English Records on Shivaji

Vol. II

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 20 July Sect. 3, p. 153

Herewith I send you Mr. Henry Oxendon's narrative of his proceedings at Rairee, from whence he has brought us the copies of articles signed. The merchants of Rajapore, Dabull and all the seaport towns, hearing the conclusion of this treaty have expressed their joy and eagerly desire our speedy settlement of factorys in that country, but those who formerly owed the Company money do fear they shall be called to account and therefore some of them, as it is said, do side with the French.

Whether it will be convenient to settle a factory at Rajapore immediately after the rains, or to deferr it untill another opportunity, the sooner we begin, the sooner we shall recover the Company's debts, and the money due from Sevagee, and also those perts, will the sooner be rendered commodious to the Company's trade......Our first appearance there, after so long absence, should be handsome and reputable.

(2)

F. R. Bombsy, Vol 1 CONSULTATION IN Dated 31 July 1674

EXTRACT)

Whereas Sevary Rajah having obliged himselfe by contract to pay 10000 Pagethas the Company upon account of the less of Rajapore, wheref \$500 Pagethas are to be deducted out of the customes and the remayning 750) Pagethas to be made good in goods at three payments in Rajapore; and whereas the condition of the contract is that the Company are to buy the value of 5000 Pagethas in goods of the growth of the country according to a price to be valued by fower honest and indifferent persons, for which glods the Company are to pay the one moyety to be discourted out of parts of the debt. And whereas also in

Sevagyes country there are no other goods procureable from him but pepper, coconutts, and beetlenutts, and which pepper is very dears and cannot be bought at the Company's price but to great loss, so that there remaines only coconutts and beetlenutts to be received on that account; and this being the time for buying and procureing the said comodityes, which if suspended and not bought in a convenient season were may be put of to another years. Whereupon the President and Councell, considering that the sooner that affaire be ended the better

ORDERED That Girderdas, the broker, doe send downe the contract between Sevagy and the Company to the Company's brokers servants Ranchore and Mungee, now at Rajapore, with a letter from the Governor to the Subedare of Rajapore, giving, the said brokers order and power to demaund and receive in the Companys name the payment of the first part either in coconutts or beetlenutts or both, to the end the time may not be lost and to demaund the said Subedares speedy answere that wee may governe ourselves accordingly.

(3)

F. R. Surat Vol. 87, p. 187 SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 1 August 1674

(S) Wee are thinkeing to send the Hoigh downe to you, the later end of this month with your Persian provitions and the remainder of your gardenseeds if wee are not necessitated to keep her here for the preservation of our goods, and for as Savagee a few days past hath sent an express to his bramin here, to demand, of the Governor 900,000 ruppes for the Chouty for 3 years past, or else threatens to vissitt him after the raines. So there is also a current report in towne that Sevagee hath ordered his fileet abroad to surprize the Judda and Mocho Jounks at the rivers mouth, which the kinsman of Mmundgee, who with 150 more Lascars of Gogo now in Savage's [?] hath promised to undertake about which the Governor sent to know if wee heard of it, into which affair we desire you to enquire and advise us speedily.

It is wrote hither from Orangabaud that Savajee had spoiled and distroyed Bawder Ckawnes Camp, and besides 200 brave horses collected for the King hath carryed away a crow [crore] of Rupees and burnt all his tents. Tis said he decoyed Bauder Ckawne and his army with 2000 horse who drawed him 20 or 30 Course from his camp while Sevajee sent 7000 horse another

way that did the feat; but this we cannot confirme untill wee have further advises.

Wee desire your advise in case Savajee should send forces against this place, either by land or sea, what confidence we may repose in the articles of peace lately made between you and him, or if you could procure his cole and send us, wither it would protect us and the Honble. Companys estate in their house.

The Councell receiving advices from their President at Bombay of date the 20 July, desiring their opinions about certaine affairs, the which having debated, they concluded as followeth......

The settlement of Rajapore factory now they have concluded Articles of Peace with Sevajee Rajah being propounded to us, whither to be done imediately after the raines, or deferrd untill another time, the Councell concluded to deferr it untill our Europe ships arrive, when wee may learne what orders the Honnble. Company may give, for their next years investsments may supply the said factory with such Europe goods as may vend there and although the sooner they settle there, the sooner they will recover that part of satisfaction which they have agreed for with Sevajee for depredations in said factory anno 1660, which wee suppose is to be made good out of the Customs there, yet considering the King of Vissapore [is] at present in warr with Sevajee, and whose Generall lyes with an army ready to fall downe on that towne and port, and stops all trade from the port, wee thinke to adventure an estate there at present will be insecure.

The narrative of Mr. Oxindens proceedings in Savajee Rajaes Court we are well satisfied with as to the signeing of the Articles of Peace and Commerce in his countrys. Wee have only further to desire to know the particular conditions of satisfactions Savajee is to give us for the [damage] at Rajapore which did preced the confermation of the Articles, and whereon in great measure (we suppose) depends the more speedy settlement of that Factory,

which otherwise for some considerations might yet be forborne awhile, as well in regard to the King of Vissapores forces who live upon the Hill and hinder at present all trade from or to the Port of Rajapore, as also to our present warr with the Dutch, our want of stock, &ca. But that you may not think us averse to its settlement, although wee cannot apprehend any great security there for an estate while an enimy lies hovering about it that may fall downe upon the towne at his pleasure, yet upon the hope of a sudden peace between the King of Vissiapore, and the Rajah (as Naranje [Niraji] Punditt acquainted Mr. Oxinden there was probability of) we consent that upon arrivall of our ships, when we see what orders the Honble. Company may give for an investment next year that factors be sent thither.

(S) F.R. Surat, Vol. CARWAR TO SURAT Dated 6 August 88. Fol. 189

Wee heareing of the news of the souldiers being cast away in Sevalees country and being seased upon by the Subedarr of Coodall did long agoe order the takeing care of them; wee heard by an acquaintance of of Velgys that in case of their liberty than gave out they intended for Carwarr which prooved see in deed.

Wee were afraid to write unto the Subedarr while they were prisoners fearing we might thereby increase his hopes in getting money for their releasement.

Wee shall with all speed send forward Your Honours letter unto the Subedarr per one of our House servants requireing his answer thereunto which when we have received shall further it to Your Honour etc.

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SURAT CONSULTATION { Dated 8 August 1674 (S) F.R. Surat, Vol. \ 3, Part IV, Fol. 33

Requests Bombay "to send a corporal and two files of souldiers to remayne with us here, in regard there is expectation of Sevagess forces coming to Surat."

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(S) F. R. Surat Vol. SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 12 August 87. Fol. 189

If you [? we] heare from you in answer to ours of the 1st current that that there will be no danger or feare of Savagee's forces coming against this Citty the next month wee shall continue our resolution to send downe the Hoigh with all the Persian Provitions.

F. R. Surat, Vol. 87 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 12 August 1674

The 6 current we give answer to yours of the 20 July. Wee are now replying to that addition you made the 23 ditto. And herein we advise with you as good and faithfull councellors whose imperfections you will bear with, if we err in our judgments, since you seriously command [sic? commend] the affaire to our consideration and advice. The rupees you have stampt with the Persian character we have received, which is the subject of our discourse, the impression on the side being Ingrese King Charles hath given us occation of scruple whether it may bring us or the Honble. Company into a Primunire, and we intreat your Honour to consult that clause of their letter of the 22 February 1670. where they give order about a mint and caution us that we make no stamps so much as resembling the Kings coynes, although you stampt not the Kings Armes, yet we think the impress of his name doth intile[? intitle] it to the Kings covne and not the Companys. If this our queary be frivo[lo]us and invaled. we hope your pardon....And yet suppose that were cleared, some greater title of Majestie should be used then Mearly Ingress King Charles; nor can we thinke this will sound well to our neighbouring nations, but may give them cause of light affections and discants upon it, as well in regard to the English words in the Persian character, which these people cannot understand as to the playness [plainness] of the Kings stile.

Now as to the current passing of this coyne in the countrys adjoyning without vattaw, we cannot suddainly and rationally conclude why this rupes should be more currant then the other of the English stamp, untill you have first made the proofe; and it may be, the ignorant people who cannot read may take them for other rupees of this Kings coyne, but the shroffs looke into the intrinsic vallue of the silver, and according to that, they will pass in other parts of Decan, where they are sold as bullion, and other forreign coynes are, and all carried to Vissapore for sale, although that King hath no silver coyne of his owne, and there we suppose turned either into plate or else brought back into the Kings territories by merchants that constantly trade to Vissapore. And thus they will pass at Carwarr, and not otherwise....

Thus we have given your Honour our opinions which we humbly submitt to your juditious construction.

The 9 current was brough[t] us yours by the Coharrs, with the garden seed, for which wee thank you. The Coharrs not being yet recovered in their feet wee cannot perswade them to returne untill 2 or 3 days more, when shall be sent you what they can carry of seeds, Marmalid, &ca. for your sick people, and if we heare from you in answer to ours of the 1st current that there will be no danger or feare of Savajees forces coming against this citty the next month, wee shall continue our revolution [sic,? resolution] to send downe the Hoigh with all the Persian provitions.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 15 August 1674

(EXTRACT)

Mora Punt, Sevagees Pershaw and Chief General of these parts, is near Cullean Bundy with an army of 8 or 10000 men. The Portugeeze have been much frightened, and it is said, he has demanded the tribute of Choutry from them, which has caused them to keep strict watch at Bacaim and prepare themselves for a war, but part of the army dispersing into Cullucannia [sic, Cullianniah] they are eased of their fears. It is very probable that Sevagee, having now made himself a sovereign Prince, will attempt some notable action on the score of honour, and doubtless he has some notable design in hand, for he is active in preparations for war, but we have no certain advice of his attempting Bawder Ckauns camp, nor do I give credit to any such thing, for they seem too great friends to quarrell one with another, and too wise and politic enemies to trust one another or be surprised. As to the report you have of Sevagees ordering his fleet to surprize the Mochoa Junks, I do not hear of any such thing, but it is certain Omagees kinsman with several other fugitives, are entertained in his service, and may probably put such things into his head and if he had ships or vessells able to undertake such a design, he is apt enough to attempt it, but his fleet consisting only of small grabbs and slight and inconsiderable boats, very ill fitted, and his men totally inexperienced to the sea, I cannot apprehend any such danger from them, but I understand the Soubidar of Cullean is building one large vessell, on what design I know not, besides, I hear, that he hath at Rajapore 4 or 5 three masted vessells which used to be employed in trade to Muscatt and other places, but I do not in the least hear that he make any preparation at sea for such a design, nor do I believe any of his vessells will stirr out for fear of the Siddys fleet, which are now preparing to go to sea, and will keep all these parts in great awe. If any such preparation had been made by Sevagee, I should have had notice thereof from our Vakeels, which are now at Rajapore, Dabull &c., places, but shall enquire further into this business and if any such thing be, advise you speedily thereof.

You will fiind by the articles of peace made with Sevagee, that he is not to meddle with, or disturb any of our factorys settled either in the King of India's, or Decans Dominions, and he has promised to give strict order to the Generalls of his army about it; so that in case he should send any army against Surat, I hope he will perform his promise unto us, but seeing neither he nor his people are to be trusted in cases of this nature, especially in plundering attempts. I desire and advise you to keep very strict watch and strong guard if you hear the approach of his army, and if you apprehend any necessary [sic] thereof, I will send you up the two frigates with men for your farther security, and in truth his warlike designs are so cunning and secretly designed and so suddainly put in execution, that it is necessary for you to stand always upon your guard.

I am glad you give encouragement to settle the factory at Rajapore with the first convenience, wherein your advise you give me, is acceptable and such as I have observed. There is some probability of peace betwirt Sevagee and the King of Viziapore, for it is both their interest to keep peace one with another, that they may the better deal with the Mogull, for neither of them are like to get anything by quarrelling. If any gain by it, it will be Sevagee by his plundering the country, for though the King would be too hard for Sevagee in the end, yet it is not his interest to destroy or weaken his forces.

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O. Correspondence, Vol.) BOMBAY TO THE Dated 20 August 35, No. 3990 COMPANY 1674

[EXTRACT]

Wee have concluded a firme (and wee hope a lasting) peace with Sevagee on such tearnes and articles as wee presume will not be displeasing unto you. It was managed by Mr. Henry

Oxinden, a narrative of whose proceedings shall attend you by your shipps, wherein if he hath merited your approbation it wilbe to his own honor and advantage.

Sevagee by [the] advice of his Braminyes hath made himselfe King or Sovereigne Prince of his owne dominions, and having raised a powerfull army hee seemes to feare noe enemy, but makes all his neighbors stand in dread of him, especially the Portuguese to whom he hath given frequent alarumes. [A portion of this extract is given in Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 3, p. 169 q. v.]

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO ENGLAND Dated 20 Aug. 1674

The Pattan subjects to the King of India have rebelled against him, and in a sett battle routed the King's army and killed the General, against whom the King himself is marched with a great army, but hitherto cannot reduce them to obedience.

The town of Chaul where the sitks were made, by an unhappy fire, is almost destroyed; above 3000 houses being burnt to the ground, many of the inhabitants whereof are come hither, and more would come daily, if we had houses for them, and it is computed that, between the month of March and June, there came no less than 6000 souls from several parts to this Island, which causeth provisions of all sorts to be very scarce; but this year we do expect a plentifull harvest, it hvaing pleased God to send very happy rains. A public granary would be very necessary and profitable to this island, but for want of stock, we cannot as yet think of its being hard put to it to find money to pay your general charges, which to our grief increase upon us by means of this warr, tho we are as good husbands as possibly we can be for you, considering the times and circumstances we act in.

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 3, p. 173 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 22 August 1674

Morah Punde [Moro Pandit], Sevagees Chief Minister on the main, hath treated with the President by several letters and messages for transporting of salt in our vessells to his countrys; in regard that he cannot do it with his own for fear of the Siddys fleet, who threatens to do much mischief, and to hinder all trade to his ports. The President has hitherto opposed and denied the said motion considering the present state of affairs, but his importunity is very great and impatient of denyall.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 3, p. 174 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 26 August 1674

This goes by Doctor Frier, who takes his passage on the French Pink, now bound for Surat, Mr. Gyffard having desired he might be sent up in hopes he may prove instrumental towards the curing his present distemper. By him, I have sent you the books of account of this Island.

(16)

F. R. Bombay, Vol. CONSULTATION IN Dated 26 August BOMBAY (EXTRACT)

The President having received advise from Sevagee that if wee admit the Sidyes fleets to tarry any longer in our port he will, notwithstanding the peace betwixt him and us, fall upon his enemy in our harbour and declare warr against us, inserting [sic? inferring] that wee shew more favour to the Sidy then to him, which being seriously considered

ORDERED That the Secretary and Captain Thomas Niccolls be imediately sent to the Sidy to give him notice of the message Sevagy sent the President, and to declare unto him that himselfe and fleete must leave this port, they having received provisions and accomodation all the raines, which being now over they may with safety goe to sea.

(17)
F. R. Surat, Vol. 87
pp. 196-197
SURAT TO BOMBAY
Dated 1 September
1674

(EXTRACT)

Wee yesterday duly debated in Councell, which Consultation being herewith sent, we humbly referr it to your Honours consideration, the which will pass for answer to your said letters. We only may signifie to you that haveing perused Savajee Rajahs orders to his Subedar of Rajapore concerning his Articles and the conditions made with him for trade in that his Port, we find them more recluse then we had though[t], and much short of the privilledge we enjoy in other parts, more especially in the King of Deccan....

To be denyed the carrying our goods up into the country for sale, but confined to sell them in port, is what we never expected, II-2

for twill be a great prejudice to our trade in Deccan and the carrying out our goods agains that will not sell there, having first paid the custome, is nothing of priviledg, for in other ports where we have trade, we may carry them out without paying any custome.

We have considered the motion you make of imploying the Companys shipping in salt freights into Savajee[s] country. We are informed that it doth prejudice shipping and causeth them to dammage what fine goods they afterwards carry...We are very unwilling that your two friggatts...should receive prejudice, but if you find it worth your adventure...you may employ the Mayboone, the Malabar Coaster...provided their stay be not long forth, for feare of the enimy.

(18)

F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 Ppp. 203-204 CARWAR TO SURAT Dated 2 September 1674

I thought good ... to acquaint you of affaires here ... which is that Sevajee is mightily insenced against this Ckaune Lord of this country, for haveing seased upon a very rich merchant of his living at Narsa, a towne of his 16 miles distant from Punda or thereabouts, in so much that these Governours hereabouts are in greate feare, prepareing boates to send to Punda with artillery, desiring us here to spare them some gunns and our balloone for their assistance against Sevajee. But I know better then comply hereunto, haveing a deniall pretending by report I have heard that your Honour hath settled a factory in Rajapore, for which reason I sent them answer that wee are merchants and ought not to concerne our selves in other affaires than what belonged unto us, and that wee doe not come here to fight, but to trade; and in case wee should doe any such thing our Factory would be destroyed there, as formerly it was. Neither doe I intend ever to medle with anybody that shall offer to come against these parts, knowing it is our masters interst; but they are such a parcell of rogues that they will not understand anything of reason that doth hinder their designes or selfe interest, replying that formerly wee could fight and assist a Braminy Governour [?], and now to denye their Lord in see small a business, as they count it, which doth mightily trouble them; but how to act otherwise I know not.

(19)

F. R. Bombay, Vol. CONSULTATION IN Dated 4 September 1, p. 83 (2d set) BOMBAY 1674

(EXTRACT)

The Governor and Councell having notice[d] that the Sidy had listed a considerable number of Portugueses and Tepasses, inhabitants of this Island, in his service in the warr against Sevagy in a private and secret way without giving the least notice thereof to the Governor[?], which being a thing not to be permitted and may justly give Sevagy offence and cause him to resent it ill, whereupon it was agreed on and

ORDERED That a generall order be made and published strictly forbidding any person whatsoever to pass off from the Island without leave from the Governor, and that the Chiefe of the Pove be sent for and acquainted that if any person inhabitant of this Island shall enterteine himselfe in the Sidyes service [he] shalbe severely punished and all his estate confiscated to the Honble. Company.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88, p. 227 FORT ST. GEORGE TO SURAT $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text{Dated 7 Sept.} \\ 1674 \end{array}\right\}$

[EXTRACT]

The above confirme with yours 26th May, in answer whereto haveing first congratulated that eminent service you have done our Honble. employers in settling soe faire a correspondence with Sevajee, restitution for the damage of Rojapore agreed, and so seasonable overtures for advantages both in traffique and neighbourhood now that the establishment of his conquests renders him no less concerned for the encouragement of trade then he was formerly for plunder. Your restraining of the Mogulis fleete from hostilities in your quarters, being no doubt a greatfull service, and endearement to him in this conjuncture, which with the concourse of people and trade to your Island under the shelter of so just an administrator are instances of soe great merritt as cannot faile of our Honoble. Employers highest esteeme and acceptance, the which our affectionate desires are content to wish may ever equall your deserts.

