printing press. He also founded the Cameroon city of Victoria, now Limbé (since 1982), in 1858. This includes Psalms I-XXXIII in the Duala language. The Duala-English vocabulary is complete but the English-Duala vocabulary is only of two pages, A - Ac. (as with all copies). With the book-plate of the British and Foreign Bible Society, containing a presentation inscription from the author dated 1855 and their blind stamp to the free endpaper. [COPAC lists the BL, Cambridge and SOAS copies.] £ 850.00


After Alfred Saker died in 1880, his daughter Emily Martha Saker (1849-?) edited this volume which is a reissue of the 1882 edition. Spine browned and rubbed, a very nice copy in the publisher’s orange cloth. [Darlow and Moule: 3263 for the 1882 edition.] £ 100.00
311. SAKER, Alfred (Translator). **Kalati e ta e Loma na Miemba. Na Kalati ya Bebiisedi.** Epistles to the churches, and the book of Revelation. [Cameroons], Western Africa: Mission Press, 1861 Contemporary half calf, 8vo. This work consists of two separate works, each with their own title page. 

312. SAKER, Emily. **Mienge ma Yehova.** Psalms and Hymns in the Dualla Language. Chiefly by Emily Saker. Arranged for the Bristol Tune Book. London: Published by the Baptist Missionary Society, nd. (c. 1900) 12mo. viii,134,vpp. index. Containing 125 hymns, many originally published in the 1859 Baptist Mission Press edition published in the Cameroons. With the book-plate of the Baptist House Library. A very nice copy in the publisher’s black cloth. £ 120.00

313. SANCHO, Ignatius. **Letters of the Late Ignatius Sancho, an African.** To which are prefixed, Memoirs of his Life. The Third Edition. London: Printed by J. Nichols, 1784 Contemporary calf, Cr.8vo. xiv,393pp. frontispiece portrait of the author engraved by J. Wright. Charles Ignatius Sancho (1729-1780) was born on board a slave ship in 1729, a few days after it had quit the coast of Guinea bound for the Spanish West Indies. He was brought to England at an early age and was butler to the Duchess of Montagu from 1749 to 1751. He formed acquaintances with Garrick and Sterne, and owned a grocery shop in Charles Street, Westminster, where he spent the last years of his life writing letters in Sterne’s manner. His portrait was painted by Thomas Gainsborough in 1768. He was ‘the first African to be given an obituary in the British press’ [ODNB]. This is the second work written in English by an African, and was only preceded by Phyllis Wheatly’s poems in 1773. The first edition was published in 1782. The work was edited by Miss Frances Crewe, and Joseph Jekyll wrote the memoirs. ‘The literary quality of his Letters was frequently cited by opponents of slavery as evidence of the humanity and inherent equality of Africans, and even Thomas Jefferson felt compelled to acknowledge, albeit begrudgingly, that “we admit him to the first place [as an author] among those of his own colour”.’ [ODNB]. The side of the spine and a section of the upper board carefully repaired, a very nice copy in a contemporary calf with a richly gilt spine. £ 1,500.00

backed marbled boards, 8vo. iii,cxiv,336pp. errata, index.

Visconde de Manuel Francisco de Barros e Sousa Santarem (1791-1856) was a Portuguese statesman, diplomat and writer who became an historian of the early Portuguese discoveries, particularly relating to West Africa. This is a much fuller account of Santarem’s refutation of the French claim to have discovered Guinea than in the Portuguese edition. In a contemporary dark-green leather, the spine rebacked in green calf with the original gilt backstrip replaced, occasional browning in the text, a very nice copy. £ 650.00


A well-researched Portuguese refutation of the French claim to have been the discoverers of the coast of Guinea in the fourteenth century. Hinges tender, morocco a little rubbed and tired, a good copy in a half green morocco by Quaritch. £ 350.00


A very nice copy in the publisher’s green cloth. £ 125.00


The first edition was published at Paris in the preceding year. The pages are uncut, an excellent copy in a twentieth-century vellum binding. £ 350.00

318. SAUGNIER, Mess. and Brisson. Voyages to the Coast of Africa; by Mess. Saugnier and Brisson: containing An Account of their Shipwreck on board different vessels, and subsequent slavery, and interesting details of the manners of the Arabs of the desert, and of the slave trade, as carried on at Senegal and Galam. With an accurate map of Africa. Translated from the French. London: Printed for G. G. J. and J. Robinson, 1792 Contemporary brown speckled calf boards with a recent new calf spine, gilt tooled with a maroon leather label, 8vo. ii,viii,500pp. folding engraved map of western Africa by M. de Laborde.

Saugnier (b.1754), after abandoning plans to join the church, sailed to Senegal with the intention of becoming a merchant. He was shipwrecked in January 1784 and enslaved by the Moors. Pierre Raymond de Brisson (1745-1820), a colonial administrator, was shipwrecked in July 1785. This recounts the shipwrecks of both authors and their subsequent experiences as captives of Arab slavers. An excellent rebacked copy of the first English edition with a smart new spine, with the armorial book-plate of Robert Lynch Blosse. [Gay: 388 and Joucla: 8442 for the Paris edition of 1791; Playfair Morocco: 441.] £ 750.00
319. **Savanna.** A Journal of the Environmental and Social Sciences published at Ahmadu Bello University Zaria. Volume 1, No. 1 to Volume 7, No. 1. Zaria: Ahmadu Bello University, 1972-1978 Wrpps, Med.8vo. In all 13 numbers (two a year), average 250 pages per volume with illustrations, maps, etc.  £ 150.00


