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Ahmuty & Co - wine madeira

5 Dec 1765 James to Alex Gordon - Our business has come to a fine pass . . Ahmuty of London offered Capt Morris wine at £13.0.0 and to advance him £2000 in money. He told him that he would guarantee the wines & ship them as good as any house here. Letterfourie Papers note 30 p164 Worlds of the EIC

Arthur Ahmuty 1750-1797

1781 m Margaret Sophia Shaw

1782 Mr Achmuty Memoirs of William Hickey Funchal Madeira. 27 June At daylight of the 27th made sail and at six passed the east end of the island and at eight anchored in the roads of Funchal. Found only three small ships there but soon after we anchored a large ship came in having been only thirteen days on her passage from Portsmouth. Mrs Aldus having asked us to reside at her house during our stay we gladly accepted the obliging invitation. At 10 oclock her husband came on board to whom she introduced us. We accompanied them on shore to the excellent house of Mr Aldus. After dinner he took us to Mr Murrays the British Consul, to Mr Murdochs, Mr Achmutys and two or three other gentlemen of the island.

1785 Dec 1 Ahmuty & Co - EICO Madeira wine John Kingston acting for AC of Madeira and EICO

1787 Ahmuty, Masterton & Co. Arthur Ahmuty mercht of Madeira & James Masterton 3yr partnership.

James Masterton m Anna Amelia Murdoch dof James Murdoch, Madeira. 1800 James Masterton, James Murdoch, Thomas Yuille then of London, Andrew Wardrop and James Denyer merchts of Madeira 5yr partnership Murdoch, Masterton & Co.

Alberto Viera - Funchal Madeira wine merchants-

1788 Arthur Ahmuty & Co. Scott Pringle & Co. Murdoch Tears & Co. Newton Gordon & Johnston. Noulan & Leacock. Pedro Mendonga Drumond. Caudell Innes & Co. Lamar Hill Disset & Co. Paulo Malheiro de Melo. Gordon Duff. Smith & Duff. Christopher e Guilherme Lynch. Phelps & Morrissey. Edward Moore. Foster & Sons. Richard Brushel. Duarte Clark. Phelps & Co.

1789 Ahmuty & Masterton. Scott Pringle & Co. Murdoch Tears & Co. Charles Adler

1797 Arthur Ahmuty GM Obit 21 Dec 1797 aged 47yrs

1800 Jan 31 Margaret Sophia Ahmuty assigned Marylebone lease to John Kingston & Joseph Crump merchts of New Broad St London.

If you want excellant Madeira send your orders to Mr Masterton at Messrs Kingston Crump and Company, New Broad Street London and direct the wine to be forwarded to me in India on your account - JB Fortescue

1741 John Leacock of London apprenticed 1749 to British merchts Catanach & Murdoch of Madeira.

1757 Murdoch died John Leacock m his widowed daughter Mrs Durban. 1748 Francis Newton sailed for Madeira est Cossart Gordon & Co. 1758 Thomas Gordon of Balmaghie & Francis Newtons est Newton & Gordon. 1850 his gson Russell Manners Gordon became partner - British in Madeira

1755 Nov 4 John Cossart of Cork m Margaret Cavendish at St Annes Dublin of Sir Henry 1Bt FS Reddon

1808 William Cossart to Madeira from Ireland where been agent for Newton, Gordon, Murdoch & Co. Cossarts Huguenots lived Ireland. 1831 est Newton Gordon Cossart & Co. 1861 Cossart Gordon & Co

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Dear Dr. Vieira

I was very interested to find on the Internet your website concerning English firms and the wine trade of Madeira in the 18th century. The firm Almuty, in particular, is of interest as for some years I have been researching the history of the Auchmuty family (alternative spelling: Achmuty; Ahmuty; Almuty), and I would be very obliged if you are able to give me any further details concerning the brothers Thomas and Arthur Ahmuty (Almuty).

The Auchmuty family emigrated from Scotland to Ireland in the 17th century and from there to England and America in the 18th century. According to the enclosed copy of Burke's Landed Gentry, Thomas, son of Townley of Dublin, was of 'Madeira and of Bath'. Further research has revealed that Thomas lived from 1738 to 1801 and that he had a brother Arthur.

From the Internet I have found that James Masterton knew Arthur and that in 1787 'he entered into partnership for three years with Arthur Ahmuty of the Island of Madeira, merchant, the firm being Ahmuty, Masterton & Co.' Also an original copy of Arthur's Will dated 1796, speaks of the 'great esteem and regard' he has for 'James Masterton esq. of the Island of Madeira'.

If you can provide any further information at all regarding the activities of Thomas and Arthur Ahmuty (Almuty), I would be extremely grateful.

