Primary Sources and Transcriptions

# Description

This packet includes 5 scanned images of primary source documents and their transcriptions for “Salem, Slavery and the Sacred Cod.” A large image of the primary source on one page is followed by a second page divided in half. The left side of the page shows a smaller image of the document with the citation and credit information below it. The right side of the page is the transcription of the document.

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# Description of 1762 Letter

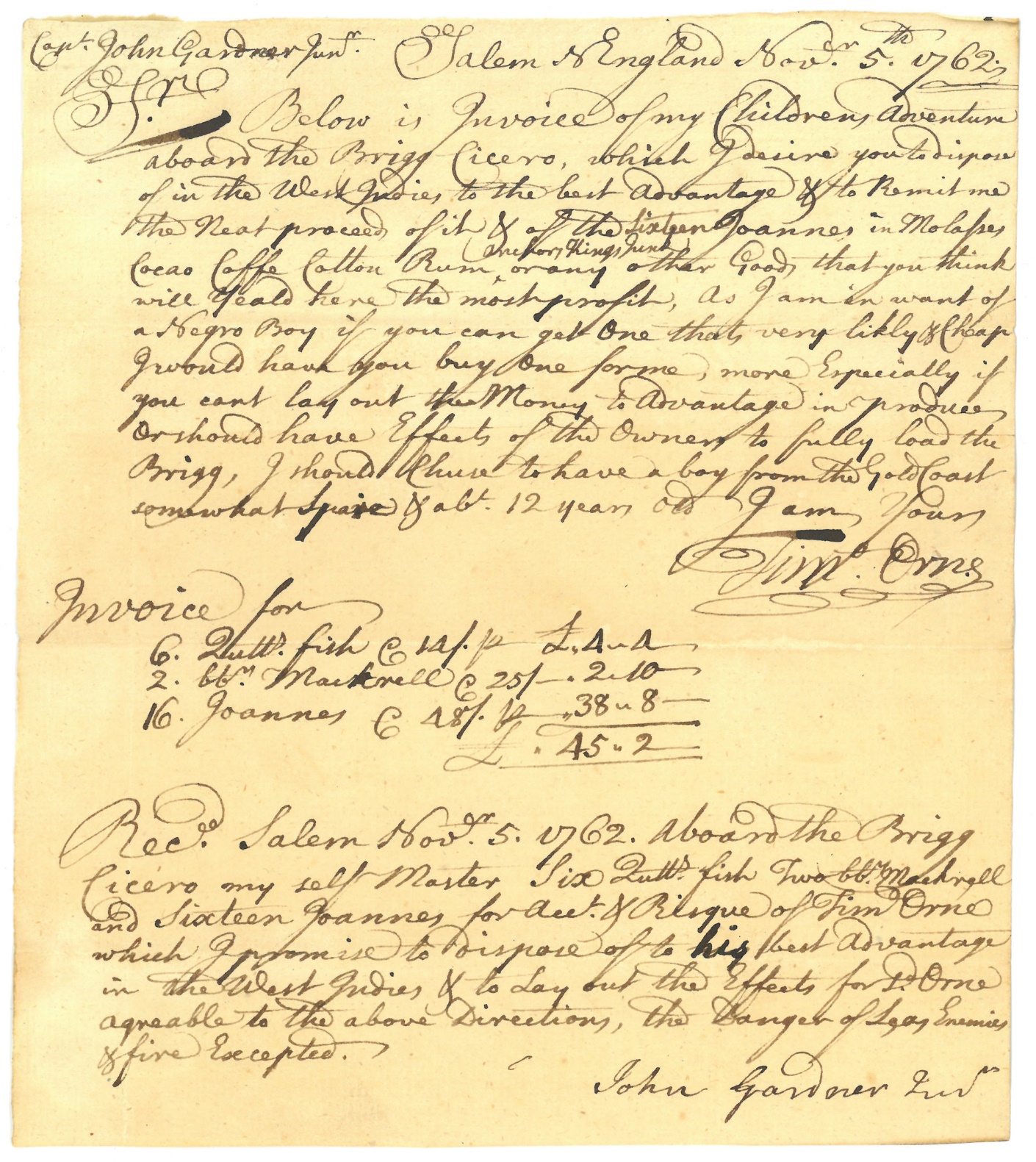
The 1762 letter is an example of a merchant making a request of the ship captain to purchase an enslaved person for their own household. What is also striking is the letter highlights the privilege the entire family has as compared with the enslaved 12-year-old they are about to purchase - in the letter the ship owner/enslaver is allowing his children to make an investment in the voyage, referred to as his “children’s adventure.”