(21)

F. R. Bombay, Vol. CONSULTATION IN Dated 8 September 1674

(EXTRACT)

ORDERED That for the better security of the hoygh from the Mallabar pirates in her passage up to Suratt that a Corporall and two files of souldiers be sent on her to remaine after their arrivall at Suratt, in regard there is expectation of Sevagy's forces coming to those parts.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO CAPT. J. Dated 10 September sect. 3, p. 184 STAFFORD 1674

(EXTRACT)

Mr. Loyd our Minister, and Mr. Oxendon and Dr. Fryer have desired to take their passage for Suratt on your ship, whom we recommend to your courteous usage.

(23)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 3, pp. 186-188 BOMBAY TO SURAT [Dated 15 Sept. 1674

The observation you have made touching the clause in our agreement with Sevagee, wherein he expects we should sell our goods in port, and denies us the privilege of carrying them up the countries for sale, is the same which we also took notice of, but we did not esteem it the Company's interest to desire or break of [sic? off] the conclusion of peace with him on that score, for we do not doubt, when the factory of Rajapore is well settled, to procure that and other good priviledges from him, he seeming to comply with us in all our reasonable and just demands touching trade.

The Mayboone, Revenge and Hunter are now lading with salt, bound for Dabull, which we are informed will not at all damage the ships; in regard they are well denged [sic] with matts and kajanns, the freight will not be great, because the vessells are not capable of carrying so much as expected, but we hope it will well bear the charge and keep the ships and men employed and oblige our neighbour Sevagee to favour the Company's affairs the more, as being a particular kindness to him, and Dabul being so near, we apprehend little danger of loss of time, for the ships will be ready for any employment, which shall be proposed for them.

Appointed Mr. George Robinson as third of Rajapore factory.
Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Oxendon and Dr. Fryer do now take their
passage on the Faulcon.

(24)

F. R. Bombay, Vol. Consultation at Sept. 1, pp. 93-94 SURAT 1674

(EXTRACT)

Girderdas, the Compay's broker having advise of some goods, as cotton yarne, dungarees, and salt petre for the garrison of Bombay, to the amount of Rs. 10,000 gott ready for the Company at Raybagg and other places up country, this day made a proposall to the President and Councell that, seeing a quantity of goods is already provided in those partes, where two severall armyes are neer and that the two brokers at Raybagg, Ranchoredas and Mungee Dowgee will not adventure the goods downe, but at the Companyes hazard, and considering that the Company doe alwayes runn the risigo [? risk] at Carwarr and other factoryes bringing their goods to Port.

Ordered that the goods be brought downe from Raybagg and the other partes where provided at the Companyes hazard to the Port of Rajapore, and that for the better security in conveying said goods through the armyes, the said Ranchore and Mungee Dowgee are ordered to procure Firmauns from the King of Vizapore and Bullooll Cawn that none of their souldiers or people molest or hinder the caphalas with goods belonging to the English, but to lett them pass securely through their territory to the English factory at Rajapore.

F. R. Surat, Vol. 87, p. 204 SURAT TO BOMBAY (EXTRACT)

Dated 16 Sept. 1674

The towne is agains strongly allarm'd and some of the gates shutt up. The Governor demands 10000 Rups. from the rich merchants of the towne for defence of the place. They mett together and drew up a Rooka [Rokhā] to present to the Governour, of which they have not yet his answer.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. CONSULTATION IN Dated 16 Sept. 1, p. 92 (2d set) BOMBAY (EXTRACT)

ORDERED That one Englishman in company with Naransinay be sent up to the Governor of Ganeer [Junnar] to procure his pass for the safe conveying our English manufactures through the Mogulls army, and also that they procure another pass for the safe conveying of said goods through Sevagees army from Ganeer to Cullean-Bundy, and that they be sent up thither with all possible speed.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO MR. { Dated 22 Sept. > WARD | 1674

(EXTRACT)

Mr. John Child who is appointed Chief for the settlement of the factory of Rajapore being at present detained here, on some weighty affairs, we have thought good to send you Mr. Charles Ward and Mr. George Robinson to the said port of Rajapore, with a stock in treasure, and some goods, that you may the better prepare, and get things in readiness against Mr. Childs arrival and to the end that the fame of the English coming thither may invite the merchants from Raybagg, Collapore and other Mart towns in those parts to come down and bring their goods to port.

(28)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 25 Sept. SURAT 1574

(EXTRACT)

We have had some piques with the Siddy to get him out of Mazagon bay and with much ado have persuaded him to get his vessells out, and in 4 days more he has promised to leave this place. We expect frequent trouble from him, but we must bear it so well as we can for your sakes, (we judge there is little fear of Sevagees disturbing Suratt at present, for we understand that his forces are diverted more southerly against Deccan and the Castle of Pundah, upon the occasion of s [sic] quarrell lately fallen out between him and Rustham Jemmahs son as you will perceive by the inclosed letter from Mr. Bandish) and not having not else at present, we remain.

(29)
F. R. Surat, Vol. 88, p. 217
SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 4 October 1674 (EXTRACT)

Bawder Ckaun hath lately sent orders that no provisions be permitted to be carried out hence or from Broach, saying that

Sevajee is supplied thereby. What wee heare more as to these and other affaires wee will write by an express.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 6 October SURAT 1674

These are in haste to advise that by letters received yesterday from an inteligent and credible person in Cullian, I am given to understand that Sevagee in person with a great army is come thither, but the design whither he is bound is kept very secrett. The discourse is either against Surat or Bauder Cawn. I hope rather the latter. This I dispeed by a mible [sic, nimble] fellow that if his army march your way, you may have a few days notice to prepare yourself, and as soon as I have certain knowledge of his design I shall immediately communicate it unto you. The experience you have had of such alarms as these will, I hope, make them less troublesome unto you.

(31)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO Sect. 3, p. 207 SURAT Dated 10 October 1674

Sevagee himself in person was of late with a great army at Cullean Bundy, but went presently from thence, leaving part of his army there, and is expected again very suddainly; what his design is, cannot yet be learnt, being kept so close and private, but you may assure yourselves, when known, we shall advise you thereof per express.

(32)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 14 October 1674

(EXTRACT)

Bawder Ckauns embargo on provision and corn exported from Broach and other places is a trick of hate, more designed to ingratiate himself to the King than to hurt the enemy, and we presume they will be soon sensible of the prejudice the Kings subjects suffer thereby, and that the order will soon be recalled.

A few days past the President wrote you a letter advising that Sevagee was come down with a great army to Cullean, and that there was some apprehension of his design against Surat, since which the body of his army is marched up to the top of the hill, lying over against Bauder Ckawns army [Jenneah Gur], and Sevagee is gone in person to Polly, and it is said will follow the army very suddainly, and that he has provided a great quantity of pickaxes, mattocks and crows of iron and other instruments usefull for his plunder, but where his design lies, none can discover.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. THOMAS NICCOLLS & Wm. Dabull, 14 88, Fol. 218 MINCHIN TO BOMBAY Oct. 1674

(EXTRACT)

In persuance of Your orders at our arrivall in this port on the 24th of September wee delivered the Pullankeen to the Subedar who received it very kindly and promised us all kindnesse and expedition but wee found the Haveldar of Chepaloone to be very crosse to us who denyed us a measure for some time and told us it was not the custome to measure solt on board, but wee urging that it was a great distance betwixt the towne, and our ships there might be great imbezelments be by the way; so that at last wee procured a small measure from him which by our stilliards weighed of neatsalt 14=6\frac{3}{4} soe that the Revenge delivered tonns 84 and upwards and the Hunter upwards of 36 tonns and a halfe and haveing delivered our salt wee fell downe to Dabull and with Mulla Mahmud applied ourselves to the Subedar for money who hath promised it us 3 several days one after another, and yesterday night sent us word that Sevajee is on some action, and had present occation for money to pay part of his Army and that all his moneys was gon in paying them, soe that wee are unmo[o]red and weight for this mornings.

(34)

F. R. Surat, Vol. 87
p. 244

SURAT TO BOMBAY

(EXTRACT)

Dated 22 Oct.
1674

The towne is strongly allarmd by Sevajees forces near Ramnagarr. The people of Balsarr, Chickeley and Gundavee are fledd and the Banians here are packing away what they can doe privately. Wee heare that there are 3 or 4000 Bills [Bhills], a wilde people belonging to the Rajah of Ramnagurr that doe at present binder Sevajees forces passing the streigh[t] of Ramnagurr, to whome is proferred 100000 Rupees for passage.

Y (35)

(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. \ Dated 22 Oct. RAJAPORE TO SURAT 88, Part II, Fol. 3 ∫ (EXTRACT)

The cotton yearne was sent unsorted (but all of a price) occassioned by rumours of Sevajees Army approaching to Collipore.

(36)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 23 Oct. Sect. 3, p. 214 (EXTRACT)

It is certain Sevagee is gone out with a great army, but whether gone, or where his design lies, none can tell: so soon as we can learn, we shall by express advise you thereof. We remember not else at present, but remain.

(37)F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 $\left.\begin{array}{c} \text{RAJAPORE TO SURAT} \end{array}\right\}$ (EXTRACT)

(S) I should be wanting at Rajapore to waite the coming of Aimajee Punditt to gett his orders to the Chouckes not to stop our goods coming downe he haveing already gott a pass from Covas Ckaun and Ballcall [Bahalol] caun and the Governors of the townes belonging to the king; that I found no great necessity for my proceeding but soe returned with him.

The 17th Sevajee ['Jenagee' in Sen] Punditt arrived to keepe his Dually [Divali] here and the 18th came to give us a visitt in our little cottage. We used our endeavours what wee could to gett our old house againe, which he now lives in, but will not yeald it unless wee send for the Articles between your Honour and Sevagee, and then he will not al?s tay one houre there. Amagee Punditt is expected dayly, and hope, he being at the makeing of the Articles, to find some helpe by him for the recovery of it.

(38)

F. R. Surat \ PRESIDENT AUNGIER TO THE Dated 25 Oct. Vol. 107, p. 1 ∫ COUNCIL AT SURAT

(EXTRACT)

As concerning Sevagee I have not further to advise since my last, he being certainly gone out with a great army on a designe H-3

keept very private, some say he is gone to Suttara Castle, a castle he tooke the last yeare, but nothing certaine. So soone as I can learne his intentions, I will advise you thereof with speed.

(S) Sevajees approach as farr as Billgom [Belgaum] with his forces frightned all the merchants out of Hubelly in so much that as yet they are not returned.

As for news in these parts.... Abboe Ckaun Rustum Jemmah is departed for Visapore, being sent for by Cauos Ckaun, every one suspecting that this country will be given to another. There reason is that before his departure he robbed all persons he could lay hands of that was worth anything, sending first for some whom he knew to be monyed men, which when they came desired that they would lend him noe small summe of money, which they denying, he kept them in prison untill they were constrained to yeild to smaller conditions then at first. On a Sunday he came to give us a visitt on purpose, as wee heard afterwards, to borrow more money of us or elce to seise us as prisoners, but being jealous of his former actions and comeing at an unseasonable time, wee shutt our doores, telling him as he drew nigh, by one of our servants who went to meet him, that wee were goeing to Prayers. and soe craved his pardon. Likewise it was not our custome to receive visitts on that day, which when he heard, without seeming in the least to be displeased. Wee heare that at Vizapore the great Ckauns are at difference, the event of which time will discover.

The people of this towns were lately ready to fly upon a false alarme that Sevajees forces were approached as neere as Gundavee and had burnt the towne, but they came no neerer then 4 course on the other side Ramm[?n]agarr and believe their business was to put fresh provissions and men into his strong holds; they are now retired and these people at present at queit [quiet].

(41)

(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 SURAT TO Fol. 234 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 3 November 1674

Sevajees forces (as wee wrote in our last) being retired from Ramnagar, wee are in present in peace.

(42)

F. R. Bombay, Vol. 1 CONSULTATION IN BOMBAY 1674

(EXTRACT)

Sevagy Rajah having sent an Envoy to the President bringing with him an extraordinary kind letter from his Master, together with a small present consisting of five peeces of ordinary stuffs and a confirmation of the order for the payment of the money according to agreement at Rajapore and other priviledges which he hath granted to the Company in his country, and in a private message desiring to be supplyed from us with 50 great iron guns, from 40 to 60 hundredweight, which sort of gunns the Company have not at present any to sell except they spare him some of them mounted belonging to the Castle. Which request of his being duly considered, and in regard of the firme peace settled and established between the Honble. Company and him, and the friendship and kindness which he doth now express to their affaires in his country, it was

Ordered that Sevagy be supplyed from hence privately with tenn great gunns for the present, it seeming not consistant with the Company's concernes absolutely to deny him his request in the full, but to comply with his desire in parte, and if possible wee can to procure batty for the said gunns, in regard the President is sensible and doe foresee the great want thereof, which the Island will susteyne before the years comes about, by reason of the forbidding provisions to be brought from Broach to Bombay and those neighbouring partes; and also a prohibition which the Portuguese have published that no batty or rice be carryed from Salsett or any other parte of the Portuguall Dominion to Bombay; but in regard the President and Councell have a tender upon them for the selling any more gunns to Sevagy least the sale thereof being knowne to the Mogull should create any disturbance to the Companys affaires at Surat.

Ordered that the Deputy President and Counsell of Surat be advised of this affaire desiring them seriously to consider the

conveniency and inconveniency thereof, least the disposall of the gunns may any wayes prove dangerous to the Company's Settlement in Surat and to give us their opinions thereof that wee may proceed accordingly.

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(S) F.R. Surat, Vol. 107 FROM BOMBAY Duted 8 November Fol. 5-6 TO SURAT Duted 8 November 1674

(EXTRACT)

Wee are sorry to understand that disturbance that is att Surat by reason of the alarams given by Sevagy's army, the greatest ple [? part] whereof commanded by himselfe in person, gone up to the Goth [Ghats] towards Bander Kaun's Lascar and have given him a hot alaram but whether he intends to assault his camp or else make bravado and so passe to Surratt or some other place and where he designes to plunder wee cannot tell.

Wee have now to advise that Sevagee hath now here an envoy who hath brought an extraordinary kinde letter...[-etc. as in the last, number 421 of which wee are at present totally unfurnished except wee spare him what belongs to the ffort besides which he hath alsoe sent to deale with us for the two greate brass gunns which wee can sell to him for reasonable profit but wee have a tender upon us least the sale there of being knowne to the Mogull and [this] tis impossible to hide it may create some disturbance to the Companys affaires att Surratt for which reason wee have suspended o[u]r answere at [?pre-]sent to both these proposalls untill wee hears from you wherefore wee desire you seriously to advise the conveniency and inconveniency of this affaire it will certainly be very good for the Company to ease their large dead stock here by the sale of some of the gunns and especially the two great brass gunns which lye heavy upon us. But if the disposall thereof may any wayes prove dangerous to the peace of your settlement in Surratt you being the best judges pray let us know your opinion that wee may proceed accordingly.

Bombay the 8th November 1674. Your very affectionate ffriends Gerald Aungier, John Childes, James Adams, Stephen Ustick, Rajnald Laugford (44)

By a letter of the 2d [?8] current from our President and his Councell in Bombay wee are advised that Sevajee hath an envoy there, who sollicites the President to spare him for his masters use 50 great iron ordnance, from 40 to 60 cwt. a piece, and more over desires the 2 brass guns that came out the last year; which, being an affaire that may interfere with the Company's affairs in this place and other of the King's dominions, they have thought fitt to advise with us therein; which we having duly debated wee have concluded to lett our friends there know that such an action would incense this King, their being letters wrote up to Court against the French for furnishing him lately with amunition, and they are not a little disgusted that Sevajee hath bin furnished with provitions from our Island of Bombay, much more would they be concerned upon our accomodating their enemys with ammunition, and our friends at Bombay doe declare it is impossible to hide such a thing from their knowledge. Moreover wee doe know that the fort hath no such quantitys of large guns to spare, their not being above 13 iron ordnance from 40 to 50 cwt, when it is requisite there should be a greater quantity, and for the 2 brass guns, although they be a great charge of dead stock yet they are see absolutely necessary for the defence of the place, having so great a command into the sea, that wee should greive to part with them to Sevajee, or any other, although it may give no offence.

Yours of the 2d [?] current was received yesterday, and thanks be to God wee have lived free from the allarm of Sevajee, there being here noe news at present where his forces are, so shall not desire any more of your souldiers from the Island.....

Your proposall to us about accommodating the desire of Sevajee in furnishing him with 50 great ordinance from 40 to 60 C, weight and the 2 great brass gunns that came out the last years were have debated, and doe find that see publique an action as that would be must needs provoke this King, who being

already made sensible by his ministers Bauder Ckaun and others, as we h-[e]are, that his enemy is furnished with provision from our Island, might be incensed to ruine our trade in his dominions should wee assist him with such ammunition and what the French have lately done of this nature the Governor hath wrote up to the King; nor indeed have you such store of gunns of that weight as to spare any without prejudice to the castle, for you have not wee thinks above which were brought out in the Berkly Castle from 40 to 48 cwt. and wee could wish you had as many more such. And for the brass gunns, wee heare from divers of the Commanders &ca. they are of such use and service by the command they have into the sea, besides the repute they give to the place, that although they are a charge, yet we should blush to thinke, that either Sevajee or any others should be master of them

(46)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO Dated 14 Nov. Sect. 3, p. 219 MADRAS 1674

.....In June last the old difference betwixt the Hon. Company and Sevagee concerning his plundering of Rajapore was decided and wholly made up, and a firm (and we hope lasting) peace concluded on such terms and articles as will in time tend much to the advantage of the Hon. Company and honour of the English nation.

