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LETTERS FROM TELlicherry

1733-34

(VOLUME No. 3)

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN Esq^a.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCILL
ON BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Since our last of the 15th. Ultimo Via Goa Triplicate whereof goes now We have received your Commands of the 11th. September ☿ Shybar the 23^d. Ditto, and another of the 28th. of said Month ☿ Princess of Wales, who imported the 23^d. Instant at Night.

We shall be mindfull to recover of the Supra Cargoes of the Canton Merchant the Value of thirty Baggs Paddy short delivered us, and we hope when the Paddy we kept in Store is delivered out, no considerable Loss will arise, as We have taken the outmost Care to prevent it.

The Newcastle arrived the 20th. Instant and sailed that day after landing Six Chests of Treasure containing Sixty thousand Rupees for Callicutt, to take on board the Eighteen thousand feet of Plank, and the Stick lying there in readiness for Gombroon Factory, but we understand She is gone to Cochin for Provisions, and may speedily be expected back, when no time will be lost in giving her dispatches in the manner you have directed. The Princess of Wales left us the 26th. having landed all the Treasure Stores &c^a. sent us, excepting four Piggs of Lead and thirty five round Shot, which we shall receive or their value on her return from Anjengo, when we shall duly compleat with what she takes in there to the amount of a thousand Candys of Pepper, believing a great part thereof must be supplied from us, as from private advices this month there was but above five hundred and twenty Candys in Readiness.

Mr. Thomas Mostyn as well as Mr. Mendonce and Mr. Adams are very sensible of the favours you have been pleased to confer on them; the former went on the Neptune Smack with his family the 26th. Instant for Anjengo, and We hope the Permission your Hon^r. &c^a. have given us for advancing the Pay of such of our Topasses as are deserving will be found of reall Service to our Honble Masters, and enable our enlisting good men, which indeed are very much wanted.

We had determin'd while our Masters Demands for Pepper continued to have purchased none on our own Account, and Your Hon^r. &c^a. may be assured your orders in this particular as well in regard to our Selves and others shall be in future most faithfully complied with, and the two Tonns of Cardamoms procured agreeable to your Directions.

On receipt of your Orders we instantly dispatched the Indent for Timber to be provided at Callicutt for the Service of Bombay Garrison, a part whereof will be soon in readiness, but our Linguist represents to us that thro' the Scarcity thereof it will be impracticable to get some of the pieces of the largest Size: What is to be had we wish your Hon^r. &c^a. may be able to procure Speedy Conveyances for.

We shall forbear in future collecting the Duty on private Pepper laded at Cochin, and we shall be glad to know, if what we recovered from the Owners of the Success Grab mentioned in our last may be returned them, and your Orders in regard to the Convoys which may hereafter be here for protecting the Country Shipping shall be duly put in execution, as well as that concerning the Royall Guardian for her landing here two thirds of her Salt Petre and Redwood in case it is thought she cannot be able to arrive at Bombay by the 1st. of January.

Enclosed goes the account of the Distribution of the Two Hundred Rupees given the Subedar for the Use of the Seepoys, which We are sorry we before omitted to send.

The assistant you have been pleased to send our Surgeon is very acceptable, and as we were in exceeding Want of a Gunners Mate on the Death of Robert Whitehill some time since We prevailed on Cap^t. Mead to spare us John Seaton one of his Quarter Masters, thought to be capable of acting in that Post at the Wages of Twenty four Rupees ₹ Month, who we believe will approve himself deserving.

In our last we informed your Hon^r. &c^a. at large of the State of our Honble Masters outstanding Debts, since when We have received of the Samorine ten thousand two hundred fanams and are now taking the necessary means for the Recovery of the Mother Queen and Durmet Ponecarry of the amount they owe. We wish to have your Directions concerning the Gratuity said to have been promised Boyanore that we may end his account; That of our Prince we shall not be unmindfull of getting when any opportunity occurs.

Our last fully sets forth the Disappointment attending us in the purchase of the Pepper required, and We have no reason to believe as the new Crop is likely to be so small, and little or none remaining of the Old, we shall be able to have in readiness by the time of the departure of the Ships homeward bound above two thousand five hundred Candys, including what may go up by the Princess of Wales, and our next purchase must be on exceeding high Terms, the French as We understand paying from Seventy eight to Eighty Rupees or thereabouts for old Pepper and yet at that extravagant Price, We do not find they are likely to dispatch either of their Ships till the end of January, tho' they had before the arrivall of the Cavalier upwards of four hundred Candys by them. We can only promise the application of our best endeavours, but as our Merchant owes us to this day Two hundred and thirty two Candys of his last Contract, and no possibility as we conceive for him to deliver the Whole before the Commencement of the new Crop, We have but a very indifferent Prospect before us. Our Remains in Warehouse of this Commodity is at this time one thousand Seven hundred and thirteen Candys.

From our last advices your Hon^r. &c^a. will be apt to conclude We had just reason to expect a more sincere and upright Behaviour from the French of Myhie than We had before experienced. On the 27th. ultimo we met them at Moylan when they acknowledged [*sic*] their Superiours had directed the due Performance of their Articles, and we not doubting thereof attempted the bringing of things to answer the Scheme laid down to us in your Commands of the 12th. May, as the same appearing to us very reasonable, and agreeable to our former Intentions. But we soon found out the Treachery of our Allies, who by means of their Second on the 4th. Instant, did without our Knowledge effect a Cessation of Arms between the Moors and Cannarees, and then on our complaining thereof, they falsely averred their having our permission for it signified at our meeting, for which whole transaction we refer you to our Diary enclosed, which we hope will convince you of the necessity we were under of either suffering the Treaty to be finished by their means, thereby excluding us in all probability from any considerable Share of the Pepper Trade, or embracing the Friendship of the Cannarees, and therefrom preserving our Prince as well as our own Quiet from the ill designs We really believe the French were vigorously attempting to execute. Yet tho' we have with much difficulty stopt the intended Peace, and cultivated a seeming good understanding with Ragounatt, through the expectation he has of reducing the Moors by our Means to a proper Obedience. We have little reason to believe this will prove otherwise than a temporary Remedy, unless We may be so fortunate as to prevail with him by the offers of a large Sum of money, and Security of an annuall Tribute to forsake his Conquests; If this does not succeed he may notwithstanding his promises of retiring to the other side Billiapatam after the Reduction of the Moors, proceed towards the Countrey of Cotata, and then to the S^o. ward placing Fortresses most convenient for him towards the end he proposes. We learn that he told the French he intended to make one after the Peace at the Point of Agar, which must have shutt us out of any Share in the Pepper there, and Curringhodas people were strongly solliciting

his coming to his assistance for the Regaining of Moylan from us. As the Conference was carried on in the presence of Mons^r. Louet, we cannot but suppose he was fully acquainted with it, and We have just Grounds to believe in case a Conjunction had been obtained with the Moors, French and Cannarees the Carnatick Ports were to have been shutt to us in future. Private advantage must surely have been the French's Motive in this undertaking if we don't admitt of that, it will be impossible for us to account why they should so industriously labour for the fixing the Cannarees in this Countrey in Violation of the positive Commands of their Superiours, and so contrary to the Interest of their Company. On the whole We hope and believe the Steps we have thro' necessity been compelled to take, will when all Circumstances are duly weighed, appear the most eligible at that Juncture, and the rather as you will observe by the Princes Letter entered in the Diary Page 28 either we must have submitted to the many ill Consequences represented in our Diary Page 22 and 26 or take the methods we did. We are now treating with the Moors, but cannot answer for the Success; had they performed their Obligations to us we should not have been brought into such difficulties; but they Frenchmen like embraced the Proposals made, and Strove to put it out of our power to prevent their Clandestine measures. As things are in such distraction, and We unable to form any Judgment in what they may terminate We must repeat our Request for a Galley, for with our present Sea force we are hardly in a Condition of withstanding the Vessells the Cannarees are capable of sending abroad. Nothing but the apprehension of the utmost Necessity would induce us to augment our Charges which are indeed already too great, but the armys on foot in this Countrey for the present require a more than ordinary force to guard against any Evills that may happen.

The Chief your Hon^r. &c^a. are sensible was at some expence in repairing hither, no part of which has been yet repaid him save for embarking his Necessaries, and other small Matters at Goa; If your Hon^r. &c^a. Judge a small allowance reasonable be pleased to Signifie its amount.

Since our last the King of Cotata by means of the Prince has delivered up the two Moors we mentioned then to have been detained by him, and he has likewise taken off the Embargo of our Pepper, and seems resolved to effect if possible the putting the Heads of the Pagoda Talliparambutt in said Pagoda, tho' others affirm his Preparations are intended against a Fort We held inland called Moohara. We think such a Design would in no Wise tend to his Interest, tho' We are very suspicious the French who still carry on a Correspondence with him will excite him if possible to give us disturbance not only in this but in every thing else they can; and indeed this Settlement can never expect a Settled Tranquillity while they remain at Mihie. Things being thus your Hon^r. &c^a. will surely think it will be imprudent in us to lessen our force, which We are sorry to observe in the manner that it even now stands, is barely sufficient.

We begg the thirty Pair of Pistolls required in our last may be sent us.

Isoph the Moor Merchant of Tannore signified in our last, has received of us a farther advance of two thousand Rupees, and We hope he will be able to deliver us at least One hundred Candys of Pepper in January.

We are with great Respect

TELLICHERRY

OCTOBER THE 31ST. 1733.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient and most Humb: Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILLIAM FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT JOSIAH LEWES
 COMMANDER OF SHIP NEWCASTLE.

SIR

As the selling Fire Arms or any other Warlike Stores may be attended with very ill Consequences to this Settlement, We desire you will give strict Orders to all your People aboard that no such be disposed of to any of the Natives hereabouts on any pretext whatsoever.

We are

TELLICHERRY
 OCTOBER THE 20TH. 1733.

SIR

Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
 WILLIAM FORBES.
 HUGH HOWARD.
 WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT JOSIAH LEWES
 COMMANDER OF SHIP NEWCASTLE.

SIR

Having received Six Chests of Treasure from You with the Companys Mark, and being advised sometimes since by our Superiours from Bombay of your being intended to carry the Eighteen thousand feet of Plank and a Flagg Staff lying Ready att Callicutt. These are therefore to direct you Wind and Weather permitting to Weigh your anchor and make the best of your Way thither, where on your arrivall deliver the accompanying Letter to our Linguist, and after receiving on Board such Plank and Stick, make the best of your Way hither in order for our giving you your dispatches for Gombroon. We are

TELLICHERRY
 OCTOBER THE 20TH. 1733.

SIR

Your very Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
 WILLIAM FORBES.
 HUGH HOWARD.
 WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO WILLIAM COCKELL ESQ^R.
 AGENT OF PERSIA & C^A. COUNCILL AT GOMBROON.

SIRS

You will receive herewith the Invoice and Bill of Lading for Six Hundred and Twelve Teak Plank, and Teak Mast, which our Superiours directed our Lading on the Newcastle for the Use of your Settlement amounting to Rupees 1823. ^{q^{rs}.} 3: 22 which we shall debt Account Currant Bombay for, and are

TELLICHERRY
 NOVEMBER THE 5TH. 1733.

SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
 WILLIAM FORBES.
 HUGH HOWARD.
 WILLIAM JEYNSON.

To CAPT. JOSIAH LEWES
COMMANDER OF SHIP NEWCASTLE.

SIR

The Teak Mast and Plank which the Honble President and Council of Bombay directed our sending on Board you being received by you att Callicutt. These are to order you Wind and Weather permitting to Weigh Anchor and make the best of your Way to Gombroon, where you are to deliver your aforesaid Mast and Plank to the Agent and Council there with our accompanying Letter. In your Voyage thither and afterwards We leave you to follow such Orders as have been given you by the Honble President and Council of Bombay, and are

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER THE 5TH. 1733.

SIR
Your Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

To M^r. THOMAS ROUNT
MASTER OF THE DOLPHIN GALLIVATT.

Having notice this Morning that Seven of the Sevajee Gallivats are cruising on the Coast of Canara; These are to order you Wind and Weather permitting to Weigh your Anchor and proceed along Shore as far as Mulliky, and if in your Way you meet with any of the above Vessells you are to endeavour to take or destroy them; and as Severall Munchuas belonging to this Place are now at said Mulliky ready to depart, You are to take them under your Protection for their being brought hither. We recommend to you the utmost Expedition touching at Mangulore on your Return, where you will learn from Lucas Rodreguez our Agent, what Munchuas belonging to us are there, which you are also to take under your Protection.

We are your affectionate Friends

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER THE 7TH. 1733.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

To M^r. JONAS JOHNSON
MASTER OF THE ANTELOPE GALLIVAT.

You are hereby ordered Wind and Weather permitting to Weigh Anchor and proceed to Mulliky in Company of the Dolphin following all such Directions as you shall receive from M^r. Thomas Rountt untill your Return hither.

We are

Your affectionate Friends

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS ATT ANJENGO.

SIRS

Your Favours of the 15th. ultimo Pr. Princess of Wales came to hand the 27th. by which We observe what quantity of Pepper and Bales Goods you have Laden on her; We shall compleat the Quantity of one thousand Bales here and at Onore, agreeable to our Orders.

Capt William Gibbs arrived here a few days Since on your Ketch, which we now dispatch to you, and are

TELLICHERRY

DECEMBER 2^D. 1733

SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCILL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last Ⓕ Shybar under the 31st. October Copy of whereof goes herewith. We received on the 21st. ultimo your Commands of the 3^d. Ⓕ Cowan Frigate.

The Newcastle after receiving the Stick and Plank you directed our providing att Callicutt arrived here the 5th. ultimo and sailed that Night for Gombroon, Copy of her Invoice amounting to Rupees One thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty three, three quarters, and Twenty two Raes, goes enclosed, and We shall take Care to provide the Twelve thousand feet of Plank now required in the Rains, which will be the cheapest time for buying it.

On the 30th. ultimo imported the Princess of Wales from Anjengo where and at Cochin we understand she has taken in Seven hundred and eight Candys of Pepper, she was therefore deficient of the thousand Candys you ordered two hundred and ninety two in part of which we have laded here fifty, and have given the Commander Orders to receive two hundred at Onore which We have sent three thousand four Hundred Pagodas for the Providing by means of One Crisna Sinay, and as our People sent with it from Mangulore overland have orders from Ragounatt to the Governour of Onore as well as to the Commanders of all their Fortresses by the Way to afford our People all the Assistance they can, and that We are not disappointed or Imposed upon by those We may deal with; We think We have good Grounds to believe we may be sure of the above quantity and tho' this will come out pretty dear, our Contract being for twenty one three quarters Pagodas Ⓕ Candy and two Ⓕ Cent Brokerage clear of all other Charges rating that money at three hundred and thirty three One third Rupees Ⓕ One hundred Pagodas, yet we thought the securing it highly necessary, as We have no more in Warehouse than One thousand Seven Hundred and eleven Candys exclusive of what now Laded on this Ship and our Merchant deficient in his last Contract one hundred and ninety five Candys and nineteen Maunds; so that we have too much Reason to apprehend it will be very difficult for us to have more than two thousand four hundred Candys by the 10th. of February too little we are afraid to load the four Ships your Hon^r. &c^a. propose sending home this Season, especially as none of the old remains in the Country, and the price thro' the demands of the French and us like to be exceeding high, but we shall procure it on the best Terms we can.

Since our last We have received nothing from the Samorine, nor yet from the Mother Queen, Durmet Ponecarry or Boyanore, but your Hon^r. &c^a. may be assured of our pressing and repeated Sollicitations and endeavours on this Head. We propose speedily sending the linguist to the latter to end his Account on the best Terms we can agreeable to the Permission you have now been pleased to give us.

Our Surgeon loudly complains of the Qualities and Quantities of the Medicines sent him by the Princess of Wales, that they are withall over-rated and not Sufficient for the Cure of above Twenty.

The Stores sent us on the Cowan have been received agreeable to their Invoices, and We begg you will be pleased to comply with the enclosed Indent.

As your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleased to signifie the Chiefs Salary agreeable to what Mr. Adams had is Forty pounds ₹ Ann: Mr. Law has paid into the Treasury one hundred and twenty Rupees over received for the last Half Year, but he begs your Permission to remark that the same is no more than that of a Senior Merchant, and less than he had at Bombay. The Allowance in generall for the Support of the Chiefship is obvious to all far short of the Expence under the most Regular and decent Management and the Deficiency can ill be spared when there is so little Trade or Advantages of any kind, and he cannot but esteem it a Misfortune that the present Perplexitys in the Country, which have and do continually harrass him, and under such Restrictions, should not entitle him to at least as much as what his Predecessor had.

In our last We represented to your Hon^r. &c^a. that the French had (after their Promise given us to execute their Articles) attempted the Concluding a Peace between the Cannarees and Moors with Views as We presume of grasping the Pepper Trade about Agar and Billiapatam to themselves, and that for the Prevention of which, We judged our Selves under an absolute Necessity of Striking in with the Parties in order to accomplish this Peace instead of them. Our Reasons for which were largely sett forth in the Copies of our Diary last sent, and appear by Duplicate of part of the same now enclosed from Page 1 to 6. And for the obtaining this end Mr. Forbes with our Linguist proceeded to Agar the 2^d. Ultimo and the latter to Cannanore the 3^d. where he prevailed with the Heiress to agree on the Terms for a Peace according to the Plan enclosed under N^o. 3 and She seemed so sincere and resolute in the Performance thereof, as to send Notice to all of the Mahometan Race in the Sundry Buzars in this part of the Country that the Peace (thrô our Mediation) would be concluded on the Twentieth desiring their Attendance for the countenancing thereof. And as Ragonatt as well as our Prince were highly satisfied therewith, and it being very unusuall for the Moors to fail in any part of their Engagements with Europeans of whatever Nation, We were fully persuaded no Demur or Disappointment could happen, but to our great Surprize, when Mr. Forbes and the Linguist went to Cannanore on the 9th. ultimo and staid till the Tenth, She was found to equivocate on pretence that the Dutch had demanded the Delivery of the Fort of Cadalay to them, and which she had no means of being freed from, but through our prevailing on the Prince and Ragonat to accept of its Demolition. Yet tho' that Point was gained for her as appears by our Consultations from Page the Sixth to the Ninth, she would not even comply therewith and our People returned hither with some apprehension that Ragonat might entertain an opinion of underhand and insincere Practices used by us, to prevent which and to give some Demonstration to the Moors We could not put up with such Treatment We thought it highly convenient for us to stop our Port to them, and give some assistance to the Cannarees and Prince for their Reduction, at the same time ordering out the Two Gallivats to prevent as much as in us lay, the Carrying any Ammunition or Provision into Cannanore, conceiving by these means they must be under a necessity very soon of complying with what they had before engaged for to us. We are every day more and more convinced that the Methods We have taken are the most Suitable and Convenient in the present times; for the French soon after the signing of their articles to us never intended, as is very evident to be in any Conjunction against the Cannarees. The Prince indeed wanted their Expulsion, but never cared resolutely to engage in that design for want of a due Confidence in his Confederates. The King of Cotata indeed talked of it much, and endeavoured to persuade

the Heads of the Pagoda Talliparambutt that he would raise a large Body of Nayrs, and with the Misure forces speedily engage them, thô instead thereof he has been busy in robbing them of what money he could, giving us trouble and plundering the Merchants of his Country, and there has been a Current Report for sometime that Ragonatt has so far engaged the Misure forces of his Side that they will not make Head against him, on the contrary if he proceeds to the attacking the Cotata Country they will be ready to joyn him. Your Hon^r. &c^a. are very Sensible We could have proposed giving no farther assistance in the Undertaking against the Cannarees than by Sea, and even there have [sic] only two Gallivats against fifteen of theirs, and the Grab they took from the Moors of Cannanore We should have been but in a very indifferent Condition for the preventing their Importation of Rice; especially as We can't help believing the French would very openly have convoyed their Vessells, or brought them sufficient Quantitys of Provisions in their own. We have often experienced how little account the French make of us when they have a Superiour force. It was but a few days since the Cannarees took one of their Boats going into Cannanore with about one hundred Shott, some Gunpowder and two Principall Moormen belonging to Boyanores Country. The Ammunition they detained with the aforesaid Moors, and let the Vessell go and after their making sundry demands on Ragonatt for their Releasement which he would not comply with, they proceeded on the 22^d. ultimo with two Europe and two Country Ships, Sundry Munchuas, and Tonies under the Direction of Monsieur Louet to Agar, where finding a Munchua belonging to this place, and with our Colours, and fishing Tony they instantly seised them, and to convince the Country People how little they regarded us manned the Munchua with Soldiers for the attacking the Canaree Vessells lying thereabouts. The Master of the Dolphin being to the S^o.ward at some distance from the Canaree Vessells when he was about to Weigh had a shot fired at him from one of the Ships, and he and the Antilope were so hemmed in, that they thought themselves in no small danger, for with their Munchuas and Small Boats they fired on the Shore just under his Guns. We wrote to Myhie complaining of this Treatment, and they promised us in their first Letter of their having no design to insult us; but in their Second they said they had taken a Muncha or Tony without Letter or Passport, who were found mixed with those of the Cannarees, and that We ought to give Orders for withdrawing our Vessells, and if We did not, We were answerable for the Consequences. We thought proper however as our Vessells were lying on that Coast Where we have the Sole Right and Priviledges of Trade not to comply with this unreasonable Command giving our Vessells orders to keep out of the Way of their Ships as much as possible, and if they were attacked by any of their small Craft to resist them to the utmost of their Power. On the 26th. ultimo in the Morning we were relieved from our anxietys by Mess^{rs}. Passing thrô our Road with Beat of Drum, as near as they could possibly come on return from this expedition to Mahe, having obtained the releasement of their Boat, and the two Moormen the Canarees had detained; and Ragonat took from Monsieur Louet, as We hear a Promise in writing not to assist in any wise those of Cannanoor and at the same time We received a Letter from Myhie of their having ordered the Restitution of our Munchua and Boat. It is certain the former had no Pass port, but they knew as well as We that she belonged to this place, and actually had our Colours, it being unusuall for us to give Passes for such short Trips. Your Hon^r. &c^a. may be assured these Hostilities so tamely submitted to by us gives the Country contemptible Notions of us, and tis for that end they have been so often practised, and all things considered what progress could we have made against the Cannarees, while the French in so barefaced and impudent a manner might have treated us as they do the Mallabars? and tho we have no reason to think that the Cannarees propose less than the Conquest of this Country in order to exclude us and others from any Share in the Trade unless subject to their grievous Impositions, yet we have not had it in our power to prevent it; and from the French we think we have reason to expect all the Injuries they can possibly do us.

We are at present on very good Terms with Ragonatt, and We hope we may soon be able to bring about his Peace with the Moors; but as his friendship is founded on his own Convenience and the French very eager to obstruct us in all

our measures, We do think the Countenance of a Gally would be of Service, but we are sorry to find the Circumstances of our masters affairs should be such as to require all their force at Bombay, hoping it may yet be in your power to assist us in the manner we have desired.

Our Two setts of Books of Accounts, Diarys and Consultations are now sent, whereby you will find our Charges have been very considerable, apprehending while these times of Confusion do continue it will be out of our power to lessen them, having no more people than what are absolutely wanting for the Garrisoning of our places, as you will please to observe by the inclosed Abstract of our whole force, including the detachm^t. of Seepoys, and the Scituation of Tellicherry Fort, and its Structure is such as well as its Size as to require a large Body to defend it; besides We have Moylan, Moohara, Codola and Putina to protect, and the distance of some from hence is so great that if an Army lay in the Way it would be out of our power to relieve them.

By the Princess of Wales we sent John Watson late Gunner of the Dolphin on an accusation against him by John Sanders Gunner of the Antilope of his intending to run away with the Vessell. Your Hon^r. &c^a. from the accompanying Depositions will be able to make a Judgment how well the same is proved; for our parts we don't pronounce him guilty, but the thing is of so much Consequence [*sic*] that we think it not prudent to continue him in his Command. Capt Mead has spared us Joseph Blomart in his stead, till his return hither, and as Jonas Johnson Master of the Antilope died lately, we desire a capable Person as well as a good Gunner for the Dolphin may be sent us as soon as possible. We likewise send by this Ship William Howard one of those who deserted from the Island on board the Greenwich, who has been punished for Sodomitical Attempts; and at his own request one Samuel Axtell taken out of the Bombay Galley, who through constant illness is rendered of no Service, he has been paid to the last of November. John Watson to the 15th. Novem^r. and William Howard has had half pay from the first September to the last November.

Since writing the foregoing a Portugueze Frigate with two Galliot are come from Mangulore to the Cannarees assistance for the reduction of the Moors. We suppose this is in order to effect the design we hear they have Laid of Fortifying att Mangulore; What new Scenes this may open we know not; but what with the Intrigues of the French, Dutch &c^a. We are very much confounded and more concerned that our Honble Masters affairs, should after their vast on this Settlement be rendered so precarious. We have had indeed Promises from Ragounatt of the confirmation of our Priviledges, which we have reason to suppose will be granted, tho' of no reall Security in the end: He has given the Prince and us a Specimen of his Intentions by fortifying the Hill Eddicaut bordering on Agar, and commanding the Country North and South thereabouts, and of course that part of the Pepper Trade: for the discoursing on this point as well as that of our Priviledges, We some days since determined on sending M^r. Forbes and our Linguist to our Prince and the Camp, but have been prevented by the Indisposition of the latter. We assure you to the best of our Judgment we will endeavour to act as much as possible for the preventing the many evill Consequences so obvious to us, and when you consider thoroughly the state of things as well in regard to our want of Sea force, the disunion of the Country, and baseness of the French, We hope and believe our proceedings will in generall be found most suitable and Judicious in the times and Circumstances we act; but one thing gives us uncommon perplexity, which is the little dependance we have on the Sincerity of the Cannarees, and that they may begin speedily to load us with Impositions, which we are afraid it will be difficult for us to hinder, considering their authority and greater force.

Exclusive of the three thousand four Hundred Pagodas mentioned in the first part of this Letter to have been sent to Onore, We have now delivered Capt Mead One thousand and thirty Seven more, both which Sums we compute will be sufficient for Payment of the two hundred Candys We have reason to expect will be ready on his arrivall; but as that place is far distant from us, and the people not entirely

to be depended on, We hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will pardon us in case any disappointment should happen, and if so the Captain will carry the Surplus of the money with the account to Bombay, and the money your Hon^r. &c^a, if you think fit may please to return us.

In our Invoice We have charged for three Hundred Lances and twenty Seven Bundles of Beetlenut Trees sent on the Ship, with two Chests of old Firelocks containing fifty, which We begg you will please to examine and signifie to us their Value.

\ Capt Alexander Douglas takes his Passage on this Ship, and is paid to the last of November, and Lieute^t. William Gibbs according to your Directions has taken charge of his Company.

We are with great Respect

TELLICHERRY

DECEMBER THE 6TH. 1733.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient and most
faithfull Humble Servants

P.S.

Vincent Da Concecáo desiring to return to Bombay, goes on this Ship, and is paid to the last of November. Capt Mead giving us to understand that he shall not be able to take in the whole Deficiency of the Quantity ordered, We have provided what he can receive being two hundred and fifty Candys in the manner sett forth in the above Letter, so that there is still a deficiency of forty two Candys.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

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HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT ROBERT MEAD.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to receive on Board Your Ship John Watson and William Howard Prisoners, and deliver them to the Honble President and Council of Bombay; also Samuel Axtell and Vincent da Concecáo Passengers.

We are

TELLICHERRY

DECEMBER THE 6TH. 1733.

SIR

Your Humble Servants
STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT ROBERT MEAD
COMMANDER OF SHIP PRINCESS OF WALES.

SIR

You having signified to us that you shall not be able to take on Board your Ship more than two hundred and fifty Candys Pepper; We have laden fifty on board you here, and now direct your proceeding to Onore for receiving two hundred Candys from our Black Servant Manoel D'Rozairo now at that place, our orders to whom are herewith delivered you; When we dispatched that Person sometime since we delivered him three thousand four Hundred Iccaree Pagodas for the purchase of said Pepper, and we now commit to your Care one thousand and thirty Seven Pagodas, which with the above Sum will by our Calculate be sufficient for payment thereof. We desire you will make up the account with him, reckoning the Pepper at Twenty one three quarters Pagodas $\frac{3}{4}$ Candy, and two $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent Brokerage, and in Case there is any deficiency in the quantity of Pepper, consequently a Surplus of Money will arise, we desire you will deliver the same to the Honble President and Council of Bombay, giving the aforesaid Manoel D' Rozairo a Receipt for the Quantity of Pepper he may deliver you, which Pepper you are to keep a part and provided Manoel D' Rozairo should not have even invested the whole sum he carried, he will pay you whatever remains so as that our Intentions be complied with in the Surplus being carried to Bombay, whither you are to make the best of your way, and on your arrivall deliver the accompanying Packet and Box to the Honble President and Council there taking Care to give Convoy to such Vessells as proceed and you may meet with having English Passes and Colours. We are

TELLICHERRY

DECEMBER THE 6TH. 1733.