Rev Christian Frederick Schlenker (d.1880), originally of the Basel Missionary Society, was sent by the Church Missionary Society to Port Loko in 1840 to work amongst the Temnes. This is ‘the first serious European work, except linguistics, on one of the peoples of the Sierra Leone hinterland’ [Christopher Fyfe: *A History of Sierra Leone*]. In the original brown cloth, covers marked and stained, spine worn. With the signature on the front endpaper of C. A. Mitchell, Soudan Mission. £ 400.00


Upper inner hinge slightly strained, head and tail of spine rubbed and frayed with a split on lower head, a very nice copy in the publisher’s blind-stamped brown cloth from the John Lawson collection with his book-plate. £ 400.00


According to the front wrapper this is the second edition of 1841, however the title page has 1840 as the publication date. Victor Schoelcher (1804-1893) was born in Paris, where the family porcelain business led him to travel to America and the Caribbean islands. Here the reality of slavery turned him into a prolific abolitionist writer. He became a regular writer of pamphlets and books on the injustices he saw first-hand in the Deep South, Mexico, Cuba and the French colonies, and became the first western abolitionist to visit independent Haiti. A life-long republican, he was appointed secretary of state for the colonies after the 1848 revolution created the Second Republic, and he granted citizenship to all slaves in the French colonies on the 27th of April that year. [COPAC lists the University of London copy; OCLC lists three copies (all of the 1840 edition); Goldsmiths’-Kress library of economic literature: no. 31760; Unknown to Hogg.] £ 2,500.00

Jacob Friederich Schön (1803-1889), originally from Baden in Germany, trained at the Basel missionary seminary and the Church Missionary Society College. He was sent to Sierra Leone in 1832 where he worked for the next 15 years. There, in 1835, he married Elizabeth, a CMS missionary of African descent, who was the daughter of Gustav Nylander. Although not trained as a linguist, Nylander encouraged Schön to take up the study of the African languages to good effect. In Sierra Leone Schön had learnt Igbo and Hausa from recaptives (freed slaves) and this was his first of many works on this language. Following the introduction and vocabulary are translations of medical terms; phrases; specimens of religious translations (Lord’s Prayer, Scripture portions, etc.); address to kings and people; and intended treaty between Queen of England and chiefs of interior of Africa. Bound in a publisher’s or contemporary cloth, now faded and marked, small wormhole through lower margin of entire text (consistent with having been in the tropics), a very good copy. £ 600.00

324. SCHÖN, James Frederick & Samuel Crowther. **Journals of the Rev. James Frederick Schön and Mr. Samuel Crowther**, who, with the sanction of Her Majesties Government, accompanied the Expedition up the Niger in 1841 in behalf of the Church Missionary Society. With appendices and a map. London: Hatchard and Son, Piccadilly; Nisbet and Co., Berners Street; Seeleys, Fleet Street, 1842 8vo. 7,xxii,393pp. with 1 page of List of CMS publications, double-page map as frontispiece, appendices.

Pages 1 to 254 comprise Schön’s journal and pages 257 to 344 comprise Crowther’s journal. The four appendices are: a letter from Mr. Crowther to the secretaries; views with regard to the carrying on of missionary operations in West Africa, in future, by Schön; letter of Mr. Samuel Crowther to Rev. William Jowett in 1837; and the Fourah-Bay Institution Buildings’ Fund. The expedition was sent by the British Government to further the progress of the suppression of the slave trade, with Schön and Samuel Ajayi Crowther as representatives of the Church Missionary Society. Although the expedition was a failure, the various publications were a useful outcome and Schön and Crowther continued to collaborate on missionary and linguistic work throughout their lives. Crowther (c.1807-1891), of the Yoruba tribe, was freed from a Portuguese slaver by the Royal Navy in 1822. He was educated by the C.M.S. in England and Fourah Bay College, Freetown (where he was the first student). He went on to become the Bishop of Western Africa and a noted and important linguist. With a contemporary inscription of John Jones dated 1844 and a later inscription of the Keble Archdeacon North dated 1898, covers lightly rubbed, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark blue moiré cloth. [History of the CMS, 1899: pp.455 et al.] £ 750.00

325. SCHÖN, James Frederick. **Dictionary of the Hausa Language.** Part I. Hausa-English. Part II. English-Hausa. With appendices of Hausa literature, by James Frederick Schön, Chaplain of Melville Hospital, Chatham; Late Missionary of the Church Missionary Society in West Africa. London: Church Missionary House, 1876 8vo. ii,x,281 + 142 + xxxivpp. 7 lithographed pages containing a Hausa translation of the Book of Jonah done in 1864 by Dr. Baikie, one-time British Consul at Lokoja.

The War Office Library copy with several of their stamps to the title page, the spine replaced with a matching cloth with a leather label, a very nice copy in the publisher’s brown cloth. £ 450.00

William Buehler Seabrook (1884-1945) was an American explorer, traveller, and journalist, who fought with the French army in the First World War, after which he was awarded the Croix de Guerre. He lived for some time among the American expatriate community in Paris during the interwar years, and his interest in occultism led him to travel to Arabia, Haiti and West Africa to further his knowledge and writings. This work recounts his life among the Guere tribe in Côte d’Ivoire, during which time he claimed to have eaten human flesh. ‘This First Edition, including eight extra illustrations, is limited to 315 signed copies of which 274 are for sale. This is number 78.’ From the library of the Africanist scholar Frank Willett with his signature. £ 200.00

(1.) 350pp. 9 colour plates, 43 text illustrations, folding tables, biblio., index, dw. 
(2.) 24pp. 515 b/w plates, dw.

An excellent copy of this important report with many good illustrations of the excavated bronzes. Professor Charles Thurstan Shaw (b.1914) worked as an archaeologist for many years in Nigeria. £ 150.00


329. SIERRA LEONE, Georgii III. **An Act for establishing a Company for carrying on Trade between the kingdom of Great Britain and the Coasts, Harbours, and Countries of Africa;** and for enabling the said Company to hold, by Grant from His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and from the Native Princes of Africa, a certain District of Land, commonly called the Peninsula of Sierra Leone, now vested in His Majesty, or belonging to the said Princes, for the better enabling the said Company to carry on the said Trade. London: Charles Eyre and Andrew Strahan, 1791 Disbound, Roy.4to. 1549-1574pp.

