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Introduction

William Davenport (1725-1797) was an important Liverpool merchant and shipowner involved in the slave trade, as well as trading in beads, ivory, sugar, coffee and tobacco.

William Davenport was born in London in October 1725, the third son of Davies Davenport and Penelope Ward. The Davenports were a Cheshire gentry family and Davies was heir to the family estates as well as a member of Gray's Inn and the Inner Temple. Capesthorne Hall in Cheshire was added to the family's property when Davies married Penelope Ward. Penelope and Davies had ten children, seven of them boys. The eldest of them, John, died early leaving the second son, Davies, to follow a legal career and he later inherited the family estates in Cheshire. Very little is known of William's early life but in 1741 he was apprenticed to William Whaley, a Liverpool merchant and slave trader.¹

It was through his apprenticeship with Whaley that William Davenport became involved in overseas trade, especially the slave trade in which he was to specialise for his entire career. William Davenport was also engaged in the Mediterranean trade in partnership with members of the Earle family, a leading Liverpool merchant family. In 1766 he was trading beads in partnership with the brothers Ralph, Thomas and William Earle, together with Peter Holme, Thomas Hodgson and John Copeland.² In the 18th century, Venice was the main supply centre for beads, especially for English slave-traders, and William Davenport's bead book, which has been analysed by David Richardson, shows that he sold beads to the value of approximately £39,000 between July 1766 and July 1770, with almost all of the beads being sold for use in the African trade.³

William Davenport was also in partnership with William and Ralph Earle, in ships trading to Africa, for example, the *Chesterfield*, for a voyage to Old Calabar in July 1757 and the *Friendship*, a prize taken from the French and used by the partnership for trading to Old Calabar and America in the 1760s.⁴

During his career, Davenport invested in about 160 slaving voyages in about 70 vessels. Details of several of these voyages can be found in the account books, wages books and correspondence in this collection.

William Davenport never married and died a bachelor in 1797. According to his obituary in *Billinge's Liverpool Advertiser* of 28 August 1797, he left his fortune to his brother Richard of Great Marlow, Buckinghamshire and his nephew Davies Davenport of Capesthorne. He was buried at St. Nicholas' Church, Prescot.⁵

Although nothing is known for certain, it is probable that at his death, his papers were taken to the family estate at Capesthorne. It is known that they were found in a barn somewhere in Cheshire over 50 years ago, where they were rescued from being burnt on a bonfire.

The Davenport collection comprises 13 volumes and 13 bundles of correspondence and documents, relating to his involvement in the Atlantic slave trade. They have been described as unique in terms of their coverage of voyages of a private trader operating from one of the major provincial ports of Britain. The collection is of central importance to the maritime and mercantile history of Liverpool. The collection was purchased in 2001 with the aid of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Unfortunately, many items in the Davenport collection are fragile and require conservation treatment before they can be made available to the public, and at certain times, items may be withdrawn from public access to undergo conservation work. In order to preserve their original order, wherever possible, the contents of the bundles have been retained as they were found, with sorting being limited to date order. In the main, the bundles all relate to one subject, but occasionally had mixed contents, and this is reflected in the list.

Footnotes

- 1. David Richardson, "Profits in the Liverpool Slave Trade: the Accounts of William Davenport, 1757-1784", in Roger Anstey and P.E.H. Hair (eds.), *Liverpool, the African Slave Trade, and Abolition* (1976, rep. 1989).
- 2. Articles of Partnership, 1766, Merseyside Maritime Museum, Earle Collection, [D/EARLE/4/2].
- 3. David Richardson, "Profits in the Liverpool Slave Trade: the Accounts of William Davenport, 1757-1784", in Roger Anstey and P.E.H. Hair (eds.), *Liverpool, the African Slave Trade, and Abolition* (1976, rep. 1989).
- 4. Invoice book of the Eadith, Chesterfield and Calveley, 1758-62 [DX/169].
- 5. David Richardson, "Profits in the Liverpool Slave Trade: the Accounts of William Davenport, 1757-1784", in Roger Anstey and P.E.H. Hair (eds.), *Liverpool, the African Slave Trade, and Abolition* (1976, rep. 1989).

Sources Elsewhere

Archives held at the Maritime Archives & Library, Merseyside Maritime Museum

Items relating to William Davenport include a letter to William Davenport from Charles Norgate of London, re the sale of beads 1768 [DX/1555/R] and the invoice book for the Eadith, Chesterfield and Calveley, 1758-59 [DX/169]. References to William Davenport and his trading partnership with the Earle family can be found in the Earle Collection [D/EARLE].

Archives held at the University of Keele

Many important records are to be found in the Davies Davenport papers in the Raymond Richards Collection. These include a ledger, 1763-75, a letter and bill book, a bead book, 1766-70 and nine volumes of trading accounts. These have been published on microfilm and a copy is available at the Maritime Archives & Library, Merseyside Maritime Museum.



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D/DAV/1/1 - 2	LETTER BOOKS (INCLUDING ACCOUNTS)	<u>1763 - 1785</u>
1	Volume of correspondence and accounts. Includes drafts and copies of letters written by, or on behalf of, William Davenport on all aspects of business affairs (1779-1784), including cargoes, crews, instructions to captains, prize ships, shares in ships and profits.	1763 - 1785
	The volume also includes accounts of ivory bought and sold by William Davenport for the period 1763-1785.	
2	Loose pages [4 pp.] from a letter book (draft?). Includes a letter of instructions to Captain Brighouse of the <i>Swift</i> and letters to Agents in the West Indies. [very dirty, torn & fragile]	5 Sept 1777 29 Nov 1777



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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
D/DAV/2/1 - 5	ACCOUNT BOOKS	<u> 1747 - 1787</u>
1	Cash Book recording amounts paid and received personally by William Davenport. Includes all areas of business and shareholding in ships, etc.	1 June 1747 - 14 Oct 1760
2	Accounts Ledger recording costs of outfitting vessels, cargoes and shares of voyage profits, etc. Indexed from "E" onwards; A-D missing.	11 Feb 1763 - 17 Aug 1772
	[Fragile binding, no covers, some torn and loose pages.]	
3	Copy of the Bead Cash Book. Details of the accounts of the bead business ran by William Davenport. The business was set up in partnership in 1766 with Thomas and William Earle, Thomas Hodgson and others. [see D/Earle/4/2 for Articles of Partnership]	21 Apr 1766 - 13 Jan 1777
	(N.B. The original bead cash book is held at Keele University, Raymond Richards Collection.)	
4	Cash Book recording the purchase of cargoes for ships, including parcels of beads, etc., and accounts of elephant teeth (ie ivory), etc., sold on account.	15 Jul 1766 - 29 Dec 1780
5	Accounts Ledger covering outfitting costs and expenses during the voyages of several ships (as listed below) and the accounts of slaves sold in the West Indies. Ships and voyages covered include:	1768 - 1787
	The <i>Polly</i> for 2 voyages, Trieste to Venice and Philadelphia to Leghorn, 1768-1770.	
	The <i>Mars</i> for a voyage to Sierra Leone (1779), with detailed list of cargo (including beads, cloth and clothing). Crew list and accounts of 295 slaves sold. Also a second voyage to Africa (1780) with details of cargo and crew, and the sale of 185 Windward Coast slaves at St. Christopher, West Indies.	
	Accounts of sales of cargo (brandy, wine and corkwood) from the <i>ZeeBergh</i> , a prize taken by the <i>Mars</i> (December 1780).	
	The <i>Rover</i> , accounts for a voyage to Africa (1782) outfitting costs, expenditure, etc.	



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D/DAV/2/1 - 5	ACCOUNT BOOKS (cont)	<u>1747 - 1787</u>
5	Accounts Ledger (cont)	1768 - 1787
	[Blank pages, contents now reversed, beginning at the back of the volume.]	
	The King George, cargo and outfitting costs for a voyage to Old Calabar (1773) and accounts for the sale of 81 slaves.	
	The <i>Dalrymple</i> , accounts for the sale of 230 slaves and other voyage costs, Old Calabar to Antigua (1779).	
	The Swift, accounts for the sale of 180 slaves (1779).	
	Loose Item:	
	Copied extract from account book, listing the sale of 216 slaves, sold on board the <i>Hector</i> from Africa to Dominica (21 July 1777).	



