

of English trade goods at fair rates. They stand a good chance
of monopolizing $\frac{2}{3}$ of our trade. I like your plan of meeting
the New York opposition very well - you speak of getting
suitable iron-pots cast for the trade, why not iron-bars,
cutlasses, & brass rods? I shall send you sample cutlasses
& brass rods suitable for our trade. They are in very great
demand with iron bars. We cannot get along without
them. There is no limit hardly to the sale of brass rods for
palm^{oil}. They buy it when other goods fail. We pay for it
at 25 cents each per hundred. Our iron bars are 9 or 10 feet
& weigh about 10 lbs. There we sell two for one our palm
oil. Last year I bought 3000 at 25 cents, but cannot ^{purchase}
under 35 cents at present. Enough of trade.

Mr. Rumour writes me that it is your good advice to
try to arrange matters with Rogers & Co. I want to do so, and
you are authorized to add five hundred dollars more to your
first offer, (in to to \$1000) if matters cannot be arranged for
less. Darley is a pretty fellow, after spending so much
in running our late concern, without even consulting me,
to say, that he has been deposed of one penny is impos-
sible. Every one at Messina knows who did all the heavy
work and upon whose good name the concern stood at the
North. I was a few months ago doing business at S-
Leone with goods brought out from England: but the
black vomit has been doing its fatal work again there -
and I know not, if he is among the living.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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