The Act of Parliament which led to the establishment of the Sierra Leone Company. All the proprietors are named, and it also covers the rights of the company to buy land, power to raise capital, interest of the subscribers, prohibition against borrowing money or having or dealing in slaves, election of directors, election of chairman, voting rights, holding of meetings, etc. [ESTC: N59053 listing five copies in UK and USA libraries.] £ 250.00


This is the first of three House of Commons reports on the affairs of the Sierra Leone
Company. The eventual outcome of these reports resulted in the British government taking over the civil and military affairs of the settlement in 1808 and thereby creating the colony of Sierra Leone. Containing the statement of the chairman and directors of the company, with evidence taken from Henry Thornton, Zachary Macaulay, Thomas Ludlam, William Greaves and John King. Printed on six loose folio leaves, a good copy. £ 200.00

331. SIERRA LEONE, Sierra Leone Company. Report from the Committee of the Petition of the Court of Directors of the Sierra Leone Company. Ordered to be printed 27th February 1804. [London]: [House of Commons], 1804-1807 Recent quarter calf, Imp.4to.
(1). ii,129pp. Bound with:
(2). Report from the Committee to whom the Petition of the Court of Directors of the Sierra Leone Company was referred. Ordered to be printed 3rd February 1807. 9pp. These are the second and third of three House of Commons reports on the affairs of the Sierra Leone Company. The eventual outcome of these reports resulted in the British government taking over the civil and military affairs of the settlement in 1808 and thereby creating the colony of Sierra Leone. The first part contains the report and statements of the directors; evidence of Captain Benjamin Hallowell of the Royal Navy; various extracts from letters of governors, directors, etc.; evidence of Captain William Day of the Royal Navy; letters from Stephen Caulker (a Maroon Chief); sketch of expenditure; rough estimates of the property of the company; goods shipped at London; persons formerly of the company who have since indulged in the slave trade; return of settlers, Europeans, and resident strangers, etc. The second part contains the statement of the company; substance of the last dispatches from the colony; and observations of the directors; all signed by Henry Thornton. A very nice copy in a recent quarter maroon calf with maroon cloth boards. £ 500.00

332. SIERRA LEONE, Sierra Leone Company. Substance of the Report delivered by the Court of Directors of the Sierra Leone Company, to the General Court of Proprietors, on Thursday the 27th March, 1794. London: Printed by James Phillips, 1794 Quarter calf, Cr.8vo. 175pp. folding map as frontispiece, appendix. This is the second report issued by the directors of the Sierra Leone Company, the first having been in 1791. As in the previous report the title is something of a misnomer, the ‘substance’ being the first chapter. The chapter headings are: Substance of the Report; Expenses incurred in establishing the colony; Health; Trade; Cultivation; and Civilization, the last being the majority of this work, occupying pages 55 to 162. The appendix is on the natural productions of Sierra Leone, ‘being the substance of two reports made to them by Mr. Afzelius, their botanist’. These list the animals and vegetables available. The folding map shows the mouth of the Sierra Leone River on a large scale with the land grants, towns and villages clearly shown. The spine has been carefully rebacked in calf, reusing the original red leather label. A very nice copy in a contemporary quarter calf with marbled boards. [ESTC: T131475.] £ 750.00

333. SIERRA LEONE, Sierra Leone Company. Substance of the Report of the Court of Directors of the Sierra Leone Company, delivered to the General Court of Proprietors, on Thursday the 26th February, 1795. Published by Order of the Directors. London: Printed by James Phillips, 1795 Quarter morocco, 8vo. 31pp.
The third of the reports of the directors of the Sierra Leone Company. Seven reports were issued between 1791 and 1808, when the Colonial Office assumed responsibility for the settlement. This report contains the account of the sack of Freetown by a French Squadron in 1794. A very nice copy in a twentieth-century red quarter morocco with gilt title to spine. [ESTC: T131474; Luke: 150.] £ 400.00

334. SIERRA LEONE, Sierra Leone Company. **Substance of the Report Delivered by the Court of Directors of the Sierra Leone Company, to the General Court of Proprietors**, on Thursday the 29th March, 1804. London: Printed by W. Phillips, 1804 Disbound, Cr.8vo. 60pp.

This is the sixth and penultimate report and contains copious information on the settlement for the preceding year, including its prospects, and a report of the committee of the House of Commons. A very nice copy disbound from a collection of other works. [Luke: 178.] £ 350.00

335. Sierra Leone. **The Sierra Leone Almanac, for the Year of our Lord 1822, being the second after Bissextile; calculated for the Meridian of Freetown**; to which are added Lists of the Civil and Army Departments, under the Government of Sierra Leone, on the Western Coast of Africa, from the Twentieth Degree of North Latitude, to the Twentieth Degree of South Latitude; with much interesting and important Information never before published. Published by Authority. Freetown: J. Mitton, Printer to his Excellency the Governor and Council, nd. (1822) Wrpps, 66pp. with 1 page of ‘Appointments, Alterations, and other Changes, while printing’, and 1 page of errata.