SIR

Your Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO MR. THOMAS ROUT
MASTER OF THE DOLPHIN GALLIVAT.

Your Letter of this date I have received and observe the French Ship fired at you on weighing, and that you are now within Gun Shott of her. We have no just reason to believe they will attempt giving you any disturbance, however do you on your part conform to our Orders in not molesting any of their Boats or Vessells having their Colours or People aboard, and if in case the Ships of theirs should fire at you, it must be your endeavour to keep out of the Reach of their Shott; but should their Munchuas or Tonys attempt to attack you, on your giving them no occasion for so doing, you are to defend your Selves to the utmost of your power, and we think it the manner you are equipt it can hardly be possible for their small Craft to hurt you, and as to the Ships, as We said before, you must keep out of their Way.

Advise us as often as you have opportunity of what passes, and as soon as convenient We shall get you cleaned.

TELLICHERRY

NOVEMBER THE 23^D. 1733.

If you think your force is not sufficient which you have aboard, advise us.

We are

Your affectionate friends

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT ROBERT MEAD
COMMANDER OF SHIP PRINCESS OF WALES.

SIR

We have received your Letter of this day, and since you seem to apprehend you shall not be able to take in more than Two hundred and fifty Candys Pepper, we have provided as well as we can for the same by Shipping here fifty Candys and two hundred we have hopes of your getting at Onore.

We cannot say anything to the danger you conceive from Angria's Southern fleet, more than that by our advices the Bombay Squadron are out on the Cruise to watch their motions which we hope may prevent any danger to your Ship, and We cannot well avoid directing your calling at Onore, as We don't think that a proper place to continue their effects longer than is absolutely necessary.

We are

TELLICHERRY

DECEMBER THE 7TH. 1733.

SIR

Your Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILLIAM FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO WILLIAM COCKELL ESQ^R.
AGENT & C^A. COUNCILL
ATT GOMBROON.

WORSHIPFULL SIR AND SIRS

As the enclosed may be of Service to the Shipping which may touch att your Port, we take the Liberty of forwarding the same received the Eighteenth Instant from the Governour and Councill att Fort St. George.

We are

TELLICHERRY

DECEMBER THE 24TH. 1733.

P^R. ROBERT.

WORSHIPFULL SIR AND SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILLIAM FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCILL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last Address waited on you by the Princess of Wales, Duplicate of which bearing Date the 6th. Instant goes enclosed.

We have little to say concerning the Pepper your Hon^r. & c^a. expect from us, as We have by every opportunity hitherto signified at large how little the produce this Year is, even as tis thought not above one third of the last, and as there are many Buyers we may reasonably conclude the price will be very extravagant.

With much Difficulty on the 18th. We prevailed on the Cardamom Merchant Cunhiseu to come to the Fort, when he assured us the whole produce of his Grounds this Year is no more than nine Candys or thereabouts, and of which he was under a necessity of sparing three to the French for money advanced him sometime since; We had only in our power therefore to contract with him for Six Candys at ninety seven and a half Venetians the Candy, to be delivered us speedily, the remaining two Candys wanted by our Honble Masters We shall take Care to provide from the People of Naddure bordering on Boyanores Country, which we presume will be on the same terms.

Our last informed your Hon^r. &c^a. of the Arrivall of a Portuguese Frigate with two Galliots for assisting the Cannarees, who have effectually stopt all Communication of the Moors, and with the Help of some of their people ashore have shattered exceedingly the Moors fort of Codalay, so that it is expected it will not be long tenable, which with their great want of Provision and Ammunition we apprehend must constrain them to accommodate their affairs, and wherein we shall assist with our best endeavours. The Portuguese behave very civilly to us, and We understand the Vice-Roy has given them positive orders to render all the good Offices possible to our Affairs; On the 10th. We sent Mr. William Forbes and our Linguist to the Canara Camp for obtaining from Ragounat the Grants mentioned in our last, which were delivered them (as Pr. Translate thereof enclosed). We insisted on many particulars, without being able to effect more than will appear in the aforementioned, however if they are sincere in the performance, and put us in Possession of the King of Bednares Confirmation thereof, We shall have no reason to complain; but our Confidence in these People is no better than in times past, and indeed we cannot yet say what may be the Conclusion of their Attempts. We have been obliged to spare a Quantity of Gunpowder and Shott to Ragonatt whose Nephew came here the 20th. strongly solliciting for two Twenty four Pounders, and a Mortar, and We had reason to expect a Visit from himself had We given a Totall Deniall; Your Hon^r. &c^a. will conceive us in no small perplexity how to behave so as to prevent Disgust, and in fine on duly considering all Circumstances We gave him Hopes of sending one of our People with a Cohorn Mortar, and a few shells to play upon Cadalay, signifying the Chief in this Compliance run the Risque of your Hon^r. &c^a. highest displeasure in permitting the same to go out of the fort contrary to your standing Orders, and provided it was not speedily returned, he might experience the worst Consequence to himself, and in order to put a Stop to such like unreasonable demands; We have sent our Linguist to the Dutch Fort of Cannanore under Pretence of Business there, that the Moors may have an opportunity of making proposalls of Peace, which they are now unable to do, all Communication by Land and Sea being entirely stopt.

Our Prince by urging the Unreasonableness of the Canarees fortifying the Hill called Eddicaut mentioned in our last to command the Pepper Trade about Agar, has got Possession thereof and Garrisoned it by his own Nayros, alledging the Canarees have no Authority to fortify in any part of the Country on this Side Billiapatam, for by his Agreement with them, the same is entirely to be his, after the Reduction thereof entirely to his Obedience; However this as well as many other Instances of their bad Intentions, give him exceeding Concern, and We believe the Union of the King of Cotata and Boyanore compleated the 12th. Instant by an Interview with each other, was with his approbation, for on the 18th. the Ministers of each Party came hither proposing our Joining with them for attacking the Canarees, and that our Expences should be defrayed, altho from the slow irresolute Motions of those People we can have no great Dependance on them, and the rather as We conceive the Misure forces in the Cotata Country are in the Interest of Ragounat; yet we thought it prudent to steer as even as possible between the two contending Parties, and accordingly we shewed a Heartiness from the Mallabars, at the same time complaining of the Expence our Masters have been at in sending Force by Sea and Land last Year at their Request without being able to effect anything with them, or the same reimbursed; nor could We apply for the like again on so uncertain a foundation; but at all times as the Prince was the Sovereign of this Kingdom we should shew a firm Attachment to his Interest, and we do Concieve it will be best

for us to do, since We have just cause to apprehend he will not openly break with the Canarees without a reasonable Prospect of Success, and in which We shall endeavour to keep him fixed; without doubt in case of a Rupture we shall be in great Streights from the Impossibility of knowing on which side Fortune may determine the Success, Yet some General Maxims must be observed, and in our Judgment we must adhere in the Main to the Prince.

At the Request of Mr. Henry Kellet we delivered Passes to the Caudery Grab, and Subadarry Shybar freighted at Goa, and one to the Postillion Grab, which thro' a mistake was omitted at Bombay, which we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will not disapprove of.

On sailing of the Princess of Wales the Chief forgot to give Certificate for forty four three quarter Candys Light Pepper Laden on the Futtee Syed and Caudry Ketches which went in her Company, but as the Companys Duty thereon will be paid here, We take the liberty of mentioning it to prevent the Payment twice.

On the 19th. We received a Letter from the President and Council at Fort St. George of the 20th. ultimo Copy whereof goes enclosed, We shall take Care to give the Notice desired to such Ships as touch here.

On the Mary goes Serjeant Matthew Walker for the Recovery of his Health, which he has wanted for sometime past, and as he is a person we have good Reason to recommend for his Behaviour we begg your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to direct your Surgeon to have a due regard to him, and that he may be returned on his Recovery, being one we can very ill spare.

On Ship Cowan we send fourteen Corge of Spunge Staffs We have been directed to provide amounting to fanams two hundred and twenty seven, for which we debt account Currant Bombay and as We are likely to have large demands made on us for Gunpowder and Shot, We desire you will please to send us the quantity mentioned in the enclosed Indent, as also thirty Guns of four, three, and two pounders, having few of that Sort by us, and the Shipping which come here, and vessells belonging to this Place make frequent demands for them; We have ventured to spare four two pounders to the Hannah Brigantine belonging to the Chief, Mess^{rs}. Kellet and Whitehill, she being wholly unprovided therewith.

On the 24th. the Linguist Returned from Cannanore after seeing the Heiress, who notwithstanding the Mortality of her people daily for want of Provisions, and the Impossibility there appears of defending Codalay fort long, could not be prevailed on to accede to the Articles she had sometime since engaged to perform. This obstinacy considering her present deplorable State is very surprising, and we shall not cease our Endeavours for the accomodating this affair as a point we conceive of great Importance to us. On the 25th. in the morning the Canarees advanced on the above Fort without being able to maintain their Ground, yet by what we understand they are determined not to give it over, and propose a more vigorous attack in a few days.

Since writing the above this morning came to hands your Hon^r. &c^a. Commands of the 14th. Instant by the Rose Galley, who shall be dispatched with all Expedition to Anjengo, and the Directions you have been pleased to give us therein observed to the best of our power.

To our great Surprize neither the Mary or Royall Guardian do yet appear, so that We shall be under a necessity of acting agreable to your former Orders in landing the Salt Petre and Red Wood from the latter tho we hear the former has also a Quantity on Board which we presume cannot be taken out without the Loss of so much time as may hazard her Return to Europe this Season; when they arrive which we may daily expect, we shall endeavour as near as possible to conform our Selves in what may be most Suitable to our Honble Masters Interest, and your Hon^r. &c^a. Intentions.

We humbly entreat your Hon^r. &c^a. will not fail us in the Supply of Shot and Gunpowder desired in our former and present Indents as the great demands thereof on us by Ragounat will render us in exceeding want.

We should have enlarged farther but the Ships unexpectedly sailing will not admit of it. We are with the greatest Respect.

TELLICHERRY
DECEMBER THE 27TH. 1733
☞ COWAN FRIGATE.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obed^t. and most
faithfull Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.

P.S. We proposed sending up Serjeant Matthew Walker as aforementioned on the Mary, but She not arriving, he goes on the Providence. Since writing the above the Person is found so weak that he is not able to proceed.

WILLIAM FORBES.
STEPHEN LAW.
HUGH HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

TO THE SUPRA CARGOES AND COMMANDERS
OF SUCH SHIPS AS TRADE UNDER THE
PROTECTION OF THE HONBLE ENGLISH
EAST INDIA COMPANY.

GENTLEMEN

The Honble President and Council of Bombay have directed us to acquaint you that as they are apprehensive of Troubles arising between them and the Government of Suratt They think it will be necessary for you to touch at Bombay ere you proceed thither not knowing but they may be under a necessity of stopping up that Port. We are

TELLICHERRY
DECEMBER THE 28TH. 1733.

GENTLEMEN
Your Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE SUPRA CARGOES AND COMMANDERS
OF SUCH SHIPS AS MAY TOUCH AT CALLICUTT
TRADING UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE
HONBLE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

GENTLEMEN

As it highly imports the Interest and Reputation of our Honble Masters that no English Vessell frequent the Port of Cannanore; We the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry do in their Behalf request and require that you do not in any pretence touch at that place or anchor near it in order to prevent what in us lyes any Supply of ammunition or Provision being sold or carried to the Moors inhabiting there. We depend on your Compliance herein, and are

TELLICHERRY
DECEMBER THE 28TH. 1733.

GENTLEMEN
Your Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE WORSHIP^{LL}. WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS ATT ANJENGO.

WORSHIP^{LL}. SIR & SIRs

This you will receive by the Rose Galley Capt John Harris Commander, who arrived here from Bombay the 27th. Instant. We now dispatch her to you, having Landed some necessarys for this Place, and taken in Water, desiring she may be returned hither as soon as possible, not knowing how soon we may have occasion for her. We are

TELLICHERRY

DECEMBER 29TH. 1733.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRs

Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.

TO CAPT JOHN HORN'S
COMMANDER OF THE ROSE GALLEY.

SIR

This is to order you Wind and Weather permitting to weigh Anchor and make the best of your Way for Anjengo, and after you have received your dispatches from the Chief and Factors there pray lose no time in your return hither, as we know not how soon we may have occasion for you.

The accompanying Letter please to Shew to the Supra Cargos and Captains of such English Shipping as you may meet with. We are

TELLICHERRY

DECEMBER 29TH. 1733.

In your return from Anjengo we desire you will call at Callicutt for your viewing the Timber ordered to be sent on you to Bombay, and where you will receive our farther orders. Since writing the above we perceive two Ships to the S^o.ward which we presume are English, you are to speak with them and shew them the above Letter; if you find them resolved to comply therewith, proceed on your Way to Anjengo, but if otherwise, we are obliged to direct your return hither with all Speed.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD
W^M. JEYNSON.

SIR

Your Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON

TO THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCILL
OF PONDICHERRY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your favours of the 6th. September N.S. were received 15th. O.S. with a very singular Satisfaction, as from the Contents thereof we judged our Selves in a fair Way of uniting with your Gentlemen at Mahe for obtaining as far as these perplexed times would permit a Security of our joynt Interests, from the attempts of the King of Canara and as Sound Reason dictated to us Unanimity on this important Occasion, so were we determined to forget all former misunderstandings and proceed with all possible Honour and Sincerity towards so desirable an end. In order to which on the 27th. September We met Mess^{rs}. Tremisott and Louet at Moylan, who were pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your Commands, and we parted with the resolution that each of us should endeavour to gain a true Knowledge of the Country, and then deliberate together on the most plausible Measures to put a Stop to the Arms of the Invaders; in Consequence of the same We were taking the necessary Steps for uniting the Mallabar Powers, and securing a Sufficient Sum for defraying the expence we might be subject to by our Joint engagements with them; but on the 3^d. October to our great Surprize we had notice that Mr. Louet was at the Canara Camp treating on a Peace between them and the Moors of Cannanore for the fixing the said Canarees in their Conquests, and for that end had procured a Cessation of Arms: This led us to write your Gentlemen at Mahe the next day complaining of this proceeding so contrary to the Articles which your Hon^r. &c^a. had so lately ratified in the most Solemn manner. Their answer instead of mitigating our Surprize encreased it much more by their affirming what they had done was consonant to our Resolution at our preceding meeting on the 27th. September, and though we denied the same to them, as we do sacredly to you, and offered cogent reasons for their desisting, yet your Gentlemen were resolved at any rate to finish their intended Peace, and for which purpose Mr. Louet was at the Canara Camp a considerable time, and although We did on the 15th. October at our meeting at Moylan desire to be admitted in the Conference with the Parties, yet Mr. Louet in particular under the pretence of the aversion the Canarees and Moors had to us alledged it was impossible to gratifie us in that point, so that We found our Measures oversett, and your Gentlemen labouring to unite the Moors, Canarees in one Interest, intending as we presume thereby the gaining some advantages in prejudice of those Priviledges which have been so authentickly granted us by the lawfull Sovereign of this Country, and to secure to themselves the whole Rice Trade of the Canara Country agreeable to their former practice. What could we do Gentlemen, in such a Case, otherwise than in pursuance of the Law of Nature, endeavour to guard against the Evills which seemed to threaten us, without directly or indirectly meaning to destroy that good understanding, which on our parts we sincerely desire may be continued between our Settlements. We have from the time of Mr. Laws arrivall constantly applied our Selves for the frustrating the Canaree Attempts, and your Hon^r. &c^a. have at last so far concurred in the same Sentiments as to give positive Instructions to Mahe to cooperate [*sic*] with us. Why they there first boggled at the executing the Articles they invited us to enter into, and why they have so plainly since acted contrary to them under such unjust pretences truly we are unable to account; It must appear obvious to all mankind that we have been hardly treated; and yet it is our sincere opinion the true Interest of the French Company in particular hath not been maturely considered, for we begg your Hon^r. &c^a. to reflect whether after the immense Expence the King of Canara has been at for the Joyning the Pepper Country to his own he will ever be brought to consent that you and us Jointly, or either of us separately may enjoy the Liberty of carrying on the Trade in the manner We do at present under the Mallabar Powers, even to the sending out Guard Boats to stop the exportation of Pepper elsewhere. We can strictly affirm no means have been untried by us for preventing the approaching Mischiefs, and had your Servants been equally hearty We might by this time in all humane appearance, have settled our Interests on a solid foundation; but they for causes unaccountable to us have been constantly for sometime past aiming at measures opposite thereto, and especially Mr. Louet, who has in many Instances behaved towards us in a very unbecoming manner.

We are not to doubt your Gentlemen have endeavoured to justify their Conduct, and glad should we be of an opportunity to verify our assertions, in order that things might be put in such a Way as Should prevent oppositions tending only to the Damage of our respective Masters. We are with the highest Respect

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient and most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
DECEMBER THE 29TH. 1733.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORETON PITT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCILL
AT FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 28th. August, with Copy of the Enclosed from the Governour and Council of Pondicherry to your Hon^r. & c^a. came to hand the 5th. October, and yours of the 20th. Nov^r. the [. . .] December.

We have and Shall punctually give notice to all English Ships for their taking the proper Care to avoid the swedish Ship, which your Hon^r. & c^a. apprehend may make Reprizalls for the Seizure of the English at Porto Novo, and We have already transmitted Copy of your Letter to Bombay and Persia.

We had good Reason to hope for a more sincere Behaviour in future from the Gentlemen at Mihie, as the Governour & Council of Pondicherry were pleased in their Letter to the Chief under the 6th. September N. S. to assure him of their Resolution that the articles we entered into with their neighbouring Settlement should be executed in good faith; and at our meeting Mess^{rs}. Tremisot and Louet on the 27th. September O.S. we had their Engagements for the same; how well they have maintained their Honour in this particular you may please to observe from the Copy of our Letter to the Governour and Council at Pondicherry now sent; We shall make no farther remarks than to express our great Surprize at their perfidious Behaviour, assuring you what we do represent in said Letter is strictly true; and we have been obliged in order to preserve our Trade from their Usurpation, to cultivate a friendship with the Canarees, thro' the Impossibility there appeared of our being able to oppose them, as We were sure our french Neighbours would openly have taken their part their daring to proceed in violation of their Orders we cannot account for, otherwise than by supposing they were not given with the necessary Candour; and from the whole Experience has sufficiently taught us while the present Gentlemen continue to manage their affairs at Mihie, especially Mr. Louet, we can have no reasonable Hopes of being treated with common Honour or Integrity. If it was possible to bring things on a better footing the Interest of theirs and our Masters might still be Served. We are with Respect

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY THE 1ST. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT HENRY HOADLY
COMMANDER OF SHIP ROYALL GUARDIAN.

SIR

The Honble President and Council of Bombay having been pleased to direct us in their Letter of the 28th. September to receive from your Ship Two thirds of the Salt Petre and Redwood you might have on Board you from Bengall, in case it should be apprehended impossible for you to arrive at Bombay by the 1st. of January, and as tis found altogether impracticable, and the Mary having now aboard Half the quantity of what our Superiours presumed would have been Laden on your Ship, We think it will be most suitable to the Interest of our Honble Masters, that you deliver here the whole Quantity of Salt Petre and Red Wood, that the Shipping bound this Season may not be disappointed of their Tonage, you are therefore hereby ordered to Land the same forthwith, and for expediting which we shall afford you all the Assistance in our Power.

We are

SIR

Your Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY THE 1ST. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCILL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Our last address went by the Cowan under the 27th. ultimo Duplicate of which goes herewith. We shall reply to your Commands of Rose of the 14th. of that month, who we dispatched for Anjengo after taking in her Water the 29th. receiving from her twenty Hogsheads Goa Arrack and the Provisions for the Gallivats, without any particular Account of their Quantities or value.

We cannot at this time say whether we shall be under a necessity of keeping the above Galley or not, but should We be obliged so to do, we shall strictly observe your Hon^r. & c^a. Caution for our avoiding any Insults the French may be inclined to give us, and the Timber provided at Callicutt shall be sent on her as far as she can take in; but we apprehend the Major Part must remain for other Consequences.

We are sorry the Princess of Wales had no better Success at Onore, for from thence we understand she only received one hundred Candys of Pepper instead of Two Hundred we intended but as the Surplus of Mony is gone on her we are eased of our Fears that the base Cannarees might behave according to their wonted Practices.

We shall duly give notice of the Convoy your Hon^r. & c^a. intend for the latter Ships, as we have done those arrived since the Receipt of your Commands for their calling at Bombay in order to be acquainted with the state of Affairs at Surat.

The Chief thankfully acknowledges your Hon^r. & c^a. favour in the Handsome Allowance you have given him for his Charges in his repairing hither, and he has accepted the Bill drawn on him by M^r. Taylor for Ten thousand Rupees.

We heartily wish the Alliances your Hon^r. & c^a. have entered into with the principall Governing Scyddees may produce the Restoration of their Country, and the downfall of Angria whose exorbitant Power requires no small application to suppress.

The Royall Guardian imported with us the 31st. ultimo, losing Company of the Mary off Ceylone, who does not yet appear We have received from the former Two thousand two Hundred and fifty baggs of Salt Petre, and one hundred and two Candys and four maunds Red Wood of Six hundred Pounds each; being the whole quantity laden on her at Bengall, and in case the Mary should arrive, We shall endeavour to take out of her, if to be done without Loss of time, as much as will compleat the Thirds your Hon^r. &c^a. did apprehend we might have received from the Royall Guardian, since it happens she has no more than Half of what you expected by her, the remainder being sent on the Mary.

We are in the former uncertainty as to the Quantity of Pepper required for the Homeward bound Ships, but bel[ieve] it will be impossible for us to exceed two thousand four Hundred Candys by the time of their Departure. The Produce of this Year being vastly short of the last, and we wish we may not be under a necessity of paying as far, if not more than Seventy five Rupees the Candy for it: The French are in exceeding Haste to buy up at any Rate, and striving in the Cotata Country by means of their pres[ent] good understanding with that King, to engross what they can; Their Ship the Chevalier formerly the Bridgewater sailed the 3^d. for Callicutt with about five hundred and fifty Candys, and to receive there one hundred more, which with the Piece Goods sent from Pondicherry on a small Ship, tis presumed will compleat her Lading for France: They have now another large Europe Ship in the Road, which has been at Goa to refitt, she we suppose they intend dispatching this Season if possible.

The Samorine has paid us nothing lately, nor seems he carefull about it, We are often solliciting, but he takes a mo[nth] or more to answer the Chiefs Letters; therefore we have little reason to believe he means only to spin out this affair, as long as he can.

We are in the greatest Want of a pair of Large Scales Beam and Weights, having no such belonging to the Settlement fitt to use; we hope therefore your Hon^r. &c^a. will supply us as soon as possible, together with the Gunpowder and Shot we have so earnestly requested.

We hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will not disapprove of our permitting Mr. George Hamilton's return on the Edward to Bombay, in whose Room we request you will send us another assistant, as the Business of this Settlement through the Troubles in the Country is become so very voluminous, that it will be impossible for us otherwise to comply with your Hon^{rs}. &c^a. Directions in sending Two Diarys, and Setts of Books. His Salary and Diet Money is paid to the first Instant.

The Canarees still continue to carry on their Siege against Codalay, but the Moors vigorously withstand them and the better now through the Arrivall of a Large Dutch Ship, a Brigantine and Two Sloops, with about Three Hundred Men att Cannanore. We have for sometime suspected the Dutch having in View the taking the aforesaid Fort into their possession, and therefore wrote their Captain a Letter proposing that it might be restored to the Prince the Lawfull Owner. We and they and the Portuguese to joyn for the preventing the Cannarees from dispossessing said Prince of it. What their reall Intentions are We cannot say as the Captain in his answer to the Chief alledged it would be a point out of his power to transact. They have met with Ragonatt and discoursed as we are informed on the affair of their Ship drove ashore at Mangulore without concluding any thing thereon. The Result of these perplexed affairs we cannot foresee; Our Endeavours shall be applied for accommodating with the Moors, Prince, and Cannarees, hindering if possible the Dutch from getting Possession of that place, and then we may be at Liberty to pursue the most probable means for expelling the Conquerors, who indeed we have no better opinion of than in times past. We Were very sensible of the advantages to us and the Country in causing the army to remove in consideration of a Large Sum of Money, and constant annuall Tribute, and accordingly did what we could for the gaining that end; but the Subtile Canaree would not be brought into it. The Prince is Jealous of them and the Country seem desirous of Joining with him, but their Tempers are so fickle, and Conduct so bad, that from past experience, We judge there can be no dependance on them. The

Heads of the Pagoda Talliparambutt, are so tired with their great Disbursements without any thing being Affected, that we hear they have secretly carried away the greatest part of the Treasure lodged in the Cotata Country. These Distractions in all humane appearance might have been avoided had the French behaved to us with common Honesty; but after such Demonstrable and repeated Threachery, [*sic*] any attempts to unite them with us, we think would savour of Imprudence, since from what appears to us the Foundation of all their endeavours is to give us what opposition they can, and how difficult must your Hon^r. &c^a.; suppose it for us to undertake any important thing while they the Dutch or Portugueze may treat us with what Insolence they please, and we not able to apply any Remedy. So that Caution is our Maxim, which subjects us to a passive forbearance at a time when other means might be attended with much better Success. The King of Cotata has received from the French large sums for Pepper, and tis said he is engaged to supply them with the produce of his Country; but supposing it so, could it have been justifiable in us in order to prevent them to have taken the same measures, risquing our Masters Estate in the hands of a person remarkable for his Villainy, and whose Country lies immediatly exposed to the Canaree Army who very likely may in a short time ravage and destroy it, and the Merchants in it without Distinction, and indeed we hope our French Neighbours will have Reason to repent of this Scheme.

Copy of our Letter to the Governour and Council at Pondicherry in answer to one the Chief received from them sometime since (whose Copy has been sent) we now enclose; but we have little expectation of any great Benefit from it, as We believe the Sentiments of both Superiours and Inferiours too nearly concurr. We are

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient and
Faithfull Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TELICHERRY
JANUARY THE 9TH. 1733/4.

TO CAPTAIN JOHN HARRIS
COMMANDER OF THE ROSE GALLEY.

SIR

As we have reason to expect some of the Cruizers may be speedily ordered here for convoying the latter ships We have judged the bringing the Honble Companys Timber from Callicutt intended for Bombay hither, as most Suitable, that it may meet with Conveyances this Season without detaining said Cruisers; you are therefore to take on Board all you conveniently can from Francisco Diaz our Linguist, and then repair hither with the utmost expedition in order for your Landing it, and then repairing back for the Remainder.

We are
SIR
Your Humble Servants

TELICHERRY
JANUARY THE 13TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT HENRY HOADLEY
COMMANDER OF SHIP ROYALL GUARDIAN.

SIR

Having received from you Two thousand Two hundred and fifty Baggs of Salt Petre, and one Hundred and Two Candys and four Maunds of Red Wood, which is all you have signified in your Letter of this Date that you can conveniently come at. These are to direct you Wind and Weather permitting to weigh your Anchor and proceed to Bombay following such Orders as have been given you by the Honble President and Councill there relating to your Passage up.

We are

SIR

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY THE 9TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCILL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last Address went by the Royall Guardian under the 9th. Instant having received from her two thousand two hundred and fifty Baggs of Salt Petre and one Hundred and two Candys and four maunds of Red Wood being the whole of the former she had on Board, and all that could be gott at of the latter.

We did when the Compton was here in April by the Scales and Weights landed from her make a Tryall of the Weight of our Maund, and find it answers to a Trifle more than thirty Pounds or Six Hundred Pounds the Candy, which We inform your Hon^r. & c^a. of that the same may be so calculated in future on all the Goods sent from hence, excepting Cardamoms which stand at twenty eight pounds the Maund, or five hundred and Sixty the Candy.

It is with extreame Concern that We inform your Hon^r. & c^a. of the small Produce of Pepper this Season, which now can be better judged of than before, as this is the time for gathering it from the Vines. Many are of opinion it will not yeild even a Quarter Part so much as last year, and is bought up by the Maund inland at twenty fanams, which is Eighty Rupees the Candy. The French tis said have delivered out above One Hundred and Twenty thousand Rupees in advance for this Commodity, exclusive of Rice and Bengal Goods, and tis their Merchants, who are so busy in raising the Value in this Surprizing manner. Our Chitty has yet delivered us no more than twenty nine Candys of this Years Growth, and still deficient of his last Contract one hundred and fifty seven Candys; how We shall be able to procure the large demands made on us, and at what price We are not able to make a regular Judgment; but have too much reason to believe it will be impossible for us to buy up any considerable Quantity even more than Seven or Eight Hundred Candys, and indeed we are afraid our giving at such an extravagant Rate for it will Subject us to terrible Consequences in future, it being very difficult to lower a Commodity when its Value has so strangely exceeded its usuall Limits. Our immediate Concern is how to manage for the getting as far as two thousand four Hundred Candys which we have all along given You hopes of, and without doubt will be wanted for the Europe Ships which may be soon expected homeward bound. We are credibly informed that above two thousand Candys of Pepper is ready belonging to the Sundall Rajah at a place called Ancola lying between Meriee and Anjadia, and that it may be purchased att about Twenty two and a half Pagodas that Candy. We are not authorised to contract for such a Quantity, nor have We Vessells to transport it, but perhaps your Hon^r. & c^a. may

think the securing it advisable for the next Years Tonnage, and to prevent its being carried away by the French or Bengallers; it may be taken in by any of the Shipping coming from the Northward, and landed here, and the amount to be paid for aboard the Ship or Ships who may be ordered to receive it, which is the Method we understand will be accepted of if your Hon^r. &c^a. are enclined to transact this affair directly from Bombay, or would have it undertaken from hence, We wish you would please speedily to determine; Since we cannot otherwise conceive it will be practicable for you to provide for the next year, as so slender a Dependence is to be had on this Settlement, though assured your Hon^r. &c^a. may be of our best and constant endeavours for the Service of our Employers, excluding wholly both now and hereafter our Selves from any Share of the same, while they are in any want thereof.

