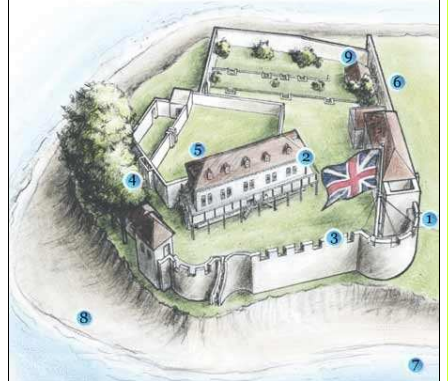


Bunce Island Committee

FoSL's newest committee, created in September 2006, furthers the educational mandate of FoSL and supports the discussion and dissemination of information on major historical and cultural topics of common interest between the peoples of the United States and Sierra Leone. To begin with, the Committee is focusing on activities and new developments regarding Bunce Island-related research, but will include other research pertaining to other common topics including the Gullah/Geechee cultures of South Carolina and Georgia, and the Amistad Saga, among others.

Bunce Island Fund. In addition to the Committee, the Board created the Bunce Island Fund that is used to fund research as well as educational books, videos, exhibits, CDs, brochures, fliers, and other educational endeavors. The largest donation to this fund has been the \$25,000 contribution from the Gondobay Manga Foundation to fund the educational computer animation project being undertaken by Professor Joseph Opala of James Madison University (Virginia), using computer animation technology, to recreate Bunce Island as it appeared in 1805.

The Fortress at Bunce Island



In 2007 the World Monuments Fund placed Bunce Island (and several other Sierra Leone sites) on their list of the world's most endangered monuments.

Bunce Island is recognized as Sierra Leone's premier historic attraction that can draw foreign capital and generate local investment



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