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D/DAV/3/1 - 6	WAGES BOOKS	<u>1775 - 1786</u>	
1	Wage Book for the voyage of the brig <i>Swift</i> to Barbados and Dominica. Total amount of wages paid is listed at the end of the volume. Includes reference to the death of Captain William Seton during the voyage and settlement with his executors (31 October 1776) of his wages, including the sum of £57.12s.6d., as payment for two privilege slaves due to Captain Seton.	7 Aug 1775 - 31 Oct 1776	
2	Wage Book for the voyage of the ship <i>Dreadnought</i> from Liverpool to Old Calabar and St. Croix, Caribbean, Captain John Cooper.	15 Feb 1776 - 5 Dec 1776	
	[first pages missing]		
3	Wage Book for the voyage of the ship <i>Dalrymple</i> from Dominica to Liverpool, Patrick Fairweather, Master. Includes crew list and whether "dead, runaway or discharged". Also a list of disbursements made by Patrick Fairweather on account of the ship at Dominica, May-July 1776.	16 May 1776 - 16 Sept 1776	
	[some insect damage]		
4	Wage Book for the voyage of the ship <i>Hawk</i> from Liverpool to Africa, John Small, Master. Includes names of natives taken on board as crew at the coast for the return voyage to Liverpool, including Cudjoe, Quashey, Liverpool and Joe Dick, all Fantye men. Also crew list [loose] and signed receipts from crew fixed into volume [some loose].	24 Nov 1780 - 21 Oct 1781	
	[fragile]		
5	Wage Book for the voyage of the ship <i>Essex</i> from Liverpool to Africa and the West Indies, Captain Peter Potter. Includes crew list at front of volume and whether "dead, runaway or discharged". Crew includes Adam Sema, described as "a Black Boy". Receipts for wages paid, signed by crew, are fixed into the volume. [some loose and fragile]	29 Oct 1783 - 11 Sept 1784	
	Loose items:		
	Inventory of clothes and belongings of George Glover, who died on board.	12 Nov 1783	



Description	Date(s)
WAGES BOOKS (cont)	<u>1775 - 1786</u>
Wage Book for ship Essex, loose items (cont):	
Inventory of clothes and belongings of Robert Hynes, who died on board. [torn and fragile]	8 Dec 1783
Inventory of clothes and belongings of John Richardson, who died on board. [torn and fragile]	21 Feb 1784
Inventory of clothes and belongings of Jacob Jones, who died on board.	23 Jul 1784
Wage Book for the voyage of the ship <i>Essex</i> to Africa and Dominica, Captain Peter Potter. Includes crew list at front of volume and date when discharged or deceased. Also includes receipts for wages signed by crew, fixed to the pages. [fragile]	29 June 1785 24 Aug 1786
Loose items:	
List of disbursements made for supplies at Carrick Fergus and Castlehaven.	26 Jan 1785 - 18 Feb 1785
2. Receipt for Protest, made for Essex at Castlehaven.	15 Feb 1785
Bills to Captain Peterson from Tead (?) McCarthy and Smith, for wrought iron and hoops. [2 items]	17 Feb 1785
Bill to Captain Peterson from Gray Sullivan, for tending the vessel at Castletown.	21 Feb 1785
5. Bill to Captain Peter Potter, for drink, food and lodging, due to Margaret Callaghan.	24 Feb 1785
Bill to Captain Potter, for men's food and lodging, due to Mary Henesy.	9 Mar 1785
7. Inventory of goods belonging to Peter Reed (or Patrick), died 23 August 1785, Mathew Woods, 25 August, Michel Erret, 11 September, Duncan Hendry, died 12 December 1785 and Henery Postlewaite, 13 December 1785, sold on board <i>Essex</i> at Vendue, Africa. [3 items]	23 Aug 1785 - 3 Dec 1785
	 Inventory of clothes and belongings of Robert Hynes, who died on board. [torn and fragile] Inventory of clothes and belongings of John Richardson, who died on board. [torn and fragile] Inventory of clothes and belongings of Jacob Jones, who died on board. Wage Book for the voyage of the ship Essex to Africa and Dominica, Captain Peter Potter. Includes crew list at front of volume and date when discharged or deceased. Also includes receipts for wages signed by crew, fixed to the pages. [fragile] Loose items: List of disbursements made for supplies at Carrick Fergus and Castlehaven. Receipt for Protest, made for Essex at Castlehaven. Bills to Captain Peterson from Tead (?) McCarthy and Smith, for wrought iron and hoops. [2 items] Bill to Captain Peterson from Gray Sullivan, for tending the vessel at Castletown. Bill to Captain Peter Potter, for drink, food and lodging, due to Margaret Callaghan. Bill to Captain Potter, for men's food and lodging, due to Mary Henesy. Inventory of goods belonging to Peter Reed (or Patrick), died 23 August 1785, Mathew Woods, 25 August, Michel Erret, 11 September, Duncan Hendry, died 12 December 1785 and Henery Postlewaite, 13 December 1785, sold



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6	Wage Book for ship Essex, loose items (cont):	
	8. Statement of opinion of Ambrose Lace and Henry Billinge, re wages owed to seaman Patrick Dailey, by owners of the Barque <i>Fox</i> . [fragile and torn]	3 Feb 1786
	9. List of crew who ran away from the ship at Dominica.	14-16 May 1786
	10. Unused receipt for balance of wages due to Patrick Reed, deceased. [fragile]	1786
	11. List of seamen's wages to be paid.	n.d., 1786



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D/DAV/4/1 - 7	MISCELLANEOUS SHIPS PAPERS	<u>1764 - 1834</u>
1	Account of sales of elephant's teeth from the <i>Hibernie</i> , Andrew Morson, Mather, sold at Dublin.	10 Apr 1778
2	Letter from Messrs. French & Robson, London to William Davenport, re problems with insuring the <i>Polly</i> .	29 Nov 1768
3	Letter of authorisation for wages to be paid to a representative of deceased seaman, William Trimble, who died on board <i>The Fox</i> at Guinea. [fragile and rodent damaged]	1775
4	Insurance policy for <i>The Fox</i> , Captain John Jones, for a voyage from Africa to America.	1776
5	Insurance policy for the <i>Greenwood</i> , for a return voyage from Liverpool to Africa.	1777
6	Auction Notice of the brig <i>D'Goude Thee Boom</i> and cargo, to be held at George's Coffee House, Liverpool. The ship was captured as a prize by the <i>Essex</i> when bound from St. Eustatia to Amsterdam. Includes list of cargo of sugar, coffee and tobacco, annotated with name of purchaser and prices made.	Mar 1781
7	Receipt for one year's wages received by George Worth from D. Davenport.	9 Jan 1834



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D/DAV/5/1 - 5	BUNDLE OF CORRESPONDENCE, RE BEAD BUSINESS	<u>1767 - 1768</u>
1	Letter from Jos. Wimpey to William Davenport & Co., re shipment of bead order. [rodent damaged and fragile]	13 Jan 1767
2	Letter from Arioli Freres, Prague to John Martin Willett, London, re purchase of beads. [in French]	27 Feb 1767
3	Letter from Earle & Hodgson, Leghorn to William Davenport & Co., re shipment of the bead order on the <i>Lark</i> , bound for Liverpool.	13 Mar 1767
4	Letter from Earle & Hodgson, Leghorn to William Davenport & Co., re the rest of the bead order on the <i>Lark</i> , and its departure this day for Liverpool.	20 Mar 1767
5	Letter from Gaspar Moretti, London to Thomas Hodgson, re the purchase of beads. Enclosed two letters of invoice from the bead suppliers in Prague and Amsterdam. [3 items]	23 Feb 1768



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D/DAV/6/1 - 21	BUNDLE OF LETTERS TO WILLIAM DAVENPORT & CO., RE BEAD BUSINESS	<u>1768 - 1777</u>
1	Letter from Robert Lander, Northwich, recommending the services of John Watson, Venice, to purchase beads.	3 Feb 1768
2	Letters from John Kensington, London, acknowledging receipt of bills. [2 items, fragile]	4 Feb 1768 and 16 Feb 1768
3	Letters from Charles Margas, London, some addressed to J. Wimpey on behalf of William Davenport & Co., re the purchase of beads and arrangoes. [6 items]	9 Feb 1768 - 7 Dec 1768
4	Letters from Robert Gale, London, re the arrival and shipment of beads. [3 items]	16 Feb 1768 - 20 Mar 1768
5	Letters from Gaspar Moretti, London to Thomas Hodgson (x1), and William Davenport & Co. (x2), re the shipment and payment for parcels of beads from Prague and Venice, etc. [3 items]	16 Feb 1768 - 16 Jul 1768
6	Letters from Peter Thellusson, London, firstly offering his services as an agent for beads, and later relating to payments and shipments of beads and cowries. [9 items]	26 Mar 1768 - 5 Dec 1768
7	Letters from William Hammond, London, re insurance matters. [2 items, one torn and fragile]	12 Apr 1768 - 20 Dec 1768
8	Letter from Earle & Hodgson, Leghorn, re the shipment of their order on board the <i>Vigilent</i> and enclosing their statement of account.	6 May 1768
9	Letter from Bostock and Bainbridge, London, re despatch of an order of beads. Also recommended a method for cleaning cowries.	16 May 1768
10	Letters from William & James Manson, Rotterdam, re purchase and shipment of arrangoes and beads. [4 items]	20 May 1768 - 15 Nov 1768
11	Letter from John Copeland, London, reporting on the quality of beads purchased at a sale, and enclosing his account of the purchase.	2 June 1768
12	Letters from William and John Watson, Lancaster, re the payment for delivery of arrangoes. [2 items]	19 June 1768 and 12 Sept 1768