# Transcription Guidelines

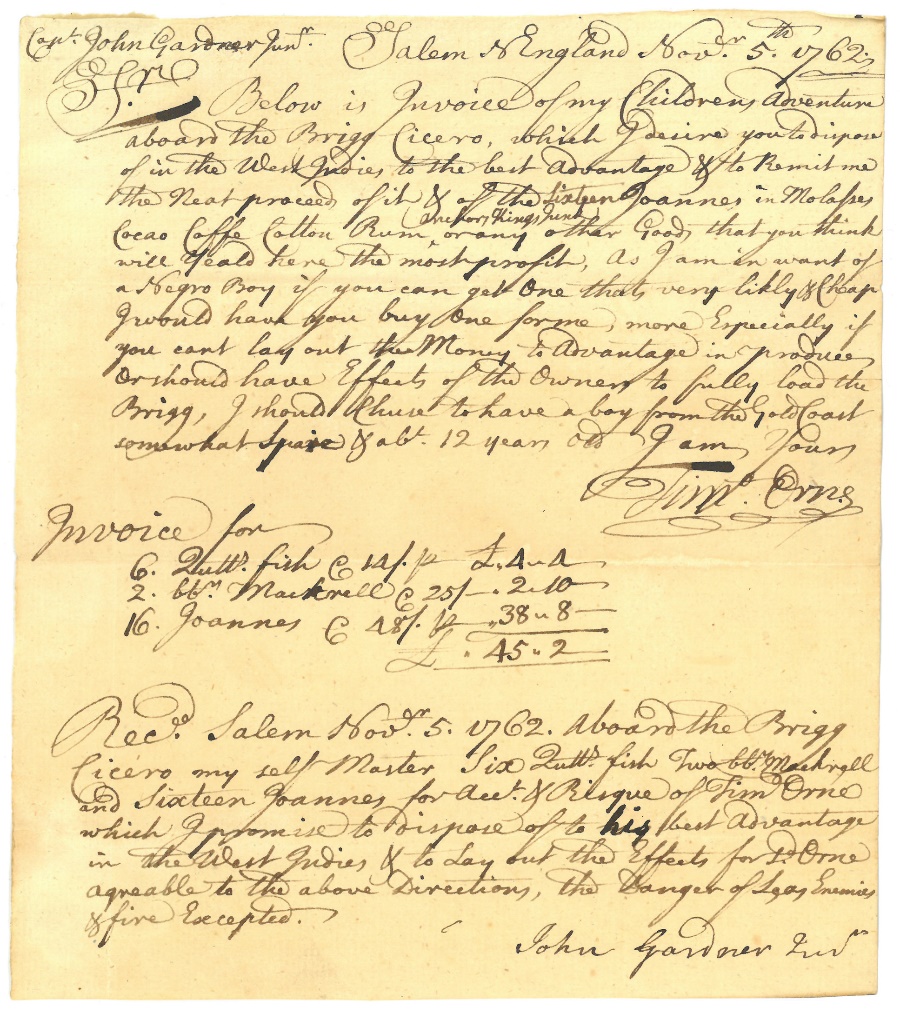
When transcribing the handwritten document, the overall goals were to (1) make the text more readable and understandable for the audience and (2) to keep as much of the original text as possible. Some documents contain text that is not relevant to the lesson. On these documents, only the yellow highlighted portion on the small image is transcribed.

