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PREFATORY NOTE

This volume is the second in the series of records known as "Letters from Tellicherry" and contains the letters sent from Tellicherry during the year 1732-33. The earlier portions are missing in the original and these could not be supplied as there is no corresponding volume in the India Office.

The manuscript volume has been mended and is in a fair state of preservation.

EGMORE,
23rd July 1934.

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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

LETTERS FROM TELLICHERRY,

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be in the power of your Servants here to make the Investments required of them, or indeed to keep down the price of Pepper at a[n] reasonable rate; It has cost our Neighbours for Severall Months past att the rate of 82 rupees the Candy and they give out they are in want of more than the Countrey can supply them with.

Next to these Inconveniencys we are to remark to your Honours that this Coast is now in a fair Way of being embroiled to such a degree, that in all likelihood, Trade must cease. The Carnatick Army of whom we spoke in our last, notwithstanding the Head that was made against them by the Samorine and other Mallabar forces still remain encampt on the N^o.Side of the river Billiapatam, and tis now expected they will come forward, there being little force now to oppose them; We have putt ourselves in the best posture of Defence we are able, and provided they come near us as in all likelihood they will your Hon^{rs}. may expect of our being involved in troubles, towards which we think nothing will be wanting that is in the power of our Neighbours the French, either to incite them or others our Enemy's to disturb our Quiet.

The Honble President and Council of Bombay were pleased to write us in April last, that provided the Prince of this Countrey would make proper Alliances and Preparations for a Vigorous Campaign, they would endeavour att the Opening of the Season to give him such Assistance as was agreeable to your Honours Reputation Interest and Commerce on this Coast, which we accordingly signified to him: and we do yet think provided any Sea force appears to countenance his Undertakings the Mallabars in General will take Heart, as their Numbers are so very great it will be much in their power to free themselves from these Usurpers; if it happens otherwise your Affairs here be in the greatest Confution imaginable.

Our Books of Accounts and Diary being ready, we accordingly send them in this Packet, and notwithstanding the unsettled posture of the Countrey, your Honours will find by them there is recovered within the year from the Samorine 144000 fanams of Callicutt Money, which is far more than we expected Our Head Linguist is now att Callicutt, when the Samorines Ministers have promised to meet him for to settle the Account of the 2^d. Payment for Two Hundred thousand fanams principall We speedily hope to hear the same is Concluded and that an handsome Sum is also paid in, in part of the Third.

Mr. Braddyll is highly sorry he hath Occasion to remark to your Honours that the Conduct of Mr. [Hugh]Howard one of your Servants att this place obliged him in June [...] to suspend him from acting in your Affairs, till such time as the Pleasure of the Honble President and Council of Bombay should be known concerning him His reasons for this proceeding as likewise the Conduct of others your Servants at this place sett forth att Large in the Diary of our Transactions in Page 92 to 98 for your Honours to determine thereon what you think convenient, and on the whole, he hath not further to say, than while he hath the Honour to Bear

his present Commission, he will not suffer the Authority thereby vested in him either to be disputed or taken from him save by such, as your Honours may appoint.

We are with all Respect
HONBLE SIR

Your most Faithfull and most Obedient Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 8TH. 1732.
☞ SHIP HOUGHTON.

JOHN BRADDYLL.
WILLIAM FORBES.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACKET TO THE HONOURABLE COURT OF DIRECTORS
DATED OCTOBER 8TH. 1732 ☞ SHIP HOUGHTON VIZ^T.

Tellicherry Generall under said Date.
Duplicate of Ditto 17th. March 1731/2 Via Bussorah.
Protest against Mr. Edward Davis Supra Cargo of Ship Severn.
Captain Alexander Douglas his Declaration concerning Ditto.
List of Shipping.
Diary and Consultations commencing 1st. Augst. 1731, Ending 31st. July. 1732.
Journal Letter F commencing 1st. August 1731, Ending 31st. July 1732.
Ledger Ditto Ditto Ditto.

[List of the Packet.]

TO CAPT JAMES MONTGOMERY
COMMANDER OF SHIP MONMOUTH.

SIR

The Treasure and Stores consigned us on your Ship from Bombay, being now Landed, you are hereby Ordered Wind and Weather permitting to weigh your Anchor and make the best of your Way for the Port of Callicutt, where you are to receive on Board such Timber and Plank as may be tendered you by our Linguist Francisco Diaz now Residing there to whom you are to deliver the Accompanying Letter. This done you are to return hither for to receive your Dispatches for Gombroon.

Should the Timber not all be ready, We would have you wait Eight or Ten Days for it, and advise us thereof when we shall give such farther Directions, as may be found necessary; We are

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 13TH. 1732.

SIR,
Your very Humble Servants

JOHN BRADDYLL.
W^M. FORBES.
W^M. JEYNSON.

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

HONBLE SIR & SIR

The Melancholy Posture of Affairs here has induced us to send this Express by way of Goa recommended to the Viceroy or the Council for the Time being and is to acquaint your Hon^r. & c^a. that the Prince Cuni Homa being disappointed of the Succours he expected from the English, hath unknown [to us] struck up a Peace with the Cannarees, the Particulars whereof are not yet known, and hath joynd their Army with his own Forces [and his] designs we apprehend no wise [suit] our Honble Masters Int[erest].

The Carnatick Army on Saturday last being the 21st. passed the River Billiapatam and are preparing to attack Besiege Cannanore in conjunction with the Nayros, after the Reduction of which 'tis said this place is to be next attempted; The King of Cotata, and the whole Countrey hereabouts subdued so that we have no other Prospect but of War and Confusion; The French whatever Opinion your Hon^r. &c^a. may have of them, we have too good Intelligence to expect anything from them, save all the ill Offices they can possibly do us, and as such we are preparing our Selves Against them the best we can.

We give your Hon^r. this timely notice least we should hereafter be charged with Neglect, you are best Judges how far our slender Garrison is suitable to such Difficultys as we are now like to encounter; We will do our Parts, but impossibilitys are not to be expected. Narrangport Nayro your Hon^r. &c^a. may depend will desert us on a nearer approach of the Army, when we cannot spare a man from this Place to garrison Codolee; nor can we list any, though our Endeavours have been used, since we first foresaw the Difficultys that now surround us.

The Houghton passed by here the Eighth Instant, and the Monmouth imported the 11th. by her we received the Recruits, Treasure, Stores &c^a. you were pleased to send us on her, the first of which are far short of what we Judge we at present Stand in need of, that ship is now at Callicutt, and we shall answer your Hon^r. &c^a. by her hereafter: Those of the 1st. July never came to our Hands.

The Large Provision of Pepper your Hon^r. &c^a. expect in January, we think cannot be made at this place the Crop is indeed good but how to come at any of it, we are not yet able to contrive, nor will any one, as we Judge contract with us, were it otherwise there is no trusting money in their Hands in such times of Confusion, and as to Cardamoms we shall be Under the like uncertainty; Our Chitty hath not yet been able to comply with his last Contract of One thousand Candys of Pepper, One hundred and fifty five One half of which are still outstanding, so that we have not by us more than One thousand four Hundred and sixteen Candy. We declined purchasing the small Quantity that offered in the rains for the reasons given in our Consultations, which will be sent in due time. The french we think got about One hundred and fifty Candys, which hath not cost them less than Eighty two Rupees the Candy, though the Chief did all he could to dissuade them from buying it, in order to keep down the Price; We are with all respect.

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 23rd. 1732.

VIA GOA BY BOAT EXPRESS.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most Humb: Servants

JOHN BRADDYLL.
WILLIAM FORBES.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

To LIEUT. WILLIAM GIBBS.

SIR

I am Directed to acquaint you, that the Honble President and Council of Bombay, have been pleas'd to Order that you proceed to Anjengo on the Marlborough, or some other Ship, as soon as your Affairs will permit.

By Order of the Worsp^l. John Braddyll Esq^r. Chief &c^a. Factors.

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER THE 31st. 1732.

W^m. JEYNSON. Sec^{ry}.

TO CAPT. THOMAS HUNT
COM^R. OF SHIP MARLBOROUGH.

SIR

You are hereby Order'd to send on shore what stores &c^a. you have aboard for this Settlement, in such Boats as shall be sent you by Mr. William Forbes Warehousekeeper. We are

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER THE 31ST. 1732.

SIR
Your very humble Servants
JOHN BRADDYLL.
WILLIAM FORBES.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO M^R. HUGH HOWARD.

SIR,

The Hoñble President & Council of Bombay in their Letter of the 11th. October '31 Ship Marlborough, having been pleas'd to Direct that you be Reinstated in your former Station, & Allow'd your Salary & Dyet from the time of your Suspension. I am hereby Order'd to acquaint you therewith.

By Order of the Worsp^{ll}. John Braddyll Esq^r. Chief &c^a. Factors.

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER THE 31ST. 1731.

W^M. JEYNSON. *Sec^{ru}*.

TO M^R. CHARLES WHITEHILL
&C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIRS

Our Hoñble Masters Ship the Mañborough Imported here the 30th. Inst. whom we now Dispatch to you agreeable to the Orders receiv'd by her.

We are Directed to Load on her, when she returns, as much Pepper as will amount to One thousand Candys, with what she may receive from you; We therefore desire you will acquaint us how much is put on Board at Anjengo, that We may Govern ourselves accordingly. We are,

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 31ST. 1732.

SIRS
Your very humble Servants

P.S.

Capt. William Gibbs takes his passage on this Ship by Order of the Hoñble President & Council of Bombay, to Relieve Cap^t. Samuel Walker.

JOHN BRADDYLL.
W^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

TO CAPT. THOMAS HUNT
COM^R. OF SHIP MARLBOROUGH.

SIR

The Stores &c^a. Consign'd us on your Ship from Bombay being Landed; you are hereby Orderd Wind & Weather permitting to Weigh Anchor, and make the best of your way for Anjengo; and in your Return to this place, to take on Board what Pepper We may Lade on you; You are to call at Callicutt, & take under your care the Postilion Grab, which Vessel will then be in a Readyness.

Lieutenant William Gibbs is Directed to take his Passage on your Ship for Anjengo, by the Hoñble President & Council of Bombay, whom you are to receive on Board with his Servants, & Necessarys, giving him Suitable Accomodations. We wish you a safe, & Speedy Arrival with us and are,

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER THE 31ST. 1732.

SIR
Your very humble Servants

JOHN BRADDYLL.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE R^T. WORSP^{LL}. JOHN HOME ESQ^R.
AGENT & C^A. COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE HONBLE UNITED ENGLISH EAST
INDIA COMPANY AT GOMBROON.

R^T. WORSP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

By Order of the Hoñble President & Council of Bombay We have Laden on this Ship a Quantity of Timber & Plank provided by us at Callicutt for the Service of your Factory, as P . Bill of Lading Enclosed: The Particulars, Cost and Charges whereof, are agreeable to the Invoice accompanying the same, amounting in all to Tellicherry fanams Twelve thousand Thirty seven & fifteen Vis or Rupees Two thousand Four hundred seven Two Quarters Thirty five Raes for which we have Debted Account Currant Bombay.

Cap^t. Montgomery hath Orders from us, to make the best of his way to your Port, & there to follow your Worship's & c^a's Directions, which are agreeable to those we have received from our Superiours. We are with Respect,

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER THE 8TH. 1732.

P^R. MONMOUTH.

R^T. WORSP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

JOHN BRADDYLL.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAP^T. JAMES MONTGOMERY
COM^R. OF SHIP MONMOUTH.

SIR

The Timber and Plank We were Directed to Lade on your Ship for Gombroon, being now all on Board, You are hereby Order'd Wind, and Weather permitting, and without Loss of time, to Weigh your Anchor, and make the best of your way for that Port.

Herewith you have our Packet for the Agent and Council for Affairs of the R^t. Hoñble Company Residing there which you are to deliver them on your Arrival at that Port, following all such orders as S^d. Gentlemen may think fit to give you. We wish you a safe, and Speedy Passage, & are

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER THE 8TH. 1732.

SIR
Your very humble Servants

JOHN BRADDYLL.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORETON PITT ESQ^B.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Hon^r. & c^a. Commands to us under the 5th. July last & 30th. September, are both come to hand; The Latter by the Canton Merchant who Imported Yesterday.

We wish the Disappointment We Labour under by not being Supply'd with the Recruits We requested from you, may not be Attended with very Bad Consequences, since they are ill able at Bombay to Succour us in these times of Generall Trouble, and Confusion.

We were not wrong in our Apprehensions of the Carnatick Army, who about the Middle of last Month, passed the River of Billiapatam, and have now Laid Seige to Cannanore, We are not to doubt but they will soon, Reduce the Moors to such Terms as they may think fit to propose, if not entirely Expell them the Country, which done, there is nothing to Stop them from coming to Tellicherry, where 'tis highly necessary for us to be on the Watch, considering the Repeated Insults, nay indeed Hostilitys We have for these Three Years past, Experienc'd from the Carnatick Government, added to the Instigation of the French our Neighbours, who do not fail immediately to Espouse, and Support any Interest that seems Opposite to that of our Honble Masters.

We are extreemly sorry your Hon^r. & c^a. should on this occasion be under a Necessity of applying to us for a Cargo of Pepper for Ship Wyndham: A thing so impossible for us to Compleat, that We cannot advise your Hon^r. & c^a. by any means to send her hither, for She will certainly in our Opinions, be disappointed.

Our Superiours from Bombay have not only Order'd Cargos of Pepper in all January for Ships Monmouth, Greenwich, & Marlborough but likewise for the Compton in all Aprill, and Two Ships expected from England next Season, which in all will Amount to Six thousand odd hundred Candys, and is more than the Country hereabouts Annually produces; The french will be Supply'd at any Rate and the Posture of the Country is such, as We have before represented: We therefore leave your Hon^r. & c^a. to judge, whether or no we shall be able even to Dispatch the Three Homeward Bound Ships in January.

We will buy all the Pepper We can for our Honble Master's Account, and after the Commands receiv'd from the Presidency, to whom We are Subordinate, are Comply'd with, We shall be very ready, not only now, but at all times, to Execute anything you may recommend for their Service & Interest. We are with the greatest Respect.

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER 21^s. 1732.

P^a. PATTAMAR EXPRESS.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most Humble Servants

JOHN BRADDYLL.
W^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^B.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

1. In this Packet comes Triplicate of the Short Letter We thought necessary to send your Hon^r. & c^a. Express by Way of Goa, under the 23^d. October last, when We could not well answer in full to your Commands of the 1st. July, & 22^d. September, which We are now about to do, having since receivd by the Marlborough your Letter of the 11th. October.

2. We receiv'd short of the Monmouth's Invoice Forty four Bales of Rice, & One Rupee, amounting in all to One hundred and Eleven Rupees, for which that Account Currant is short Credited. That Ship sailed hence for Gombroon the 8th. Ultimo, with a Cargo of Timber and Plank exactly agreeable to your Directions, whose Cost being Tellicherry Fanams Twelve thousand Thirty seven & Fifteen Vis, as ^{is} Copy of that Invoice, which We now Transmit, We have accordingly Carry'd to Account.

3. We found a Mistake in the Marlborough's Invoice of One Peice Green & One Peice Scarlet Cloth, P. Invoice makes it Two Cloths each whereas We only found Two Peices, The Difference being Pounds Sterling Seventeen Two Shillings, & Eleven Pence half penny or Rupees One hundred Thirty seven, & Seventy three Raes, is short Credited at the foot of S^d. Invoice; This Ship went hence for Anjengo the 31st. of October, but by Trifling away so much of her time at Callicutt, did not return hither 'till the 8th. Instant; We now Dispatch her to you with Three hundred & Fifty Candys of Pepper, amounting with other Particulars Specified in her Invoice, to Tellicherry Fanams One hundred Forty three thousand Nine hundred Sixty, & Ten Vis, for which We Debt Account Currant Bombay, as also for Fanams Forty one thousand Eight hundred forty & Two Vis, being the Amount of the Postilion's Invoice & Outsett, who comes in Company with this Ship, Laden as nearly agreeable to your Order as possible.

4. The severall Paragraphs of our Hoñble Masters Generall Orders, that your Hon &c^a. thought fit to Transmit us, we shall Carefully Conform ourselves to.

5. We are not to doubt but the Troubles that have of late Disturb'd Suratt, have very much Impeded those Investments, 'tho We are glad to hear from Private Hands, they are at last Accomodated.

6. We shall deliver Mess^{rs}. Starke, & Plant, when they Arrive, your Hon^r. &c^a. Letter to them and receive such Gold, as they may think fit to deliver us, which We shall sell the best We can, and let you know it's Nett Produce by the first Opportunity that Offers. If it is in our power to give that Ship the Cargo your Hon. &c^a. require, it will give us a very Singular Pleasure, but whether or no it will be in our power even to Dispatch the Three intended home in January, or indeed in February, 'tis no wise proper for us to promise, under such Uncertainty as at present Occur; Your Hon. &c^a. may depend our Parts shall be perform'd and that We will Buy all the Pepper We can on our Hoñble Master's Account, whose Necessitys shall first be Serv'd: This is as much as We apprehend you can expect from us: We are made to believe the Crop of Cardamoms this Year, will not come up to the Quantity our Hoñble Masters Require; We have some hopes of Securing them all, but doubt they will prove Excessive Dear; We expect their Musters in about Ten days 'till when We cannot judge of their Quality.

7. The 20th. Ultimo We receiv'd a Letter from the President & Council of Fort St. George, acquainting us that our Hoñble. Masters had order'd their Ship Wyndham to be return'd this Season from China to that Port, desiring us to provide One thousand Candys of Pepper for her returning Cargo: We have by Two Expresses made them for Answer, That We are in no expectation of being able this Year to answer the Large Demands of Pepper that are made on us by the Presidency to whom we are subordinate, that when your Hon. &c^a. Comands were Complv'd with, We would willingly Execute anything the[y] might recommend for the Publick Service: This We judge will prevent them from sending hither the Ship, as We suppose they might at first have Intended.

8. The Carnatick Army have made their Approaches within Gun Shot of Cannanore, in Conjunction with the Prince's Forces & in all appearance are making Preparations for a Seige, 'though no material Action hath happen'd since our last: The Particulars of the Peace Concluded between the Prince Cunhi Homo, & Ragounat the Carnatick Generall are as follows. "That the Country to the N^o.ward of Billiapatam, as far as Nelleaseer, is to be Govern'd by the Prince Cunhi Homo. who is to pay such an Yearly Acknowledgement to the King of Bednure, as shall hereafter be Agreed on, & best Suited to the Abilitys of the People; That in the afore-said Country his Carnatick Majesty shall have leave to Build Three Forts; One at

Madacarra, Another at Cavay, and a Third at Nelleaser. That from the River Billiapatam to the S^o.ward, his Carnatick Majesty was not to Plead any Right, or Property, & was to Serve the Prince with his Force, thereby Obliging all his Rebell subjects to submit to his Royall Will & that their Army should be wholly at the Obedience, and Disposal of S^d. Prince; This Agreement was Sworn to by both Partys the 21st. of October last before Two of their Religious Men & Olas Interchang'd; On the 25th. of that Month We had a Letter from this Prince, wherein he told us That finding himself Abandon'd by all and no Inclination in us, or others to Assist him, he was in danger of loosing his whole Country, that therefore he preferred the Peace he had made to so Uncertain, & Unequal a Contest; That judging the Hon^{ble} Companys were his Friends, he had severall times Signified to us the Motives which he thought sufficient to Gain our Assistance on this Critical occasion, to which We always gave him for Answer, that We could not Openly Engage in a thing of that kind, without Express Orders from our Superiours; That since he could not longer Support himself under such Delays he found it necessary to do, what already done; nevertheless if hereafter the Hon^{ble} Company would Engage in anything that might tend to the better Conservation of his Country he would willingly Accept the same. We have not since the Receipt of this Letter either seen him, or heard from him, but as We understand he is Raising a more Numerous Army than ever, which occasions Various Conjectures, Some think to Attack the Canarees, now he hath them on this side the River, and others judge to proceed in Conjunction with them, first against the Moors, & then the King of Cotata, & other Princes to the S^o.ward, a little time more will Discover the whole; The Moors have now in Cannanore, upwards of Ten thousand Men, if these are Reduced or even brought to Terms, 'tis most certain the whole Army will March forward. and of Course Cut off all our Trade, 'Tis said the Portuguese intend to Convoy down the Carnatick Fleet with Rice & Provisions for their Army, if so those People will meet with less Difficulty, who otherwise would have been pretty much Embarrassed by Ally Rajah's Fleet of Munchuas, who have of late Cruized upon them with very good Success; We can as little Conceive as your Hon^r. &c^a. what advantage the French at Mihie could propose to themselves by Espousing the Canaree Interest except by totally Destroying & Expelling the Prince Regent, whom they take to be our only Support; Were the Proceedings of these People founded on reason they certainly would have Consider'd, that a War so near them, as this is like to be, must greatly Embarrass their Trade, as well as ours, & that the Conquerors were more likely to Deprive us both of our present Priviledges, than to give us new ones; but such is the Temper of these fickle & Dancing People who in everything they do Act more like Mountebanks than anything else, We can properly Compare them to; 'Tis not many days since they sent their Second & Third of Council to Wait on Ragounat in his Camp, where he receiv'd them just as We think they deserv'd, in a most scandalous manner, & without any Ceremony; The Chief has likewise been wrote to by S^d. Ragounat, Expressing his great Admiration, at his not waiting on him, since he was come so near us, for that all which was passed, he had Bury'd in Oblivion: It must be some Business of more Importance than this, ere We judge him Worthy of our Compliments: If your Hon^r. &c^a. think fit to give us the Countenance of any of the Cruizers, and Positive Orders to Annoy him, We doubt not of being able to give such a turn to this Unlucky Affair, as will very much Conduce to our Reputation, and Quiet, for We really think as We have before said, that on the Appearance of any such, not only the Prince, but the Moors, and the whole Coast will turn upon the Enemy, whose Power to us, seems much Inferiour to that of the Mallabars.

9. The Rice your Hon. &c^a. sent us on the Monmouth, is very Acceptable, We have now by us of that, & Paddy, enough four [sic] our Subsistance 'till the Rains, before which it will be absolutely necessary to Supply us with Four thousand Bales of Champsaul Rice at least, & this We earnestly Request your Hon^r. &c^a. will not disappoint us of if possible.

10. Mr. Edward Davis, concerning whom We advised the Needfull, is now in this Road, aboard Ship Severn & We believe is endeavouring to Agree with the French at Mihie for a Cargo of Pepper, in which if he Succeeds, it will be of the

greatest prejudice to us imaginable; What he carry'd away last Year he Landed at Pondicherry, without paying the Duty either at Bengall, or elsewhere; The President & Council there have not been pleas'd to answer our Complaints concerning him; This Leads us to Petition your Hon^r. &c^a. afresh, that you will do us justice, by calling him to such an Acco^t. as you Deem necessary, for the High Insult offerd us last Season which as the same was not only the greatest Indignity offerd to each of us in our severall stations, but a Manifest Injury to our Hoñble Masters, & Contempt of theirs, & your Hon^r. &c^a. Authority, we doubt not but you will Cause him to Answer. We Question if he be Authorized by any License from our Hoñble Masters to remain in India, sure We are he is much less so to Injure them in so Barefaced a manner, as is Evident he did last Year, by carrying away the French Pepper, which otherwise must have lain by them We have ourselves acquainted our Hoñble Masters, that if these things are permitted, 'tis to no purpose being at the Charge of a Settlement at Tellicherry, where We can't Comply with your Demands when Private Traders under English Protection, with French Assistance buy up all the Pepper.

11. Ensign Lewis Mendonza returns your Hon^r. &c^a. his most humble thanks for having been pleas'd to recommend him to our Hoñble Masters Favour, and Ensign Thomas Fisher doth the like for the Commission you have been pleas'd to send him; The former of these, is we presume, to have Pay as Lievtenant, since he Acts as such, and Commands a Company by your Order, & the Latter We judge, is to have his Pay from the Date of his Commission: Lievtenant Gibbs proceeded on the Marlborough to Anjengo, agreeable to your Directions, & the Person your Hon^r. &c^a. were pleas'd to send us as Gunner's Mate was very Acceptable. As We are now on this Subject, We humbly take the liberty of Petitioning your Hon^r. &c^a. in the Behalf of Mr. Croes our Gunner, and the Poor Topasses in his Crew whose Business has for a long time past both without & at home, Subjected him to the greatest fatigue imaginable. A small Gratuity from your Hon^r. &c^a. in return for his Care, and Diligence in his Employ, would be so well Accepted by him, that We flatter ourselves you will be so good as to Indulge us in this particular; The Topasses that Act under him, are now Fourteen in Number, and have only Twenty two fanams Wages p Month, they are always at Work, or on Duty, their Bale of Rice Amo^s. to Eleven Fanams & an half, the remainder is far from being sufficient for other Necessarys, and Cloaths, We really think they will not serve us any longer, unless they be Consider'd: If Your Hon^r. &c^a. will permit us to Raise their Pay to Twenty five fan^s. p Month 'tis possible We may prevail with them their Duty is so much harder than that of a soldier, that We cannot help thinking they merit this Distinction.

12. Your Hon^r. &c^a. Orders with regard to Mr. Hugh Howard are Obey'd concerning whom the Chief doth not take upon him to say further than that as your Hon^r. &c^a. have already been pleas'd fully to determine that matter, on the Representation made thereof by that Gentleman, & his Accomplices, he thinks it would not well Become him, to Argue with you thereon, well knowing what Sort of Obedience is due to all your Commands from those under your Direction and withal he Conceives, that if the above Gentlemen had but hitherto, and would henceforward follow his Example, there neither would have been nor will be hereafter the least Cause to Censure any of them for the fault now in Question.

We will take care to send Governour Peki the Bamboo Seeds and Plants he hath Indented for.