BUNDLE OF LETTERS TO WILLIAM DAVENPORT & CO., RE BEAD BUSINESS (cont)	<u> 1768 - 1777</u>
Letters from Sam Bean, London, re mistaken delivery of parcel of beads (1) and the delay caused in shipping parcel of beads to Jamaica, due to lack of proper certificate (2). [2 items]	19 Jul 1768 and 17 Aug 1768
Letter from Jones & Cotton, London, offering their services for the purchase of beads from Venice and offering to procure the order for elephant's teeth in return.	28 Jul 1768
Letters from Richard Millerson, Lancaster, re payment of accounts for beads, etc. [3 items]	Jul - 11 Sept 1768
Letter from Finlay & Hudson & Co., Whitehaven, re late payment for beads supplied.	3 Sept 1768
Letters from John Fowler, Bristol, re bead orders, ships and other business news. [4 items]	6 Sept 1768 - 28 June 1777
Letters from William & James Anderson, London, acknowledging receipt of drafts and bills. [3 items]	20 Sept 1768 - 6 Dec 1768
Letter from Matthew Wright, Lancaster, enquiring if Mr. Stephenson has paid his bill.	12 Oct 1768
Letter from Miles Barber, London, acknowledging receipt of account.	12 Oct 1768
Letter from John Coupland, Whitehaven, enclosing payment for beads supplied on the <i>Happy</i> .	12 Nov 1768
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CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS RE BADGER'S THIRD AND FINAL VOYAGE	<u>1774 - 1776</u>
Receipted Invoices	<u> 1774 - 1775</u>
Receipted invoices "left out" from previous voyage for materials to be used on voyage. [7 items]	20 Apr 1774 - 21 Apr 1775
Letters from Captain Potter to William Davenport & Co.	<u>1775</u>
Letter sent with Pilot, noting <i>Badger's</i> departure from Liverpool.	29 Mar 1775
Letter sent from Cameroons, re difficulties in obtaining slaves because of competition prices offered by other trades.	23 June 1775
Letter from Cameroons, re the purchase of 100+ slaves by raising the price.	13 Jul 1775
Letter from Dominica, re 207 slaves and ivory aboard. Sold a few slaves in Barbados, left hurriedly because likely to be sued by 5 runaway crew for wages. Lists 2 dead and 9 runaways.	4 Nov 1775
Letter from Dominica, re the selling of 180 slaves at £34.10s.0d. to Mr. Morson.	5 Nov 1775
Letters from Agents to William Davenport & Co.	<u>1775</u>
Letter and copy from agent, William Moores Jun., Barbados, informing William Davenport that Captain Potter has moved on to Dominica to get a better price for his cargo of slaves. [2 items]	30 Oct 1775
Letter from agent Samuel & James King Wint, Barbados, re Captain Potter not able to trade with them due to the low price they offered, so he was going to Dominica.	30 Oct 1775
Letters from agent Morson & Co., Dominica, re slave sold to Mr. Vance and also about the <i>Badger</i> . [2 items]	5 Nov 1775 and 28 Nov 1775
Letter from Robert Vance, re confirming the condition of the sale.	30 Nov 1775
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0/DAV/8/1 - 14	PAPERS RE JAMES MORSON, VANCE CALDWELL & VANCE, AGENTS AT DOMINICA AND OTHER CORRESPONDENTS	<u>1775 - 1781</u>	
1	Statement of account of Rob ^t (?), probably Vance, Caldwell & Vance. [fragment, repaired]	Apr 1775	
2	Statements of accounts and letters from Robert Vance and James Morson, Dominica to William Davenport & Co., and other merchants, all re payment and shipment of sugar, coffee, etc. [11 items]	24 Jul 1777 - 17 Dec 1781	
3	Letter from Groube & Roberts, Plymouth to William Davenport & Co., enclosing letter(?)* from Dominica. [*not included]	5 Jan 1781	
4	Letters from Colin Campbell & Co., Greenock to William Davenport Esq., re transactions with Vance, Caldwell & Vance, and shipment of fish from Newfoundland. [3 items]	15 Jan 1781 - 31 Aug 1781	
5	Letters from Crawford & Co., Rotterdam to William Davenport & Co., re shipment and sales of sugar and coffee. Includes statement of accounts of the sale of sugar and coffee. [4 items]	9 Mar 1781 - 13 Nov 1781	
6	Letters from Robert Fowle, St. Christopher, re the shipment of sugar on board the <i>Mary Ann</i> . Includes copy certificate of Robert Vance, re the source of sugar being the Brook Hall Plantation. [3 items]	9 Mar 1781	
7	Extract of a letter from N. Masterson, describing hurricane in Dominica and a letter from Masterson, re the insurance of the <i>Resolute</i> . [2 items]	21 Mar 1781 - 4 May 1781	
8	Letter from Tennant & Co., Ostend to William Davenport Esq., re ships and factors names at Ostend.	28 Mar 1781	
9	Letter from Thomas Richardson, London to William Davenport Esq., re the arrival of <i>Mary Ann</i> at Plymouth after it had been "taken & carried" into St. Kitts and recommending that it should now proceed to a neutral port, Ostend.	1 May 1781	
10	Letters from Herries & Keith, Ostend to William Davenport Esq., re their commission to sell sugar from the <i>Mary Ann</i> from Dominica. [3 items]	12 May 1781 - 25 Jul 1781	



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D/DAV/8/1 - 14	PAPERS RE JAMES MORSON, VANCE CALDWELL & VANCE, AGENTS AT DOMINICA AND OTHER CORRESPONDENTS (cont)	<u>1775 - 1781</u>
11	Letter from Liebaert, Baes & Co., Ostend to William Davenport & Co., assuring them of their good service for any goods forwarded to them from Dominica.	9 June 1781
12	Letter from Kinder Mason, enclosing copied extract from the Amsterdam Courant, describing the taking of Resolution by the privateer Earl Cornwallis.	5 Jul 1781
13	Letters from Humphreys & Cooper, Amsterdam, re the sale of sugar at Ostend. [2 items]	17 Aug 1781 - 18 Dec 1781
14	Label for bundle: "Papers Relative to James Morson, Vance, Caldwell & Vance 1781".	n.d.



Item No.	Description	Date(s)
D/DAV/9/1 - 2	PAPERS RE ESSEX'S VOYAGE FROM DOMINICA	<u>1775 - 1776</u>
1	Bill of Lading for elephant's teeth to be shipped on board Essex, bound for Liverpool, John Houghton, Master.	27 Nov 1775
2	Bill - Thomas Foxcroft, for freight and primage due on a cargo of elephant's teeth.	9 Feb 1776



Title of Deposit:	DAVENPORT	
Item No.	Description	Date(s)
D/DAV/10/1 - 41	PAPERS, RE "SHIP NEW BADGER'S INWARD ACCO ^{TS} 1777"	<u>1776 - 1779</u>
1/1 - 4	Letters from Captain Peter Potter to William Davenport & Co., written from the Cameroons and Dominica	<u> 1776 - 1777</u>
1	Letter from Captain Potter at Cameroons, announcing the arrival of the <i>Badger</i> at the Cape on the 9 July after a passage of 62 days, and describing the loss of the top of the foremast and other rigging during a heavy squall on the 10 June. Due to the delay in obtaining a new mast there were few slaves left. Includes a death list of crew. [plus copy, transcript available]	15 Oct 1776
2	Letter from Captain Potter describing the difficulties of trading with the slave traders who refused to do business with him, and threatened any others who attempted trade. This was due to him not giving enough cowries, and when he paid more, he received 140 slaves. [plus copy, transcript available]	22 Nov 1776
3	Letter from Captain Potter written from Dominica after their arrival with 388 slaves and 6,279 lbs. of ivory. Describes visits to St. Thomas and Barbados enroute in convoy with HMS <i>Southampton</i> , due to the risk from privateers.	11 June 1777
4	Letter from Captain Potter written at sea on the voyage back to Liverpool, describing the sales of 386 slaves at a low average of only £25.19s.6d. per head. Sailing back in a convoy of 116 ships from St. Kitts. [transcript available]	10 Aug 1777
2	Captain Potter's account of ivory bought at the Cameroons in exchange for goods sold.	1776
3	Copy of Captain Potter's Protest, made at Dominica, against his Chief Mate, Mr. Anderson.	20 May 1777
4	Letter from James Baillie & Co., Grenada to William Davenport & Co., concerning the lodging of letters for Captain Potter and describing the current trend in the market for slaves from different areas of Africa.	4 Feb 1777
5	Letter from J. Morson, Vance, Caldwell & Vance, Dominica to William Davenport & Co., re the condemning of the <i>Hector</i> , with the unsold hull being used to keep slaves on board prior to sale; the arrival of the <i>Badger</i> and the sale of her cargo of slaves.	12 June 1777