This work comprises a list of chronological cycles and moveable feasts; eclipses; a month by month list of religious days and solar declination; a list of the civil and military establishments; a list of vegetables cultivated in Sierra Leone; the average price of articles sold in the Freetown market; latitudes and longitudes; nautical observations; meteorological tables; general census; succession of governors; charity relating to western Africa; table of kings and queens; and the equation of time. With the contemporary signature to the head of the title page of Pressick Dodd, mentioned as one of the lessees of the Mortlake Pottery after 1794; there are also four manuscript military maps of Scotland in the National Library of Scotland dated from 1785 to 1787 which bear his signature. He is mentioned in this almanac as the accountant at Cape Coast Castle on the Gold Coast. During the popular and benign governorship of Charles MacCarthy, both the Gambia and the Gold Coast forts were administrated from Freetown. With many annotations through the yearly almanac in ink added by Dodd. On the 13th of November he has noted ‘Just escaped death – very ill.’ Side-stitched as issued with a contemporary or publisher’s wrappers, the outer part of which is lightly coloured by smudges of blue and brown ink, a very good uncut copy printed on surprisingly good-quality paper enclosed in a mid twentieth-century dark-green cloth portfolio with a red leather label. [Not in OCLC nor the British Library Catalogue; COPAC lists the Cambridge University copy; Luke: 225.] £ 6,000.00

Edinburgh: J. Johnstone; and Dublin: J. Robertson, 1843 8vo. xii,139pp. appendix.

An interesting account of the expedition, with many notices of the other settlements visited: Sierra Leone, Liberia, Gold Coast, Fernando Po, etc. The author, for many years a merchant based in Cartagena and a frequent visitor to the West Indies, volunteered his services, as a civilian, to the Niger Expedition of 1841-2. The British government had hoped to establish small forts along the banks of the Niger, allowing officials to preside over the enforcement of anti-slavery treaties, promote British commercial interests and support Christian enterprises throughout the Niger Basin. Simpson was a staunch supporter of the abolition movement and joined the expedition for both religious and philanthropic reasons. In May 1841, he sailed for Africa in the Wilberforce, along with two other vessels, the Albert and the Soudan. The expedition parties penetrated branches of the Niger and succeeded in entering negotiations with several chiefs. However, the expedition was curtailed after the crews of all three ships were severely affected by fever; of the 303 crew, 53 died, 49 of whom were Europeans. Simpson’s journal records the course taken by the Wilberforce, the expedition’s contact with the local inhabitants and documents the deterioration of the crew’s health. [Christopher Lloyd, The Search for the Niger, pp. 146-160.] Light foxing to preliminary leaves, cloth unevenly faded, outer top corner bumped, a very nice copy in the publisher’s purple blind-stamped cloth with the spine lettered in gilt. £ 750.00


‘The worst of all was J. Smith’s Trade and Travel in the Gulph of Guinea, where sensationalism reached a peak’ [Philip Curtin’s The Image of Africa]. The author was a surgeon and a trader and travelled many times to the Bonny river. A very nice copy in a later quarter brown calf with marbled boards. £ 650.00

338. SMYTH, W. H., Captain, R.N..  The Life and Services of Captain Philip Beaver, late of His Majesty’s Ship Nisus. London: John Murray, 1829  Contemporary half calf, 8vo. xv,340pp. appendix.

William Henry Smyth (1788-1865), a naval officer and surveyor, wrote this account of the life of Philip Beaver (1766-1813). Beaver was an officer in Nelson’s navy who accompanied the unsuccessful expedition for colonising the island of Bulama, near Sierra Leone, in 1792-4; took part in the conquest of the Cape of Good Hope in 1795; served in Egypt and the West Indies; assisted in the reduction of Mauritius in 1810; and served on the Mozambique and Madagascar coasts in 1810-12. The Hosken copy with their book-plate, lacking half-title, spine and corners a little rubbed, upper joint a little tender, a very nice copy in a contemporary dark blue half calf with marbled boards. £ 500.00


From the John Lawson collection with his book-plate, a very nice copy in the publisher’s green cloth-backed printed boards. £ 200.00

The major ethnological and linguistic study of the Ewe of Togo, occasional annotation in ink, a few pages turned down in the corner, a very nice copy in a later black buckram lettered in gilt on the spine. £ 850.00


Wrappers slightly rubbed and sunned, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark grey wrappers. £ 100.00

342. SPILSBURY, F. B. **Account of a Voyage to the Western Coast of Africa; performed by His Majesty’s sloop Favourite, in the year 1805,** being a journal of the events which happened to that vessel, from the time of her leaving England till her capture by the French, and the return of the author in a cartel. By F. B. Spilsbury, Surgeon to the Favourite. Illustrated with numerous engravings. London: Printed for Richard Phillips, 1807 Disbound and recently stapled in the inner margin within protective wrappers, 8vo. iv,[5]-44pp. 9 aquatint plates (3 folding), index.

Containing considerable information about the Guinea coast at that time, the slave trade on the coast, and the settlement of Freetown where the author was obliged to spend some time. A very nice copy. £ 350.00

343. **Statements illustrative of the Nature of the Slave-Trade.** To which are subjoined, some particulars respecting the colony at Sierra Leone. Published by a committee appointed by the Religious Society of Friends, to aid in promoting the total abolition of the Slave-trade. Disbound and recently stapled in the inner margin within protective wrappers, 8vo. London: Printed by Harvey, Darton, and Co., 1824 40pp.

With accounts of slave ships captured and accounts from residents of Sierra Leone; including two C.M.S. agents: W. Johnson, superintendent of Regent’s Town and H. During, superintendent of Gloucester Town. [COPAC lists seven copies; OCLC lists six.] £ 375.00

344. STEINER, P. **Die Basler Mission auf der Goldküste.** Handbucher zur Missionskunde, Dritter Band. Basel: Verlag der Basler Missionsbuchhandlung, 1909 Cr.8vo. 144pp. 8 plates, coloured folding map, index.