Dutch and French have been so much affronted and disgusted by the present Governor, that they have thoughts of quitting the place. The Dutch are resolved to have satisfaction for the injuries he has done them and have some of them left the factories, keeping the sea in their hoyes in expectation of their ships from Persia, when they intend to demand satisfaction; ...but for [certain the Governor of Surat has utterly ruined the famous trade of that port, that in few years its name and repute will die, except some suddain remedy be applied.

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(S) F. R. Surat Vol. 107, Fol. 15 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 23 November 1674-(9 ber)

As concerning the great gunns which Savagee see earnestly desires of wee observe what you write thereon but cannot att present give you our sense untill the affaires be againe debated and considered of here in Counsell.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 PAJAPORE TO SURAT Dated 30 Novem.
(EXTRACT)

Amagee [Annajee] Punditt arrived here some days past, but made his stay very short, his occations calling him to a place called Killnarr [Khelna], some twelve course hence, but doth intend to returne speedily. Wee used our endeavours in the time of his aboade here for the howse, but could worke nothing upon him, he telling us the house was included in the 10,000 pagodas Sevagee gave, nor will he give us ground convenient for the building one on, but a place soe incommodious occasioned by the shallowness of water that our boates cannot come within a quarter of a mile loaden, but must be forced to unlade and to be carryed on coolys, which wee are very sensible will be off great charge to the Honble. Company, considering how dear they are here in this place.

Wee have at present runn up a small habitation by the river side, against it pleases God Mr. Child arrives, for whom wee heartyly wish.

(49)

F. R. Surat Vol. 107, p. 30 THE FACTORS AT DUNGOM Dated 10 Dec. Vol. 107, p. 30 TO THE COUNCIL AT SURAT 1674

The news of Sevajees forces continues still bordering uppon these parts, and hath lately cutt of 3 or 400 men from [? by] a Rajah who would have opposed him, the rest flying to Orungabad for refuge [See No. 55 infra].

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(D) O. C. 4051 BOMBAY TO EAST INDIA CO. { Dated 16 Dec. 1674

Wee observe your animadvertion touching our Treaty with the Vice Roy of Goa, and shall governe ourselves accordingly. As to the passages of Tannah and Carrinjah wee doe still insist on your right, that of Carinjah is at preset in a manner free unto us. As to that of Tannah during the war with the Dutch wee thought it prudence to wave all occasions of passing that way, that wee might not exasperate Portuguese who were apt enough of themselves to favour and assist the Dutch against us; and besides so long as the warr continued between the King of India and Sevagee that pass wil be of little use to your Island, in

regard the townes on the Maine bordering thereon, Cullean Bundy &c are as it were blocked up, and obstructed from all trade by means of the Mogulls and Sevagee's armies, always encamped thereabouts, but when wee see a convenient opportunity and that it may be your advantage to prosecute this affaire wee shall doe it home and to purpose, and yet be careful not to involve you in any open breach with the Portugguese, for in truth wee love peace and declare it to be your best policy to keep amity with all our neighbours especially till we are better settled then now wee are. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, sect. 4, p. 6 and Collection of Papers.... Bombay Govt. Vol. 6 p. 83]

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(S) F. R. Surat Vol. 107, Fol. 43 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 23 December 1674

Bombay pice were current in Shivaji's land—"there is coming in the Golden fleece and Rainbow 1500 Chests of copper more which we have thoughts of takeing most part of it on shore here for the mint, for our pice doe not onely pass arrt. [current?] in Sevagees country, but in all the Portugall country.

(52)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 30 Dec. Sect. 4, pp. 29, 32 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 30 Dec.

In a former letter, we desire that the Maybloom might be sent down to carry Mr. Child to Rajapore, but understanding she is already lading for Persia and therefore cannot be spared, it was resolved that the Revenge unlade here her pepper, and afterwards that she be sent to Rajapore, with Mr. Child, in regard it is exceeding!ly] necessary and consistent with the Company's affairs, that the factory may be settled so soon as may be, for we hope to be supplied with good quantities of cotton yarn and other goods against the ensuing year, besides till Mr. Child goes down the articles of peace concluded with Sevagee, cannot be accomplished, whereby we shall loose one years pay and as to the pepper brought by the Revenge and Mallabar vessells, we hope the ships when they came, will be able to carry it up themselves.

The Portugal Vice Admiral is come into this port, bound to Trombay with his flag aloft, which he did not strike, whereupon I ordered a shott to be sent across his forefoot, which brought him to an anchor, but yet he continues his flag aloft.

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O. Correspondence Vol. 35, No. 4056 INSTRUCTIONS TO Dated 4 Jan. RICHARD ADAMS 1674'5

(EXTRACT)

Mr. Richard Adames,

During the Honourable Company's settlement on this Island the various circumstances which have occurred in their affaires. together with the continued warrs and disturbances betwixt the great Mogull and Savagee and between Savagee and us. have hindered us from making inspections by way of trade into the neighbouring partes, whereof att present wee are in a manner totally ignorant of, butt now an appearance of a betterr accompdation (in regard of our peace with Savagee) presenting itselfe. wee have thought good to enter on a diligent search and inspection into the neighbouring partes on the Maine, in order to the establishing a hopefull and advantageous commerce on this Island; and knowing your genius apt and well quallifyed for this emploiment wee have made choice of you as a person in whose ingenuity and ability wee have good confidence to travaile into those parts and to bring us an account of your observations. These are therefore to require you, having prepared yourselfe with all things necessary, to take your passage in the Company's sloope for the towne of Cullean Bundy which lyes in part of Sevagees countrey. where the first thing you are to do is to present unto the Governor of thatt place the President's letterr herewith delivered you, and after you have waited on him you are then to take your passage by land for the citty of Junear Junear which is about 3 dayes journey distant from Cullean Bundy, where you being arrived you are likewise to present the President's letterr unto the Nabob or Governor of that place, and to take these following observations. Then follow very detailed instructions worded exactly as in No. 349, dated 1 May 1673].... What else you think fitting to take notice of wee referr unto you and remaine.

Bombay,

4 January 1674/5

Your loving friends

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 | BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 5 Jan. 1675 | EXTRACT }

[Beginning omitted] I will now add this, that the Admiral came into the road and struck his flag, and saluted our Kings, and we shewed the same respect to the King of Portugalls flagg, so

that by this means the friendship between us is preserved and a good understanding kept up between us.

M (55)

O. Correspondence Vol. 35, No. 4062

SURAT TO THE Dated Swally Marine COMPANY 9 & 11 Jan. 1674/75

(EXTRACT)

On the 12th October wee made our humble addresses unto your Honnors per ship *Welcome* to Persia, transcripts whereof you will receive in our severall pacquets.

Wee were then and many days after hotly allarm'd by Sevaices forces, but the Bills, a people inhabiting the woods about Ramnagur, 50 miles hence, would not give him passage this way, that his army diverted their course toward Orangabaud, neer which citty they have plundered severall townes and were mett with by a party of the Kings forces commanded by cuttaff [Kutub] Ckawne, for which Sevajees forces were too hard, and routed them killing 300 or more on the place. His severall inroades into the King of Vizapores countrey hath greatly prejudiced your affaires in your factorys of Carwarr and Hubely, about which latter market towne all your dungarees are made, and the weavers imprested moneys aforehand, who, upon the rumour of Sevajees approaching that way, fledd with about 3000 Pagodoes (though since returnd), so that the investment ceasing some considerable time, wee have received no more then 8883 peices of cloth of 50000 wee bespoke and expected from thence.

(56)
F. R. Surat. Vol. 88 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 20 Jan.
p. 13
(EXTRACT)

Mr. Samuell Austen and Thomas Haggerston are returned to us, their factory at Dungom being destroyed by Sevagees forces the 1st of this month; our warehouse, with what goods therein, the Generall ordered to be burnt, notwithstanding they declared themselves English, that wee had peace with Sevajee and had setled a factory in Rajapore; which some of his principall officers about him did affirme and would have perswaded the Generall to forbear what he did and let our people goe, but could not prevaile. At length after they had carried them 30 or 40 course with them, dismissed them haveing taken away all they had and Chabuckt = whippedl one of them because he had noe more. Wee feare the

Honble. Company have lost in cloth in the warehouse and in the weavers houses and monyes imprested them about 10000 Rupees, an account of which wee shall endeavour carefully to collect, with the factors losses, and send you soe soon as we can have it punctuall from the brokers at Dungom; that satisfaction may be required and a greater security for our trade, or our peace with Sevajee will be only a baite to take the Company's estate by parcells where ever his people by their inroades shall find it; more especially tis requisite that you procure his coles for our brokers and English factors in all places where our investments are made. Wee have ordered Mr. Austen and the other to give their particular relations of the businesse, for they were not togather when taken.

Sevagee is entering into a treaty of peace with the Moguf and some think will take effect; and we wish it may, for then the countrys on the main, will be open to the trade of Bombay.

(58)

F. R. Bombay | BOMBAY TO JOHN CHILD, | Dated 26 January Vol. 7, pp. 66-67 | BOUND TO RAJAPORE | 1674/5

(EXTRACT)

Wee herewith deliver you the original Articles and our Agreement with Sevagy and desire you to see that they are there punctually performed. Particularly wee recommend to you the receiving what the said Sevagy Rajah is bound by the Articles to make good to the Company and our nation for our loss sustained at Rajapore, the first payment whereof ought to have bin made good before now, but by your absence it hath been deferred. Wherefore you are now to press for a more speedy complyance, which wee pray you to enter upon most effectually. Give us a speedy account of your success therein that wee may govern ourselves accordingly.

Wee are exceedingly desirous that you might have the old English House for your habitation, for which wee have endeavoured to procure a positive order, but by means of the Rajahs absence and other obstacles, it could not hitherto be effected, but wee hope on your arrivall, by vertue of the Presidents letter to

Amagee Punditt and Subsdare that you will doe much therein and either procure the same house, or another stone or brick house convenient, till you can build one for your selves in such a place and in such a manner as shall be consistent with the security of our Honble. Masters interest.

(59)

Original Correspondence BOMBAY Dated 5 February Vol. 34, No. 3906 CCURRENCES I674/5

(EXTRACT)

Wee are advised from the Deputy President and Counsell of Surratt that Dillect Chaun, one of the greate Mogulls Generalls, hath lately received a rout by Sevagee and lost 1000 of his Pattans, and Sevagee about 5 or 600 of his men. The warr betweene the King of Vizapore and Sevagee still continues but not vigorously carried on, the great Umbrawes who are neither friends to the King nor enemys to Sevagee keeping it on foote out of policy and selfe interest.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 PAJAPORE TO BOMBAY Dated 6 February 1674/5

(EXTRACT)

It pleased God to arrive us on the ship Maytree in Rojapare Road the 20th past month in the evening about 5 of the clock soe that wee were not 48 howers in our passage hither from Bombay Imediately after our arival wee dispatched Thomas Michell in a boate with advice to Mr. Ward, whose company wee had the next day, when haveing well considered all things, it was thought fit to send the broker with the Presidents letter to Annagee Punditt and the Subedar, giveing them notice of our arrivall and that the want of a convenient house was the only cause that John Child was not the bearer himselfe. The 31st passed month the broker returned with a letter from the Subedar wrote by Annagees order wherin desired our coming on shore, and that himselfe with the other officers and merchants of the towne would come to meet us. and Annagee sent this message, that he would afford us the best accomodation in towns, but if proved not to content, chuse what place wee pleased, in 3 months he would take care a house according to our desires and liking should be built; this proffer wee thought good to accept, for the following reasons; first, in respect to your orders to Jno. Child on this businesse, wherin you write

you hope the President's letter to Annagee and the Subedar would either produce our ould house or some other stone or brick house; next, in respect the distance between the towns and the ship [was] about 25 miles, soo that it was alwaies 24, nay 30 howers before could receive any answer, and the monzoone being far spent, a day was of vallue in respect to your orders concerning getting a freight for the Maytree. Next, in respect what happened upon Mr. Ward being earnest for our ould house, Annagee tould him that he should not have it, and that he did not care whither wee staid here or noe, if wee did not, his Master would save 10000 pagodas by itt, and further will have it that the house was allowed for in that summe graunted us by his Master towards satisfaction for our losses. This aversenesse of his was one maine reason, for he is not only one of Sevajees great favourites but Governour in cheif of all Cunconn, soe that wee cannot settle in any place but its under his jurisdiction, and such is his power that noe Governor can doe any thing without his leave, wherfore wee hold it prudence not in the least to disoblige him, but by all meanes endeavour to make him our friend; and lastly, in respect its reported for a certaine that Sevagee himselfe will be here within 1[5] or 20 dayes. By that time wee may receive your answer to this, when. if you thinke fitt wee demaund it, wee may better from him hope to procure our ould house. Your order therfore concerning this particular wee humbly desire, and that you may be fully informed in this matter, wee beg leave to advise your Honour that the house Mr. Revington built is small, occasioned by reason of another adjoyning to it, which then was in the English's possession, for which was paid monthly 100 Larrees. In this latter the Subsdar lives, which Annajee possitively denyes us as not our owne. The other is made a place where publique greivances are heard and all their regeltrys [sic? registers] kept. This, he sent me word on board by the Broker, should bee delivered if wee were resolved to have it; but indeed alone it will not serve our turnes and wee cannot enlarge it, being noe roome, but that would not be wanting, for had wee possession of this, wee are apt to believe the other would soon fall to us; but then wee shall highly disobleige the Hindues and Mores, for the latter have their church close adjoyning to itt and all persons in the towne of any quallity of the former live close round about it who will be forced to remove if wee come there. Now all things being duly considered, wee are much inclined to accept of Annajees proffer, and if wee can find a fitt and convenient place to build, but then wee shall stand

much on being paid ready money for our ould house as cost, which, if my memory failes not, is about 800 pagodas, and doe believe shall effect it or that what house is built for us shall be at Sevajees charge, which wee are the rather of the two desirous of, because wee shall not be able to build a convenient house for lesse then 10000 Rupees, for that the French have built here cost about Rupees 15000 and yet not fully finished. Now although wee cannot expect that Annagee will performe this promise in building of a convenient house in three monthes yett he will be able by his power, if willing to effect it in a short time, and wee doe thinke it the least evill to make the best shift we can for the present, then by striving for our ould house create abundance of enimies and at last possibly never have it; which will be the greatest evill of all, for Sevagee himselfe is a Hindue; therfore, if wee can have our desire complyed with, wee shall accept of Annagees proffer, and if it happens before your answer to these arrives to our handes will hope to renew your leaves, and if suites not with your Honours judgement humbly beg your pardon and a favorable construction of us, that to the best of our understanding in this wee acted to the honour of our nation and our master's interest.

Wee have already acquainted you the 31st January our broker returned to us with the Subedars letter and a message from Annajee. which being taken into consideration it was resolved the answer should be wrote to the Subedars letter and a letter to Annajee in answer to his message, and that on Teusday, God willing, wee should land at the place appointed for our reception. Being 2d instant early in the morning wee left the ship and about 10 a clock wee found most of the merchants of Rojapore arrived in a pleasant place about 6 miles short of the towne. After wee had bin there a short time come Jevajee Pundit [cf 'Jenajee' in No. 37] the Subedar and the Generall of Sevajees sea forces Dolatt Cann, with them most of the officers of Raispore and a great number of souldiers. Wee continued here about one hower, being entertained according to their customes with trumpetts, drums, pipes, &ca. and dancing women, and then set forth for Rojapore by land, being in company about 500 men, the way soe bad that wee made it neere sunset before arrived at the towne. At entering it the shore and vessells welcomed us with discharging many great gunns, and our number increased to at least 3000 men. Wee were conducted to the house appointed for us, which although the best in towns except that of Annajees and the Subedars and French, yett not

big enough for us, and more, its far from the water side, but however its a strong built stone house, and soe conveniently built that itt will secure any goods very well, and a larger quantity then wee shall have to put into it. Here the Subedar, the Generall, &ca. took their leaves and imediately Annaice sent to desire our company, but being night wee desired to be excused, but indeed cheifly because he had promised to come out [of] his house to meet us but performed it not; the fault he laid on the Subedar who brought us not the way he ordered, soe that he was unprovided to receive us according to his intentions. He hath bin much angry with the Subedar on this occasion and publiquely chid him very severely. Wee staid some small time and received the house, but [for] want of conveniency wee went to an accomodation built by Mr. Ward, very convenient in all respects. only feare of fire, being kedjans.