By this Conveyance comes our Diary, and Books of Accounts Closed the 31st. July last, Copys of them are gone to our Hoñble Masters p Ship Houghton, which we shall Omit for the time to come, as you Direct, and only send one Copy to Bombay, Your Hon^r. &c^a. will perceive by them, that our Charges though Considerably less than last Year, are somewhat Swell'd by a small Encrease in our Garrison, and severall Repairs given our Forts, & outposts, which We judg'd absolutely necessary in these troublesome times and you may, on perfect, & good Assurance depend, there is not one Fanam Misapply'd, or extravagantly thrown away; It much Behoves us to preserve that good Opinion your Hon^r. &c^a. are pleas'd to Entertain of our Frugality; You will likewise perceive by them that We have receiv'd from

the Samorine within the Year One hundred & Forty four thousand Fanams of Callicutt Mony, which far Exceeds what We expected from him; We are now Endeavouring to make up the Account of the Second Payment, but they have Cavilled with us for above these Two Months, concerning the Interest which they say, ought to be Calculated from the 1st. May 1729. and not from the 1st. Aprill when the Ola is Dated, We will do all We can to persuade them out of their Error; & We cannot on any Account give up the least part of the Interest, for any such Concession would infallibly Induce them to Raise New Objections; therefore We judge it highly convenient to keep them up to the Tenour of their Obligation. Our Head Linguist has lately been at Callicutt about this Affair, but return'd without Success; As We find it necessary, We shall think of sending him again; In the Interim We shall be constantly Plying them with Sollicitations.

Mr. Alexander Christie Surgeon of this Place makes his humble Application to your Hon^r. &c^a. that you will be pleas'd to Grant him Bills of Exchange on the Hoñble Court of Directors for Sixteen hundred Rupees, payable to Mr. William Lamb of Dover.

In the Supply last sent us many things were wanting, that We had Indented for, We beg your Hon^r. &c^a. will if possible, Comply with what now required, for the Service of this place.

We have this day receiv'd from Cap^t. Thomas Hunt Two Chests. Treasure Mark'd S. L. containing Six thousand One hundred Sixty one & an half Mallabar Dollar Weight of Mexico Dollars, which makes Ounces Five thousand Five hundred fourteen & an half at Two hundred forty five Rupees Three Quarters Thirty two Raes & an half $\frac{1}{2}$ One hundred Ounces, makes Rupees Thirteen thousand Five hundred fifty six, One Quarter, Sixteen Raes at Five fanams each is Tellicheery Fanams Sixty seven thousand Seven hundred Eighty one, & Seven Vis, for which We have Credited Account Currant Bombay. This being the Mony We apprehend the Hoñble President takes Notice of in a Postcript of his private Letter to the Chief. We are with the greatest Respect.

TELLICHERRY
DECEMBER THE 11TH. 1732.
P^r. SHIP MARLBOROUGH.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Hon^r. &c^a. most Obedient
and most Humble Servants

JOHN BRADDYLL.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAP^t. THOMAS HUNT
COM^d. OF SHIP MARLBOROUGH.

SIR

We have receiv'd your Letter under his Date, Signifying to us, that you cannot receive any more Goods on Board your Ship on the Hoñble Companys Account; As you have not any time to spare We therefore Order you, Wind and Weather permitting, on receipt hereof to Weigh your Anchor, and make the best of your way for the Port of Bombay, taking under your Convoy the Postilion Grab, now in this Road, ready to Saile, who hath Directions to Obey your Signals; As said Vessell and her Cargo belong to our Hoñble Masters; You are to give her such assistance, as she may stand in Need of; and you can spare during the Course of this your Voyage to the N^o.ward.

Herewith you have our Packet to the Hoñble President & Council of Bombay, which you are to deliver them on your Arrival there.

We are informed the Enemy Angria is at Sea with a Powerfull Fleet, It therefore very much Behoves you to keep a Clear Ship and to put yourself on your Sailing hence, in the best posture of Defence you are able. We Commit you to the Divine Protection and are

TELLICHERRY
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TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^A.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Herewith we transmitt your Hon^r. &c^a. Duplicate of the Letter we wrote you under the 11th. Instant Per Ship Marlborough who sailed that Day to the N^o.ward in Company with the following Ships and Vessells viz^t. The Canton Merchant, Judda Merchant, Robert, Devonshire, Carolina and Severn, Patna Brigantine, Postilion, Santoree Grab, and Prince of Wales and since we hear by way of Callicutt that Angria is laying in Waite for them att Onore with Twelve Sail of Topmast Vessels, and from 30 to 40 Sail of Gallivats We heartily wish they may be disappointed in their Expectations.

We likewise send enclosed the Price Currant which we could not perfect time enough to be sent with our other Advices; Our Linguist att Callicutt having disappointed us therein.

We have since the Date of our last received from the Samorine an Ola, wherein he still insists on Calculating the Interest on the Second Payment for Two hundred thousand fanams from the 1st. May 1729 and not from the 1st. Aprill, from which it commences according to the Tenour of the Ola: We have given him for Answer that we cannot possibly make up said Account, otherwise than agreeable to the Conditions speciyed in the Bond, which makes the Interest to be due from the 1st. April 1729. and that we should acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. therewith, and wait your Orders which we now accordingly do.

The 13th. Instant we came to an Agreement with a Braminee named Ananda Puttarah, in the Samorine Countrey for to gather us in what Pepper he could about Tannore, and the Parts adjacent, att the rate of 27 Narrodys the Candy, which at the present Price Rupees now bear, will not amount to more than 74. 1. 45 Candy, he tells us he will send us in by the End of January, near three hundred Candys, if he does, we are apt to Believe this Purchase will be more advantageous to us than any we shall be able to make hereabouts.

Our Cardomom Merchant notwithstanding the Promise he made our Linguist of letting us have the whole Crop, hath flown from his Word, and promised them to the Dutch by the Intercession of Ally Rajah's Family in Lieu of some Service they have received from the Hands of that Nation. We will do all we can in Prudence to oblige them to a Compliance, which as the Case now stands, 'tis doubtfull whether we shall gett any or no. The Cropp we believe will not in all amount to above twenty five Candys.

The Cannaree Army for these three or four days past have been in such great Distress for want of Grain, that had any Maritime Force appeared from Bombay to intercept their Vessells, we think they must have been obliged to decamp and repass the River; but notwithstanding Ally Rajah's Munchuas in Conjunction with those of Cota Marcarrs, have been constantly cruising off Mount Dilly, Ragounatt

the Cannaree Generall found means last night to gett into the River Billiapatam about 30 Sail of Vessells Laden with Grain and other Provision which has given the Enemy some Courage.

We are with all Respect

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DECEMBER THE 17TH. 1732.
PER SARUM.

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TO SERJEANT JOHN CHRISTIAN.

You are hereby ordered with a Detachment under your Command to embark on the Linguists Barge, and Two Tonys in your Company and proceed immediatly to Agarr, and acquaint Chautoo Chitty who resides there of the Orders you have received from us which are as follows.

That you equally divide your Force and prevent as much as in you lays, any Pepper or Cardamoms from being exported from any Part of the Coast between said Port of Agarr and Tellicherry, save by such as may have a Warrant from us. In Case you meet with any seize it and bring it hither, and in so doing this is your Warrant.

Let us daily know your transactions and in Case you want any thing either with regard to Assistance or Refreshment; In Case you give Chase to any Vessells, and they endeavour to escape, tell them of these Orders in a Civill manner, and if they resist use Force.

We are

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TO CAPT TRAMPTON LEWIS AND
CAPT FRANCIS ATKINS COMMANDERS OF
OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AND BOMBAY
GALLYS.

SIRS

You are hereby ordered to send ashore in such Boats as shall be sent you off by Mr. William Forbes Warehousekeeper, the Treasure and Stores you have on Board for this Settlement.

TELLICHERRY
DECEMBER THE 25TH. 1733 [sic].

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TO M^r. CHARLES WHITEHILL
&c^a. FACTORS ATT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

By the Commands of our Superiours from Bombay Dated December 8th. received yesterday, they have been pleased to appoint Stephen Law Esq^r. Chief of this Settlement who arrived here the same Day in the Prince of Wales Galley; and

this Serves to acquaint you that they have repeated their orders for the providing Cargoes of Pepper for the three Ships intended home this Season; but the unsettled and distracted state of the Countrey round us occasioned by the Progress of the Cannaree Forces in these Parts (who are now encamped on this Side the River Billiapatam), and are daily expected to attack the Moors in Cannanore renders it impracticable, as we apprehend, for us to provide the Quantity necessary for the Loading of said Ships, besides 1200 Candys ordered for the Comptons returning Cargo to China, and for the two Ships expected next Season from England, which will be 1500 Candys more, and the Large Demands of the French for this Commodity is likewise a further obstacle to us in this Affair.

We do therefore intreat you will exert yourselves in providing six hundred Candys in order to compleat the Lading of the three Ships intended home this Season; All the Pepper that is procurable in these Parts, we shall appropriate to our Honible Masters use, and are assured you will do the same; please to let us know if Possible by the return of this Boat what quantity of Pepper you can assure us will be ready by the last January, that no disappointment may happen on so extraordinary an Emargency.

TELLICHERRY
DECEMBER THE 26TH. 1732.

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TELLICHERRY
JANUARY THE 6TH. 1732/3.

I am
Your affectionate friend
STEPHEN LAW.

TO MESS^{RS}. JOHN STARKE AND
HENRY PLANT SUPRA-CARGOES OF SHIP COMPTON.

SIRS

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only Galley we can possibly spare to attend them, and without which they must be utterly exposed to Angrias Fleet, being of themselves in no Capacity to withstand it: We are,

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY THE 8TH. 1732/3.

GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants

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

TO SERJEANT JOHN CHRISTIAN.

You are hereby ordered on receipt hereof to come into this Place with the Barge, leaving the Tonys behind in their Stations.

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY THE 8TH. 1732/3.

I am
Your affectionate friend

STEPHEN LAW.

TELLICHERRY JANUARY 10TH. 1732/3.

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

You are hereby ordered to proceed in Company of the Antelope Gallivatt to the Port of Agarr lying between the Island Durmapatam and Cannanore, where you are to drop your Anchor, and with the Two Tonys now rounding there, you must prevent the exportation of Pepper to any Place, but this Settlement, and the Better to effect this, let the said two Tonys have in each three Soldiers, keeping them constantly ranging along the Shore.

You are to know that the Cannaree Army in Conjunction with that of the Prince of this Countrey are encamped a little to the N^o.ward of Agarr to the great annoyance and damage of the Inhabitants bordering thereon, some of which are already so terrified as to leave their Dwellings, and move with their effects to Places more safe, which if not prevented will put us under the greatest Difficultiest in securing our Honorable Masters Trade. Therefore that the Cannarees may make no Lodgement or frequent said Place of Agarr, we direct you will suffer no Vessells or Boats belonging to the said Cannarees to land any Provisions or Warlike Stores there, but treat them civilly and acquaint them you lay there to protect the Company Trade, which must be greatly impeded by their frequenting that part of the Country, where our effects are; Civilly desire them therefore to depart taking Care you give them no other Molestation, and in the whole appear, as if we were in entire friendship with them, but always observe and keep your Vessells in a proper Posture to defend yourselves as well as annoy Whoever may presume to attack you, and the better to do this, we have ordered a Corporall and Six Soldiers on board you, with a Serjeant and the like number of men on the other Gallivatt. Advise us from time to time of what happens, and permitt none of your men to go on Shore, save the People belonging to the Tonys.

We are
Your Loving friends

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

To CAPT. FRANCIS ATKINS
COMMANDER OF THE BOMBAY GALLEY.

TELLICHERRY JANUARY THE 14TH. 1732/3.

SIR

This is to direct you immediately to proceed with the Bombay Galley to the No. ward and drop your Anchor between Agarr Candally Fort now attacked by the Cannarees We have ordered the Dolphin and Antelope Gallivatts to joyn you and now send you a Countrey Pilot to shew you the Places before mentioned, and the proper safe place to Anchor. We have likewise sent to reinforce you and the Gallivats Lieutenant Lewis [Mendonce] and 20 of our Garrison Soldiers and as he is an expert Officer and well acquainted with the Countrey we must recommend to you the Consulting of him in the Performance of those our Orders which are as follows.

As this morning a Number of Vessells belonging to the Cannarees are come with Provisions and other Warlike Stores to land on this Side Codallay, we cannot but apprehend the[y] intend to Distress and Harras that part of the Countrey from whence we have our dependance for the Pepper required by our Superiours: to prevent therefore such a Consequence you are to go as near said Vessells as is consistent with your Safety and use all the means in your power to bring them all in hither; you are to use no force unless you find it necessary, but if you do apply it to the purpose letting none escape if 'tis in your power to prevent it. We are,

P.S.

Since writing the foregoing we have thought proper to send Lieutenant Lewis Mendonce, with a Reinforcement of men and Vessells, who is to have the management of the Gallivatts, and to Consult with you the most effectual means for the putting the above orders in Execution.

S. LAW.
W. JEYNSON.
H. HOWARD.
W. FORBES.

SIR

Your most affectionate Friends

STEPHEN LAW.
WM. FORBES.
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TELLICHERRY JANUARY 14. 1732/3.

To MR. THOMAS ROUNT
MASTER OF THE DOLPHIN CRUIZER.

As we have ordered the Bombay Galley to Joyne you, this is to order you to follow such Directions as shall be given you by Captain Francis Atkins for the bringing in hither the sundry Vessells you advised this morning to have by force passed through the Moors Fleet.

P.S.

Since writing the above we thought proper to send Lieutenant Lewis Mendonce whose orders you are to follow.

We are your Loving friends

STEPHEN LAW.
WM. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WM. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY JANUARY 14TH. 1732/3.

To CAPT. FRANCIS ATKINS
COMMANDER OF THE BOMBAY GALLEY.

SIR

Since your Departure we have for sundry reasons considered not to meddle with or disturb any Vessells or Boats belonging to the Cannarees; But as we are informed severall Gallivats belonging to the Malwans or Savajee Pyrates infest the

Coast between Cannanore and the Island Tremapatam, We cannot but direct you as they [are] professed enemys to us, that you take all such as you meet with, which you may easily discover by the manner they are peopled and provided with offensive Weapons; We say you are not to meddle with any of the Cannaree Vessells, but the Malavans or Savajeos before mentioned in case you see no such, you must anchor off Agarr [...] the Gallivatts and Boats sent this day to you, waiting for our further orders.

P.S.

Should you take any of the Savajeo or Malawans detain them with you att Anchor of Agarr advising us forthwith.

S. LAW.
W. FORBES.
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TELLICHERRY JANUARY 15TH. 1732/3.

TO CAPT. FRANCIS ATKINS
COMMANDER OF THE BOMBAY GALLEY.

SIR

We have perused the Letter you wrote the Chief this Evening and observe the Posture of the Gallivatts lying under your Guns, with the Preparations made on Shore to defend them.

You must remark our Directions were for you to require the said Gallivatts to submit to you, and in Case they proved to belong to the Carnatick Rajah, that we should release them, as having no Intention to violate the friendship between us, but as they have thought fitt, instead of a Compliance to arm against you, we cannot but renew our desire that you make to to [sic] the People on board them a tender of safety, if they will come out to you; and be Subject to an Examination, but if they will not, we repeat our Directions that you use all the means in your power to bring them away or destroy them. You seem to apprehend a Risque from the Preparations lately made by the People ashore but we are informed there are but two small Guns however though the thing is of Consequence, not to let our Enemys escape, as we term them, these Savajeos yet we are no ways inclinable you should run any extraordinary Hazard in the effecting this undertaking: If you find the Cannanore Vessells will be of Service you may employ them joyntly with you, taking the most Suitable time to execute what you propose, though the sooner the better.

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

On the 25th. Instant we received your Command under the 8th. by Mr. Stephen Law in the Prince of Wales Galley accompanied by the Bombay Galley, Dolphin and Antelope Gallivatts from whom we have gott ashore the Treasure, Seapoys and Stores consigned us agreeable to the Invoice and List, excepting one Seapoy who we presume was left behind att Bombay.

After perusing your Hon^r. &c^a. present Letter to the late Chief &c^a. he was pleased immediately to deliver up to M^r. Law the Charge of the Treasury, and for the Ballance a receipt was given by us all directly, when the present Chief att the pressing Instance of M^r. Braddyll entered on his office, att the same time tendering the use of the Apartments, and every other accommodation that he could possibly oblige him with, but M^r. Braddyll thought proper to decline dwelling in the Fort, and the same day carried out all his things, and continues in a small House under our Walls. We are preparing a List of Papers, Books &c^a. and the account of remains agreeable to your orders to be signed by the late and present Chiefs in order to be remitted your Hon^r. &c^a.

Your Hon^r. &c^a. will readily conceive how impossible tis for the Chief in two days time to give you a true and perfect Account of the state of this distracted Countrey, nor indeed how the Countrey Prince Cunhi Homo stands affected to us, a good understanding with whom we hold it absolutely necessary to cultivate, and as the Chief has always been favoured by him, we have little reason to doubt the removall of any Jealousys that he may have entertained, and for the effecting thereof the proper methods are, and will in future be taken.

The Cannaree Army in Conjunction with that of the Prince, are as we understand encamp't about two miles from Cannanore, and as far from Billiapatam, consisting of Twenty thousand men, with a design to attack the Moors very shortly, and then proceed to subdue the other Powers in this Countrey to the Princes Obedience, according to the Stipulation agreed on by him and the Cannarees. We have reason to wish they may be frustrated in their Attempts; and indeed since the Moors have a numerous Body, and a seeming Resolution, with many defensible Places, well provided with the necessarys for a vigorous Defence; we conceive they may hold out a considerable time, and thereby prevent the many and great miseries, which otherwise will attend the Countrey in Generall and our Honble Masters in Particular, as it must be impracticable in such a Confusion to bring any Pepper to this Settlement; we therefore promise your Hon^r. &c^a. no means shall be wanting in us to establish a Tranquillity so really necessary.

As it will be impossible for this Place to subsist without a Supply of Rice from the Cannara Countreys, it behoves us to open such a Communication with them as may answer this necessity; We have laid a Scheme for this Purpose, namely that they shall send an offer to us of the use of their Ports, as in times past, whether it will take effect or not we can't promise, though we are not without Hopes on the appearance of our Vessells of Warr at this time it may incline them to a greater regard to us than they have shewn for some time past.

We have made a Calculate of the Pepper your Hon^r. &c^a. will forthwith expect from us for the three ships intended for Great Britain this Season, and allowing for what the Marlborough took in at Cochin, Anjengo, and this Place on her return to Bombay, we find no less than two thousand three hundred, Eighty nine Candys must be in readiness for this purpose; We have at present in Warehouse by our Books One thousand Eighty one, and three Quarters Candys, discounting from which the usuall Loss in Weight, that won't, we conceive, produce more than One thousand thirty one and three quarters so that one thousand three hundred fifty seven and one quarter Candys must be of this years Growth, exclusive of Twelve hundred Candys for the Compton, and fifteen hundred Candys for and the Lading of the two Ships. toward Your Hon^r. &c^a. may expect may come to you from England the September next: While the Countrey is in such distraction, and the French buying up all they can att any Price, we must confess it will be very difficult effecting the Dispatch of the last Ships sooner than the 15th. of February, and on beginning to buy before the Crop is well collected, must inevitably raise the Price very largely. We can therefore only in the present Conjunction assure your Hon^r. &c^a. no care in us shall be omitted to procure it as Cheap and as soon as possible, and we hope no disappointment can happen to frustrate our expectations: We have to provide against the worst, dispatched a Boat to Anjengo pressing the Gentlemen there to ease us all they can, and let us know how much they can be certaine of for the dispatch of the present Ships.

Your Hon^r. &c^a. have been advised of the Disappointment in the Cardamoms by the Merchants who had engaged for them flying from his Promise, however we have reasonable hopes we may be able to procure twenty Candys and no more at or under one hundred Venetians the Candy, which tho' dear, we conceive you would not willingly have them rejected.

That your Hon^r. &c^a. may be acquainted with the State of our quick Stock, we now enclose you its Calculate, by which you will be able to judge of the Supplys necessary for the Provision of Pepper and Cardamoms, and the defraying our expences for the year to come; We suppose Mr. Braddyll will pay in Eighty thousand rupees or thereabouts as he has promised the Chief so to do, and therefore we have made allowance accordingly.

We hourly expect the Compton may arrive with us as we are told She was at Anjengo the 18th. Instant, we shall receive from her the Gold directed to be putt ashore here, and to prevent delays we have sent already for the Shroffs from Callicutt to touch and weigh it.

The Shawallum Mess^{rs}. Williamson and Baillie imported late last night, by whom you will receive this, & by the Compton we shall address you again, and are most respectfully

Enclosed is a Copy of our last Letter under the 17th. Instant and Copy of the Price Currant.

PER SHIP SHAWALLUM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Hon^{rs}. &c^a. most Obedient
& most faithfull humble Servants

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

TELLICHERRY JANUARY THE 2^d. 1733.

TO M^r. CHARLES WHITEHILL
&C^a. FACTORS ATT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

On the 31st. ultimo imported with us the Compton whose Supra Cargoes have agreable to the Honble President and Council of Bombay orders, delivered us the remainder of their Gold being twenty one Parcels, which, we have touched and weighed, and find that according to the present exchange of Fanams and rupees att Callicutt Ten Tale weight of nine touch will produce three hundred and fifty five rupees or thereabouts, and as the Quantity does not exceed the value of Thirty six thousand rupees, tis not unlikely but we may be able to dispose of it, for somewhat more, even to three hundred and Sixty four rupees at which rate it usually sold in former times. We think it proper to give you this notice that in case you are desirous of putting that off which you received, you may compare this price with what is offerd by the merchants and Shroffs about you; so that in the end our Honble Masters may obtain the most that can be gott, whether by you or us; Though as the Supra Cargoes are of Opinion it will yeild even more than the above Price of three hundred and Sixty four Rupees att Madrass; we are desirous of keeping what they landed by us, untill we have received the Honble President and Councils farther directions, especially as we hope the Value will not fall by that time, nor shall we be in any want of Money.

The Cannaree forces we are told to day are marching for the Besieging of Cannanore, which will putt the Countrey about us in so great a Consternation, as will very likely impede the bringing in of the Pepper so soon wanted for the three Ships on departure home this Season; we must begg therefore you will exert your outmost Endeavours for the Provision of as much as you can possibly gett.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants,
STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY JANUARY THE 3^d. 1732/3.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^a.

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last Respects waited on you by the Shawallum, under the 27th. Ultimo whose Copy attends this, since when on the 31st. arrived the Compton from China by whom we transmitt this.

We took the proper Care in having the Shroff and Merchants well versed in Gold, in readiness to weigh, touch, and value that we have been directed by your Hon^r. &c^a. to receive from the Supra Cargoes of Ship Compton the Particulars whereof consisting of Seventy Shoes thirty five Barrs in twenty one Parcells, we send you herewith, and therein the China, English, and Mallabar Weight brought into Miscalls.

By the best Information we can obtain provided we were to sell this Gold in small Parcells, it would yeild nearest three hundred Sixty four Rupees for ten Tale weight of nine touch here, and ninety three China, which is the most itt ever fetcht, though if we reckon it according to the common method of 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ fanams the Miscall, and as the Exchange att present stands of 4 $\frac{5}{8}$ Callicutt fanams the Rupee, it would produce only Rupees 355 $\frac{1}{5}$ the ten Tale weight: this difference seems to us to arise from the present Scarcity thereof as none has been sold here for somtime past. However as Mess^{rs}. Starke and Plant in their Letter to us, which goes herewith, are of opinion it will be for our Hon^{ble} Masters advantage to carry said Gold to Madrass, and have requested it may remain by us till we have your Directions, we have agreed to comply therewith, as we are in no want of Money for the carrying on our investment but we cannot be sure since the Exchange of Fanams for Rupees is very precarious, and may alter considerably in a short time, that the Price it now bears may be obtained hereafter, we have thought proper to give the Gentlemen of Anjengo notice of the value we suppose the Gold now Landed will produce here, the better to regulate them in the putting off the large amount they have received from the Compton.

We are under the same uncertainty as in our last in regard to the Purchase of Cardamoms annally required, We are promised about Twenty Candys, but as the Dutch and French are endeavouring to gett all thats possible, we cannot be positive that no disappointment will happen.

The Cannaree Army two days since decampt from the Place they had lain att sometime past, and in Conjunction with the Forces of our Prince proceeded to lay Seige to Cannanore which we hourly expect to hear they have attacked. This Step gives us the utmost concern, as we fear through the Irregularity of their People they will make Inroads to Agarr, the Place from whence we have our main dependance for Pepper, and terrifye the Dwellers thereabouts in such a manner as to occasion the forsaking their Habitations, and consequently greatly frustrate our expectations of the Large Quantity of Pepper, which that Part of the Countrey Produces We shall however do all we can to prevent what must otherwise tend to the immediate

Detriment of our Masters but in times of such Confusion it is impossible to answer for Circumstances in themselves so very precarious.

We have reason to believe the measures now taken are the Effects of the Princes late peremptory demand that the Cannarees should forthwith attack Cannanore, or depart the Countrey whose Inclinations are indeed for the Latter, but as they are Jealous of the Princes Treachery, they are unwilling to disoblige him, least he should secretly manage things so as to cutt off their Retreat, which indeed had his People resolution might be easily done Billiapatam River over which they must pass being guarded by a strong Fortress, Garrison'd wholly by Nayros and fifty Toppasses in the Princes Service. We are the rather of opinion the Cannarees are tyred with their present undertaking by their applying to the French to mediate a Reconciliation with the Moors on paying them a Large Sum of Money, and this we conceive to be the reason why Mr. Tremisott and his Councill wrote us under the 30th. ultimo to have a Conference for considering on means how to settle the Tranquility of the Countrey to which we were forced to give them for answer, that as the Chiefs late Arrivall here with his attendance since on sundry weighty Affairs had rendered it impossible for him to gain a thorough Knowledge of the State thereof, but no time should be lost towards obtaining the necessary Intelligence in order to meet them. Your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to observe that it would have been highly imprudent in us wholly to have rejected their Proposall; but as they seem to have no dependance on our Prince, and altogether inclined to favour the Cannarees, it would have been impossible for us to concord when our Interests lay so opposite; therefore the gaining of time in hopes of the Cannarees applying to us for the opening afresh our Trade to their Ports, and bringing us a Boat of [[Rice] would enable us to learn their Intentions and perhaps therefrom afford us a proper opportunity to sound the Prince if the Moors submission to him would be accepted, which if it could be brought about, the Generall Tranquility [we so] conceive might be easily settled, and till which our Trade must remain in a very precarious manner.