Our last made known to you the Arrivall of a Dutch Ship, Brigantine and two Sloops from Cochin with about three hundred men for the Service of Cannanore. Two persons of Distinction, and the Captain of the latter place are charged with the Management of their affairs, who after seeing Ragonatt and demanding the Restitution of their Ships effects lost at Mangulore, and the resettling their Factory att Bassilore, as well as accommodating with the Moors (and not agreeing on any of these Points) proceeded on the eleventh at night to fire from their Forts, the Shipping by Sea, the Moors Forts by Land, and Cadalay, a vast Number of great Guns and some Shells on the Cannaree Battery raised opposition thereto hoisting their Colours in the Morning on said Cadalay, and have continued the same ever since, without gaining any advantage on their Enemy, though they attacked the Battery assisted by the Moors on the fifteenth at Night with great Resolution, and threw in a Number of Granados. It appears to us the Dutch will not easily effect the raising the Siege for the Besiegers declare they will very speedily blow the Mine now in readiness under Cadalay, and enter the Place as well as the Moors Buzarr Sword in hand, and in which undertaking our Prince resolves to assist with four thousand Nayros. How this new Commotion may end we are not able to answer, but if the Dutch continue in Codalay we may reasonably apprehend our Trade from Randoo Terra scituate thereabouts will be greatly obstructed, on the other hand should the Cannarees take the Place it may give them too mean an opinion of Europeans in Generall, and encourage them to Lord it over some of us. We have thought it prudent on this Occasion to direct our three Gunners at the Camp not to fire any Guns either against the Dutch Flagg by Land or their Vessells by Sea, though Ragonatt We Suppose construes this as a mark of our being in the Dutch Confidence; but we have not been able to avoid sparing some Gun powder and Shott, which he often is exceeding pressing for; and We are obliged to be so to your Hon^r. &c^a. for the Supplys we have desired. The King of Cotata with the Misure forces and Boyanore continue unactive notwithstanding the present favourable opportunity of annoying the Cannarees, but we are told, what we had Intelligence of sometime since is true that the Heads of the Pagoda Talliparambut have privately carried away the greatest part of their Treasure lodged in the Cotata Country, and that King is in the utmost Streights how to pay off the arrears due to the Misure Forces, and the Discharge of severall Sums Borrowed of the Braminees of Palliacatacherry. The French after our striking them out of their Mediation for concluding the Peace between the Cannarees and Moors seemed to incline to the Country, and appeared exceeding active in bringing about the accommodation of the King of Cotata with Boyanore, but now We hear they have again renewed their Correspondence with Ragonatt, finding they are unable to do any thing with the other Party. In fine things are in such an unsettled State, and so many different affairs so often intervene that We are incapable of forming any Idea of the Event Nor can we gett any Intelligence of Consequence from Cannanore of the Dutch's reall Intentions. The Portugueze Factor with the Two Gallies departed from the Camp a few days since. and the Frigate anchored here the 15th. and sailed the 16th. in the Evening for Callicutt or Mangulore in order as we presume to avoid disputes with the Dutch; but the Cannaree Gallivats keep out on the Cruise, and this day to the Seaward of us took a Laded Munchua, which they had chased from off Cannanore, who intended as we presume to have gone in there.

The Queen Caroline from Bengall arrived here this morning, and sailed this Evening in order to put off, by whom we send this, and are with great Respect.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient & faithfull Humb: Servants

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY THE 17TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT HENRY HOADLEY
COMMANDER OF SHIP ROYALL GUARDIAN.

SIR

We have perused your Letter of the 6th. which in order for our answering, We previously desire to know whether you conceive the Ship you command, and going up Single, be capable of withstanding Angrias whole Fleet, should they be abroad, in such a manner as your Passage Home this Season may not be in danger. We are

SIR

Your Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY THE 7TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORETON PITT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCILL
OF MADRASS.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Our last Respects under the 1st. were intended to have been forwarded by the Two Pattamars your Hon^r. & c^a. sent hither, but through the mistake of one of our people, another set from hence were dispatch'd, so that now we have an opportunity of transmitting Copy of said Letters as well as what we wrote the Governour and Councill of Pondicherry.

The Royall Guardian from Bengall sailed from hence the 9th. after landing here all her Salt Petre, and the Major part of the Red Wood intended to be Laded on the returning Shipping for Europe.

The Dutch from Cochin have sent to Cannanore a large Ship, Brigantine and Two Sloops with three hundred men to oppose in Conjunction with the Moors the Cannaree Army, but as yet have not been able to do them any considerable Damage, nor do we imagine the Siege can be raised with so Slender a force. We are with Respect.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY THE 18TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE MONSIEUR LE NOIR
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCILL
OF PONDICHERRY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

We embrace this opportunity of a returning Pattamar to Madrass to forward Copy of our Letter transmitted to your Hon^r. &c^a. under the 29th. ultimo and are with great Respect.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY THE 18TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS
ATT ANJENGO.

SIRS

On the 18th. by the Rose Galley we received your Letters of the 6th. Instant with the accompanying Packet for Bombay, which we shall forward by the first Conveyance.

We find the produce of Pepper this Season such as will not render us capable of complying with the large Demands made on us for the Dispatch of the Shipping intended Home, and the Price through the French raised to Eighty Rupees the Candy; We should be glad therefore to know with as much Expedition as possible, how much may be depended upon att your Settlement towards the compleating the Tonnage of said Ships in order to prevent their Detainure longer than is absolutely necessary.

We are

SIRS,

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY THE 23^D. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO MR. THOMAS ROUNT
MASTER OF THE DOLPHIN GALLIVATT.

You are hereby directed to return with your Vessell into this Place.

We are

Your very affectionate friends

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 11TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS
OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS

Our last address waited on you by the Monmouth under the 28th. February 1732/3 Duplicate whereof accompanys this; since then imported on the 11th. April last, Ship Compton from Bombay, and sailed the 22^d. with Nine hundred and ninety seven, three quarters Candys of Pepper for Madrass, and received from us all the Gold left with us on her going up the Coast. On the 30th. arrived the Duke of Lorrain from Suratt, and departed the same day for Bengall. On the 20th. October imported the Newcastle from Bombay, and was dispatched the same Day for Callicut, where after receiving the Timber and Mast provided for Gombroon returned to us the 5th. November, and left us that night for the aforesaid place. On the 23^d. October arrived the Princess of Wales from Bombay, who after landing the Stores she brought for this Settlement, sailed the 26th. for Anjengo, and returning from thence the 30th. November, she took in here fifty Candys of Pepper, and went for Onore the 7th. December, where she received One hundred Candys more provided by our People at that Place. The 27th. Decembr. arrived the Rose Galley from Bombay, and went for Anjengo the 29th. from whence she returned the 18th. January, and at present continues here for the Service of this Settlement. On the 31st. December imported the Royall Guardian from Bengall, and sailed the 9th. January for Bombay after landing here Two thousand Two Hundred and fifty Baggs of Salt Petre, and one Hundred and Two Candys four Maunds of Red Wood, which we were directed to receive from her. On the 17th. Instant imported the Princess of Wales Capt Robert Mead on whom we have Laded agreeable to our Orders five hundred and Sixteen Candys Pepper, and five Candys and one Maund of Cardamoms amounting as Pr. Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed to Tellicherry Fanams Two hundred and thirteen thousand five hundred and Ninety five, and now dispatch her to Anjengo for the receiving the remainder of her Cargo. On the 7th. Instant by a Letter from the Chief and Factors of Anjengo under the 31st. ultimo. We had Notice of the Ship Mary in her Way from Bengall losing all her Topmasts in the Latitude of Madrass the 14th. December, and that she had received other considerable Damage, which obliged her to put into Pont de Galle to refit, from whence the Captain did not expect to sail till about the 3^d. Instant, but of this unhappy accident, we presume your Honours will be better informed from Anjengo.

Since our last we contracted for Fifteen Hundred Caudys of Pepper at Seventy one half Rupees the Candy; but through its scarcity, and the large Demands of the French, with the extraordinary deficiency of this Years Produce, the value thereof is advanced to Eighty four Rupees the Candy, and more than ever was known heretofore; though as your Honours could not avoid depending on this Settlement for the Lading of your Ships home, We have been under a necessity of submitting to the Terms 'tis bought at by others, yet for the foregoing Reasons it will not possibly be in our power to purchase near the Quantity required of us, but of this Your Honours will be informed towards the Close of this Letter. The quantity of Cardamoms required being Eight Candys have been bought on the Terms of last Year, which were ninety seven and a half Venetians the Candy, and under we could not with all our Endeavours procure them, as both the Dutch and French have been eager in getting them, and their Produce this Season very scanty, as well as indifferent in their Quality.

We are really concerned it has been so little in our Power to recover the large Credits your Honours have on this Coast. Samorin Rajah paying us no more within the Year than fifty Thousand Two Hundred Callicut fanams, and he still owes Four Hundred thirteen thousand, four Hundred and twenty five fanams, and Three Vis. Importunitys have not been wanting, but he is so much used to them that he makes very little account, and We are afraid your Honours will be at length under a necessity to apply force. Puniture Rajah often promises us fair; but as he has paid nothing hitherto We apprehend this debt desperate. The Mother Queen has no more Honesty than the foregoing, nor yet Durmet Ponecarry, however as We are, so shall we be constantly endeavouring to ease your Honours of those heavy Loans. The Prince Cunhi Homo is still indebted to your Honours Eighty five thousand five hundred and forty four, and Twelve Vis and unless the Cannarees

master his Country, We believe he will punctually discharge the same, since he appears very sensible of the obligation he lyes under so to do, and is certainly attached to your Interest.

Our Books of Accounts to the last of July 1733 with our Diary, Consultations, and other papers have been sent to Bombay, and will we presume be laid before you by the returning Ships. We wish our Charges could have been more moderate, but when your Honours are pleased to consider the unsettled State of this Countrey, and the Armys in it so adjacent to this Settlement, We believe you will acquit us from being wanting in any respect in the Performance of our best endeavours towards saving all that's possible.

Our last gave your Honours at large, Notice of the Invasion of the Cannarees on this Country, and how much reason We had to expect their Success might prove the Loss of your Priviledges at this Settlement, after the immense expence you have been at for preserving them, and that in order to prevent so fatal a Consequence, We were endeavouring to execute in Conjunction with the French such Methods as seemed to us consistent and conducive to your Honours Interest; but they failing in the Execution of the Articles, you were then advised we then advised [*sic*] we had entered into with them, and no persuasions prevailing on them to observe the same, nor yet our Remonstrance to Pondicherry to their Superiours being attended with any effect, and our own force no ways capable of acting offensively against these Powerfull Invaders, as the Country prove unactive and irresolute; We were under a necessity of suffering the Cannarees to carry on their Siege then commenced against the Moors of Cannanore, and which Place on the 11th. Instant they reduced. The Portuguese have come to their assistance with a Frigate of Thirty Guns, and two Galliots; indeed the Dutch did the 11th. ultimo use their utmost endeavours to compell the Army consisting of near Twenty thousand Men to raise the Siege, not caring they should border so near on their Settlement at Cannanore; but after firing from the Shore, and their Shipping, they found the Task too difficult, and were therefore obliged to come to an accommodation, which they effected the Thirtieth said Month, and the Terms were that the Dutch should have Liberty to resettle their Factory at Bassilore, withdrawn last Year, and Receive from the Cannarees Twenty five thousand Pagodas in consideration of the effects of a Ship of theirs driven ashore at Mangulore. We have gained from the Cannaree Generall a Paper in confirmation of those Priviledges granted your Honours by the King of Colastry, as by the accompanying Translate thereof will appear, but we are far from believing any Regard will be paid to it, when they have effected the Reduction of this Country, as without doubt they will be inclined to lay heavy Duties and Impositions on the Trade, to recompence the excessive Expence the King of Canara has been at in this undertaking. They are a people remarkably insincere, cunning and deceitfull, for when they concluded their Peace with the Moors of Cannanore, they not only kept it a Secret from us, but also the Prince, notwithstanding by their agreement with him they are only to enjoy a certain Tract of the Country, and the Remainder from a Place called Billiapatam distant hence about six Leagues, to the Boundaries of his Dominions Ten Leagues more S^o.ward to be subjected to him at their own Expence; but instead of regarding this their Engagement, they are fortifying the Hill Codalay surrendered to them by the Moors, and building another nearer this Way, S^o.ward, on a point Called Eddicaut, adjoining Agar, which will command that part of the Country from whence we receive a large Share of Pepper and where we have hitherto been indulged by the Prince with the sole Liberty of exporting it. Your Honours from our Diary to the 31st. July last may please to observe how much we have had at heart, the preventing the Evills we have represented, and so justly to be dreaded without being able through the French Treachery to fall on any measures that might reasonably promise Success; Our Sea Force till very lately consisting only of Two Gallivats manned with Indians, and the French ready to obstruct us, as we conceive, merely for the sake of opposition, which is the more to be wondered at, as the Dangers they run are inseperable with ours. On the whole your Honours may be assured, we have sincerely at Heart the well-fare of your Settlement, and We hope when Times and Circumstances are duly considered, We shall be found to have acted with as much reason and prudence, as was possible, and that Contingencies and Calamitys incident to a whole Kingdom could not in any manner be remedied by us.

The French of Mahe have had this Season Two Ships from Europe of between four and five hundred Tons each, and landed near Sixty thousand Pounds; This flush of Money and their eager desire of dispatching them, which was done the 10th. and 27th. ultimo has been the main reason, including the smallness of the Crop, why Pepper bears at this time so extravagant a Price; they were not contented to buy it in the ordinary Way, but in a very secret manner, with a Loan of upwards of fifty thousand Rupees to the King of Cotata an Inland Power, engaged him to give them solely the whole produce of his Country, and to shew his Sincerity towards them, he proceeded to stop our Communication with it, a point to remove of no small difficulty; However we have surmounted it, and brought things into their Old Channell, so that our Pepper comes unmolested, while they have received hardly any on account of their Loan, and We believe the Major Part of it will be lost, as that King has a pressing occasion for money towards the supporting five thousand men come to his assistance from the Inland Countrey of Mysure, in order for their making Head with the Mallabars against the Cannarees Army, but as they have been with him ever since May last wholly unactive We have little dependance, or expectation of their being able to withstand a victorious Army, and which is under much better Government, than is usuall among these Indian People. Nothing could scarce prove more prejudiciall to this Place than the near Neighbourhood of the French, who render your Servants here under the greatest Anxiety in the guarding against those mischiefs which they are continually contriving to do us, and We are persuaded they are fully determined to employ all possible Deceit, and Contrivance for the embarrassing your affairs, presuming in a great Measure on their Superiour force, which indeed consists of above Two hundred Europeans beside Blacks, when of the former we have not above Thirty private men in this Garrison, and the latter of so mean a sort, (though the best we can get) that we cannot have any dependance on their fidelity or Courage in any time of Danger.

Last night anchored here Ship Newcastle from Bombay, on whom we are proceeding with all possible expedition to Lade Seventy five Tons of Salt Petre, and fifteen Tons of Red Wood, and two hundred and forty one of Pepper. We likewise expect the Royall Guardian will be with us in a short time. We are with the utmost respect

Your Honours most Obedient and
most faithfull Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 23^D. 1733/4.
P^R. PRINCESS OF WALES.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

To WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS ATT ANJENGO.

SIRS

On the 7th. Instant We received your Letter of the 31st. January enclosing a Packet for the Honble President and Council of Bombay, which we shall forward by the first Opportunity.

This morning anchored the Princess of Wales Capt Robert Mead to take in five hundred and Sixteen Candys of Pepper, and then will proceed to you to fill up. We are very much concerned at the misfortune attending the Mary, and are

SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 17TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

To CAPT ROBERT MEAD.

SIR

Having laden on Board your Ship five Hundred and Sixteen Candys of Pepper and five of Cardamoms which we were directed to deliver you. These are to order you Wind and Weather permitting to weigh your Anchor and proceed to Anjengo there to receive Such Goods as the Honble President and Council of Bombay may have been pleased to order for you.

The accompanying Packet for the Honble Court of Directors we desire your Care in the Delivery, wishing you a prosperous Voyage, and are

SIR

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 23^D. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

To CAPT ROBERT MEAD
COMMANDER OF SHIP PRINCESS OF WALES.

SIR

On our representing to you the Want of a proper person for a Gunners Mate, through the Decease of the former, you did think fitt in October last to spare us one John Seaton, and in December James Blomart for the Service of the Dolphin Gallivat; and now you have put ashore on our Request James Hubbald a person very much wanted in our Gun Room, these are therefore to certify that the above persons are employed in the Service of the Honble East India Company. We are

SIR

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 23^D. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

To WILLIAM WAKE Esq^r.
CHIEF & CA. FACTORS ATT ANJENGO.

SIRS

Having complied with the Orders of our Superiours att Bombay by Lading on the Princess of Wales five hundred and Sixteen Candys of Pepper, and five of Cardamoms we now dispatch her to you, and are

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TO THE SUPRA CARGOS OF SHIPS
NASSAU AND FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letter of this Date requesting the Rose Galley might proceed with you up the Coast as your Employers have been pleased to forbid your departure from this Port without the proper Convoy.

We are sorry we should be under a Necessity of acquainting you that the Honble Companys Affairs at this Settlement do immediatly require the Countenance of the Rose Galley, and as their Ship Mary is not yet arrived though daily expected, as well as the Elizabeth and Prince of Wales we think it would not be prudent in us to comply with your Request, excluding the other Ships from the Benefit they will be equally desirous of; the latter reason we hope will be sufficient to satisfy you, but as the other Subsists you cannot we think expect it of us. We are

GENTLEMEN

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TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 25TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCILL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

1. Since our last address of the 17th. January We have received your Commands of the 2^d. and 14th. Instant the former ☞ Princess of Wales the 17th. and the latter the 23^d. ☞ Newcastle with the Treasure and Stores agreeable to their respective Invoices.

2. On the 23^d. We dispatched the Princess of Wales for Anjengo after Lading on her five hundred and Sixteen Candys of Pepper, and five Candys and One Maund of Cardamoms amounting to Tellicherry fanams Two hundred thirteen thousand five hundred and ninety five as ☞ Copy of her Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed, with our Letter to the Honble Court of Directors ☞ Said Ship.

3. The accompanying Packet from Anjengo will give your Hon^r. & c^a. a better account than we are able of the misfortune attending Ship Mary on the 14th. December last in the Latitude of Madrass, where tis said she lost all her Topmasts, and received other considerable Damage, but afterwards gaining on her Leaks, she put into Pont De Galle, from whence the Captain signified he should be in a readiness to sail about the 3^d. of February, but to our great Surprize she does not yet appear nor was she at Anjengo the 13th. Instant, Since She is so very late, and the Ships your Hon^r. & c^a. intend for Europe, will We presume be dispatched by this time; We shall not take any part of her Salt Petre or Red Wood ashore, unless we should receive Your Orders for so doing ere she sailes from hence.

4. We are sorry there should prove such a Deficiency in the Weight of the one Hundred Candys Pepper provided by our people, and Laded on the Prince of Wales att Onore, and are assured the Weight was according to the Standard of the Place, and the same inspected into by one of the Rajahs Officers as usual; whether there may be an Error in computing that Candy to hold out more than it really does, or a want of Care aboard the Ship we cannot positively say, but are entirely of opinion it

did not arise from any Villainy or Negligence in those we employed, and therefore the Charging the difference to their account is what we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will not require.

5. With much difficulty we were so fortunate at last as to prevail on the King of Cotata to permit the use of the Rivers bordering on his Country to be free to us for bringing our Pepper as in times past. We have advanced our Merchant Chatoo Chitty to this day to the amount of forty five thousand Rupees, who has delivered in his whole quantity of his former Contract, and three hundred and Sixty Candys in part of what advanced him; he gives us hopes of delivering us about One thousand Candys; but as this Commodity is exceeding Scarce and dear, We are not certain it will be in his power to effect it, We have made no price with him as yet, but conceive it will not come any thing under Eighty four Rupees the Candy, for at this rate he demanded some days Since; Our pressing Wants and the Hastiness of the French to buy at any price obliged us to proceed in the manner we have, or let them run away with all the Country has produced this Season. They have advanced the King of Cotata upwards of fifty thousand Rupees to be returned in this Commodity, but they have not as we can learn to this time, received one Grain; We hope we shall not be blamed for submitting to the necessity of giving a much greater Price than ever was known heretofore, since it has in no wise been in our power to avoid it.

6. We have great Reason to concur with your Hon^r. &c^a. that the Canarees do not intend to maintain their Engagements either with us or Prince, and you will be farther confirmed in this opinion from what We are about to say on this Subject. You have been acquainted with the Dutch force at Cannanore, and of their taking possession of Codalay, where after making many attempts to compel them to raise the Siege without gaining any advantages on them whatever; They did the 30th. ultimo come to an Agreement with Ragounatt for having their factory at Bassilore resettled on the former footing, and twenty five thousand Pagodas paid them in consideration of the Effects of their Ship detained by the Canarees when she was lost sometime since at Mangulore, and as a Satisfaction for a Debt due to the Dutch Company from their Broker of Bassilore; they then withdrew their people from Cadalay, and all the Moors places leaving the partys to carry on their Hostilities as before, but that Fortress being in a very Shattered Condition, the Moors were obliged to sue for a Peace, which they obtained the 11th. Instant through the Mediation of the Dutch, and without applying to us or regarding Prince; The Conditions were the Surrendering that Fort to the Canarees, and paying them twenty thousand Rupees, with some other particulars of less moment, which we have not a certain Knowledge of. Ragounat soon after wrote us a Short Complement on the Occasion, slightly excusing himself for doing it in so suddain a manner without our Privity, but took no manner of notice of what he had so often complained of before, through the Moors having violated their Promises and Engagements to us, of which your Hon^r. &c^a. have been advised, and We are well assured our dissembling that Indignity would be the ready Way to bring us into exceeding Contempt with him and the whole Country, and lead him in particular the Sooner to make us feel the Weight of his power through the Incapacity he would judge us to be in to resent any Injury: We therefore did after weighing the Case, and all its Consequences the best we could, determine on sending out the Rose Galley with the Two Gallivats to cruise off Mount Dilly for the Moors Vessells, letting the Heiress know the Necessity we were under of so doing, and at the same time sent one of our people to Ragounat, to desire he would not suffer any of his Vessells to mix with hers or his people, untill she should make a proper acknowledgment for her base Treatment; it was also represented how detrimentall it would be to our affairs for him to carry on his Fortress att Eddicautt as the Trade of that part of the Country by Custom and Grants was solely the property of our Honble Masters; He gave for answer to these Complaints that he would compel the Moors to make a suitable submission and that he had no Intention of holding the aforesaid Fortification; The Heiress wrote us in very submissive Terms and we hourly expect some of her principall people here, when we shall accept of any reasonable Terms of Satisfaction, which we propose shall be a moderate Fine. On the 23^d. by a Letter and Messenger from

our Prince we were made acquainted with Ragounats having been to visit him, and using the Most Soothing Expressions attended with large Presents towards removing the Jealousy he naturally supposed he had conceived by his having detained his Palace of Codalay from him, and solliciting at the same time his Consent for the forming his Camp on Durmapatam Island in order to attack Cotata; The Prince represented also the great Difficulties he was brought under, pressing us to consider if no Expedient could be found out for opposing these Invaders offering to lay down forthwith towards the expence three hundred thousand fanams, and to furnish as much more mony as Should be necessary; As we have the worst opinion of these people, and so plain an Instance before us of their Deceit, and that they actually mean to observe none of their Engagements, Your Hon^r. &c^a. will Judge us under great apprehensions of the Consequences from their so near Neighbourhood, as only a small River parts said Island from this District, [*sic*] and that to be waded over in many Places, exclusive of the absolute power they will have over all the Rivers and Sea Ports from above Mount Dilly to this Place, and exposing us withall, if nothing more, to the frequent Intercourse of their People terrifying our District, [*sic*] becoming acquainted without Scituation and force without knowing how soon we might be liable to their Attacks; and tis our Opinion we had better begin to oppose them now than permit them to proceed in acquiring more Strength; The Galley, and Two Gallivats would be Force sufficient to stop their Communication by Sea, and if we appeared resolved thereon, the Country tis to be presumed would be active ashore, and render them cautious of going into any Extremities with the Prince and us; Your last Commands by the Newcastle through the Diffidence you have of the Success attending an Attempt against them, has on this Occasion led us to observe a greater Caution than We believe we should have used had the same been left entirely to us, as We fear this Enemy (for so we may justly term them) are with a Shew of Friendship creeping on towards the destruction of all our Interest at this Settlement; but for us to undertake what is so very precarious in its Consequences, and the same prove otherwise than we might expect, We should have nothing to say in Justification of our Selves; and We begg therefore to know what sort of a Compliance we are to make to these people and what not. We cannot we presume afford them any money by Loan or otherwise should they demand it, or consent to the paying them Customs, thô the latter we understand will be required of us in a short time, and perhaps other things equally unreasonable; One Condescension we are assured will introduce other exactions and how far they may be carryed we know not. Your Hon^r. &c^a. have without doubt a good Idea of the Nature of our Situation, and are fully acquainted with our force, but whether it will be sufficient, considering the Badness of our people, especially many of our Topasses we leave to your Consideration, being assured you will not be disappointed in any thing you may reasonably expect from us; for the present we have endeavoured to prevail on Cotata to reinforce Durmapatam, and represented to the Prince that the Consequence of the Canarees being on that Island may soon prove such a Terror to the aforesaid King, Boyanore, and Nombiers that without striking a Blow they may submit to them, and thereby render him unable to guard himself from falling into their Hands. Our Linguist is to proceed to him in a few Days at his Request, and in the meantime he has assured us he will not consent or permit the Canarees making any Lodgment on Durmapatam. Whether we may succeed in preventing for this time their Designs we know not but the detaining the Galley, although she has been requested of us to accompany the Ships now on Departure, We think considering our present Circumstances we cannot in prudence avoid, nor can We say when it may be in our Power to dispatch her, as her Countenance is undoubtedly of great Service to us at this time. The Portugueze Ship has fallen down opposite to Durmapatam, which gives us Jealousy Ragounat persits [*sic*] in his Design; We have represented herein the many Inconveniencies We dread, but perhaps they may not be all; Your Orders therefore at large, and those Speedily sent we entreat for as We must be supposed in such distracted times very much at a Loss how to direct our Conduct.

7. We shall have in Warehouse on departure of the Newcastle about Eleven hundred Candys of Pepper, and more daily expected in.

8. On the Newcastle arrived Mr. Richard Lynch whom we observe your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleased to send to our Assistance in the Room of Mr. George Hamilton. We are with the greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient and most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 27TH. 1733/4.
P^R. NASSAU.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO THE COMPANY DATED FEBRUARY 23^D. 1733/4
‡ PRINCESS OF WALES.

Tellicherry Generall under said Date.

Duplicate of Ditto ‡ Monmouth dated February 28th. 1732/3.

Price Currant of Goods, and Rates of Coins here and at Callicutt in Exchange and Merchandize.

Invoice of the Princess of Wales.

Bill of Lading Ditto.

Translate of the Honble Companys confirmed by Ragopaddell in Behalf of his King Dated December the 18th. 1733.

List of Ships and Vessells arrived at and sailed from Tellicherry, Commencing February the 5th. 1732/3 and Ending February the 23^d. 1733/4.

TO CAPT JOHN HARRIS.