Wee had thus farr wrote the 2d instant when being informed of Annajees intentions suddenly to leave Rojapore, wee were all vesterday very busily imployed in getting read and well informing ourselves the contents of those articles delived by your Honour to John Child, in order to the furthering our businesse. for in his absence is nothing to be done here of the least moment: soe after wee had well understood all and especially such as wee had present occasion for, wee accepted his invitation and visited him yesterday in the evening. With him wee spent about 5 howers, and in all this time could hardly perswade him to come to our businesse; full he was of discourses and questions, talke he gave us enough of and in all things like a shufling Banian behaved himselfe. The first of businesse was concerning our house; it expresseth that the Englishes Becaurr [Vakhār] should be delivered them, and for that it may be ould and broken, what it shall want wee are to disburse the money and it to be deducted out of the customes. The meaning of this word Becaure your Honour well understands, although they will have it but for only the house wee built, yet it certainly means the other house wee hired likewise, and accordingly made demand, shewing Annaice the Articles, which he could not deny, but said that after it was signed they had discourse with Naransenwy about this particular and because they could not well deliver it, he demaunded 800 pagodas, but at length with him agreed that it should be included in the same of 10000 pagodas. This wee told him did not at all concerne us, and that wee did believe Narransenwy never had order to make any such agreement, but in fine he tould us that

he would not let us have our old accompdation but named to us 4 places, which were shewed us, all tolol far from the water side: but one of them hath only that inconvenience, otherwise very fitt and convenient in all respects and is not from the water side above a bowes shott. And further, if wee like neither of these, bid us chuse what place wee would, above is [his] owne house in the towne wee should have it, and in 2 monthes he would obleige himselfe to build us a house to our liking. Upon this wee desired to know who should be at the charge. He answered that it should be according to the Articles which he would faine have perswaded us to believe that what therein writ runne see that wee disbursting the money it should be allowed us out of the customes. But our opinion was contrary, for the Articles about our house says thus, that if the English Becaure wants repaire, what charge they should be at thereon should be allowed them out of the customes. This wee disputed with him at least an hower; at last he tooke John Child by the hand and gave it into the Subedars, declaring that what charge wee should be at in building should be deducted out of the customes. But with this wee could not rest satisfied; we therefore, to end all further discourses on this subject, said that what Annaice spoke was true. but wee desired for our satisfaction that he would give this under his hand, that should any dispute this hereafter it might be more plainly appear. See after a little pause he promised to comply with our desire, and in the morning would send us under his hand that whatever place wee should chuse to build on above his house wee should have, and that in 2 monthes after our speaking to he Subedar. &ca. it should be finished and the charge to be deducted out of the customes. Thus far in this have wee done: not let goe our ould dwelling, procured this paper from Annaice. whose copie is inclosed, and yett not at all oblige[d] ourselves to build, but waite your orders, which wee humbly beg may be sent us with all convenient speed. Haveing thus far done concerning a house, the next businesse reckoned was to endeavour the getting of the 2500 Pagodas which wee demanded as due. He demanded Sevajees order concerning this; whereupon wee shewed him the paper gave us to demand it by, which after [he] had perused he said it was good. Goods he had enough, the Subedar should deliver us to the amount 5000 Pagodas, when wee must pay him 2500, and this yearly for 3 yeares, and indeed soe Sevajees orders runne that was delivered us, however your Honour understood it. But wee shall not care for pressing this any further till have

your Honours orders, and indeed cannot doe it, for money your Honour knows wee have none, but our copper wee are encouraged to have a speedy sale for, att Rupees 20 per maund of 28 *li*.

The newes here is that some of Sevajees forces have bin att Callapore which redeemed it selfe from their fury by a present, giveing of 1500 pagodas. Thence they went to a place called Songam which gave them 500 pagodas and thence is gone a roving; these forces [are] about 3000 horse, commanded by Deatajee Punditt. Annajee Pundit this night or tomorrow morning intends to sett forward for Poundah, a strong castle seated betweene Hubily and Carwarr, with very great forces, which if he gaines, its reported that Sevajee will be soon master of Vizapore.

(S) Yesterday arrived at this port from Muscatt a vessell whose chiefest Ladinge is about 60 horses, wee had thus wrote yesterday and only staid in expectation of the premenconed paper from Annagee, he put of such messenger as wee sent him being our broker and chiefe peon Sheek Mamud till night when hee took his pallankeen they met him and demanded it he answered they should demand it of his scrivan with whome he had left it. perfitted and soe went his way for Faundah [Fondah] as is gave out, that coppie of that paper left for us is inclosed, by this you may see how affaires are here they valled by this neither Articles nor their owne words, that first he had an excuse for as s [sic] but for that latter wee all know to have failed in, and wee are ure he can have noe excuse for, for wee did not only give him all imaginable good words but to him &c a present to the amount of about 400 rupees. Wee humbly beg pardon for keeping them soe long as wee have, [if] any thing of moment happens shall send another express.

(61)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 6 February Sect. 4, p. 74 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 6 February 1675

We are sorry for the disaster at Dungon and the hard fate which has befell Mr. Austin and Mr. Haggerstone; less could not be expected from rogues bent and designed wholly on plunder.

Sevagee and we, in these parts, keep a fair understanding and good correspondence, and we question not but it will continue however we shall make full demand of the Company's and factors loss there of him and procure for the future it possibly we can, II-5

couls for the English factors and brokers in all places where our investments are made that none of his forces at any time molest them.

(62)

(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. RAJAPORE TO SURAT Dated 11 Feb. 107, Ffol. 69 (EXTRACT)

... Since which [writing to Bombay] have done nothing more than visited the Subedarr who is very importunate with us to build."

(63)

SURAT TO O. Correspondence Dated 13 February Vol. 35, No. 4077 THE COMPANY 1674/75 (EXTRACT)

Here hath of late bin a current report that the King hath made peace with Sevagee on certaine conditions of delivering up some castles to the King and sending his son into the Kings service, who was to give him the command of 5 or 6000 horse. and that the King had graunted Sevajee all the countrey on this side the river Bimra for his confines, which runs neer Orungabaud. Butt wee hear further that Sevaice demers and will not send his sonn to the Kings Gennerall untill hee hath better security. Wee should be very glad that this treaty take effect, that wee may live in peace after so many years continued troubles and fears for the securing your estates and our owne libertys but vet there is another rebell, or theife, more remote, Rajah Chumpnek. that hath of late robbd divers Caphilaes, going and coming from Agra Brampore way, which putts us to greater charges and customs in bringing downe your indice and other goods from Agra by the way of Ahmadavad, which wee have lately concluded on in regard of the great danger the other way.

(64)

F. R. Surat, Vol. RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY { Dated 17 Feb. 1674/5 88, pp. 21-22 (EXTRACT)

The Subedar is very importunate with us to build a house. promises very faire, but wee cannot as yet be asured to our satisfaction that it shall be allowed for by Sevajee; however, are in great hopes to effect it. Wee have had some dispute with him, the house ordered by Annajee for our accomodation being broke open, it was told us by his order. About this Mr. Ward and Mr. Michell was sent with a message to him; he pleaded ignorance, hath put the man in prison that made use of his name, and hath promised to meet John Child at our owne house and will in all thinges comply with our desires. This happened yesterday, when the Revenge arriving, wee made some good use of it and shall improve her soe speedy, leaving us to our most of advantage.

(65)

(S) F. R. Surat Vol. 107, Ffol. 63 BROACH TO SURAT { Dated 18 February 1674/5

Here is arrived Mr. Robinson in the Mallabar Coaster laden with salt for account the honourable Company by whom have received a letter from his honour and Councell to returne her laden with corne for the use of the island which we very much feare shall doe. This ffosedar having an order from his master Bhadour Chawn to let none be transported for fear of going into the Sevagee's country.

(66)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO MR. CHILD Dated 18 February Sect. 4, pp. 85-88 AT RAJAPORE 1675

(EXTRACT)

We are glad that they have expressed so honourable a regard to our Company and nation in giving the fair respect to your person, and though the Soubidar Amagee [Annaji] Pundit himself did not meet you, according to his promise, yet we cannot take it ill, for he must also have regard to the honour of his own master.

[Beginning omitted] Enter upon building such a house.

You have done well to make demands of Sevagees first payment of the 10000 Pags. We well understand how the articles run that we are to buy the value of 5000 pags. in goods and to pay 2500 pags. for it, and so successively for 3 years and we are glad to understand they are so ready to comply with thir bargain and so willingly offer their goods.

Iron and timber is so cheap at Rajapore. [Rest of sentence omitted]

And let us know the success of Sevagees design against Punda Castle and Vizapore, and what other news of moment doth occur.

[Begining and end omitted] The copy of the paper which Annajee Pundit left with you at his departure.

(67)

F. R. Bombay Vol. 2, pp. 33-4 CONSULTATION AT BOMBAY Dated 19 Feb. 1674/5

(EXTRACT)

The Deputy President and Councill of Surratt haveing advised us that part of Sevagees army have lately plundered and robbed the Honble. Company's factory at Dungom, and forced from their factors there all what they had, as well their owne estates as the Company's, and chaubucked one of them.

Ordered that a letter be imediately sent to Sevagee (with the attestations of Mr. Austen and Mr. Haggerston) to advise him of his souldiers plundering the English factory at Dongom, and their violence used against the Company's factors there and withall to demand full satisfaction of him for what lost by the Company and their factors, and to endeavour to procure, if possible wee can, his Cole that none of his souldiers shall at any time disturbe or robb any English factory in any part of the Mogulls dominions.

(68)

(S) F.R. Surat, Vol.107 BOMBAY TO SURAT $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text{Dated 20 February} \\ 1674/5 \end{array}\right\}$

Wee are now sending a letter to Sevagee together with coppy of Attestatione of Mr. Austen and Mr. Haggesston concerning his forces plundering Dangom wherein wee demand full satisfaction for the Company &ca. losses sustained there and hope to procure satisfaction for the same. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 4, p. 90]

(69)

F. R. Surat Vol. 88, p. 26 BROACH TO BOMBAY Dated 21 February 1674/5

Wee should willingly have complyed with your Honour &ca. desires in returning the vessell [the Malabar Conster] laden with corne, but this Fosedar had an expresse order from his Master Behadur Ckawn to let none be transported from his townes for feare of being carried into Sevajees countrey, therefore shall be forced to send her away empty.

(70)

F. R. Bombay Vol. 2, p. 34 Consultation in Bombay Edited 22 Feb. 1674/5

(EXTRACT)

Sevagee Rajah haveing sent to the President severall orders for the subedarr of Rojapore for his payment of the English the quarter part of the 10000 Pagothas according to agreement and touching a convenient house for the English at Rojapore, and also an order to Annage Punditt, Captain Generall of that country to shew favour to the English that shall reside there.

Ordered that the said orders be imediately sent downs to Mr. Child &ca. at Rajapore to be delivered to the Subedarr there, that they may receive the said quarter part and be furnished with a convenient house.

(71)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO MR. Dated 24 February Sect. 4, p. 91 CHILD AT RAJAPORE 1675

(EXTRACT)

Our last unto you was of the 18th current in answer to yours of the 6th do., since which the President has received some letters from Sevagce and Morah Punditt, together with orders for the Soubidar of Rajapore concerning the payment of the first quarter part of 10000 Pags, and touching a convenient house for our factory there, and also Sevagees order to Annagee Punditt in favour of the English, all which orders we now send you enclosed, and desire your utmost care to see them performed, according to the agreement. We have not else to add at persent having lately wrote to you at large, but remain.

(72)

(S) F. R. Surut, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 27 Feb. 1674/5

Wee are glad to hear that the towne of Surratt is not apprehensive of any danger from Sevagee, there is a rumour, here alose of peace between Oram Zaeb and him but we give little credit to it for the Mogolls army hath lately fallen downe upon Cullean Bundy and burnt the poor Casaus [? Kajan] houses there; with little other mischiefe to Sevagee or his country and tis said the army since is retired againe to some distance of and Sevagees people are returned to Cullean and hee hath a considerable army ready to invade the king's country againe, and if wee did not

believe there was a good understanding betwixt him and the Governour of Surratt we should fear that he would take revenge on that place for we know not where els hee can goe to bear the charge of his army or gett plunder, haveing already robbed all the other places of note in his dominions.

Sidy Sambole is returned agains with his ffleet into this port, having lost many of his men and being in a very ill condition for want of money hee talkes of returning to Surratt, wee wish he was well there; Sevagees follow the seige of [Danda] Rajapore very close and tis thought before the raine will bee master of the place. [Orma Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 4, pp. 91-92.]

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CEXTRACT)

Dated 5 March
1674/5
(EXTRACT)

We have perused the paper you sent concerning the Treaty with Sevagee, and doe like well of your proceedings, so far as it relates to the procuring of satisfaction for our losses susteyned by him and the opening of trade to Rajapore or elswhere and as may tend to a good correspondence with him (which we desire to doe with all persons in power in those parts), but as we formerly advized (when you were in treaty with the Portuguez) you must be very cautious how you treat with any Prince or person in power, soe as may tend to a difference between us and other Governments there, and in particular not in the least to agree to any aid or assistance, for that, ere we are aware, may procure a breach with others; and in case you shall upon agreement with him enter upon a trade at Rajapore, we desire you to take care that it may be done with safety and security to our servants and estates; and in regard Sevagee denies ever to have received our Granadoe shells we doe require that you endeavour to make enquiry what became of them, and to procure satisfaction for them.

(74)

(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 38, Part II, Fol. 30 SURRATT TO BOMBAY (Dated 9 March 1674/5

The 2 shipps of the kings are ordered to be fitted out to assist the Siddy with which I fear you will bee troubled at the island this ensuing mensoon if their be noe harbour for them, within the Bay of Danda Rajapore.

.....We look on them [the Portuguese Armada] little better then enemyes they doe dayly affront the nation, by the abuses

they offer all the vessells of our island they meet at sea forcing money from them, or seising their goods or stopping their trade, if they have not passes from the Portugalls, Although they weare English colours and have your certificate they belong to the island. Even now Mudan is returned from Goga and tells us, his boat and two of your honours are there embargued by Frigatts of the Armada of Dill [? Dieu]: because they have not Portuguese passes and will not be permitted to come thence, untill they have bought their passes, and if they thus arrogantly begin with the boates of the island our shipping, the traffique of the port &c. the honour of the nation will soon decay and be trampled on by a proud and insolent and beggerly people.

(75)

F. R. Bombay Vol. 2, pp. 44-5 CONSULATION IN BOMBAY Dated 10 March (EXTRACT)

Part of Sevagees forces haveing lately made inroads into the Mogulls country, plundering and burning all places as they come, amongst which a body of his horse burnt Dungom [Dharangaon, Chopda] where the Honble. Company had a factory settled, whereof Mr. Samuell Austen was Cheife, and there robbed and plundered the Company's estate, setting fire to the warehouse where a considerable quantity of goods for Europe was laid up, notwithstanding a firme peace and articles of friendshipp was for some time passed bet[w]een them and confirmed, and the English factory settled againe at Rojapore, and Mr. Austen being now come downe to Bombay to give the President an account thereof, which being taken into consideration.

Ordered that Mr. Samuell Austen be imediately sent up to Sevagee to demand satisfaction for what his army plundered and burnt at Dongom belonging to the Honble. Company and their factors.

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(S) F. R. Surat Vol. 107, Ffol. 75 } BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 13 March 1674/5

Wee have thought good to send Mr. Samuell Austin upto Sevagee to demand satisfaction, for what his army plundered and burn at Dungom belonging to the honourable Company and their fractors there who will sett forward from hence toward Rairy about two days hence. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 4, p. 100]

(77)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114,Sect. 4, p. 104 BOMBAY TO ENGLAND Dated 24 March 1675

The town of Surat and indeed all India is become so impoverished by means of the warrs and ill Government, that the your credit is as great as ever, yet there is no money to be procured to carry on your investments.

Your factory at Rajapore is well settled and we hope will be great help unto us and we are also in a fair way of opening a trade to Aurengabaud and those parts of the King's country and Deccan, by way of Jureeg [?Junnar] which is 5 days journey from Bombay. We trust God's providence will bring it about to the encrease of your trade.

Sevagee's army by contrivance [? connivance] of the King's General have robbed the country to the very walls of Brampore. in which attempt they fell upon your factory at Dungom, where Mr. Samuel Austin was settled, plundered and burnt the town and therein a considerable quantity of your estate, the particulars whereof we have not as yet. They took Mr. Austyn and Mr. Hagerston prisoners, but after a few days, released them. We are now sending Mr. Austyn up to Sevagee to demand satisfaction, and to procure his writings to secure your factorys hereafter from such violence, which tho' we doubt not, he will grant yet it is ill trusting a plundering army, who has no regard to friend or foe. Sevagee in his own country gives us [as] great encouragment to your trade as we can reasonably desire, but the overtures of peace between him and the King of India being broken and suspended for the present, we cannot make the improvements there as we would but time will produce better effects.

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O. Correspondence | SURAT TO THE | Dated 25 March COMPANY | 1675 | (EXTRACT)

Wee advised that wee were in hopes of a sudden peace between the Mogul and Sevajee Rajah, but it hath proved only Sevajees pollicy, who held Bauder Caun, the Kings Gennerall, in treaty of a peace while hee hath filled all his castles with corne and procured a great summ of mony from the King of Vizapore to carry on the warr, who [? shivaji] threatned him [? Adilshah] otherwise to make peace with this King and carry on the warr against his country.

¥ (79)

F. R. Surat, Vol. 88, p. 34 RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY EXTRACT)

Wee thought it our dutyes to give you an account that wee are here all in health, and that our Masters businesse here under our charge is like to have good successe.

The Raigh hath been here [and] used us with all expressions of kindnesse. He is now gone to a place of his owne called Coroali [Coodal], within a dayes journey of Pundah. Before he went hence, he ordered about 40 small vessells to be got ready, the biggest not above 4 gunns, which are to goe to Vengeriah with all speed, their to waite his orders. He hath an army with him of 15000 horse, 14000 foote and 10000 mesures [majurzooolv]. with pickages, crowes, hatchets &ca. His designes are not knowne. Some are of the opinion he designes against Pundah, others that he intends to plunder Goa, others that he is going against Surrup Magues [sic? Surup Navak's] countrey, and others that he designes against Vizapoore. He hath taken Callapore [Kolhapur], and report speakes hee will soone have Raybag. When he was here, we found it necessary to present him with some desires in our masters behalfe. All our requests he redily gratified, one was about a house. which wee are in hopes to gett without disburting a penny; with him wee sent Mohondas one of our brokers to gett his Pheermaun sealed for what we desired, which wee bourely expect. When he arrives, wee shall send an express with ample advices.

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F. R. Surst, Vol. 88, p. 37 CARWAR TO BOMBAY { Dated 14 April 1675 (EXTRACT)

Sevajee hath laid selge to Punda Castle with about 2000 horse and 7000 foott these six dayes, and tis thought by all that he will carry itt, for he is providing against the raines and designes to stay to starve them out, for wee heare that Mamud Ckaune hath not above 4 months provission in the Castle, and he hath noe great expectations from Vizapore; the Portuguese at his first comming saluted him very roughly, but doe begin now to he a little calmer, soe that wee thinke the Portuguese will not molest Sevajee nor assist Mamud Ckaune. Wee desire to know your Honours &ca. orders how to carry our selves towards Sevajees forces if they should chance to come this way.

Tymmana and the K[?R]anna of Cannara hath bin at warrs for this three monthes, he being the cheife man in that country and of a very mean parentage did insult to[o] much over all people, but more especially the Bramins, which they could not brooke, soe that this warr was begunn by their instigation. Narran and Ventice Malla of the Rannas side have had some light scirmiges with him but have bin worsted; they will never leave of the enmity betwixt them till Sevajee goes and parts them, which wee heare will not be long after he hath taken Punda. About this and newes of Sevajee wee shall acquaint your Honour &ca. via Goa.

