List of vessels arrived off Cape Coast Castle, (Africa,) during each year, from the 1st January, 1833, to the 31st December, 1841, distinguishing British merchant vessels, foreign merchant vessels, and British ships of war; extracted from the official list of arrivals and departures transmitted periodically from Cape Coast Castle.

Years.	Merchant vessels.		British ships of war.	Total.
	British.	Foreign.		
1833 - - -	67	10	6	83
1834 - - -	66	30	2	98
1835 - - -	65	33	11	109
1836 - - -	58	25	8	91
1837 - - -	75	21	7	103
1838 - - -	53	24	10	87
1839 - - -	88	22	11	121
1840 - - -	88	25	15	128
1841 - - -	87	27	15	129
Total - -	647	217	85	949
	864			

Extract from Mr. Jefferson's Message, March 20, 1806.

I congratulate you, fellow-citizens, on the approach of the period at which you may interpose your authority, constitutionally, to withdraw the citizens of the United States from all further participation in those violations of human rights which have been so long continued on the unoffending inhabitants of Africa, and which the morality, the reputation, and the best interests of our country, have long been eager to proscribe. Although no law you may pass can take prohibitory effect till the first day of the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, yet the intervening period is not too long to prevent, by timely notice, expeditions which cannot be completed before that day.

Extract from Mr. Madison's Message, November 29, 1809.

By some of the other belligerents, although professing just and amicable dispositions, injuries materially affecting our commerce have not been duly controlled or repressed. In these cases, the interpositions deemed proper on our part have not been omitted. But it well deserves the consideration of the Legislature, how far both the safety and honor of the American flag may be consulted, by adequate provision against that collusive prostitution of it by individuals, unworthy of the American name, which has so much favored the real or pretended suspicions under which the honest commerce of their fellow-citizens has suffered.

Extract from Mr. Madison's Message, December 5, 1810.

Among the commercial abuses still committed under the American flag, and leaving in force my former reference to that subject, it appears that American citizens are instrumental in carrying on a traffic in enslaved Africans, equally in violation of the laws of humanity and in defiance of those of their own country. The same just and benevolent motives which produced the interdiction in force against this criminal conduct will doubtless be felt by Congress in devising further means of suppressing the evil.

Extract from Mr. Madison's Message, December 3, 1816.

The United States, having been the first to abolish, within the extent of their authority, the transportation of the natives of Africa into slavery, by prohibiting the introduction of slaves and by punishing their citizens participating in the traffic, cannot but be gratified by the progress made by concurrent efforts of other nations toward a general suppression of so great an evil. They must feel at the same time the greater solicitude to give the fullest efficacy to their own regulations. With that view, the interposition of Congress appears to be required by the violations and evasions which it is suggested are chargeable on unworthy citizens, who mingle in the slave trade under foreign flags and with foreign ports, and by collusive

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