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1762 Letter



Citation and Credit:

Orne Family Papers, MSS 41, Box 3, Folder 7

Courtesy of The Phillips Library, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Mass.

Transcription

Captain John Gardner, Jr. Salem New England Nov. 5, 1762

Sir: Below is an invoice of my children’s adventure aboard the Brigg Cicero, which I assign you to dispose of in the West Indies to the best advantage & to remit me the neat proceed of it and of the 16 Johannes (Portuguese gold coin) in molasses, cocoa, coffee, cotton, rum, or any other goods that you think will yield here the most profit. As I am in want of a Black boy if you can get one that’s very likely & cheap I would have you buy one for me, more especially if you can’t lay out that money to advantage in produce or should have effects of the owner to fully load the Brigg. I should choose to have a boy from the Gold Coast somewhat spry & abt. 12 years old. I am yours, Timothy Orne

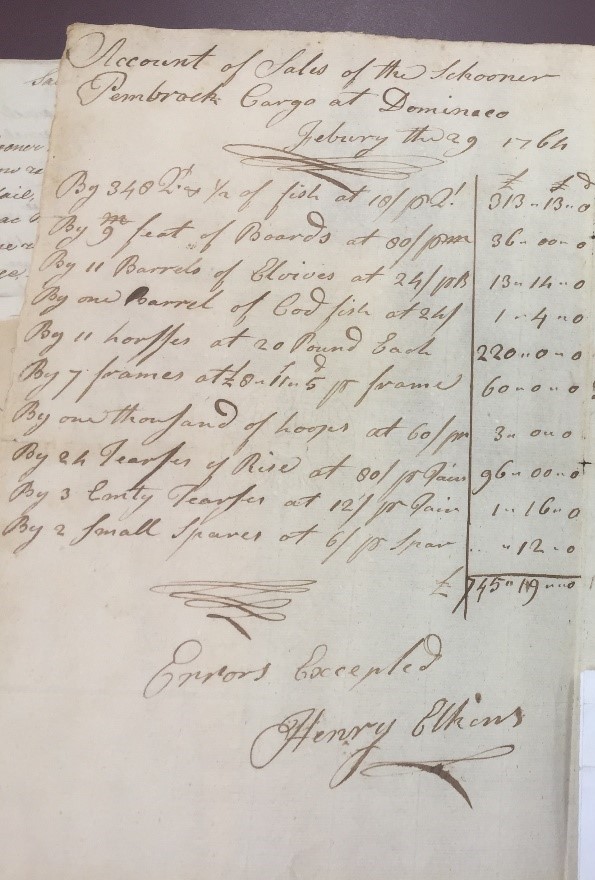
Invoice for

6 butts (a type of barrel) fish