(81)

Its a great satisfaction to us that our proceedings about our old house proved acceptable to your Honour. Wee observe your orders comissioning us to build a faire large and stronge house which wee hope to have finished sooner then wee could possibly ourselves have gott it done, and not lay out a penny of our Masters, which will exceed your great hopes of our see contriving it that its cost should be deducted of the customes, and therfore to be at some charge to effect; this we doubt not but you will highly approve it-

The goods that Annaje Pundit intends us for the 5000 Pagodas is coconutts and bettle nutts, and that at deare rates, the former 5 Lar. [Larees] per Candy, the latter 100 Lar. per Candy of this place, being accustomary and alwaies practised by Sevajee Raja to pay his creditors so, when the 1st is really worth but Lar. 2½ per ditto and the latter Lar. 80 per Candy, soe that by this accountt there will come little to our Masters of the 10000 Pagodas more then their part of it to be deducted out of the customes [;] for pepper, dungarees, percollaes, broad and narrow baftas, he hath none in any of his owne dominions.

Annajee Pundit hath very much baffled with us and hath bin very industrious to worke us all the evill he could, but rest assured wee are not to be discouraged by him or any other, soe long as wee have your approvall and favourable acceptance of our hearty endeavors for our Masters interest, its a great encouragement to us and wee shall be allwaies chearfull. They all here are very well acquainted with our nation. They all

know our punctuallity and integrity, and for that wee are see farr in esteeme that wee are assured an Englishmans money will be taken before either the French or Dutches when offered for one and the same thing; for all kindnesses from Governors &ca. in these parts must be bought, and the people of these parts being thindues are more then the Mores covetous and gaping after presents, but wee are saveing in this with all prudence; they have formerly tasted the sweetnesse and advantage of our Masters trade here, and have as large expectations of a benifit from us as wee can desire. Wee heartily wish our trade may not come short of their expectations because wee believe it may be to our Masters proffitt.

The goods wee hope to put of for good and proffitable rates, exceeding the prizes of Surratt. is vizt.

Broad cloth 350 ps. at Rupees 4 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ most redds, not above 20 ps. greens. Scarlet and fine greens one bale will be wanting not, for these partes are furnished with fine cloth from the Portugalls at cheape rates and with them acceptable.

Currall Greezo, the largest and best, 5 chests will certainly goe of [f] att a good and profitable rate.

Lead 100 Candy worth now 16 pas. per Candy is Rupees 4 per Suratt maund.

Copper 500 Candy will yeild about Pagodas 41 per maund of 29; all in barrs, noe plates.

Tinn 50 Candy at Pagodas 31 per maund.

Quicksilver 5 Candys and vermillion 5 Candys; the former is now att Pagodas 20 per maund and the latter 16 per maund, but the rates they usually sell att is Pagodas 11 per maund, lower its knowne not to fall.

Wee have been continually much pressed by the Subecdar to build, but wee are not in see much hast[e] of a house as not to advize our Masters interest; wee kept him in continuall hopes when we would goe about it, which wee counted prudence because wee would not be seen to doubt Annajees promise in allowing for it out [of] the customes, but were resolved, since wee had staid see long [we] would spend a few more dayes in expectation of the Rajah with whome if wee should be able to doe nothing wee had still Annajees promise. The zoth past month the Subedarr sent us word that the Rajah would be the next day att a place called Vellvorah, about 4 course from hence, whither hee, the Hovelldarr

&ca. went to meet him, and that from thence he would com directly hither. Soe soon as wee received this newes, wee immediately made all our businesse in a readinesse, and had translated into the countrey language our desires (copie wherof is inclosed), which was wrote in a faire paper and by John Child kept in his pocket to be delivered as we should see oppertunity, and then wee set forward to meet the Rajah at the prementioned place. whither wee came the same night, but the Rajah came not the next day as expected but the 22d about midday accompanied with abundance of horse and foot and about 150 pallakeens. Wee had for our accomidation pitched a tent near the way he was to passe to the place appointed for his reception. See soone as wee heard of his near approach, wee went out of our tent, and very near met him. He ordered his pallankeen to stand still, called us very neer him, seemed very glad to see us and much pleased wee came to meet him, and said the sunne being hot he would not keep us now, but in the evening he would send for us. Wee had still a regard to Anajee, who although wee had certaine knowledge was none friend, yet wee knew it concerned us much to give him noe occasion of offence, but on the other side it behooved us to improve all wayes and meanes whatever to obleige him and gaine him on our side, for, 1st, our businesse lay wholy with him and next, he was much in credit with his Master. Wee therefore after had left the Rajah applied ourselves to him; hee seemed well pleased and promised he would doe what businesse wee had with the Raish to our full content and that in the evening he would bring us into the Rajahs presence. With this good successe wee returned to our tent where, after wee had been a small time. Annaiee sent to know what wee had to request of the Rajah. which wee sent him an accountt of, when he sent us word he would come and see us. Wee waited in expectation of him till sunn neer sett, and then sent to him to mind him of his promise. He returned us a short answer and bid the messenger tell us that at Rojapore wee might meet the Rajah. haveing newes that Nelah Punditt had a sonne with the Rajah in great favour, wee sent one to him only to enquire of his health and offer him what service lay in our powers. He returned us a very civill answer, and but that it was night, would have come to see us. Wee now seeing Anajee soe resolved against us, began to advise what to be done, being very loath to doe any thing that might disobleige him. In the morning early wee sett forward for Roiapore and comeing to a pleasant spring of water, wee satte

downe under a tree, resolving to stay there once more to meet the Rajah, where wee had not been long, but Purlaut [Pralhad] Punditt, Neeragee Punditts sonne, passing by, came out of his pallankeene to us where were were, seemed b[?v]ery glad to see us, and desirous to know wherin he might be serviceable to us, being very sensible of what had passed between us and Anajee. Wee shewed him the request wee intended to make to the Rajah and desired his advice. He gave us hopes to expect that all would be graunted, only that part of our desire about the 5000 pagodas goods to be delivered us in goods at their true vallew, and for instance tould us that when Narran Sinwey was at Rairee he was about making a bargaine to furnish the Rajah with salt, but requested he might be excused a usuall custome of 5 candy, deducted out of every candy sold him, when the Rajah answered him that he would not break his usuall customes, but rather want the salt. Wee had some discourse with him about this and at last brought him to confesse our request was reasonable, for wee had noe other. thought but that the goods he intended us should be such as wee liked both in quality and price.

The Rajah being neer at hand, he took leave of us and bid us be confident of his readynesse to serve us. Imediatly after he was gone came the Rajah. He stopped his pallanken and called us to him. When wee were pretty neare him, wee made a stopp. but he beckoned with his hand till I was up close with him. He diverted himselfe a little by taking in his hand the locks of my periwigg and asked us severall questions; at length asked us how wee liked Rojapore and said that he was informed we were not well pleased there, but bid us not be in the least dissatisfied for what passed. He would order things for the future to our full satisfaction and that wee might be sure he would not faile to send for us when at Rojapore and that noe reasonable request wee should make to him would be deny us. After he was gone wee sate us downe, intending to passe a compliment on Anajee, for wee still had a great care not to disobleige him and that he should not have the least occasion to thinke we mistrusted his friendship, but he goeing another way, wee missed of him, but meeting his brother. applied our selves to him. He promised us in his brothers behalfe all manner of kindnesses; and soe wee went home.

The 24 March in the morning Annajee sent for us in the Rajahs name. Wee were brought where he was. He left us pretending to goe to the Rajah to give him notice that wee were there; wee staid with his brother in expectation of his returne at

least two howers. He then came and tould us that wee could not speak with the Rajah now, but he desired to know what present wee had for the Rajah. Wee now thought it prudence to let him know that wee resented his behaviour towards us and tould him somewhat of our mind, after which wee took a civell leave and The next morning wee were sent for againe by Anajee in the Rajahs name, but deferred our coming till wee had newes the French were already gone to him, and Purlaut Punditt sent his men to desire wee would make hastlel, when wee left our house. And when wee came neer to the house where the Rajah was, adjoyning to our ould house, a messinger was sent to desire us to stay under a tree, where after wee had bin a small time, wee were admitted into his presence. I was placed soe neare him on his right hand that I could touch him. With him wee continued about two howers, which was most part spent in answering many of his questions. At length wee presented him our paper of desires, which after had bin read to him, with a little pause. seriously looking on us, said that it was all granted us. would give us a Phiremaun for all. Wee then sent for a present that wee had made ready for him, amounting to about 200 pagedas, with what wee gave privatly to Purlaut Punditti &ca., that much assisted us, which money wee count very well bestowed and doubt not but that you will highly approve thereof.

The same evening the Rajah went hence and wee dispatched Mohondass to waite upon him and gett the Phiremaund sealed. For him wee waited this many dayes, hoursly expecting him. but being lately informed that the Rajah hath sett watches suffering none to passe to the northward of the place where he is. but are searched and what papers found about them taken away. shall not keep these any longer, but copie of Phremaun shall send hereafter. The foundation for a house for us is dugg and lime and stone gathered togather for it. The Rajah left a man behind him whose businesse is only to looke after the worke and see it finished with all speed. The money for building is to be paid him by the Subedarr, see that wee shall not be at any more charge for a house that will cost building at least fiveteen thousand rupees. Wee have not as yett any goods on account the 5000 pagodas. Coconutts wee are only offered at the Rajahs rates, but them wee are not in hast[e] to take, for wee dayly expect our new Phiremaune when, if wee must take them and the beetlenutts, wee shall have them att a cheaper rate; butt with neither shall we meddle till receive your orders.

Wee inclosed send you a narrative of the trade in these partes, wherin wee have discoursed of what worthy your notice in our judgments. Wee hope our endeavours to serve our Masters will be acceptable and that for it wee shall not have any hard or unkind censures passed on us. You may reduce either this Factory or Carwar to a small charge, not keeping in one of them above two persons, and that, at time of year when occasion [for them]. Now formerly, when Mr. Revington was Cheife here, he sent one or two to Carwarr downe with the ships to ship of [f] such goods as he should send that way; but then both portes were under one dominion; its now more then [ever] necessary to keep a hold there.

By the time wee may receive answer to these, it will be time for our going up the countrey, whither we are much expected by the King of Veesapores Governours; they use our concernes with all imaginable kindnesses. Our small stock perswades us not to goe up, but then wee feare it will bee of an ill consequence, for they doe expect wee should apply our selves to their Master the King of Veezapoore. Wee begg your advice in this, being at present unresolved what to doe. Wee have received severall letters from the Kings Minister. One for his Honour is inclosed, brought us by Ranchoar.......

Sevagee Rajah with all his forces is sett downe against Pundah. He hath lost already a great many men, but is now in likelyhood to carry it. He undermined it four times, but was countermined by the defendants. He hath hove up a banke against it that his souldiers lye under, which is within 12 foot of the castle wall, and its said he will not rise therehence til he carries it. The Portuguese are in great feare of him at Goa. They doe not stick here to say that when he hath Pundah, Goa he counts his owne. He will, by all reportes, when master of this castle, soone be possest of all the King [of] Vizapoores dominions. He hath some forces neare Raybagg, but wee have noe newes certaine that its taken. He hath his Embassadore with the Vice Roy of Goa, who hath promised to stand neuter, but privately the Portuguesse assist Pundah what they can; and indeed it concernes them soe to doe, for they will undoubtedly, if Sevagee tukes it, find him a bad neighbour. The Portuguesse sent for its relaife 19 shibarrs laden with provitions of all sortes, and some men, butt it fell all into Sevagees handes, who sent to the Vice Roy about it, but he denied to have any knowledge of it and excused him selfe see well as he could; but its reported [it] was done by his orders.

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CARWAR TO BOMBAY Dated 22 April 1675

Wee hear newes that Rustum Jemmah, Lord of this countrey, is upon his way with about 1500 horse and some foot; this force is comming to the succor of Punda. Wee shall be not a little glad if our balloone returnes before he comes hither, for wee cannot expect otherwise but that he wil! be hunger bitt and greedy after money, which att present wee want very much, and am afraid will be the occasion of breeding a difference betwixt us, for he was soe well entertained before, which wee feare he hath not forgott, and this being on a more urgent occasion, will soe embolden him that he will, instead of desiring our assistance, be ready to command anything from us; but wee shall frustrate his great expectation, and seeing he is kowne, shall carry such a vigilent eye towards him that wee will not give him any occasion to take advantage of our youth as to thinke to further his designe by any rash and unadvised attempt.

As to Sevajee, he setts all wheeles att worke, for while he is a prosecuting his designe att Punda, his forces that went aloft have plundered three great cittyes, one belonging to this kingdome named Etgerree, the other two hard by Bagnagurr [Bhaganagar] which is in the limitts of the King of Gulcundawes dominions. They have brought away a great deale of riches besides a many of rich persons which they have carried to Sevajee att Punda. His forces have robbed Cucullee and Veruda [in] the Portuguese territories and tis thought by all that he will winn Punda Castle, for he makes preparations to take up his winter quarters there. Fame declares his army to consist of 30000 men. Wee expect some of them every day here, for the people begin to come from Simisee [? Shiveshwar or Shirsee] already, which is not above two leagues of us.

Pundeh hath been closely beseiged by the Rajah. Newes here was that he had possession of two out workes and had filled

up the ditch, made 500 ladders and 500 shakels of gold of 1/2 seare weight each shackle, which was to give those as would adventure to asca[?e]nd the ladders to scale the walls. He hath lost abundance of men, and we hourly expected to hear he had taken it, but this morning newes came that he hath raised his seige [see the next letter dated 8 May 1675 No. 85] and is march ing away, Boulleen Caun being come downe against him with 8000 horse and 7000 foot, besides many forces joyned to him since he is come downe.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 107, Ffols. 88-89 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 5 May 1675

By advice lately from Rajapore wee understand that the Sevagee hath closely beseiged Panda against which place hee hath already lost a great many men but it is thought, hee being there in person with soe considerable an army will make him sole master of that place which if hee doth, that country will lye open to his forces and hee may overrunne and take the greatest part of Conquon. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 4, p. 110]

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 388, p. 46 CARWAR TO BOMBAY Dated 8 May 1675

Wee haveing this opportunity was unwilling to let it passe our handes without 2 or 3 lines to acquaint your Honour &ca. what newes these parts afford; for concerning the investment enordered, as to what wee can doe therein will seeme to your Honour &ca. very unpleasant, but thinke it convenient to advise your Honour &ca. therof that you may not expect much from us, if any thing, considering the distracted condition of these countrey affaires as they are at present and likely to continue soe for a season. Sevajee hath forces upon the Gaute to impede any Succors from comeing to these partes. The people at Hubely are not all come into the towne, and them that are there are in a posture to run away upon the least occasion.

(Sevajee hath taken Punda Castle and hath put Mah[m]ud Ckaune in irons; with forceing him, he hath writ to the adjacent castle[s] to surrender to Sevajee, but none of them will adheare to him. In Smimeseer [Shiveshwar] there is about 3000 horse besides foot, which have laid seige to the Castle for this 15 dayes; 12 dayes 11-7

agoe one of Sevajees Generalls came and visited Carwar to burne it, which he did effectually, for he hath not left an house standing. He pitched his tent at Carwarr where the Desie formerly dwelt. While he was here there was some letters past betwixt In his first he desired us to send some great man but he [sic? we] did suppose it was to welcome him to Carwarr rather then out of any great secret he had to reveale and when wee desired to be excused considering the inconveniency that might happen seeing he did not come to fight against the Castle but to plunder and away, he when he perused our answer writ a little hastily. wee might say rashly, for he showed more passion then witt, yett for all that, he had soe much civility to goe away without attempting any thing against us. Wee was prepared as well as could be expected in such hard times, that if he should have proved otherwise then a friend might be able to give him such a salutation as would not be kindly taken. Y

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO Dated 13 May Sect. 4, pp. 110-12 RAJAPORE 1675

We are well satisfied to understand that you have procured a house to be built, without distrusting [disbursting] the Company's money.

It seems that Annagee Punditt is very hard with you in paying the 5000 Pagodas due to the Company in cocoanutts and beetlenutts at those dear rates, but if it be Sevagee's custom to pay all his creditors in those goods and these prizes, we have the less to complain; yet we hope you will manage that affair with better success and either procure the 500[0] Pagodas to be paid in ready money, or else in goods at more acceptable prises than what you mention.

What you write touching your encounter with the Rajah and all the circumstances thereof, gave us matter of consideration, and as we are glad to understand the Rajahs kind respects unto you, so we cannot be well pleased to find Annagee Punditt so much our enemy, and the rather for that by the peevish and cross opposition that he has used, it seems to us that he has taken some high implacable disgust and offence at some passages which have happened between you and him; you will do well therefore by your prudent, meek and discreet deportment hereafter, to work him into a more affectionate opinion of you, for he is a person of great authority under his master, having the title and power of a

Viceroy in his command and being a wise man, justly expects to receive all due honour in his place; though we would have you keep up the respect due to our Hon. Company and nation by all just and prudent means, yet we advise you to avoid all ungrateful effects of haughtyness and vanity and to govern yourselves with a modest and discreet sobriety in your dealings, and commerce with th [sic? Marathas] wise and searching people, with whom you have to do, who make not only a sport, but a great advantage when they have to do with persons subject to the heat of passion or self opinion, of which we doubt not your experience of the world has sufficiently convinced you of.

You have done well to give us an account of the proceedings of Sevagee and his forces against Pundah, which we would have you continue.

You have done well to give us an account of Sevagees proceedings and the news of your parts, which we would have you continue. We understand that he has taken Pundah and made himself master of Carwar, except some few castles which he is now taking. There is a rumour much confirmed here of peace betwixt the Mogull and Sevagee and many give credit thereunto, but as yet we suspend our judgment till we have more substantial arguments, of which we shall advise you of, in due time.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } Sect. 4, p. 112 BOMBAY TO CARWAR

Dated 13 May 1675

If Sevagee should take Punda and give any disturbance to the country towards Carwar, upon advice thereof and that he is near you, we would have you send some person out to him to acquaint him of the English factory there, and of the good correspondence and friendship between him and us, and to desire him to order his army to give no disturbance to the English or to meddle with any of the Company's goods, and in the meantime, we will hear your own endeavours to procure his protection and passport for you, and send it with all speed; however we would not have you trust to his friendship but secure all the Company's estate the best you can.