We are daily given to hope the Cannaree Generall will order hither a Boat of Rice, and some of his Principall men to treat with us, and the better to bring this to pass we have caused intimations to be made the Prince, that our present misunderstanding with them was wholly owing to the assistance he had from us in his Warrs, which now being over, there could be no reason, why we, his Friends, should be maltreated by them: however as we are provided with a number of Vessells of Warr sent hither at a vast expence we could not tamely submit to the Continuance of their Abuses, but on the Contrary take measures suitable to our Regulation and Interest.

Your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleased hitherto to indulge us with some Horses which are necessary to visit the severall out Posts, and as these before here have been turned on the Common as old and useless, we humbly begg you will be pleased to afford us two good strong ones in Lieu of them.

Inclosed we forward your Hon^r. &c^a. a List of Books and Papers belonging to this Settlement, signed by the late and Present Chief, agreeable to your Directions, also the Warehouse Remains under Charge of Mr. William Forbes and Signed by him.

The Pavement of our Hospitall being in a very bad Condition, and the stones formerly sent applied for the new Warehouse, and other Works we request your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to send us two thousand for that Service together with such Stores as have been indented for. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient and most faithfull Humble Servants

WILLIAM JEYNSON.

HUGH HOWARD.

W^m. FORBES.

STEPHEN LAW.

TELLICHERRY JANUARY 14TH. 1732/3.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCILL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since writing our Letter of the 2^d. Instant the Compton waiting to Joyne a Dutch Ship hourly expected from Cochin, we take Leave to inform you of the Occurrences since that time.

On the 4th. Instant the French Chief with their Second, Third of Council with an Officer came to pay us a complimentary Visit, and in the discourse had with them, we find they are very desirous of removing the Cannarees from this Countrey, and the better to effect it they proposed we should write to the Heiress of Cannanore not to conclude a Seperate Peace with them, to endeavour to sound the Intentions of said Cannarees, and likewise those of our Prince, in order therefrom to consider of such methods as may accomplish the main Interest of us both in getting ridd of the Conquerors.

As the Moors by clapping up a Seperate Peace with the Cannarees, will strengthen the Latter, and consequently weaken our Place, we thought proper to concurr with the French in sending a Letter to the Heiress of Cannanore agreeable to what was proposed to us, as well as endeavour to sound the Intentions of the Prince and Cannarees, hoping therefrom we may in the end be able to fall on some effectuall means to compell the Latter to retire, since otherwise our Trade will be stopt, and the severall Powers about us harrassed in such a manner, as may for their present case induce them to change sides, and submit to the Cannarees to the utter exclusion of our Prince, thereby destroying all our Priveledges which have been obtained att an excessive expence and supported at a very considerable Charge. We cannot entertaine a favourable opinion of the French but as their Interest seems to us immediatly concerned in the present Circumstances, there is just reason to conceive they will be under no temptation of deceiving us, however we shall be entirely on our Guard, in whatever we think proper to transact with them.

On the 5th. Instant we received by a Messenger a Letter from Ragounett the Cannaree Generall to the Chief accompanied with 90 Bales of Rice, wherein he intimates his having Notice from Bombay of our Intentions to preserve that good understanding which he says subsists between us, and in order thereto a new Chief was appointed to this Settlement whom he congratulated on his Arrivall, but wonders he had not thought fitt to send him the Customary Compliment, hoping we shall behave otherwise in future; and that as he is encampt for the laying Siege to Cannanore, [and not] able to remove from it; desires the Chief will come to him to talk of sundry Affairs of Importance; This Letter we thought proper to answer by three of our own People acquainting the Generall that the Chiefs late Arrivall, and sundry weighty Affairs requiring his Attendance, he could not possibly pay him the Visit he expected and withall since he did assure us of maintaining a good understanding with our Nation, we could not Account for the Ill Treatment, we have lately been subject to at their Ports even to the forbidding our carrying on any Trade there, and desired to be positively and speedily informed, if the same Prohibition will be continued or not, that we may be able to Judge whether they are the Friends they profess to be.

Mr. John Braddyll having paid into our Honble Masters Cash here sundry Species, amounting to Rupees Eighty four thousand and Sixty seven, and ninety three raes, we have given him Bills at Sight for the same agreeable to your Commands.

On the 8th. Instant the Cannarees made a Vigorous attack on the Southermost Fort of the Moors called Codallay, and were repulsed with Loss; but as we before apprehended their men straggled about that Part of the Countrey as far as Agarr, (which is our main dependance for the obtaining the Pepper for the dispatch of the Ships now bound homeward) frightening the natives so much as many of them left

their Dwellings, and gott away to Places more safe. Your Hon^r. &c^a. will readily imagine how great must be our Concern to find such a misfortune attending us, without means almost of applying a remedy, and should the Cannarees alter their Measures by leaving a small part of their Army before Cannanore and march forward, we do not find either the King of Cotata, who lays next exposed or Boyanore have made any disposition to withstand them so that whether we might be attacked or not. The Pepper Trade would inevitably fall into such hands, as very likely will lay such exorbitant Dutys on the owners of the Pepper Grounds as to render us unable to purchase it, and consequently this Settlement cease to be farther usefull to our Honble Masters on Weighing these Circumstances seriously we were all of opinion that we could not possibly provide against the Evill, without engaging the French on our Side and thereby prevent their acceding to any offers which may be made them by the Cannarees in Lieu of protecting their provisions by S[ea] for the Support of their Army. The Chief therefore accompanied by Mess^{rs}. Forbes and Howard under Pretence of returning the French Visit, went to Myhie taking a Proper occasion there to represent to them the danger their Trade would soon be in, should the Cannarees march forward, desiring to know if they had considered on any method for the preventing it, or if they would heartily concur with us therein, and after debating for sometime we both agreed it could no other way be secured than by compelling the Cannarees to return to their own Countrey which they must soon submitt to, if we cutt off their vessells bringing them Provisions; the Prince at the same time [forced] to secure Billiapatam Fort, and the Moors to be joined privately to the Princes Interest; which Point if well conducted will dismiss the Cannareess so as very likely may incline them to part with their Conquests on securing them a safe Passage back: If the French continue Sincere there is a great Probability from our joynt Assistance, we may be able to surmount the present difficulties, and the better to find them, we propose mutually entering into Articles; That each of us furnish a certain number of men and vessells to be paid by the respective Masters, and in Case the one is provided with Rice and the other Party in want, it must be spared him, att the Prime cost with the Charges incident thereon, and if the Cannarees impede either or both the Liberty of their Ports, to unite together for the applying means to open the usuall Communication for the benefit of both Partys equally.

Considering our Trade lyes immediatly exposed, and of which we may be divested very soon, it behoves us to fall on measures out of hand to stop the Progress of the Cannarees; indeed our Prince may be offended, but we have just reason to think he will speedily be convinced the Steps we propose taking is essentially for his Interest as well as ours. We depend so much on this that to guard the Pepper att Agarr which is now dayly coming in, we dispatcht this morning the Dolphin and Antelope Gallivats, with their detachment of Seapoys and a few of our Garrison Soldiers to lye off that Place to give protection to our Merchant there, and to prevent the Cannarees Landing Provisions or war like stores which is the only method we can at present think of to keep them at a small distance, and thereby prevent the dread the Countrey People will be otherwise under from the Army lying thereabouts.

On the 11th. Instant we contracted with the Cardamom Merchant for Eleven Candys of the Head Sort, which we are told is all his Ground produced this Season, but though they are really considerably worse than those of last year, we could not possibly purchase them for less than Ninety Seven and a half Venetians the Candy, and twas with some management we gott them even at that rate, the Dutch actually offering a Larger Price; We have hopes of procuring about nine or ten Candys, which are all we are likely to gett this Season.

We have received from the Country about Agarr of the new Crop one hundred and forty Candys Pepper, so that we have now in Warehouse Twelve hundred and Twenty one and fifteen maunds and more is dayly bringing in but at what Price we shall be able to make our Investment is uncertaine though we apprehend not under Seventy rupees the Candy your Hon^r. &c^a. may depend on our dispatching the Shipping in time if no Invincible Impediments attend us from the present troubles of the Country.

The Prince att sundry times by Letters and Messengers since the Chiefs Arrivall hath signified his great desire to come to the Fort, but as it could not be done without many Inconveniences the Linguist at his request was sent to wait on him, who learns from the private Conversation he had with him that though he complains we were very backward in affording him the proper assistance against the Cannarees yet he shall always continue his affection to us, and afford our Trade all the Protection in his Power under his present Circumstances, and will readily come into any reasonable measures for the restoring things to their former state, which he supposes we will esteem preferable to a Subjection to the Cannarees in the many Impositions they will undoubtedly lay on us should they [*sic*] conquest become Masters of the Countrey.

Mr. John Braddyll takes his Passage on the Prince of Wales Galley, whose Salary, Diett, Servants, Wages and other allowances have been paid him in full as Chief to the last of December.

The account of Provisions &c^a. Charges for the Prince of Wales Galley during her stay here amounting to Fanams Seven hundred and Seventy, and four vis, comes in this Packet for which we shall debt account Currant Bombay. The Bombay Galley and Gallivats we are assured your Hon^r. &c^a. will think absolutely necessary to be kept here till Affairs will permitt of returning them, which you may depend shall be as soon as Possible.

We begg your Hon^r. &c^a. will not faill complying with our former and present Indents.

By the return of the Boat we sent express to Anjengo, we are informed that the Gentleman there will not be able to [have] in Warehouse more than three hundred Candys Pepper by the 10th. of next month.

This morning we were advised from the Master of the Dolphin lying off Agarr that about eight large Gallivats full of People after having passed the Moors Vessells at Anchor near Cannanore Southward, proceeded towards him, and the Antelope and seeing a number of other Vessels following them, he thought proper supposing them to be Angrias or Malwans to putt off Seaward & in this Conjunction we had only to imagine the Cannarees by Force were inclined to settle about Agarr to make it the Place of Rendezvous, and for their better convenience Land their Provisions and Warlike Stores there in such Quantities as might putt it out of our Power to distress them by Sea. This Consequence of itself highly prejudiciall, besides entirely hindering the exportation of Pepper that way obliged us forthwith to order out the Bombay Galley, Lieutenant Lewis Mendonce twenty Soldiers, and thirty of our best Sepoys, with two Munchuas, & our Barge, and some Tonys to reinforce the Dolphin and Antelope in order to bring in the Malwan or Angrias Gallivats, with such other Vessels as might be under their Convoy, Your Hon^r. &c^a. will readily observe, we must either take this method, or at once resolve to submit to such Terms both in regard to our Trade as otherwise they may impose on us; We have wrote Letters to the Prince and Cannaree Generall of the Necessity we were under to act in this manner against our open Enemy, at the same time letting the French know the Suddenness of it, did not admitt of our Consulting with them thereon. While things stand so we cannot but apprehend difficulties in obtaining any Rice from Mangulore, and therefore humbly request you will please not to faill affording us the amount of four thousand Bales or upwards for the support of our Inhabitants and Garrison.

P. S.

Notwithstading we did immediatly on the Prince of Wales arriving here, send to Callicutt for Cayro Cordage, yet through the Scarcity thereof we have not been able to get it ready, and did not think fitt to detain her for the same.

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Your most Obedient and most
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TELLICHERRY JANUARY THE 15TH. 1732/3.

TO CAPT. FRANCIS ATKINS.

SIR.

The Letter you wrote the Chief dated last Night in answer to that we just before sent you is received, and we cannot but approve of the measures you had taken in conjunction with Lieut^t. Mendonce.

We have only to repeate our directions that povid you are well convinced the Gallivats you have under your Guns belong to Angria, Malwan, or other Savagee Pyrates, that you forthwith take them, and carry them to Agarr, but if they are the Cannaree Rajahs, do you continue to surround them in such a manner as they cannot escape untill you have further Instructions from us which we propose giving you sometime this Evening.

The Vessells you mention to have come out from Cannanore, we had rather should lye att a distance from you without that they may appear noway concerned in what by virtue of our Orders you transact This you are to let them know in civill and courteous mannet We recommend to you the advising and consulting with M^r. Mendonce from time to time as we have in many instances experienced his abilities and Courage We desire the People in the small Boats may have conveniency for dressing their Provisions and that you afford them anything they may want.

P. S.

We are since writing the above informed the Vessells You surrround are Savajees or what we call Malwans, but perhaps to deceive you the Cannarees may put their People on Board; however this does not take away our Right to the Vessells, so that if you are not otherwise convinced, you are to take them, and keep with you att Agarr, and look out for ten more we are advised are convoying some Provision for the Cannara Camp, these you may easily distinguish from the Laded Vessels; The Laded Vessells you may let pass, but the Savajees take if you can.

We are

SIR

Your most affectionate Friends

STEPHEN LAW.

WILLIAM FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY JANUARY THE 15TH. 1732/3.

TO CAPT. FRANCIS ATKINS

COMMANDER OF THE BOMBAY GALLEY
AND LIEUTENANT LEWIS MENDONCE.

SIRS

We have received yours of this Date, and observe the manner you have surrounded the Gallivats, and as we are even by the Princes Minister informed they are Savagee Vessells, we cannot avoid taking them as open enemys to us, We say you are to endeavour the taking them without using Violence, provided they will surrender, this you must require of them, but if they will not submitt, we have no other remedy, but the applying of Force, and this we impower you to use, taking the proper means for the Safety of your People all thats possible; If you apprehend the Cannanore Vessells will be wanted in the Attack you may joyne them with you, otherwise let them remain at a Distance.

Before you make the attempt let the People on Board be informed we have no design to injure them, provided they belong to the King of Cannara, which we cannot want the means of knowing after they submit, so again demand Submission, and if they refuse tell them we esteem them as Savagees in Warr with us, and therefore you are ordered to treat them as Such. We wish you Succes and are.

N. B.

This Letter has been wrote since we dispatched our other to you of this date.

SIRS

Your most affectionate Friends

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

TELLICHERRY JANUARY THE 16TH. 1732/3.

TO CAPT. FRANCIS ATKINS
COMMANDER OF THE BOMBAY GALLEY.

SIR

Your Letter of last Night hath been received and by which we understand the Intention you had of pursuing our Orders last sent you after having demanded the surrendering of the Vessells for your examination.

We have now considered that you may run some Risque of your men and Vessells in executing our Orders therefore we now say you are to continue in the manner you lye, or in such an one that is consistent with your Safety without firing on, or disturbing said Vessells, unless they endeavour to gett away; and still hold fast in your demand to have them subjected to you for an Examination, and give out 'tis for that end you continue here; Shoud any Vessells come out from the Sea or N^o. ward, don't permit them to get into the Shore, but detain them by you, without embezzelling their Lading, or using any further Violence than is consistent to Induce them to the Subjection we have directed. We are.

SIR

Your most affectionate friends

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

TELLICHERRY JANUARY THE 17TH. 1732/3.

TO CAPT. FRANCIS ATKINS
COMMANDER OF THE BOMBAY GALLEY AND
LIEUTENANT LEWIS MENDONCE.

SIRS

The Chief received a Letter this morning from Capt^t. Atkins dated yesterday wherein he seems to expect the Cannarees will subject those Boats under your Guns to your Examination.

We repeat our directions given you yesterday not to fire on them, or molest said Boats, but continue where you are taking Care they do not go away, and if any come without thither you are to detain them in like manner for Our further orders.

We desire you will not give Chace to every Munchua you see pass, tis Sufficent you observe our Instructions given you not to let the Boats now near you to get away, and that you detain such others as may be coming in there for our farther Orders.

P. S.

You may employ the Tonys now with you for getting Water from Agarr; The Smack we last Sent with Twelve Soldiers you may return us with said Soldiers should you not want them; Your Cordage is come from Callicutt any part that you immediately want we shall forward on advising us.

We are
SIRS

Your most affectionate friends

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

TELLICHERRY JANUARY THE 21ST. 1732/3.

TO CAPT EBENEAZER THOMSON
COMMANDER OF SHIP MARY.

SIR

This Settlement being att present in some Danger of being attacked by the Army of the Carnatick Rajah now in Besiege of Cannanore, no more than two Leagues from us; We are obliged to request you will putt ashore here for the Defence of this Place, Twenty of the Honble Companys Soldiers. A Large Boat now attending you for the Bringing them their Bedding, and other Necessarys. It will be proper such of them as you have sick on Board be included in the Number desired, as they will in all Likelihood soon recover on Shore.

P. S.

Please to let One Mr. Bush be one of them to assist our Surgeon.

We are
SIR

Your most Humble Servant

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

TELLICHERRY JANUARY 24TH. 1732/3.

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last Respects waited on you by the Compton under the 3^d. & [14th.] Instantants whose Duplicates come enclosed. On the 20th. Imported our Honble Masters Ship Mary Captain Ebeneazer Thompson Commander directly from Great Britain with Recruits of Soldiers and Seamen for Bombay, but the great Mortality that has attended them in the Voyage has to our Great Concern Swept away a very considerable Number We have with the assistance of the French, procured them as much Refreshments as could possibly be gott in this Scarcity.

Your Hon^r & c^a. have been informed by our last of our sending the Bombay Galley, with other Vessells to bring in Severall Gallivats, which we supposed to be Savajees tho' in the Cannarees Service, and employed by them for the Convoying other Vessells Laden with Provisions & c^a. for the Support of their Army, now in Besiege of Cannanore, and very near Agarr, from whence we extract our Pepper That we might not appear to act openly against the Cannarees we thought afterwards it would be more prudent to demand said Gallivats to surrender to an Examination, at the same time promising were they found belonging to the

Cannarees, they should in no wise suffer any Damage, but be released forthwith, and to this Purpose, we wrote their Generall as well as our Prince. However as they would not accede to our Proposal, we do still continue to keep our Vessells Surrounding them, which has prevented any others coming there, and likewise awed them so far as not to give any Molestation in the bringing away our Pepper from these parts. We Understand they have thrown up sundry Works, Planted Guns, and in all respects, fortified the Shore where the Gallivats lye so as to give Protection to them, and such as they intended should come there.

• We are now advised, Cannanore is to be resolutely attacked in two or three days agreable to the Positive Commands the General has received from his King; The Beseiged have made all the Preparations possible for their Defence; but the defending so large a Place with so few People, must as we conceive put them to great Straits, though they are determined to dye rather than submitt.

Our advices alreday sent your Hon^r. &c^a. have made known to you the Ill Consequences which must attend us from the Reduction of that Place, as our Pepper will in all Probability be entirely stopt, and nothing left to hinder their approaching our Districts. We have five Forts to maintaine with a Garrison consisting Chiefly of Topasses, and they not near so good as were formerly here, most of them we are assured were never in action, and what with the Scarcity and Dearness of Provisions, and their Small Pay, we can have but little dependance on the Major Part of them. We won't say the Cannarees will attack us, but we are well assured they are resolved if they can to conquer the Countrey as far as Sacrifice Rock the Boundary of our Princes Dominions Southward, and then take the whole to themselves. This we have had an opportunity of knowing from one in the Councils of the General, and now after their vast Expence on this expedition, and that so long continued, are we not to Suppose they will endeavour the recompensing it from the Produce of the Countrey? (which being mostly Pepper and Cardamoms) our Honble Masters must in the End either free themselves from their Positions by force, and that must be very considerable too, or Submitt to resign the Settlement, as we presume they will scarce chuse to carry on any Trade under such Disadvantages. We have obtained many Priviledges from the Mallabar Princes, by virtue of which we can prevent by force the Carrying away any of the Prementioned Commodities, and this we have frequently practised by our Guard Boats, But little reason have we to think our new Masters will indulge us in this Manner their Ports in Generall being on the Contrary open and free to all Comers, provided they submit to such Duties as they think fitt to impose On Pepper they exact Rupees Ten and one quarter the Candy of five hundred and Twenty Pounds, on Beetlenut the Same, and so proportionably on all other Commoditys. This is enough to convince us what Sort of Terms, we may expect from them.

As we have no particular orders from your Hon^r. &c^a. we are at a Loss how to proceed under our present Circumstances, and were we to wait for them, the Cannarees might putt it out of our Power to execute them, when they do arrive, in any manner consistent with our Honble Masters true Interest. We judge therefore (as we can safely answer for the Sincerity of our Intentions) that depending on the best of our own Judgements will be approved of both by them and you, and accordingly we have ventured, after sounding the Inclination of the Prince who is entirely on our Side, to concert with the French such measures as is their Interest as well as ours to execute faithfully. To bind these the better we have framed Articles, the purpose of which is as follows.

1ST. That as the French have not the means of procuring Rice from any but the Carnatick Ports, that we furnish them to the amount of Five thousand Bales annually to begin in October next, and to be paid for as it shall cost, providing also that if we should be obliged to bring it from Bengall, they may have it att the Price we give for it here.

2ND. That as we enjoy more extensive Priviledges than the French in this Countrey, and have a much Larger Distrikt to maintain, we are to bear Two thirds; and the French the other one of all Expences we may be att joyntly in freeing this

Country from its Invaders, and each to furnish as many Vessells, Men and Stores, as they can possibly spare; an Account thereof to be kept respectively, and from thence the Proportion to be adjusted. This Article to commence from the 1st. January.

3RD. That for the deliberating from time to time in order to execute this undertaking we are to meet where is most convenient for both Parties.

4TH. That as it is absolutely necessary the Cannarees remove from the Mallabar Country which we are to endeavour to effect, 'tis but just the Treaty Powers thereof contribute to the Expence, and as the Prince Cuni Homo, King of Cotata, and Head of the Pagoda of Talliperambu did some time since offer the English two Millions of Fanams for this end, whatever is obtained from them together with the Prices that may be made, to be divided, for Example, Suppose the Mallabar Prince should give us fifty thousand fanams, and the Prizes taken produce five thousand, which amounts to Fifty five thousand, and that we have spent thirty thousand the Remaining twenty five thousand the English (after [...] delivering an Account of the Charges on their Vessells from the time of their Sailing from Bombay to the time that these Presents take Place) shall deduct the Same, from the above Twenty five thousand fanams, and if any remains it is to be divided from them in Proportion namely Two third Parts to the English, and one third to the French.

5TH. That in Case the Cannaree Army should attack any of the Forts or Places belonging to either of us, We are to assist each other to the utmost of our Power, with Men and Ammunition which are to be paid by the Party sending for the same.

6TH. That whenever we may find it Proper to treat of a Peace with the Cannarees, we are to do it Joyntly, but should it happen that Demands of either Side which do not arise as a Consequence of the present Engagements should intervene and thereby frustrate the Joynt Treaty, then either of us on acquainting the other Party may conclude a seperate Peace, but should the Cannarees refuse admitting the French otherwise than in Conjunction with us, to make a Peace, which as they will be denied merely because of some Demands previous to this Treaty we may think proper to make on them, in such Case we are to furnish the French with an Annuall Quantity of Rice conformable to our first Article, and should the French make a seperate Peace, they are to remain entirly Neuter between us and the Cannarees.

7TH. That for expelling the Cannarees the Mallabar Country, it is absolutely requisite we joyn with us the Prince Cuni Homo, & to gain him we oblige ourselves to compell the Moors of Cannanore to demolish the Fort of Codallay on Condition that neither of them raise another there, and that we use our utmost Endeavours for the keeping them peaceably disposed to each other.

Your Hon^r. &c^a. will observe that in the Article of the Expence as well as that for furnishing the French with Provisions we have somewhat the Disadvantage, but as we found it impossible to agree with them otherwise we chose rather to submit to it, than break off our whole design, tho' we did insist on it to the very last the Supplying them with Rice Since they will pay the full value, and with which we presume we may be easily Supplied from Bombay and Bengall, cannot be very prejudicial.

The 4th. Article is founded on an Offer made by the Parties there sett forth sometime before the Chiefs arrivall, (which the Gentlemen here knew nothing of as they declare till some time after) and although it was not then accepted of, yet when Mr. Law came here he signified to the King of Cotata in particular by means of the Linguist that Your Hon^r. &c^a. being advised of said offerr, had thought, depending on a full performance, to send down Men, Vessells of Warr, and other Materials for executing their Proposals, therefore pressed him to have the Money in Readiness: In answer to this he seemed to lament our not acceding at the first when there were so many Heads of the Country present. He owned the Truth of it, but as these Persons were since seperated from each other, he could not take upon him to act for the whole; but it was too advantageous a thing for us to drop, and therefore we sent the Linguist lately to meet said King with

some of the Heads of the Pagoda who seemed not capable of not complying in the manner they at first intended, which was to give us One Million of Fanams in Hand, and the other Million when the Cannarees were drove out of the Mallabar Countrey, but as our Prince, and one of the other Members were then absent, they could only promise for the Payment of the said Sum value four Hundred thousand Rupees in the following manner.

- Two hundred thousand fanams forthwith.
- Three hundred thousand when the Cannarees are forced over the River Billiapatam.
- Five hundred thousand fanams when they leave the Pagoda of Talliparambutt.
- One Million when they are expelled their Mallabar Conquests.