Yours sincerely

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Terminada a acção de W. Bolton em 1740, surgem novos comerciantes ingleses, como John Leacock (1741), Francis Newton (1745). O primeiro tomou contacto com o negócio de vinho da **Madeira** na firma de Catanach e Murdoch, fundando depois a companhia - Leacock & Ca. Lda., a que em 1759 se junta a Michael Nowland e em 1762 John Russel Spence, esta firma segundo recomendação do Congresso americano de 1774 detinha o monopólio da exportação de vinho para a América. Com a sua morte em 1799 a firma passou para as mãos do seu filho William. O segundo instalou-se por igual forma na ilha ⁽¹²⁵⁾ e com o apoio do seu irmão na América dedicou-se ao comércio de exportação de vinho para esta área. A sua firma - Francis Newton (1745/8) -, juntou-se em 1748 a Spence, Newton & Spence (1748/58), em 1758 Gordon-Newton & Gordon (1758/81), em 1791 Johnston-Newton Gordon & Johnston (1791/1802), em 1802 Murdoch-Newton, Gordon & Murdoch (1802/5); em 1805 morre Francis Newton mas manteve-se a firma a que em 1805 se juntou Scott-Newton, Gordon & Scott C^a. (1805/34), tendo-se juntado em 1831 Cossart, de origem heguenote, passando assim a firma a chamar-se, a partir de 1839 - Newton, Gordon, Cossart & C^a, sendo em 1861 retirado o nome do fundador, ficando só Cossart, Gordon & C^a ⁽¹²⁶⁾. Desta firma temos notícia em 1797 da exportação de 300 pipas para a Índia, em 1799 de 3.041 para W. Índias e em 1780 de 200 para Savannah e Charleston ⁽¹²⁷⁾. R. C. Cooke referindo-se à acção destes dois negociantes de vinho salienta: - "They came to the island with nothing, they showed great enterprise, they work hard, took risks and gained their reward. They left two firms behind their wick while others came and went, remained rivals for a hundred and twenty years" ⁽¹²⁸⁾.

A partir de 1789 temos documentada a acção dos negociantes de vinho no porto do Funchal, donde podemos destacar nesse ano a acção dos ingleses com as duas firmas referidas em destaque conjuntamente com Murdoch Terns & C^a, Carlos Adler, Scott Pringle & C^a, Banger & C^a, Amuty & Mateston, João Searle & C^a. Da parte dos nacionais destaque para D. Guiomar Magdalena de Sá, Pedro Jorge Monteiro, Bertoldo Francisco Gomes, Antonio Vieira, Antonio Joaquim de Sousa ⁽¹²⁹⁾.

Com o início do século XIX em face da ocupação inglesa, dá-se um novo surto das firmas inglesas com a instalação de John Blandy (1802), Rutherford & Grant (1814). Este último se associou a Drury, mas em 1878 dissolve-se a companhia ficando Rutherford, Browne, Drury & C^a.

A partir das listas surgidas nos documentos oficiais podemos fazer um apanhado dos comerciantes mais importantes da praça do Funchal. Assim em 1754 temos uma primeira lista de comerciantes ingleses: João Catanach, Gul Mundach, Richard Hill, Thomas Lamar, Richarte Hill Junior, João Scott, João Pringle, Math Hiccox, Carlos Chambers, Diogo Gordon, João Searle, Francisco Newton, Sam Sills ⁽¹³⁰⁾.

1788 Em 1758 em nova lista temos já a referencia aos nacionais - D. Guiomar Magdalena de Sá Vilhena, Pedro Jorge Monteiro, Paulo Malheiro de Melo, Carvalhal Allen e Araújo, Pedro de Mendonça, Murdoch, Tern & C^a. Newton, Gordon & Johnston, Phelps & C^a. Diogo Ayres & Filhos, João Searly & C^a, Scott Pringle & C^a, **Almuty** Masterson & C^a, Cristóvão e Guilherme Lynch, Lamar Hill Bisset & C^a, Condell Innes & C^a, Diogo Fleming, Diogo Dinver Junior, viúva de Foster & Filhos, José Selby, Gordon Duff, Smith Duff ⁽¹³¹⁾.

Em 1788 numa representação dos comerciantes de vinho acerca do emprego do suco da cereja preta para a coloração do vinho assinam: - Pedro Jorge Monteiro, Carvalhal Allen & Araújo, Murdoch Terns & C^a, Newton Gordon & Johnston, Noulán & Leacock, Pedro Mendonça Drumond, Caudell Innes & C^a, Lamar Hill Disset & C^a, Scott Pringle & C^a, Paulo Malheiro de Melo, Gordon Duff, Smith & Duff, Cristóvão e Guilherme Lynch, Arthur **Almuty** & C^a, Phelps & Morrissey, Eduardo Moore, viúva de Foster & Filhos, Ricardo Brushel, Duarte Clark ⁽¹³²⁾.

Em 1803 numa representação dos comerciantes da praça do Funchal sobre a questão das estufas, assinaram:

- nacionais - Correia de França & C^a, Nuno & Antonio de Freitas, Perestrelo de Castro & C^a, Paulo