For when a rude army comes, they regard not what they do, neither will they know friend from foe. The President would have you keep the wild bull until the Europe ships arrive, with you and then send him up by one of them. The foregoing lines we designed for you by return of the Cossetts, but before we had

finished them, yours of 8 May came to hand, by the Solemity, whereby we understand that Sevagee has taken Punda and burnt Carwar. We do by no means approve of your proceedings in not going to give Sevagee's General a visit when he came to Carwar; and we are of an opinion it will be ill resented. We would have you carry yourselves very civilly and courteously to all Sevagee's Generals and ministers of State, for in all likelihood he will make himself master of all these places, and then it will be our interest to gain their favour. You must govern yourselves with prudence, for as you must not disablige him, so on the contrary we would not have you trust him no more then necessity requires; and to the end that you may be the more secure from his forces, we inclosed send you a letter to Sevagee and another to any of the Generals, desiring them that none of their army give us any trouble or disturbance, which you may deliver as you see occasion.

Punda was taken by the Rajah some dayes since. He put all he found in it to the sword except the Governor Mahmud Ckaun who saved his owne life and four or five more by promising to bring into the Rajahs subjection all these partes belonging to the King. Ounkelelah and Semaseer Castles are likewise taken; Cuddarah only stands out, but its daily expected newes will come of its being likewise taken. He is now master of Carwarr..... they here threaten Goa very much and its taulked that the Rajah will next sett upon itt.

Wee are come now to acquaint your Honours of the great successe Sevajee hath had in these parts, for he is master of all as far as Anchola, which he did not gett by his vallour but for his money (except Punda). Robert Jones and Edward Austin went and gave him a visit after he was in possession of Carwarr (when he had taken Punda Castle Natt Ckaun Governour of A[n]chola made himself chiefe of all these places), Mahmud Ckaun being in irons, Sallick Mahmud Governor of Carwarr placed by

Mahmud Ckaun, Natt Ckaun displaced and put it on Colle Ckaun. When Sevajee had taken Pundah, were concluded in a short time he would be master of all the rest, therefore desired Natt Ckaun to order this Governour to deliver us up a ship that lay under the castle with some gunns for the moneys was lent Abne [? Abu] Ckaun and Goindron on account customes. Wee had some gunns in pawne for Goindrons debt, which Mahmud Ckaun forced from us (this he would not heare of soe that wee are in great likelyhood to loose our money, for they discoursed with the Rajah [Shivaji] about it and he gave us little encouragement to believe that he would discount it in our customes). They acquainted him of the particuler summes.

Wee desired to know of the Rajah what customes wee must pay here, for we did acquaint him what wee paid under the Moores, but was answered the same which your Honour &ca. made with him at the settling of Rajapore and that wee must live under the s[a]me privilidges. The coppy of the Articles wee desire your Honour &ca. to send us. Wee doe not know whether Sevajee means not to take custome att Cuddora, for it was included in the Mores time; we paid 5 Pagodas 6 Jetts, per 100 oxen there. If your Honour &ca. settles the customes of Carwarr it would be very beneficiall to our Honble. Masters, if we should have occasion to trade to any other of his ports, that wee pay noe more custome then this here.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 107, Ffol. 104 CARWAR TO SURAT { Dated 25 May 1675

Sevagee hath made a thorough conquest of the country hereabouts. Robert Jones and Edward Austen went and visited him, as to the discourse they had with him about the Company business, were referr your worships and to our other Government[?] which were thinke is something satisfactory to acquaint how affaires are with us at present.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88, p. 62 RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY Dated 31 May 1675

Sevajee Rajah hath now taken all belonging to the King of Veesapore in Cunkron [Conkan]. He was very kind to our frindes att Carwarr. Bullelli Caun continues att Merg; his strength is reported to be 8000 horse and 7000 foott. He endeavoured to come downe to releive Pundah, but the Rajah had filled up the passages

with trees cut downe for the purpose and lined them with men, soe that he could not passe without certaine expectation of great losse, and great fear of being wholy over-throwne. This is the newes we have here, but from Carwar they write us that the Rajah stopt his intentions to releive Phundah with a very large present.)

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. FORT ST. GEORGE Dated 31 May 1675

Wee are sorry to see your Portuguese neighbours are so ill natured to you as to incommode you both by sea and lands but seeing your new firiend Sevagee coasts them further then they coast you wee doubt not you will find meanes enough to be even with them hereafter.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 FORT ST. GEORGE TO Dated 31 May 1675

(EXTRACT)

The progresse of Sevajee along the coast of India may be a means to render the Portuguese more tractable and perhaps be never the worse for the Honnble. Company att Carwarr. [S. puts this at 17th July 1675]

F. R. Surat, Vol. 88, p. 63

RAJAPORE TO Dated 3 June BOMBAY (EXTRACT)

Buttiel Caun [Bahlolkhān] hath left the greatest part of his forces in and about Merg [? Miraj], and he is gone to winter at Veczapore. Sevajee Rajah, the last newes wee had of him, he was att Onclelah [Ancola], but was designed to winter in a Castle neere the Rajah of Sundahs countrey. Annagee Punditt is left in Phundah to see that repaired and made in a defenceable condition.

Wee crave your Honours &ca. pardon in not explaining ourselves better as to the perticuler circumstances about Sevajees Generall that came to Carwar, but now shall acquaint your Honour &ca. to your more fuller satisfaction and then shall referr ourselves to your more charitable censure. When his Generall visited Carwarr, which was about 5 dayes before Punda was taken, wee had certaine newes that Bulleille Ckaune was within 2 dayes jorney of Punda and that Sidde Mursudes [Murshid] sonne to whome the countrey was given did follow with a very formidable army see that to all outward appearance itt seemed very probable that Sevaice would have broke up his seign report wee was very circumspect whatt wee did, and that if wee should have visited his Generall the Moores would have resented it to our Honble. Masters prejudice. But Bulleile Ckaun, contrary to all peoples expectations, received a present from the Raiah of 50 thousand Pagodas as not to impeed his proceedings. and that Sevajee should not molest his territoryes, see wee suppose the Raiah will favour his treason soe farr as to reserve him for his last and sweetest morsell. These were the reasons which did prompt us to doe what wee did, but wee hope your Honour &ca. will not judge of our actions according to the event of thinges, for wee shall doe nothing which in all probability may not consist with our Honnble. Masters interest. Wee acquainted your Honour &ca. in our former letters that in all likelyhood Sevajee would take Punda Castle: our reasons was because noe hopes of succour was expected before the raines were over, and wee could have noe certaine newes of Bulleile Ckaunes coming till he was soe neare as is above mentioned, with forces sufficient to have frustrated his designe.

(S).....The two letters one to Sevagee and the other to the Semidar [Jamidar] of Punda wee have received and shall keep them by us till wee have occasion to make use of them.

F. R. Surat, Vol. RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY Dated 14 June 1675 (EXTRACT)

Within these 3 dayes the Rajah passed by this place bound to Rayree. Its reported for a certaine truth that Bulleil Caun was bribed by him. Its now thought that he will make peace with the young King of Vizapore and next sumer goe against Carnatte, being Surrup Naiques countrey. If soe wee shall be in quiet and then there will begin great trade here.

F. R. Surat, Vol. 388, p. 67 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 15 June 1675

Visiting Sied Mahmud the other day, he told us that Sevajees vakeel had his articles of peace signed by the Mogull, which is now current in towne. Pray enquire into this businesse of his ministers and advise us what they say.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO Dated 19 June Sect. 4, p. 128 SURAT 1675

And we desire you to consider whether it may be convenient to send Mr. Samuel Austin to his charge of that factory, who may very well take his passage from hence, and be there sooner than from Suratt, and it may be, we may find means to convey copper and Europe goods with him, which will sell there, better than here or at Suratt, and we hope to procure such authentick coles from Sevajee that we hope they will secure the Hon. Company's trade from the violence of his army hereafter.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO Dated 24 June Sect. 4, p. 130 RAJAPORE 1675

Seeing you must receive the proceeds of the 500[0] Pagodas in cocoanutts and beetle nutts, we are well satisfied that you have reduced the prices, and would have you proceed to receive what you can thereon.

As to Mr. Child, his going up into the country for settling the trade of Ra[y]bagg Hattanee &c., we will approve thereof and do promise ourselves good success from his carefull management of that design.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 TO MR. ROB. JONES Dated 24 June Sect. 4, p. 131 &c. AT CARWAR 1675

We have received yours of 25 May, advising the state of affairs in your parts, and Sevagee's proceedings against the King of Viziapore forces, all which we approve, and would have you still continue your said advices, that we may know in what state the Company's affairs with you, are in,

You did well to vizit Sevagee after he was in possession of Carwar, and we would have you carry yourselves very civilly, both to him and his officers, and not give him any cause of disgust, but keep as fair a correspondence with him as possible you can, whereby the nations and the Company's affairs may meet with all due respect from them.

We inclosed send you copy of our Articles with Sevagee, touching our trade in his Dominions, which we would have you observe.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 4, p. 133 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 1 July 1675

Here has been a very great report of peace settled between the Moguil and Sevagee and it continues still much credited, and it is said that Sevagee is to deliver up all the castles and country which he has taken from the Moguil reserving only Sallera [Sattara] and Mawbe [?-lee; Mahuli; the Māvals] and that he is to be the Kings Desy of all his countrys of Deccan and that the present Governor of Junea [Junnar] is to come down to be Governor of Cullean Bimberly, but to this we give no certain credit till we hear further of it, and this is what offers at present from. [F. R. Surat, Vol. 107, p. 109]

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 388, Fols. 73 & 74 CARWAR TO BOMBAY Dated 1 July 1675

Wee have sufficiently participated with the calamityes of the countrey since our new comers have invested themselves in the possession, for our Carwareans to wind themselves into your favour, with their owne insulting inclination hath bred noe small difference, as to the robbing us of our former rights and priviledges, the first affront they gave us was in respect of our coconutt trees belonging to our garden which they would come and tell and likewise the coconutts upon them, wee told them wee never used to be examined in the Moores time how many trees wee had. But that wee did pay 1 pag O 1/2 Tipkee a year to them as a duty, but never received any further trouble, with this answer they would not be satisfied, but wee was forced to send them an account they were see tyrannicall as they would have obleiged us to sell the coconutts to them, but wee putt them of the business lyes deed, noe sooner had wee fulld the businesse asleep and thought that all our trouble had bin over, but was

surprised with a far greater perplexity, for the simader [?] being informed by the incendiaries to mischeife, he upon the change of Government when most people rann away that they left their rice with our peons, upon the newes he sends that Towne Musumda[r] to search for it, wee haveing advice upon what account he came sent for him and told him wee would enquire of our peons. about it and if hee could produce any sufficient testimony he should not only have their rice but see the peons severally punished that wee are guilty of such a fault, with this he went away something satisfied to our thinking, noe sooner was hee gon out of the doors, but sends his peons to severall of our servants houses to take account of the rice they had not time to carry any away, for our servants was at their backs and frighted them away without any harme done wee sent for that Musumder and gave him a small check for his impatience and all past very quietly till the next day; and then he began his ould trade to search, wee past that ower with a gentle admonition not to invade our privilidges which councell hee took for that time and desired us to examine our servants if they had any rice of people that had ran away, wee promised him wee would, which wee did and found a good quantity of other mens rice among our peons, which they confest soe soone as they were askt, wee had the account drawne out to show that Siminidar when soe ever he should demand it, that wee might and all further trouble. when he came over he did not see much as send to us to know whither wee had done any thinge in the businesse. But sends and takes out all the rice that did belong to one of our servants, wee hearing of it examined the list and found that our servant had some of other mens, see desired the Simidar to returne what he had taken more then is due, but wee perceived he mocked us and soe wee brought it back ourselves without any harme done. After we were returned to our house the Mesinede [ordered forth] with to the Simidar to send him some horse and foott to force us to a better complyance to deliver them soe much rice as their account speakes. wee told him wee would deliver up according to our account and the force nor nothing else should compell us to doe other wise, wee have turned out of the garden all the rice that belongs to them; we heard the Simadar would faine have quarrelled with us about this business as they pretend, and to the purpose did desire the Governor of the castle to spare him 100 men to joyne with his 30 horse and soe come to rob us and our peons. But the Governour being an understanding man, and knowing how the Simidar had abused us put him of by telling him he must have the Rajahs order, our troubles are renewed daly and wee can never expect the Factory to florish as long as it is under Sevagees Government, they have robbed all the country people soe much as to the seed they should sowe, soe that the next year the men will be ready to eat one another for the new crop will be very small, all people pray that the moores may come and regaine the country and there is a rumor that they will come after the raines. Timmanna waited their coming to joyne them a few dayes more will discover that certainty.

Wee have made bold to send our complaints to the Rajah he being something higher us then you that wee might not loose soe much time for an answer as your honour &c letter would take up. But wee desire you to write him about it, and our answer from the Rajah with his order to the Semidar, will keep him in some bounds of civillity till a letter comes writ by your honours &c instigation.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. CONSULTATION AT Dated 7 July 1675 BOMBAY

(EXTRACT)

An Envoy being lately arrived from Sevagee, and bringing letters from him to the President, wherein Sevagee writes for severall things of which he is very desireous and mighty importunate for them; but the President declared to the Councill that this was a matter of consideration, and they were sensible as well as he, how much Sevagee is indebted to the Company for goods already sold him and that he could not pay with ready money, but with batty, coconutts, and beetlenutts, by reason whereof the Company were but small gainers, and that the goods he now required were iron, shott, and the two brass gunns, with a large quantity of copper, all which would amount to a great summe. And the President moveing also to the Councill how prejudiciall it might be to the Company's interest if some of his requests were not graunted, he haveing made himselfe very potent and in whose country lyes now a great part of the Company's trade; which being debated it was unanimously agreed that shott as many as could be spared be sold him in barter for batty, but noe copper without ready money; and as to the brase gunns the President desired the gentlemen of the Council to consider thereof and give in their opinions next Councill day when the preceeding matters are to be taken into consideration agains.

The President takeing this oppertunity of the Envoy motioned to him the losses the Company susteyned at Dongum, and also told him that the person that was Cheife of that factory was now here with him who could declare unto him the insolencies of the Generall towards him, though he declared himselfe to be an Englishman and that he was there on the English Company's accountt; and that the President did expect that Sevagee would make good the losse agains to the Company, and he would now send with him the Cheife to give Sevagee an account of the loss the Company susteyned and also to demand satisfaction of him. But the Envoy advised the President that it was now a very ill time to send anybody up thither by meanes of the great quantity of raine that hath fallen and the sickness of the place, and that about the latter end of this month would be a better time, against which it is

Ordered that Mr. Samuell Austen prepare himself for the aforesaid journey to treate with Sevagee, he being now at Rairy.

The Councill being full the president desired them to give their opinions touching the proposalls he made to them last Council day concerning the gunns and copper Sevagee desired; which was seriously debated and in the afermative it was carried that as to the copper Sevagee should have as much as wee could spare him at the rate other merchants paid provided he would pay ready money, it being a comodity see consumptive in these parts that it is as good to us as ready money and why should it be sold to him for time or in barter for such goods as the Company would loose by; and as to the gunns that they should not be sold him at those tearmes which he proposed.

[They not only expect great profit from their new factory at Rajapore but further goe on to say]

"Wee have thoughts of settling a ffactory at Junea where we understand that severall sortes of cloth may be bought c[h]eape and if the triall doth answere expectations it will bee a good help unto us and wee hope the transport hither will bee secure enough whether the peace between the Mogoll and Sevagee be confirmed or noe for wee have a very faire understanding with both partyes and wee doubt not to procure their pasports for the safe conveighance of our goods the most that will trouble us will bee the pass of Tannah. But wee must deale with the Portuguese as well as wee can though not soe well as wee would. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 4, p. 137]

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The newes goes here current that there is peace between the King and Sevajee) The Pattans are strong, have beaten the Kings forces that were entred their country.

The Governour now declares there is noe peace between Sevajee and the King though the Articles were signed by the King and sent an eliphant to Bawder Cawne, and raised his Munsub for the good service he had done in making the conditions; but Sevajee hath baffled him [and] will stand to noe such Articles, contrived the deceit only to prosecute his conquest in the Vizapore territoryes.

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(S) Our troubles with these interloper assult us afresh for about 10 dayes together wee was not molested with their impertinencies Butt now being we could not send them money which they have bin very importunate for continually hinting us what wee have spared Mahmud Ckaune and other Moores upon a necessity wee

alwaies gave them a modest denial that thought wee sent them away empty they had noe renon to be dissatisfied with us. these men are see unreasonable that they look upon it as an affront to be denied though wee have it not and to make us sensible of it they have brought up a new custome as to make us pay custome att Burbullee which is att the bottome of the Gaute these insolencies if suffered will make them thinke they cannot impose to much upon us, wee know not what to say or doe, for wee cannot send a letter to your honour &c. But they must have something for it or will not lett it passe; wee wrote for-merly to your honour &c. of their affronts cast upon us hoping that you will take this and the Hubelly businesse into your serious consideration that our factory may come once more to shine in its former splendour, having lost much of its reputation.

(P) Here is uncertaine newes and therefore we know not what may be done after the raines, but if the Moores should come to conquer these partes and that Sevajee should come here in September, as it is bruited, wee desire your Honour &ca, as there may be occasion to order the Captaines accordingly, for if this Kings army and Sevajees lies hereabouts we thinke it will be insecure bringing any goods down the Gaut but Mergee way.

(109)

F. R. Surat, Vol. SRUAT TO BOMBAY Dated 31 July (EXTRACT)

Wee doe now find a necessity of sending up Mr. Austen to adjuist the accompts with the brokers, weavers and washers in the severall townes where our investments were on foot when sevajoes forces robb'd the place, that wee may know the certains losse the Company have.