Title of Deposit: DAVENPORT				
Item No.	Description	Date(s)		
D/DAV/10/1 - 41	PAPERS, RE "SHIP NEW BADGER'S INWARD ACCO ^{TS} 1777" (cont)	<u>1776 - 1779</u>		
6	Statement of account of William Davenport & Co., with Vance, Caldwell & Vance, Dominica. Also account of sales of 386 slaves imported on the <i>Badger</i> and account of disbursements made for the <i>Hector</i> and <i>Badger</i> . [3 items]	22 Jul 1777		
7	Letter from J. Morson, Vance, Caldwell & Vance, Dominica to William Davenport & Co., sent with (6) above and also enclosing the statement of account of Captain Potter. The letter refers to payment for the proceeds of the <i>Badger's</i> cargo, the effect of the American War and the sale of the <i>Hector's</i> cargo. [2 items]	23 Jul 1777		
8	Bills of Lading for ivory from the <i>Badger</i> at Dominica, for London and Liverpool. [2 items]	23 Jul 1777		
9	Receipt for beads, etc., from Captain Thomas Dwyer.	28 Aug 1777		
10	Accounts of sales of ivory from the <i>Badger</i> and <i>Hector</i> . [2 items]	Oct 1777 - 17 Nov 1777		
11	James Sudell - bill for expenses in case of Davenport and Hughes against Studart.	3 Apr 1777		
12	Sarah Walker - bill for cleaning elephant's teeth (ivory).	n.d., c.Oct 1777		
13	John Ward - bill for barrels of tar.	21 Sept 1777 - 22 Oct 1777		
14	James Sawrey - bill for labourers.	4 Oct 1777		
15	Receipt for gun powder sent to the magazine.	5 Oct 1777		
16	Pilotage certificate and receipt for pilotage of the Badger.	5 - 10 Oct 1777		
17	Margaret Cherry - bill for taking up the anchor.	7 Oct 1777		
18	Rigger's bill.	10 Oct 1777		
19	William Singleton - bill for 1 week's attendance on the ship.	10 Oct 1777		
20	William Singleton and James Saurey - bills for labourers. [3 items]	10 - 25 Oct 1777		
21	Account of Captain Hughes's disbursements.	11 Oct 1777		



Title of Deposit: DAVENPORT Item No. **Description** Date(s) PAPERS, RE "SHIP NEW BADGER'S INWARD ACCO^{TS} D/DAV/10/1 - 41 <u>1776 - 1779</u> 1777" (cont) Daniel Dale - bill for a Turtle feast. 22 12 Oct 1777 23 John Williams - bill for taking up an anchor cable. 15 Oct 1777 24 John Paton & Co. - bill for carting. 17 Oct 1777 25 John Fisher - bill for carpentry supplies. 18 Oct 1777 26 John Galley - bill for brooms, old canvas and sheathing 18 Oct 1777 paper. 27 20 Oct 1777 Richard Taylor - bill for fir baulks. 28 Naylor, Jenkinson & Co. - bill for pitch, tar and turpentine. 24 Oct 1777 29 24 Oct 1777 Alice Wynstanley - bill for gorse. 25 Oct 1777 30 Carpenters - bills for wages. [2 items] 26 Oct 1777 31 Liverpool Docks - bill for Graving Dock. 32 Thomas Staniforth & Co., owners of the King Prussia - bill Oct 1777 for sail and cable supplied to Captain Potter and the Badger at the Cameroons in 1776. 7 Nov 1777 -33 William Singleton - bills for attending the ship, labour, etc. Dec 1777 [4 items] 34 William Ditton - bill for boat hire. 2 Jan 1778 Receipt from Dr. Bromley for Head Money in Dominica. 7 Feb 1778 35 36 Elizabeth Urmston - Bill for paper and border for cabin for 9 Feb 1778 Badger (1776). 37 Joseph Brown - bill for spun yarn and tar tubs. 25 Feb 1778 38 Thomas Dwyer - receipt for anchor. 13 Mar 1778 39 Captain Peter Potter - receipt for commission on ivory. 16 Mar 1778 40 Edward Bates - bill for keys, nails, etc., supplied for Badger, 18 May 1779 October 1777. 41 Paper label: "Ship New Badger's Inwards Accots. 1777". n.d., c.1777

Camaroons Octr ye 15th 1776

Messrs. Wm. Davenport & Co.

Gentn. I take this my first opportunity to aquaint you of my safe Arrival at the Cape ye 9th. July, after a Passage of 62 days: we had been from Liverpool 33 Days when in the Latt. 9.47 N, Long. 25.8 W on ve tenth day of June at Eleven O'Clock at Night there came on all of a suddin a very heavy squall and tho we had all hour small sails stay sails & all handed yet before we could get the Top Sails down the Foremast gave way Eight feet below the Top, the Top fell in the fore chains right between the small bower anchor & the gunwale, the foreyard Top Mast Fore & Main Top Gall^t. Masts & Fore Top Gall^t. yard all broke by the fall Lucky it was that y^e Main Top Mast did not go along with the rest after we had got what sails Handed we had yet left standing I layd. her too under the Mizzn. stay sail & then began to think what was best to be don with the wreck but through the Darkness of the Night which was so Excessive that we could not find beginning or ending as it all Lay in such a mangled condition & most or all over the side in the Water except ye Fore Mast & as the Squall soon Abated & no grate swell going I let all be till day Light when we began & before night we got all safe on board again, I not suffering any body to cutt even the smallest Rope belonging thereto; the next thing we had to doe was to get up a Jury Mast which took us three Days in completing; on the 14th. we made Sail again: at my Arrival here I found Capt. Smale with about sixty slaves on board. Capt. Richardson left the River eight Days before I Arrivd. with 250 slaves & 7,800 lb. of Ivory. Capt. Hurst is not arrived yet nor have (2) we heard anything of him. the Trade is at present very Slack I have only 81 slaves paid for and 3943 lb. of Ivory I might indeed have had more Slaves had it not been on Acct. of getting a new Mast which lost me a deal of time Besides expense & trouble tho' the latter I reacon no thing. When I first arrived I bought a Tree from Agua at P^m.Town, this took us ten Days in Makeing & when it was finishd we slung it to both boats and brought it alongside it being in the afternoon & ve Sea Breezes blowing pretty frish with a strong ebb tide we had much adoe to keep the Boats Gunwale above water we got a Strop on ye head of the Mast with a Cable(?) from the sheers head to Light it up a little out of the Water that we might get to lash our Purchase; when unfortunately the strap altho' new Lanyard Stuff broke; when the Mast being a great weight it sunk like a stone and first the steel(?) being Slung to ye punt luckily slipt through or else the punt with 4 White & 4 Black whould have gone down along with it, the punt being almost full when it slipt loose; this was another bad misfortune; after all our trouble Time & Expense, ye next Day we swept for it & for 5 or 6 days after but never could get hold of it again so I was oblig.^d to buy another tree this after we had cut it down prov.^d to be guite hollow from End to End this was another Loss & I was some time before I could light on another to my liking but however found one at last about a Mile on the back of Peters Town, this I also bought from Aqua this took us eight Days in getting it down to ye water side & I was Oblig.d to hire 20 black people to help us & then most times cable(?) upon cable(?) however it has made us a

good Mast & although it was a great weight yet we got it in very (3) well so that now I have everything in Repair again. the Whole Experience attending the Mast came to 15.5 Bars. Capt. Small assisted me greatly with his Carpenter as mine was Sickly & not able to do much, we have been very agreeable Neighbours. I rec'd yrs & Capt. Dwyers of the 10th. June & have note ye contents; it gives me great Satisfaction to hear that there will be nobody on the back of me, for this River is not fit for two vessels, as times now are I am sadly afraid I shall not be able to make the purchase Mr. Davenport expects as the Letter as the Gent.ⁿ knows I shall be short of small articles such as Glasses, Flaggons, Hatts, Caps Kirs(?) all these things I have to buy in as they were only laid in for 350 slaves & no Allowance made for Dashes: yet I might make a Shift if my Salt will but hold out this I am more afraid of than anything as I cannot buy a slave under 19 or 20 Barrs; however the Gentle. may be fully assured of my doing all that lies in my in making as much of everything as possible. I have hereto only given 75 pints & change 20 makes 95 but now I have put on 5 more makes 100 y^e rest of the Articles are as usual excepting y^e Salt as above mentioned; I have had the misfortune to part with three Slaves (that is: two died the other was one of ye Doctors' Guests, which had just recovered a fit of sickness & as we let them up in the morning he ran immediately to the Gangway & jumpt Streight overboard & tho' we were instantly in both Boats after him yet before either could reach him he went down & we saw him no more, the Rest of the slaves are all very well. I have buried Six White People as the Death List the rest of us are all very well. I cannot satisfy the Gent^{ns} curiosity so pleasingly as I would wish in Regard to the ship's sailing, wether it was (4) owing to her being heavy laden or what I cannot tell but I never get above seven & half knots out of her when before the wind in sailing large or with the wind a point abaft the beam eight & half close five & half & six She is one of the easiest vessels by the Wind that ever was known & one of the compleatest Guineamen of the Times. I think she will sail much better when she is lighter which I shall not fail acquainting the Gent.ⁿ with at my Arrival in the West Indies please God I live; I am not so happy in Mr. Anderson as I could wish. Whatever he might have been when Master he makes but an indifferent Mate, my Doctor is a very cleaver sober young Man and behaves Exceeding well as does my second Mate Mr. Evans. I expect I shall be leaving the River about the middle of January if all goes well, in the maintime I remain wishing you a happy sight of your ship Badger which I hope will be after a Prosperous Voyage & I am Gentⁿ. your very humble Servt.