With the small withdrawn stamp of the Basler Mission Bibliothek to the margin of title, a very nice copy in the publisher’s maroon cloth. [COPAC records the Oxford copy only.] £ 120.00

A comparative study of the Malinke, Bambara, and Vai Languages. With the ink stamp of Dr. M. Löpelamnn, a previous owner, on title page, a very nice copy in green cloth-backed boards. £ 250.00

346. STEPHEN, James. **England Enslaved by Her Own Slave Colonies.** An Address to the Electors and People of the United Kingdom. London: Printed by Richard Taylor, for Hatchard and Son, 1826 Recent grey paper-covered boards, 8vo. iv,92pp. appendix.

James Stephen (1758-1832), a barrister and member of parliament, was the brother-in-law of William Wilberforce and an adherent of the ‘Clapham Sect’. £ 200.00


The main danger at the time of writing was an invasion by the French, and much of this work is taken up with this theme; however pages 163-227 are occupied by an economic argument against the slave trade. £ 250.00

348. STEPHEN, James. **The Speech of James Stephen, Esq., at the Annual Meeting of the African Institution, at the Free-Masons’ Hall, on the 26th March, 1817.** Published at the request of His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, the President of that Society. London: J. Butterworth and Son, and J. Hatchard, 1817 Modern plain grey paper-covered boards, 8vo. 56pp.

Stephen defends the African Institution from its critics following the Register Bill and the insurrection in Barbados in 1815. £ 200.00


Dorothy Amaury Talbot (1871-1916) was the wife of district officer and anthropologist Percy Amaury Talbot. In this book she examines the Ibibio of southern Nigeria and focuses mainly on the cultural life of women, a subject helped considerably by her gender. £ 120.00


Percy Amaury Talbot (1877-1945) was a district officer and anthropologist in southern Nigeria who wrote several works on the peoples of the region in the second and third decades of the twentieth century. An excellent copy of this great monograph on the Ekoi of southern Nigeria, in the publisher’s green cloth with gilt lettering to spine and upper board and the illustration mounted on the upper board. £ 200.00

‘The facts collected here are almost exclusively such as came to my notice in the course of the ordinary administrative work in Degama Division, to which I was posted in June, 1914. The region is mainly inhabited by sections of the two great tribes of Ibo and Ijaw.’ Head and tail of spine slightly rubbed, a very nice copy in the publisher’s olive-green cloth with a presentation signature from the author dated 27-10-27. £ 100.00

(1). Historical Notes. xii,365pp. 5 maps (1 folding and 1 coloured folding).
(2). Ethnology. xx,423pp. 121 illustrations on plates, 2 maps.
(3). Ethnology. x,425-976pp. 130 illustrations on plates, 8 maps, 7 folding tables in pocket of rear board.

An ethnological masterpiece covering all the peoples of southern Nigeria based on the 1921 census. ‘The chief work has been an attempt to classify the tribes and sub-tribes and to define their boundaries’ [the preface]. The first two volumes recased in the publisher’s cloth, the third volume recased in a matching red cloth with the publisher’s backstrip laid-on, the fourth volume slightly rubbed, with the signatures of R. W. Stephens, P & T. to the endpapers of the first three volumes, some pages carelessly opened, a good set in the publisher’s red cloth. The previous owner, R. W. Stephens (b.1903), was in the Posts and Telegraphs section of the colonial administration in Nigeria. £ 600.00


A very nice copy in the publisher’s green cloth. £ 200.00


Louis Tauxier (1871-1942) was an anthropologist who joined the colonial administration in 1905 and spent his entire career in French West Africa. He was a co-founder of the Société des Africanistes. A very nice copy in the publisher’s wrappers. £ 350.00


A very nice copy in a modern black cloth. £ 150.00

Charles Lindsay Temple (1871-1929) was acting governor and, after the amalgamation in 1914, lieutenant-governor of northern Nigeria. From the library of Sir Frederick William Cavendish-Bentinck, 8th Duke of Portland, with his book-plate. £ 90.00


Günter Tessmann (1884-1969) was a German ethnographer working in Fernando Po, Cameroon and Gabon. £ 100.00


A compilation from missionary and other sources, with chapters on the Fula, Futa Toro, Bondu, Futa Jallon, and the Wolof and the Mandingo kingdoms. Recased in the publisher’s dark-green cloth, page 207/208 repaired in the inner margin, covers rubbed, occasional spotting in the text, a good copy. £ 150.00

359. **The Debate on a Motion for the Abolition of the Slave-Trade,** in the House of Commons, on Monday and Tuesday, April 18 and 19, 1791, reported in detail. London: Printed by and for W. Woodfall, and sold at the Printing Office of the Diary, 1791. Recent quarter calf, 8vo. ii,123,[1]pp. errata on page 123, the final page being a ‘Table of Reference’ listing the speakers in the debate.

Speeches by Wilberforce, Pitt, Fox, Burke, etc. The famous first motion in the House of Commons for Abolition, the motion was defeated by 163 votes to 88. Without the half-title, last page dusty, a very nice copy in a recent quarter calf with a red leather label and marbled boards. [Goldsmiths: 14987; Hogg: 2343; Sabin: 19094.] £ 650.00


A very nice set in the publisher’s wrappers. ‘An organisation devoted to the study of West Africa, its plants, animals and environment, its peoples and their culture.’ The Nigerian Field was first published in 1931. £ 200.00
361. **The Sierra Leone Times.** ‘To Consult the People is the First Great Law’. Volume III. - No. 1 - 52. July 30, 1892 to July 29, 1893. Freetown: Printed at the Office of the Sierra Leone Printing and Publishing Company, in Rawdon Street, 1892-1893. Green binder’s buckram, folio. 4 pages per weekly issue. *The Sierra Leone Times* was started in 1890. The founder and chairman was John Henry ‘Malamah’ Thomas, the prominent Sierra Leonean. Occasional worming and several tears. £ 475.00


364. **The West African Year-Book, 1901.** Second edition. London: The West African Publishing Syndicate, Ltd., 1901. 8vo. xx,484pp.+xxi-xxixpp. 40 plates, numerous maps. Pages 199 to 484 contain the Mining and Miscellaneous section, with an index to mining and other companies, and a list of directors of the companies. Top and base of spine frayed, covers slightly rubbed. £ 100.00

365. THOMAS, Chas. W.  *Adventures and Observations on the West Coast of Africa, and its Islands*. Historical and descriptive sketches of Madeira, Canary, and Cape Verd Islands; their climates, inhabitants, and productions; accounts of places, peoples, customs, trade, etc. London: Binns & Goodwin, E. Marlborough & Co., Houlston &
Wright, 1864   Cr.8vo.  vi,250pp.