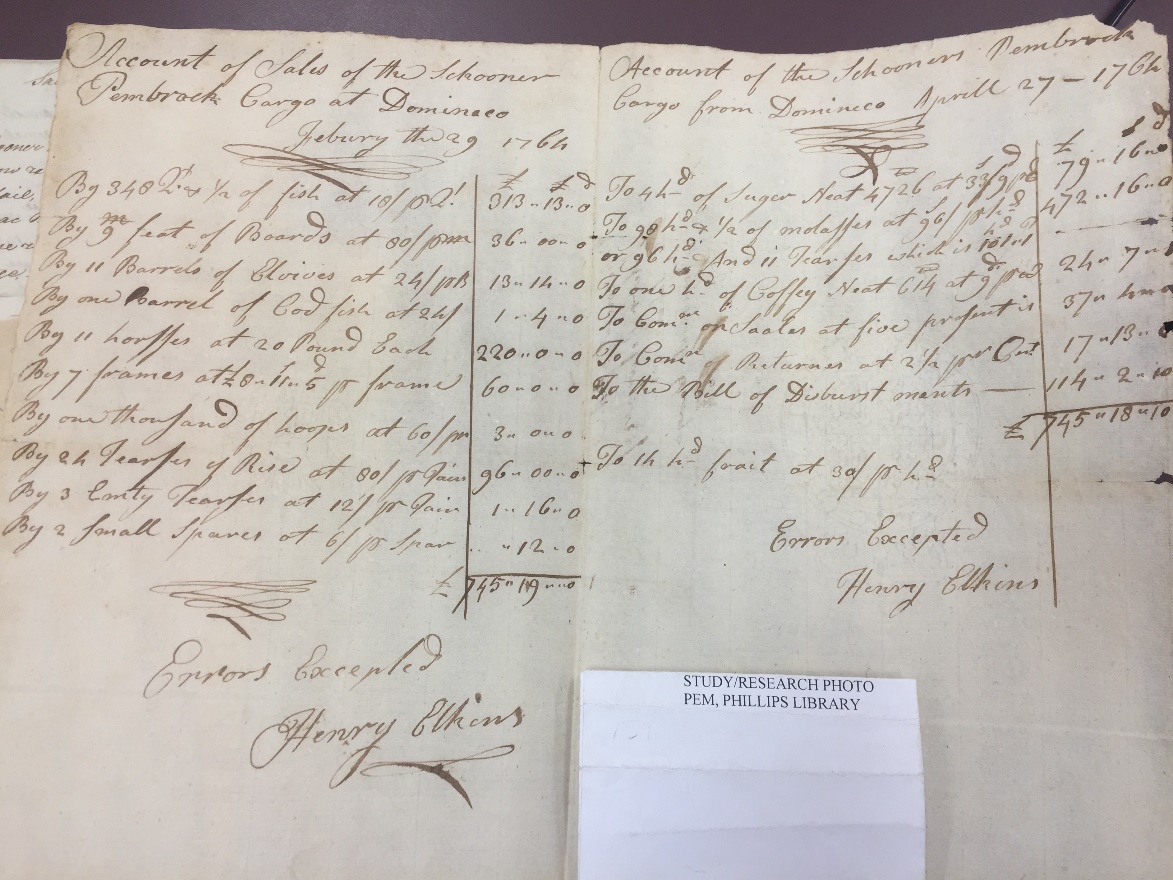
2 barrels mackerel

16 Johannes

Received Salem Nov. 5, 1762, Aboard the Brigg Cicero myself Master Six Butts Fish, Two barrels mackerel and 16 Johannes for Account + Risk of Tim Orne which I promise to dispose of to his best advantage in the West Indies + to lay out the effects for Orne agreeable to the above directions, the danger of seas, enemies, and fire excepted. John Gardner, Jr.



1764 Account of Sales, p. 1



Citation and Credit:

Derby Family Papers, MSS 37, Box 6, Folder 6

Courtesy of The Phillips Library, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Mass.

Transcription

Account of Sales of the Schooner Pembroke cargo at Dominica February thru August 1764

By 348 2x & 1/2 of fish at 18/???

By 9 feet of Boards at 80/??

By 11 barrels of Alewives (a type of fish)

By one barrel of cod fish at 24/

By 11 horses at 20 pound Each

By 7 frames at £8.11.5 per frame

By one thousand of hoops at 60/per

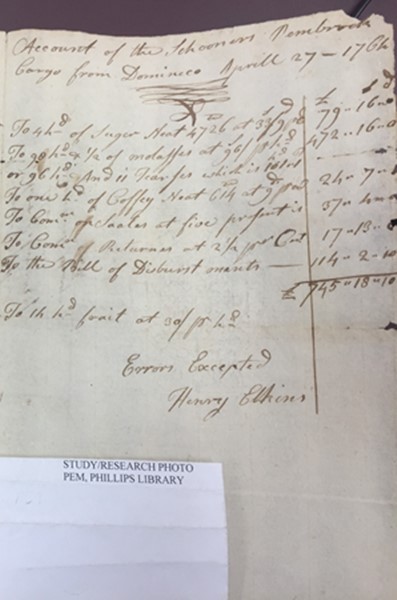
By 24 tierces (a type of barrel) of rice at 80/per pair

