

To the Right Reverend Father in God,
ROBERT, Lord Bishop of London :

The **MEMORIAL** of **GUSTAVUS VASSA**

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THAT your memorialist
is a native of Africa, and has a know-
ledge of the manners and customs of
the inhabitants of that country.

That your memorialist has resided
in different parts of Europe for twenty-
two years last past, and embraced the
Christian faith in the year 1759.

That your memorialist is desirous of returning to Africa as a missionary, if encouraged by your Lordship, in hopes of being able to prevail upon his countrymen to become Christians ; and your memorialist is the more induced to undertake the same, from the success that has attended the like undertakings when encouraged by the Portuguese through their different settlements on the coast of Africa, and also by the Dutch : both governments encouraging the blacks, who, by their education are qualified to undertake the same, and are found more proper than European clergymen, unacquainted with the language and customs of the country.

Your memorialist's only motive for

soliciting the office of a missionary is, that he may be a means, under God, of reforming his countrymen and persuading them to embrace the Christian religion. Therefore your memorialist humbly prays your Lordship's encouragement and support in the undertaking.

GUSTAVUS VASSA.

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