Peter Potter

Death List
Steph.ⁿ Nash Died Augst. 10th
John Codners Died Augst. 17th
James Curry Died August 7th
James Answorth Died Sept. 16th
Benjeman Burton Died Sept. 12th
John Wood Died August 20th

Messrs. Wm. Davenport & Co.

Gentlm. the Inclos'd is copy of my Last by Capt. Smale since which I have had but one intire stillstand of Trade for a whole Month they would not so much as let a bunch of Plantins Corn on board to me, they Even made a law amongst themSelves that if any of them offered to sel me a Slave the others would emmediately take all his goods from him destroy all his plantin trees & pul His Houses down this was on account of my not giving them Cowries enough so that I was at last obliged to give them thire full prise else I might have Layn here God knows how long; it is only a week since I got settled with them and have made up my number to one hundred & fourty I have had the misfortune to bury two more Slaves since my last which makes now Five Dead my White People is as before in pritty good health. I likewise have on board four thousand & thirty pound weight of Ivory the Brig Indeavour, Capt. Dwyr Arrived here Nov. 5th in great Distress ocationed through himself & all hands but two being sick I assisted him with my People & Doctor all the time he was here and cutt all his firewood for him for which I received eighty B.s Large Domine. I have drawn on Mr. Davenport for ten pounds twelve shillings & 4 pence in favour of Capt. Dwyr the Value of which I have recd. in 50 B.s fisheyes & 60 B.s flatt Blue Weight 232 lb @ 10d and 2 Dozⁿ. Clapper Bells @ 9^s/6^d the Gentlⁿ. cannot conceive (2) the disadvantage my salt is atented with perticular the Last Flatt Load it is of such a surprising weight nothing can be like it my crews & Capt. Smales was both of a size and yet a B. of my salt would weigh thirty pound when Capt. Smales would only weigh twenty which makes a third difference & though I keep a fire continually in my salt Rooms every Day for the benefit of areing the Ship & also to make the Salt mesure light yet after all is done there will be a third difference which will be of great determent to my purches. I think it will be the latter end of January or the beginning of Febray before I shall be able to get away from here as Trade is but Slack at the best of times now. I have not trusted one Slaves Goods yet nor doe I intend it as that shall be my last makeshift. My Doctor Complains much about the Ipecguana he sais it is Old & new mixt as he is Oblig^d, to give thirty greams of It for a dose and then sometimes it will be a long time of working and after all it does not half work them as it should doe he has sent a sample of it home by Capt. Dwyr that the Gentⁿ. may see what sort of stuff it is, so Gentⁿ. I remain wishing you a happy sight of your ship Badger & am Sirs

Your Very Humble servt.

Peter Potter

P.S. I give Capt. Smale a receipt for his long Boat with sails one Mast one cable half worn one Boats Anchor but when we came to look at the sails they was intirely worn out & as much as we could doe any way to make the fore & main sail doe again as to the Jib we was Obligd. to condemn it & make a new one so that if no accident happens her & we haul her up again there will be nothing to account for but the Anchor and Cable we have from ye first of our arrival here been troubled with the Feavour first it was amongst the white People & since till of late it as been amongst the Slaves but with some difficulty & smoking the Rooms, Hold & everywhere with Tarr we have got our selves now pritty clear of it we also made a spike hole in the Ship for to let frish water com continuously in the hold as she is so tite that I though the Bilge water was one thing that created the feavor; there is only three on board now that ails anything & even those ye have now no feavour. I have don a very Bould action where with I am afraid I have offended but the Reason for my so doing when rightly understood I hope will atone for my crime Capt. Dwyr as before mentioned arrived here in great Distress ocationed through sickness and as Mr. Anderson was of no servis to me and himself big'd of me to let him go I have Dischargd him: he was a Man that was Quite useless on board he could carry no command & if I tould him anything at ye Cabbin doore before he got to the main Mast he would have for got it again. the night we lost our foremast we thought he had been overboard but through a strict search after all was over we found him in the Main Top & allways when there was anything perticular to do he would be sick of a disorder that the Doctor altho a very (4) Expearienced young man could not find out - it would take a dale of time to mention everything let it suffice that there is not a Boy on board but I have had more good of them than I have had of him, in short Capt. Dwyr can tell you more of him till I can write: His wages & receipt amounted to twenty-four pounds twelve shillings & 4^d, for which I have given him a bill on Mr. Davenport payable at sight. I intend now to make Mr. Evans Chief Mate & advance the other officers accordingly. I have now one hundred & fourty three slaves paid for & ten on board unpaid for.

Nov. y^e 24th 1776

Your Humble Serv^t.

Peter Potter

Dominica June y^e 11th 1777

Messrs. W^m Davenport & C.°

Gentⁿ with this my third oppertunity I have the Pleasure to acquaint you of my good health & Safe Arrival here y^e 19th of May after a passage of 65 days I purchased four hundred & fifteen Slaves and 6279 lb. of Ivory I had ye misfortune to bury 16 slaves & loose two overboard in ye River & left ye Cape ye 15th of March with three hundred and ninety Seven: on ye 28th of March I tuched at St. Thomas where I stayed to Creen & Clean ye ships bottom here I was Oblig^d. to Sell two slaves for to Buy Provisions for y^e rest on y^e 5th of April I left St. Thomas & on ye 14th of May in the Lat. 12^D .. 51^M N. Long. by any Acct. 49. Dom West I fell in with ye Cork Fleet under the convoy of Capt. Wm. Gerneer his Majestys Ships Southampton on ye 17th at 2 O'clock in the afternoon we arrived in Caralile Bay where on my Aplying to Mr. Moore I received a Letter from Mr. Baillie & Co of v^e Grenada dated Febry. 4th wherein he menchons that ye last cargo of Ebbs or Bayd Slaves sold for £29 or 30 a head Bills at 24 : 30 : 36 months & as ye Essex and the Alatear where both at Barbadoes when we arrived & both whent down with ye same Convoy to St. Vincents & Grenada I thought ye Incoragement would be but Small for me to go there. I received your Instructions from ye 28th. Dec. last & have note y^e contents at 10 o'clock at Night we made Sail again & Arrived here as above mentioned with 388 Slaves all in good health having buried in all 25 beside the 2 I sold at St. Thomas it was very lucky for me to fall in with ye Fleet as the Rattle Snake Privateer had been hunting for me this three Months having had every Information about me by Mr. Anderson whom as far as I can larn was an Officer on board of her for some time but now is going Mate of a Vessel to Old France the Markets here for Slaves is very bad owing to the Prizes that is carried continuely into Martineco there is scarce a day but we hear of one or other falling a pray to them it is only three or four days sence they took a Londoner from ye Gold Coast with three hundred & thirty (2) Slaves & is now selling them for ten tons(?) a head. The Elizabeth Capt. Burns, was taken ye 1st. of June by a Privateer of fourteen guns and carried into Martinique & Capt. got wounded in one of his harms. I am afraid I will be obliged to come home in ballast as Mr. Vance has Ship'd of the Fright he proposed for me before my Arrival; you may expect me home with ye next convoy; which sails from here on the 1st or 2nd of Augst. as it will not doe to stay any longer on account of the hearikens & as to my Ivory I believe I must bring it home my Self as I see no ships here of Grater Force & as I shall be under convoy I hope there will be no great danger I have entered a protest against Mr. Anderson of which ye enclosed is a copy we begun our Sales yesterday & sould Seventy nine in deed we should have Sould more had it not been for ye

Surf which was so Voyalent we could not land any more y^e average is £33 - 3/- Starling so Gent^{n.} I wish you a happy Sight of your Ship *Badger* & am Sirs your ever Obedient & humble Servt.

Peter Potter

The enclosed is a copy of What I wrote by Capt. Dwyr

Death List			Discharg ^d	
James Curry	died	Aug ^t . y ^e 7 1776	Ralph Moulding	}
Steph ⁿ Nash	II	Aug ^t . y ^e 10 1776	Robinson Harper	}
John Cooners	II	Aug ^t y ^e 17 1776	John Tate	} May y ^e 24th
John Ward	II	Aug ^t y ^e 20 1776	John Wieckland	} 1777
Benjemen Burton	ıı	Sep ^t y ^e 12 1776	John Aug st	}
James Answorth	"	Sep ^t y ^e 16 1776		
Robert Woodart	II	Feby. y ^e 19 1777	Tho ^{s.} Williams	May y ^e 31st 1777
			John Martin	June y ^e 10th 1777
Run			John Marsh	June y ^e 11
James Yates	Ma	ay y ^e 25 1777		
John Hugh	Dit	to		
John Bakehouse				

Excuse haste

at Sea Aug^t y^e 10th 1777

Messrs. W^m Davenport & Co.

