This is to make it known that Major John Peddie, Capt. The. Campbell, 1st and Surgeon Will. Cowdry, have been employed by the British Government to proceed from Senegal into the interior of Africa, to trace the course of the River Niger, and to obtain such information respecting the Countries through which they pass as may be useful in the extension and improvement of Commerce which is the object of the British Government in sending those persons to Africa, and that any Person who may happen to meet with these Gentlemen, and shall be the Bearer of a Letter to the Governor of this or any other British Settlement on the Gold Coast, from either of them, shall receive five Ounces of Gold, and be liberally rewarded for any Service or Act of kindness which it may appear by such Letter may have been rendered to either of them.

Witness my hand at...

[Signature]

[Note: The text is in Arabic and is a translation of the English text.]