SIR

As our Linguist will go early tomorrow Morning to visit the Prince at a place called Nircadd about a League to the N^o. ward of Cannanore, We desire you will immediatly on the Receipt hereof order down the Two Gallivats to lye off Agarr at a Moderate Distance from the Shore, and when they see the Barge to attend her up to Nircadda there to remain untill the Linguist returns, and then let them keep her Company to this place, when We shall supply them with anything they may want, and send them back to you, in the mean time do you continue on the Cruise; We are

SIR

Your Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 28TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE SUPRA CARGOES AND COMMANDERS
OF THE SHIPS AND VESSELLS TRADING
UNDER THE HONBLE COMPANYS PROTECTION
NOW IN THE ROAD OF TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

Out of the few Europeans We had in the Garrison We have this day lost three named William Edwards, Thomas Bennet and James Goodby, and as we cannot conceive they have any other Way of getting off than from some Encouragement

given them by the people belonging to your Ships, We are to entreat you will make the Strictest enquiry, and if possible find them out, so that they may be returned with the Bearer Mr. Adams, since the same is so reasonable and what is so Justly due to the Company. We cannot doubt your paying a due Regard to our Request. We are

SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 28TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCILL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Last night before the Departure of Ships Nassau, Fort St. George and Cumberland Galley there were missing One Soldier named William Edwards, and Two of the Gunners Crew named Thomas Bennet and James Goodby, and conceiving they might have got clandestinely aboard them, We Instantly dispatched a Letter to the Commanders and Supra Cargos entreating their making the strictest Search in order for their being returned us if found, but We can get no manner of Intelligence about them, yet strongly suspect they may be hid aboard some of them; as the same has happened to this place heretofore We hope your Hon^R. &c^A. will be pleased to cause some enquiry to be made on their Arrivall at Bombay (and Should the same prove as We Surmise,) that you will take such Notice thereof as may prevent such base Practices so Injurious to our Honble Masters. We are

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient and most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
MARCH THE 1ST. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO HENRY LOWTHER ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS ATT SURATT.

GENTLEMEN

Just on Departure of Ships Nassau and Fort St. George, Cumberland Galley, We had missing three Englishmen of this Garrison, Named William Edwards, Thomas Bennet and James Goodby; and suspecting they might have been kept hid aboard said Ships, We sent an Officer with a Letter to all the Commanders and Supra Cargoes for making enquiry after them, but it proved ineffectual, yet however we are still of Opinion they are still aboard some of them, and therefore desire you will please to gain Notice on their Arrivall at Suratt, so that the Men may be returned hither or to Bombay, and Advice given the Honble President and Council

there, on what ship they may have been carried for their taking such methods as to them may seem most proper in order to prevent such mischievous practices for the future.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
MARCH THE 1ST. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCILL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Some of our Seepoys being in a very sickly Condition and exceeding desirous to see their familys, and impossible for us to restore them here, We have permitted them to go on a Shybar now Bound to Bombay, a List of whom is enclosed. They have received their Diet to the last of March.

We are

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most most [*sic*] Obedient and most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 28TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCILL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Last night imported here our Honble Masters Ship Mary Capt Thomas Holden from Bengall by whom We have an opportunity of forwarding Duplicate of our last ¶ Nassau under the 27th. ultimo.

Our Linguist has been with the Prince and assured of the application of his utmost Endeavours for preventing the Cannarees forming their Camp on Durmapatam Island concerning which your Hon^r. & c^a. were largely advised in our last. Ragonat has also wrote us a very dissembling Letter of the great Regard he has to us; and therefore wonders we should have any apprehension that our Interest should Suffer through the near Neighbourhood of his Army, and in order to talk the better on these Points is desirous M^r. Forbes and the Linguist be sent to him, he likewise requests that the Fishermen retired from Agarr through the Warrs hither, may be prevailed on to return.

Our apprehensions of the Evills so naturally to be dreaded from the near approach of the Cannarees are no less than before, and therefore We think it behoves us to try all means for the preventing it, and We wish our force were equall to the Right We have over that Island, for by a power from the Prince procured in the time of M^r. Braddvill, we may hoist our Flagg whenever we judge convenient. His Request for the return of the Fishermen is very arrogant, and plainly shows how much he is disposed to Lord it over us, and We are assured our Condescension in any point will pave the way for many and great Impositions in so much that this Settlement on such Terms will be of very little Benefit to our Honble Masters; but

as we said in our last we cannot answer what may be the Consequence of opposing these Invaders especially since the French will be ready to grasp all opportunitys of procuring us what mischiefs they can, We shall wait with Impatience for your Directions, and in the mean time exert our utmost Prudence for not exposing our affairs to any Hazard.

The Newcastle is taking in her Cargo with what expedition possible, and We believe may sail by the 5th.; We afforded her all the assistance in our power of large Boats to receive the Bales and Men to assist on Board the Ship.

As no Doll is procurable here for the Gallivats, We begg you will please to send us their Allowance thereof for eight Months, and are with great Respect

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obed^t. and most Humb: Servants

TELLICHERRY
MARCH THE 3^D. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE SUPRA CARGO OR COMMANDER OF
ANY ENGLISH SHIP WHICH MAY CALL AT MANGALLORE,
AND INTEND TO TOUCH AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR

As we are in want of Vessells to bring hither about three thousand Robins of Rice from Mangalore for the Service of this Settlement, We shall be obliged to you for the receiving that Quantity, or as much as you can conveniently bring, from one Antonio Paes de Almeida our Servant there and we will readily pay you the full freight of Two Pagodas for every forty two Bales, and are

SIR

Your Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
MARCH THE 19TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT JOHN HARRIS
COMMANDER OF THE ROSE GALLEY.

SIR

Having accommodated our affairs with the Moors of Cannanore, you are hereby directed on receipt hereof to make the best of your Way hither in Company of the Two Gallivats taking Care you give no Disturbance or Molestation to any Boats or Vessells to the aforesaid Moors. We are

SIR

Your Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
MARCH THE 5TH. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS
OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONBLE SIRES

Since our last Address Pr. Princess of Wales under the 23^d. ultimo, imported Ship Mary from Bengall on the 2^d. Instant, and sailed the 3^d. for Bombay, and by what we could learn from the Commander, although the Ship laboured very much in the Storm she met with the 14th. December in the Latitude of Madrass, making a great deal of Water, yet he supposes very little of her Cargo is damaged.

This your Honours will receive by your ship Newcastle with Duplicate of our last, We have laden on her nine hundred and twenty five Candys of Pepper, Fifty Six Candys three Maunds, twenty two Pounds Red Wood, Eleven Hundred and twenty five Baggs of Salt Petre, and three Candys and twenty two pounds of Cardamoms, the latter being the Remainder of what we were directed to provide. Invoice and Bill of Lading of the whole, excepting the Value of Salt Petre and Red Wood (of which we have no account) goes enclosed amounting to Tellicherry Fanams Three hundred and Seventy three thousand eight Hundred and twenty eight, and Nine Viz.

Pepper still continues to encrease its Price, and for the reasons We gave in our last, it will be impossible for us as we conceive to procure more than one thousand Candys of this Years Growth, which is less than has been known for sometime past, but We depend on your Honours being persuaded that not one Grain is applied to any other account.

Since our Last the Canarees came to a Resolution of placing their army on Durmapatam Island bordering on this District N^o.ward, and Separated only by a small River or rather Ditch Wadeable in many places, and from thence tis said to attack the King of Cotata, whose Country lies adjacent thereto; but as the near Neighbourhood of so formidable an Army in whom we have no Reason to have any Confidence, would compell us to be always on the Watch, prove a means of terrifying the Inhabitants of our Districht [sic], and through the Intercourse of their People subject us to frequent Quarrells, and lead them into a better Knowledge of our Situation and force, We thought proper to send their Generall a Letter of Remonstrance, signifying how prejudiciall the same might be to your Honours Interest, through the Stop your Trade would be Subject to from their becoming Masters of the Rivers thereabouts, as they already are of all those to the N^o.ward, as well as the Sea Ports as far as the Confines of the Mallabar Countrey; and as we have so little a dependance on the Sincerity of those People, notwithstanding the Grants which you have been advised of their confirming; We have endeavoured to stir up the Prince for his remaining fixed in not permitting them to violate that part of our Trade, and the rather as by the Authority given by him to Mr. Braddyll We may hoist our Colours on that Island whenever we judge it convenient and hinder any other Power from settling thereon; How well We may succeed in preventing so great a mischief, We are unable to say but are entirely of opinion, if they are not impeded it may pave the Way for many and grievous Impositions, such as demanding of us money, exorbitant Duties, and perhaps insist on our throwing up our Fortresses, that they may then Lord it without controul; Our great Caution not to expose your affairs to any Hazard, the smallness of our Force, and the Base Treatment of the French, may be assigned as Just reasons why these people have succeeded so well hitherto in their designs, and We fear our tame Submission to them, may in a little time destroy your Honours Interest at this Settlement, and We therefore conclude it would be more eligible to oppose them at a distance, than suffer them to come to our Gates, but as We cannot answer for the Consequences of such an Attempt, and our Instructions from our Superiours recommending to us the utmost Caution; We are necessitated to temporize things in the best manner We can, and which may perhaps answer for the present at least till their Intended Conquest is effected, but when nothing but a warm Resistance, and a Capacity of distressing them by Sea, can be of any Service.

The Heiress of Cannanore sent her People here yesterday to make a Submission for ill Treatment, We have met with from them, and paid into our Cash One thousand five Hundred Rupees in consideration of the Expence they putt our Honble Masters to thereby, on which our Vessells were immediately withdrawn, We are under the same apprehension in regard to Ragounatts design of coming on Durmapatam Island, as we advised your Hon^r. &c^a. in our last, and are using our best endeavours to prevent it, but untill we know for a certainty his Intentions, we think it will be imprudent in us to part with the Galley. We are with great Respect

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

TELLICHERRY

Your most Obedient and most Humble Servants

MARCH THE 6TH. 1733/4.
P^R. PRINCE OF WALES.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT. JOHN HARRIS
COMMANDER OF THE ROSE GALLEY.

SIR

You are hereby directed Wind and Weather permitting to proceed with the Rose Galley to Mangulore, where you are to receive from one Antonio Paes D' Almeida, as much Rice on the Honble Companys Account as you can conveniently take in, letting it remain in the same Package without starting any; and when you are fully Loaded, make the utmost dispatch possible hither, giving Convoy to any Boats which the said Antonio Paes D' Almeida may signifie to you are freighted on the Honble Companys Account.

The accompanying Packet please to deliver on your arrivall. We are

SIR

Your Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
MARCH THE 21ST. 1733/4.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS

Our last address was by the Newcastle under the 6th. Instant, Duplicate whereof with Copy of her Invoice go herewith. On the 11th. Instant imported your Ship Royall Guardian Capt Henry Hoadley from Bombay on whom we have Laden One thousand one hundred and twenty five Baggs Salt Petre, Fifty five Candys, Sixteen Maunds, and Eight Pounds Red Wood, and Nine Hundred and Seven Candys Pepper, as ^{is} her Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed, amounting exclusive of the Salt Petre and Red Wood, (of which we have no account their Cost) to Tellicherry fanams Three Hundred Seventy five thousand, eight Hundred Seventy Six, and Nine vis, and as some of the Red Wood remained on Board this Ship when She went up to Bombay, not then to be got at, the same being nine Candys Sixteen Maunds and Eight Pounds is included in this Invoice agreeable to the Orders of the Honble President and Councill though as it would take up a great deall of time to Land it, and attended with expence, We have esteemed it according to the Captains Information.

Through the small produce of Pepper this Season, and the great demands made for it by us and the French, as we before advised; We have no hopes of purchasing what is the Growth of this Year at less than eighty four Rupees the Candy, and yet we are afraid in the whole it will not be in our Power to buy more than about Twelve Hundred Candys, exclusive of small parcells purchased at Callicut, which will amount as we conceive to two hundred Candys more; we must either have submitted to this extravagant price, or permitted the French to have secured it, who seem to be in exceeding want thereof and would not as we believe stick at giving more.

We are sorry we cannot give your Honours Notice of the Recovery of your outstanding Debts in the hands of the Samorine &c^a. and indeed we are afraid it will require sometime ere we shall be able to prevail on them to make any considerable payment as we get very cold answers, and sometimes none for the pressing Letters we write; Our Prince's Debt will be annually decreased by the Custom and if he is capable of preserving his Countrey, which indeed there is great reason to doubt of, we think he will very honestly discharge what he owes.

We signified in our last our apprehensions of the Canarees marching on Durmapatam Island, whose Scituation and nearness to this Districht [sic] your Honours may be perfectly acquainted with by the Plan forwarded by Ships Prince William and Lethieullier and we have represented the ill Consequences which must attend us from such a Neighbourhood, as well as that they would thereby be absolute Masters of all the Rivers and Sea Coast to the N^o.ward of this place and since their Views in effecting their Conquests are solely influenced by a prospect of advantage, We are not reasonably to suppose, they will permitt us (when in their power to prevent it) carrying on our Trade on the same Terms as we are authorised to do from the Grants delivered us by the Sovereign of Colastree, nor have we any faith in their paying any Regard to the Ratification of the aforesaid Grants, which Your Honours have had Translate of signed by Ragupaddell their Generall; for our Boats in the Canaree Ports have been since that time stopt, and the Duty called Adlame, which we are exempted from, demanded of us; and we are informed the Dutch have been disappointed in the Rice they had Engagements for for the delivery of att Bassilore, so that their Ship ordered to receive it, is returned to Cochin empty; These Instances with the long Experience we have had of their Deceit inclines us to fear it will not be long ere they proceed to Lord it over us, and indeed we are apprehensive of their requiring of us the Customs of this Port, Loans or Gifts of Money as well as the Demolishing our Fortifications; Our Concern is the more as we do not find any sincere dispositions in the French or Resolution in the Country People to make head against them; however we have ventured to insist on their not passing to Durmapatam, and influenced the Prince also to oppose it, whereby we seem to have succeeded for the present, and the Army as we understand are to march directly for attacking the Countrey of Cotata bordering on this Place a little N^o. ward; but as that may be soon subdued, and nothing left to impede their March as far as Cota River the Boundarys of this Kingdom S^o.ward; We are likely to have but a small Respite, and are therefore under a necessity of keeping a larger force than would be required in more composed times, as well as to detain the Rose Galley with us this Rains, as She may be of Service in keeping them in Awe by Sea till the End of Aprill, and in readiness at the opening of the fair Season, and her people consisting chiefly of Europeans, a considerable addition of Strength to this Garrison, when the approaching tempestuous Weather will not permit on the utmost Emergency our Superiours sending any assistan[ce] whatever, and many of our Topasses, which our Military is chiefly made up of, are so faithless and Cowardly that though their Treatment is exceeding Good, we cannot depend on them, upwards of Twenty having deserted us lately, for no other reason that we know of but their apprehensions of Troubles; Your Honours may be assured we have the utmost aversion to the encreasing Expences of any kind, nor do we or have we given any just cause to the Canarees or others for disquieting us, but in times of such Calamitys and distractions We are to expect our Share of the Inconveniencys incident thereto.

The Moors of Cannanore in November last after inviting us to mediate their Peace with the Prince and Canarees and after settling and agreeing on all Points,

which we had communicated to the severall Partys, flew off on pretence that the Dutch would not permitt of their finishing the same through our Means, treating our People sent there for that purpose with Rudeness and Contempt, we thought proper the Thirteenth ultimo, just as they had accommodated with the Canarees, to order the Rose Galley, and two Gallivats to cruise on their Vessells untill they should make suitable acknowledgments for the Treatment, which we judged the more necessary as the Canarees would otherwise have imputed our forbearance to the Effects of Fear, and incline them the readier to insult us. On the 4th. Instant we were so fortunate as to accommodate this affair with the Moors on their paying the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Rupees, and sending some of their principall people to ask pardon for their offence.

The stay of this Ship has not been owing to any Want of dispatch from us, but we presume through the trouble attending the stowing her. We are with great Respect

HONBLE SIRS

Your Honours most Obedient and most faithfull Humble
Servants

TELLICHERRY
MARCH THE 29TH. 1734.
P^R. SHIP ROYALL GUARDIAN.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT HENRY HOADLY
COMMANDER OF SHIP ROYALL GUARDIAN.

SIR

Having received a Letter from you this Day wherein you give us to understand your Ship is full, and that you can take in no more Goods on the Honble Companys Account, and desire your dispatches for Great Brittain; These are to order you Wind and Weather permitting to weigh your Anchor and make the best of your Way thither.

The accompanying Packet for the Honble the Court of Directors, We desire your care of and that you will forward the same to them in the most safe and expeditious manner. We wish you a good Voyage and are

SIR

Your very Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
MARCH THE 29TH. 1734.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT HENRY HOADLY
 COMMANDER OF SHIP ROYALL GUARDIAN.

SIR

By your Letter of this Day, we understand you intend to continue on the Coast of Coromandell, untill the Season will [sic] you prosecuting your Voyage for England with safety, which you think the lateness of the Season will not admitt your attempting at present: We shall write the Honble Company of the Same, as well as our Superiours at Bombay, and are

SIR

Your very Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
 MARCH THE 30TH. 1734.

STEPHEN LAW.
 WILLIAM FORBES.
 HUGH HOWARD.
 WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
 FOR THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
 TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONBLE SIR

After delivering our Dispatches with our Address by the Royall Guardian; We received a Letter from Captain Henry Hoadly, signifying that through the lateness of the Season neither he or his Officers thought it prudent to attempt gaining their Passage round the Cape of Good Hope, and therefore intended to lye at Madrass as you will please to observe by Copy of said Letter herewith sent. We are with great Respect

HONBLE SIR

Your Honours most Obedient and most
 faithfull Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
 MARCH THE 30TH. 1734.

STEPHEN LAW.
 WILLIAM FORBES.
 HUGH HOWARD.
 WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO M^R. THOMAS ROUNT
 MASTER OF THE DOLPHIN GALLIVATT.

You are hereby directed to proceed to Mangaseer taking under your Convoy a Munchua freighted on the Honble Companys account. You are to deliver our Letters to Francisco da Sousa and Cuttipa a Moor, who will send with you a proper person to Lade the Munchua with Pepper and Rice att Baccanore; But in Case through any disappointment that may happen in the Pepper, the above persons do not think it convenient for you to go thither in Company of said Munchua; You are then to wait for her being Laded at Mangulore, Mangaseer or any other Place they may think Convenient; We recommend to you a strict Caution while you are in the Canara Rivers or Ports not to permit your people in any Numbers to straggle abroad, or give offence to their people.

The Parcell of Money now entrusted to Your Care; you are to deliver to the above Francisco da Souza and Cuttipa or

We are

Your affectionate friends

TELLICHERRY
 APRIL THE 4TH. 1734.

STEPHEN LAW.
 WILLIAM FORBES.
 HUGH HOWARD.
 WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCILL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Since our last Address under the 6th. ultimo Duplicate whereof accompanys this, we have received your Commands of the 27th. February delivered us by Capt Hoadley of the Royall Guardian the 11th. ultimo.

We proceeded with the utmost Diligence in Lading the Royall Guardian, but it was the 29th. of that month before she had taken in her full Cargo an account whereof your Hon^r. & c^a. will observe by the accompanying Copy of her Invoice amounting to Tellicherry fanams three hundred Seventy five thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty Six, and Nine Viz, which with her Bill of Lading, and Copy of our Letters to the Honble Court of Directors by her also herewith; Likewise Copy of Captain Hoadlys Letter to us with our answer after delivering him his Dispatches importing that through the Lateness of the Monsoon, and the Dangers which might attend his attempting his Passage round the Cape, judged it best to proceed to Madrass, and continue there till the Season permitted his Departure with Safety; He still lies in this Road intending to leave us in a few days; you have likewise enclosed Copy of our Letter to the Honble Court of Directors Pr. Newcastle Her Bill of Lading and Invoice amounting to Tellicherry fanams Three hundred Seventy three thousand, eight hundred twenty Eight, and nine Viz but as we know not the value of the Salt Petre and Red Wood laded on the above Ships. We have only inserted in their Invoices the Quantities thereof, including the remains of Red Wood on board the Royall Guardian.

The Price of Pepper advancing in so extraordinary a manner through the smallness of the Crop, and the great demand for it by the French and us gave us exceeding Concern and in doubt whether we ought to make our purchases in such a manner, but finding the French were determined to buy at any rate and engross all if they could, we were under a Necessity of encouraging out Merchant to commence early in securing what in his power, and his Zeal and Readiness on this occasion has enabled him to deliver us Twelve Hundred and Twenty Seven and three Quarters Candys already of this Year; But we cannot hope it will come out under Eighty four Rupees the Candy, and even at that Rate We are persuaded he gets but a Trifle Profit on a part thereof, though his money lies scattered about the Country without a prospect of recovering it this Year; We have settled no price with him as yet through the backwardness of the French, who we are assured are, notwithstanding all their Artifices, disappointed in what they expected, and have large Sums of Money in the Hands of the Merchants, which we may actually pronounce will not be recovered from many of them, and we think there is not much doubt but they will come as ill off with the King of Cotata, since he has not as we can learn delivered them above twenty five Candys Pepper for upwards of fifty thousand Rupees advanced him in view of monopolizing the whole Produce of his Country. The expectation we had of four Ships being sent to us, and reflecting on the Consequences of any disappointment with the uncertainty of your & c^a. getting the Pepper lying in the Sundah Country, led us to have recourse to Callicut, where we have now in readiness One hundred and ninety five Candys bought at different prices; But as the Northern Country Vessells always want it, and give a great price; this has been procured by our Calculate at about Eighty five Rupees, the particular Accounts not being not yet sent us; We have likewise bought in the Canaree Country about Mangulore small Quantitys, as we conceive near the same Price for this Candy; But those employed not being yet come hither, nor all the Pepper received we cannot be exact; However we enclose a Calculate of what we apprehend will be in Warehouse at the Close of this Monsoon esteemed at about Eleven Hundred and fifty nine Candys; tho' after that time we have no hopes of procuring any Quantity untill the New Crop in February next, and how that may prove is impossible for us to say: But it gives us great Pleasure to hear your Honour & c^a. have secured so large a Quantity in the Sundah Country. and equally so, that the troubles in Suratt have terminated so much to your Satisfaction.

We know not what to say to the Samorines Debt, who will hardly vouchsafe us answers to our Letters; We have a person now with him; but we retain our former opinion that it will be a long time ere he discharges what he owes.

We have made your Hon^r. &c^a. acquainted with Ragounats being in possession of Cadalay on the Peace he concluded with the Moors, and of his Intention to secure Durmapatam Island, and how much we dreaded the Neighbourhood of such perfidious and powerfull People, We therefore laboured with the Prince, and shewed at the same time a Resolution of opposing that design, and sent some days since M^r. Howard and our Linguist to expostulate with their Generall on the Prejudice our Trade might receive, and the Diffidence we had in his friendship, as the Grants so long promised were not confirmed, nor our Trade exempt from the new Imposition called Adlame; They were so fortunate with the Princes assistance and seeming Resolution as to prevail for his marching to attack Cotata another way, and which he appeared to be bent on forthwith; But whether through the want of Orders from the King of Bednure or money to pay the Army, they are at this time encamp't about Cadalay, and no immediate appearance of executing that Resolution We are told many of their People are returned home, and those remaining mutinous and disobedient for Want of Pay; What their reall Designs are we are unable to judge, though conceive after so great an Expence they will not easily give up their Undertaking, We determined to detain the Rose Galley to countenance our affairs during the fair Season, and to have the assistance of her people in the Rains, when we concluded the Canarees might resolve to settle on Durmapatam, so that should your Orders have arrived for our obstructing them, We might be in a Condition for the same; but since reflecting this Vessell may be greatly wanted at Bombay, and as we have no permission from you to detain her, and the appearance that now is of the Canarees remaining Quiet for sometime, We have with Reluctance resolved to dispatch her, though in reality in any time of action we might reasonably expect great Benefit from her Europeans, for tis with extreme Regret We assure your Hon^r. &c^a. a great Part of our Topasses, which the Military is Chiefly composed of are not to be depended upon, though the Pay is raised to Twenty five fanams ₹ Month; We had lately above Sixteen of them deserted to Cotata on a little encouragement given by him, and the apprehension they were probably under of the approach of troubles, and once for all we begg leave to declare it as our Opinion in time of action very few of them would behave like Soldiers exclusive of the Danger We should be in of their leaving us, so that the supplying us with better men, while things are in this Confusion, would be very necessary. We can strictly answer no Injustice of any kind is done them, but their infidelity is owing to their inconstancy and mean Descent, those of Cochin, who always distinguish themselves not being to be had, as we suppose through the great Scarcity and Dearness of Necessarys excepting Rice; The Galley has brought us upwards of three thousand Bales from Mangalore, and some has been received on Munchuas, but just as She was Laded a new Order was sent down by the King to demand Half a Pagoda on every Corge under the Denomination of a Present; The French opposed it for sometime; but the Lateness of the Season, and the Dispatch of Two of their Ships, with one they have hired of Ally Rajahs family to carry Rice to Pondicherry, and a great Number of Munchuas on private Account induced them to acquiesce, as we fear we must do though Ragounat has sent repeated Orders not to collect it from us; We are not to wonder at this Treatment from a People so base and deceitful. They have put a Stop to the Fortifying the Portuguese Factory at Mangalore, and notwithstanding they engaged to deliver conformable to the Dutch Agreement with them Ten thousand Pagodas in Rice at Bassalore, the Ship sent up on that account could not get any part thereof, and is returned to Cochin empty; They continue fortifying Cadalay and keep Possession of Eddicaute Point, so that we cannot well expect any punctuality or Sincerity from them: Ragounatt a few days ago sent a Bill of Exchange on the Chief for Two hundred and fifty Pagodas payable to a Subbadar sick in this place, to whom he is largely indebted, and who earnestly prest for the Payment of it; But as he owes us a Ballance of three thousand four hundred and fifty five fanams on Account of Stores supplied him, and little prospect of being reimbursed, we excused our Selves in the best manner we could, and only advanced One hundred and fifty Rupees to said Subbedar, which we were

induced to as he was in great Want of it, and because a totall Denial in our unsettled Condition for such a Sum might give him great disgust, which we think ought if possible to be avoided.

The King of Cotata after becoming largely indebted to the Misure forces in his Country, and the Heads of the Pagoda Taliparambut refusing to advance any thing, he put them off from time to time, till they become so impatient that they marched Inland to a small Fortress where he had retired to, pressing for their Pay; but the Mallabar like fired on them, and the Country flocking to his assistance they made a disorderly Retreat to the Buzar of Cotata, with the Loss of severall of their men, and not thinking themselves safe there, they expresst a Contentment to depart, being permitted so to do, and advanced up to the Hills, where the Passages are very narrow and difficult to ascend, many of them were as tis said picked off by a party of the Kings people, and what little they had saved taken from them; By this Action your Hon^r. &c^a. may conclude what Sort of a Neighbour he is, and how ready the French will be to make use of him in those bad designs we shall always believe they are contriving against us.

On the Galleys return from Anjengo, She took in ninety two peices of Timber being the Sizes she was capable of stowing, We intended to have sent her for the remainder, or Such a part as she could carry but her Cruise on the Moors, and departure for Mangalore, with the little probability that appeared of our dispatching her this Season, made us omit it; and now as tis so late we do not chuse to detain her, She arriving from Mangalore the 4th. Instant; The remainder we were directed to provide will be in a readiness after the Rains, when we shall be able to send an Account of the Cost; She is supplied with Provisions till the last of May, as appears by the Stewards account enclosed, which takes notice of the delivery of Eight Casks of Beef received by the Newcastle, and part of the Salt fish received at the same time, and having no Surgeon on a board, and an opportunity offering of being assisted by Captain Josiah Lewes with his Doctors Mate, Mr. Wilmot whom you were before pleased to send to act in that Station here, goes on the Galley, and the other remains in his Room; We have exchanged four European Soldiers as P List paid to the time therein mentioned.

The three Men we had so strong a Suspicion were carried away on the Shipping as we advised, were returned four days after from Mahee, having attempted to Travell to Madrass, and sorry we should so readily believe so unkind a Practice, though it is what had been done before.

On the 13th. ultimo we received a Letter from the Governour and Council of Pondicherry in answer to ours of the 9th. January, signifying their having no notice from their Gentlemen of Mahe on the Points we complained, but when they heard from them, they would give a particular reply thereto, which we believe will be little to the purpose.

We doubt whether the Gentlemen att Anjengo had an opportunity of addressing your Hon^r. &c^a. since the departure of the Princess of Wales for England, which we learn from them was the third ultimo, and that it was impossible to Lade her sooner through the great Surf which happened from the Twenty Sixth of February the time of her Arrivall there. We could not give them any notice of the Departure of this Galley, as we had no certainty of sending her. We are with great Respect.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient, and most
faithfull Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 8TH. 1734.
P^B. ROSE GALLEY

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACKET TO BOMBAY P^R. ROSE GALLEY APRIL THE 8TH. 1734.

Tellicherry Generall under said Date.
 Duplicate of Ditto under the 6th. March ꝑ Prince of Wales.
 Copy of Ditto to the Honble dated the 6th. Do. Pr. Newcastle.
 Ditto to Ditto of the 29th. Do. ꝑ Royall Guardian.
 Ditto of the 30th. Do. Do.
 Do. Capt Hoadleys Letter Do. with our answer.
 Invoice and Bill of Lading of the Newcastle.
 Do. ... Royal Guardian.
 Stewards Account of Provisions supplied the Rose Galley from December 1733
 to ultimo May 1734.
 List of Soldiers taken from and put on board the Rose Galley.
 Calculate of Pepper to be in Warehouse by the 20th. May 1734.

TO CAPT JOHN HARRIS
COMMANDER OF THE ROSE GALLEY.