Gentⁿ I wrote you by Cap^t Ralph June y^e 11th from Dominica where I acquainted you of my purches of Slaves & Ivory, the mortality I met with in the River when I left it & the time I Arrived in Dominica the beginning of my sales & sence which time I have buried two more which died of the Small Pox & sold three hundred & Eighty Six at so low an Average as only twenty five pound nineteen shillings and six pence and no Bills for the Cargo as I use to have but promissary notes paiable at two years thirty months & three years after the Ship's Arrival at home with six months Interest on the 30 months & twelve on the 36 months there was no freight to be got as Mr. Morson offered to take Rum at 3^d per Gallⁿ for me to Irland but could not get it there is several of the West Indiesmen not above half full I have got the 'Hectors' ivory on board & Mr. Morson desired me to sign a Bill of Lading for yours & the 'Badger' We left Dominica July 24th and Arrived at St. Kitts y^e 26th & left St. Kitts Aug y^e 1st with a fleet of 116 ships under y^e Convoy of S^r W^m Clement Finch his majesty's Ship y^e 'Cammel' so Gent^m I wish you a happy sight of your ship 'Badger' & am your very humble Serv^t

Peter Potter

P.S. I received a Bill at 9 months for my Own Coast Commissions & have sent it to Mrs. Potter should it come to Land before me & she brings it to you shall be Glad you will forward the same to be Excepted.



Title of Deposit: DAVENPORT			
Item No.	Description	Date(s)	
D/DAV/11/1 - 7	CORRESPONDENCE, ETC., RE HECTOR'S VOYAGE TO AFRICA AND DOMINICA, 1777 The Hector was condemned at Dominica after a collision with The Fly, a convoy naval vessel. This bundle also contains papers, re the Swift, tender to the Hector at Dominica and also the William and the Hawke.	<u>1776 - 1780</u>	
1/1-6	Accounts and Other Papers, re the Hector	<u>1776 - 1778</u>	
1	Bills for outfitting the <i>Hector</i> , timber masts, tar and for carting of the anchor. [3 items]	8 Apr 1776 - 30 May 1778	
2	Accounts of expenses for the re-fitting of the <i>Hector</i> : "Exclusive of the Carpenter's work for the Damage received by running on the West part of Hoyle Bank 26 Apr 1776". [2 copies]	c.26 Apr 1776	
3	Papers, re the condemning of the <i>Hector</i> at Dominica, 5 May 1777. Includes Captain Baillie's Protest, survey report and statements of average for insurance claim. [9 items]	5 May 1777 - 9 Apr 1778	
4	Bills of Sale for elephant's teeth from the <i>Hector</i> , <i>Badger</i> and <i>Dreadnought</i> . [2 items]	21 Nov 1776 - 24 Oct 1777	
5	Bill for clothing from William Griffiths to Captain Fearwether.	28 Jan 1777	
6	Hospital receipts for seamen's sixpence contributions paid by Captain Baillie on behalf of the <i>Hector's</i> crew. [2 items]	31 Oct 1777	
2/1-9	Bills, Correspondence, etc., re the Swift, Tender to the <u>Hector</u>	<u>1776 - 1777</u>	
1	Wage account of Patrick Shannon for service on the <i>Swift</i> , William Brighouse, Master. Paid by William Davenport in Liverpool, 12 September 1776.	11 Jan 1776	
2	Thomas Jenkinson - bill for joinery on board the Swift.	20 Oct 1776	
3	Letter and accounts of Captain Brighouse for barter of rice on the Windward Coast. [2 items]	10 Nov 1776 - 14 Nov 1776	
4	Account of goods delivered by Captain Brighouse to Captain Baillie of the <i>Hector</i> at Calabar.	n.d., c.Dec 1776	



Title of Deposit: DAVENPORT			
Item No.	Description	Date(s)	
D/DAV/11/1 - 7	CORRESPONDENCE, ETC., RE HECTOR'S VOYAGE TO AFRICA AND DOMINICA, 1777 (cont)	<u>1776 - 1780</u>	
2/1-9	Bills, Correspondence, etc., re the Swift, Tender to the Hector (cont)	<u>1776 - 1777</u>	
5	Letters from Captain Brighouse to William Davenport & Co., written from the <i>Swift</i> at Old Calabar, Barbados, Dominica and Bristol. [5 items]	23 Dec 1776 - 21 June 1777	
	The letters describe the <i>Swift's</i> arrival at Barbados with 189 slaves and their having to sail in convoy to Dominque because of privateers. The sales are difficult because supplies of slaves from privateers have lowered the prices, 176 slaves were sold at £28.10s.0d. each.		
	They describe their arrival in Bristol with a cargo of sugar, rice and cotton protected by an armed escort which, upon arrival in Bristol, press-ganged some of the <i>Swift's</i> crew.		
6	Labourer's bills from Bristol and Liverpool, includes cleaning of the <i>Swift</i> and delivery of gun powder to port magazine at Liverpool. [9 items]	28 June 1777 - 21 Jul 1777	
7	Letters and statements of disbursements made by John Fowler, agent at Bristol, on behalf of the <i>Swift</i> . Includes wage receipt of Christopher Crowdry for run to Bristol. [6 items]	June 1777 - 30 Oct 1777	
8	Customs certificate for discharge of cargo at Bristol.	15 Jul 1777	
9	Pilotage bill for Swift at Liverpool.	29 Jul 1777	
3/1-4	Agents Letters	<u>1777 - 1780</u>	
	These relate to all aspects of business at numerous ports and several vessels, as well as the <i>Hector</i> and <i>Swift</i> .		
1	Letters from William Moore, Barbados to William Davenport & Co., includes accounts of disbursements and receipt of ivory from the <i>Swift</i> . [7 items]	24 Mar 1777 - 21 Oct 1777	
2	Letters from Baillie, Fraser & Baillie, St. Christopher to Captain John Sims of the <i>Hector</i> , relating to the poor state of the market at St. Christopher. [2 items]	12 June 1777	



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D/DAV/12/1 - 12	LETTERS, BILLS, ETC., RE VOYAGE OF BARQUE PRINCE GEORGE FROM DOMINICA	<u>1777 - 1778</u>
1	Articles for seamen taken on at Dominica.	7 Nov 1777
2	Wage accounts for voyage from Dominica, includes signed receipt of seamen.	17 Nov 1777 - 17 Mar 1778
3	Letters from Vance, Caldwell & Vance, agents at Dominica to William Davenport & Co., re shipping and trade, includes accounts of expenditure, bills and freight, etc., for the <i>Prince George</i> and other vessels. [11 items]	22 Jan 1778 - 28 Apr 1778
4	Bills of Lading for cargoes from Dominica [x 4]; also manifest of cargo and invoices. [7 items]	22 Jan 1778
5/1-7	Bills and Receipts	<u>1778</u>
1	Bill and Certificate for Pilotage of <i>Prince George</i> into Liverpool. [2 items]	19 Mar 1778 - 25 May 1778
2	Receipts from Captain James Gardner for wages, primage and porterage costs. [4 items]	23 Mar 1778 - 21 Sept 1778
3	Bills for porterage and cartage, William Stephens and James Eaton. [2 items]	25 Mar 1778
4	Labourer's bills and receipts. [10 items]	26 Mar 1778 - 18 May 1778
5	Bills for advertising the vessel, John Gore and A. Williamson. [2 items]	27 Mar 1778 and 10 Apr 1778
6	Cooperage bill - Thomas Huntington.	18 May 1778
7	Bill for middle staysail, John Galley.	25 May 1778
6	Account of George Dunbar for sale of sugar, and bill and letter, re mistaken delivery to Pratchett & Acton, Drayton. [3 items]	28 Mar 1778 - 11 May 1778
7	Auction notice including inventory for the Barque <i>Prince George</i> at George Dunbar's office, Exchange Alley, Liverpool.	10 Apr 1778



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D/DAV/12/1 - 12	LETTERS, BILLS, ETC., RE VOYAGE OF BARQUE PRINCE GEORGE FROM DOMINICA (cont)	<u>1777 - 1778</u>
8	Bills and receipts for damage done to a sloop and a boat by the <i>Prince George</i> , and a copy of the Pilot Committee's order, re the incident. [4 items]	22 Apr 1778
9	Bill and receipts for room and cellar rent. [3 items]	18 May - 20 Jul 1778
10	Memorandum of monies paid on account of the <i>Prince George</i> , by William Davenport.	c.27 Apr 1778
11	Bill of Lading for flax and rum to be shipped on board the <i>May</i> bound for London Derry [sic.].	Apr 1778
12	Original label for bundle: "Barque <i>Prince George</i> from Dominica belonging to Vance, Caldwell & Vance April 1778".	n.d., c.1778



