

presented to the Right Honourable Henry Dundas, one of his Majesty's principal secretaries of state. 1792.
March 31

The Memorial of the undersigned traders and others his Majesty's subjects:

Sheweth,

“ That your Memorialists have received information that the coast of Africa adjacent to the river Grande is very healthy, the soil rich, and abundant in all tropical productions, and that the inhabitants are of a peaceable disposition, well inclined towards the English nation, and extremely desirous to open an amicable intercourse for the purchase of English merchandise, and the sale of their own commodities, and that for this purpose the said inhabitants are willing to sell to such British subjects as are disposed to settle in their neighbourhood, some of the islands situated at the mouth of the said river, and other lands on the coast which are uninhabited by themselves, and are not in the possession of any European power.

“ That your Memorialists being persuaded that a colony may be established, and a trade carried on upon the said coast of Africa in a manner very beneficial to themselves and advantageous to the parent state; have, with the assistance of some voluntary subscriptions, fitted up two ships, the Calypso of 298 tons, and the Hankey of 260 tons; and the sloop Beggars Benison of 34 tons; which they have fully supplied with British merchandise to a very considerable amount, and that your memorialists are preparing to embark with their families in order to proceed to the said coast of Africa.

“ That your memorialists have it in contemplation on their arrival upon the said coast of Africa, with a view to lay the