The author was attached to the flagship of the American Squadron as chaplain on the West African coast between 1855 and 1857. This is the first English edition, edited by the brother of the author, W. Mathew Thomas. The original edition was published in New York by Derby & Jackson in 1860. A nice copy of this rare work on the West African coast in the 1850s, in the original gilt-decorated purple cloth, the spine slightly faded. A presentation copy from the editor to the Honourable Mrs. Portman. [Cardinall: 626; unknown to Luke.]  

£ 300.00

(1). Part I: Law and Custom.  163pp.  folding map, 2 folding genealogical tables, index.
(2). Part II: Linguistics.  ix,251pp.

Northcote Whittredge Thomas (1868-1936), a student of James Frazer, became the first government anthropologist in Nigeria. He personally gathered the information from the Edo or Bini of Benin city and the surrounding areas. With old stamps of The African Society and the IAI to the front free endpapers only, a very nice copy in the publisher’s dark-brown cloth.  

£ 125.00

367. THOMPSON, Thomas.  An account of two missionary voyages by the appointment of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.  The one to New Jersey in North America, the other from America to the coast of Guinea.  By Thomas Thompson, A.M., Vicar of Reculver in Kent.  London: Printed for Benj. Dod, at the Bible and Key in Ave-Mary-Lane, near St. Paul’s, MDCCLVIII, 1758  Contemporary calf-backed boards, small 8vo.  iv,87pp.  ‘Errata’: at bottom of page 87.

Thomas Thompson (1708-1773) became a missionary for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in 1744 and was sent to Monmouth County, New Jersey in 1745, where he spent the next five years reorganising the Anglican church. Satisfied with his results he asked for another posting and then sailed for West Africa, reaching the Gambia on January the 8th. He spent a couple of months around Sierra Leone before going on to the Gold Coast. Residing at the headquarters of the Royal African Company in Cape Coast Castle, he became the first Church of England missionary to Africa. Although his missionary efforts with the local Africans were not a great success, he managed to send to England three local boys, one of whom, Phillip Quaque, later returned to the Gold Coast as a missionary. He gives good accounts of his journeys and the people met. Foxing throughout, dedication leaf with repair to upper corner, page 15/16 with outer marginal repair and page 31/32 with repaired tear, final leaf affixed to extra free endpaper which has contemporary writing. Contemporary ownership inscription of Lavinia Porter to head of title page and another signature to verso of title. Boards worn and corners rounded. [Sabin 95529; Howes T-203.]  

£ 650.00

These two works were first published in London and Edinburgh respectively in 1833; this American edition combines both books in one volume. The New York Public Library catalogue attributes authorship of the first to Lieut. John Towne. Peter Leonard (1801-1888) was a surgeon employed by the Royal Navy and the second account by him contains a ‘List of vessels engaged in the slave trade captured by the British Squadron employed on the western coast of Africa, in the year 1829’. Both volumes contain considerable anecdotal evidence of the state of the coast in the 1820s, an area of much naval activity due to the British anti-slavery patrols. Old library ink stamp to title page, encased in a twentieth-century quarter maroon morocco with cloth-covered boards, a very nice copy. £ 300.00

A complete run up to 1965 of this important historical journal, initially produced in very limited numbers. £ 350.00

Volume 12, 111pp. Volume 13, Parts 1 - 2. 306pp. + 7pp. index to volumes I-XI.
A good run up to 1995 of this important historical journal. £ 200.00


Captain A. J. N. Tremearne was a lecturer and scholar of the late Hausa at Cambridge University, and a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and the Royal Anthropological Institute. The author’s copy with his signature to the front free endpaper. Tipped-in on the preliminaries are some 62 reviews of this book from British and American magazines and newspapers. Throughout the book the author has added many corrections and additions in pen and pencil. Corners lightly bumped, sides of spine a little rubbed due to the volume of enclosures, some browning to magazine enclosures, a very nice copy in the publisher’s orange cloth. £ 500.00
A very nice copy in the publisher’s gilt-decorated brick-red cloth.  
£ 175.00

373. TREMEARNE, A. J. N. **Hausa Superstitions and Customs: An Introduction to the Folk-lore and the Folk.** London: John Bale & Danielsson, 1913 8vo. xv,548pp. 41 plates, 200 text illustrations, folding map, index.  
A nice copy in the original brick-red cloth, the spine rather spotted.  
£ 100.00

A detailed account of researches among the Hausa communities of Nigeria and northern Africa in Tripoli and Tunis. The author’s own copy with numerous manuscript proof corrections, extra-illustrated with 35 original photographs (mostly captioned in ink), additional plates and newspaper reviews (including an obituary of the author). In the foreword Tremearne notes: ‘I am now back in North Africa, where the paged proofs are being corrected, and although no additions can be made to this volume, I hope to be able to submit further material later.’ This was not to be, as he was killed in 1915 leading the 8th Seaforth Highlanders at Loos. Lower hinge loose. A very nice copy in the publisher’s illustrated dark-yellow cloth.  
£ 850.00