SIR

You are hereby directed Wind and Weather permitting to proceed with your Galley to the Port of Bombay, taking due Care you do not come near the Countrey of Angria, lest his Vessells being superiour to you, make a bold attempt to carry you: In all other Respects you must conform to the Generall Instructions given you by the Honble President and Councill of Bombay. Our Packet herewith given you for them deliver immediately on your Arrivall. We wish you a Speedy and Safe Passage up, and am

SIR

Your Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 8TH. 1734.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS ATT ANJENGO.

SIRS

Your Letter of the 7th. Instant came to hand the 12th. wherein we observe your having Intelligence that a Swedish Ship had been at Mudd Bay watering, and the Steps the Dutch at Cochin took in order to hinder her being supplied there again, for which we are obliged to you: We have given Notice of this to the Shipping now in the Road, and shall do the like on the Arrivall of any others, that they may be on their Guard. We are

SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 14TH. 1734.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ADRIAN ARISTEEDÉ
CHIEF &C^A. COUNCIL FOR THE NOBLE DUTCH COMPANY
ATT CANNANORE.

SIR AND SIRS OUR MOST ESTEEMED FRIENDS

We are favoured with our Letter of the 3^d. May N.S. setting forth the Deser-
tion of severall of your Soldiers with their Arms and Accoutrements on the Second
thereof at Night, and who you understand are here and entertained in our Service,
desiring our Returning them to you by the Bearer.

We affirm to you Gentlemen that none of your People whatever which have
come to this place did bring with them any Arms or Accoutrements, nor know we
any thing of the four Men you mention to have left you at the time abovementioned,
Reason and Equity require our returning to you the Effects of your Masters; but
the Law of Nations forbid the delivering up persons to be capitally punished, as we
are certain must be the Fate of any that should be returned to you. We have
neither directly or indirectly from our Selves or others by our Means given En-
couragement to any of your Mens repairing hither, and we are determined in every
respect to behave towards you suitable to the profession we make of being.

SIR AND SIRS

Your most esteemed friends and
Servants

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 22^D. O.S. 1734.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR & SIRS

Yesterday we receivd by a Pattamar from Madrass the Accompanying Packett
from the Honble President & Council of Bombay with directions to forward it to
you Express which we now comply with & are,

SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
JULY 26. 1734.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE. ROBERT COWAN ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

1. By the Cowan who Imported with us the 9th. April we receivd your Com-
mands of the 4th. & since on the 25th. Ult^o. Pr. Patamar from Madrass those of the
10th. of May.

2. Your Hon^r. &c^a. have recieved by the Rose Coppy of our Letter to the
Honble Court of directors, ^{of} Royal Guardian with her Invoice & bill of Lading. That
Ship left us the 16th. April as did the Cowan Patty & Neptune Brigantine, who all
Seemd determined to keep Company for their Mutal [sic] defence against the Sweede
Ship who we were informd Waterd in Mud bay a few days before they saild but
know not whether She Afterwards directed her Course. the Monsoon set in here

with remarkable Violence the 27th. May, which compeld Mr. Says Ship after loosing her Topmast & Mizen Mast, to go into Carwar Cove, and from whence According to his advices to the Chief under the 11th. June he expected to depart by the 15th. of this month, intending to call here for some Cordage he desired might be provided.

3. We are realy of Opinion the Person we employd in Lading the Hundred Candys Pepper on the Princess of Wales at Onore, did behave with the strictest Integrity; we shall comply with your Orders as soon as possible in getting the standard Weight of that place, for our informing your Hon^r. &c^a. how it holds out.

The Provision your Hon^r. &c^a. were pleased to Send us by the Cowan for the Galevats and Seepoys came out right as did the Stores by her and Richmond save two Hundred & two Shot by the former viz^t.

33.	6 pounders is	lb.
								198
47.	5 Ditto	235
35.	3 Ditto	105
87.	1 Ditto	87
								cwt
202	Shot	W ^t	625 or 5
								qrs.
								lb.
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amounting to Rupees thirty Eight which we have Short Credited that Invoice: the Capt affirming he did never recieve them.

5. On the 6 of May we adjusted with our Merchant Chautoo Chitty the Account of Pepper delivered us to that time being one Thousand three Hundred thirty Nine Candys & four Maunds at Eighty four Rupees the Candy. when we advanced him Rupees Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty for payment of one Hundred & forty Candys at the same price he engaging it should be in our Warehouse by the End of September, & whereof we have to this day recievd Seventy Seven Candys three Maunds we shall not use many Arguments in Convincing your Hon^r. &c^a. we could not possibly Strike at a more Moderate Price being well informd that in this Bargain he did not gain more than two Rupees in a Candy notwithstanding the great risque attending the large sums of Money He Lay out in the inland Countrys we are now endeavouring pursuant to your last commands to procure all we farther Can; and have already directed our Linguist at Callicut to Secure what ever may be got there, Ponany & Tannore, but an unavoidable hazard must attend the Advancing money to the Merchants of those places, & is what we should choose to Avoid, did not the French take this method in Order as we presume to Obtain wherewith for Lading a Ship they dayly expect to Arrive directly from France, & we are afraid this will prove a means of keeping up the price of this Comodity in the Adjacent Countrys notwithstanding the prospect of a Plentifull Crop and with-all Frustrate our hopes of lowering the same to its usual value, for the beginning to buy so early leads the Merchants to think us under a Necessity of giving whatsoever they demand towards dispatching our Ships in February. We enclose a Calculate of the Quantity we conceive may be in readiness by the End of December, & for the remainder required of us, we must depend on the new Crop and whereof we cannot expect to recieve any Considerable quantity till the Close of february, your Hon^r. &c^a. will percieve by the Treasury Accounts enclosed how small a Balance remains at this time & hope therefore a Speedy Supply will be sent us in Venetians Gubbers & Rupees. & since the new Crop is like to be plentifull we wish to have your directions early in regard to the quantity we are to procure that we may Govern ourselves Accordingly Apprehending you will think it Necessary to lay in a large Stock, least the next Years Should prove as deficient as was the last, giving us likewise your Orders whether we must submit to the terms others buy at, or be Limited to a stated price.

6. The Canaree Army Encampt about Cadalay consisting of about five thousand Armed men have continued inactive since the reduction of that place & their want of pay puts them under a Necessity of Furnishing themselves by extorting Money from the country; but what they have got this way amounted to a very small sum, & subjected their people employd in Collecting it to sundry inconveniencys,

through some of the Mallabars taking private Occasions therefrom of destroying them. Raganat left the Camp in May for Mangalore, as was presumed to have gone from thence to Bednure; but the King has not yet seen him, not being perhaps inclinable to Advance more Money for Carrying on the War, we Cannot yet learn when he is to return nor what resolution may be taken for their Future Operations, thô tis said they will infallibly proceed for the subduing Cotata in the fair Season.

7. We have Weighed with the utmost Attention to the directions you have been pleased to give us in regard to the Island of Durmapatam, & have done what in us lay for Obtaining a Quiet Possession of it, But when we came to discourse with the Prince thereon we soon found the King of Cotata had a Majority of People in most of its Fortresses, and that our Attempting to Settle there without that Kings consent would infalibly Occasion an Open Rupture between us, this Island properly belongs to our Prince and is esteemd part of his Country but as the Prementiond King Assisted with his people in the reduction of it, and Issued upwards of five & forty Thousand Fanams towards defraying that Expencc, which is yet unsatisfied, he thinks he has a right [to] Continue an Armed force there as a Security for the payment thereof, to get over this affair we prest the Kings repairing near us, for our Linguist seeing him, pretending we had many things to Offer tending to the good of his Country, in preserving it against the Attempts of the Canarees, but it was not possible for us to gain this Interview sooner than the 19th. Ultimo when our Linguist Applied the best Arguments he was Master of, or we could furnish him with towards Obtaining his Consent for our Hoisting our Colours there as the only Method for Protecting it Against the Attempts of the Canarees, and preventing thereby the Many inconveniencys & detrements he might be otherwise exposed to, but Whether through a diffidence of our becoming in time by this Acquisition too powerfull for him, or that he imagined no danger from the Canarees being in a Condition to hunt him, it was impossible for our Linguist to succeed, and we are of Opinion we cannot otherwise Obtain this point, than by laying down on our Masters Account the five & forty Thousand Fanams due from the Prince, and perhaps fifteen or twenty more in presents, which we Apprehend our Selves not Authorized to do without your Permission however since this Matter Seems to us, of the greatest Moment to the future Interest of this Settlement, we shall endeavour to the best of our Capacity at giving you as Clear an Idea as we can of the Advantages & disadvantages probably resulting from our Holding it, & first as to the Advantages.

8. The Scituation of this place has been fully represented from hence in the time of Mr. Braddyl and the plan thereof in your possession will shew its extent, & the command it has over the Rivers bordering thereon from whence we extract the Pepper produced in the Country of Cotata and Adjacent places, It has an Influence also on Randotarra in such a Manner that we are made to believe, even Shoud Cadalay be in the possession of the Dutch, it will not be in their power to deprive us of a great part of the Pepper produced in those parts, and as an Island it may be the more easily defended, exclusive of the command it Naturaly will have over Cotata, for preventing the stop he is now enclind on frequent Occasions, to put to our Pepper as well as the Dutys and new Impositions he is continually contriving to lay & more now then heretofore from the dependance he has on the French; when it was in the most flourishing State under the Moors, tis said to have yeilded by Coconut Oarts, Paddy Grounds Salt Pans, and Rent of Houses an Annual Revenue of about Sixty thousand Fanams and tis not to be doubted but in the Space of twelve years under a Just & Prudent Management, it may be raised from its present ruind State, to better Circumstances than heretofore, as by experience we find many of these people very willing to put themselves under our Government, preferable to that of the Country, and what is of more Consequence than has been hitherto Alledg'd prove a means of Securing to our Hoñible Masters a Sure & more Certain footing in this Country, attended with less inconveniencys in all respects than what they now hold.

9. We shall now proceed to view the disadvantages which may in all probability Attend our Possessing this Island, the Fortifications at presen[t] there, in the

hands of the Malabars, by being made of earth & in no regular Order cannot be supposed proper for our purpose, & therefore their will be a Necessity of raising Others with Lime & Stone and we Apprehend three such Absolutely requisite for its defence that is to say; two small redoubts to command the Entrance of Codollee River and Trentapatam and a Convenient Fort on the highest Spot whereon the Moors had theirs whether any more will be found Necessary we cannot Judge at Present, as some of us have not had an Opportunity of Surveying it through our being on indifferent terms with the King of Cotata; but Mr. Braddyl is very well Able to supply this, as he had an opportunity of going round it, your Hon^r. &c^a. will be able to Judge of the Expence that may attend these Works, as well as the Conveniencys required in Warehouses Lodgings Guard rooms Magazines &c^a. which we are to Suppose will be found unavoidable, as well as the reducing the Works of Tellicherry, for the keeping only a Small Guard there purely to Maintain the Companys title to it, and prevent the French's Strech^s. their Authority as far as Codollee which we may conclude they would readily do, if we were wholly to Vacate the places we keep at present; Further since the King of Cotata may perhaps be inclinable to Obstruct us in holding this Island, we shall be compelled to keep up a More then Ordinary force for the preserving both it & this place until the works are perfected thereon.

10. The foregoing is what we beg leave to offer to your Consideration, to which we shall add, we are not certain the French have no design of fixing themselves there through the Assistance of the King of Cotata, as the Heiress of Cannanore did when the Linguist was with her the 27th. April last, Assure him; she had reciev'd Notice of their having such a design, & therefore Advised us, to prevent them by our prior possessing thereof, declaring with a great deal of seeming sincerity, she had much rather it was in our hands, than under the command of Others as then she should always hope, and expect those of the Mahometan Race, that might be under our protection would find kind treatment, this free declaration of her consent was very Acceptable since from thence we may reasonably believe she will not go about by any under hand Measures to embarrass us, we confess this Notice from her gave us no small share of Uneasiness, and enclined us to Judg[e] our Secretly Attempting to get it, and risquing a War with Cotata was rather to be chose, than letting it fall into their hands to the endangering the Companys future Interest at this Settlement, but we were in a little time eased of those Apprehensions from other Intelligence as we Judged no less certain; that this affair had never gone farther between them & Cotata, than a bare discourse without coming to any determination: In fine since there are likely to happen more Obstacles in this undertaking, than your Hon^r. &c^a. were apprized of, we beg for your Speedy & effectual Orders for our proceedings, Humbly offering as our Opinion, provided our Hoñble Masters are determined to preserve their Trade on this part of the Coast, their being possess of that place, will be a far greater Security than Telli-cherry, & frustrate in a great Measure the Intrigues of the Dutch & French as well as prove a good Barrier Against the Canarees. You may please to Observe we have reasonable hopes of gaining a quiet Admittance into the same, on paying the Forty five thousand Fanams oweing to Cotata from the Prince, and fifteen or twenty thousand more in Presents; but it occurs to us as a thing possible, that the French may have the same intent, of becoming Masters of it, and by paying a more considerable sum to Cotata, than the Above engage to give them Entrance as he has a Superiour Force to the Prince there, therefore in such case as the laying down the most money may carry the point one way or other, we desire to know whether we may launch out according to the Necessity we may find ourselves under Apprehending the frustrating the French of the highest Consequence, & wherein you may rest assured we shall have the strictest care in all respects.

11. We presume your Hon^r. &c^a. will if you should resolve on possessing the Island, think an additional force Necessary including therein two Officers, with some Sober Europeans fit for Serjeants & Corporals of which at present we are in the greatest want, the enclosed List N^o. 9 sets forth the present state of our Garrison and though we have your permission for Listing more Topasses the getting of them is entirely out of our Power, and the more as the French continue to entertain such as come to them, as does the King of Cotata, and our Prince who has

near Forty now in his Service at the pay of Thirty Two Fan^s. $\frac{1}{2}$ month, those in our service as we before advised do in a great Measure consist of such Vagabonds that we are never sure of keeping them, even in peaceable times. We Assure your Hon^r. &c^a. we have no Gratification in encreasing the Charges, which we are sorry to Observe are Already much to high, yet if we undertake the prementioned affair for some time at least the Augmenting them will be unavoidable.

12. We thought it a proper Opportunity when the Prince was here the 25th. May to prevail on him to deliver us three Instruments One a Blank Ola signd by his Uncle Unmentry & filld up by said Prince for our fortifying Tellicherry in the year 1708 one from himself Confirming the Prementioned of his Uncle's, & empowering our holding such other Fortresses as have been since raised, and another for Ascertainning the Publick and private Customs to be paid on the trade of this place Translate of all which are sent herewith we Judg'd the gaining the above of some Moment, as to that time our Hon^{ble} Masters had not Obtaind the proper Authority for their possessions in that of the Customs you will please to Observe; the Hon^{ble} Comp^y. are exempt from paying dutys on Goods landed here, and reship't on their own Account, which we were induced to be Solicitous for, to prevent the like demands as was made on the Salt Petre & Red Wood taken ashore from the Royall Guardian, & he relinquishd the Amount we had Credited him thereon.

13. We had sundry discourses with this Prince touching the removal of the Canarees, which he at that time seemd very desirous of effecting Strongly insisting on our engaging with him in the Undertaking, and we as Anxious for a deposite of Three Million of fanams to be paid down, previous to entering with him: he was at last brought to offer us two million, but at last without settling any thing left us with a promise of returning hither in a Short time; for his finally Adjusting this Matter, & whether from the disunion of the Principal powers Interest in this Affair, or a Stupid Negligence & Unconcern'dness of what may be the Consequences from this Invasion, we have reciev'd no other Notice from him then frequent promises of coming hither without any Observance; we shall endeavour to act on the most rational Grounds in pursuance of the latitude you have been pleased to give us, and heartily wish the Mallabars may rouse from the Lethargy which seems to have Seized them, the King of Cotata in his discourse with our Linguist appear'd no Otherwise inclin'd to Assist in the Confederacy, than by sending an Inconsiderable Number of men, notwithstanding he had a few days before privately robbed the remaining treasure belonging to the Pagoda Taliparambut lying in his Country amounting by report to one Million of Fanams.

14. As the French in April last were endeavouring with the King of Tannore, to Obtain the Sole liberty of transporting the Pepper procurable in his country, we Judged the Sending our Callicut Linguist to him & his Ministers with a present Amounting to Rupees Sixty five Absolutely Necessary, and if we may depend on the Sincerity of the Answer to the Chiefs Letter and his promise to the Linguist, we may expect better treatment in his Country than any other European Nation; we are sorry to Acquaint you that Isooph the Moor of that Country employd by us, as we advised your Hon^r. &c^a. last year in the procuring of Pepper, has proved

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deficient in the payment of Rupees 1300. — 79 but hope we shall not be disappointed in the Method we have taken for Securing it.

15. We continue unsuccessful in our Application to the samorine whose payments for this Year have Amounted to no more than Fanams Callicut Fifty Thousand two Hundred tho we Assure your Hon^r. &c^a. the Chiefs Letters to him have been wrote in the most pressing and indeed threatenng Manner We have some hopes of recovering Durmet Ponicarrys debt, and don't give the Queen Mothers entirely over, but Puniture Rajahs we conceive will prove desperate.

16. Boyanore on the 11 June sent his people here to settle his Account who after insisting on a promise made in the time of Mr. Braddyl of Five thousand Fanams as a Gratuity for his endeavouring to keep out the French and which our Linguist remembred to have been Offerd, we gave it up and reciev'd his Balance of Fanams

two thousand one Hundred Seventy three & one vis delivering up his Obligation, as to the Princes debt, we can only repeat what we have often Signified that we conceive it can no otherwise be lessend than by Customs which this year gives him a Credit of Fourteen Thousand four Hundred eighty two fan^s. so that there is now due from him Seventy one thousand Sixty two & Six vis.

17. The Sundry debts on our Books exprest as desperate we are afraid will realy prove so, & that of Chautoo Chittys of fanams four Thousand Ninety four he is very earnest with us to carry off, least some of his family hereafter should be lyable to have it demanded of them, we can only Surmise as has been hinted, that it might have been contracted at the time of building this Fort, on Account of Stones which after their delivery were not put to his Credit, we shall waite your Hon^r. &c^a. directions whether we are to Comply with his request or not.

18. The Timber & Plank we were directed to provide for Bombay and Gombroon, our Callicut Lingst. expects to have in readyness by the time you may please to order it away, as well as the two Hundred Lances still deficient of what you directed to be provided.

19. We forward your Hon^r. &c^a. enclosed under N^o. 2 Copy of a Letter receivd the 28 June from the Gov^r. & Council of Pondichery in Answer to one we had wrote some time before, complaining of those at Myhie & we presume your Hon^r. &c^a. will be of the same Sentiments with us, that no sure dependance can be had on the Agents of that Nation, but on the contrary in whatever we may have to do with them, We are likely to meet with insincerety & inconstancy According as their Humour and Interest may Govern, and we think this answer is of a piece with several other instances we have met with of their treatment, however we shall not be wanting on our Parts in keeping up a Necessary good understanding with them.

20. The one Hundred & fifty Rupees we advised your Hon^r. &c^a. to have been lent Raganat, has been recovered by our Linguist, and we wish we could say the Same in regard to what he owes us for in regard to Stores, we shall take particular care however in future, that he gets nothing from us, though we hope that sum will not be lost the Heiress of Cannanore has redeemd her paune, by paying us the three Thousand five Hundred Rupees She was indebted.

21. The Keeping the Dolphin & Antilope Galevats with us so long contributes greatly to encreasing our Charges, and yet as the Canarees are so near us, & there Friendship not to be depended on, tis to be Apprehended, that our returning them might encourage those envaders to seek Occasion's of insulting and ill using us, in a worse degree then they will be induced to do, now we have such a fforce ready at hand to Chastize them; The Cruelty of these vessels are from their long Continuance here, very uneasie. If your Hon^r. &c^a. could therefore supply us with Galevats to relieve them, it would be very pleasing to them; but should you think of doing so, we wish they could be of equal force, & suitably manned.

22. Your Hon^r. &c^a. will receive in this Paquet the papers Annually required from this settlement as ^{is} the List: and we beg you will as far as possible comply with our Indent, tho it continues to be so large.

23. Since Writing the foregoing we have recieved by different hands the Malancholy [*sic*] Notice of the Seizure of Mr. Say's Ship by the Sundah Rajah as she was lying in Carwar Cove, the reports being so various we cannot perfectly inform your Hon^r. &c^a. how this was effected, but we have no room to doubt its Certainty, & that the Unfortunate Europeans being five in number are securely kept in one of that Rajahs Forts, tis said he had taken ashore all her Lading and was preparing to haule her into the River, We are likewise Assured, that Raganat did some time since in a deceitfull & Treacherous Manner prevaile on the Portugueze Factor at Mangalore to come to his house where he instantly confined him; & took possession of the Factory with the unfinished Fortress the Canarees had by Agreement permitted their building contiguous thereto, your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to reflect what little dependance is to be had on those people and how much it behoves us to be on our Guard, while they continue so near us.

24. We determined on sending these advices at the Usual time of Pattamar but the uncertainty we were under in what Manner we might be able to Settle with Cotata in regard to Durmapatam, & having nothing else Material since the departure of the Rose we Judged a Sea conveyance to Goa might prove as expeditious, more secure and attended with as little Expences; since the boat will be returned with Arrack as the dispatching a Pattamar. The Chief has wrote a Letter to the Vice Roy entreating his Assistance to the Padre Procurador Francisco Homem, to whom this Packet is recommended in forwarding the same by a Light boat express [*sic*] & the duplicate by any other Conveyance, heartily wishing it may Arrive in time so as to receive an Answer by the ships that may be ordered down the Coast; but should it not we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will find some other Speedy Occasion for giving us your directions.

25. The Fortress of Putina was built for the better preserving the quiet of this Settlement, and to prevent Cuny Nair's Attempting to Meddle with those Grounds, which by right of Conquest has been deemed the Property of our Hon^{ble} Masters. This place at present Takes up forty Eight of our Garrison & cannot at any time have less then thirty eight, & yet in the rainy season, it is very insecure by our being Obliged, for keeping up the Mud Walls, to use a Number of Cajans, Subject to Fire and other Accidents, we shall therefore be glad to have your Hon^r. &c^a. Directions if we may vacate the same, provided we have no reason to expect any disturbance from Cuny Nair, and he may be brought to be satisfied with our Relinquishing to him a part of the Paddy Grounds lying thereabout, which yields a very inconsiderable sum in Comparison of the Expence we are at in it's Repairs and the Garrison people, we are with the greatest Respect.

TELLICHERRY

AUGUST 17. 1734.

VIA GOA.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient & most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

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LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACKET TO BOMBAY VIA GOA DATED AUGST. 17. 1734.

1. Tellicherry General under said date.
2. Copy of a Letter from the Gov^r. & Council of Pondichery dated June 17. 1734.
3. List of ships & vessels Imported & Exported at Tellicherry Commencing Oct^r. 20. 1733 Endg. May 7. 1734.
4. Price Current of Goods at Tellicherry & Calicut with the rate of Coins.
5. Paymasters Acco^t. for July 1734.
6. Treasury Acco^t. for Ditto.
7. Calculate of Pepper likely to be in Warehouse by the End of December 1734.
8. Translate of three Grants given by the Prince Cunhi Homo.
9. List of Tellicherry Garrison with an Acco^t. how they are disposed of.
10. Indent of Stores.
11. Do. of Medicines.
12. List of the Packett.

TO THE HONBLE MONS^r. LE NOIR

PRESID^t. & GOV^r. & C^A. COUNCIL OF PONDICHERY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favoured with both your Letters of the 26th. February & 17 June N.S. in Answer to the Complaint we judged we had reason to make you of the Proceedings of the Gentlemen at Mahee.

It has always been our Sincere intentions to preserve inviolably those engagements which we had Mutually enterd into for the support of our Interests in this Country and we are still of Opinion the observance of them will be the Surest means for securing quiet to our respective Settlement & reduce the price of Pepper to a Moderate and reasonable Value.

We cannot but with regret observe you should please to Approve of the Steps your Gentlemen took for the bringing About a Pacification between the Canarees & the Family of Ally Rajah, without previously consulting us thereon, which Surely they were not Authorized to do, by virtue of the Articles we had enterd into, and indeed it was the more to be wonderd at, as the same was Secretly undertaken immediately after their promise given us to Conform to them, According to their Genuine Meaning & in Compliance with the possitive Orders your Hon^r. & c^a. had given them on that head. We are equally Surprized they Should Charge us with treating with the prementioned powers in May & July without Consulting them, when they at those times Actually refused executing the treaty unless we would Acquiesce to their demands, thô they must have been then Sensible of the unreasonableness & unjustness of them. However if notwithstanding what has hapned we meet with upright dispositions in your Gentlemen towards preserving our Mutual Interests. we shall on our Parts Chearfully concur with them & in all things convince you & them we detest nothing more than evasions & subterfuges which can only serve to create Jealousies and distrusts to the distruction of Friendship and Confidence, & which are indispensably requisite in every transaction between man & man & much more so in Cases of a Publick concern. We have the Hon^r. to be with great Respect

TELLICHERRY

SEPTEMBER 2^d. 1734 O.S.

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N.B. A Letter to the Hon^r. Company dated 12th. Sept^{ber}. Enter'd the last in this Book.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

1. Since our last of the 17 Ult^o. Via Goa Triplicate whereof goes herewith we have reciev'd your Commands of the 3^d. Instant & are exceeding Sorry our Honble Masters Ships were not then Arriv'd, the rather since the Treasure you have been pleased to permit to take out of them, should they come this way, will be very improper for the Purchase of Pepper, and a Considerable loss will unavoidably attend the exchanging of Dollars into Coins Suitable & Current for that End, it would be well therefore, if we could possibly be Supplyd by any other means including therein Some Venetians and Gubbers which will be exceedingly Wanted for the Purchase of Cardamoms, as well as for keeping up the Rupees to their Present value.

2. As our last letter containd at large the Prospect we have of a Plentifull Crop of Pepper, and the Account of our Purchases, we have nothing Material to add thereto, save that our Callicut Linguist has given out Thirty two thousand Seven Hundred & fifty new fanams towards payment of one Hundred thirty one Candys Pepper to be deliverd in January at the Price it may then bear, which he was constraind to do, or suffer it to fall into the hands of the French Agents who have been some time in those parts, Issuing out money for this Commodity. we shall conform to your Directions in Lading on the Europe Ship's as much Pepper

as they can take in, Should they come this Way, and you may be confident no Pains or endeavours shall be wanting for Secureing if Possible wherewith to dispatch the returning ship to Great Brittain.

On the 27th. Ult^o. the Dutch Captⁿ. of Cananore gave notice to the Chief of his receiving information from Cochin communicated to those there by the Gov^r. of Nagapatam, & to him by Gov^r. Pitt, that on the 27th. July last one of our Hon^{ble} Masters Ships Arrived at Madrass with the news of England & Holland having declared War against France; & that their was a Tumult in London, occasiond by the Excise bill, & bitter Invectives utterd against Mr. Walpole, as the Supposed Contriver of it which was Conjectured might Terminate in his downfall notwithstanding the Willingness of the King to Screen him from the rage of the People. Our Scituation here justly Occasions us a Concern at this News, and the more as those of Mihie daily expect a large ship with a Recruit of Officers Companys Servants & Soldiers, exclusive of Another from Pondichery, which Joind to their present Garrison, consisting Chiefly of Europeans of their own Nation, must render them pretty Strong, & probably encline them to Stir up our old Antagonist Cuny Nair to disturb this Settlement nay perhaps they may be so Vain as to expect Success by Openly Attacking us, Joind with the King of Cotata, who as well as other Mallabars are ready enough to embrace any proposals that may promise them Advantage your Hon^r. &c^a. may remember that the Articles between us & the French Settled with Mons^r. De Lorme for the not disquieting the places of each other Ashore, or the Ships in Sight of either flagg in case of a war, were not only Signd but a Deputation sent in the time of Mr. Braddyl in behalf of the French Company to Ratifie the same, of which you were advised in a Letter of the 21st. Nov^r. 1730 to which no Answer has yet been sent Mr. Tremisot being here on a Visite the day the Chief recievd the Prementioned Letter from Cannanore, was askd in a private Manner, how we were to behave to each other, provided our Nations Should be at Varience who replyd he coud not tell, as we had been wanting in Sending them, as they had done us, the Confirmation of our Company of the Articles abovementioned, though we ought to have no dependance on the Engagements of such profidious [*sic*] people, while their Interest and Inclination may sway them to Violate them, yet we wish your Hon^r. &c^a. would please to furnish us with Authentick Powers, derived from the Company for our Settling this Matter, so as on that Head, they may have no Pretext to break with us. We have been Considering since the receipt of this News, how to provide against this threatning Evil, & as Cuny Nair is more immediately inclinable than any other of the Mallabar Powers to disturb us, we have thought it Convenient at two meetings we have lately had with him, to give him hopes your Hon^r. &c^a. may on his demonstrating an attachment to the Interest of the Company be induced to favour him, and as a previous Token, that you had given us permission to allot him, to the Amount of Eight Thousand Dungoys of Paddy R Annum value one thousand fanams, & when his future Services merit a further Consideration you would readily afford it, his expressions hereupon might lead us to think him Sincerely desirous of gaining our Friendship, as he repeatedly Assurd us nothing Should tempt him to enter into any measures to our Prejudice, on the Contrary his men Should be at our Command, whenever we might have occasion for them y^t. he would be wth. us again in a few days but prove he true or false to us, we conceive the method we took highly Convenient at this time, although we have no Authority from you on this Head. your Hon^r. &c^a. are apprized by our last of the State of this Garrison & how many Fortresses we have to defend, Since which Seven Europeans have deserted us, we have also acquainted you that our men are Chiefly composed of Blacks, Vagabonds Dutchman and other Fugitives, and on whom we cannot depend in any time of Necessity, neither are we able to raise any recruits here, we would willingly withdraw Putinha for our being better Incorporated, and to which purpose we made a request in our last, not then Apprehending any Inconveniencys but from the Country people; but as that place is some Security to Moylan, its Wall's being very Slight; Comanded be the former, & not in a Condition to withstand the Batterys of Heavy Cannon, we at present Conjecture the making some alterations at Putinha, by taking away the Bastions thereto Widening the ditch & Strengthening the Walls

with Mud, so as to be proof Against Cannon to be most Elligible, though we Confess our selves in Matters of this kind to have no other Knowledge than what Common reason Suggest On the Whole we submit the Consideration of this Affair to your Hon^r. &c^a. being persuaded you will please to Consider, how apt the French are to be elated with any additional Force, & the little Account they make of our Black Soldiery, withall that this Settlement is more immediately exposed than any other our Masters hold to their Annoyance, we beg leave to Assure you our best Efforts will be ever exerted in Securing their Interest, & that no unmanly fears lead us to these representations, to which we cannot avoid Adding, that if their Ships Arrive, & they do break with us, our Communication by sea will be infallibly cut off, & we greatly streightned for wa[n]t of many things Necessary.