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D/DAV/13/1 - 23	CORRESPONDENCE, ACCOUNTS, ETC., RE ESSEX'S SECOND VOYAGE TO AFRICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	<u>1783 - 1785</u>	
1/1-7	Letters from Captain Peter Potter, written at Africa and St. Vincent, Caribbean to William Davenport & Co.	<u>1783 - 1784</u>	
1	Letter from Captain Potter, Bonavista, informing them of their arrival after a passage of 32 days. [fragile]	18 Jul 1783	
2	Letter written from <i>Bassa</i> , with 66 slaves on board, but trading conditions are slow due to the poor quality of his cloth, compared to a rival captain's. Other misfortunes, include the loss of the bow anchor and the sinking of his best boat. [fragile]	2 Oct 1783	
3	Letter written at Young Sisters reporting of the successful purchase of 290 slaves but of the loss of 15 slaves and 6 crew to illness. Lists names of deceased crew and two runaways. [torn & fragile]	21 Feb 1784	
4	Letter announcing their arrival at St. Vincent's after a passage of 51 days with 291 slaves surviving from a purchase of 330. 37 died and 2 paid in exchange for an anchor. As Mr. Baillie cannot obtain their desired price, Captain Potter will proceed to the Grenades (Grenada) in two days and thence to Charlestown. Includes list of deceased crew and runaways.	15 May 1784	
5	Letter written from St. Vincent's, informing them of his decision not to go to the Grenades or Carolina after receiving intelligence that the markets there were not so good, and that the voyage to Carolina would require more provisions than he could procure. He has sold 207 slaves so far.	30 May 1784	
6	Letter written at St. Vincent's, relating news of the sale of all 280 slaves and the purchase of cotton, sugar and coffee as freight home. [plus copy]	12 June 1784	
7	Letter written at St. Vincent's, re difficulties in arranging for payment for the sugar with Mr. Baillie. [plus copy]	3 Jul 1784	
2	Receipts for monthly wage payments made to wives of the crew. [9 items]	10(?) Sept 1783 - 24 June 1784	



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D/DAV/13/1 - 23	CORRESPONDENCE, ACCOUNTS, ETC., RE ESSEX'S SECOND VOYAGE TO AFRICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (cont)	<u>1783 - 1785</u>
3/1-7	Letters from Baillie & Hamilton at St. Vincent to William Davenport & Co., re sale of cargo of slaves	<u>1783 - 1784</u>
1	Letter of introduction accepting commission to sell the Essex's cargo of slaves.	23 Dec 1783
2	Letter announcing the arrival of the <i>Essex</i> with a cargo of 291 slaves and advising that Carolina might be a better place for their sale. [plus copy]	15 - 16 May 1784
3	Letter announcing Baillie & Hamilton's acceptance of Captain Potter's slaves for sale, as the slaves were deemed "too small for the Carolina market", and their concern at the poor condition of the slaves affecting their value.	26 May 1784
4	Letter comprising a copy of (3) above and a full account of the 207 slaves sold enclosed. Also a copy letter. [3 items]	29 May 1784
5	Letter explaining the reason for the low price of slaves sold and the expected high demand for slaves in September and October. [plus copy]	12 June 1784
6	Letter sent with Captain Potter on the <i>Essex</i> , enclosing accounts of sales of slaves and disbursements made, etc. [plus copy letter, 3 items]	14 Jul 1784
7	Letter responding to Davenport & Co.'s disappointment that the <i>Essex</i> did not proceed to South Carolina, to obtain a higher price and explaining the discrepancy in the accounts. [plus copy letter]	14 Nov 1784
4/1-3	Letters from James Baillie & Co., London to William Davenport & Co., re Baillie & Hamilton's acting for William Davenport & Co. in St. Vincent	1784
1	Letter, re Baillie & Hamilton's agreement to act as agent for William Davenport & Co.	24 Jan 1784
2	Letter informing William Davenport & Co., that Baillie & Hamilton have arranged a sale of slaves, but they are "very sickly", and Captain Potter was not able to hold out any longer for the price hoped for.	20 Jul 1784



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D/DAV/14/1 - 92	RECEIPTS FOR PAYMENTS MADE BY WILLIAM DAVENPORT & CO., FOR CARGO, SUPPLIES AND OUTFITTING COSTS, ETC.	1783 - 1784
1-10	10 items.	1 Dec 1783 - 20 Jan 1784
11-20	10 items.	23 Jan 1784 - 9 Feb 1784
21-30	10 items, including 2 bills.	20 Feb 1784 28 Feb 1784
31-40	10 items.	2 Mar 1784 - 24 Apr 1784
41-50	10 items.	30 Apr 1784 - 31 May 1784
51-60	10 items.	2 June 1784 - 17 Jul 1784
61-70	10 items.	23 Jul 1784 - 3 Sept 1784
71-80	10 items.	4 Sept 1784 - 27 Oct 1784
81-91	12 items.	28 Oct 1784 - 23 Dec 1784
92	Original wrapper for bundle.	n .d.



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D/DAV/15/1 - 6	CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS, RE VOYAGES OF THE ESSEX AND CHRISTOPHER TO AFRICA AND DOMINICA (cont)	<u>1784 - 1788</u>
2/1-32	Bills, etc., re Essex (cont)	<u> 1784 - 1788</u>
12	Draft made by Captain Potter for payment owed to Thomas Marrow for carpentry work on the <i>Essex</i> at Old Calabar.	15 Jan 1786
13	Receipts for wages paid to Mary Loundes on behalf of her husband. [2 items]	17 Jan 1786
14	Letter to William Davenport & Co., from Cobham & Korberg, Dominica, informing them of the safe arrival of the <i>Essex</i> and the condition of the slaves on board.	3 May 1786
15	Letter as above, re the delay in the <i>Essex's</i> sailing caused by murder charges being brought against Captain Potter by his crew. [2 items - also a copy]	3 Jul 1786
16	Manifest of the Essex's cargo departing from Africa and Dominica.	n.d., c.Jul 1786
17	Pilotage certificate and receipt for piloting the <i>Essex</i> into Liverpool. [2 items]	12 Aug 1786
18	Receipt of prime entry duty paid on cargo of ivory.	15 Aug 1786
19	Joseph Blease - Bill for leaden roll (?).	17 Aug 1786
20	William Stevens - Bill for the weighing and portering of cargo of cotton, ivory and wood, etc.	18 Aug 1786
21	Egerton Smith - Bill for cartridge paper.	24 Aug 1786
22	Account of post entry paid on ivory.	28 Aug 1786
23	Thomas Millith - Bills for labouring. [2 items]	29 Aug 1786
24	George Dunbar - Bill for arranging the auction sale of the Essex.	1 Sept 1786
25	John Gore - Bill for advertising the Essex for sale.	28 Sept 1786
26	Earle & Molyneux - Bill for money rendered for the <i>Essex</i> (not paid until 15 April 1788).	Sept 1786



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D/DAV/15/1 - 6	CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS, RE VOYAGES OF THE ESSEX AND CHRISTOPHER TO AFRICA AND DOMINICA (cont)	<u>1784 - 1788</u>
5/1-22	Bills, etc., re the Christopher (cont)	<u>1784 - 1786</u>
3	William Stevens - Bill for porterage.	20 May 1785
4	Receipts for wages paid to Ellen Hornby on account of her husband. [9 items]	5 Aug 1785 - 3 Apr 1786
5	Receipts for David Bean's allowance on the <i>Christopher</i> . [2 items]	20 Oct 1785 - 1 Feb 1786
6	Lists of ivory received on board the <i>Christopher</i> from Captain Peter Potter and the <i>Essex</i> . [3 items]	14 Nov 1785
7	Letter to William Davenport & Co. from Elijah Cobham, Dominica, re the delay in the valuation of Mr. Vance's effects and sale of the estate. Also refers to the safe arrival of the <i>Christopher</i> and the sale of the cargo of slaves. Also a copy of a letter dated 3 February 1786. [2 items]	1 Feb 1786
8	Receipt for wages of Joseph Sudworth.	25 Feb 1786
9	Bill of Lading for wood and fustick to be shipped from Dominica.	4 Mar 1786
10	Letter to William Davenport & Co. from Cobham & Korberg, Dominica, re the proceeds of sales and valuation of Mr. Vance's estate.	5 Mar 1786
11	John Whittle - Bill for taking up an anchor.	2 May 1786
12	Notes of prime entry paid on ivory on board the <i>Christopher</i> . [2 items]	2 - 4 May 1786
13	Receipt and certificate for pilotage. [2 items]	4 - 10 May 1786
14	William Stevens - Bill for porterage.	5 May 1786
15	James Williams - Bill for labourers. [fragile and torn]	18 May 1786
16	Receipt from Anna Summers for husband's wages.	20 June 1786