‘The object of this pamphlet is to stimulate in British Officers and N.C.O.s arriving in Nigeria for the first time, an interest in the types of Nigerian soldier they are to command... The illustration of tribal markings are the work of Mr. P. G. Harris, Senior Resident, Nigerian Administrative Service.’ Previous owner’s name to head of front wrapper, a very nice copy in the publisher’s light green wrappers. [OCLC lists the Leeds, Berkeley and Yale copies.]  
£ 100.00

376. TUCKER, Miss. **Abbeokuta; or Sunrise within the Tropics: An outline of the origin and progress of the Yoruba Mission.** London: John Nisbet and Co., 1853 Fcap.8vo. vii,278pp. coloured lithographed frontispiece and coloured lithographed plate, 4 monochrome plates, coloured folding map and a coloured plan of Abbeokuta.  
Slight spotting to frontispiece and title, sides of spine slightly rubbed, a very nice copy of the first edition in the publisher’s dark-blue cloth.  
£ 100.00

Alfred Saker was a Baptist missionary in the Cameroons and a contemporary of John Clarke and Joseph Merrick. He translated the bible into the Dualla language. This contains the account of his ascent of the Cameroons Mountain in the company of Richard Burton. Spine faded, a very nice copy in the publisher’s gilt-decorated maroon cloth. £ 125.00


Containing first-hand accounts of the Unyoro and Nandi military expeditions in East Africa and the military expeditions to Bida and Ilorin in Nigeria. A very nice copy in the publisher’s green cloth. £ 250.00


£ 125.00


In 1853 an engagement was concluded between the governor of the Colony of Sierra Leone, Arthur Edward Kennedy and certain chiefs of the Sherbro Country, Careybah Caulker, Chief of Bombe, Thomas Stephen Caulker, Chief of the Plantain Islands, Pierre Charley, King of Sherbro, Harry Tucker, Chief of Shebar, William Tucker, Chief of Bullom and Boom Rivers, Ibiboo Salifoo, Chief of ‘Jong’, Mahamadoo Calipa, Chief of Barmah, Cabouka, Chief of Bagroo, Pah Rakey, Chief of Baly, Somaaker, Chief of Tassamankar, and Soloko, Chief of Robannah. £ 100.00


The author was a member of the Scottish Missionary Society who wrote about the slave trade in the West Indies, where he witnessed the 1832 insurrection in Jamaica. He then moved to West Africa and worked at Old Calabar, Bonny, etc. from 1846-58. With important first-hand descriptions of south-eastern Nigeria before the colonial era. From the library of G. I. Jones with his signature to the front endpaper, somewhat shaken, a very nice copy in the publisher’s green cloth. £ 200.00

382. WALKER, Samuel Abraham. **Missions in Western Africa, among the Soosoos, Bulloms, &c.** Being the first undertaken by The Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East. With an Introduction, containing: I. A Sketch of Western Africa, with a Description of the Principle Tribes inhabiting that Coast. II. A Brief History of
the Slave Trade, to the Present Day. III. Some Account of the Early African Churches.
IV. A Condensed Survey of all the Missionary Exertions of Modern Times, in favor of
Africa. By the Rev. Samuel Abraham Walker, A.M. Rector of Gallo, Meath. Dublin:
xix,572 pp. appendix, 4-page publisher’s list.
Fyfe makes a passing mention to the author’s 1847 book on the missions in Sierra Leone.
Most of these call for a map, there is no sign of a map having been bound into this copy.
Spine a little browned, a very nice copy in the publisher’s blind-stamped purple cloth.
[COPAC: 5 copies; Hogg: 86.]

383. WALLIS, C. Braithwaite. **The Advance of Our West African Empire.**
By C. Braithwaite Wallis, F.G.S., F.R.G.S. of The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)
Late Acting District Commissioner Sierra Leone Protectorate. With illustrations and
a map. London: T. Fisher Unwin, 1903
xv,317 pp. photogravure frontispiece, 28 plates, folding map, appendices, index.
On a colonial war in Sierra Leone during 1898, the folding map shows the country with the
disaffected districts marked. In the original red cloth, spine, occasional light foxing.

£ 150.00

384. WEBSTER, George, (after). **Christiansbourg, A Danish Settlement on the Gold
Coast, Africa.** Drawn by G. Webster, Engraved by J. Hill. To His Royal Highness the
Duke of Clarence, This Plate is with His gracious permission humbly Dedicated by
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Coloured images of West Africa from this date are unusual and rare.

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Africa.** Drawn by G. Webster, Engraved by J. Hill. To His Royal Highness the Duke
of Clarence, This Plate is with His gracious permission humbly Dedicated by His
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386. WEBSTER, W. D. **Illustrated Catalogue of Ethnographical Specimens, in bronze,
wrought iron, ivory and wood, from Benin City, West Africa,** taken at the fall of
the City in February, 1897, by the British Punitive Expedition under the Command of
Admiral Rawson. No. 21. London: W. D. Webster, August, 1899
10 pp. 219 objects on 16 collotype plates.
The first of Webster’s catalogues devoted solely to the Benin collection. Faint library
stamp to upper wrapper.

£ 350.00

387. WEBSTER, W. D. **Illustrated Catalogue of Ethnographical Specimens, in bronze,
wrought iron, ivory and wood, from Benin City, West Africa,** taken at the fall of
the City in February, 1897, by the British Punitive Expedition under the Command of Admiral Rawson. No. 24. London: W. D. Webster, August, 1899  Wrpps, Cr.4to. 5pp.  107 objects on 20 collotype plates.

The second of Webster’s catalogues devoted solely to the Benin collection. Lacking upper and lower wrappers.  £ 350.00

WEBSTER, W. D.  Illustrated Catalogue of Ethnographical Specimens, in bronze, wrought iron, ivory and wood, from Benin City, West Africa, taken at the fall of the City in February, 1897, by the British Punitive Expedition under the Command of Admiral Rawson.  No. 29. London: W. D. Webster, May, 1901  Wrpps, Cr.4to.  7pp.  141 objects on 20 collotype plates.