(110)F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 PAYBAGG TO BOMBAY Dated 7 Aug. 1675 pp. 95-97

(EXTRACT)

The 30th ditto [July 1675] newes was brought us early in the morning that Sevajees party in Callapore had seized the Governor there for the King. Many of the inhabitants were leaving the towne but Sevajees souldiers kept all in with promise of faire usage, so that the townes people are preserved in quiet and some security. Sevajee having to guard it report speakes

about 2000 men, and the Moore Governor that was in it is carried to Puruallo Castle, where he as yet remaines a prisoner. Soone after wee had this newes wee sett forward for this place, our journey very troublesome and uncomfortable. In the high way wee passed by many dead bodyes of men and women that died for want of food. The wayes in many places very deep soe that our horses in some places ready to stick fast. Such townes as we passed much broken and decayed, a few or no people in them, where one house had a dweller ten were empty, the people being runne away for want and fear of Sevalee and oppression of their Governor. The 31 July wee arrived at this place; the Governor and publique ministers of this towne with all the merchants met us without the towne on horseback, and in coaches they carried us to a house very convenient appointed for our accommodation. where they all continued with us about 4 howers, treating us according to their custome of the countrey with their drummes, pipes, and dancing women, which noyse our weary jorney and hungry bellyes made more then ordnary unpleasant to us. However, it was somewhat pleasing to us to see all expressions of joy from the inhabitants in generall, and the hearty welcome wee had from the Governor &ca. The next day was Sunday, therefore it was Munday, the 2d instant, when the first businesse wee did was to enquire how our businesse went forward; musters of all sorts cloth procurable in and about this place was brought us.

The newes of these parts are altogether uncertaineary [sic? uncertain and vary] dayly. The most credibly beleived and reported is, vizt., that Oram Zeb the King of India hath taken great displeasure against sevajee Rajah, who had offered him 17 castles to make peace, which after the King had agreed to and signed the articles, the Rajah refused to deliver the castles, upon which the King of India hath wrote to the King of Vizapore and the Nabob Buleel Caun offering to let go a usuall tribute that this King uses to pay him annually, provided he will with all his forces goe against the Rajah on this side, and he intends against him on the other side, with resolutions, if possible, to utterly destroy Sevajee. This proffer is accepted by the Kings Minesters and the Nabob hath ordered baskets to be made to passe his men over the rivers (caused by the great raines that have fallen) intending against Purnoalla. Soe soon as the moon changes its given out he will sett forward but the rivers and deepe wayes will certainly hinder his putting his resolutions soe suddainly

in practice; butt against Purnoalla its undoubtedly reported he will, which if he doth, will not or cannot be before Duelle [Divāli], soe that till that time Callopore and all there about will be in quiet and our businesse by then will be neere done, only wee fear much that it will be hinderance to us in getting our goods whited,

(111)

F. R. Bombay, Vol. 2 p. 120 CONSULTATION AT Dated 9 August 1675

[EXTRACT]

Mr. Samuel Austen being appoynted to goe up to Sevagees Court to treat with and demand satisfaction of him for the losse the Honble. Company susteyned by his forces robbing and plundering theire factory at Dungom, as alsoe to procure Coles and his coppy for the future preventing of the like, in case his army shall happen to plunder or fire such townes as the Honble. Companie shall have any estate in, and not only for those in the Mogulls country but as well for such factoryes as wee have in the Kinge of Vizapoores, with whome he is att warr, and that he may the speedier graunte our request and consider of our demands it is thought absolutely necessary to present him with some small curiosity, but not [to] exceed 500 Rupees, by reason wee have lately presented him largly, so it was

Ordered that a present should bee provided accordingly to the value of five hundred Rupees.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. FROM ON BOARD THE Dated Jettapore 88, Fol. 90 SHIP Maybone 17 Aug. 1675

Wee are now almost and had been altogether ready to haul the Maytone of the ground but that men are difficult to be procured and more hard to be kept by reason a fleet of men of warr that is here affitting out for Sevagee whose servants presse all the carpenters, sawyers, and smiths that they can find to our great Hinderance.

(113)

F. R. Surat, Vol. 83 PAJAPORE TO BOMBAY Dated 17 Aug. 1675

As to fitting the Maytree wee have had much trouble to gett carpenters &ca, to worke upon her and after wee had to keep

them the Rajah sending downe expresse order for the speedy building severall new grabbs to be in readynesse to accompany him with his army against Danda Raspory, but wee hope she will bee ready to waite your Honnors orders in a short time.

Wee shall closely ply the Subedar for the paying us the goods see long since due, and according to the Phirmaund granted from the Rajah; he hath been most of the time since Mr. Childes absence up and downe the towne under his jurisdiction to receive in his Masters rents and but yesterday returned home, wee are informed he is to remove hence and one Tuka Pundit to come in his place.

Our intentions of sending to Goa for provission for the Maytree was the hopes wee had of a ready freight for her the first of the year to Persia, which wee might reasonably expect knowing what quantityes of goods were ready up countrey for those partes, and it being wholy the discourse in towns that a peace would be made before Dualle (Divāli) between the Vizapore King and the Rajah, that wee questioned not but to have goods downs very early.

(114)

F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 pp. 103-104 CARWAR TO BOMBAY Dated 18 Aug. 1675

Wee have received yours of the 4th June in answer to ours the 25th May in which wee find you are pleased to make us soe happy as to acquaint us of your approvall in our proceedings with Sevajee, for which wee are not a little joyfull, our desires being alwaies to comply with the Honnble. Companys interest, and when it falls out otherwise wee are not a little troubled to perceive ourselves disapointed in our expectations.

When Seevajee had conquered these countryes as far as Anchola, he sent some of his forces into the Sunda Rajahs countrey. They finding noe great opposition seized upon Supa and Whurwa belonging to the Rajah. Sevajee sett a watch at Burbulle to take custome of the goods that passed that way, of which we acquainted your Honr. &ca. of in our last, and the impediment wee should meet with in our goods comeing downe if noe speedy remidy was applyed, but wee have heard since that Kidderchaune Phunnys men with the Desyes &ca. joyning together hath retaken both these places againe with killing 300 of II-9

Sevajees men, soe that it hath made the watch at Burbulle to rise and be gone to give the others place. Here is newes likewise Sevajee hath sent word that he cannot come this way by reason of the Mogulls Army encamping see nigh him, which makes our new masters looke about them.

Timmanna and the Ranna [? Rani] hath made peace, which she was compelled to doe as being not able to withstand him, and as farr as we can perceive, she stands for a cypher, for he governs all and doth what he pleases. Narran Malla, Vintice Malla, with other great merchants confederates together against him, was included in the peace, but he finding by Sevajees aproach soe near Merjah to take satisfaction of them of [sic? on] pretence of want of money to keep his men togather if Sevajee should come against the countrey, hath imprisoned them all and demands great summes to assist him in this war.

Wee acquainted your Honner &ca. in our last that wee thought it unsecure bringing our goods downe the Gaute by reason [of] the Decans army and Sevalees, therefore wrote to the Rannah for a passe to carry our goods that way if occasion serves; the answer wee have received with the passe att 2½ per cent custome, see shall behave ourselves as the time will permitt us.

(115)

F. R. Bombay, Vol. Consultation at Edated 20 August Bombay 1675

(EXTRACT)

Mr. Samuel Austen, according to order, haveing provided a present for Savagee and Ministers, a list whereof hee delivered in to the President and Councell for their approved, the particulars as followeth, vizt.

	Rups.
One smale gunn of brasse for Savagee	- ,
valued with the carriage att	300:00
12 Yards of scarlett for Morapendit	150:00
7 Yards of scarlett for Anagee Pundit	87:16
One lookinglasse and tola of muske	25:
3 Yards of scarlett for the Senatary [? Senap	aty,
? Secretary = Chitnis]	27:16
Other smale necessaryes to the value of	140:
Rups.	740:00

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. CARWAR TO BOMBAY { Dated 2? August 1675

The Semidar having received of the country people that keeps Buffiloes, and cowes according to their Rojapore custome and is endeavouring to impose that according to our order, as a duty that never was demanded by the Moores; they upon this have seized upon all their Buffaloes and cowes and tell us withall they will never returns them till our servants doe fully satisfie the Rajapore duty so that wee believe they will remains in the Semidars power, till Mr. Oxinden our chiefe comes down for wee are resolved never to condiscend that our servants shall pay them anything for their releasment; wee have an invincible...to passe by soe many wrongs. Having respect to your honours &c order esteeming it more beneficiall to our honourable masters affaires and miexcusable to advise your honour &c how y[e]t by shoting through our sides they mean to catter downe the company's honour then to goe to right ourselves by any unwarantable meanes.

Wee may blesse God that wee have a house that is of force sufficient to defend us from their rafine and plunder; for wee dos not question if wee were at their mercy, as wee was in the Moores time we were on the other side (our tottering house being rather an offence [? than] defence) wee had long ere this been devested of all.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. CARWAR TO Dated 29 August 107, Ffol. 167 BOMBAY 1675

As for affairs at present they are as wee formerly advised you. the Simidee [Jamindar or Zamorin] maintaining his vyolence and preamitarily tells as that he will not lett goe our ser-

vants cattle without they will complye with their Rajahpore custome which they say is to pay for each buffillo 4 larrees and for a cow one, we are advised that they pay at Rajahporee [?] Larres a buffillo and one for a cow that is not all for they demand custome of buffillos and cowes for the former years when the country was governed by the mores: we lye very quiett waiting with impatiance for Mr. Oxindens comeing downe hoping to meete with some satisfaction towards the repairing our Honour. Wee judge wee shall drive a very little trade if the country continues subject to Sevagees Tyranny. We expect to carry our cloth to [Vingurla?] and there to Land in shipp that shall come downe.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. \ SURAT TO BOMBAY 88. Fol. 106

Yesterday the Governor received a Phirmaund from the king which orders him to follow Bawder Ckaunes orders for the supply of the Siddy and his fleet on all occasions, which formerly he refused to doe without the kings imediate orders.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 107 $\left.\begin{array}{c} \text{BOMBAY TO SURAT} \\ \text{D. } 124 \end{array}\right\}$ Dated 7 Sept. (EXTRACT)

All the newes wee have is that Sevagee makes preparation to take the Castle of Danda Rajapore to which end, besides his land army, he is provideing an Armado by sea; but some wise men say that he hath other deeper designes for his Armado, to wit, to invade some of the Kings coast to Nor[th]ward while his Armado is employed this way. But his designes are see well layd, and secretly carryed on that noe judgment can be made of them till they are executed.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 2) CONSULTATION AT § Dated 9 Sept. p. 126 BOMBAY

(EXTRACT)

The inhabitants of the oposite maine haveing often importuned the President to settle in their countrys which is in Sevagees dominions, and whose subjects they are, and from whence wee receive most of our provisions with which our Island is supplyed, the President haveing settled all affaires of concerne thought it a convenient time for himselfe and some of his Councell to goe and take a view of the cuntry and to see what places there bee that are fitt to settle in.

The newes of these parts are alltogether uncertaine, for wee have fresh news daily and one contradicts the other. Wee have been already much deceived by our informations, that wee are most afraid to write; however, for the newes that most credited is that the Nabob, Bulliell Caune, within this 10 daies leaves Meerige, his winter quarters, and intends for Vizapore, thither called by the young King or rather Coovus [Khavās] Caun &ca. to advise about meeting Bauder Caun, the Mogulls Generall against Sevagee and the rumor is that they will agree together, and utterly destroy Sevagee.

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Original Correspondence Vol. 36, No. 4106

SAMUEL AUSTEN'S NARRA-TIVE. A NARRTIVE OF WHAT OCCURRED IN SAMUELL AUSTENS JOURNEY TO THE CASTLE OF RAIRY. COURT AND RESIDENCE OF SEAVGEE RAJAH, BEING THITHER SENT BY HONBLE. GERALD AUNGIER &CA. COUNCELL TO DE-MAND SATISFACTION FOR THE DAMAGE THE HONBLE. COMPANY SUSTEYNED BY HIS ARMY (CONSISTING OF 12000 HORSE) AT THE FACTORY OF DUNGOM, AND LIKEWISE TO OBTEYNE HIS COLES TO PREVENT LIKE INJURIES.

Dated 24 August to 15 Sept. 1675

August the 24th 1675. Having received my instructions from the Honble. President &ca. Councell and got all things in readyness for the journey, I imbarkt in a balloone, togather with Mr. Robert Harbin, who was appointed to accompany mee, and by breake of the ensuing day, arrived at Battee, from whence proceeding to Chaul and towards Rairy, I think nothing worthy your trouble of veiwing untill I obtained Nejampore, which was

on the 2nd September, in which place meeting with our most prevalent friend, Peshua Mora Pundit, togather with Annajee Pundit, I waited on them, and after their alloted presents delivered, represented unto them our injuries and demands of satisfaction for the same; to which they could give no result, in respect of their distance from the Rajah, and no otherwise favour us but by writeing to him in our behalfes by reason of their designe for Junea [Junnar] (with an army of 8000 foote) and suddaine departure from thence.

September the 6th. On the 6th of September we gained the high and difficult top of Rairy hill, which impartially may boast of either, and fortunately had audience the next day of Sevajee and Sambojee Rajah &ca. principle officers, who being burthened with shame at my complaints, a pollitick slumber incircled his brow, and seemingly hung thereon untill I had finished, and then he pleaded ingorance to the fact and totally denyed the reception of any effect whatsoever, and so desired time for his most serious considerations.

September 15th. After audience had, Perlad Pundet our Procurator was not idle in this affaire, but with much courage and rigour stirred up the Rajah to give us a speedy and an effectuall answere, which could not be obtained untill the 15th of September, when at the same place as formerly he expressed his minde in few words, to witt that in respect he had not account given him by his Generall of any effect taken from us more then some plate (which belonged to Samuell Austen) he thought our demands very unreasonable, and in respect our Factory was not so well fortified as even to oppose the meanest force, he had no reason to satisfy us for that which vagabonds and scouts committed without order or the knowledge of the Generall; to which I answered it was done by his Generalls knowledge, otherwise he would not have carryed mee away prisoner so far as he did, and therefore desired his personall appearance to deny it if hee could. He tooke no notice of this, but on the contrary assured mee I should have no satisfaction. Meeting with so small comfort (after many arguments to move him to a more generous complyance) I proceeded to request for his coles to all our factoryes. to which he demurred, and thought convenient to give to none but Suratt &ca. sea port townes. But after a strict debate, he consented to all, and ordered the Secretary in our hearing to dispatch them, which since are arrived to the Honble. President and Councells hands, and question not (finding soe great a

difficulty in procuring them) but they will redound much to the Honble. Companys advantage in case such like accedents should happen for the future.

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O. Correspondence Vol. 36, No. 4115 FROM SURAT TO BOMBAY, Dated 28 Sept. INSTRUCTIONS TO PHILIP GYFFORD

(D) I heartily recommend to you to encourage the trade of the Island in generall and take care that the Merchants be favoured in all reasonable wayes, that they be protected from all violence and disturbance from the English or other Inhabitants that they be preserved and secured soe much as may be from the Mallabars and other Pirates, and against the Insolence of the Portuguese, and in most particular manner, you must preserve the honour and security of his Majestie's Porte and Haven, and that neither the Portuguese nor the Siddy's Fleet, nor Sevagees, nor any other whatsoever doe offer any the least violence from Hunry Cunry, and Chaul inwards. For otherwise you will utterly discourage all merchants from trading unto or entering into the Porte.

During my stay here I have found odd neighbours to deale with, the jealous and envious Portuguese have endeavoured all that lay in their power to obstruct our settlement, the Governor of Surat hath not been wanting alsoe to use his policy to undermine us; and Siddy Sombole with his Fleete hath been no small impediment. The Dutch with their powerfull Fleete designed to have swallowed us up, but blessed be God who hath hitherto preserved us, and rendered all their evill designes advantagious; Sevajee onely hath proved, and that for his own Interest sake; our fairest friend, and noblest enemy, you must expect to encounter many ill offices from the Portuguese, especially in the passe Caranjah, as I have done, but you must not yield in the least to them, but boldly maintaine the honble. Companys right,

As to the Fleete which is now bound to the reliefe of Danda Rajapore, you must not deny them all good neighbourly assistance, to wit, wood, water provisions, and necessarys for their mony; but you must declare unto the Generall that if he presume, or any of his people, to intrench on his Majestie's right, and rob or plunder or in the least disturbe any boate or vessell from Henry Cunry and Chaul inwards into the Bay, or shall land any men to rob on any parte within said Bay, they doe actually breake peace with us, and must expect noe assistance from us, and if you doe stoutly

and resolutely maintaine this privilege, you will doe acceptable service to the Honble Company. [Collection of Papers...Bby Govt. Vol. 6, p. 146.]

(P) As to Savajee you are sensible that our correspondence with him hitherto is very faire and acceptable to both sides and hope it will see continue; I pray you to encourage it so much as lies in your power, for I expect no meane emolument to our Honorable Masters from our trade into his countrey, which you know hath bin the subject of many debates in Councell, and I have the lesse to advise because you are already fully acquainted with all our transactions with him.

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(S)F. R. Surat, Vol. 107, Ffols. 131-132 [BOMBAY TO SURAT] { Dated 4 Oct. 1675

Enclosed wee send a letter that wee received this morning from Sevagee together with coles for the severall factories according to his promise. Such as were of use in these part wee have and sent the rest to the President with the list of the whole that was granted by Sevagee. [This letter is signed by Philip Gyffard and John Petit; for destination of the letter etc. cf No. 126 dated 14 October 1675]

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(S) F. R. Surat Vol. 88, Fol. 113 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 8 October 1675

Neer the Rivers mouth wee mett the Surratt Armado comanded by Siddy Cossaim, brother to Siddy Sambole bound to Danda Rajapore, to whome as occasion serves you must not faile to shew all faire assistance and civill deportment, with regard to those instructions, left with you by the President, at his departure for your kind usage of the people belonging to that fleet will be very well taken by the Governor here and the newes thereof will be represented to the king.

·· (126)

F. R. Surat, Vol. 88 p. 116 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated Swally Marine (EXTRACT)

The Coles from Sevajee wee have received.

Wee begin to be allarmed with Sevagee, but hope it will [pass] over, though we are apt to believe he will disturbe us this years.

(127)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO Sect. 4, pp. 152-3 SURAT Dated 14 Oct. 1675

(EXTRACT)

Yesterday, we received a letter from the Siddy, a copy of which with our answer thereto, we here remit you, and desire your Honours opinion thereof. We shall find him a very troublesome neighbour, unless you procure an order from Ghasty Cawn, that he enters not in an hostile manner from Chaul and Hunera Kennere [sic? Henry Kenry].

