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SLAVE TRADE RECORDS FROM LIVERPOOL,
1754-1792

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Learn about Liverpool's role...

Liverpool's strategic location on the west coast of Britain meant it was the perfect gateway for trade with new markets in the Americas.

By the 18th century a large portion of Britain's economy was dedicated to exporting enslaved Africans, considered sub-human and conceptualised only in terms of commercial profit, to the New World.



Most of the files are drawn from the Liverpool Record Office.

...in the transatlantic slave trade

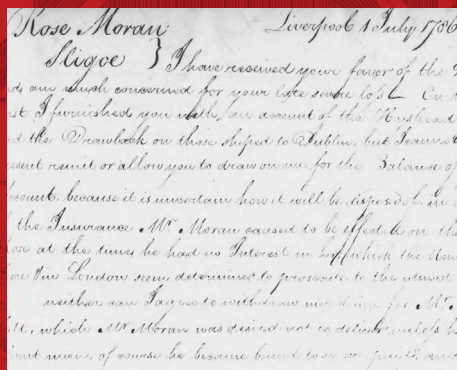
Letter to Mr. Stephen Fagan
From ? David Tuohy.

Liverpool Augst. 28th 1771.

Sir.

I beg leave to take the liberty of you informing that I have been in the African Trade for many years in which I have made a pretty fortune, I am now inclined to go no more to Africa but follow the business of a merchant in this Town as I never had an opportunity of using the Trade to yr. City, of course I know but

The collection contains handwritten letters and logistical papers from wealthy British and Irish merchants, such as Thomas Leyland and David Tuohy.



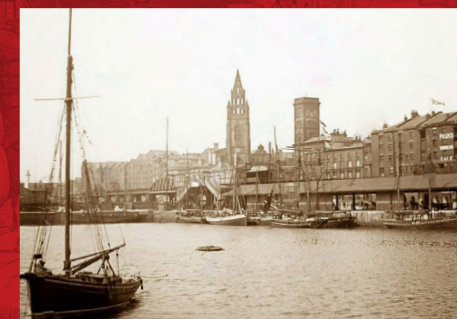
The sober tone of the files may appear disturbing to the modern viewer, given the troubling subject matter.

British Online Archives' collection, *Liverpool Slave Trade Records, 1754-1792*, contains archival material relating to one of the darkest epochs of the British Empire.

This collection consists of a multitude of documents that facilitated the sale of enslaved people in the Americas, including financial files, personal correspondence, and ships logbooks.



Study the actions and rhetoric around the trading of enslaved people across the Atlantic.



The collection demonstrates the commercial prowess of Liverpool as a trading port.

By the time slavery was abolished in 1807, over 1 million enslaved people had passed through Liverpool on the way to the New World.

“These records are vital for the study of trade practices on the West African coast, the motives and commercial outlook of captains and merchants in the slave trade, and the abhorrent perception of the enslaved”, Kenneth Morgan, Brunel University

Sources include: Liverpool (England). Record Office

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