We acquainted your Hon^r. &c^a. in our last that the Canaree Army Consisting of five thousand men lay encampt about Cadalay, which place they are Fortifying with all Expedition, we are Since Inform'd, they purpose laying dutys on all Goods that may come out of Billiapatam River, as is Surmized they will do, on the Pepper Carried from Agar, since the Parts thereabouts are under their Influence. At Mangalore they have this season encreas'd the Duty call'd Adlame from half a Pagoda on a Corge of Rice Collected last year, to one & an half, & if this is Submitted to, we may suppose they will advance much higher, & as we are not in Any pressing want of Grain at Present, the Munchuas of this place sent thither are directed to return Empty, we have long Since Apprehended their paying no regard to their Engagements with us, & therefore were very desirous of making use of the Latitude you have given us to Oppose them in Conjunction with the Country, but their disunion & irresolution together with the ill Offices we might expect from the French in Such an Undertaking has hitherto prevented our Engaging, & now we shall be less able then ever, if the foregoing Advices prove true nor shall we be in a Condition to divide our Force for the Settling on Durmapatam thô we shall be Glad to have your directions thereon for our making use of them when a proper Occasion presents, the Prince was lately here, & in discoursing of this affair plainly gave us to understand that our possessing it, and Enjoying the Benifit that may be made thereby, will be perfectly Agreeable to him provided we continue to pay him the Usual Customs, but we still believe Cotata can be no otherwise brought to give his Consent than by our paying him the Sum Mentiond in our last.

In the 23^d. Paragraph of our last adress We made known to your Hon^r. &c^a. the Seizure of the Portugueze Factor by the Canarees at Mangalore, & of their demolishing the Fortress they had before permitted them to make, we are informd by a Padree appointed to be their Factor at Callicut that the Vice Roy is determin'd to Revenge this Indignity, & by the Letters from him which were shewn the Chief, he Seems only to want a proper Knowledge of the most suitable Means to undertake it, & as we are not likely to be in a Condition of Assisting the Prince and unless they are removed, our Trade must be greatly Exposed, we Judged our Offering our Selves to Manage this Affair between the Prince & Portuguese as very Convenient, & what may be attended with Valuable Advantages; provided the Vice Roy is Willing to distress the Canarees in Conjunction with him, & afford two or three Hundred men by Land, and a force at Sea to Stop the Communication between the Canaree Country and their Conquest in the Malabar, The Prince at our Instigation sends the boat that Carrys these Advices with his letter to the Vice Roy Offering to Enter on Action with him, and Contribute as much money as in his Power to raise the Chief also in his Letter to him touches on what the Padree had Communicated, expressing also a desire of serving his Nation, & entreating withall, he would be pleased to impart this Affair to the President for our recieving the proper Instructions for our Proceedings; we hope the forwardness we have Shewn Cannot be attended with any ill Consequences to the Interest of our Masters, as the Portuguese seem to have no Design of Interfering in their Trade, & if the Canarees can be removed thrô their means, the Benifit that will Accrue to us is very Obvious, we doubt not your Hon^r. &c^a. will take such Methods as you may think proper in the Improvement of this design, & give us your Speedy Instructions at large hereon.

The detainure of the boat appointed to Carry this thrô bad weather has given us an Opportunity of knowing some Particulars which we Apprehend to be of no little Consequence & which are that the French have by underhand means, encourag'd Cotata to believe they will ever remain firm to him, & on Occasion that may require it, preserve & defend his Country from the designs of the Canarees or any others his Enemys, & to enable them effectually in preforming [*sic*] this a Considerable reinforcement of men are daily expected to Arrive we acquainted your Hon^r. &c^a. in our former of this Kings haveing in his Service a Number of Topasses computed at about Fifty, which were procured Chiefly thrô their means, & we are told near Fourty more have been lately Sent him from Mihie, which Joind with many other Circumstances at times come to our Knowledge gives us the Strongest Suspicions they have in View the Obtaining the Island of Durmapatam, & very probably may on the first Notice of the declaration of war between our Nations proceed in Securing the same nay we are not without Apprehensions they may do it before insisting on its being the Property of Cotata, & Consequently Lawfull for them to receive it from him, & as this place may in time by being in their hands exclude us from the Trade of those rivers bordering thereabouts, nay be of that prejudice, as almost wholely prevent our getting Pepper we have been Considering if our Attempting to posses it at all hazards be not preferable to risquing the Consequences which may in the above Case happen, but on taking a Survey of our Garrison we find our Selves wholly incapable of Sparing one Hundred & Eighty of our best men for that purpose & without such a number we have no hopes of Maintaining our Selves there our free Guard After providing for Moylan, Putinha, Moohara, & Codolee & this place Amount to no more than Eighty men exclusive of about Sixty Seepoys, Accounting for those which are Sick & were we to Spare those we should not have one left for the Succouring any place that might require it, & the Constant Duty we must be obliged to Subject our People to, would we realy believe Occasion the desertion of many of them whenever an Opportunity Should Offer so that although the Benifit for our holding Durmapatam Seems so very cogent, it is the Unanimous Opinion of not only us, but our officers (whom we have consulted on this Occasion) we are incapable of attempting it in our present Circumstances without too much exposing the General Safety of the Settlement & we in particular to the Censure of our Masters & Your Hon^r. &c^a. for Attempting a thing Attended with such great danger, but as the Possessing a Small Island Jutting out from that of Durmapatam, & lying between the entrance of the Rivers Codollee & Trentapatam, may be highly Commodious in preventing boats going in & coming out of said Rivers, & thereby greatly Annoy the French in the Undertaking, we Conjecture they may have in hand, we have thought at Present to get the Consent of the Heiress of Cannanore to withdraw her people for our Admittance there, & the rather as it seems to us of excellent use against Any designs the Canarees may have that way, twenty or thirty men are Judg'd fully Sufficient for the Garrisoning it, with a few good Guns, & a Strong breast work raised towards Durmapatam to which tis very Adjacent (though of this M^r. Braddyll is able to give you distinct Notice).

Your Hon^r. &c^a. may please to observe we can have no other Prospect of benefit from our holding the Small Island abovementiond, than as it may be a means of embarrassing the French, or any others who may have designs on Durmapatam, thô perhaps it may be insufficient for preventing them; we have the Interest of our Hon^{ble} Masters so much at heart, as to determine on paying the demands of the King of Cotata for a quiet admittance there, taking the Risque of your disapproval on our Selves but we find he is so Justly to be Suspected of Treachery, that his turning Against us, at the Instigation of the French might be dreaded, after we had paid the money, & he would be encouraged to do so the more from our Slender Force, & the incapacity of the Prince to Assist us, thrô the Embarrassments he is under by the Canarees, we Suppose his Adherence to the French in preference of us, is owing to the large Sum of Money, we have acquainted you they lent him, & the constant Supplies of Ammunition & Rice they still afford him, and that they favour his Interest in a total disregard of the Prince to whom this King has been Generaly Opposite, & we presume he May Apprehend our being Seated on this Island, will lessen our dependance on him, & prevent those Dutys he is often-Aiming to lay on the Pepper coming from his Coutnry while the French he

imagines will be always constrained to Seek his Friendship, thro' the distance that will be between their places, & their not being Secure of any other Allie. In fine we are exceeding sorry to see our Honble Masters Affairs in such a perplexd State; thro' the admittance of these Intruders into the Pepper Trade, & do Apprehend unless your Hon^r. & c^a. are in a Condition of Supporting us here, we shall meet with greater inconveniencies from the Ambition & vanity of that Nation, policy will not always prevail against them, especially at a time when the Country Powers are so divided, & as our Honble Masters have Issued prodigious Sums, for the Secureing their Footing this Way, we do Apprehend your Hon^r. & c^a. will think it Necessary to add still more for putting us in a Condition for the Obtaining Durmapatam, as it is the Opinion of the most inteligent [*sic*] Persons to be a better Scituation for Secureing the trade a durable Establishment on the Coast than Tellicherry & we believe will in time be Maintaind at less Expence by the Improvement of the Land's and other Advantages. Three good officers as many Europeans as can be Spared including therein a few proper Persons for Gunners, & such as are fit for Serjeants & Corporals, with a Number of others making in all one Hundred & fifty Able men fit for Action will be requird, but our Experience always leads us to have a very bad Opinion of Bombay Topasses insomuch that Seepoys are esteemd preferable to them, Naranports people we conceive will not be prevaild on to leave the District, & expose their Estates to any Enemy that may come that way against them. Expedition is of great moment at this time, least the French Ships Should Arrive with the Forces they expect, before ours, and they proceed to execute their purposes prior to our being in a Capacity of preventing them, yet after all our Notions of the Consequences which a prudent Caution Obliges us to Apprehend, may not be altogether Such as we at present esteem them, however if on the Contrary they should prove so, your Hon^r. & c^a. we believe will conceive us not Injudicious, & this we are Assured they have at Several times been Attempting by sundry means to gain Admittance into Some places to the Northward where we have a Sole & undoubted right to the trade exclusive of all others.

We omitted to acquaint your Hon^r. & c^a. in our last of the receipt of your Letter for Anjengo, & that we forwarded it Instantly where it has been recievd, we are with the greatest respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

TELLICHERRY
SEPT^R. 19. 1734.

Your most Obedient & most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Our last waited on you via Goa under the 19th. Instant, & as since that time, we have made no further progress in the Purchase of Pepper, we have nothing to add on that Head.

The Canarees Continue in the same State about Cadalay, intending as we are well informd to lay a Duty of Two Pagodas on every Candy of Pepper that may be brought from the River of Billiapatam & Agar & we Apprehend nothing but a Resolution of Opposing these measures can encline them to forsake them.

Since our last private Letters have been recievd from Madrass, without any mention made of the war being declared by us against France, so that we conclude the Notice we had from the Captⁿ. of Cannanore cannot be true, & we heartily wish it may not, however as our Honble Masters seem to have a great Interest in preventing the Island of Durmapatam from falling into the hands of any Europe Nation,

we thought a pursuance of our Scheme for the getting Grove Island from the Heiress of Cannanore, as Absolutely Necessary, & accordingly our Linguist was dispatched for that purpose lately, with Particular Directions from us to gain all the Intelligence he possibly could of the designs of the French on Durmapatam for the better taking our Measures, Yesterday morning he returnd & deliverd us in Writing, what had been told him by the Heiress Expressd as follows

“ That a person she might Confide in, & who was present told her the King
 “ of Cotata had by writing from under his hand resignd the Island of Durma-
 “ patam to the French for their possessing it whenever they might Judge
 “ proper, but as the Prince had pretensions thereto, whenever the French
 “ executed the Same the said King Should write him an Ola, & the French
 “ another Importing their being there was only to preserve it against the
 “ Canarees, & hoped the same would be agreable to him, but in case it should
 “ prove Otherwise, the Above King engaged to Assist the French in defend-
 “ ing it against him.”

It is the Opinion of our Linguist as it is ours that the above is Genuine & must have been told her by the Cardamum Merchant Cunhiseu, who was the only Person that Attended the King at the time of his delivering Said Instrument, & therefore our Enquiries were renderd Uncertain your Hon^r. &c^a. have had our Sentiments at large of the prejudice which may in all humane Appearance Attend this Settlement on the Prementiond Island, being in the Possession of any other Europe Nation & from which we have no cause to recede, we have afresh weighd in what Manner we ought to proceed, Considering how soon those of Myhie may enter on this Affair, at the farthest we conceive they will not defer it longer then the Arrival of their Ships which may be by the beginning of Nov^r. provided the one expected directly from France has lost her passage: but considering the great expence our Honble Masters may be exposed to by this Acquisition in Making Fortresses, risquing an immediate war with Cotata, Disturbances from Cuny Nair thro^t the French Instigation (as he has not been with us to Accept of the Offers we made him) with the Small aid we are to expect from the Prince, in his present Circumstances, the little dependance we can have from Boyanore now under a Necessity of keeping fair with the French, the Instability of the Nombiers, with the great Complaints our Honble Masters make at the Expence of their Settlements, and the entire disapproval of the money expended in wars in former times, the Lukewarmness expressd in their Letter to you of the 7th. March 1732 ¶ Ship Heathcote relating to this Island, together with your Hon^r. &c^a. Caution in your Comm^{ds}. of the 4th. April ¶ Cowan render us very wary in undertaking a Matter of such Moment without your Absolute Commands which we impatiently waite for, as till they are receivd, we propose proceeding no further than in Possessing Grove Island for the reasons mentiond in our last, though we are likely to have some difficulty in gaining the Heiress's Consent, Otherwise than for our peoples being Joind with hers there, we are moved rather to this proceeding preferable to the other, on reflecting that as the Island of Durmapatam is Spacious, we should be only Able at Present to Secure the places at the Entrance of the Rivers Trentapatam & Codolee, and Another Fortress, the Principal one the Moors had, lying on an eminence a little more inland, giving thereby The French a Opportunity in Conjunction with Cotata, to Make Lodgments on other parts which seem to us not to be Sufficiently Obstructable by the foregoing, though this is a Surmise we should not be led to Entertain had we not met with many Instances of their Violating the Laws of Nations of this Sort we ought to esteem their Attempting to receive a Grant for this Island from the hands of Cotata when they cannot but be Sensible of its being the Immediate property & Sovereignty of the King of Colastree, such we Assure your Hon^r. &c^a. all these people esteem it to be & which we never heard any doubt made of. In fine it really appears to us the French have extended Views, even if possible by Artifices & Hostilites to wrest the Trade from our Honble Masters, & we wish the proper Measures may be Applied for preventing them, & that the Several Insolencies they at times Shewd us, had been resented, so as they might have deterd from renewing them, that we may not in the End be thought to tame in Suffering them to proceed according to their wonted Manner, we desire to have your plain

& positive Instructions whether we are to hinder by force their Entering the rivers of Trentapatam & Codolee from Grove Island or by any other means we can, & if we may Appear Openly Against them in Conjunction with our Confederates Should they by Secret means get on the Island Durmapatam before your Orders Arrive, your Hon^r. &c^a. will we hope Afford such Assistance as you think proper, and be perswaded our Constant thoughts are Solely and purely employd for the Interest of our Hon^{ble} Masters & that we shall according to our Abilitys proceed in the most effectual manner in preventing the foregoing Mischief all we can, we forbear saying any more, on this Head, as your Hon^r. &c^a. have been fully apprized of every thing We could possibly write you thereon.

This Shybar is dispatchd with all expedition & without her intended Cargo, on purpose that these Advices may Arrive with you in Season, & as five of our Galevats men including a Carpenter, are infirm, & impatient to see their Families they take their passage on the Shybar as P^r. List, & are paid to the End of this month & Victuald for October, & as a Carpenter & Caulker will be exceedingly wanted we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to send one of each by the first Conveyance we desire also two pounds of Conserve of Roses haveing none in the Hospital together with the Articles mentiond in our former Indent.

Our thoughts have been so much taken up in considering the designs of the French, that we have been rather too Short as to what relates to the Canarees who are making a prodigious large Fortress of Cadalay, & have a Trankier on Eddecaute Point and Commands Agar, so that their Impeeding [sic] our pepper coming from thence is entirely in their Power, and we are well perswaded they speedily intend to make us Sensible of it, & we may Conclude if they are not removd, the Detriment to our Hon^{ble} Masters in particular, will be Unspeakably great the Prince is very willing to Attempt their Expulsion, but as the Country in General are Supine, & we not able to Afford him much Assistance, the Undertaking as things are at Present will be very precarious & the more from the reasons we have to Apprehend Impediments from the French yet this is so threatning an Evil that if it be not timely Attended will be renderd incurable We are with great respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient & most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

SEPT^r. 28. 1734.

☞ SHYBAR.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOV^r. &C^a. COUNCIL

AT FORT ST^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Present State of our Honble Masters affairs at this Settlement through the near approach of the Canaree Army, puts us under a Necessity of entreating your Assistance in the Supply of our Hundred & fifty good Topasses or as many as you can Spare, which we hope you may be able to raise in the parts about you, & be sent on any of the ships bound for this Coast, & as their timely Arrival will be of the greatest Service, we depend on your favour therein, on our parts engaging they shall have good Treatment, and punctually paid the Wages you may Agree with them for, we shall also be Carefull they may be returnd as Soon as we can possibly spare them, perhaps your Hon^r. &c^a. may think two Serjeants convenient for conducting them hither, and that they may perform it as well as a Commissiond Officer. If you should Approve thereof it will be more Acceptable to us than otherwise, as we expect Speedily to have as many officers from Bombay with what

we have as may be Sufficient for us. we beg leave to repeat our request on this head as your Compliance with the Number desired will be of the greatest Importance to this Settlement. we are with respect

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 3. 1734.
PATTAMAR.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t. Humble Servants
STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last to you went by a Bombay Shybar under the 28th. Ult^o. whose duplicate accompanies this as well as that Intended to have been sent by way of Goa the 19^D. The Munchua Appointed to carry it on Account of the Prince unfortunately running a ground on Muliky bar in the Canaree Territorys, & the papers all torn for the preventing their Falling into the Hands of the Country people who have Seized the boat, and every thing that was in her, there is therefore a Necessity of dispatching other Letters to the vice Roy on the points your Hon^r. & C^a. are made Acquainted, yesterday from Cochin came to hand the Duplicate of what you were pleased to write us the 3^d. Ult^o. left there by the Ships Mary & Princess Louisa in their departure for great Britain, but we are very sorry the Commanders Should pass this port Unseen thereby depriving us of an Opportunity of sending the Necessary Advices to our H^o. Masters w^{ch}. lay in readiness in Expectation of them.

Att our request the Prince came Yesterday hither for our Consulting on the most suitable measures in order to frustrate the designs of the French on Durmapatam who after many Arguments and Demonstration's given us; that place could not be in any wise at the disposal of Cotata determined to send his head Braminee instantly to him, that he might introduce this Matter, among other things to the King, & let him know since his demands could not amount to more than twenty thousand fanams for satisfying the Expences he was at for reducing it, in Conjunction with him, he expected he would withdraw his people thence, on his making good that sum, & that it should be his Singular care, the Canarees might not Succeed in any designs they might have upon it; that your Hon^r. & C^a. may the better understand the reason for our Incerting in our former the debt to be forty five thousand fanams we are to Acquaint you as we now find it, the remaining twenty five thousand was to have been the Kings Moyety of what was Supposed the Moors would have given for it, before the Entrance of the Canaree Army into this Country, which renderd the Heiress Unable to Accept it. Our hopes of Success through the Princes application led us to defer for a day or two Possessing Grove Island, where we have a permission to Send twenty five of our men there to remain with a like Number of the Moors, & to hoist our Colours when we may think proper, which were the best conditions we could possibly bring her to, we were induced to defer for a day or two Possessing Grove Island, where we have a Permission to Send twenty five of our men to remain there with a like number of the Moors & to hoist our Colours when we may think proper which were the best Conditions we could possibly bring her to, we were induced to defer it least Cotata might be Alarmd, & probably through the French means incline him to reject the Princes Offers, should this undertaking Answer our expectations, we propose Durmapatam's being Garrisond with a Sufficient Number of his Nairs, & as the way will be thereby open to us, we may with ease reinforce it from hence, and hoist our Colours According to the Necessity there may be for so doing, the Expence of these Nairs are to be on the Hon^{ble} Companys Account, as well as the money that may be paid Cotata,

which were the best Steps we could think of at this time considering how impossible it would be for us to Secure that & this Settlement with our Present force; for we must Assure your Hon^r. &c^a. when the Galevats are out & Grove Island Supplied we shall have very few to Spare, & as we have often said a great part of those we have are not to be depended on in times of danger, you will please to Observe from the Anxiety & Care which Constantly Attends us about this place, we esteem it of the highest Consequence, for preserving the trade of this Settlement, & we have great reason to Apprehend unless it be Securd Speedily if the French do not the Canarees will Infallibly get on it. The Prince is entirely of opinion they Intend it & withall that they will make a bold push this Season, since it seems to him Impossible for them to remain in their Present Condition, & he is not without Apprehensions of their Treachery, which if Effectued, we may be Confident, as we are esteemd a main hinderance to their designs, we shall be exposed to all the Mischiefs they can do us, this Prince Solicites us for fifty of our Soldiers for his body Guard, & on his being told they were not to be Spared, requested our Obtaining one Hundred & fifty from any other part, engaging to Satisfye the Wages they may earn, & what may be Advanced them, letting us know we ought to use our endeavours in this, as they would be as much for our Service as his, which indeed we esteem so, but how to get them we are very much at a loss unless our Application to the Honble President & Council of Madrass Succeeds, to whom we propose Writing to Morrow, your Hon^r. &c^a. may Perhaps conceive there may be some risque of the Princes failue which we cannot positively deny, though we believe unless Something unexpected happen to him, he will keep his word, yet whether we may be so happy in this, and other respects to act Suitable to the pleasure of our Honble Masters & your Hon^r. &c^a. we beg leave to Assure you nothing governs us, but an entire regard to there Interest, & if things even turn out ill, we Shall preserve this Solid Satisfaction of having proformd [sic] our Obligation to the best of our Abilities. We Still continue to hope there will be a large produce of Pepper towards February, & Shall be very Glad if the Canarees give us no interruption in the bringing it hither, we waite for your Commands in Answer to what we wrote your Hon^r. &c^a. under the 17th. August, we are with respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 2^d. 1734.

Your most Obedient & most Humble Servant[s]

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

To CAPTⁿ. WILLIAM STUDHOLM
COMM^r. OF SHIP MIDDLESEX.

S^r.

You are hereby directed to send ashore in such boats as shall be sent you off by Mr. Forbes Warehouse Keeper the Treasure & Stores Laded on board your Ship by the Honble Presid^t. & Col^l. of Bombay, & consignd to this Settlement taking care the treasure be well roped & Buoyd we are

SIR

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER 6th. 1734/5.

Your Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL: FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^m. JEYNSON.

To CAPTⁿ. WILLIAM STUDHOLM
OF SHIP MIDDLESEX.

S^r.

As the selling from your Ship whether by your Self, Officers, or Mariners, any Fire Arms whatever to the Natives, will be of exceeding prejudice to the Honble Company these are to desire you will Strictly forbid any Such Practice, & be Assured we are moved to make this request purely from the Obligation we esteem ourselves under to them. we are

SIR

Your Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILL^m. FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

NOVEMBER 7. 1734/5.

To WILL WAKE ESQ^o.
CHIEF & C^a. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

Your Letter of the 10th. August is come to hand on the 6th. Instant. Imported here our Honble Masters Ship Middlesex from Bombay who we now dispatch towards you agreeable to the Directions of the Honble President & Co^l. we are

SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILL^m. FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

NOVEMBER 9. 1734.

P.S. The Honble Presid^t. & Co^l. are pleased to advise us of their having directed you to send hither Ten thousand Rupees & a quantity of fanams as the latter cannot be put off with you but for loss; if they are fifths of Rupees they will be very Acceptable but if Fanams it will be entirely out of our Power to disburse them.

To CAPT WILL^m. STUDHOLM
OF SHIP MIDDLESEX.

SIR

You are hereby directed Wind & weather permitting to weigh Anchor, and make the best of your way for Anjengo following such orders as Shall be given you, by the Chief & Factors there: On your return hither you are to call at Callicut, & recieve such Timber & Plank for Bombay, as you can conveniently take aboard, from Francisco Dias our Linguist, with whom we shall Lodge a Letter for you. we are,

SIR

Your Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILL^m. FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

NOVEMBER 9. 1734.

To CAPT^N. WILL^M. STUDHOLM
COMM^R. OF SHIP MIDDLESEX.

SIR

We Lodge this Letter for you with Francisco Dias Linguist, from whom you are to receive what Pepper he may send you off on the Honble Companys Account & also the Timber for Bombay for which please to give him a receipt be as expeditious as possible in taking them aboard, which done make the best of you way hither. We are

SIR

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER 18. 1734.

Your Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.

To THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R. & COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

1. Since our last Address under the 2^d. October we have recieved your Several commands of the 3^d. & 14th. of that month, with those of the 5 Ultimo of Robert who imported the 27th.

2. The Timber & Plank you are pleased to recommend to us to provide, we have no otherwise been able to comply with than According to the Accompanying Acco^t. herewith sent, the large Timber of Forty one Foot long & twenty eight Inches Square we are Assured were not Possible to be had at Callicut nor can we say it will be in our Power to procure them hereafter, as such sorts either of Teak or Poen [sic] are seldom to be met with, yet we shall use our endeavours untill you think proper to forbid.

3. The Treasure & Stores landed from the Middlesex who Arrived the Sixth Ultimo and Sailed for Anje[ngo] the 9th. came out right, but there was a deficiency of twenty eight Gubbers in the three Thousand sent us by the Robert value one Hundred & five Rupees three quarters & fifty Raes so that her Invoice is Short Credited for the same.

4. Although the Approaching crop of Pepper promises very well, yet we are not capable of Notifying what price it may bear, but since the French Ship expected directly from Europe is not yet Arrived, we have hopes in case she do[es] not come we may be able to make our Investment on reasonable terms; and we depend on your Hon^r. & c^a. providing us with Sufficient Cash for our Securing a large Quantity, least the ensuing year Should not prove so favourable for buying this Commodity, promising on our parts the Application of our best endeavours in promoting the Interest of our Honble Masters in this as well as every other Particular. on the 7th. Instant we contracted with Cunhiseu for what Cardamoms he may have over & above the ten Candys he represents he is under a Necessity of letting the French have in consideration of money borrowd of them in April last at Ninety Six Gubbers the Candy which were the best terms we could possibly bring him to Accept of, & we do not doubt having the Quantity you have directed in readiness to be laded on the Ships you may Appoint to carry them.

5. On the 9th. Imported with us Ship Middlesex, after calling at Callicut and taking in there the Prementiond Timber & one Hundred Ninety three Candys & Eleven Maunds Pepper Procured at that Place last Season which with two [lacuna] Laded here makes up the Five Hundred Candys you orderd us to Send on her Invoice of which Amounting to [lacuna] accompanys this with her bill of Lading we have now remaining in Warehouse without Accounting for the loss in Weight that may Arise [lacuna] Candys.

6. We are Sorry to Acquaint [*sic*] your Hon^r. &c^a. of our having receivd nothing from the Samorine Account his debt since [his failure] of clearing the large Balance in his hands, he has been so tired with Letters, that he seems to have come to a resolution not to Answer them. We continue our Arrest on Durmet Ponicy from the hopes we have of its being attended with a Successfull Issue, and Issa, who we have informd your Hon^r. &c^a. to be in our debt thro the Advance of money to him last Season for the purchase of Pepper, we think will very Speedily near pay all that he owes. We shall write of what Chatoo Chitty Stands Charged on our Books, as he denyes he owes it, & we have no other Proof of it than from its being incerted there. by this Ship comes two sett of our Books of Accounts. Diary, and Consultations for last year, from which you will please to Observe the General Charge of this Settlement thro the encrease of our Garrison, & expence of the Galevats are exceeding large, tho as times are utterly incapable of reducing them, we can Assure no part has been Applied for other use then such as we Judged immediately Necessary & without taking to our Selves a Single fanam more than the Staded Allowance, which we Apprehend your Hon^r. &c^a. will esteem full little considering the great resort of Shipping to this place who all expect to be entertaind (from a Custom long since Practiced) at the Chief's Expence.