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D/DAV/15/1 - 6	CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS, RE VOYAGES OF THE ESSEX AND CHRISTOPHER TO AFRICA AND DOMINICA (cont)	1784 - 1788
5/1-22	Bills, etc., re the <i>Christopher</i> (cont)	<u> 1784 - 1786</u>
17	George Dunbar - Bill for the sale of the <i>Christopher</i> at auction to John Galley, and a note of shareholders that have to pay Auction Duty. [2 items]	4 Aug 1786
18	Sale inventory of the Christopher.	4 Aug 1786
19	R. Fisher - Bill for warehouse rent.	8 Aug 1786
20	Daniel Dale - Bill for a Turtle feast.	18 Aug 1786
21	John Edwards - Bill for cartage.	7 Sept 1786
22	John Eaton & Co Bills for cartage. [2 items]	27 Oct 1786
6/1-4	Captain John Howard's Letters	<u>1785</u>
1-4	Letters to William Davenport & Co. from Captain John Howard of the <i>Essex</i> , written at sea and from Waterford, Cameroons and Old Calabar.	3 Apr 1785 - 4 Nov 1785



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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
D/DAV/17/1 - 6	LETTERS, RE FINANCIAL MATTERS	1791 - 1794
1	Letter to William Davenport from Samuel Shaw, Macclesfield, enclosing payment.	18 Oct 1791
2	Letter to William Davenport from John Martineau, London, re a claim for dividend from the estate of James Brown.	28 Oct 1791
3	Letter to William Davenport from Richard Bradkirk, Wray Green, acknowledging receipt of a letter covering a Bill.	8 Feb 1792
4	Letters to William Davenport & Co. from J. Denison & Co., London, re payment in state lottery tickets, settlement of accounts (1793) and payment to Richard Davenport. [3 items]	9 Feb 1792 14 Jan 1794
5	Letter to William Davenport & Co. from David Simes, requesting payment of his dividend from the estate of the late Robert Norris.	10 Mar 1792
6	Letter to William Davenport from Thomas Ward, Macclesfield, re payment of a bill.	29 Apr 1792



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D/DAV/18/1 -7	CORRESPONDENCE, RE ESTATE OF THOMAS WYCLIFF	<u>1777 - 1782</u>
	William Davenport was an Assignee of the estate of Thomas Wycliff, a bankrupt	
1	Account of Thomas Wycliff with William Gregson & Co., balance due to his estate.	31 Dec 1777
2	Bill of Mr. Woods for law charges. [rodent damaged, fragile]	1777
3	Receipts for rent on various properties. [7 items]	1778 - 1782
4	Receipts for dividends received from William Davenport. [15 items]	1782
5	Thomas Wycliff's estate - account of interest paid to 1 July 1782.	1 Jul 1782
6	Copy of Thomas Wycliff's account given to the Commissioners.	21 Aug 1782
7	"A sketch of the settlement of the house bought by Carter".	n.d., c.1782



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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
D/DAV/19/1 - 6	CORRESPONDENCE, RE ESTATE OF JOS. WIMPEY	<u>1772 - 1793</u>
	Legal correspondence and statements of accounts, re Jos. Wimpey, a creditor of William Davenport, who went bankrupt in 1772.	
	In 1776 William Davenport and William Earle were appointed Assignees to Wimpey's bankrupt estate, and Jos. Wimpey describes his effort to recover his debts on their behalf.	
	Jos. Wimpey was William Davenport's London agent, on behalf of the Bead Company in London.	
	The papers have been left in their original arrangement in bundles and the original bundle headings have been retained.	
1/1-25	"Letters and other Papers, re Jos. Wimpey's Bankruptcy, commencing from June 1772 - 30 June 1777"	<u>1772 - 1777</u>
1	Letter from Thomas Hodgson, Liverpool, to William Davenport, re the arrival of the whaler <i>Jenny & Polly</i> from Greenland, and the assignment of Rigg's shares of profits to Wimpey, etc.	29 June 1772
2	Letter from James Clegg to Robert Jenner, informing him of a conflict of interest in the <i>Jenny & Polly</i> case, as he is representing the owners. [torn]	5 Jul 1772
3	Edward Rigg's account with Jos. Wimpey, enclosed in a sale notice for ivory at Fenwick Street, 28 January 1777. [fragile]	7 Jul 1772
4	Legal opinion of Dr. Harris in the case of the Jenny & Polly.	8 Jul 1772
5	Letters from Jos. Wimpey, to William Davenport, re the sale of his estate and financial affairs. [2 items]	4 Mar 1773 - 20 Apr 1773
6	Letters from Ben Webb, London, to William Davenport, re the valuation of Wimpey's estate and creditors, etc. [2 items]	10 May 1773 - 22 Jul 1773
7	Letter from Norris & Sanderson, Chorley, to William Earle, re the sale of Wimpey's estate. [torn]	14 May 1773
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1/1-25	"Letters and other Papers, re Jos. Wimpey's Bankruptcy, commencing from June 1772 - 30 June 1777" (cont)	<u>1772 - 1777</u>
18	Letter from George Pearson to William Davenport, acknowledging receipt of supplemental affidavit and enclosing a copy of the Chancellor's opinion concerning Rigg's mortgage to Wimpey and that William Davenport as his assignee was entitled to 3 4ths of the <i>Jenny & Polly's</i> profit. [2 items]	5 Nov 1774
19	Letter from George Pearson to William Davenport, re his absence and inquiring if William Davenport's brother has examined the briefs and written an opinion.	4 Feb 1775
20	Letter from Jos. Wimpey to William Davenport, explaining his absence in Devonshire when the Petition was heard by the Chancellor and his dismay at its failure.	June 1775
21	Letter from George Pearson to William Davenport, reporting that a meeting is to be held of Wimpey's creditors, at which he will represent William Davenport, and supplying details of the other creditors.	14 June 1776
22	Letter from Jos. Wimpey to William Davenport, reporting on the above meeting and the appointment of the Assignees, and hoping that Mr. Hodgson will not be appointed.	20 June 1776
23	Letter from George Pearson to William Davenport, reporting upon the creditors meetings.	29 June 1776
24	George Pearson's account.	25 Mar 1777
25	Bundle label.	n.d., c.1777
2/1-10	"Papers that are the most material relative to Jos. Wimpey's Estate, 1781"	<u>1772 - 1782</u>
1	Invoices for 70 casks of pot ashes, carried from Trieste on account of William Davenport & Co., from Earle & Hodgson. [2 items]	28 Feb 1772
2	Letter from Jos. Wimpey, Manchester, to William Davenport, requesting a copy of the Commissioner's order, re dividend payments.	5 Feb 1781



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D/DAV/19/1 - 6	CORRESPONDENCE, RE ESTATE OF JOS. WIMPEY (cont)	<u>1772 - 1793</u>
3/1-11	"Papers that are most material, relative to Jos. Wimpey's Estate, 1779" (cont)	<u>1779 - 1793</u>
4	Letters from Jos. Wimpey to William Davenport, re his opinion of Derbyshire's debt, and his interpretation of the Statute of Limitations that "assignees stand only in the shoes of the Bankrupt". Other debts and his attempts to recover them are also mentioned. [2 items]	23 Oct 1779 - 13 Nov 1779
5	Statement of account of William Wood, Attorney, on behalf of Jos. Wimpey. [fragile]	2 Dec 1779
6	"Copy of a list of debts sent to Messrs. Davenport & Earle, 19 March 1778, which were then due to the Estate of Jos. Wimpey, with an Acco ^t received since"	28 Dec 1779
7	Letter from John Harland, South Molton to William Davenport, re payment of dividend. [rodent damaged]	6 Apr 1781
8	Copy letter from William Davenport to John Harland, informing him that he had collected enough money from creditors to allow payment of a third dividend.	20 Jul 1792
9	List of debts. [2 items]	c.1792
10	Original bundle label and string.	n.d., c.1781
11	Letter from W. Friend, Newbury (creditor of Wimpey's estate), to William Davenport, requesting payment of dividend. [fragile]	11 Feb 1793
4/1-18	"Papers that are the most material, relative to the Estate of Jos. Wimpey"	<u>1782</u>
1	Letter from Jos. Wimpey, Manchester, requesting that any outstanding debts due to the partnership of Wimpey & Marsden, should be paid to Thomas Marsden as per previous agreement. Also a letter from Thomas Marsden, re same matter. [2 items]	4 - 7 Mar 1782
2	Letter from Jos. Wimpey, Manchester to William Davenport, re the failure of Brown & Collinson, and the likely difficulties of recovering his debt.	23 Apr 1782



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D/DAV/20/1	DAVENPORT FAMILY	1794
1	Letter from Richard Davenport, to his brother William Davenport, re the interest due upon a Bond Debt due from their late brother Kit's estate.	14 Nov 1794



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D/DAV/21/1	CAPESTHORNE ESTATE	<u>c.1830</u>
1	Assorted bills and receipts from various tradesmen re Davies Davenport and the Capesthorne Hall Estate.	c.1830
	Rehoused in 24 sleeves, fragile, insect damaged, some stuck together. Produced only with staff supervision.	