By 3 empty tierces at 12/per Pair

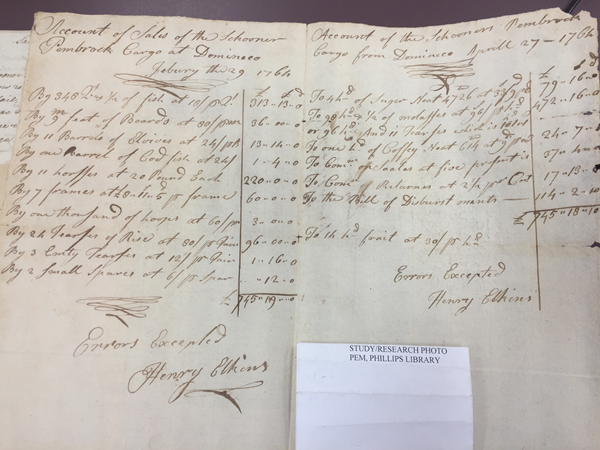
By 2 small spars at 6/per Spar

Errors Excepted

Henry Elkins



1764 Account of Sales, p. 2



Citation and Credit:

Derby Family Papers, MSS 37, Box 6, Folder 6

The Phillips Library, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Mass.

Transcription

Account of the Schooner Pembroke Cargo from Dominica

April 27, 1764

To 4 hogsheads of sugar neat

To 90 hogsheads and a half of molasses

or 96 hogsheads and 11 tierces

To 1 hogshead of coffee neat

To commission on sales at 5 percent

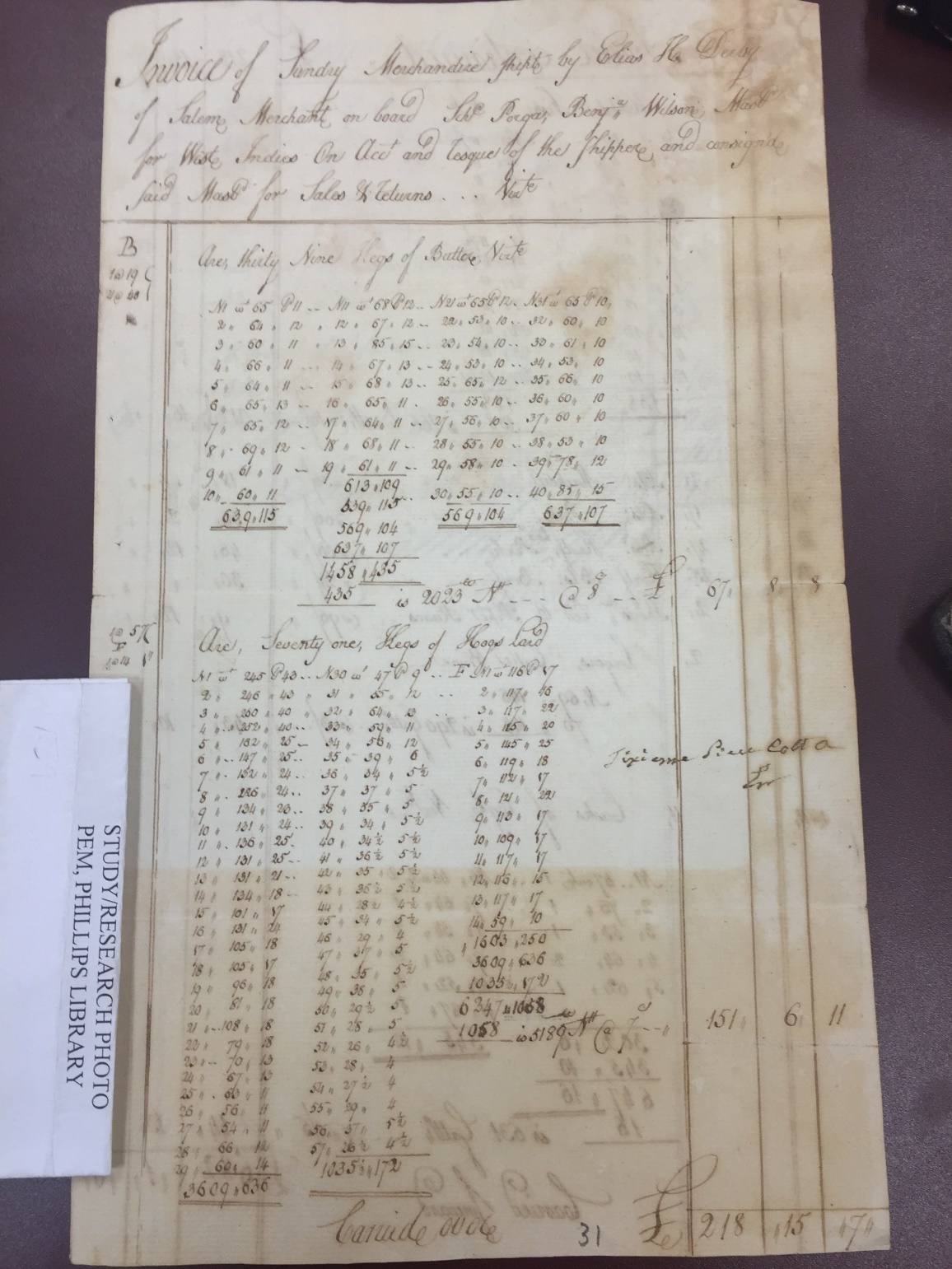
To commission on returns at 2 1/2 percent