We are well assured we may be able to gett the first mentioned Sum whenever we meet the aforesaid Parties which we are not willing to do yet, our Designs being not brought to bear for the Cannarees might therefrom be more and more jealous of us as well as the Prince, which we are willing to avoid at present, chusing rather to appear in a distant Friendship with them We had great Hopes when the Compton Sailed to be able by this time to give you an agreeable account of a Scheme, we were then preparing to execute in Conjunction with the French, to facilitate which we had privately agreed with the Prince on the first Notice from us to retire into Billiapatam Fort a strong Place sitheate [sic] upon that River, and with the Moors we had Secretly contrived for their getting Possession of a small Peninsula called Madagarra fortified at the mouth of said River and in Possession of the Cannarees which would secure our Entrance and free Communication with Billiapatam Fort, rendering us at the same Musters of a Number of Great Guns, Gunpowder and other Warlike Stores together with a Large Quantity of Rice, lying at those places for the Supply of their Army. In Pursuance of this we had provided Boats as had also the French, a proper Quantity of Ammunition of all Sorts Provisions and indeed everything else we could suppose them to be in want of Our forces to consist of Seventy stout french Soldiers, Two of their Officers, two hundred of Corringhondas men in their Pay and with their Arms, One Hundred of our Seepoys; Two hundred of Narrangports men with our Arms and about [80] of our Garrison Soldiers the whole to be commanded by Lieutenant Lewis Mendance, with one of our Ensigns. These we concluded Sufficient to withstand the whole Cannaree force that might attack said fort, especially as the Prince would have had at least two or three thousand Nayros, and the whole Countrey up in arms and the Moors of Cannanore ready to annoy them. Their Provisions were thereby to have been cutt off, and as we should remain Masters of the Sea, they could not possibly be furnished with any supply, so that in less than eight days they must have either have submitted to Famine or lain down their Arms on our Securing them a safe Passage over the River but notwithstanding there was such a promising Prospect we have been frustrated by the Moors, contrary to our Opinion entering on their design of taking Madagarra which they effected the 19th. Instant at Night, the day before we had determined to put in execution our Project This unadvised Step caused the Cannaree General to march three thousand men from Cannanore, and with little or no resistance from the Moors he took said Place, putting to the Sword about five thousand of them bordering on the Parts adjacent including Women and Children.

We find this Step of the Moors hath encreased the Jealousy, between our Prince and the Cannaree General, the former has privately intimated to us that he will manage matters so as that with his own People the Place may be retaken, and then we may easily put in execution our first Design, which we esteem so well grounded, that if we have but an opportunity of effecting it, their army must be under a necessity of effecting it removing from the Countrey. It would have been very easy at first by giving the Prince a small Force, even of fifty men, and whom we are told he promised to pay, to prevent the Cannarees passing the River Billiapatam, which would have undoubtedly secured the Major Part of our Trade, kept the Settlement in quiet and prevented the vast trouble and

great expence we are now unavoidably subject to. We have only this left then to make the best Terms we can with the Cannaree or resolve on freeing ourselves from these Invaders, but in the first Place, should they turn upon us, or lay heavy Imposition on our Trade, it will be much more difficult than at present to apply a Remedy. We lately had an Instance what sort of Friendship they are desirous of keeping with us, their Generall by one of his Messengers only in a sort of a Commanding way desired we would attack the Moors of Cannanore by Sea; and when we told him it would be very hazardous as our Vessells would be exposed to the fire of the Dutch Guns, as well as those of the Moors. As to the Dutch he said should they molest us, their Factory of Bassilore should be distress'd, and even their Fort of Cannanore annoyed from some adjacent Hills, which lay convenient for them to attempt & We knew how to apply this threat which had no other meaning than that we ought to value their Friendship, or our own Fortresses would be exposed in the same manner. All Circumstances being duly weighed we must be of opinion no time is to be lost in Curbing the Progress of such aspiring Invaders a little delay may put it out of our Power not only now but hereafter from ever effecting it, otherwise than at a very great expence.

We have not been able as yet to make any Contract for Pepper through the very great Price at present demanded. We have had some Discourse with the French on this Head, and do hope to go hand in hand with them for the moderating the value, but that unfortunately happens that we are both obliged to buy at the same time, which is the Chief Reason why we cannot hope to reduce it to any moderate terms. To this day we have in Warehouse Candys One thousand five hundred and Thirty, and daily more is bringing, so that without something unexpected happens from the Cannarees we shall be in a Condition of dispatching the Ships now going home by the time we at first proposed. Your Hon^r. &c^a. may be assured that nothing shall be wanting in us to comply with the Quantity of this Commodity you have directed to be provided on as good terms as we possibly can. Cardamoms we have before acquainted you are this year Scarce and Dear, and bad, and we cannot depend on much more than Twenty Candys, which we shall pack up and keep in Readiness, some are already come in and the rest are shortly expected.

The Cordage indented for the Prince of Wales Galley not being arrived when she departed, we now forward it upon the Mary as ^{per} Account inclosed amounting to Rupees twenty eight, for which we debt account Current Bombay. We took out of said Galley one John Gresill a Soldier who was desirous of staying here and in exchange we sent on Board Jacob Rossmonson, of which we forgott to advise you when that Vessells.

Severall Soldiers on the Mary being sickly we have taken them ashore as also some others that are well in all Twenty as ^{per} List which we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will approve of considering our present Circumstances. We had only before this twenty one private European Centinells and those of all Nations and greatly in want of Petty officers; However we shall not think of keeping these longer than the present necessity continues.

As there are very few Grenadoes and Cohorn Shells, in our Stores, we desire you will please to supply us with one thousand of the former as the most that can be spared; and of the latter five hundred, with two Mortars for the said Shells, but if the Mortars are not to be had, then five hundred Shells of four inches diameter.

Tome da Concecaô, one of the Detachment your Hon^r. &c^a. were pleased to send us Pr. Monmouth, having a family att Bombay is desirous of returning thither, whom we now send ^{per} Mary with his Accoutrements he is paid to the last of this month.

We begg Leave to repeat our request that our Indent of Rice may be complied with if it could be six thousand Bales, but if the Quantity cannot be spared,

We desire that your Hon^r. &c^a. will be pleased to make up the Deficiency in Paddy.
We are with respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most faithfull humble Servants

PER SHIP MARY.

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

TELLICHERRY JANUARY THE 31ST. 1732/3.

To CAPT. FRANCIS ATKINS.

SIR

The Chief received a Letter from you this morning advising that the Cannaree Vessells had shewed an Inclination to depart from whence they lye, and that you had some Difficulty in preventing them otherwise than by firing on them.

We have long insisted that the Cannaree Generall should engage no Vessells belonging to his King should frequent in future the Places situated from the Point of [Carlay] Fort Southward, and then we promised to permit those you surround to go away; but as he has not as yet agreed to our Demands. We do still stand firm that you do not suffer the Vessells you surround to get away.

As we are not certain but the Cannarees may fire on you, and at the same time strive by Force to get away with their Vessells, we do now the better to put you in a good Posture to withstand them, send Lieutenant Mendonce with fifteen Soldiers to reinforce you, with whom you are to consult, and concur as to what regards the Present Service, provided you find the Shott from the Shoar may damage you, you may without fixing on them again get out so as to prevent their hurting you, but at the same time you are not to Suffer the Vessells to go away. If they should attempt it by force you are to take or destroy them, if you can. We think you are full strong enough, and heartily wish you Success.

We are SIR
Your most affectionate friends

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

TELLICHERRY FEBRUARY THE 6TH. 1732/3.

To CAPT. FRANCIS ATKINS.

SIR

As we have promised the Prince and Cannaree Generall to withdraw our Vessells, this is to direct you to retire from the Place you now lye at, and Anchor off Agarr there to wait till we find it necessary to give you further Instructions.

We are SIR
Your most affectionate friends

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

TELLICHERRY FEBRUARY THE 8TH. 1732/3.

TO MR. TREMISOTT
CHIEF AND COUNCILL OF MYHIE.

SIR & SIRs

We are favoured with yours of this Date importing this from the Discourse had with us yesterday, you understand the Impossibility there appeared of gaining the Prince to our Interest and consequently of undertaking any thing in the present Affairs and of Course the Gallivats of ours of no farther use and therefore you are determined to cease any farther expence on them, and leave us to dispose of them as we think fitt.

To answer this Letter we must first observe that our Chief positively declares he never said there was any Impossibility of gaining the Prince to our Side in the present Conjunction, but on the contrary told you he would have things in a Readiness as soon as possible, and in the mean time to prevent any Jealousy between him and the Cannarees, persisted on our withdrawing the Vessells from the Place both of us had thought fitt to direct they should lye.

We are really surprized you should in an Instant attempt the oversetting, a design which has taken up so much of our time and thoughts to deliberate on and wherein for our parts we may justly declare we entered with the greatest Chearfulness, Honesty, and Sincerity with views immediatly tending to your Interest, as well as Ours. It has been agreed we must depend chiefly on a Sea force, Ours is kept for that purpose, to embrace the first Occasion, and why tell you us then we may dispose of our Vessells as we think proper.

It is not a new thing to find the best designs frustrated by a want of Confidence tho' you seem to have little in us is most apparent, or why would you desire to withdraw in so peremptory a manner, One of our Articles imply that we deliberate as often as there seems an Occasion, and why you would not chuse to confer with us on this head we are at a Loss to account; We could add largely on the Present Subject, but lest we should seem to judge hastily on your proceedings we [...] till we have an opportunity of meeting, and endeavour to reconcile things.

We are SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient most Humble Serv^{ts}.

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

TELLICHERRY FEBRUARY THE 9TH. 1732/3.

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

This accompanys Copy of our last Address to you under the 24th. ultimo by the Mary; On the 3^d. imported the Duke of Lorrain by whom you will receive this, and on the 6th. arrived the Greenwich and Marlborough with your Commands of the 25th. ultimo, by whom we received the Stores &c^a. as ^{pp} Invoice sent us. We are using the greatest Dispatch in Loding [sic] said Ships in order for their departure hence as soon as possible.

On the 11th. ultimo we contracted for Eleven Candys of Cardamoms at 97½ Venetians the Candy being the lowest we could possibly get them for, and notwithstanding they are but very indifferent and the Prices so high we fear it will not be in our Power to obtain more than eighteen and a Half Candys in all; tho' the Dutch

and French together cannot make any Purchase in any Respect equal to ours. On the 27th. ultimo we contracted with Chatoo Chitty for Twelve hundred Candys Pepper at Sixty eight Rupees the Candy, which was really the best Terms we could bring him to, and We cannot promise considering the Demands of the French as well as our own that we shall be able to make the next Purchase so advantageously. We don't doubt having a sufficient quantity for the Lading the above Ships as well as the Monmouth, but how much more we shall be able to get is impossible for us to say in Certainty.

•Our Prince came hither the 3^d. Instant with whom we discoursed very largely on the present Situation of Affairs and he concurred with us that the Cannarees have in View the subduing the whole Countrey to themselves, and then making attempts on the Samorines Territorys; We both endeavoured at fixing on some Schemes to hinder their Progress, but as the Moors refuse resigning two Forts and two small Redoubts belonging to him, we have not been able to come to any fixed Resolution however he has promised to raise a good Force, which may hereafter be applied in obliging the Cannarees to leave the Countrey; He strenuously required our withdrawing the Vessells we had placed, of which advised in our last, and on receiving assurances from the Cannarees that as others should come to that part again, We thought it best rather than disoblige him to comply with his Desire and by his Means Ragounatt gave us a Proper Order for the Ports of Cannara to supply us with Rice exempt from the additionall Duty of Two Pagodas the Corge, they have lately laid We are preparing as many Boats as we can get for bringing us a large Quantity of Rice, and the French some days since engaged to furnish us with half of their Ships Loading at prime Cost, exclusive of all but the Port Charges, and we delivered them Pagodas One Thousand three hundred and fifty seven to pay for it. However as none of this is yet come in there is only a Prospect of getting it, we must desire your Hon^r. &c^a. will not fail to send us the Quantity we before requested.

We have delayed receiving any money of the King of Cotata and the Heads of the Pagoda, untill we have some certainty of executing Successfully our first Project of securing the Peninsula called Madagarra, and fort of Billiapatam, which Scheme the Prince has a very good Opinion of, and we are well assured no Interest of his own will induce him to bring us into a Scrape without a good sign of having our Designs executed; His whole Discourse seemed very hearty, open and Sincere, and We must esteem him perfectly enclined to favour this Settlement.

The Cannaree Messenger at the time of our promising to withdraw our Vessells, engaged that the General should give us in writing a Security that no Boats having our Colours or a Soldier in them shall be stopt or examined by any of their People, even tho' they should be going into Cannanore or any other Place, they may be at Warr with, nor should they proceed to condemn any Vessell that pretends to belong to us, without first being advised from us that we have no Right to her.

A few days Since we had notice that a Party of men, with some of the Ministers of the King of Mysore an inland Power were come into the King of Cotata Country, offering such a Force of Horse and Foot, as might be thought sufficient to compell the Cannarees to leave the Mallabar Countrey, and in consideration of which a very considerable Sum of Money was demanded by them from the Heads of the Pagoda of Talliperumbutt, What Resolution the Partys may come to, we cannot at present say, but should they embrace the Assistance of this Potentate, who is a profest enemy of the Carnatick Rajah, we believe the King of Cotata will be slack in performing his offerd of delivering us a Sum of Money, which your Hon^r. &c^a. have been advised he made us.

While things continue in this uncertain state we are unable to say when we can send away the Bombay Galley, but your Hon^r. &c^a. may be assured, we shall not detain her but on the most unavoidable necessity.

In a Proceeding we have signified to your Hon^r. &c^a. how impossible it is for us to say whether we shall be able to procure the Pepper required for the Comptons Lading and the Provisions for the Ships expected next Season: In Case we should

be disappointed, we should be glad to know whether you would have us compleat the Comptons Tonnage, or putt on Board a certain Part, reserving the remainder and all we can procure for the abovementioned Ships.

We are with the greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most faithfull Humble Servants

P.S.

Captain Bookey finding in his Passage hither that two Soldiers named Richard Reed and William Howard, had gott on Board his Ship unknown to him he has put them ashore here.

PER SHIP DUKE OF LORRAIN.

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

TO THE PERSON IN COMMAND OF
THE ANTELOPE GALLIVAT.

You are hereby ordered to proceed to Mangalore taking under your Convoy Two Munchuas belonging to the Honble Company and on your arrivall there you are to follow all such Orders, as you shall receive from Pedro Rangell, the Person we have appointed to procure a Provision of Rice for this Garrison; You are to deliver him there the Chest of Treasure put on Board you here.

You are to keep your Vessell in a Constant Posture for the Protecting your Convoy, and Subdue whatever Sevajee Vessells you may meet with in your Passage going or coming. We have put aboard you [*lacuna*] Sepoys and ten Garrison Soldiers with a Corporall whom you are to keep on board, giving the Soldiers their Provisions as usual, and if you want any thing apply yourself to said Pedro Rangell. We wish you a good Voyage and are

Your Loving Friends

P.S.

You are not to give Chace to any Vessells but keep with your Convoy and protect them from any that may approach to annoy them.

TELLICHERBY FEBRUARY THE 9TH. 1732/3.

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

TO CAP^T. MATTHEW BOOKEY
COMMANDER OF SHIP GREENWICH.

SIR

Your Ships Lading being now compleated as you have signified to us this day; You are hereby ordered Wind and Weather permitting to Weigh your Anchor, and make the best of your Way for the Port of London, following such Orders during your voyage as you may have received from the Honble President and Council of Bombay.

Herewith we deliver you our Packet to the Honble Court of Directors for the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies. We would have you putt ashore at the first Port of your Arrival in England; We heartily wish you safe and Speedy arrivall there and are

SIR
Your very Humble Servants

TELLICHERBY FEBRUARY THE 13TH. 1732/3.
DITTO TO CAP^T. THOMAS HUNT
OF THE MARLBOROUGH.

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

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACKET TO THE HONBLE COMPANY DATED FEBRUARY
THE 15TH. 1732/3 PER SHIP GREENWICH.

Tellicherry Generall under said Date.
Copy of Ditto under the 8th. October 1732 Pr. Houghton.
Invoice of Ship Greenwich.
Bill of Lading for Ditto.
Price Currant of Goods att Tellicherry and Callicutt with the Rate of Coins.
List of Ships and Vessells arrived from the 29th. October 1731 to the 14th.
February 1732/3.

• List of the Packet.

DITTO BY THE MARLBOROUGH.

TO MR. THOMAS ROUNT
MASTER OF THE DOLPHIN CRUIZER.

You are hereby directed Wind and Weather permitting to proceed with your vessell to Mangalore taking under your Convoy nine Munchuas employed on Account the Honble Company for bringing hither a Supply of Rice for the Garrison. On your arrivall there apply to one Pedro Ranjall for whatever you may want, and whose directions you to observe for your return hither with the Vessells under your Convoy.

We have ordered on Board you a Corporall Eleven of our Garrison Soldiers, Sixteen Seepoys, and Five Europeans which we esteem a very compleat Force to enable you to protect the Vessells under your Care, and to which we earnestly recommend to you to have regard. We enjoyn you to be always in a Readiness but don't you give Chace to any Vessells you may see either going or coming, but if you, or those with you should be attacked, we hope to have a satisfactory Account of your Courage and Conduct.

We are your most affectionate friends

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 15TH. 1732/3.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. 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

The last Address from this Settlement went by the Houghton under the 8th. October Copy whereof comes herewith Since when imported the Monmouth the 11th. of said month and sailed the 8th. November with the Timber and other materials provided for Gombroon Factory. On the 30th. October imported the Marlborough from Bombay and sailed the next Day for Anjengo from whence she returned the 8th. December, and was dispatched the 11th. for Bombay with three hundred and fifty Candys of Pepper being all she could take in. On the 25th. said Month arrived here the Prince of Wales and Bombay Gallies, the Dolphin and Antelope Gallivats with Mr. Stephen Law from Bombay whom the Honble President and Council have been pleased to appoint Chief of this Settlement, and accordingly he entered on his Office that Day receiving from H^c. Braddyll the late Chief, the Treasure &c^a. under his Care. On the 31st. Imported the Compton from China Captⁿ. Robert Holmes the late Commander dying in the Passage, and sailed the 14th. January with the Prince of Wales Galley, on whom Mr. Braddyll took his Passage for Bombay, and other Countrey Ships, the Account of whose Arrivall and Departure your Hon^{rs}. have in the List enclosed. On the 20th. January arrived

Ship Mary Capt. Ebenezer Thompson from Great Britain, but in a very Sickly and weak Condition, having buried in the Passage, Forty Soldiers and Seamen sent out by your Honours, as also Mr. Rowland Freeman appointed one of the Surgeons for Bombay. We supplied her with all the Refreshments we could possibly get in those scarce times and she sailed the 24th. for Bombay leaving here Twenty Soldiers for the Reinforcement of our Garrison, Ten of which being in a weakly Condition and severall of them yet in the Hospitall.

On the 6th. Instant arrived the Ships Greenwich and Marlborough from Bombay by the former of which your Hon^{rs}. will receive this with an Invoice and Bill of Lading of Six hundred and Six Candys Pepper and nine Candys Cardamoms amounting to Tellicherry fanams Two hundred and forty five thousand, eight hundred and Seventy five, and a half and on the latter we have Laden as ^{per} Bill of Lading & Invoice nine hundred Candys Pepper and Nine Candys and a half of Cardamoms amounting to Fanams Tellicherry three hundred and fifty seven thousand Six hundred and Seventy Seven, and nine Viz, which is all they could take in.

On the 27th. ultimo we contracted for Twelve hundred Candys of Pepper att Sixty eight Rupees the Candy which was the lowest we could possibly procure it for, altho' the Crop this Season is very good, but as there was not a grain of the last years remaining and the French in want of a large quantity together with the High Price the Countrey trading Vessells purchase it at Callicutt, with the early Provision your Honours are obliged to make for the Dispatch of the present returning Ships put it out of our Power, to buy on more easy terms; and yet we have the Comptons Cargo of Twelve hundred Candys to procure and as much as we can get more to lye in our Warehouse for the Shipping expected next Season. We do assure your Hon^{rs}. no Endeavours or Means in us shall be wanting in complying with those unusuall Quantities; all that can be gott shall be appropriated to your Account, for we have not nor shall we dispose of One Candy ourselves, but the present State of this Countrey is such as renders us unable to say in what manner we shall succeed, what we have already gott in has been attended with many Difficulties, as the Cannaree Army is but seven miles to the N^o.ward of us laying Seige to Cannanore in Conjunction with our Prince, and as they border immediatly on the Places from whence we get this Commodity, we know not how soon we may be deprived of it.

The Produce of Cardamoms this year is considerably less than usual, and also very bad; the Dutch and French are eager to get them, the former are wholly disappointed and the latter cannot procure but a very small part. So many Buyers of Course enhance the Price, and render it as you will please to observe by the Invoice ninety seven and a Half venetians the Candy and more than Eighteen and one half Candys, we were not able to procure.

Agreable to the Commands of our Superiours att Bombay the Supra Cargoes of the Compton landed here Twenty one Parcells of Gold containing Thirty five Bars and Twenty Shoes, which was all they had left and after touching and weighing the Same in their Presence it was Judged that Ten tale Weight of ninety three touch China or nine here might produce nearest three hundred and Sixty four Rupees, but as those Gentlemen have in View the disposing of it at Madrass for a more advanced Price, and which they Signified to us by Letter, We have declined sending it untill we receive farther Directions from the Honble President and Councill tho as its Value is regulated wholly by the Exchange of Fanams for Rupees and which of late have altered very much we are not certain of obtaining this Price hereafter, it being really as high a one as hath been known here for many years past.

Your Honours have been advised of the Entrance of the Cannaree Army into the Dominions of the King of Colastree under whose Protection we reside and tho he had all the Assistance possible from the Samorine together with his own People making a very numerous Army yet they could not defend the Countrey, so that on the 21st. of October Last the Governing Prince Cunhi Homo found himself obliged

when they were on the Confines of the River Billiapatam distant five Leagues to the N^o.ward of us to clap up a Peace with them, on condition that their whole Force should pass that River under his Direction for the Subduing his Rebellious Subjects to the Southward; he to enjoy solely the Dominion thereof, and they to build Fortresses and have the Sovereignty of all the Countrey to the N^o.ward of said River, extending about Seven Leagues.

When the Present Chief arrived on the 25th. December, the joynt Army lay encampt between Cannanore and Billiapatam and soon after prepared for Besieging that Place accordingly on the 8th. ultimo they surrounded the Same so that one part of their Army was no more than seven Miles from us in the Countrey, from whence we extract the Major Part of our Pepper, and as an evident Disregard had been shewn by the Prince to this Settlement and all Correspondence dropt for sometime, it was thought proper the Chief should open an Intercourse with the said Prince; and engage him on our Side which we had hopes of from the good understanding and Personall acquaintance he had with him, and in this we were successfull for at the Prince's Request our Linguist went to conferr with him, who on that occasion, after complaining loudly of our Backwardness in assisting him at the time of his Distress promised steadily to maintain that ancient regard his Family had ever shewn to your Honours, whose Trade He was sorry to observe might suffer greatly thro' the present Treaty, it being very obvious to him that the Cannarees had in view the Violation thereof as soon as a Convenient opportunity offerr'd for their grasping the whole Countrey to themselves on the Conquest made. And to remedy this he declared himself ready to concur with his old Friends the English in frustrating their Intentions before it should be too late, provided any tolerable Security could be obtained that the Moors of Cannanore from whom he has received many grievous Injuries, should be brought under a reasonable Subjection to him. The effectuall Way to accomplish the Removall of the Cannarees he said must be by Garrisoning the Fortress of Billiapatam scituated on that River, seize a small Peninsula at the Mouth thereof stop all Provisions coming by Sea to their Camp, and then require their quitting the Countrey, which in such a Case they will be under a necessity of doing thro' the want of all manner of necessaries for their Subsistence nor could they repass that River, things being ordered thus, without his or our Permission.

After seriously weighing the prementioned Proposals, and being very confident that the Cannarees will violate our Trade and deprive us of the Priviledges granted us by the Mallabar Princes, by laying heavy and exorbitant Dutys on Pepper &c^a. render this Countrey free to all Merchants whatever, as is their common Maxim in the parts they possess, permit of no Fortresses, but their own and in the whole reimburse themselves for the Immense Expence they have been at. We thought it most prudent and safe in these Circumstances to endeavour the gaining the French on our Side, and accordingly on discoursing largely with them we found them under the same apprehension as our Selves, and therefore seemed ready to concurr with us for preventing the Damages we might both hereafter sustain by a neglect of the present occasion, but they were destitute of proper Authority from their Superiours, as well as We from ours, nor could the same be obtained in any reasonable time so as to prove effectuall in bringing about the Expulsion of the Cannarees and as in all humane appearance another opportunity might not offerr the Necessity thereof compelled us to enter into Articles with them in the best Terms we could possibly obtain. The Substance of which is as follows:—

1st. That as the French have not the means of procuring Rice from any but the Carnatick Ports, that we furnish them to the amount of Five thousand Bales annually to begin in October next, and to be paid for it as it shall cost providing also that if we should be obliged to bring it from Bengall they might have it at the Price we give for it here.

2nd. That as we enjoy more extensive Priveledges than the French in this Countrey and have a much larger Districkt to maintain, we are to bear two Thirds, and the French the other one of all Expences we may be at joyntly in freeing this

Countrey from its Invaders, and each to furnish as many Vessells, Men and Stores as they possibly can spare; an Account thereof to be kept respectively, and from thence the Proportion to be adjusted. This Article to commence from the 21st. January.

3^d. That for the deliberating from time to time in order to execute this undertaking, we are to meet where is most convenient for both Parties.

4th. That as it absolutely necessary the Cannarees remove from the Mallabar Countrey, which we are to endeavour to effect, tis but just the Sundrey Powers thereof contribute to the Expence, and as the Prince Cunhi Homa, King of Cottata, Heads of the Pagoda of Talliparambutt did sometime Since offer the English Two Millions of Fanams for this End, whatever is obtained from them together with the Prizes that may be made to be divided, for example Suppose the Mallabar Princes should give us fifty thousand fanams, and the Prizes taken produce five thousand, which amounts to fifty five thousand and that we have spent thirty thousand, the remaining twenty five thousand the English (after delivering an account of the Charges on their Vessells from the time of their sailing from Bombay to the time that these Presents take Place) shall deduct the same from the above Twenty five thousand fanams, and if any remains it is to be divided in Proportion namely, Two third Parts to the English, One third to the French.