7. In the 70th. Paragraph of the Hoñble Companys Letter whose Copy is sent us by your Hon. &c^a. we observe they are at a loss in what manner to Adjust the weight of Pepper with the Owners of the Ships, & as your Hon^r. &c^a. may want to know this thing with certainty, we take the liberty of informing you, that the Tellicherry Maund has been Generaly computed lately at thirty Pounds but on examining it by the Comptons Scales in April 1733 (which seemd to be very true) we found it to answer as near as possible to thirty Pounds two Ounces Avoirdupoize, tho as we use Country Beams, both in recieving & delivering the Pepper and which seems to us not very exact we for that reason Continue to esteem the Maund thirty Pounds or Six Hundred Pounds the Candy, whether we are to do so in future we begg you will please to informs us, & permit us to remark that the loss in weight ariseing on Pepper ought to be regulated from it's newness or Age, for if it is new a Considerable deminution will happen & if otherwise but little, we have repeatedly requested a supply of Proper Scales & weights for Gruff Goods & if a Beam Scale & weight for Silver can be spared we beg you will please to send us one, that we have being pretty much injured by time.

8. We find the Armourer your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleased to send us prove very usefull, thro whose Assistance we hope to mend many of our Arms, which without it must have been sent up, yet examining what are by us we find Eighty barrel with their Boyonets & thirty five Pistols unserviceable which go on the Middlesex for your Hon^r. &c^a. causing them to be valued, & notice sent us thereof for our debting Account Current Bombay for the Same we also send you on her one Hundred & fifty new Lances incerted in the Invoice being part of what we were sometime since directed to provide.

9. We are glad to find your Hon^r. &c^a. concur with us in Opinion, that through the Influence Durmapatam Island has on the trade of this Settlement, the Danger which may Attend its falling into the hands of the Dutch, Canarees or French our holding it forthwith is deemd Absolutely convenient & for which end you have been pleased to give us Sundry directions which on our parts we are earnestly endeavouring to put in execution, tho before the receipt of your Commands ^{to} Middlesex, finding a disposition in the King of Cotata to resign it to us, and being certainly persuaded the French were treating with him on the Same Account, & that delays on our part might probably render our effecting it more difficult hereafter, we did on the 1st. Ultimo accept of his proposals for our Admittance there, on the payment of fifty Thousand fanams & eleven thousand more as a present, in consideration of his giving us an Authentick Writing for an open & Free trade in his Country in time to come, nothing seemd then to hinder our effecting this important Bussiness, but the demands he made for our paying him one half of the Customs that may Arise from the trade thereof, though he seemd to ask it rather by way of tryal, than any expectation of our Compliance, yet whether from the Intrigues of the French or his excessive Avarice for money, founded on the

opinion he has of our being exceeding Anxious to hold it, we have not to this Moment been able to adjust with him: our Linguist at his request Attended him the 2^d. Instant, & was told by him he continued fixed in his resolution for our being seated thereon, preferable to the French, who he declared to have made him very Advantageous Offers, but being indebted to them a very considerable Amount, & which he Apprehended they woud demand of him forthwith he hoped we woud be induced to enable him to Satisfie them by a Loan of one Hundred Thousand fanams which considering his present Circumstances, that he was about to renounce their Friendship purely for our Sakes, & place his dependance solely on the Company we ought to deny, thô our Linguist tells us he insisted on this, not as a point we ought to Accede to in regard to the Island, but as a previous token of our good will, your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to consider the gratefying [*sic*] this King by a Loan in the Manner he requests would be a plain Violation of the Standing orders given this Settlement, & we must add that even could we have gratified him it would have demonstrated a Weakness in us, & probably enclind him to insist on Something more According to the too Common Maxim of these perfidious Mallabars. weighing this therefore, that it is difficult for the French to Land on that Island while we Continue our footing on Grove Island, and Codollee as they command the entrance of the Rivers that the Prince is on our side, & to whom Durmapatam properly belongs that Cotata is Afraid of resigning it to any but Us, & that his Most Intemate Ministers are entirely of our side, we thought our insisting on the Agreement made us as before Set forth most eligible at the same time keeping the Prince's head Braminee with us to carry on the demand for the Islands being vacated on payment made of the Amount indebted to the King when it was reduced, and on the whole we have great reason to believe we shall in a Short time be capable of removing the difficultys thrown in our way provided we launch out to the Amount of Eighty Thousand Fanams in all we have however considered the great risque we run from the inconstancy of this King, yet were we Suruptitiously by means of the Prince to Succeed in an attempt for despossessing [*sic*] him we are afraid troubles might ensue, whose Period none of us can be certain, as Boyanore in particular seems at this time exceeding willing to embarrass us with the French, in view of siding with the most fortunate party's, Cuny Nair has not been lately with us, w^{ch}. we Suppose proceeds from some Gasconade Applied by the French, indeed from past Experience we dread nothing so much as entering into troubles with the Mallabar Powers, especially at this time that the French are ready to blow up the Coales, & side with every one that are disposed to injure us & as your Hon^r. &c^a. are pleased to place a Confidence in us, we are realy desirous of acquitting ourselves adequate to the Obligations we are under to those we Serve.

10. The Directions you have been pleased to give ~~to~~ Robert under the 5th. Ultimo Appear to us amply Sufficient Save in regard to the French, should they attempt to enter the rivers of Trentapatam & Codolee we did desire to know your pleasure in our former, whether we might Oppose them there from our Fortress at Codolee & Grove Island, however as these places Command the Mouth of the rivers & under the Brittish flagg, we conceive that as in the like Circumstances not only the French but any other Europe Nation would defend their just titles, so we have the same reason & Authority to Maintain ours, and Accordingly our directions are positive that no boats or vessels belonging to the French or any other Europe Nation be permitted to go into those rivers without our leave, which we presume will be approved on by your Hon^r. &c^a., & the better to Secure this essential part of our right the Two galevats are Constantly Stationd between Codolee & Grove Island, & we Assure your Hon^r. &c^a. the latter place has been of such extraordinary use to us, that we believe had we not Secured it, neither the French or Cotata would pay us the respect they now do, nor should we have the present prospect of getting on Durmapatam thro Amicable Means, & as a farther prevention we have lodged our Colours on the point of Durmapatam Seaward now Garrisond by Narranports Nairs for their being hoisted on any Alarm of the French reenforcing the place with Thirty Four men more than its former Complement, repaired the Fortification & likewise Added thirty men to those of the Prince on the Principal Fortress thereon, where Cotata has also his Garrison in Conjunction with him, the preceeding people being paid by us as we could not otherwise be sure those places would have been in a proper Security.

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11. We have ever since the failure of the French in their Engagements to us kept pretty much at a distance from them, which we Assure you concords with our inclination no visits are paid but such as are [re]quisite for Form sake nor do any of our Gentlemen go near them at any other time, thô we can't say they observe this Rule; we shall always expect from them in[since]rity & underhand Practices, especially while there Councill are Govern'd by M^r. Louet, who we are Confident is perpetually inventing whatever may injure us, & whose Talents we are in no wise able to equal.

12. We are sorry to inform your Hon^r. &c^a. that of the Seasonable Supplies of men you sent us, we have lost four of the Soldiery, one dyed aboard the Robert two were landed Sick & dyed here, & one deserted the day after he came Ashoar, & of whom we have not had the least Notice, we persuade ourselves you will readily believe that no ill treatment whatever is given the Military, on the Contrary no Punishments are inflicted, but on a Conviction of their Crimes in the Presence of the Chief, their Pay is duly given them on the entrance of the Month & Rice Supplied them at a Reasonable rate, they have Drams in the violent rainy Season, while on Guard & at the time of the Pinching Land winds, but there is undoubtedly a scarcity of Provisions, especialy Flesh & Fowl and such as is not in our Power to remedy. Our Topasses notwithstanding an Advance in their Pay to twenty five Fanams ₹ month, continue to be of a very indifferent sort & others even on this wages do not seek our Service; we desire your Hon^r. &c^a. will be pleased to send us the Amount paid the Familyes of the Seepoys Since there Arrival here as for want of it we have not brought that Charge on our Books we have now Supplied them at their request with three Hundred Rupees as ₹ Account herewith sent & Two Hundred was deliverd them formerly as we then advised.

13. As the Island Durmapatam is very Spacious & whereon we Apprehend one Somewhat large with Several Small Fortresses must be built for its defence, we shall be under a Necessity of Landing the Soldiery &c^a. from the King William when She Arrives & with the Assistance of the Engineer expected on her, we shall be able to Comply with your Commands in Sending an Estimate of the Expençe Attending the same, which we are unable to do at present from our real ignorance in works of this kind, & of the Number Necessary, but we apprehend that althô the Materials at Moylan, may be of use in the new intended works yet as the Lime is so well cemented to the Stone the Seperateing them, will be troublesome & Expensive, we shall likewise as soon as possible endeavour to forward an Account of the Annual Expençe that may be required in Maintaining them which we cannot now do, as the Garrisons must be proportiond to the Size & number of the Fortifications.

14. The Canarees continue to diminish about Cadalay thro' their want of pay, yet we cannot find a disposition in the Prince or Country for heartily Attempting their Expulsion, we are at present pretty free from their Exactions, tho the same we presume will not continue Longer than till they encrease their Force & Raganat returns from the King which he is Soon expected to do, we omitted to acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. in the foregoing of the French having at Several times lately assembled Boyanores Ministers with those of Cotata, Cuny Nair & the Nombiers who they Attempted to join in a Confederacy for defending the Country of Cotata & parts hereabouts Against the Canarees, but this was Opposed by some as irrègular, & a Motion made for our engaging in the affair, & that the Prince might also be brought in for making a bold Push for Routing them, the French in Opposition to this alledgd the Princes Country & the trade of the English were hitherto the only Sufferers by the Canaree Conquest, & therefore let them two Contend with the Conquerors while they & the foregoing Powers stand in support of the Country this way, we were Pretty much Alarmd at this Chicenery but it was very soon perciev'd the French drift was to engage the Mallabars in Assisting them for their being seated on Durmapatam, while Boyanores Scheme was to Lord it over the Nombiars & he accordingly with the Concurrence as we presume of the French, did begin to Strip & destroy some of their Trees upon which the Confederacy disjointed, & the Nombiars have been holding sundry Consultations lately how to reveng the Indignity that has been offerd them, threatning to call the Prince to their Assistance we believe it is in our Power in the present posture of Affairs that way (as the Heads

of Boyanores Country are much displeas'd with his Government) to give Mons^r. a Smart Stroke, but we cannot think your Hon^r. &c^a. would approve of our disburseing the Company's Money in such an undertaking, tho' the French certainly deserve this & worse Treatment from us Considering their eagerness & Industry to embarrass us.

15. We have just reason to be off your Hon^r. &c^a. Opinion that the Portuguese will not engage with any vigour or even at all for driving out the Canarees, for from what Appears to us they very tamely Submit to the Indignity Offer'd their Nation, for our parts as we remark'd before since the Country Powers are so inactive & regardless of what may be the Consequences of this Invasion, we have little hopes of making any Efforts with success for expelling them, nor should we choose indeed to undertake a point of this sort, when we are likely to be otherwise employ'd in Secureing Durmapatam.

16. The Chief & Factors of Anjengo have sent us on the Middlesex in Dollars & Rupees to the amount of Ten Thousand, but the former Specie continues to be little in demand which we presume to be owing to the large Imports made by the French last year at Callicut the Dollar yeild no more than Two Rupees thirty Raes & here we have not hopes of putting them off for more than Two Rupees Sixty Raes full weight, which will be Short of what they are Invoiced to us, The Gentlemen at Anjengo have prudently Avoided sending us the Gold fanams of that Country which your Hon^r. &c^a. acquainted us we might expect from them for it would have been impossible for us to put them off here.

17. We request your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to send us twelve Grapnols from one Hundred & an half to Two Hundred & an half being much wanted in this place.

18. This we propos'd sending your Hon^r. &c^a. by the Middlesex, but ship Heathcote calling here give us an Opportunity of transmitting it by her, the former will saile in two days.

19. We take the Liberty of Congratulating the Honble President on his Accession to the Government & are with great respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most obedient & most Humble Serv^{ts}.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^m. JEYNSON.

DEC^r. 10. 1734.

Mess^{rs}. Forbes, Howard, Jeynson & Lynch not having taken the oath requir'd by our Honble Masters before, have now Agreeable to your Commands perform'd the same.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^{rs}.
PRESID^t. & GOV^r. &c^a. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

1. Our last waited on you by the Heathcote under the 10th. Instant whose Duplicate Accompanys this [¶] Middlesex on whom we have laded Pepper four Hundred fifty one Candys & eleven maunds which with the Timber it has been possible for us to provide at Callicut together with the Lances amount as [¶] Invoice & bill of Lading to Tellicherry Fanams Two Hundred & ten Thousand Six Hundred Twenty, & Thirteen vis.

2. We omitted in our last to inform your Hon^r. &c^a. of the Arrival of a French ship Europe at Mihie from Pondicherry call'd the * Gallatry of about four Hundred Tons who we hear landed four Chests of Treasure & will Saile for Europe in a few days.

* Galatea.

3. Enclosed is a List of three soldiers that are dead & one Deserted belonging to the Detachment your Hon^r. &c^a. sent us by the Robert also the List of the Seepoys who have receivd the three Hundred Rupees mentiond in our last. there is likewise Another List of five Black soldiers who have been detaind Prisoners some time for Desertion, & as we Apprehend the sending them away may in some Measure terrifie the rest, they now Accordingly go on the Middlesex for your Hon^r. &c^a. disposing of them as you think proper.

4. Our Books of Accounts &c^a. mentiond in our last go by this Ship, but the old unserviceable Arms the Commander informs us he cannot take Aboard.

5. Since our last we have heard nothing from the King of Cotata, yet we hope notwithstanding all the rubs & Impediments thrown in our way by the French, to surmount all Difficultys & get footing on Durmapatam, though we are now informd that Cuny Nair at the Instigation of our perfidious Allies purposes to make an Attempt on our Small Fortress calld Moohara lying inland, we have Applied the Necessary Caution for preventing it; and we believe it will be hardly possible for us to gain over this man in an hearty Adherence to our Interest, so that keeping Putinha Appears unavoidable, it is now so well secured that we esteem it very Capable of withstanding any Attacks that may be made on it by whomsoever, It is a great Concern to us, the Scituation of this place should compell us to have so many Fortresses, to the encreaseing our Garrison Expences & repairs, but it is an Evil we know not how to remedy without running into worse.

6. Your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to consider that if we succeed in our present Attempts for getting the Island, Two good & Carefull Assistan[ts] will be of great service in the Management & payment of those who may be employd in Carrying on the works, we are Assured such persons properly disposed may save considerably in the Disbursements.

7. You will be surpris'd at the extraordinary Loss in weight of the Pepper laded at Calicut, tho' the thing is not uncommon at this time while the great demands for it induce the Sellers to deliver it green & perhaps wet, & they might on our refusal to take it dispose of it to others, less Scrupulous we hope this is a Complaint will not attend us this year, as the Crop this way promises so favourable.

8. Mr. Thomas Rout Administrator to Jonas Johnson Dec'd late Master of the Antilope Galevat has deposited into the Honble Companys Cash here the sum of six Hundred thirty three Rupees & fourty five Reas being the amount as he informs us of said Johnson's Effects which he requests your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to pay to Capt^a. James Inchbird & we shall Credit Account Current Bombay for the same.

9. We now return your Orders to the Commanders of the Europe Ships for the delivering us Treasure as there is no Occasion to make use of them.

10. The Middlesex is Deficient Forty eight Candys & nine Maunds Pepper of the Five Hundred Orderd which the Commander informs us by Letter he cannot conveniently take in so that we have now remaining in Warehouse Eight Hundred twenty four Candys including the Loss in Weight we are with great respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^t. Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILL^m. FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
DEC^r. 12. 1734.

To CAPTⁿ. WILL^m. STUDHOLM
COMM^r. OF SHIP MIDDLESEX.

SIR

You haveing signified to us in a Letter this day that you cannot conveniently take aboard any more goods on the Honble Companys Account than the Four Hundred fifty one Candys eleven maunds Pepper you have receivd at Callicut & this place (including also the Timber) This is to order you wind & weather permitting to weigh Anchor & make the best of your way for Bombay, where on your Arrival please to deliver the Accompanying Packett & Box to the Honble President & Council we wish you a safe & Speedy passage up & are

SIR

Your Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
DEC^r. 12. 1734.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^m. JEYNSON.

To THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

This Accompanys Duplicate of our last ¶ Middlesex under the 12th. Instant, since when the French have been exceeding active in Spiriting up the Nombiers & others for Assisting Cuny Nair in disquieting this Settlement, but we do not find any disposition in the Majority of them to adhere to their Scheme. Yesterday Mons^r. Louet Attended the King of Cotata at a place very near the Confines of our District inland, the Conference between them being very private, we cannot as yet gain any certainty of its purport, It is reasonable however to suppose the whole tends to embarrass us, or wrest from us our title to Durmapatam & as an encouragement to this King for gratifying of them, we are well Assured they have now made him another Loan of Thirty Thousand ffanams for induceing him also to Assign them all the Pepper & Cardamoms produced, in his Country, tis needless representing to your Hon^r. & C^a. the Avarice & dishonesty of this King we have great reason to believe he will not dare to give this Island to the French, nor do we apprehend they will succeed better in Monopolizing the trade this year, then they did the last thô perhaps we may find ourselves under a Necessity in the end to make him a present for preventing his putting a Stop to the bringing in our Pepper, but we shall not fall into this expedient when any other measures except breaking with him will prevaile.

Our Prince is now here & has sent his Head Braminee to demand reasons why Cotata defers the resigning his property & the Sovereignty he has to the prementioned Island, letting us at the same time know, we ought not to regard that King in a point, wherein he has no Legal title or demand to plead, but rather approve of his proceeding to possess himself of it forthwith, we say his Proposition may not absolutely be attended Supposing it executed with any ill Consequences, but since our future Quiet may be invaded thro the Intervention of the French & the time Approaches for our depending Chiefly on his Country for the Pepper wanted for the Lading of the Ships home we are very Unwilling to run the risque of so dangerous an undertaking, & therefore propose pursuing the Amicable means we are now about in hopes in the end they will secure to us the point we have in View. We are told the Coronation of the King of Colastree is About being performd, in order at that time to concert measures for expelling the Canarees, but as we have not yet discoursd the Prince on this head we are uncertain how far he expects we shall engage in the Attempt your Hon^r. & C^a. may be Assured we shall direct our Conduct herein to the best of our Capacity, without giving him or the Country Occasion to suspect a want of inclination for Assisting them. In fine This place is from what

appears still likely to remain in an unsettled Condition, & we wish our Honble Masters in the end may not be compeld to exert themselves in removing our perfidious Neighbours the French, as they are not to be kept quiet with the honest & Sincere methods we have Constantly employd towards them.

We depend on your Hon^r. &c^a. supplying us with a large Stock for our Pepper Investment & defraying the Considerable disbursements we may in all probability be subject to.

Enclosed your Hon^r. &c^a. will recieve a List of two Seepoys that have been already sent & two now going to Bombay being incurable.

The 17th. Arrived here two Pattamars from Madrass with Letters directed for Bombay they pretend that through troubles in the Country they could proceed no farther by land & they now go on the Richmond enclosed are the Letters we are with the greatest respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
DECEMBER 19. 1734.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^r. &c^a. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^r. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your favour to us of the 29th. October reached us the 27 Ultimo we are exceedingly Obliged for the readiness You are pleased to Shew for assisting us with the recruits requested & whensoever an Opportunity may Offer for sending them they will be of great Service to us, therefore we hope you will cause them to be forwarded by the first Vessels bound this way, we are afraid the Expence of hiring them on Purpose will be too considerable, so that we must submit to waite for other Conveyances.

The King William dayly expected from England does not yet appear the Heathcote from Bengal Arrived with us the 10th. Instant and saild the next day for Bombay & the Middlesex from Anjengo proceeded thither the 12th. Instant we are with Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
DEC^r. 23^d. 1734.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^m. JEYNSON.

P.S. the Pattamars your Hon^r. &c^a. dispatchd with Letters for Bombay arrived here the 17th. but the troubles in the Country hindering their Passage further we sent them on the Richmond the 19th.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^R
PRESIDENT & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Our last address waited on you by the Richmond the 19th. Ultimo whose Duplicate Accompany's this.

The new Pepper is now gathering & we hope we may be able with what we have at present by us to secure Sufficient for the Lading of the ships now on Departure for great Brittain, our Chitty has been Advanced to the amount of ten Thousand Rupees & a small Quantity of this years produce has been deliverd us by him, but we are incapable of making a true Judgment of the Price it may bear, as the French notwithstanding the small supplies of Treasure we have notice of their receiving do give out their intentions are to engross all the Cotata Country may furnish, as well as that of Boyanore but we conceive this to be a Gasconade, & rather meant to keep up the Price as their own Stock is not likely to put them in a Condition of making any considerable purchases this Season be that howsoever we hope your Hon^r. & c^a. will be pleased to furnish us with a large Stock at least as much as may procure four Thousand Candys esteeming it at Seventy two Rupees the Candy & then our Hoñble Masters may be freed from the great inconveniency they are now Subject to of paying whatever these unreasonable people demand.

We have orderd our Callicut Linguist to Tannore for recieving the Pepper for which we advanced in August last fanams Thirty two Thousand Seven Hundred & fifty; but as at Calicut Fourty Five Candys old Pepper brought from Cochin Sold at thirty Six Narrodys value nearest one Hundred & Four Rupees, we are afraid what we get from Tannore will not be under Ninety, & which we rather Choose to take at this rate for preventing the Detainure of the Ships; the French tis said have deliverd out money for this Commodity as we suppose for the dispatch of their Ship (which saild the 8th. Instant for Europe) at the rate of Ninety & an half Rupees the Candy.

We omitted in our last Acquainting your Hon^r. & c^a. of the Arrival of ship Severn the 14th. Ultimo in this Road & of Mr. Edward Davis the Chief Supracargo's proceeding directly to Mihie, while Mr. Mordecai Walker the Second came ashore here, a Munchua was soon after seen to go aboard her from Mihie, & carried as we understood some Casks of Madeira, the 16 the said Mr. Davis returnd aboard, & on the 17th. in the morning another Munchua was perceivd to leave the ship after delivering as it is reported some Pepper the Quantity unknown, we should have proceeded to examine the ship had we not Apprehended a Repetition of Insolencys from the Chief Supra Cargo, & having no Positive orders from your Hon^r. & c^a. to govern us in cases of this kind, we in prudence taking any further notice than Speaking to Mr. Walker who seemd Ignorant of what had been transacted, & indeed we believe he might be so, It will be unbecomeing us to say more hereon, than if the English Shipping are permitted to trade in Pepper at Mihie, there will be a way always kept open for augmenting it's Price, as well as deprive our Hoñble Masters of the means of getting wherewith to Supply there our wants, and we are not certain but the French Gentlemen may as their Masters are deficient in Cash be induced to make considerable purchases this Season in View to dispose of it either at Mihie to the English Shipping, or Carry it to Callicut for it's being Laded there.

Issa the Moor Merchant whom we acquainted Your Hon^r. & c^a. to be indebted to us, has lately paid as part thereof Rupees Nine Hundred thirty two & two vis we hope the remainder is safe, but neither Samorine Rajah, Durmet Ponicy or the Mother Queen have deliverd us any thing.

We are under a Necessity of taking notice to your Hon^r. & c^a. of a most pernicious practice of our Europe ships, in bringing for sale a number of small Arms, which we have been sometimes Obliged to take for preventing their falling into the hands of the Natives & injuring us greatly thereby we hope your Hon^r. & c^a. may be able, thro your representation home, to put a stop to this growing mischief, as it may be attended with very fatal Consequences.

The French continue their Solicitations for engaging Boyanore the Nombiers &c^a. in taking possession of Durmapatam & keeping it at present for them untill their forces Arrive, but we cannot find those people altogether so forgetfull of their Allegiance, as to proceed in so unjust an Enterprize, the King of Cotata Still promises to fullfill his Engagements to us, in the Manner we have before represented to your Hon^r. &c^a. & from what we can learn he is pretty sincere therein, but as the performing this directly will infalliably destroy his friendship with the French, & exclude him from getting more money from them, he seems desirous of prolonging it, untill he has drawn away from our Neighbours a larger Sum, we are Sensible delays in a matter of this Consequence may prove dangerous since those of Mihie are certainly exceeding eager to get footing on that Island yet should we through means of the Prince (as we remarked in our former) Lodge ourselves there without Cotatas previous approbation, we may very likely be involvd in such Mischiefs as would draw after them an Extraordinary Expence of Treasure, without knowing where they might end, as well as deprive us of the means of getting our Pepper from the Cotata Country this Season, we have therefore on weighing this matter both ways thought proper to desist from any forcible Attempt for the Present, & rather waite the success of our endeavour with that King, taking care in the mean time the Principal fortress on the Island is Garrisoned with a superiority of the Princes Nairs in our pay to the Number of Thirty besides those formerly there & another place pointing seaward with an Addition of Twenty five belonging to Narranport, which with our Fortress at Codolee and Grove Island may if we are not wanting in a becoming resolution secure the place from any Attempts by Sea, yet if notwithstanding hereafter we find the French & Cotata, contrary to all reason combining to exclude us therefrom, & as their so doing may be of the worst consequence to this Settlement, we presume in such wise our risquing a Breach with Cotata and Secureing the place will be approved off by your Hon^r. &c^a. however we depend on your Hon^r. &c^a. giving us your Sentiments thereon; but we with concern remark in the meantime we are exposed to very large Expences, from the number of our Garrison, & the Additional Charge of the Nairs Above mentiond which altogether Amount to what the Benefit Arising from the Settlement cannot compensate; we are desirous of returning the Galevats, as they so much contribute in enhancing our Disbursements, but we are afraid their Absence might subject us to great inconveniencys, as you will be better informd from the succeeding Paragraph.

The Canaree Force at this time is in the same State as when we last wrote you, but there is a report which we think we may in some measure Credit, that Raganat is preparing to return with a Considerable Body of Horse & foot for effecting the Conquest of this Country as far as Cota River, Our Prince is so Apprehensive of the Consequence that he came hither lately to Signifye his earnest inclination for making a Push in order to drive them out, pressing to know if we would Appear on his Side, provided he deposited two Hundred Thousand ffanams in hand towards defraying the Expence & that he would deliver us more, whenever it might be wanted, as he might with greater ease raise it when the Country were up in arms than he can at present, we were pretty much at a loss how to Conduct ourselves as he offerd us so small a sum, the best expedient we could hit on was to Give him hopes of our Appearing for him whenever we find an hearty disposition in his subjects to go thro the work & that there be no failure in the Necessary Supplys for Carrying it on, we were induced to this on reflecting a lukewarmness on our side might disoblige as well as dishearten him, and the rest of the Country, while it was more than probable the Attempt would not be made, yet however as we have often said, unless the Canarees are removed our Trade & Priviledges in General will be exposed to their Usurpation and in the end we cannot see a probability of their leaving the Country, unless compelled by force, but that we may be under no difficultys hereafter in regard to our Conduct in this particular we beg you will please to lett us know, on what terms we may engage with the Prince against these people supposing there be a likelihood of going through it with success.

Enclosed your Hon^r. &c^a. will receive a List of Lascars & Topasses that have dyed run away & been discharged belonging to the Dolphin & Antilope Galevats, & we request you will please to send us twenty Lascars for them, The Marriners here not being proper for that Service. we are with the Utmost respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY 11. 1734/5.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^m. JEYNSON.

P.S. We are sorry to Acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. with the Melancholy news M^r. Williamson brings us of the Ockham being burnt in Bengall River.

TO M^r. RICHARD WAREING
SUPRA CARGO OF SHIP WILLIAM.

SIR

The Hon^{ble} Companys demands for Pepper are such as to require us that neither their Servants, or any others trading under their Protection do Trade in that Com[m]odity in any of the places hereabouts, And as the so doing would be off the greatest prejudice to them we are compeld in Duty to them to give you this Notice that you may avoid transgressing in a point wherein their Interest is so immediately concernd. we are

SIR

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY 14. 1734/5.

STEPHEN LAW
WILL^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^r. &C^a. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This Accompanys Duplicate of our last under 1[1th.] Instant.

We have since advanced our Merchant Chatoó Chitty Sixteen Thousand Rupees & one Thousand Gubbers at Nineteen, & an half fanams each for his delivering us by the 10th. February Five Hundred Candys Pepper of the Produce of this Season, which with what we have already in Warehouse, we presume will be sufficient to fill up the Tonnage of the three Ships now in departure for great Brittain, we esteem it so from your Hon^r. &c^a. Commands under the 19th. October wherein you are pleased to require of us from Seven to eight Hundred Candys for the Lading the four ships then supposed might be returnd home, & as what we gave in advance for at Tannore is likely to be exceeding Dear compar'd to what we have reason to imagine it will bear this way, we have thought it best to direct our Callicut Linguist to vend the Tannore Pepper, since its value is so Considerable at this time at Callicut, & as it may be a means of Supplying the vessels there, so as they may not be under a Necessity of Carrying it from the Country of Boyanore as far as Quilandy by Land at a very Considerable Expence, which greatly affects us here, but if your Hon^r. &c^a. are not successfull in impeding [sic] the English Shipping from Trading at Mihie, Cannanore & Callicut in this Commodity, we are

afraid all our endeavours will not enable us to secure a large quantity for our Honble Masters on reasonable terms. Mr. Rich^d. Waring who arrived here from Bengall the 12th. in the William, said the 15th. for Cannanore, to try as he told us to get off some of his Cargo, and dreading he might either now, take in Pepper, or Contract for its delivery on his return, we gave him Notice in Writing how prejudicial his so doing might prove to our Honble Masters, for our parts we believe, unless your Hon^r. &c^a. give us a Sufficient Authority we shall not have it in our Power to restrain these Gentlemen from prefering their own Interest to that we are engaged for.

