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# The Choice of Sierra Leone

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Batson's Coffeehouse  
Wednesday the 26th. July 1786.

Mr. Andrews

Mr. Shaw

Mr. Peters

Mr. Hanway in the Chair

Five of the Deputies of the Blacks &c appeared before this Committee and represented that the Blacks in general were not inclined to go to any of the Bahama Islands, apprehending that they cannot find a support there, but that they are willing to go to Sierra Leona, and in confidence of their being, able to live there and obtain their Bread in comfort they mentioned a Person now residing in London who is a native of that country and gives them assurance that all the natives are fond of the English & would **receive** them joyfully.

Resolved

That            be desired to attend this Committee next Friday at 1 O'Clock prepared with a Detail in writing of what he knows of Sierra Leona, that from thence, if it should be thought fit and proper, a Report may be made to the Lords of the Treasury for their Resolution in **case** their Lordships should revert to the Plan of Sierra Leona as the fittest accommodation for the Blacks or otherwise to adhere to the Design of the Bahama Islands.

Ordered

That a distinct List be made of the Asiatic Blacks on the Printed Paper, specifying their Age and **Employment** when they were brought into this country and by whom, with a view to communicate the same to the Directors of the East India Company, also a List of such as were brought over in the King's Ships, and that a Duplicate of each be respectively supplied to the Court of Directors of the East India Company and also the Navy Board.

Resolved

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