5th. That in case the Cannaree Army should attack any of the Forts or Places belonging to either of us, We are to assist each other to the utmost of our Power with Men and Ammunition which are to be paid by the Party sending for them.

6th. That whenever we may find proper to treat of a Peace with the Canarees we are to do it joyntly but if should happen that Demands of either Side which do not arise as a Consequence of the present Engagement should intervenc, and thereby frustrate the joynt Treaty, that either of us on acquainting the other Party may conclude a seperate Peace, but should the Cannarees refuse admitting the French otherwise than in Conjunction with us to make a Peace, which as they will be denied, merely because of some demands previous to this Treaty, we &c^a. may think proper to make on them in such Case we are to furnish the French with an Annuall Quantity of Rice conformable to our first Article, and should the French make a Seperate Peace, they are to remain entirely neuter between us and the Cannarees.

7th. That for expelling the Cannarees the Mallabar Countrey, it is absolutely requisite we joyn with us the Prince Cunhi Homa, and to gain whom we oblige our Selves to co[m]pell the Moors of Cannanore to demolish the Fort of Codalay on condition that neither of them raise another there, and that we use our utmost Endeavours for the keeping them peaceably disposed to each other.

We had good Reason to apprehend it impracticable for us to succeed in our Design without the Concurrance of the French for should they have undertaken the Supplying the Cannarees with Provision, or protecting their Vessells that bring it and in Lieu of which to have obtained certain Priviledges from them, we must in such Case have been in very bad Circumstances, for we presume your Honours have been advised how ill our Nation has been treated by them, and to this moment we are absolutely denied the Freedom of their Ports which is exceedingly prejudiciall to us as we are forced to obtain Rice from Bombay at a high Rate and by such other means as we can for the Support of our Garrison.

The 4th. Article is grounded on an Offer made to the late Chief by those therein mentioned in July last to induce our Engaging against the Cannarees, and tho it was not accepted yet Mr. Law on his coming here signified to the King of Cotata, who was one that made it that the Honble President and Councill of Bombay had sent them down with proper Vessells and Force to [execute] their Desire, and enable us to perform which we were to have One Million of Fanams in hand and another when the Cannarees were drove out of the Malabar Countrey, but now said King observes that the Persons who were with him, at the time those offers were made are absent, however he would undertake this matter in the following manner namely, to deliver us Two hundred thousand fanams in hand, Three

hundred thousand when the Canarees are forced over the River Billiapatam, five Hundred thousand when they leave the Ancient Pagoda called Talliparambutt scituate Seven Leagues off and One million more when they are expelled their Mallabar Conquests. We have not as yet come to any Agreement with this King chusing to stay for the seeing our Prince who we expect will be shortly with us.

As the Cannarees are at a very great Expencc in bringing their Provisions and other materials from Billiapatam by Land to their Camp they sometime since endeavoured by force to Land their Necessarys on the Shore opposite to their Camp, and as by this means they would have been in a Condition to lay in a vast Quantity of Stores for their Carrying on the Seige of Cannanore, as well as marching forward and thereby cutting off our Communication with the Pepper Countreys, we thought proper to send the Bombay Galley & two Gallivats and such other Vessells as we could get to prevent that design and there they still continue for the purpose. The Cannarees have made application to us to withdraw them, but we refused so doing till they give us the proper security that no other Vessells shall frequent that Place in future.

Since writing the foregoing the Prince Regent of this Countrey hath been with us, seeming very desirous of removing the Cannarees, and making a Peace with the Moors; We are endeavouring to effect the latter, and then he promises to have a force in readiness for the compelling these Invaders to retire to their own Territories, he assured us of his constant Friendship and Favour, but required our withdrawing the Vessells we had placed as before mentioned pleading our Refusall might cause a Jealousy between him and the Cannarees which he was desirous of preventing, untill he has things in a readiness securely to effect the expulsion of them. We thought proper to acquiesce rather than disoblige him; He delivered us an Order, which he procured from the Cannaree General to the Governour of Mangulore for the permitting us to have the Freedom of that Port as in times past, and to be exempt from a late Duty they have laid of Two Pagodas $\frac{1}{2}$ Corge on all Rice exported from thence, We have sent away some Vessells and are preparing others in order to lay in a sufficient Quantity for the Support of this Settlement.

We have constantly in mind the recovering your Honours outstanding Debts on this Coast, and we hope you will be soon acquainted of our having received a considerable Sum from the Samorine Punitive Rajah Darmet Poniccarys and Mother Queen; We fear will prove Desperate, nor can we while our Princes Countrey is in such Confusion, hope to secure more than the amount of his Customs here; The Ballance of Boyanores Debt remains still unpaid, but we make no doubt of its being recovered in a short time.

In the Packet your Honours will receive a Letter for the Directors Generall of the French Company residing at Paris, which the Chief and Councill of Mihie, requested we would enclose your Hon^{rs}. in order for its being forwarded to them. We are with the greatest Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient and most faithfull Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 13TH. 1732/3.
PER GREENWICH & MARLBOROUGH.

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

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Having notice Just now of a Shybarr being at Mangalore, and bound for Bombay, we send this thither to be forwarded to your Hon^r. & c^a.

In our last ¶ Duke of Lorraine of the 9th. Instant, we acquainted your Hon^r. &c^a. of the Arrivall of Ships Greenwich and Marlborough, who sailed hence fully Laded the 13th. in the Evening. The former with Six hundred and Six Candys Pepper and nine Candys Cardamoms amounting to Tellicherry Fanams Two hundred and forty five thousand and eight hundred and Seventy five and eight Viz and the latter with Nine hundred Candys Pepper, and nine and a half Candys Cardamoms amounting to Tellicherry fanams 357658. 9 Copys of their Invoice and our Letter to the Honble Court of Directors we shall forward in our next.

On the 14th. Instant we contracted with Chautoo Chitty for 1500 Candys Pepper at Sixty nine and a half Rupees the Candy we were desirous of buying a larger Quantity at the same rate but he could not be prevailed on to let us have any more on these Terms urging the Price must rise on the French calling in the amount of what they have standing out in the hand of sundry Merchants. We shall however endeavour to provide all thats possible notwithstanding we may be obliged to give more for it, but we cannot say what Quantity in the whole we may be able to buy. We understand the French are to have one Ship and a Brigantine from Pondicherry, which together with One laying now at Mihie are to be filled with Pepper; If their demands are what we imagine the Price of this Commodity will be considerably advanced and rendered Scarce; tis so dear att Callicutt that the Broker there offerred the Chief at the rate of thirty Narrodys the Candy for upwards of one hundred Candys which will amount nearest Eighty five rupees the Candy.

The French have brought us by their Ship from Mangulore two thousand five hundred Bales of Rice, and we have received already by our own Vessells six hundred and fifty one Bales, being part of the six thousand we sent money to provide. The Price we hear is fifteen five eight Pagodas ¶ Corge. As our People have been treated civilly there we have no reason to imagine we shall be disappointed in the Quantity we expect, and therefore we desire your Hon^r. &c^a. will not send us any Rice or Paddy as we before had requested.

The Cannarees in Conjunction with the Prince who has a considerable Body of Nayros, continue to carry on the Siege of Cannanore, and to day or tomorrow we expect their making a vigorous Attack, every thing in readiness for that Purpose, The Moors seem no ways dismayed, having as is reported near Twelve thousand Men in the Place, a great Part of which lately arrived from Callicutt, Penany and other Parts to the S^o.ward, so that they seem to make this a Religious Warr, being influenced thereto from the Cannarees killing one of their Priests highly reverenced amongst them; This happened after the retaking Madagarra, of which your Hon^r. &c^a. have been advised. Tis not in our power to say how these Troubles may terminate; we act with entire caution, and endeavour to keep fair with all sides at present; The Prince is exceedingly incensed against the Moors, and hitherto rejects their offers of resigning the Fort of Cadalay, which hath now some Batteries raised against it very near.

Just now imported our Honble Masters Ship Monmouth by whom we received your Hon^r. &c^a. Commands of the 9th. Instant. The Treasure you have been pleased to consign us on this Ship, we shall Land forthwith and your Hon^r. &c^a. may depend we shall give her the quickest dispatch possible, having as much Pepper by us as we apprehend she will be able to take in; We are with the greatest Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient and most faithfull humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 22^d. 1732/3.
PER SHYBAR.

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON

To CAPT. JAMES MONTGOMERY
COMMANDER OF SHIP MONMOUTH.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to send ashore the Treasure consigned this Settlement by the Honble President and Council of Bombay, well Buoyed in such Boats as shall be sent you off by Mr. William Forbes Warehouse keeper. We are

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 22^D. 1732/3.

SIR
Your very Humble Servants

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 Respects waited on you by the Greenwich and Marlborough under the 13th. Instant, Triplicate of which is enclosed. On the 22^d. Instant imported the Monmouth Cap^t. James Montgomery from Bombay with Mr. William Wake on Board who is going down Chief of Anjengo We have filled up this Ship with One thousand and twenty five Candys Pepper amounting to Tellicherry fanams, three hundred and sighty four thousand, & one hundred Seventy one and Seven vis. The Captain has been as expeditious as possible in taking it in, and seems resolved to push for his Passage which we heartily wish he may obtain.

On the 14th. Instant we contracted with our Merchant Chatoo Chitty for Fifteen hundred Candys Pepper at sixty nine & one half Rupees the Candy, which was all we were able to prevail on him to agree with us for, and we are afraid, as the French will want a considerable Quantity it will not be in our Power to procure the rest on these terms. Att Callicutt the Price is greatly advanced, insomuch that the Brokers there have offered thirty Ibrahims or eighty four Rupees the Candy, for two hundred Candys but even at that high Price none had been permitted to be carried away. We shall have left on the Dispatch of the Monmouth if our last Contract is complied with Twelve hundred and eighty seven and one half Candys Pepper, and we shall be carefull to provide agreeable to our Orders, what more is to be got. Your Honours will please to observe a Part of the Pepper in the Present Invoice purchased at Callicutt, is inserted at a very high Price, which was bought some time since at a supposition that the Ports hereabouts through the Cannaree Troubles would not be able to furnish any Quantity.

We have endeavoured to procure some Cardomoms to be sent by this Ship, which was impracticable through the Scarcity thereof.

Your Honours have been repeatedly advised of the Progress of the Cannarees, who in Conjunction with our Prince still continues the Siege of Cannanore, without as yet being able to carry any of the Moors Fortresses. The Prince we believe will in a short time strike up a Peace with them, and then sett heartily about expelling his Allies the Cannarees, if it happens so we shall be obliged to give him what assistance we can without running into an extraordinary expence; the Work will be difficult, but if he with Forces of the Samorine, (who we hear are ready to Joyn him as well as the other Powers of the Countrey) is vigorous we think there is great reason to apprehend success will attend the undertaking.

We have before made known to your Hon^{rs}. that the Port of Mangulore was open to us, from whence we have no [sic] received a Quantity of Rice almost sufficient for the subsistance of our Garrison this Season.

The French Chief and Council of Myhie have sent us another Letter for the Directors of their Company residing at Paris; and request that we would recommend it to be forwarded by your Honours to them which accordingly comes enclosed.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 28TH. 1732/3.

We are most respectfully
Your Honours most Obedient and most faithfull
Humble Servants

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

P.S. Cap^t. Montgomery has objected in the Bill of Lading to two Bales of Pepper which however we are well assured is on Board.

PER MONMOUTH.

LIST OF THE PACKET PER SHIP MONMOUTH FEBRUARY 28TH. 1732/3.

Telloherry Generall Letter to the Honble Court of Directors.
Do. Triplicate of that Pr. Greenwich and Marlborough.
Invoice of Ship Monmouth.
Bill of Lading Do.
[The Generall] Councill of Mihie their Letter to the Directors of their Company.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL ISAAC PIKE ESQ^R.
GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCILL AT S^T. HELENA.

WORSHP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

We intended sending you such Plants as we were able to provide by the Greenwich and Marlborough but their Commanders seeming unwilling to carry them, as their Ships were exceedingly pestered, we have only now in our Power to forward you such as Cap^t. Montgomery can conveniently take in, consisting of Seven Tubs of Mango Plants, Jews Ears, Pepper, Coconuts, Cassia and Coffee. The Bamboo Seed you require, we have endeavoured to procure, but the Season not offering yet for it, we must defer supplying therewith till the Departure of the next Ships.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 28TH. 1732/3.
P^R. MONMOUTH.

We are
WORSHP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

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

TO CAP^T. JAMES MONTGOMERY
COMMANDER OF SHIP MONMOUTH.

SIR

As you have signified to us by Letter that you cannot take on Board your Ship any more Pepper on the Honble Companys Account, and desiring your dispatch for Great Brittain; You are hereby ordered Wind and Weather permitting to weigh your Anchor, and make the best of your Way for the Port of London, following all such Orders as you may have received from the Honble President and Councill of Bombay during your Passage.

Herewith you have our Packet for the Honble Court of Directors for the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, which we would have you forward to them from the first Port of your Arrival in England.

The Seven Tubs of Plants provided here for the Governour and Councill at St. Helena, and now sent on Board your Ship, we desire your Care of and that you will deliver them there. We commit you to the Divine Protection, and are

SIR

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 28TH. 1732/3.

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

TO CAP^T. JAMES MONTGOMERY
COMMANDER OF SHIP MONMOUTH.

SIR

We dispatch this Boat with all Expedition to forward the Enclosed Letter to the Company, which was received this moment from the President and Councill of Madrass we desire your Care of it, and that you will please to send us a Receipt for the same.

We are SIR

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
MARCH THE 1ST. 1732/3.

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

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORETON PITT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCILL
ATT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

On the 1st. Instant we received a Letter from M^r. George Torriano your Secretary, enclosing two Packets for the Honble Court of Directors, One of which to be forwarded by the Ship bound home, and the other by way of Bussorah.

On the 13th. Ships Marlborough and Greenwich after taking in their Cargoes of Pepper here sailed for Great Britain as did the Monmouth the 28th. intending to call at Anjengo to put ashore M^r. William Wake Chief of that Place; We dispatched a Light Boat immediately after this Ship, with one of the prementioned Packets, and dont doubt but she has reached her, though she is not yet returned: The other Packet we shall forward to Bussorah by Ship Robert, who will sail in a very few days thither, recommending the same to M^r. Martin Trench, we are with Respect.

TELLICHERRY
MARCH THE 8TH. 1732/3.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

P.S. Since writing the above the Boat is returned with Cap^t. Montgomery's Receipt for the Packet.

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

To M^r. THOMAS ROUL
 MASTER OF THE DOLPHIN CRUIZER.

You are hereby ordered to take under your Convoy four Munchuas belonging to this Place, and proceed with them to the Port of CARRATT, being five Leagues to the N^o.ward of Mangulore, but in Case they should not take in their Lading there, you are to go with them to the Port of Baccanore, and when their Business is compleated make the best of your Way with them to this Place, giving Protection to whatever Vessells you may meet with on your return having English Colours. We have putt on Board you Sixteen Sepoys, and Elven Soldiers as a Detachment. We are

Your most Affectionate Friends

TELLICHERBY
 MARCH THE 10TH. 1732/3.

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

To THE HONBLE ROBT. COWAN ESQ^r.
 PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^r. &C^a. COUNCIL ON BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

1. On the 22^d. February We wrote you a short Letter to be sent by way of Mangulore, whose Duplicate goes herewith when we mentioned the Arrivall of the Monmouth, who putt ashore the Treasure consigned us answerable to the Invoice. That Ship sailed hence the 28th. with One thousand and twenty five Candys Pepper amounting to Tellicherry fanams Three hundred and eighty four thousand. One hundred and Seventy one, and Seven vis. Copys of her Invoice and those of the Greenwich and Marlborough, with their Severall Bills of Lading, and Copys of our Letters to the Honble Court of Dirctors as well as that to your Hon^r. &c^a. by the Duke of Lorrain under the 9th. ultimo comes inclosed.

2. Since our last Contract with Chatoo Chitty for fifteen hundred Candys Pepper of which your Hon^r. &c^a. have been advised, We have made no further Purchase, nor shall we be able yet awhile; Its likely to keep up its Price, since the French and we have so considerable a quantity to provide. We shall do the best we can not doubting of your Hon^r. &c^a. supplying us with Sufficient Cash of Rupees and Venetians. which must be the more in Case the Gold left with us by the Supra Cargoes of the Compton, is sent away. Our Calculate formerly forwarded informs you to what amount we shall want, and we chuse rather to have more than less that we may not be disappointed in laying in all the Pepper that is to be had. We have now in Warehouse Six hundred and twenty seven Candys, and if the Chitty complys with his Bargain of delivering us the full Quantity last brought by the 10th. April, We shall have in readiness to Ship off Twelve hundred and eighty seven & One half Candys.

3. We are very glad your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleased to permitt the Pay of the Topasses who serve in the Gun room to be raised to Twenty five fanams, as they really deserve it, and it is our humble Opinion that if the Garrison Soldiers had the same, We might have fewer men and those good; whereas now we are obliged to take in of all kinds, so that we have a strange mixture, who are drove to Serve thro' mere necessity, and we have too much reason to believe they would desert us in Case of Fatigue or action. The Cochin Topasses are by far the best of any in India, and such we might get if the above pay were given. We are no ways desirous of advancing the expences of this place, but we think so small an addition of Pay, and lessening our Number would not be prejudiciall. However this is submitted to your Determination.

4. Our Gunner returns his gratefull thanks for the Present you have been pleased to order him, which we have accordingly paid.

5. We have been continually solliciting the Samorine for the Discharge of his Debt, but as yet we have recovered nothing, We shall contest the Point with him in regard to the Interest, and not give it up.

6. We have received from Mangulore the Six thousand three hundred Bales of Rice provided here at fifteen five Eight Pagodas ₹ Corge exclusive of Freight being two Pagodas the Corge, and other incident Charges, which together with Two thousand five hundred brought us by the French Ship, and Sixteen hundred bought here, makes our Stores Ten thousand and four hundred Bales, which we esteem fully sufficient for the expence of the Place.

7. The Price of Timber is very much advanced at Callicutt through the great demands which have been made for it in so much that by our Advices from the Linguist there, what used to be procured for fourteen fanams the Candy is now risen to twenty Seven. We have directed him in the rainy Season, when we judge it will be cheapest to provide Eighteen thousand feet required for Gombroon factory, including therein the Slabs to be reckoned part of the Quantity.

8. On a Representation from hence of the decayed Condition of Callicutt Factory your Hon^r. &c^a. were pleased in your Letter of the 5th. September 1729 to direct the giving it the necessary Repairs, but we presume on a Survey thereof it was found so bad as to require the rebuilding it, which the Gentlemen then here we suppose did not care to undertake. We are informed by our Linguist the Walls are so rent, and sunk in many Places that it would be needless doing any thing to it for preventing its falling so that we must think of making a new one for we imagine your Honour &c^a. will always judge it proper on account of its usefulness to have a Factory kept up. We wish to have your farther directions herein and since many of the Materialls will serve again, the reducing it to a less Compass will not be attended with greater Charge than as we judge three thousand Rupees.

9. The Cannarees with our Prince continue to carry on the Siege of Cannanore, and have as we are informed raised Works within almost Pistoll Shott of Codaley fort; both Partys Seem resolute, and the Moors are well provided as to Numbers for offending as well as defending, tho' they are backward in Sallying out. What the Issue may be we cannot be certain, but it is most reasonable to judge the Moors will accept of the Prince's offer resigning said Fort and two or three other Places he has demanded their delivering up to him, should they acquiesce therein, it seems to us as if the Prince assisted by them and his other friends will endeavour to compell the Cannarees to leave the Countrey. The Samorine, we are assured will be ready to assist him, and even appear in Person for the preventing such Confusion and Disorder as happened last year. Tis not his Zeal for the Prince that prompts him thereto, but the Dread, of their invading his Countrey when this is Subdued.

10. On the 4th. Instant at the request of the King of Cotata our Linguist waited on him when he signified that not only the Samorine but the King [Misure] had agreed to joyn in the Confederacy, and to furnish One thousand Horse and five thousand foot, which with the Forces of the Countrey could not fail of producing Success; yet he pressed that we would engage in the Cause, offering to defray all our Expences both by Sea and Land and to deposite Two hundred thousand fanams in hand forthwith for that Purpose, as also One hundred thousand more for furnishing their Army with Ammunition, and whatever more might be wanted should be punctually satisfied.

11. We judged these Offers so fair and advantageous, and having great hopes of accommodating between the Prince and Moors for his and their joyning, that we went on the 5th. to Myhie to conferr with the French thereon agreeable to the Articles stipulated between us, of which your Hon^r. &c^a. have been advised; but to our great Surprize we had the Mortification of finding them what they too often are, base and insincere; Instead of appearing ready to execute to their Engagements, they started new difficulties saying to what and should they Joyn us in

performing so extraordinary a Service to the Prince, when we only should reap both the advantage and Reputation and in fine refused moving a Step unless we obliged our Selves in Behalf of the Company to pay them on the expulsion of the Cannarees from the Mallabar Territories after all expences discharged by the Countrey yet as a further Gratuity for their Service, One half as much as these expences amounted to. This they imagined we might Secure from the Countrey, or disburse it our selves as an Equivalent for the many Priviledges they presumed we might obtain from the Prince in procuring him such high advantages. That your Hon^r. &c^a. may be better informed of their Deceit, we now enclose you true Copies of our Articles with them, and their present Demand as drawn out by themselves in Portuguese, tho' the latter was not signed.

12. We begg Leave to remark to your Hon^r. &c^a. that the Chief and Councill of Myhie in a Letter to us of the 10th. January of which you have a Copy, invited us to a conference for establishing the Peace of the Countrey, which being accepted, and sundry meetings held we at last with much Difficulty mutually fixed on the Prementioned articles, when we both imagined it would have been better for our Masters respectively to disburse a Sum of Money, than that the Cannarees should conquer the Countrey, and Grasp the Trade thereof to themselves. These were the Notions they had and why they are altered now is not in our Power to determine, but this we are sure it would be highly imprudent in us after experimenting such a remarkable Instance of their Perfidiousness to have further Dependance on them, tho' this we shall conceal till we find a proper opportunity of declaring our Sentiments. Had we sett them a bad Example, they might have urged something in their Defence, but our only fault has been in reposing any Confidence in them, and which we should not have done, had we not been verily persuaded their immediate Interest would have made them Honest, and the rather as they could not but suppose the Prince, who bears then a hearty Grudge, would have excited the Cannarees to disquiet their Settlement.

13. Should the Prince engage as we believe he speedily will in Conjunction with his Allies for expelling the Cannarees, he will undoubtedly be very pressing for us to appear in the Cause, which we hitherto have given him reason to expect, never imagining the French would have behaved so faithlessly. Our present apprehensions are lest they should take the opposite side, give Protection to their Boats of Provision, and in all respects appear as hearty in the Interest of the Cannarees, as we shall be obliged to be in that of our Prince; But tho' should we only supply him with Ammunition at his own charge, as has been hitherto practised, they would have the same Pretext to break with us, as they hitherto made use of. We have been thought by the Countrey so very backward since the Commencement of these Troubles, that we conceive our continuing so will be highly resented, and may () induce them to believe We do not make proper Returns for the Priviledges we enjoy. In the Whole it would give us great Concern to disgust the Prince so as to encline him to withdraw his favours which is of much greater Service to us than any force we can have here. In these perplexed times your hon^r. &c^a. will judge us under the highest Difficulties how to demean our Selves, as having no immediate Orders from you to justifye us: We have detained the Bombay Galley hitherto on a supposition, She might be wanted for the intended Service, having assurances from the King of Cotata, that should she stay so as not to be able to proceed up this Season, he would engage the paying her expence. We shall venture to keep her a little time longer, not doubting she may gett up in good time; but the two Gallivats We believe your Hon^r. &c^a. must think necessary for us, as we shall have no other Sea force, nor can we, considering the State of the Countrey return any of the Seepoys, or Detachment of Soldiers untill the Cannarees are driven farther from us: We heartily wish we could have your Hon^r. &c^a. Orders in time, as you will believe us in very great Doubts how to conduct our Selves in the present Emergency.

14. The Seepoys being very pressing for small Supply of money, we have delivered the Subbedar for their use Two hundred Rupees.

15. The Storekeeper having desired the Chief to provide for the Service of the Island a Number of Mallabar Lances and Spunge Staffs, we are procuring the same as fast as possible in order to be sent up. We are with the greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient and most Faithfull Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY

MARCH THE 13TH. 1732/3.

•P^B. MOCO MERCHANT.

P.S.

As in all likelihood we shall be in great want of Gunpowder for supplying the Prince, we begg your Hon^r. &c. will not fail to send us fifty Barrells Bombay and 15 of Europe, exclusive of what we last indented for.

STEPHEN LAW.

WILLIAM FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO M^B. MARTIN FRENCH

RESIDENT AT BUSSORAH.

SIR

The enclosed is a Packet for the Honble Court of Directors, transmitted us by the Honble President and Council at Fort St. George which we desire you will forward in the most Safe and expeditious manner possible, as they give us to understand it contains advices of great Importance.

Ships Greenwich and Marlborough sailed hence for Great Britain the 13th. ultimo fully Laden, as did the Monmouth the 28th. said Month.

TELLICHERRY

MARCH THE 15TH. 1732/3.

PER ROBERT GALLEY.

We are

SIR

Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILLIAM FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^B.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCILL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Postilion Grab just calling here for Wood and Water, gives us the opportunity of forwarding Duplicate of our last of the 13th. Instant, and the Papers therein mentioned.