The third of Webster’s catalogues devoted solely to the Benin collection. Lacking wrappers.  £ 350.00


The other five languages being Ahlo, Tobote, Akasele, Gurma, and Barga. A very nice copy in the binder’s brown cloth-backed boards.  £ 125.00

WESTERMANN, Diedrich.  Grammatik der Ewe-Sprache.  Berlin: Dietrich Reimer (Ernst Vohsen), 1907  Wrpps, Roy.8vo.  xvi,158pp. biblio.

A fine unopened copy.  £ 150.00


Whiteley spent three months and six days on the Island of Jamaica. He went out as a bookkeeper and worked on a plantation; however his reaction to the system and the fact that he was a Methodist led to his almost being tarred and feathered, and he had to leave the island quickly. Contemporary inscription in ink to top title, cropped. Resewn in modern paper wrappers.  £ 200.00


A signed presentation copy from the author to Mr. Walter Griffiths. A very nice recased copy in the publisher’s royal-blue cloth.  £ 600.00


Spine and covers slightly rubbed, a nice set.  £ 250.00
394. WILBERFORCE, Robert Isaac and Samuel. The Life of William Wilberforce. By His Sons, Robert Isaac Wilberforce, M.A., Vicar of East Farleigh, Late Fellow of Oriel College; and Samuel Wilberforce, M.A. Archdeacon of Surrey, Rector of Brighstone. In five volumes. London: John Murray, 1838 Contemporary half calf with marbled boards, Cr.8vo.
(1). x,396pp. frontispiece, appendix.
(2). i,464pp. folding table, appendix.
(3). i,508pp.
(4). i,397pp. frontispiece, 3 folding plates.
(5). i,412pp. frontispiece, index.
Spine and covers slightly rubbed, a nice set. £ 250.00

The frontispiece is an illustration of an original letter of Marque, and the three facsimile plates show a sketch of the palace and stockade of an African king who dealt in slaves; the list of crew of a privateer; and the private signal code of a slave ship. Encased in a twentieth-century brown half morocco with raised bands and gilt lettering and decoration to the spine, cloth-covered boards and marbled endpapers. A very nice copy. £ 475.00

The double-page map folds over to enclose the pages and an extra title is printed on the verso of the map. This is a revised edition of the 16-page 1850 edition, which was reprinted from the Colonial magazine for September, 1850. ‘Mr. Wilson hoped that the honest testimony of a foreigner, and especially of a citizen of the United States, to the success of the British Squadron, might not be without effect in assisting to disabuse the public mind of this country as to the alleged failure of our repressive efforts and the impossibility of extinguishing the Slave Trade’ [from Trotter’s introduction]. Disbound from another binding, inscribed ‘From the author’ to the head of the extra title, a very nice copy. £ 200.00

A very nice copy in the publisher’s red cloth. £ 125.00
398. **WINTERBOTTOM, Thomas.** *An Account of the Native Africans in the Neighbourhood of Sierra Leone; to which is added, An Account of the Present State of Medicine among them.* In two volumes. London: Printed by C. Whittingham, and sold by John Hatchard and J. Mawman, 1803

Contemporary calf, 8vo.

(1.) xv,362,22pp. folding frontispiece of a view of the settlement at Sierra Leone and 5 plates (1 folding), 2 folding charts, one of the coast and the other of the River Mitombo and part of the peninsula of Sierra Leone, 5 appendices (description of the colony; meteorological account; account of the termites; vocabularies of the Bullom and Timmanee, and Soosoo languages; index).

(2.) iv,283,10pp. errata leaf, 4 appendices, index.

The first volume contains a comprehensive and meticulous account of the country and people of Sierra Leone. The second volume deals entirely with the diseases and medicine of the Africans, the first study of its kind. Thomas Masterman Winterbottom (1765-1859) was physician to the colony of Sierra Leone between 1796 and 1803, and this work represents the results of his observations in that country. He was assisted by his friend Zachary Macaulay, the former governor of the colony. Folding frontispiece and charts stamped with ‘Med.Chir.Soc. Aberdeen’. The frontispiece has an old repaired tear on the fold, a small repair to first folding chart, occasional spotting, rebacked with new calf spines and corners, red and black leather labels to spines, with the printed label of the Aberdeen Medico-Surgical Society on the front paste-down, a very nice copy.

£ 2,000.00


‘The legend on which this tale is founded was told me at Benin in 1911 by Agwobásimi, the elder son of the last independent Oba, or King of Benin. The incidental folklore is almost entirely from the same source.’ The author spent several years as an assistant district officer among the Yorubas in Nigeria and also wrote Myths of Ife, published in 1921. A signed presentation copy to Max Mainprice with an autograph letter presenting the book.

£ 275.00


Sir Henry Yule (1820-1889), geographer and writer on India and the Far East, wrote this addition to the literature on the anti-slavery blockade which flourished following the Niger expedition.

£ 200.00


(1.) I. Grammatical sketch of the Akra- or Ga-language. xvi,203pp.

(2.) II. Ga-vocabulary, with an Adanme appendix. vii,464pp.

Johannes Zimmermann (1825-1876) was a German missionary with the Basel Missionary Society. He arrived on the Gold Coast in 1850 and was stationed in the Ga-Adangme language area where he became the authority on that language. He took a sympathetic approach to
African culture; the ruler of Krobo, where Zimmermann worked for many years, had a traditional stool made for him to use when meeting with his councillors. The two volumes bound together in the publisher’s dark brown cloth with the gilt title running up the spine, blind stamp to half-title of the British and Foreign Bible Society, an excellent copy. £ 450.00

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