

“ means increase their trade : notwithstanding which, to freight a vessel with slaves, requires some months attendance. In the year 1697, in three days time I could get but three slaves ; but they assured me, that if I would have patience for other three days only, they should be able to deliver me one or two hundred.”

Bosman, page 440. “ We cast anchor at cape Mizurada, but not one Negroe coming on board, I went on shore ; and being desirous to be informed why they did not come on board, was answered, That about two months before, the English had been there with two vessels, and had ravaged the country, destroyed all their canoes, plundered their houses, and carried off some of their people for slaves ; upon which the remainder fled to the inland country. They tell us, they live in peace with all their neighbours, and have no notion of any other enemy than the English ; of which nation they had taken some then : and publickly declared, that they would endeavour to get as many of them, as the two mentioned ships had carried off of their natives. These unhappy English were in danger of being sacrificed to the memory of their friends, which some of their nation carried off.”