Last night One Pedro Rangell the Person we employed for procuring our Rice at Mangulore arrived from thence, and informs us for certainty that the Canarees have sent one of their Principall men to Goa with Presents to the Vice-Roy in order to sollicit assistance in their Wars against the Mallabars, and particularly give Convoy to their Vessells bringing Provisions to their Camp, and in lieu of this Service, they agree to permit his Portuguese Majesty to have a Fort at Mangulore, and another at Billiapatam, and to enjoy at the latter place where they propose to have a great Town, the same Customs as they have at Mangulore of

3 ¹/₂ Ct. on all Goods imported and exported, and an additionall Annual Present of Nineteen hundred Bales Rice. Their Factor seems strongly of Opinion the Vice-Roy will accept of these proposalls, and if so, your Hon^r. &c^a. must conclude our Priviledges in great Danger of being lost. Our Honble Masters have authentick Grants from the King of Colastree for the whole Trade of his Dominions; Copys where of we shall transmitt, you in our next, not having time at present to translate them. Your Hon^r. &c^a. will be best Judges whether the said Grants can prove invalid, even should the Cannarees maintain their Conquests, and take such methods for the preventing the Portugueze assisting them, as to you shall seem best.

The Ships and Vessells sent up by the Dutch from Cochin, under the Direction of their Second for obtaining Restitution of the Effects seized out of the Dutch Ship by the Canarees at Mangulore, are returned without Success, and we are informed t[hei]r Factory at Bassilore is withdrawn, so that it is the generall opinion they will commence Hostilities next year.

On the 15th. arrived a French Countrey Ship belonging to their Company at Mihie from Pondicherry for Pepper of about the Burthen of 350 Tons so that they have h[ere] [an]other of Two hundred Tons, a Brigantine of about One hundred and fifty, and one of one hundred to load. They contracted lately for a Quantity of Pepper to the amount of what money they had formerly delivered out to the merchants at Sixty eight Rupees the Candy, and endeavoured to make a farther Purchase, but could not agree on Terms; Such a vast Number of Fanams have been brought this way by them from the other Coast for the Purchase of Pepper, that the Countrey People will not take them, but at five and one quarter the Rupee, and should we Suffer them to pass in that manner here, our own Fifths would in a very short time be held in no better esteem, to prevent which we have thought proper to forbid their being received at all within our District But that our Fanams may the better keep up their value. We humbly propose to your Hon^r. &c^a. that of what are sent us for the future the intrinsick Worth may be actually one fifth of a Rupee, which we apprehend they are at present deficient of.

TELLICHERRY
MARCH THE 17TH. 1732/3.
PER POSTILION.

We are with great Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
&c^a. &c^a. &c^a.

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

To M^r. EDWARD DAVIS
SUPRA CARGO OF SHIP SEVERN.

SIR

We think it our Duty to let you know our Honble Masters will be sufferers by your taking away Pepper from Mihie, equally as much as if you had it from this Place, Your Ship being in that Road, we give you this Notice to prevent your falling into an Error, which we are sensible will be highly resented by them; However as your Covenants bind you otherwise, we are willing to believe you will not transgress, but if you shou'd we are under a necessity of declaring you answerable for the Consequences, and in this we discharge our Trust, and are

TELLICHERRY
MARCH THE 30TH. 1733.

SIR
Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^e.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &c^a. COUNCILL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last address waited on you by the Postilion under the 17th. March, Duplicate whereof accompanys this.

Your Hon^r. &c^a. have been advised of the Number of Ships and Vessells laying in Mihie Road for taking in their Cargoes of Pepper, what Quantities they have bought, we are not certainly apprized of tho' we hear they have delivered out in all to the amount of One hundred and ten thousand Rupees, Sixty thousand of which, as it was given out formerly the Merchants agreed to weigh Pepper at Sixty eight ₹ Candy, but for the remainder they have opened no Price as yet. Tis supposed they would have made a much larger Provision had they proper Coins, but the Merchants often have refused receiving more fifts, which are become so numerous that little else is to be seen, and to prevent the falling of ours, We desire your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to forbear sending us more till we advise you of our Want of them.

On the 27th. ultimo imported the Severn Mr. Edward Davis Supra Cargo from Suratt, and sailed the next Day for Myhie to take in as we understand Two Hundred Candys of Beetlenut, however apprehending that might be only pretext, and that his Intentions were really to get Pepper, we sent him a Letter on the 30th. a Copy of which you have enclosed with his answer thereto which we esteem merely evasive. But we must begg Leave to observe that if private Ships are permitted to lade there, when they cannot be furnished here, our Care and Endeavours for the Service, of our Honble Masters will be greatly impeded, and render it impossible for us to reduce the Price to any moderate Bounds or procure the Quantitys required of us. However tis not in our Power to do more than represent the same to your Hon^r. &c^a. in hopes by your means a Remedy may be applied.

We have frequently attempted lately to make a farther Contract of Pepper, but found it impossible without giving a very advanced Price, no methods shall be [untried] to invest our whole Stock, lest after the rains thro' the Troubles of the Countrey, and smalness of the Crop, we may be disappointed; in what manner we shall make our Contract is uncertain, but assured you may be it shall be on the best terms Possible. We have now in Warehouse One thousand and Sixty four Candys, and we hear about four hundred Candys lies at Anjengo to be laded on the Compton.

Since our last the Cannarees have frequently Sollicited our mediating a Peace with the Moors, Prince and them, but their different Interests hitherto have put it out of our Power, and the Warr therefore continues We have seen so many Changes already, that it is impossible for us to know how these things may end, tho' all agree the Moors must be Subdued, or the Cannarees will lose their Conquests. The Princes Sole aim is to bring the former to his Obedience, and joyn them with the Countrey for expelling the Invaders. The King of Cotata Foreseeing he should be next attacked, and having a Large Sum of Money in his Countrey belonging to the Pagoda of Talliparambutt, invited sometime since the King of Misure an Inland Power to give him assistance of Horse and Foot who have been long expected. A Currant Report now goes that One thousand Horse and a number of Foot are on the Confines of his Dominions; If they come he must endeavour to Joyn the Prince with him, but should that not be effected, there will a Contest ensue, and the Cannarees will then stand with said Prince in opposition to the other Party, and we perhaps be pressed on both Sides for Assistance of Warlike Stores &c^a. Your Hon^r. &c^a. will imagine it will in such Case be exceeding difficult for us to steer clear Our Districhts border on the King of Cotata, but as our Dependence is on the Prince, we are certain he will never forgive our aiding in any Wise his opposites We shall do all we can to unite the Countrey and

the Misure Forces, and then turn them upon expelling the Cannarees, who are to be looked on as the Common Enemy. In a few Days we expect the King of Cotatas Ministers, or himself in person to discourse with us, however in such Distracted times we cannot but think tis absolutely necessary for us to keep our Force, and accordingly (tho' much against our Will) we have determined to detain the Two Gallivats with the Detachment of Seepoys and Topasses, the expence of whom, we observe with the utmost concern, is a great Load on the Settlement, but we presume better submitted to, than thro' our Weakness induce the Countrey to disturb us. We have fully advised your Hon^r. &c^a. of the Treatment We have had from the French, and since then we have neither seen or heard any thing from them.

This your Hon^r. &c^a. will receive by the Bombay Galley, whom we have victualled to the last of April, excepting Bread and Arrack, of which they have only a part there may be no Difficulty in making up her Accounts. We enclose the Particulars of what we have supplied her with Since her arrival, We have been much put to it to procure the few Cattle she had, or any Salt Fish; All manner of Live Provisions are extravagantly dear, and Scarce, insomuch that we can hardly gett wherewith to maintain our own Table. Should your Hon^r. &c^a. find it necessary to send any of the Cruizers this Way, they must be well supplied with Salt Beef, Bread and Doll, for it will be out of our Power otherwise to provide for them here.

In answer to Sundry Letters the Chief wrote the Samorine concerning his Debt, he promised fifty thousand fanams in the Month of August. We shall go on pressing for Payment of the whole, and as it has been customary for a new Chief to visit him, should the present omit it, perhaps it may give Disgust; however as the performing that Ceremony must be attended with expence, we shall be governed as your Hon^r. &c^a. shall direct.

We send your Hon^r. &c^a. by the Galley One Hundred Sponge Staffs directed to be provided by the Storekeeper which cost One hundred fanams, We are preparing more, and hope to have the number of Lances required, in readiness after the Rains.

Our Surgeon being in exceeding Want of an Assistant, we begg your Hon^r. will not fail sending one as soon as possible.

We shall be very glad to have your Directions before the Raines if possible by a Light Boat, whether we may Joyn with the Countrey for expelling the Cannarees, as hath been required of us, on the offerrs of defraying our Charges; as this is a Point of great Consequence, we are very cautious how we proceed. The Expence which may attend sending your Orders we can charge to the Account of the Prince, provided we engage with him, however in either Case, we humbly entreat you will not fail sending your Directions.

We send on the Galley Two Seamen Deserters from the Mary named Robert Long and William Waters, We must entreat your Hon^r. &c^a. will cause a Pardon to be granted them, as we have given our Words for the Same. Also John Cape who attempted to desert, and carry with him severall others, for which Crime, he has been duly chastized. The enclosed List shews the names of those taken from on Board the Galley, and others sent on her at their own Request with the time they are paid to. Five of the Bombay Detachment are now out on Command on Board the Dolphin sent to convoy the Merchant Boats from the Cannaree Coast. If she is met with they will be taken out, but if not, they must stay here the Rains.

We sent herewith Account of Cash for the month of March, with that of Pepper received and Contracted for this Season, in order to shew you the Quantity, we shall have by us, when the Chitty fully compleats his last Bargain of Fifteen Hundred Candys. Your Hon^r. &c^a. have also Translate of the King of Collastree and his Heirs Grants to our Hoñble Masters, mentioned in our last.

We desire your Hon^r. &c^a. will be pleased to send us the List of People belonging to the Dolphin and Antelope Gallivats with an Account of the Pay due to them; that we may know how to satisfye them, as they are very pressing for their Wages.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 3^d. 1733.
P^a. BOMBAY GALLEY.

We are with great Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most faithfull Humble Servants

P.S.

Several Robberys having been committed and the Criminalls not being deterred with our Punishment, We have sent up Ignacio Xavier Topass, who tho' he was whipped out of the Limits returned the next day.

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

TO CAPT. FRANCIS ATKINS
COMMANDER OF THE BOMBAY GALLEY.

SIR

You are hereby directed Wind and Weather permitting to proceed with your Galley to the Port of Bombay taking due care you don't come near the Countrey of Angria lest his Vessells should being superiour to you, make a bold Attempt to carry you; In all other Respects you must conform to the General Instructions given you by the Honble President and Council; Our Packet herewith given you for them. deliver immediately on your Arrival: We [wish] you a Speedy and Safe Passage up and on.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 3^d. 1733.

SIR
Your affectionate friends and Servants

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

LIST OF THE MEN TAKEN FROM AND SENT ON BOARD THE BOMBAY GALLEY WITH AN ACCOUNT TO WHAT TIME THEY ARE PAID.

Taken from the Bombay Galley.		Sent on the Bombay Galley.			
Rich ^d . Sharpless Corporal	...	} Paid by us here from the 1 st . January 1732/3.	Isaac Erringshaw Corporal.	} Paid to the 1 st . Janu- ary 1732/ 3.	
Samuel Axell Centinell	...		John Cousin Centinell		...
Julian Lemanie D ^o		Andrew Manfausion D ^o
			John Cape	} Paid to the last of April 1733.	
			James Chivers		
			William Welloughby		
			John Obrian		
				A.B.—The three last were put ashore here by the Mary.	

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Our last was by the Bombay Galley Dated the 3^d. Instant, Duplicate of which we have not now time to transmitt; this Shybar just calling on us gives us an Opportunity to inform your Hon^r. &c^a. of a Persons being lately sent from the

King of Cotata to press our Joyning with him, and the Countrey for the attacking the Cannarees, and previous to which to engage the Prince to enter into the Confederacy, We thought proper to give him hopes, but first insist [...] the Expence of the Vessells sent from Bombay, as we said at their Request be repaid; This did not seem unreasonable to them, on the Contrary the Messenger and those with him declared it as their Opinion, it would be acceded to: We hope we shall one [sic] how or other keep off things till we have your Orders, which we heartly wish may arrive before the setting in of the Raines.

Yesterday we had certain notice the Cannaree General has received a large Supply of Money, and that Five hundred Horse with Three thousand foot were on the Way from Bednure to joyn him, so that we may justly suppose the Attack against the Moors will be vigourously carried on their Workes are within Pistoll Shott of each other at Cadalay, yet however the Moors don't seem inclinable to resign that Fortress to the Prince; The Report is current that the Misure Forces being on their Way to the Cotata Countrey tho' we cannot yet be thoroughly convinced of it.

We are endeavouring to make another Contract with the Chitty for Pepper, but the French Demands render the Price such as we believe twill be hardly possible to get it under Seventy two Rupees the Candy. We are with the greatest Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 8TH. 1733
P^R. SHYBARR.

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

TO CAPT. ROBERT HOLMES
COMMANDER OF SHIP COMPTON.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to send ashore all the Treasure and Stores &c^a. Laden on your Ship by the Honble President and Councill of Bombay for the use of Tellicherry Settlement, by such Boats as shall be sent you. We are

SIR
Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 11TH. 1733.

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

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

You will receive herewith Duplicate of our last under the 8th. ultimo, and a List of Sixteen Men, being part of the Detachment sent to the Relief of this Place, sometime since: We are in a very ill Condition to spare them, as the Cannarees are so near us, however we could not well resist their Importunity: they

are paid to last Instant, and have Provision for three Weeks. There are some still remaining, but as they are married here, chuse to continue having credited Account Currant Bombay, for the Twenty two firelocks and Cartouch Boxes remaining of those you sent with the Detachment we do not return any of them. as we cannot conveniently spare them.

We have Laden on the Compton as much as She can take in, and delivered to the Supra Cargoes the Seventy Shooes and thirty five Barrs of Gold Landed on their going up the Coast, but of this we are not to doubt your being advised by the Honble President and Council of Bombay. We are

TELLICHERRY
APRIL 20TH. 1733
PER COMPTON.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

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

WORSHIP^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

We take this opportunity to enclose you Copy of a Letter from Mr. Cockell to Mr. Lowther, dated the 19th. March delivered us this Day by Capt. Sutcliffe signifying a Dutch Ship after landing the Persian Ambassador at Seyndy, had turned Pyrate, and encountered Two of their own Nation, bound for Persia for the Particulars of which we referr you to the enclosed.

Ship Compton after having taken in a Lading here of Nine hundred and ninety seven Candys and fifteen maunds sailed for your Port yesterday. We are

WORSHIPFULL S^R. & S^{RS}.
Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
APRIL 23^D. 1733.

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

TO THE HONBLE THE COMMANDORE AND COUNCIL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE NOBLE DUTCH COMPANY
ATT COCHIN.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We are sorry to be the Relaters of the Ill news we received this Day by Ship [Patty] Capt. Samuel Sutcliff from Suratt as appears by the enclosed Copy of a Letter sent by William Cockell Esq^R. our Agent at Persia, to Henry Lowther Esq^R. Chief of Suratt, dated the 19th. March last; We hope our early notice will be agreable to you; and at all times we shall be ready to shew you our Inclination to testify with how much Respect. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 23^D. 1733.

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

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT COWAN ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

1. Since our last under the 8th. April we have received your Hon^{rs}. &c^a. Commands of the 31st. March Pr. Compton and those of the 15th. Ultimo Pr. Jadah Merchant; The former imported here the 11th. April and the latter the 25th. Said month Duplicate of ours Pr. Bombay Galley and that ^{of} Shybar go enclosed.

2. The Treasure, Stores, Rice and Paddy by the Compton and Canton Merchant. have been received agreeable to the Invoice [first as] but as by the rectified one, there appears to be Thirty Baggs Paddy more than we were before acquainted with. We shall write the Gentlemen of the Canton Merchant in demand of the same, but at present we have carryed it off to Profit and Loss, thereby rendering our Accounts conformable to the Invoices sent us.

3. Having a Sufficient Quantity of Pepper by us we Laded on the Compton One thousand and One Candys and a half amounting to Rupees Seventy one thousand and Six hundred, One quarter, and eighty five Reas as ^{is} Copy of her Invoice enclosed, being all she could take in, receiving the amount thereof from the Supra. Cargoes to whom we delivered the full Quantity of Gold left in hands taking up the Receipts, we had before given, and she sailed hence the 22^d. ultimo.

4. On the 27th. ultimo we contracted with Chautoo Chitty for Fifteen hundred Candys Pepper to be delivered us in all September at Seventy and One half Rupees. the Candy, which was the best Terms it was possible for us to obtain; Our Endeavours were not wanting to strike for two thousand Candys, but that was impracticable, when this is brought in, which we make no Doubt it will be by the time limited; We shall have in Warehouse about Nineteen hundred and fifty Candys. and hope to add therto five hundred more, though we shall hardly have money sufficient to pay for it; as you may please to observe by a State of our quick Stock herewith sent under Number 4. We believe your Hon^r. &c^a. will not wonder at the Price we give, when tis considered what a Quantity has been exported this Season, and had not the last years Produce been very extraordinary, We should not have had it in our Power to have furnished near so much, what the ensuing Crop will be we cannot be Judges of now though most People are of Opinion, it will fall greatly short of the last. The Export of the French this Season we are not very certain of but this we know Two Ships and Our Brigantine went away in appearance fully Laded, and We presume another Brigantine carried away some, as did the Severn; All which we may reasonably to be between Fifteen Hundred and Two thousand Candys; We are told they have about Two hundred and thirty Candys in Warehouse and Four hundred and Twenty outstanding in the Hands of the Merchants, tho' they delivered their Money several months since; That carried by the Severn Mr. Tremisott declared to the Chief was for their Companys Account on Freight to be delivered in Bengall.

5. We shall duly observe your Hon^{rs}. &c^a. Orders in providing the Ship for Gombroon Factory, as well as the Timber, and Fifty Beetlenut Trees to make Rammers, but we fear the Plank will Come out very dear, the last we had from Callicutt stood us in Twenty Two fanams the Candy though frequently it has been bought for about Fifteen; We can only promise to watch the opportunity for procuring it as Cheap as possible.

6. It was fortunate in keeping the Two Gallivats here for otherwise tis the opinion of those who surveyed them, they should not possibly have got up, as you will observe by Copy of the Report of Captain [Copp] N^o. 5 who concurred with severall others that saw them; they are Hawled up, and we are preparing to give them such Repairs as may put them in a good Condition; The Expence we apprehend will be pretty considerable, though We shall use the utmost Frugality.

7. The Rice your Hon^r. &c^a. supplied us with being unboiled, and no wise agreeable to our Soldiery, when that of Mangulore is to be had, We have come to a Resolution for disposing of it in the best manner we can, and we hope as tis

cheap no great Loss will arise; We are compelled to take this method or give a General Discontent to our Garrison, who for a long time have paid a high Price for it, far more than their Poor Circumstances would admit of; All manner of Provisions and Necessarys are so exceeding Dear, through the great Want in the Cannaree Army that Value is double to what it was formerly, and unless your Hon^r. &c^a. are pleased to admit of our raising the Pay of the Topasses, we shall have a wretched Garrison; for no men of any Worth will chuse a Service that does not afford a bare Subsistance.

8. We read with the utmost concern the Notice your Hon^r. &c^a. give us of the Dutch Pyrate; Advice of which we Instantly sent to Cochin, and other Ports on the Coast.

9. As the Cannarees have treated our People civilly at their Ports, and elsewhere, and not knowing how they may succeed in their real Design of subduing the whole Kingdom of Collastree, we thought it prudent to give some Mark of our Inclination to keep a good understanding with them, and therefore on the 6th. ultimo Mr. Hugh Howard with our Head Linguist waited on Ragounett their General, with a Present of a Carpet, Six yards of Scarlet Cloth, One Peice of Flowered Damask and Silver Rose Water Bottle, amounting to One Hundred and Fifty Rupees in the Whole, which was esteemed the least we could send him; Their Reception was very Handsome and a great Profession made, but in the end pressed our mediating a Peace with the Moors tho' when he was asked to whom they should submit, whether to the Prince or him Singly, or both Joyntly, he declined after several times putting the Question giving a direct answer thereto. On the whole, we must think from Experience, the Cannarees resolve if they can, to conquer, and maintain the Dominions of our Prince, shaking him off, when that is effected, but why they are so earnest at Present for a Peace, when they esteem themselves very near the Reducing Codalay We cannot well account, unless we admitt the Report as true, of Chickly Cawn's being with a large Army near Bednure, insisting on that Kings raising the Siege of Cannanore, purely at the Sollicitation of the Moors in Behalf of the Mahometan Faith; Should we mediate this Peace, there is no Place in the Hands of the Countrey People to withstand them, and consequently their designs will be greatly facilitated; The Prince on the other hand wants us to accommodate with the Besieged in appearance, so as Ragounet may be perfectly satisfied, but at the same time that a Secret Treaty be made with the Moors engaging their Joyning him, when he has led the Army to the Borders of the Cotata Countrey, there secretly to unite with that King, the other Adjacent Powers for the immediate Destruction of them: which he judges the Scituation of the Place they will be in, may give him a good Opportunity to accomplish. Your Hon^r. &c^a. are without Doubt pretty well satisfied of the Views of these Invaders, and what will be the Event of their Success; When all which is duly weighed, we persuade our Selves you will give us the necessary Orders, namely Whether on a good Prospect to Joyn with the Prince against them, or let things take their own Course, though we must remark, were we even authorized by your Hon^r. &c^a. to embrace the first, we shou'd not choose according to the Proposals of the Prince before sett forth, as it savours so highly of the most base Treachery, We shall be glad to receive your Hon^r. &c^a. Directions herein with the utmost expedition, and earnestly desire a Light Boat may be sent us as soon as you possibly can.

10. Sixteen Soldiers out of the Twenty Two remaining of the Detachment from Madrass being very urgent to Return, we sent them on the Compton, paid to the last of April though considering the present State of things hereabouts could ill be spared.

11. Our Callicutt Linguist a few days since advised us of his having received from the Samorines Ministers Six thousand four hundred and Twenty fanams being Part of Thirty thousand they acquainted him they had orders to pay him in a short time; but as this is a very small Sum we have thought Proper to direct said Linguist to repair to Penaney sometime this Month to Dunn [sic] the Samorine, which we conceive may have a better Effect than our continually writing him; We

have also renewed our Demand on the Mother Queen, if there appears a Probability of recovering her Debt, we shall venture to spend a small matter, otherwise let it Drop for the Present Durmet Ponicarry is Dead, and we are afraid the money lost, nor have we much better hopes of Puniture Rajah, however, we will not totally give that up, but as Occasions afford, renew our Demands. We expect Boyanores Ministers here shortly to finish his Account, when it will be expected that we give him a Present of at least as much as was signified to his People by Mr. Braddyll being Eight Hundred or one thousand Rupees. The Prince his Debts we have at present no hopes of diminishing than by our Honble Masters Customs; If any opportunity should offer by other means, we shall embrace it, On the 10th. Instant We received of Cunhiseu the Cardamom Merchant obtained through him, Two of the Old Debts wrote off as Judged Desperate formerly.

Fanams	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,720
From the family of Martingo Callandra	...	...	...	...	...	2,000	
Ditto of Burgorah Mussan's	...	...	...	...	...	2,720	
							4,720

and to each of which we gave proper Discharges; You will find the Account of those men carryed off in Tellicherry Journall Letter R. Page 24 Anno 1719. we shall endeavour to recover more if possible, though we have little Likelihood of Success.

12. The Papers annually required from this Settlement are now sent, as ^{of} List Enclosed; We have wrote to Callicutt for a Price Currant in order for our sending it with this, but shoud it not come in time, it shall go by next Pattamar; Your Hon^r. &c^a. will without doubt take notice with Concern, as we do of the large Account of the Pay master, but while the Countrey is harrassed with such a formidable Power and we obliged to have a suitable number of men for our Defence, it must be submitted to though in every Branch of our Expences our utmost Care shall be used to reduce all thats in our Power.

13. The accompanying Indent for Stores N^o. 6 we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will comply with, although it is large, many of the Articles are intended for Sale and Supplying the Gallivats; Could we be assisted with a good armourer, it would render our Demands for Firelocks less, but at present we have not a person that can do any Service of that Sort in a tollerable manner, we also begg the Surgeons Indent may be complied with, and the Assistant for him sent, which we have often requested.

14. The great Loss which arises on keeping Pepper in Warehouse, has led us into an Enquiry on the means for preventing it, The Countrey Merchants line the Walls and Ceill with Plank, which they find to be of great Service and indeed we believe if we were to take the same method, the Expence would be attoned for in four or five years, as well as keep the Pepper in much better Order; If your Hon^r. &c^a. approve of our setting about this Work, please to give us your Directions.

15. On the 13th. Instant about 4 in the morning the Cannarees Gallivats from Billiapatam took out of Cannanore Bay a Grabb belonging to Ally Rajahs family lately arrived from Suratt, and placed opposite to Cadalay to secure the Shore; She had two Six pounders, and eight others with nine men aboard, and notwithstanding the Fire of the Moors from the Shore, and Dutch Fort, they towed her off and carryed her into Billiapatam, in order as we suppose to fitt her out after the Rains, we are informed the Dutch have demanded her, without any regard being had thereto. We are again amused with the Mysure Forces being on their Way to Joyn the King of Cottata: tis certain that about fifty Horse are come into that Countrey. We are with the Greatest Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most faithfull and most Obedient Humble Servants

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

TELLICHERRY
MAY THE 19TH. 1733.
P^a. PATTAMAR.

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

This accompanys Duplicate of our last under the 19th. Instant P Pattamar with the several Papers then forwarded and a Price Currant received since that time from our Linguist at Callicutt and lest through the troubles in the Countrey N^oward of us, our Braminees may not arrive in time, or miscarry, we transmitt this to the President and Councill at Madrass to be dispatched forthwith to your Hon^r. & c^a. on a supposition the Passage from thence may be more secure.