We are sorry to find that through the disunion and seperation of those of the Family of Chatoo Chitty, with the present disquietude of the Country he will not be able to supply us as in times past, & therefore our difficulty & danger of making bad debts will be encreased, however in the Conducting this point, we shall Govern our Selves with as much Caution & Circumspection as possible.

On the 10th. Instant our Prince wrote us an Ola in the most pressing terms for our Sending him Thirty men to remain as his body Guard, as he Apprehended some secret & treacherous Attempts from the Canarees, we were very unwilling for reason's which will Occur to your Hon^r. &c^a. to comply with this request, but others which we thought greatly outweighed, induced us to Appoint an Ensign & Thirty men to remain with him for some time, he to give them the usual allowance for Provisions on such Occasions, we are thoroughly Sensible our Honble Masters Interest at this Settlement is Annexd to his Safety & therefore we conclude our proceeding herein cannot fail of having your Hon^r. &c^a. approbation notwithstanding some inconveniency which may attend it.

We have sent on the Cowan five European Soldiers four of whom are so refractory & useless, & tend to Corrupt our Garrison in such a manner, that tho we want them, we conceive their removal is to be preferd to the keeping them & one at his request for his health they are paid to the last of this month.

Three of our Seepoys of the last detachment being very infirm & desirous of returning to Bombay, we send them on the Cowan as ^{per} List they are Victuald for five weeks.

Our Surgeon represents to us he is greatly in want of the Medicines Mentiond in the enclosed Indents & therefore we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to comply therewith.

Enclosed we transmit your Hon^r. &c^a. our Paymasters Account for the month of December & Treasury Account, we are with great respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient & most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY 17. 1734/5.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HON^{RS}.

1. Not doubting the Princess Louisa in her way home would have calld on us, we prepared the accompanying Letter under the 12th. September which gives your Hon^{RS}. full information of the Affairs of this Settlement to that time, we also forward Duplicate of our Address under the 29th. March ^{per} Royal Guardian with Copy of said-ships Invoice.

2. Your Hon^{rs}. are Apprized of the high Price Pepper bore last season, and the small quantities we were able to procure thro its Scarcity, and the demands made for it by us, and the French but we hope we may be capable of purchasing a Considerable share on easier terms this year, as the produce is more plentiful and the French disappointed of the large supplies they expected by a ship directly from France, not hitherto Arrived, the Eighteen Candys Cardamoms we have been directed to provide are Laded on the ships now on departure, as will appear by their respective Invoices, we are sorry they are not better, nor the price more moderate but we Assure your Hon^r. &c^a. we have done the best in our Power for your Service and you will not wonder why the preceeding Articles keep up their price; if you are pleased to reflect the difficulties the French thro their near Neighbourhood at Mihie put us under, and the great value of these Commodities at Callicut, for Pepper is now sold there for above one Hundred Rupees the Candy, & the Head Sort of Cardamoms, the same we procure, at five Hundred which tempts these people to carry them by Land several Leagues to avoid the Seizure of ours and the French boats we have however solicited our superiours to supply us with a large Stock of Treasure for its being Invested in Pepper in view to lay in about Four Thousand Candys this year supposing it may be had at about Seventy preventing the disappointm^t. that may otherwise happen to the next years Tonnage, Thro the Distraction this Country is subject to & for our being before hand with the French but such large Investments on your Account must inevitably exclude your Servants here from any share of those advantages which formerly they were permitted to enjoy in some measure, & we beg leave to assure you the want of it, as there is no Augmentation made for supporting the Expence, which so Publick a reception of Shipping Subjects the Chief in particular to, renders that Station of much less benefit than is possible for your Hon^{rs}. to imagine, and when you are pleased to consider, how expensive India is, under the most limited decency, we apprehend you will Judge Fourty Pounds a Year Salary & one Hundred & fifty Rupees p Month Dyet, must fall Short of supporting the Charge of so great a resort of people.

3. We Omit giving your Hon^{rs}. Notice here of the Arrival & Sailing of shipping as you will find in a List apart N^o. [*lacuna*].

4. Your Hon^{rs}. are Sensible we have no other means in our Power for Collecting your outstanding debts than bare solicitations, which with these people Generally Answers but very ill, as their Principals are exceeding base, the Chief has wrote the samorine so often, & with warmth suitable to the occasion that he now even failes returning an Answer, & we have not been able to recover from him one farthing since the date of our Letter under the 12th. September, Puniture Rajah denies not the debt yet he has not made any beginning towards payment & as it is of so long Standing & nothing recoverd, we Continue in our former opinion it will prove desperate, but we have some hopes of better Success with the Mother Queen and Durmet Ponicy and what our Prince owes if his Country is preservd from the Canarees, we Judge in a few Years he will Strike off by the Customs Arising on your Hon^{rs}. Trade.

5. Our Books of accounts which we forwarded to Bombay, & are we presume sent your Hon^{rs}. by these Ships will Shew you the great expence you are in supporting this Settlement, & that it is considerably more than preceeding years, owing to the near Neighbourhood of the Canarees & the Continual Artifices of the French, for engaging us in troubles, your Hon^{rs}. may depend that our concern is equal to yours on this Head, & that we are as desirous of reducing them, cou'd we believe greater Evils would not ensue, this Fortification is of a large Extent very irregular, & consequently requires in these unsettled times a Competent Number of men for its defence, Moylan cannot have less than Fifty four, Putinha a small redoubt inland thereof has Thirty, & to often we are obliged on sudden Alarms to send an Additional force to Moohara and Codolee, the former lying inland of this Fort, & the latter at the entrance of the River which carries that name, as we cannot always confide either in the sincerity in watchfulness of the Natives, & the loss of one of these places we are Sensible would bring on us Unspeakable Mischiefs, we well

knew the Maintaining so many Fortresses can ill be bore from the Profit arising on a peper Settlement, but since the Country people are most Notoriously Treacherous, & the Above places contribute so much to the keeping us in Quietness here, we Judge the preserving them to be preferd to the vacating them, and giving those an Opportunity of employing them against us, who on such an Occasion would soon become our declared Enemys.

6. Your Hon^{rs}. revenues here such as they are will also appear by our Books, and which we cannot possibly encrease without Oppressions, there is a Considerable Tract of Ground lying between this place & Moylan taken from our former Antagonist Cuny Nair which might yeild a profit could we prevaile on the Country People to Manure it, but they have always been Afraid of holding such precarious possessions concluding his Nairs would take Opportunitys at Certain time of the Night to destroy all the pains & Labour they might have been at, we have made sundry efforts to gain this man to your Interest by Offering him an Annual Allowance from the produce of the Paddy Grounds; but from what appears he will never be heartily brought over to us, on the Contrary, we in prudence ought to look on him as a Treacherous & deceitful Enemy, who only wants an Opportunity to injure us, and which the French we are certain will be ready to promote.

7. The Canaree Conquest of this Country as far as Cadalay your Hon^{rs}. have been fully informd of, this place is distant from us about five Miles, & now Strongly Fortified which commands the Moors Buzar of Cannanore as well as the district calld Randotarra, Scituate between us and it from whence we Annually bring a Considerable Quantity of Pepper, their force at present is much diminishd for want of Pay, but we have frequent reports their General Raganat, now with his King is about to return with men & money for effecting the reduction of our Neighbour the King of Cotata, Boyanore, & other Petty Powers as far as Cota River, the Boundery of the Kingdom of Colastree Southward, whether this will really be Accomplishd or not, we cannot be certain, but should it your Trade will be exposed to much greater Exactions & Oppressions than it can possibly bear, we have therefore at several times, with the Approbation of our superiours, Shewn a readiness in Joining with the Prince Cunhi Homo, for Extirpating these Invaders, provided a Competent Sum might be previously laid down for defraying the Charge, but the disunion of these powers is such & their timidity also, that we cannot say from what appears at present a Suitable effort is likely to be made, which gives us uncommon concern for should the said Canarees even continue in the state they now are, the Trade of Randotarra aforesaid may soon be brought under their Influence to the depriving your Hon^{rs}. of the means of bringing your Pepper thence, otherwise than by paying Exorbitant Dutys, as well as subjecting us to its being carried away by higher bidders, the French Policys do likewise Alarm us, they last season advanced a loan to the King of Cotata, of upwards of Fifty Thousand Rupees in hopes of gaining entirely to themselves what Pepper comes from his Country, which he still Amuses them with promises shall be given them, yet tho we believe he will not, it has induced him to engross what he can & to lay higher Dutys, than heretofore collected thereon, conjecturing either we or they will be under a Necessity of buying it of him at last at his own Price, Boyanore has likewise as we are told laid the same Scheme, so that we have a bad Prospect before us in future, & all Ariseing from the eagerness of the French to eat you out of your Trade, without considering the prejudices intended us may equally effect themselves, but of this we shall enlarge more hereafter.

8. From the Sundry Paragraphs of our Letters to Bombay mentiond to Accompany our Address under the 12 September and now send you will please to Observe the strong suspicions we then had of the French's designs on the Island Durmatam, which we have since had a Perfect confirmation of. we need not trouble your Hon^{rs}. with a repetition of the advantages that may attend its being yours, as the Plan thereof sent in the time of Mr. Braddyl sets forth the Command, it has over the trade of Cotata Carried thro the Rivers Trentapatam & Codolee, & that its being in Possession of Another Nation may very likely from the Judgment of the most Intelligent persons exclude this Settlement from the trade it has hitherto enjoyd. We were however Cautious in using the Liberty granted by the Prince sometime since for hoisting our Colours thereon whenever we might think proper,

least the King of Cotata by the French Influence should engage us in an Expensive war with him, as he pretends to have a title there[on], which is set forth in the Accompanying Paragraphs as well as our Letter, to Guard Against this we had recourse a Treaty, & at the same time, the better to secure said Island from the French Attempts, we took possession the 5th. October last with the Consent of the Heiress of Cannanore of a small Island jutting out from that aforesaid, & Commands the Entrance of the river call'd Trentapatam, Apprehending from it, & the Fortress of Codolee Scituate at the Entrance of the Other River carrying that name, both which Surrounding Durmapatam, we might be able to withstand their Attempts untill our Superiours could give us the Necessary Directions & Force: on the 27th. November we recievd their Commands ꝓ Ship Robert with a recruit of Thirty five Europeans including a Lieutenant & Ensign, empowering us as the only means that Occurd to them for preserving your Trade, to Attempt the Securing the Island aforesaid by building such Fortresses thereon as might be Judged Necessary for its defence, though at the same time Cautioning us not to Undertake so Weighty an Affair & expose you to such considerable Expences without a Rational view of Success Your Hon^r. & c^a. may conclude we were in very great Straights how to conduct ourselves on the one hand we perciev'd the [*sic*] eagerly bent on Usurping your Priviledges, & on the other we Apprehended our Attempts in taking this place without first gaining the King of Cotatas Consent, might throw us into exceeding difficultys in supporting a war Against him, which in all probability might have been the Consequence, Experience having shewn us, how much your Estate Sufferd through the Contests with these Country People in Former times, therefore depending on the Goodness of our Scituation at Codolee & the small Island Aforesaid, & having even on Durmapatam itself some people on our pay placed in a Fortress thereon seaward under the denomination of their being in the Princes Service, we concluded the Continuance of Amicable endeavours for gaining the King of Cotata Consent to be preferable, & on the 11th. November he did agree that in Consideration of Sixty one Thousand ffanams to be paid him at the time of its Surrender to us, it might for ever remain as your Hon^{rs}. right & Property, but so base are these people & particularly this King, we have not been able to this Moment to place ourselves thereon, which we conceive owing to the French Embarrassments, & the desire he has of drawing from them further Loans in the end to deceive them, thō he has had already upwards of Fifty Thousand Rupees, we believe as the Prince Cunhi Homo is our Fast friend, & the Sovereignty of Durmapatam his, that from the reputation you have in the Country, & the Moors who were the former Proprietors of this Island entirely for its being yours in preference to all other Nations, we shall in a little time Conduct this affair to its desired Issue, yet whether we do or not, we are still of opinion, the Methods we have taken all things considerd are most suitable in the present time.

9. Your Hon^{rs}. we are Sensible must be concernd as Indeed we are, that after laying such great Treasure here for the preservation of your Trade, the End is not Answerd, but you are Still exposed to the Necessity of Launching out considerably more, or Suffer the French Canarees or Dutch to deprive You of Your dear bought Priviledges, but these are evils which Your Servants have not Abilitys to remedy, while the French company have such extended views, and the Dutch watching for a convenient Opportunity of grasping to themselves the Pepper, as they have already done the Spice, we have proposed as you may please to Observe, to our Superiours the fixing ourselves entirely on Durmapatam, and throw up the places here save what little work may be thought necessary in Support of our title Judging the trade cannot possibly bear the Emmense Expence which the holding Durmapatam & these Settlements May Occasion, & as that will in all humane Appearance in the end prove a Sufficient Security for it, & yeild you in time an Annual revenue of about Sixty Thousand fanams, tis hoped your Hon^{rs}. will not disapprove of the proposed Scheme, for our parts we do most Solemnly Assure you, we have no other interest at heart than yours; our best Judgment, employd for your Service & when things are Maturely Weighed we may reasonably expect to recieve rather your Commendation than Censure, Though as the Event is too often considerd and not the Intention, we are not without fears, all our Anxiety & pains may faile in yeilding us the full Satisfaction we hope from your Approval.

10. Our Superiours have required from us an Estimate of the Expence which may attend this Undertaking, but as none of us are versed in the Arts of an Engineer, we have defer'd it in expectation of the Arrival of the King William having liberty from them to take out the Person your Hon^{rs}. have sent in that Station with the Europe soldiers and Bombardier, as we shall be obliged till the works are completed to encrease the Number of the Military for resisting any Attempts that may be made on us.

11. Your Hon^{rs}. will be pleased to consider that this Settlement is not above five Miles distant from that of the French at Mihie therefore in case of a war which is very much Apprehended we may be exposed to their Attempts provided their Company are in a Condition of Supporting them, though there was in the time of Mr. Adams an Agree^{mt}. Settled for, not Molesting the places of each other by land, nor the ships in sight of our respective flags at Sea, & this has been Confirmed from France, but we are too well acquainted with that Nation to place much confidence in their engagements, so that we ought in prudence to be always in a Condition of withstanding any efforts they may make against us, though it will Subject your Hon^{rs}. to a Continuance of the Expence you have so much reason to complain of, but our Garrison as being for the most part composed of black Soldiers whose Courage or Fidelity we cannot commend & our Neighbours Chiefly mannd with Europeans they will have a great Advantage over us.

12. The Ship Heathcote Captain Joseph Tolson Imported from Bombay the 30th. ultimo as did the Wilmington Captain Charles Massey the 2^d. Instant; On the former we have laded Five Hundred & fifty Candys Pepper with Nine Candys two Maunds Cardamoms as p Invoice & bill of lading now sent Amounting to Tellicherry fanams Two Hundred Sixty four Thousand Six Hundred & two & on the latter Three Hundred & fifty Candys Pepper & Nine Candys two Maunds Cardamoms Amounting to fanams one Hundred Sixty four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six & Seven vis we have according to our directions filled these Ships respectively save leaving room for about one Hundred Eighty five Candys for each which is supposed lies ready for them at Anjengo.

13. We are now to inform your Hon^{rs}. that notwithstanding our repeated Solicitations to the Prince Cunhi Homo, not to consent to the Canaree Armys Marching forward, they did in Conjunction with some of his Nairs, on the 3^d. Instant Lodge themselves on the low Grounds on Durmapatam Island inland, leading to the Country of Cotata to the number of Five Thousand Canaree Horse & Foot, & about Two Thousand Nairs in Order to subdue the Country of that King, we instantly dispatched a Letter to the Canaree General, representing the said Island to be the property of your Hon^{rs}. granted by the Lawfull Sovereign of Colastree & desired he would not presume to continue there, but forthwith vacate the same to which he returned for answer that his being there was only a present conveniency & therefore he would Speedily proceed forward, without offering the least Molestation to said Island which he ownd to be under our Protection we know not however what may be the Consequence of this March, for should the Army thro the Assistance that Boyanore & the Nombiars may give Cotata, meet with a repulse they may very probably retire on Durmapatam, & endeavour to reduce its fortresses from the Advantages they will have from its Scituation, & thereby render your getting it very precarious, & put your Trade under the greatest difficultys, On the other hand should we attempt Possessing it without first obtaining the King of Cotata's Consent he may involve us in the troubles we have before represented, so that on Considering your Hon^{rs}. will Always Approve of Amicable Measures we have afresh endeavoured for gaining his Consent, for our Admittance there & hoisting the Brittish flag, & we have hopes he will Speedily from his present Circumstances be induced to Comply with our request your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to Observe the said Island is not two Miles from Tellicherry & not above a quarter from your Fortress at Codolee, so that unless we succeed in our present design you will be cut off from the trade of those rivers thereabouts which with the pepper produced in Boyanores Country & Carryd away by the French at Mihie there will be little left to support the Expence of this Settlement; it is a Critical Season, and our thoughts are constantly

employd to prevent the impending Mischiefs without engaging your Hon^{rs}. in disputes with the Country Government, & be the Event which way soever your Expences will be large, but your Servants can only engage for a Zeal & Integrity in their proceedings without Charging themselves with Consequences so very Uncertain We wish prosperity may Attend your Affairs & are with the Utmost respect

HONBLE SIRs

Your most Obedient & most Faithfull
Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY 5TH. 1734/5.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON

TO CAPTAIN JOSEPH TOLSON
COMM^R. OF SHIP HEATHCOTE.

SIR

You haveing signified to us this day that after reserving room for one Hundred Eighty Five Candys Pepper you have directions to take in at Anjengo you can recieve no more here then the Five Hundred & fifty Candys Pepper, & Nine Candys two Maunds Cardamoms, we have laded Aboard you this is to Order you wind & Weather permitting to weigh Anchor & make the best of your Way for Anjengo following such orders as may be given you by the Chief & Factors there & such others as you have recieved from the Honble President & Council of Bombay. We wish you a good voyage & are

SIR

Your Humble Servants

FEBRUARY 5. 1734/5.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

TO CAPTAIN CHARLES MASSEY
COMM^R. OF SHIP WILMINGTON.

S^R.

You having Signified to us this day, that after reserving room for one Hundred Eighty five Candys Pepper you have directions to take in at Anjengo, you can receive no More Goods here than the Three Hundred & Fifty Candys Pepper & Nine Candys two Maunds Cardamoms we have laded aboard you, This is to Order you wind & Weather permitting to weigh Anchor and Make the best of your way for Anjengo following such orders as may be given you by the Chief & Factors there and such others as you have recieved from the Honble President & Council of Bombay We wish you a good voyage & are

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WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO

GENTLEMEN

This you will receive by the Wilmington Captain Charles Massey whom agreeable to the directions of our superiours we now consign to you & also the Heathcote who proceeds in her Company. we are

SIR

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY 5. 1734/5.

STEPHEN LAW.
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TO CAPTAIN JOHN DUGUD
COMM^R. OF SHIP SUCCESS.

S^R.

We have received your Letter, wherein you request we will grant you a pass, & observe the reasons you urge for the same, but we are to Acquaint you & that the Hon^{ble} President & Council of Bombay have been pleased to give us positive Orders not to Issue out any passes to any Ships or Vessels save such as belong to the Mallabar Coast & therefore tis out of our Power to gratifie you in the manner you desire. we are

S^R.

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
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TO THE HON. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HON^{RS}.

1. The Arrival of your Ship the Princess Louisa gives us an Opportunity of forwarding Duplicate of our last Address ^{of} Royal Guardian, dated the 29th. March, & Copy of her Invoice that Ship left us the 16th. April & as we understand was safely Arrived at Madrass.

2. Our former Letters represented to your Hon^{rs}, how little it was in our power to provide the Quantity of Pepper required of us through the Scarcity thereof, & the French having the like Occasion for it, & this raised the Price in such a manner, that it was impossible for us to agree with our Merchant, on closing his Account in May, for less than Eighty four Rupees the Candy, & yet as this extravagant Price he had [*sic*] only delivered us to that time thirteen hundred thirty nine Candies four Maund, of the Produce of last Season, but received of us the Value of a hundred & forty Candies more, to be Weighed off by the last of September, & whereof we have got in one hundred four Candies Six Maund. We have Directions from our Superiours at Bombay to Encrease the Quantity all we can, & which we are endeavouring to do, though we have reason to apprehend it will hardly be practicable for us to have more in Warehouse by the end of December than fourteen hundred twenty two

Candies, we have to this Day lying ready for Shipping off, one thousand fifty Six Candies ten Maund, and for the remainder towards compleating the Dispatch of the Ships, that may be Ordered home we must depend on the New Crop, which is generally brought in about the middle of February, from the present Prospect we hope it will be possible for us to secure a considerable Quantity, as the Season has been pretty favourable but our beginning to buy so early will infalibly prevent our lowering it to its usual Price, though your Hon^{rs}. may depend that in this, as well as every thing else which relates to your Service, we shall have the Strictest regard. We are informed the French daily expect a Ship directly from France, which we the reather [sic] Credit, as their People are already busy in buying up Pepper at Callicutt, Penany, & Tanare, whither we have likewise sent for the securing what is to be had, & while they continue interfering with us, we can have but small Expectations of moderating its Value.

3. It has been our constant care to solicit the Samorine & other Persons indebted to your Hon^{rs}. for Payment of what they Owe, but notwithstanding tart, & threatening Letters sent the former, we have received no more of him the past Year than fifty thousand two hundred Callicutt Fanams, so that his Debt exclusive of Interest stands now at three hundred eighty three thousand, four hundred twenty five Fanams, & three Vis. Puniture Rajah is an Inland Prince, whose Territories lie between Penany & Chittoa & as he thinks we have it not in our Power to distress him, seems to Pay little regard to our importunities, so that we fear the Seventy thousand Fanams due from him is irrecoverable; we have somewhat better hopes of the Mother Queens Debt of Eight thousand fanams, & of Durmett Ponickarry for five thousand five hundred; Prince Cuni Homo from the confused State his Country is in, we conceive, can no otherwise lessen his Debt than by our Customs, which gave him a Credit last Year of fourteen thousand four hundred eighty two fanams, and renders his Balance at this time Seventy one thousand Sixty two fanams Six Vis. The Chief has taken many Occasions for persuading him to Discharge this Account, which he seems sencible ought to be done; however as he is so entirely Attached to your Interest, we think this favour not ill bestowed. Boyanore in June last delivered us twenty one hundred Seventy three fanams; one Vis, which with five thousand allowed him, for his opposing the French on their attempting to Land at Mihie (being what had been before promised him) clears his Account, & his Obligations were returned him. The many entered in our Books as Desperate, we fear will prove so, some of them being of a long standing, & their Families extinct, others impoverished through the Wars in the Country.

4. In our last by the Royall Guardian we acquainted your Hon^{rs}. with our apprehensions of the Canarees intending to possess the Island of Durmapatam, for the better subduing the King of Cotata, whose Country borders on this District, & that their so doing, might Occasion us no small Disquietude here, & prejudice to your Trade, carried on through the Rivers commanded by said Island; Our Superiours were to sencible of the Ill effects thereof, that they were pleased in their Commands of the 4th. April last, to Authorize us to Hoist our Colours, & Garrison such Places thereon, as might be most convenient, by Virtue of the Liberty granted us in the time of Mr. Braddyll, by the Prince Regent Cuni Homo, but when we came to execute the same; we found the King of Cotata to have such pretentions there-to, founded on the Assistance he gave the Prince at the reduction thereof, & having a Superiour Force in it's Fortresses, as wou'd on our persisting to make a Lodgement there, occasion an open breach with him, so that we thought it more prudent to desist for the present, (especially as the Canarees continued with only five thousand Men about Cadalay, unactive) & endeavour for the gaining his Consent, it was on the 18th. July our Linguist waited on him, when he attempted to convince him how much, its being in our hands wou'd contribute to his Benefit, & thereby preserve his Country, in a more safe Condition, than in the keeping of the Mallabars, who from past Experience, have appeared unable to withstand the Arms of the Canarees, but whether he apprehended, we might by this acquisition become to Powerful for him, or that he was willing to secure the forty five thousand fanams, expended by him in taking thereof, previous to y^e. quitting it, it was

not possible for our Linguist to gain his Consent. That you Hon^{rs}. may be thoroughly apprized of our Sentiments in regard to the Interest it may be of to you in enjoying this Island, we beg leave to lay before you Copy of the 35th. Paragraph to our Superiours, under the Seventeenth Ultimo, on this Head from whence you will please to observe, it is our Opinion your Trade on this part of the Coast, may in all humane Probability be better secured by holding that place, than it can be through the Scituation of Tellicherry; & which we doubt not your former Servants were sensible of, but being then in the Possession of the Moors the obtaining it was impracticable. We have a true Idea of the vast Expence that has attended the Building, Garrisoning, & Defending during the Wars, this Settlement, & it's dependancies, concluding the laying out more, must be very disagreeable though as times and Circumstances have altered so much; the Dutch ready to usurp your Rights, The French no less active for gaining Ground on your Trade, the Canarees aiming to subdue all to their Obedience, an utter Destruction of your Priviledges. We are induced to repeat that the Island of Durmapatam is more convenient for preserving a lasting Interest & footing in this Country, than your present Possessions, & if it shou'd fall into the hands of any other European Nation, as your Hon^{rs}. will observe we have reason to suspect the French may be endeavouring thereat; we believe your Trade in a great measure may be cut off, especially when 'tis considered they by their Fortress at Mihie, have already excluded us from any Share of the Pepper produced in Boyanores Country. We depend your Hon^{rs}. will judge favourable of our Intentions & be persuaded we of ourselves have not a single advantage in view from what has been incerted but that your immediate Interest is the pure & sole guide of our endeavours.

5. The Continuance of the Canaree Army so near us & the uncertainty we are in of their Designs compells us much against our Inclinations to detain the Dolphin and Antilope Gallivatts with the Detachment of Sepoys, who with the Encrease of our Soldiery renders our Charges much more than ought to attend a Pepper Settlement, & we shall be as willing as your Hon^{rs}. to reduce the same to a moderate Compass, as soon as the doing it may be undertaken with safety; but when that will offer is out of our power to say, This we can promise that in every Item of our Expences, we are as frugal as times & Circumstances will admit, nor have any of us any thing more than you have been pleased to allow in former times, and when there were some advantages in Trade, that we are now excluded from wholly, by our appropriating every Grain of Pepper that is to be bought, to your Account.

6. We signified to your Hon^{rs}. in our last the necessity we presumed we shou'd be under of detaining the Rose Gally [in] the Rains, but our great desire of easing the Expences, & our hopes the Canarees might forbear disturbing us in that Season, led us to return her to Bombay the 8th. April, where she Arrived in safety.

7. Since writing the foregoing, for its being in readiness when the Ship might arrive we have received notice, that our Nation in Conjunction with Holland has entered on a War with France, which with some other Circumstances lately come to our knowledge in regard to the Intentions of the French to settle at Durmapatam occasions us no small uneasiness; that your Hon^r. may be informed at large of our apprehensions in this matter, & the methods we have judged suitable towards preventing those Evils; we beg leave to lay before you Copy of what we have now wrote to the Hon^{ble} President and Council of Bombay thereon, bearing date the 19th. Instant; assuring your Hon^{rs}. we are exceedingly concerned to find our former surmises of the Encroachments of those at Mihie so near us as also that the Canarees may in all probability Levy Duties on the Pepper brought from Billiapatam and Agar; nay 'tis even said they will Infallibly do it, and thereby if submitted to render this Commodity dearer Seven Rupees in a Candy or perhaps more [...]s all our Contrivances, for Guarding against these Mischiefs cannot avail [us shoud] a Competent Force, we hope the Supplies your Hon^{rs}. may be pleased to send out, will enable our Superiours at Bombay to afford us timely & effectual means for putting your Affairs on a better footing though we heartily wish they were not [under] this necessity. We forbear saying more on these Points, since your Hon^{rs}. have been particularly informed of what we conceived might be the

Consequence of the Canarees Conquest; And as to the French, Experience obliges us to say, they will not desist from contriving, & bringing on us what mischiefs they can. We are with the greatest Respect

HON SIRS,

Your most faithful and most
Obed^t. humble Serv^{ts}.

TELLICHERRY

SEPTEMBER 12TH. 1734.

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