To the bill of disbursements

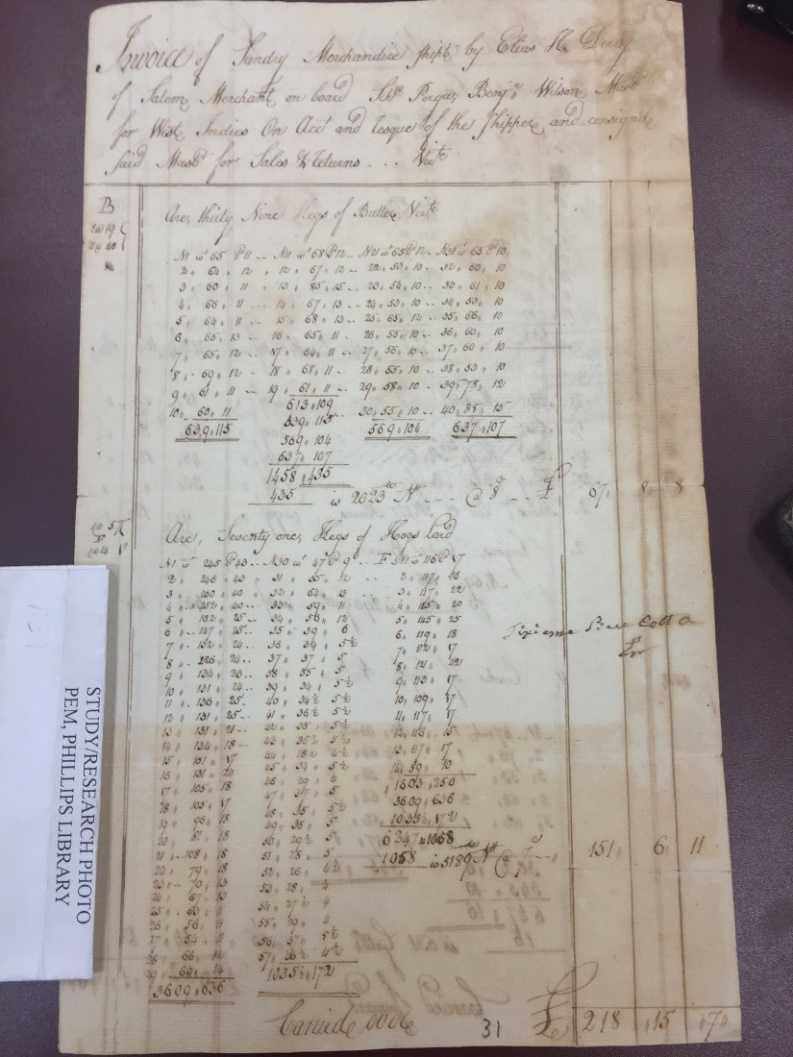
To 1 hogshead ?? at 30/pr hogshead

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1792 Invoice, p. 1



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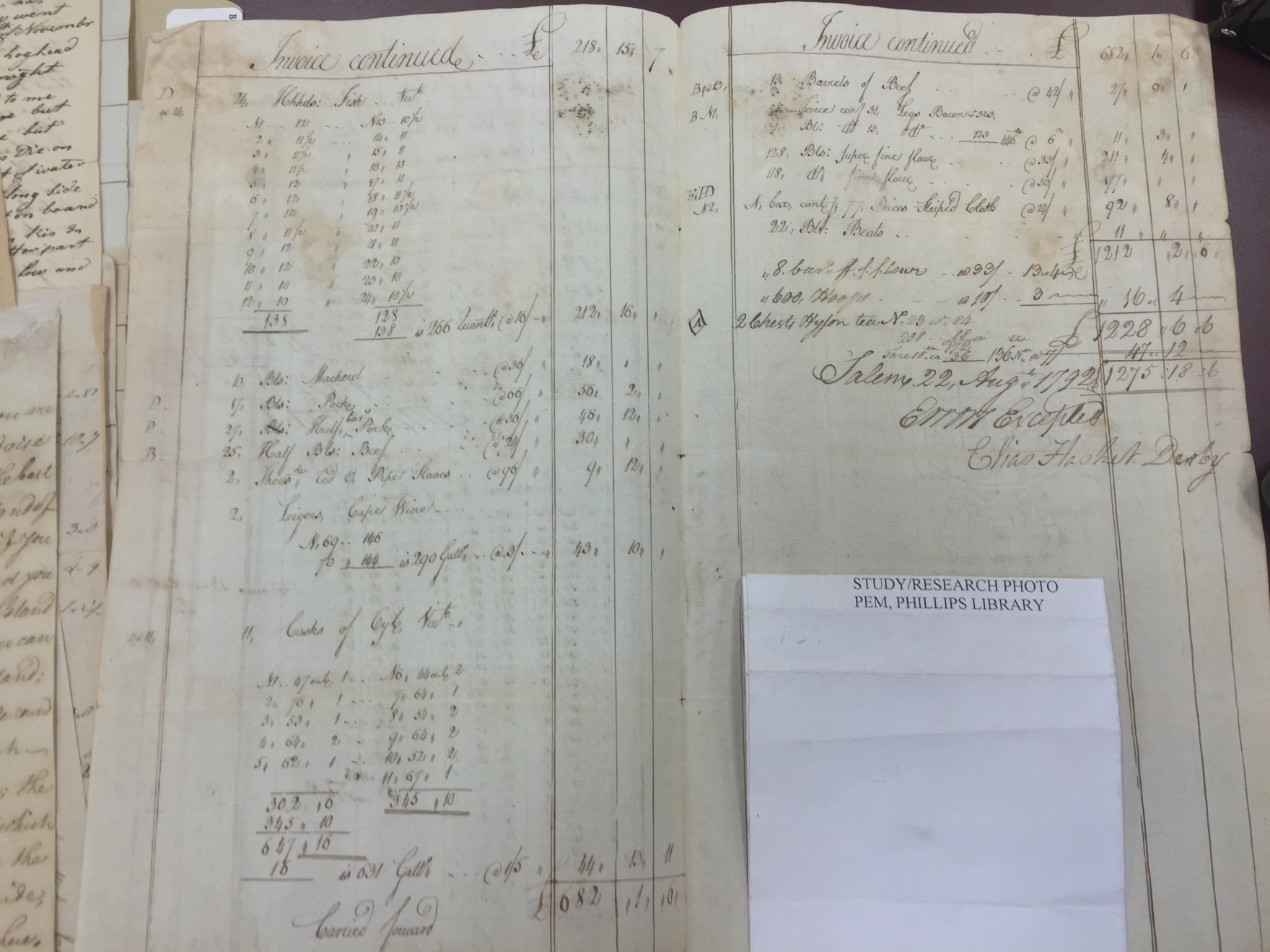
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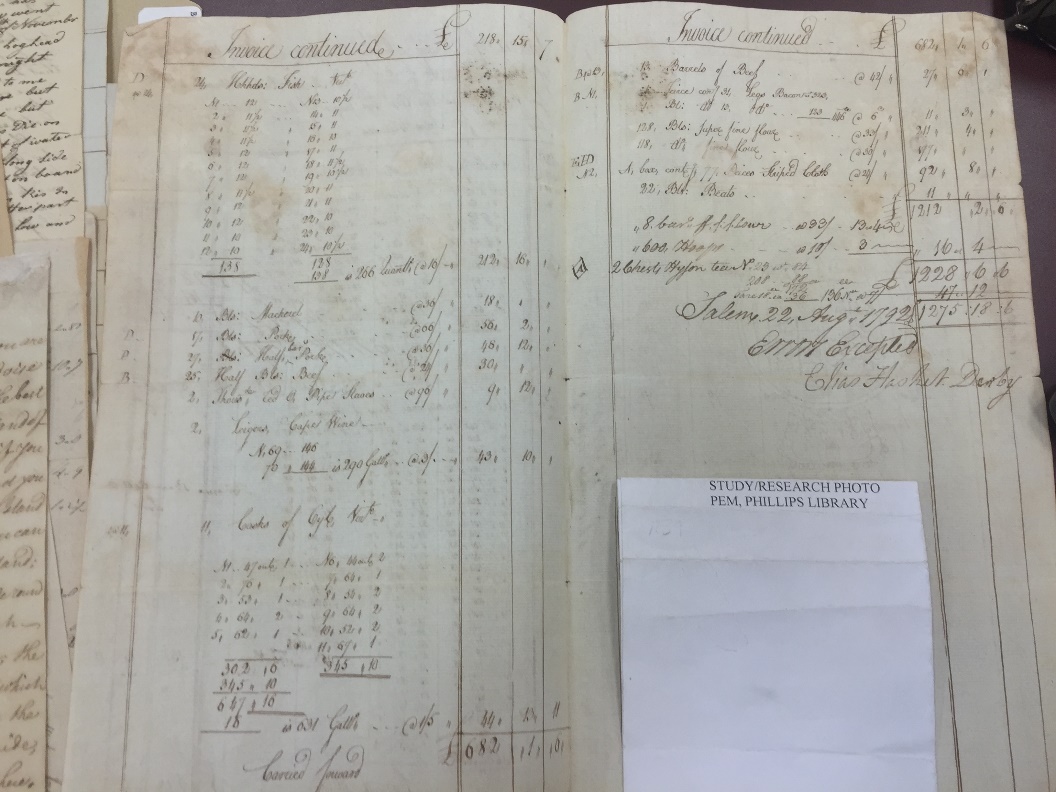
Invoice of sundry merchandise shipped by Elias H. Derby

of Salem, Merchant on board Schooner *Porga,* Benjamin Wilson, Master for West Indies on account and risk of the shipper and consigned.

39 kegs of butter, neat

71 kegs of hogs lard

1792 Invoice, p. 2



Citation and Credit:

Derby Family Papers, MSS 37, Box 6, Folder 6

Courtesy The Phillips Library, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Mass.

Transcription

Hogsheads: Fish

1 barrel of beef

Tierce containing 31 legs bacon

Barrel: ditto

128 barrels super fine flour

118 ditto fine flour

A box containing 77 pieces striped cloth

22 barrels beets

8 barrels superfine flour

600 hoops

2 chests Hyson Tea

Salem 22, August 1792

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Elias Hasket Derby

10 barrels: Mackerel

7 barrels: Pork

27 Bls: Half Bls: Beef

25 half barrels: Beef

2 thousand [illegible] Pipe Staves

2 ligers Cape Wine

11 casks of oil neat