We have for sometime had under consideration the rectifying our present manner of Issuing out the Coins in Trade; It has been observed here for some years to keep our Account Currant with the Bombay at five fanams the Rupee; but when we make Contracts for Pepper, although it is our General Custom to agree with the Merchants for a certain number of Rupees P Candy, the same are rated to him at five and a quarter fanams each, and Credit given him in the same manner, and yet the amount of our Invoices are reduced @ five fanams carrying at the end of our Books the Difference to Profit and Loss, making in appearance five P Cent more than it cost; We conceive your Hon^r. & c^a. will not disapprove of our altering it, however we shall wait till we have your Directions, but we think necessary to remark that it will be proper to prevent any true Loss in Venetians and Gubbers to rate the former at Twenty and one quarter fanams, and the latter att Twenty as hath been customary, then carry the amount into Rupees at five and one quarter, and reduce those Rupees at five, this method being more in our Masters favour than to reckon the Venetians at nineteen and one half, and Gubbers nineteen, as has been usual when the Rupee was valued at five. We apprehend the foregoing Rule, was fixed at the time when the fanams of the Countrey were subject to frequent alterations, in their value; but now through the Introduction of our Fifths, it seems no longer of use. We desire the Supplys you may please to send us for the Purchase of Pepper, may be three fourths Rupees, and one fourth Venetians and Gubbers, which will be of great Service to us in making our Contracts tho' we are sensible a small Loss will arise in the Venetians and Gubbers.

The Cannarees continue their Siege of Cannanore, though no material Action hath happened since our last: We are assured that through the application made by the Heads of the Pagoda Talliparambutt, five hundred Horse and two thousand Foot of the Misure forces are actually in the King of Cotatas Countrey, and are to be followed by more making in all nine hundred Horse; and five thousand foot, which are to be paid beginning from the 1st. of April last Twenty five thousand Pagodas of thirteen, and a half fanams each P^r. Month, so that we may expect after the Rains some considerable Action.

Captain Alexander Douglas having represented to us his Desire of returning to Bombay after the Rains We hope you will please to order a good Officer to supply his Place, and as Lieutenant Gibbs is perfectly well acquainted with the Countrey, and One we believe agreable to our Garrison, being withall a great Sufferer in going to Anjengo, leaving his House which cost him considerable, behind, we shall be glad if you will be pleased to direct his filling the Post, and we hope what we have before wrote in regard to advancing the Pay of the Topasses will be complied with, for indeed in their extreame Scarcity, it is impossible for them to subsist, everything except Rice, being double the Price to what it used to be.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient and most faithfull Humble Servant[s]

TELLICHERRY
MAY THE 29TH. 1733.
PER PATTAMAR, VIA MADRASS.

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

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORETON PITT ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCILL
ATT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last was dated the 20th. ultimo by Ship Compton, on whom we embarked Sixteen Soldiers of the Detachment you formerly sent us; This is by Pattamar express with our Packet to the Honourable President and Council of Bombay, which we begg you will please to forward with all expedition, as it is of Importance; and we shall esteem it a favour to receive a List of Shipping sent out by our Honble Masters this Season, as it will be of use to know the Quantity of Tonnage required from this Side.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
MAY THE 29TH. 1733
P^r. PATTAMAR.

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last was dated the 29th. ultimo Via Madrass, Duplicate of which comes herewith: Last night we received the accompanying Packet for your Hon^r. & C^a. from the Gentlemen at Anjengo, desiring our forwarding it with all possible Expedition, and as it is represented to us the Passage from hence directly to Bombay, is very precarious, and more so for want of proper people acquainted with the Way, We therefore think it safest and best to transmit it to the Governour and Council at Madrass to be sent thence with the utmost Dispatch.

As your Hon^r. & C^a. have been advised of our last Contract for Pepper, and made acquainted with our Hopes of securing in all by the Month of October to the amount of Two thousand five hundred Candys; We have nothing to add thereto, than to assure you of our Endeavours for preventing any Disappointment, being fully convinced of the Necessity of having a Large Quantity for Lading the four Ships We understand must be dispatched for Europe the ensuing Season. If it be possible we will encrease the above to Three thousand Candys, but as our Stock will not answer thereto we entreat a supply may be sent us with the utmost Expedition, at least that it may arrive before the French Ships, who we must believe will make great Demands, and raise the Price; at present they seem to be in want of money, which leads us to think we shall succeed in our Expectations. The Monsoon sett in here the 19th. ultimo, and hitherto proves favourable for the Pepper though we cannot Suppose the ensuing Crop will prove near so considerable as the last.

We have by every opportunity fully advised your Hon^r. & C^a. of the troublesome State of this Countrey; The Cannarees notwithstanding the Rigour of the Season continue warmly besieging Cannanore, and particularly the Fort of Codalay, which for some time has been, and still is annoyed by a Contrivance of the Besiegers in placing a large number of Baskets filled with Earth, and raised so high, that the Shott from that Fort cannot pass or Hurt those who are placed

to Guard them, We are told they are within less than Pistoll shot of their Walls, and did not a Ditch full of Water separate the Works of each, tis believed they would very soon carry the Place; The Moors have made several Attempts for dislodging them and they in return attacked their Fort with Scaling Ladders; This close and warm Work together with the great and constant Expence of the Moors, with the apprehension they are under of not being in a Condition to support themselves long, has at last induced the Heiress of Cannanore to send messengers hither intimating a desire of accommodating with the Prince, which though she does not express, we believe imply her Inclination of surrendering that Fortress, and some others to him, provided the Cannaree Army is compelled to pass the River Nelleseron; His Head Minister was lately with us, and seems to think his Master will readily embrace the Moors offers, joyn with them the forces of Cotata and Misure, consisting of Two thousand Foot and five Hundred and fifty Horse, together with the other Powers of the Countrey for expelling the Cannarees by Force, in Case they refuse retiring to their own Territories; Judging this Point may feasably be conducted through the many advantages they will have over them, Securing Billiapatam well, may prevent their passing that Way, and the Army surrounding them, will with facility cut off their Provisions coming from that River which must putt them to great Straits, especially as the Season will not admit of any Supplys being brought by Sea; Both the Moors and the Prince require our Securing to each the Performance of the Articles that may be agreed on; and indeed unless we interfere there is an impossibility of their coming to any Agreement at all: We have no reason to imagine the Part we shall act, can prove in the end any ways Injurious to our Honble Masters as the Prince we are pretty confident will not deceive us, nor the others; Our only apprehension is lest the Cannarees suspect this to be our Contrivance, and if the Fortune of War should determine in their Favour, they may very likely be exasperated against us, and the French foment it, nay more, appear openly for them; but on the other hand to refuse the Prince this good Office, would disoblige him in such a manner as in a great measure might induce him to reject us, and what is worse in all probability our Backwardness prove a certain means of these Invaders accomplishing the end they propose of entirely subduing the Countrey; and in that case tis beyond a Contradiction whether we oblige or disoblige them, the bad Effects will be the same to us. Our Priviledges will be over sett and at the best our Honble Masters Trade on no better footing than that of a common Trader subject to what Impositions they please, and without Doubt our Fortifications pretended to be no longer necessary, agreeable to their constant maxim of permitting no such in the Countreys where they govern.

'Tis our great misfortune to have no answer to the Letters we wrote by the Bombay Galley, which we presume is owing to her late Arrival, we are therefore under a necessity of using our best Judgment in this Emergency, and We hope be the Consequence as it will, we shall never be thought blameable, as our immediate View is the Preserving the Priviledges our Honble Masters enjoy, which have been obtained at an Immense Expence; Our Caution shall be to guard against the Worst by endeavouring in the midst of all to carry fair with the Cannarees and to manage so with the French as to prevent the Mischief they may be inclined to do us; but unhappy 'tis for us they are so insincere as not to be relyed on; however we think it necessary, and humbly propose your Hon^r. &c^a. sending us one of the smallest and best Sailing Gallys very early in the Season, well manned and sufficiently supplied with Provisions especially Salt meats, Ghee, Bread and Dall none of which being procurable here; She may call in at Goa, and bring us a few Hogsheads of Arrack; and if it should happen we have no urgent Occasion for her here, we shall return her forthwith, We are the more desirous of this as it will be impracticable for us to send up any advices soon enough after the Rains; and as the Cannarees propose equipping the Grab they took out of Cannanore, with many of their own small Craft, in a war like Manner, the greater Sea Force we have will contribute to prevent many Inconveniences, which without, we may be subject to, and We begg your Directions whether we may appear openly against the Cannarees, provided our so doing may reasonably promise the effecting their Expulsion, which the Countrey in such Wise will defray the Expence of as we conceive.

Our Indent for Warlike Stores we entreat may be complied with, and an additional Quantity of Gunpowder and Shot, as We shall be under a necessity of supplying the Prince therewith, as also a few Jairs of Ghee for our Sepoys, and Gallivats, the Countrey not affording any, nor indeed Provisions of any kind.

We have received the Thirty thousand fanams the Samorines Ministers promised to pay us, and our Callicutt Linguist is gone to Penaney in order to solicit the Payment of his Debt, whose Journey we heartily wish may be attended with Success: We have also in positive Terms demanded of the Mother Queen what she owes, and sent a proper Person to the King of Puniture on the same account, whether he succeeds or not, the Expence will not be much; Boyanore notwithstanding his Promise has not yet sent people to make up his Account.

On about the 18th. ultimo a small Vessell belonging to Mahmud Ally, and bound to Bengall, drove ashore in the King of Punitures Countrey, who took up the Treasure and Cotton that was.

TELLICHERRY
JUNE THE 20TH. 1733.

We are with the greatest Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient and most Humble Servants

P.S.—Since writing the foregoing we have considered that at Callicutt, proper persons are sometimes to be had, who are acquainted with the Way, directly for Bombay; If any such are to be met with these advices will be sent by them otherwise by Way of Madrass.

STEPHEN LAW.
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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE MORETON PITT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & COUNCILL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The accompanying Packet for the Honble President and Council of Bombay, we received yesterday from the Chief &c^a. at Anjengo, desiring the same might be forwarded with the utmost expedition, and as the Passage from hence to Bombay is very unsafe, we are under a necessity of troubling your Hon^r. &c^a. therewith, hoping it may arrive before the Ships intended down the Coast, are departed. We are with respect.

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JUNE THE 20TH. 1733.

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HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Letter of the 20th. ultimo was received the 14th. Instant on return of the Pattamar sent with our Advices for Bombay, and we are obliged for your Care in forwarding the same.

Somthing very particular having happened between us and the French, which we believe your Honour &c^a. will think very inconsistent with the Regard that is always paid to Articles mutually entered into for the Benefit of each party, which

that you thoroughly understand the nature of, we shall recite the late distracted Occurrences in this Country occasioned by the Invasion of the Cannaree Army, which gave Rise to the Point we shall have occasion to complain of.

In the Year 1727 the Prince Regent of this Kingdom undertook the reducing to his Obedience the family of Ally Rajah seated in Cannanore, and after combating sometime with them, and they apprehending the Impossibility of withstanding his Arms were induced to apply to the King of Cannara bordering on this Countrey for his attacking the same thō there had been a strict Peace observed for many Years between him and said Prince. Ambition is generally a strong Temptation and such it proved in this Case, for said King in a hostile manner in April Anno 1730, invaded these Frontiers, and after some action of little moment passing between them they penetrated Ten Leagues. This Prince considering how difficult it would be for him to contend with a domestick and foreign Enemy, clapt up a Peace with the Moors of Cannanore yet however all the Force he could raise was not able to stop the Progress of his Enemies, who he found were bent if possible to seize an exceeding Rich Pagoda called Talliparambutt scituate Inland near Mount Dilly, the Heads of which immediately thereupon had recourse to the Samorine whose Country borders on this S^o.ward, and as he was one of [...] [of five] protectors of that wealthy Place, he readily determined to join his army with that of the Prince Regent who met in January 1731/2 making in all a Body of forty thousand men, the Charge of the whole to be paid out of the Treasure of said Pagoda; They conducted Matters so well that the Cannaree Army were in a manner Surrounded, but through some mismanagement afterwards without hardly striking a Blow the Samorines Forces were seized with an unaccountable Panick, and left their Enemy to pursue their Conquest, which they immediatly improved and appeared soon after within the Limits of this Rich Pagoda The Governours then with Elephants, Oxen and Men carried away such of the Treasure as could be easily come att into the King of Cotata's Countrey bordering on us Inland where it now lyes; the Cannarees seized the Place, and finding it convenient to raise there a Fortification performed that Work, and then proceeded to Billiapatam River distant hence five Leagues and on which stands the Palace of the Kings of this Countrey. The Prince Regent being deserted by most of his Subjects and consequently in no Condition of withstanding so victorious an Army found himself under a necessity of striking up a Peace with Regounatt their Generall, and the Articles were mutually interchanged in October last the Substance of which was as follows.

The Prince was induced to enter into the foregoing measures to satisfy his Revenge on the Moors, who for some years past had been very troublesome, and once attempted his Assasination: he had likewise in View the Reducing some other Powers this Way, who had usurped the Government in defiance of him. In Consequence of this Peace the Joynt Armies of the Cannarees and said Prince passed the prementioned River and in January 1732/3 appeared on the Confines of Cannanore distant from hence three Leagues in order to besiege them, who on their Parts had made the necessary Disposition to withstand them, and to this moment, notwithstanding the Severall Assaults made by the Besiegers continue to hold out without having lost one of the many Fortresses they maintain. We shall now leave this matter, and enter upon the Conduct of the French Gentlemen att Myhie, as the occasion of our troubling your Honour &c^a. with this.

On the 25th. December 1732 by appointment of the Honble President and Councill of Bombay Mr. Stephen Law arrived here in Charge of this Chiefship, and on the 30th. said month the Chief and Councill of Mahee wrote us on the melancholly Posture of Affairs, on which a Conference was held between us the 5th. January when and at other times after the Danger our Respective Masters were in of losing their Priviledges was largely debated on, both sides concurring how necessary it would be for us to unite against this common Enemy, being fully persuaded should they become Masters of the Countrey neither the Prince Regent who introduced them or either of us would be at all regarded, contrarywise exorbitant Impositions would be laid on the Pepper to recompence the great Expence [attend]-ing the Conquest, and without any doubt no Forts would be permitted but their own

agreeable to their constant Maxim in the Countries they are Masters of. To prevent therefore these apparent Evills after holding sundry meetings with the French for the Space of Sixteen Days, We signed and interchanged Articles without previously consulting our Respective [Superiours] the urgent Necessity we were in not permitting of it; yet however they have been fully approved of by them. Conformable to this Agreement sundry Schemes were laid by us the Conducting whereof fell to our Part from our supposed Knowledge and superiour Interest in the Countrey. Things went on very smooth and hearty, and when as the Canarees attempted by force on the fourteenth January 1732/3 to render the Sea Coast opposite to their Camp free and open for bringing Provisions and Warlike necessarys thereby as We Judged the easier to effect the reducing of Cannanore, and enable them to march forward, the prevention of which required our immediate Care; accordingly we dispatched the Bombay Galley, two Gallivats, and other small Vessells to examine those Boats which had arrived att the prementioned place, but they refusing a Subjection to us We gave Orders to our People to block them up at the same time writing the Canaree Generall We could not in any wise permit of their Rendezvouz by Sea there as it would greatly obstruct the bringing our Pepper from those parts by the frequent Attacks there might be made between theirs and the Moors Vessells. All this was transacted with the Approbation of the Gentlemen at Myhie, thô they did not outwardly appear to be any wise concerned in it, having at that time in the Canaree Ports Sundry Vessells and Effects liable to Confiscation had their Privity been known. On the 6th. February the Prince Regent with a Messenger from the Cannaree Generall came to the Fort, the French being apprized of it, and invited to come here, as if in an Accidentall manner to pay a Visit; but in Reality to be present at the Conference with the Prince in order for falling on Means to remove the Invaders. Yet thô he staid till Nine at Night in expectation of them they came not, and his affairs requiring his immediate Departure, he then earnestly pressed we would no longer continue our Vessells lying in that manner, urging it would inevitably raise a Jealousy in the Cannarees of his consenting thereto. We were therefore obliged to comply with his Request of withdrawing them, on the Cannarees engaging to us that none of theirs should frequent the Coast from the Southermost Fort of Cannanore, nor yet examine any Boats with our Colours, or with any of our Men on Board, even thô they should be going into the Bay belonging to the Moors; and as a Demonstration of their Desire to continue their Friendship with us, the Prince delivered us an Order for the Opening to us the Cannara Ports, which had been denied us for four Years past; We were not wanting in giving the French Notice of this Occurrence with the Necessity we were under of acting as We did, and with which they seemed perfectly satisfied, but soon after certain Jealousies as We presume arising, they wrote us a Letter, whose Copy goes herewith under N^o. 2 with our Answer Yet at an Interview afterwards still professed the same eager desire of pursuing our undertaking, and We left no means unapplied for the concerting our Measures, which We conducted so as that on the 6th. of March We repaired to Myhie for the Communicating to them the offers, which had been just before made us by the King of Cotata Viz^a. That as not only the Samorine, but the King of Mysure had agreed to Join in a Confederacy, and the latter to furnish One thousand Horse and five thousand foot, if we would also engage in the Party he would defray all our Expences by Sea and Land, and deposite forty thousand Rupees in hand forthwith for that Purpose, as also twenty thousand more for furnishing the Army with necessary Ammunition obliging himself to supply us with whatever Sums might be further wanting.

These Proposals with the Prospect We had of bringing the Prince and Moors into the Confederacy we imagined must be equally acceptable to the French, but to our extreme Surprise instead of concurring with us in the manner We had reason to expect, and as their Engagements required, they started a new Point previously to be acceded to by us before they would put in Execution said Articles, Copy of which unreasonable demand as delivered then to us in Portugueze goes under N^o. 3 importing our obliging our Selves in behalf of our Masters to be answerable to theirs on our Joint Success against the Cannarees for the Half of the Sum which We both might expend in obtaining said Success, alledging that our being settled

in the Countrey of the Prince Regent gave us the opportunity of receiving certain Priviledges from him as an acknowledgment for that Service, which they must be excluded from by their being placed under another Government Independent as they pretended of said Prince, thô We must remark that the usurpation of Boyanore who governs that way is not now so firmly fixed as to render our Prince incapable of bringing him to his Just Obedience, and in such a Case the Service the French Company might do him Jointly with us would not fail of strengthening and Securing their Interest in any Changes that might happen; however this Point We conceive can have no effect on our Engagements into which We entered on a due apprehension that without our Joynt Endeavours forthwith applied, the Cannarees would undoubtedly on their Conquest violate equally our Trade and Priviledges, the Preservation of which was the only object we had in View, as We think must demonstrably appear by the Preamble of said Articles a true Copy whereof goes under N^o. 4 which We chuse to send you as they were originally written, and in which under the Second Head the Consideration of our having more extensive Priviledges than they is sufficiently provided for by our obliging our Selves for the Payment of two Thirds of the Expençe attending the undertaking. The Case being so, what Constuction can We put on this after demand otherwise than in believing the same a mere Evasion by any pretence to get Ridd of what they have no mind to perform, thô they themselves had invited us to it. Yet however to shew our sincere Inclination in complying with every thing that carried an appearance of Reason, We did then, and since, tell them that We would heartily endeavour the obtaining from the Prince Regent a Reward for the Services We might Jointly perform and if any such should be given, We should Justly make good their part, but for us to engage the paying them an unlimited Sum which We had no assurance of being reimbursed We could not answer to our Employers.

Your Hon^r. &c^a. must suppose us very much at a Loss how to account for this breach of Faith in the French Gentlemen which indeed almost tempts us to think they have altered their Scheme since, and incline towards the Conqueror. The private Interest of those at Myhie has been evidently consulted from the beginning of those Troubles, for they openly assisted the Invaders, and had the Sole Priviledge of exporting Rice from their Ports, which gave them an opportunity of purchasing it generally att Eighteen Pagodas the Corge of forty two Bales, which they were enabled to sell commonly at Thirty two and Thirty three, imposing on the necessity of the Country as it could be supplied by no other means, and this advantage had been peculiar to them between two and three Years, gaining thereby on a moderate Computation forty thousand Rupees annually. This reflection We fall naturally into from their appearing highly Chagrined at the opening to us the Port of Mangulore, sett forth in a preceeding part of the Letter, for since then we have found them much on the Reserve, and contriving how to embarrass their own and our affairs, and We may venture to affirm that if these Gentlemen are permitted to proceed in opposition to us, the end will be certainly fixing the Success of the Invaders for the oversetting the Pepper Trade of both Companys equally, notwithstanding any promises secretly made in favour of Myhie. The Cannarees are remarkably a self interested people, and their present undertaking was wholly influenced thereby. The Joining the Pepper Countrey to theirs will enable them to lay what Impositions they please, as is certainly intended for to reimburse the immense Expençe of the Warrs, and throwing great advantages into the Kings Treasures.

We must suppose the Gentlemen of Pondicherry ignorant of the Devices of their Servants this Way, thô without doubt great Pains have been taken to Justifye their Conduct, and in particular their breach of the Articles, which by a Letter to Mr. Law, Monsieur Le Noir signified his approvall of in the most expressive Terms, so that their Conduct since confirms us in our former Suspicions. We are very sensible how tender the Reputation of every Gentleman ought to be held, and tis with extreme Regret We are obliged to touch thereon, but its necessity for the placing things in a true Light, renders it We think at present Justifiable.

Mr. Law now answers Monsieur Le Noirs Letter, touching on this Representation to your Hon^r. &c^a. We know the same would come more regularly from a Presidency, but time not permitting, as our Masters Priviledges are so imminently in danger and delays might prove of the worst Consequence. We therefore earnestly entreat you will be pleased to take this matter expeditiously in hand, for prevailing on the Gentlemen of Pondicherry, so as that they may speedily provide for their own Safety, which is inseperably exposed with ours. Were it possible to move them to appoint a sensible disinterested person as a Supervisor, We are confident he would find the Interest as well as Honour of his Masters require^d the strictest Conjunction with us. We are the more pressing for this as their taking opposite measures can only tend to bring on immediate Evills equally prejudicial to both. We beseech your Hon^r. &c^a. will give us the speediest Notice of the success of your endeavours for the better Government of our Conduct in this perplexed State and are with great Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants.

TELLICHERRY
JULY THE 19TH. 1733.
P^B. PATTAMAR EXPRESS.

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

TO THE HONBLE MONSIEUR LE NOIR
GOVERNOUR OF PONDICHERRY.

HONBLE SIR

On the 14th. of April I was Honoured with your obliging favour of the 31st. March N.S. and am exceedingly pleased with your Concurrence and approbation of the articles your Gentlemen at Mahe entered into with us for the mutuall advantage of our respective Masters, which our Superiours have also signified their Satisfaction of.

After so much time employed for our deliberating, and when every point was settled and mutually signed to the Contentment of each of us, We judg^d nothing could well intervene to obstruct the Benefit aimed at thereby, but to our great Surprize on repairing to Mahe for the imparting some Proposals made by the King of Cotata, your Gentlemen started new Matter previously to be acceded to by us, ere they would put in Execution the Condition of said Articles, and which was no less than for us to secure to them in behalf of the French Company as a pretended equivalent for what advantages we might receive from our Prince on our Joint Success against the Cannarees, half of the amount of whatever Charges might attend the Conducting it to that Issue, even although the whole expence might be defrayed by the Countrey. Your Hon^r. has undoubted perused the Preamble to our Agreement, which fully setts forth the necessity of our uniting against the Cannarees in conjunction with the Mallabar Powers for the preventing the Loss of our Trade and Priviledges, which with Reason good we thought must be the Consequences should their Intention of Conquest succeed; as this was truly and sincerely our Aim, and the only one we had, and the proposed benefit apparently equall to both, it is hard to account for the behaviour of your Gentlemen on that occasion especially after so solemnly engaging to act conjunctively with us without Reserve. I am sorry to be under a necessity of giving Your Hon^r. this Notice, and the more as it must undoubtedly reflect on them, and which I am well convinced notwithstanding all they can say in vindication of themselves must prove hurtfull to the Interest of those they serve; Honour and Truth ought to be sacredly preserved by all Communitys, and in which I affirm to you Sir, we never directly or indirectly intended to swerve this main Basis should first be established between us or otherwise out of a Politicall Aime either party may have recourse to evasions and Shifts, which though it may serve a present turn, can never succeed well in the End. The

matter is plain that your Company are as well established at Mahe as we are at Tellicherry for the carrying on their affairs respectively consisting solely in the purchase of Pepper. Whatever therefore is conducive to the preserving the Trade and rendering that Commodity cheap must be of benefit to us both, and while we continue to act faithfully and uniformly therein, the same is more likely to be obtained than by any other methods. This I will promise you Sir ever to maintain our Engagements Inviolably while I remain here, and I think experience has shown how much the Agreement made by Mr. De Lorme and Mr. Adams has contributed to the benefit of us both. In the present Circumstances that a Conqueror is approaching our Settlements, it seems to me proper to unite that neither he nor any other may have the opportunity of siding with one, in order at the Conclusion to damage both. I have done my part that your Gentlemen might be fully apprized thereof, but from what has happened I cannot help judging they are of a different opinion. It depends on your Hon^r. therefore to remedy things so that our Interest and Inclinations may go together, as this is a publick affair we have wrote the Gentlemen at Madrass thereon, who I presume will conferr with you. I have the Honour to continue with the utmost Respect

TELLICHERRY

JULY THE 19TH. 1733.

PE. PATTAMAR EXPRESS.

HONBLE SIR

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

STEPHEN LAW.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.

CHIEF & CA. FACTORS ATT ANJENGO.

SIRS

Your Letter of the 11th. June was received the 19th. Said month with an accompanying Packet for Bombay which We dispatched the following day for Callicut in order to procure there proper Persons for the conveying it, but as none such were to be had, We were under a necessity of sending it to Madrass recommending to the Governour and Councill there to be forwarded with the utmost Speed, which was the Method We took with the Duplicate of our own advices, with reason suspecting the Originall sent this Way might miscarry.

A few days since two Ships directly from France Burthen about 400 and 300 Tons anchored at Myhie putting ashore as we are informed Sixty Seven Chests of Treasure containing each as We suppose 3000 Dollars; the Largest Ship still remains for being filled up there with Pepper, and they still expect another Ship, who lost her Passage last Year; the other sailed away for Pondicherry.

This unexpected misfortune has raised the Price of Pepper greatly, and will put it out of our Power of providing at the most above two thousand five hundred Candys, which will be but a small Proportion for dispatching the five Ships we understand from Madrass are to go from Bombay this Season. It will be a pleasure to us to hear you may be able to make a large Investment your Way, thereby saving a very great Expence, which will otherwise attend our Honble Masters by some of their Ships lying on Demorage.

On the 18th. ultimo by a Pattamar from Bombay dispatched thence the 12th. of May, We are advised that on the Death of the old Scyddee a strange Revolution happened at Rajaporee, which place with the fleet, and most of the Countrey (except the Forts) through the Treachery of some and Disagreement of others of the Scyddees Officers fell into the hands of the Morattas, who had an Army there Commanded by Budgerow of two thousand five hundred Horse and ten thousand foot, Joyned by some of Angrias Troops; and tis dreaded said Fleet would be put into the possession of Angria.

Our troubles this Way continue much the same Cannanore closely besieged by the Cannarees without our being able to know what will be the Consequences thereof, tho' if the Dutch resolve on calling them to an account, as we have reason to believe they will by their firing upon them, an end may be speedily put to the same.

TELLICHERRY
AUGUST 31ST. 1734.

We are
SIRS
Your most Humble Servants,

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

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

1. Since our last address of the 20th. June Pr. Pattamar via Madrass, Duplicate whereof goes herewith We have received your Hon^{rs}. & c^a. Commands of the 12th. May, the 18th. July.

2. Agreeable to the Liberty you have been pleased to give us, We shall this Season sett about rebuilding of Callicutt Factory, having a particular regard that the Expence may not exceed the Limitation. Herewith We send a Plan of the intended Work, the size of which we conceive may be fully sufficient for the ends Proposed.

3. The Revolution in the Scydee's Countrey as it may be attended with the worst Consequences gives us exceeding Concern, and We impatiently wait for farther News, heartily wishing it may prove better than from the account there is reason to expect.

4. We have so sincere a desire for reducing our Expences here, that We should not have troubled your Hon^r. for the raising the Pay of our Topasses to Twenty five fanams $\frac{3}{4}$ Month had we not apprehended it highly beneficial to the Service. For want of this small addition, as We have before represented, we are obliged to entertain very worthless fellows, Many of which sort have lately deserted to the Misure and Cannaree Armies, and assured, We are very many of those that remain would not in any time of Extremity stand by us, nor indeed can they subsist in these present Scarce times on so bare an allowance. We hope therefore when your Hon^r. & c^a. are pleased duly to consider the Difference of good and bad men, You will think it convenient to gratifye us in what We have desired.

5. The unexpected Arrivall at Myhie on the 19th. ultimo of the Cavalier formerly the Bridgwater directly from France of four Hundred Tonns or thereabouts has been exceeding Prejudicial to the Hopes We had of procuring at least two thousand five hundred Candys of Pepper. This Ship is to be filled up, and dispatched from this Coast, and another is daily expected, which last Year lost her Passage, and wintered at Don Masquerene We are credibly informd that no less than Sixty Seven Chests of Treasure containing in each three thousand Dollars making in all upwards of fifty thousand Pounds has been landed at Myhie from the prementioned Ship, and another called the La Badine, importing the 26th. and sailing soon after for Pondicherry.

6. The little fair Weather We have had rendered the bringing in the Pepper we contracted for impracticable, and We did not care to commence another Contract with the Chitty till the Major Part of the last was brought in, as he have been thereby largely in our Debt, which we could not think prudent he should be in these troublesome times, nor would he have chose a new Bargain without a Prospect of being Secured from the Changes incident to the price. However that no time

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might be lost on sight of the above Ship We instantly dispatched Directions to him for his buying up all the Pepper that could be got, and We are told he purchased accordingly upwards of three hundred Candys, but the price immediately rising to Seventy Seven Rupees a Candy, and severall of the Merchants who had small quantitys, by them refusing to sell together with the villainy of others in not delivering what they owed and the Stoppage put by the King of Cotata, of which we shall speak hereafter, has put it out of the Chittys Power to furnish us with more than fifty or one Hundred Candys exclusive of the fifteen Hundred we before contracted for; so that as things stand, we greatly fear it will be impossible for us to have in Readiness above two thousand Candys untill the new Crop is gathered, which tis said will not be above half the last Years. As We have omitted nothing on our parts for the obtaining a Larger Quantity, your Hon^r. &c^a. We hope will not lay any fault on us for the disappointment, which was out of our Power to foresee. We have now in Warehouse one thousand five Hundred and fifty Candys, and We hope the Remainder will be very soon with us. The little Remains of the old Crop, with the small quantity expected of the new, and the Eagerness of the French to buy up at any Rate gives us too much Reason to believe the Price will be exceeding high. We therefore begg to know if We must submit to the times or be limited to a certain Rate; A Speedy answer to which is very necessary.

7. The Cardamoms annually required We have hopes of procuring, but wish the demands for them by the Dutch and French do not enhance their price. This purchase however We shall make on the best Terms We can.

8. Our Callicutt Linguist sent to the Samorine for demanding his Debt to our Honble Masters, finding his Stay would be of little Service returned the 12th. July having obtained only a bare promise of the Payment of twenty thousand fanams in last month, and one hundred thousand more next August; in part of the first Sum ten thousand have been received, and the remainder thereof We suppose will be soon paid, but the other Sum We have no certainty of, so that at present his Debt stands nearest at about four Hundred sixty eight thousand fanams, exclusive of forty three thousand four hundred and Seven and three vis being the old Debt, and likely to be some Years before it is cleared. Sollicitations have not been from us, a very Tart Letter being sent him on the 14th. July to which as yet We have received no answer. Tis our Opinion that unless Force be used, a tedious Progress will attend the Recovery of this Money and indeed our Callicutt Linguist understood as much from the Ministers when he was at Penany. We shall do our Parts but your Hon^r. &c^a. we hope will not blame us if we do not succeed.

9. Finding the Mother Queen no wise inclinable to discharge what She is indebted, We have directed the Callicutt Linguist to apply an Arrest according to the Custom of the Countrey in case the Samorine who she pretends ought to pay it does not take it into his Account Tho' this method will be attended with some Expencc, We esteem it better than totally giving it up without making a Tryall.

10. The King of Puniture in severall Letters promises fair, but as nothing has been yet paid, and not in our power to use compulsive methods, We have great Reason to think this debt very precarious, nor can we give much better hopes of that of Durmet Ponecarry, but being more within our Reach We shall not give it up without using some forcible Endeavours. Boyanore has not as yet sent his People to discharge his Account, at which we shall be glad to know if We allow him the promised Gratuity mentioned in our former Letters.

11. Our Books of Accounts for the last Year with the Diary and Consultations lye ready to be sent by the first safe Conveyance. That Your Honour &c^a. may know the State of our Cash you have the account thereof for the last month. The Chief has been allowed at the Rate of 70 £ ₹ Annum Salary, whether the same is agreeable or not he desires you will please to signifye, being pretty much in the Dark how to regulate it, as the same has never been hitherto fixed. We have allowed Pedro Rodreguez our Linguist Son one hundred fanams ₹ Month commencing in July, as he has for sometime since been employed as Mallabar Scrivan, and one We could better trust than any other in the severall private Letters We have

had occasion to send to the Prince &c^a. We were also induced to take this Notice of him as it would be gratefully received by the Father, who from a long Course of faithful Services We believe your Hon^r. &c^a. will think merits it. We forward enclosed a List of three Seepoys dead here, and nine Deserters part of the Bombay Detachment P Monmouth, with an account of Short delivery of the Seepoys accoutrements P Prince of Wales and Bombay Galleys amounting to fanams five hundred and twenty five and 4 vis. which we have carried to your account Currant crediting the Presidency for fifty Musquet two thousand three hundred and Ten fanams, sent with said Detachment, which has not been Invoiced hither. Our Surgeons Indent for some few articles is also enclosed, desiring it may be complied with as well as that formerly sent, and We hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will not fail sending him [a] good assistant, who is exceedingly wanted. We begg you will [please] to add to our last Indent of Military Stores twenty or thirty pair of Pistolls, the forty five pair now by us being very old and indifferent.

12. We have given the Antilope Gallivat almost a new Bottom, the charge of which your Hon^r. &c^a. will be apprized of in our next. The Dolphin has also had sufficient Repairs to enable her to swim this Season.

13. We are very glad to find the Scheme We acquainted your Hon^r. &c^a. of in our last for expelling the Cannarees agrees so well with that you have laid down to us in your last Comm[ands] The Moors of Cannanore still continue to maintain their Posts and have engaged for the Signing the Secret articles mentioned in our last, namely to Join with the Countrey against their adversarys and endeavour to drive them over the River Nelleasaron, and then put the Prince in Possession of the Fortresses he demands. For the execution of this design the Prince and King of Cotata met here the 7th. ultimo, and the latter in the most solemn manner swore to go hand in hand with our Prince and to deposite with him three Hundred thousand fanams of the Money belonging to the Pagoda of Talliparambutt for the present, and furnish as much more as might be necessary, and that the Command of the forces in Generall should be given to the said Prince, and to guard against everything the King of Cotata promised to put a [Period] [to] the long Enmity subsisting between him and Boyanore, purely that the forces of his Countrey might Join in the action; Means have accordingly been used to bring about this accommodation, but is yet unfinished, and indeed when We reflect on the treacherous dispositions of these People, We cannot say their Performances are like to keep Way with their Promises; however We have kept under Cover as much as possible, and do yet carry it fair with the Canarees, proposing to continue the same agreeable to your Intimations, even should the Parties commence Hostilitys, but we cannot positively promise it will be in our power. On the 16th. July when the Countrey seemed eagerly bent on executing this Scheme we considered how very detrimentall it would be for many reasons, which we believe will occur to you to have the French take the opposite Side, in hopes therefore to draw them off we met Mess^{rs}. Tremisott and Louet at Moylan in order to sound if their Resolutions were not to accede to our Articles, which by their reserved manner, and their persisting in their last demand we found them bent on. Upon which we resolved on setting the matter before the Govern^r. and Councill of Madrass for their representing to the Gentlemen of Pondicherry the base treatment we had met with from their Servants at Myhie, Copy of our Letter under the 19th. July goes herewith, to which as Yet We have received no answer.

14. We find our Selves very much at a Loss how to account for the Proceedings of the King of Cottata after so many Assurances given us of his strict friendship for our Honble Masters which we imagined he would have behaved sincerely in at this time but towards the latter end of the last Month he began with the detaining of Two Moors Inhabitants of this place as they were returning hither with the produce of some Goods sold in his Country to the amount of three Hundred Rupees, and much the same time he attempted to plunder several Moors retired lately under his Protection from the Northern parts, which occasioned One hundred of them to fly hither for their Safety. We are told he has lately commit[ted] severall Robberies of the like Sort, and endeavoured to get to himself all the Riches of the

great Bazar of Cotata belonging to the Moors His abuse to us we complained of by Letter without being as yet redressed; He seems to intend us more mischief, having as We are informed put a stop to the Pepper coming to us from the River of Bengatt, declaring that he wants it for the French, who lately sent him three thousand Dollars and Seven thousand Rupees which with a Ballance of Eighteen thousand fanams due from [him] he promised to deliver them in Pepper, but at what price we are [not] certain. We presume his Scheme may be to gain to himself five or Six Rupees in a Candy. Temptation enough for him to monopolize all that he can of this Commodity, and should he persist in it may [be] of the worst Consequence to us. We are the more alarmed as this is consonant to a design the French sometime since had of agreeing with him for all the Pepper in his Countrey; We are at a Loss what Methods to take conceiving our expostulations will not outweigh th[at] Notion he has of his own Interest, but having proper opportunity while Mons^r. Tremisott was here the 8th. Instant, the Chief acquainted him how destructive this proceeding might in the end prove to the French Company, as well as how imprudent it was to engage with a man notorious for his Baseness. Mr. Tremisott declared his design had not been to detriment us, and if the King should abuse his Merchants, or take any other extraordinary Methods, he would have nothing more to do with him in future, nor did he intend any thing more than getting a small quantity of Pepper, which the King said he had of his own in order to expedite the Dispatch of their Ship Was our Prince disengaged from his troubles We might reasonably hope thro' his means to alter the Measures of the King of Cotata, but as matters at present stand, We have it not in our power to curb him; We have therefore only patiently to wait for a proper Season to divert his ill Intentions without engaging in Hostilities, which it cannot be our Interest to enter upon at this time.

15. The Cannarees notwithstanding all their attempts against the Moors since the Seige, find the reducing them exceeding difficult, and their army through so long a Fatigue is become so weary and turbulent, that Ragonatt is using all his endeavours to draw off without disobliging the Prince; By his Messenger to'ther day he proposed coming hither to consider with us how to satisfy said Prince, so as that with his permission the army may withdraw on the other side Billiapatam, and after securing such Posts as may guard their Conquests, disband their forces. We have diverted him from this Visit, representing to him it would be necessary to see and discourse the Prince first, who we very soon expect, We have thoughts of proposing to him either to join with the Country instantly agreeable to the Scheme, or if that may not promise thro' the Backwardness or private Views of his Confederates then to conclude the best terms he can with the Cannarees by assigning them certain fortified places, and engaging the payment of an annuall Tribute for the Country No^w ward of Billiapatam apprehending it will be in his power to conclude somewhat advantageously as the Cannarees are so exceedingly tired with the present undertaking. But our great fear is that the Dutch will strike in with him, as they seem bent on calling the Cannarees to account as we suppose for the Nonrestitution of the effects of their Ship drove ashore sometime since at Mangulore. That they are resolved thereon is pretty evident by the Commandore of Cochin's writing lately in the most Strenuous manner to Ragonatt for his desisting any farther Work on the Battery he is raising opposite to Codalay. His Refusal to which being signified to the Captain of Cannanore they instantly began a Cannonade from the Dutch Fort, which has been continued at times since the 26th. Ultimo, tho the Distance is too great to do any considerable Damage. On the 6th. Instant the Dutch Ensign, Factor, Linguist and four Soldiers, without having a Permission from the Heiress of Cannanore, went to Cadalay demanding Enterance, which being Refused them by those on Guard there, they seemed highly offended declaring the Place to be theirs. Notice of this being carried to said Heiress, She thought proper to order them admittance, and they after viewing the place well, and the Cannaree Camp, returned home. The Report is current that four Ships with a considerable Number of Forces are coming from Batavia to execute their Designs against the Cannarees, which tis said they have been prevailed on to order on the Representation of the late Second of Cochin sent last Year to the King of Canara; That Gentleman now

being a person in great authority, through his accession to the Government of Ceylone It has been an opinion long since entertained that the Dutch have a design on Codalay Fort a great Number of Stones lying by them for Security thereof, and probably they esteem this as a proper opportunity as the Moors are on the Decline, to make that attempt, supposing the Prince may soon be brought into their Measures, as through their assistance he may be in a Capacity of bringing them to Obedience, and getting Ridd of the Cannarees, so as in the end they may be Masters of Randoo Tarra lying to the S^o.ward of said Fort from whence we bring a good quantity of Pepper, and get footing again in Bassilore Façtory with greater Priviledges than heretofore granted them by the King of Canara. The Contrivance and strength of the Dutch with the severall Instances experienced by the English of their Encroachments alarms us much, as We are afraid our Prince would readily come into measures with them for obtaining the prementioned advantages, The Consequences whereof may prove of the utmost detriment to this Settlement, not from their want of Pepper, but in view of engrossing in time the whole Trade to themselves. It seems to us not inconsistent with their policy for them to begin with giving a large Price for what is procurable, and carrying on such a method for Years to come, which, and underselling us in Europe may hereafter tire us and the French, so as to induce us to relinquish our Settlements, and then Force and Bribery well applyed amongst these divided Powers may render them as much Masters of the Pepper Trade, as they are now of that to the S^o.ward. It may indeed be objected such an undertaking may prove very expensive, but the prospect of Success in the end has been in many Instances Motive enough for their attempting such like affairs. We should be glad this proves only a Surmise, however should it appear to us they are bent on getting Possession of Codalay, we think it will be proper for to hoist our att Agarr, and build there a small Warehouse for lodging our Pepper the Expence whereof cannot be much, and may properly serve for the securing our Pretensions to the Trade thereabouts, a Permission for which was given by the late President Phipps and Councill in a Letter under 13th. January 1726/7. We shall be glad however to have your Hon^{rs}. &c^a. Orders with all Speed, but if we find they cannot arrive in Time so as to prevent the Evill, We believe you will not disapprove of our using the above Liberty.

16. Your Hon^r. &c^a. will observe by the foregoing how uncertain things are. and as we do not know what turn they may take, We think it still proper that the Galley requested in our last Letter be sent us; for which if we should have no occasion we shall speedily return her; but we begg you will please to cause her to be supplied with a Sufficient Quantity of Salt Meat, Bread and Doll, such not being procurable here.

17. We forward this and its Duplicate by the two Pattamars sent us, by a small Boat to Goa recommended to the Vice Roy We should have dispatched them sooner, but they required some days Rest and apprehended they would get up near us soon this Way, as if they had been sent by Land, and we have been waiting in expectation that something would have been executed by the Countrey, so as you might have been advised thereof.

18. The Chief has paid into our Cash the Sum of Rupees two hundred and twenty two as the duty on seventy four Candys Pepper Laded on the Success and Robert at Cochin in February last, but as he remembers your Hon^r. &c^a. did represent the Ill Consequences that might attend the Levying the same on what Laden att that Port, to our Honble Masters, desires to know whether the above must remain in their Cash or be returned to the Proprietors of the prementioned Vessells.

19. The Plank recommended our providing for Gombroon Factory is preparing, and which We hope will be in a readiness in a short, but it was impossible for us to procure the Timber under twenty Callicutt fanams the Candy.

20. Isooph a Moor Merchant of good Credit belonging to Tannore made us an offer the 11th. Instant to furnsh us with about one hundred Candys Pepper to be ready in all January to be brought hither in his Boats under our Pass and Colours

demanding no more than One Rupee in a Candy for his trouble provided We would advance him the Money, and representing that he had been strongly solicited by the French Agents at Tannore to supply them with that quantity. We thought proper to accept this offer, and accordingly advanced him three thousand Rupees.

21. Since writing the above we are informed by the Princes Braminee who yesterday came to the Fort, that about five days since Ragonatt wrote a Letter of Complaint to his Master, setting forth the great fatigue, Expence and Hazard the King of Bednure[s] forces undergo in the Siege against the Moors, while the said Prince seems unconcerned, gives no assistance, and sits at his Ease in his Palace. The Prince answered this Letter with Justifying himself declaring that he had in all respects performed his Engagements with his Ally; That the trouble &c^a. attending the Reduction of Cannanore was voluntarily accepted by Ragounatt, finding said Princes own force not sufficient for that end. Soon after Ragounatt sent a Message to the Prince desiring to see him, but the latter excusing himself appointed this Braminee to a Conference with him, Where it was said, that the English under the appearance of Friendship were using their utmost Endeavours to prevent a Peace with the Moors, and the severall powers of the Countrey being brought to Obedience, for which Reason it would be very improper for the Prince to come hither. Ragounatt likewise gave him to understand, that he had learn't from many Intimations the Union of the King of Cotata and the Heads of Talliparambutt was only a pretence, and that the Prince was rather exciting them to take Arms in Conjunction with him for expelling their Army, that although he could not well believe it, yet he insisted a Period should be put to said Union one way or other in eight Days; that then provided things were not concluded in their favour, they were determined to leave a Body of Men in Blockade of Cannanore, and march the rest of their Army into the King of Cotatas Countrey, which they would put to Fire and Sword and compell him to accede to their terms. These Suspicions of the Cannarees may properly be attributed to the severall Consultations held from time to time between the Prince, King of Cotata, and Boyanore, and perhaps Intimations have not been wanting from the French, who we must believe earnestly desire the utter expulsion of the Prince, and Success of the Cannarees; for these ends they have endeavoured to introduce a Friendship between them and Boyanore promising to be a security to the latter, that whatsoever may happen to the rest of the Countrey, his Territories shall remain unmolested and exempt from Tribute. The like assurances without doubt have been given to Cunhi Nayro, who is in hopes through the means of the Cannarees to be repossess'd of all the Lands we have taken from him. These Commotions which seem to threaten, We hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will look upon as a new argument of the Necessity there is for a Gally to be sent us: For the present we have agreed to persuade the Prince to dissemble with Ragonatt, and Secretly quicken his Allies as much as possible, who seem to wait till the Peace negotiating between Boyanore and the King of Cotata is concluded. As such a Peace at this Juncture may confirm Ragonatt in his Suspicions, We shall endeavour to divert Boyanore from entering into it, by acquainting him that hitherto we have not employed our Endeavours for bringing about this Peace conceiving that while the King of Cotata has so large a foreign force in his Countrey, it might be inconsistent with his Reputation, and give the World an opportunity to say he was awed into it, which to a man of his haughty Temper We believe may be a good Step towards breaking it off, and together with some little perswasions may be sufficient to induce him to Join in the Scheme for dislodging the Cannarees.

22. These Turns and Changes gives us no little Concern having it not our power, as so many are to be consulted to manage things with that Secrecy as they ought to be, and withall shews us the Necessity of keeping up our force against the worst that may happen. The Expence thereof and the high price of Pepper with the uncertainty of the Quantity, procurable next Season are great discouragements yet however such as all our Skill and Endeavours cannot provide against. We must either underhand contrive the Stop of the Cannarees or submit to the Terms as Conquerors they may be enclined to lay on us. To cultivate a firm friendship

with them will only prove the means of procuring their Success, and yet in the end should we even take that part assured We are they would have little regard to us while their Interest should direct them otherwise. These Reflections give us great Surprize at the French Management & who in all respects will prove a thorn to this Settlement and more and more so as they encrease their acquaintance with the Countrey.

23. We have given the Pattamars Twenty Rupees which they have required of us for their Charges. We are with great Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient and most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
SEPTEMBER 15TH. 1733.
VIA GOA.

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

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

As we were preparing to seal our Advices of this Date, a Letter from the Governour and Council at Pondicherry to the Chief, of which you have Copy, came to hand under Cover from Mons^r. Tremisott, signifying their having given directions to the Gentlemen at Mihie to execute our last Treaty with them in good faith, and according to the Letter without violating it in any manner; Your Hon^r. & C^a. have also Copy of the Chiefs Letter to Monsieur Le Noir forwarded the 20th. July with our Complaint to the President and Council at Madrass, whose Answer is not yet come.

We have some Satisfaction to find we may reasonably expect better Treatment in future from those of Mihie, at least we may imagine they will not dare openly to espouse the Interest of the Cannarees, We shall with the necessary expedition take such Measures as may be judged consistent for the Benefit of our affairs, and in particular to stop the present Negociation of the French with the King of Cotata for Pepper, by representing to them that Boyanore and other great men may from such an Example take the same method, and consequently render the breaking such measures very difficult.

Your Hon^r. & C^a. we make no doubt are truly sensible how necessary it is for the Good of this Settlement the Cannarees are removed, and which you have been pleased to give us Leave to endeavour the effecting, but our small force cannot contribute greatly to that end, nor are the French, even should they be sincere capable of affording much; However as we are not certain what Resolution may be taken, nor sure of the money first necessary for defraying the expence, We shall only repeat our Request for the Galley, and endeavour as soon as possible the advising you what We are able to effect.

We are with great Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRs

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LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACKET FOR BOMBAY DATED SEPTEMBER THE 15TH. 1733
VIA GOA VIZ^T.

Tellicherry Generall under said Date.
Ditto ... Ditto.
Duplicate of D^o. Dated June 26th. 1733 Via Madrass.
Copy of Ditto to the President & Council at Fort St. George dated July 19th. 1733.
Ditto the Chiefs Letter to the Governour of Pondicherry Ditto Ditto.
Ditto the Governour and Council of Pondicherry their answer to the above Letter
Dated September 6th. 1733 N.S.
Treasury account for August 1733.
Plan of Callicutt Factory.
Surgeons Indent for Medicines.
List of Seepoys here Dead and Deserted.
Ditto of the Bombay Detachment D^o.
List of the Packet.

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

GENTLEMEN,

This accompanys our Honble Masters Ship Princess of Wales, who arrived here the 23^d. at Night. We have Directions to lade on her with what she recieves from you, as much Pepper as will compleat one thousand Candys We desire therefore you will please to advise us on her Return the quantity you may have put on Board.

Enclosed you will receive a Commission for Mr. Thomas Mostyn, who repairs with his family on the Neptune Smack in order to take Charge of the Military at your Settlement in the Room of Lieutenant Gibbs, whom we desire you will cause to come hither, and dispatch the Vessell to us as soon as possible. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble servants

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 26TH. 1733.

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

TO CAPT. ROBERT MEAD
COMMANDER OF SHIP PRINCESS OF WALES.

SIR

The Treasure and Stores you brought for this Settlement from Bombay, being landed except four Slabs of Lead and thirty five round Shott; This is to order you Wind and Weather permitting to weigh Anchor, and make the best of your Way for Anjengo, following such directions as you shall receive from the Chief and Factors there till your return hither, the accompanying Letter please to deliver [to] them on your Arrivall.

We are

SIR

Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 26TH. 1733.

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

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

SIRS

This accompanys M^r. Thomas Mostyn in the Neptune Smack, whom We have Directions to send to you to Command your Military in the Room of Lieutenant William Gibbs who we understand is to repair hither. The formers Commission We shall send under Cover to you, Pr. Princess of Wales, who sails this night. We desire you will please to return the Smack as soon as you can.

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER THE 26TH. 1733.

We are
SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
STEPHEN LAW.
WILLIAM FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO CAPT. JOSIAH LEWIS
COMMANDER OF SHIP NEWCASTLE.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to send ashore in such Boats as shall be sent you, all the Treasure laden on Board you by the Honble President and Council of Bombay and consigned to this Settlement. We are

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER THE 20TH. 1733

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