We received yours of 8 current the 14 Do. in which we have the acceptable news of his Honours safe arrival, with the rest of the fleet, at Swally and of the Governor &c., respectfull reception of him, to the nation and Company's honour.

O. Correspondence Vol. 36, No. 4122 SURAT TO CARWAR (EXTRACT)

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Dated 16 Oct.

1675

Wee take notice what you adviced about Sevajees attempts on the Sunda Rajah countrey, and by [sic] the prudent accomodation made by Timona and the Ranah, and their resolution to defend themselves against Savajee. We also observe the disturbance and ill treatment you have received from Sevajees officers, which you have represented to Savajee, and wee doubt not but hereafter they will beh[ave] themselves more civilly toward you. In the meane time wee would have you be very dilligent over the Companys affai[res] and use all prudent meanes to preserve our privilidges and keep a faire understanding with the Governor and all the officers that the Company's businesse may receive noe prejudice; and withall be wary in your proceedings and doe not trust those needy officers more than necessity forceth you unto.

O. Correspondence SURAT TO THE COMPANY Dated 26 Oct. 1675 (EXTRACT)

This towne begins already to be allered by Sevajee, which is no meane obstruction to our trade, but wee trust God will preserve your estate from all danger.

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O. Correspondence Vol. 36, No. 4127 SURAT TO CARWAR Dated Swally Marine 9 Nov. 1675

(EXTRACT)

Inclosed wee send you Savajees Cole or passe which you may make use of when any of his Governours or Generalls shall molest and trouble you.

(131)

O. Correspondence BOMBAY TO THE Dated 26 Nov. Vol. 36, No. 4139 COMPANY 1675

(EXTRACT)

[Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 4, p. 164] The Portugeeze are still as proud, malitious and envious as ever, contriving daily all underhand opposing of the peace and splender of the island and trade.

Sevagee and they [the Portuguese] daily quarrell, the chiefest cause of his hatred to them being for forcing orphans of his cast to turn Roman Catholicks. There has also of late happened some disputes among them in the same account, the Captain General of Busseen taking the part of some orphans against the Jesuits, and forcing the said Jesuits to restore the said orphans a considerable estate, which they had been possessed of many years, which they highly resented. One dispute brought on another, and these quarrels encreased daily. At last, some of the inhabitants belonging to one of the great Dons towns, flying to the Jesuits for succour, the Captain General sent to demand them. They denied to deliver them up; the General incensed fires one of their towns and burnt about 6 or 8 houses. The Padrees make no resistance, but fly to their Pens, hope to get him excommunicated from Rome, and so at present remains quiet.

[P] Sevagee keeps a very faire correspondence with us, but is not to be trusted, he totally governing himselfe by his interest alone, not valueing the breach of any oath or promise where he can imagine to be a gainer thereby, but he hath many irons in the fire which will find him employ a considerable time, see have little reason to feare any disturbance from him.

The Moguil presseth hard upon him, whose army is come downe to Cullian and its reported that Orang Zeeb hath soe ratled his Generall Bauder Ckaun, which hath netled him that he is resolved to doe something this summer considerable against him,

the better to effect which he hath by matching one of his neer relations with one of Cowset Ckauns [Khavās Khān], Protector of Decans nerest kindred broke the peace between that kingdome and Sevagee which was just upon concluding, by which means there is another great army brought upon him. The Siddy of Danda Rajapore being also recruted from Surratt with 2000 fresh men, provissions, amunition, &ca., with two large men of warr and severall friggatts (after he had put some recruits ashore) sayled downe the coast to looke out Sevagees fleete, hopeing to burne them in port, but being by their vigilancy prevented of that they have burnt Vinguria and severall other townes. At this alarun Sevagees fleete also put to sea, consisting of 57 small frigatts well manned. The East India Merchant who put in here yesterday in her voiage up from the Mallabarr coast mett with both fleets. Wee wish they may meete and box it out stoutly. for they are both equally troublesome to us and much hinder the trade of our port. By this your Honors will see Sevagee hath his hands full; how he will deal with them all wee must leave to time to discover.

The Moguli was at Cullean, but the Pishwaw giving them 10000 Pagodas ready money, they are returned without doing any harm.

Finding the towne of Surrat somewhat free from Sevajees allarms, we have thought good to discharge all the Topasses, whome wee now send downe by the *Unicorne*, and keep only two files of Englishmen here, which wee hope will be enough for the security of our house if occasion require.

The Portugeese its reported, has proclaimed war with Sevagee, he attempting to build two bullworks over against their

Fort of Sibon which they endeavouring to hinder, bred the quarrel. Sevagee still continues fortifying those two hills; a few days will tell us if they be able to put a stop to those bulwarks or no, which if gone on with, will be a great curb to the Portugeese.

When the Hunter is gone to Persia, there will be much wanting a Frigate to cruise up and down, not only to secure our merchants from Mallabars, but to secure the port on all occasions in this troublesome times of Sevagees drawing an army down against the Portugeese and the Siddys vessels daily coming in and out, so hope you will speedily dispatch the Revenge to us.

The Berkeley Castle when here last, brought out 13 iron guns 24 pounds, some of which were spared Sevagee, by which means we are in great want of great gunns.

(136)

O. Correspondence, Vol. SURAT TO THE Dated 11 January 36, No. 4163, fols. 10-11 COMPANY 1675/76

(EXTRACT)

In our former letters wee have advised the settlement of your factory at Rajapore, where we have employed a considerable stock to be invested in commoditys proper for Europe, which was expected would have been sent us seasonable enough to have bin cured and laden home on these shipps; but wee have been much disappointed of our expectations, having received scarce halfe of what wee ordered of baftas, dungarees, &c., and them all, or the greatest part, browne, and now it is too late to cure them. The reason of this disappointment is caused by the continued warrs in the inland townes, which gives an apparent obstruction to all trade. Mr. Child. &c. factors complaine alsoe of the late raines which have fallen there, hindering the passages of all caphalaes and belating them one month of what their usuall time of arrivall, which is a very great perplexity to us and puts us to great difficulty in the lading these shipps. Wee doe not find but your . settlement there hath been very well esteemed by Sevagee and all the neighbour governments of Deccan, by whom your factors

were received with all demonstration of kindness and respect to your Honors name and that of the nation. Wee perswade ourselves it will in a yeare or two more become a usefull and advantageous factory to you. Mr. Childs tyme having been wholly taken up in travelling up the country for the settlement of your business he hath not yet had time to prosecute your demands on Sevagee for your former loss at Rajapore according to contract, but wee expect that hee will suddenly bring that affaire to some issue.

The newes of these parts are alltogether uncertaine. Report speakes Sevajee one while dead and another while very ill and another while that he hath ordered all his forces to be ready under Pornollah [Panhālā], intending thence to march for Veezapore, called thither, report speakes, by the Nabobb Buleil Caun who now raines lord of all, the young King in his possession, and it is likewise talked keepes Coons [Khavās] Caun in prison; but the better sort of people doe beleive Coons is killed by him.

Sevasee haveing sent severall letters to the Deputy Governor to desire him to graunt leave for five of his vessells, which now lye at Penn, to be brought hither and haled on shore for security, that the Sidy might not burne them, the Deputy Governor propounded to the Councill, which being debated, and in regard the Siddy cannot take it ill of us, his fleete haveing been here severall times and wintered twice under our protection, it was

Ordered that a letter be sent to Sevagee to advise him that wee have graunted his request provided a writeing under his hand and scale (as he has promised he will), that in case the Siddy should attempt to destroy the said vessells in our port it should wholy lye on his account, the English not to be concern'd on either side.

(139)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 5, p. 12 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 17 January 1676

(EXTRACT)

For these many days here is a continued report of Sevagees being dead and buried, naming the place of his death, distemper, manner and place of burial. It is reported he was poisoned by his son; his son being informed his father had commanded the watch of Rairee Castle to throw him down over the wall, if he left not going out at nights after the watch was sett to meet a daughter of one of his chiefest Braminees, whose daughter he had debauched; that he was sick, we certainly know, and that his distemper proceeded from the violent pain he had in his head, which was almost rotten. The Siddy Sambolee told a servant of the Deputy Governor, that he was dead and so say all merchants from Dabull, Cullean, Chaule &c. Wee cannot give any great credit thereto, because Moree Pundit removes not from under Moules (Mahuli or Mavals) Hill with his army. We shall endeavour to know the certainty, and advise when we know it.

(140)

(D) O. Correspondence, No. 4163 FROM SURAT TO EAST { Dated 17 Jan. 1676

(EXTRACT) ·

The granado shells lost at Rajapore, Sevagee doth cleare himself of declaring that he never had them in possession, upon examination were understand that part were sold to Siddy Gehore [Johār] Generall of the King of Deccan's Army, Part were left at Rajapore in the Company's house when it was robbed, and afterwards were plundered by the people of the Towne, but there is noe hopes of recovering them, or anything for them. [Cf. No. 399, dated 6 October 1673 ante, p. 291, item 1st.]

Wee herewith send you the severall sorts of coynes now minted on the Island; among the rest wee desire you to take notice that the Tynn coine is made 10 per cent more weightier then it used to be, and that in order to its greater consumption; it first went currently of till the envious portuguese hindered its passage in their Country, and transport to the maine, abasing the value very much, but now wee hope it will be better esteemed,

and if wee could procure a large vent for it, 'twould consume a good gquantity of tynn yearly, and make it worth above 22 rupes per maund to you.

(141)

F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, p. 13 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated Swally Marine 24 Jan. 1675/6

(EXTRACT)

The Deputie Governor did latly send the President a bill of exchange drawne by Sevajee Rajah upon his corrispondent in Golconda, part whereof being on account of moneys due to the Company for cloth and perpituanos sold him, and part to some merchants on Bombay for corne and other goods sould to Sevagees Subedars by his owne order, and the remainder of the money was to be invested in corne for Sevajees owne account. This said bill was accordingly sent up, but it agains returned unto us, the person on whome it was drawne being departed from Golconda before This bill wee now returne you here enclosed; and seeing the Company themselves are concerned in this business, as well as their merchants, whom they are bound to protect against any violence of their neighbours, wee thinke good that you owne this cause publiquely as the Company's concerne; and in order to the speedy recovery of said money, that you send up the cheife broker Girderdas together with Narransinary and one or two able Englishmen, who in the Company's name are to deliver the letter herewith sent to Sevaice and Motto [Morol Pundit together with another letter from the Deputie Governour, and in the said name to demand satisfaction for the said money, together with interest and other damages, and they are not to depart till they have satisfaction; but if they see noe probability of satisfaction then the Englishmen are first to make a protest in the Company's name against their unjust proceedings and declare that if any dammage or breach of friendshipp doth accrew thereby they are the cause thereof, and then they are to returne, and haveing given you an account of their proceedings you are to signifie the sam[e] unto us, and wee shall take such course therein as shall consist with our Masters honour and intrest, and security of their merchants and trade hereafter into those parts.

Here is a flying report that Sevagee is dead, wherefore wee would have you consider whether it be safe to deliver the bill out of your hands before you are further satisfied of the truth hereof.

(142)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 5, p. 15 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 27 Jan. 1676 (EXTRACT)

The reports of Sevagee are various; some report dead, some very ill, some perfectly recovered; nothing of certainty as yet [to] be learned.

(143)

O. Correspondence Vol. 36, No. 4175 SURAT TO THE COMPANY { Dated 2 Feb. 1675/6 (EXTRACT)

Wee advised you formerly the ill successe of your factory near Brampore at Dungom, where Mr. Samuell Austen was taken prisoner, plundered all he had to the very clothes on his back, and your factory house burnt, all the goods therein and at the weavers destroyed by Savajees flying army; touching which wee thought fit to send up Mr. Austen himselfe to Savagee Rajah, to complaine and expostulate the great violence done us when wee were at peace with him, whose narrative wee send you herewith. Sattisfaction could not be procured, Savajee declaring that he was not lyable to make good any losses wee sustained in his enemys country, against whome he prosecuted a just warr; he blamed the Generall of his army much for the violence done us, and to the end wee should not be subject to such injuries hereafter he gave us his coles or pasteports for that place, as also for many other factoryes, but wee know not how farr they may be trusted unto, and therefore wee shall adventure noe more than the necessity of your affaires force us unto for the better procuring of goods for England. Mr. Austen hath in this affaire done you good service and behaved himselfe prudently; his losses were great and bespeak your favourable eye towards him. .

(144)

F. R. Surat, Vol. 89 SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 8 Feb. 1675/6 (EXTRACT)

(S) Wee take notice of Sevagee's death which is also confirmed here wee pray be carefull to recover the money which is due to the Company and the merchants on the island, for the last goods should, and trust now more of the Companys Estate in any of the

Sobedarrs hands, till the debt be first sattisfied; of then be as wary as you can; how you trust those people, till they keepe their words better then hitherto they have done.....Mr. John Child haveing advised us that the Soobedarr of Rajapore hath a great quantity of coconutts to be laden for, account of freight to be sent for saileti Surratt which coconutts wee are to dispose of and there out to pay the Company the first payment of what agreed on p[sic] contract, wee have thought good to order the Mayboonne downe thither; as well to lade, so much as she can bring herselfe; as to be convoy to such other vessells as wee would have you hire at Bombay for transport of said goods, from Rajapore to Surratt wee inclosed send you the contract made between Mr. Child and the Soobedarr of Rajapore and would have you not to faill to send downe boats sufficient for the bringing up the said goods to which end you may imploy Mallabars Coaster, the Companys Shibarrs if not otherwise disposed and in want of them you may hire a good large grob or two at Mahim Bandera and Bombay at as cheape a rate as you can and send them downe with all speed to Rajapore either together with the Mayboome or before her to the end noe time may be lost for the sooner we get the money into our hands the better.

[P] Mr. Samuell Austin hath againe earnestly entreated us to remind you of his concerne with Sevajee. Wee desire that you would youse your endeavour for the procureing him speedy sattisfaction, being he is fearefull should Sevajee be dead, as it is reported, he would never recover a farthing for his loss.

(145)

F. R. Bombay, Vol. CONSULTATION AT Dated 19 February 2, p. 9 (2d set) BOMBAY { Dated 19 February 1675/6

Narransinay and Caus Moody being returned from Mora [Pandit] with an answer to the President's letter touching the bill of exchange that was returned, and Mora Punditt having alsos wrott a very civill letter to the Deputy Governor declaring that the reason the bill of exchange was not accepted to be occasioned by the departure of the person on whom it was drawne, and that he was now arrived to Sevagee with the mony, and that he had wrott Sevagee how great the disappointment hath been to the English, which being taken into consideration it was thought convenient that two persons be sent immediately to Sevagee with the bill and to make demand thereof, which if he denies to pay they are to returne with his answer that wee may send some

English to make demand, and, in case necessity requires, to protest against him according to the orders were have received from the President and Councill, and in regard it is cheaper, sending such of our servants as are natives, then English, it was

Ordered that Narransinay and Caus Moody be dispatch'd with all convenient speed to Sevagee with the bill of exchange, which if accepted they are to advise us thereof and remaine there till they receive our further orders, but if not, then to returne speedily with Sevagees answer thereto that wee may put in execution the Presidents and Councills orders.

[Seginning omitted] First, our near neighbourhood both to Sevagee and the Siddy makes them foften unwelcome and dangerous guests unto us, having sometimes 3 or 300 of the one party or the other upon the island, or their vessells in this road, who are generally morose and surly men fitt and ready for any roguery when opportunity presents and not to be governed and kept in quiet by any persuasion, but the awe of our being too strong for them.

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } BOMBAY TO { Dated 24 Feb. Surat { 1676 } (Extract)

We shall use our utmost endeavours to recover the mony which is due to the Company, and the other merchants, for the goods sold Sevagee, and shall be very cautious how we trust any of the Company's Estate in any of the Soubidars hands, till they make good what already due, and are juster in their contracts than hitherto.

Here are severall vessells laden and bound for Rajapore which belongs to merchants of this port. We have recommended them to Mr. Child to be employed in their transport of the cocoanutts &c., goods that lie there ready for Suratt. They are large Grabbs and with some other vessells belonging to this Island that is there already, will be ready to carry up all at once.

We shall do what in us lies to be assistant to Mr. Austyn in the speedy procuring of the mony due to him from Sevagee. (148)

(D) L. B. Vol. 5 LONDON TO SURAT { Dated 8 March 1675/6

We should gladly hears that Bingees design about the printing do take effect, that it may be a means to propogate our religion whereby soules may be gayned as well as Estates.

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L. Book, Vol. 5 Pre Company to Surat Dated 8 March pp. 264-265

We note the approatch of Sevagees forces and the allarum given you thereon, and do hope that the agreement made with him will protect our estates.

We approave of the course you have taken to gett sattisfaction of Sevagee for our loss at Dungom and would have you prosecute it, for the it should cost as much as you shall recover, yet it will deter him from making the like depradations for the future, when they consider they must pay for it.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 89 RAJAPORE TO SURAT Dated 13 March Fol. 23

The newes of these partes are all together uncertaining but this is to olive that Sevagee Rajah is very well at Purnollah hath robbed hattande [Athani], the merchants losses is vallued at 300,000 Pagodas and is taulked that he will with all his fforces against Veczapore or Goa.

(151)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 5 April 1676

(EXTRACT)

We have intelligence that the Siddy intends to winter here, which we look upon to be bad news, for besides raising the price of all sorts of provisions and making them scarce, we shall never be able to prevent quarrelling, that will arise between our men and his, besides the intolerable cheat they always put upon the tobacco renter in bringing in tobacco by stealth; we having wrote a friendly letter to him, laying before him the many inconveniences will happen by his wintering here, desiring him to pass

the win'er at Suratt; if he should not hearken to our desires; yet we hope your honour may prevail with the Governor of Surat, to get him invited there, for we earnestly desire to be rid of his company.

Since the foregoing the Siddy is come in with his fleet, who tells us he has power from the Governor of Suratt to winter here, and he will not stir from hence, except we turn him out by force; he says he will write to the Governor about it, and we hope your Honour &c., will use the utmost interest to get him removed, otherwise he will be a plague to this island.

By the extraordinary strictness of the Broach, Cambaya &c. Governors, we have been able to procure so little corn this year that with what the Siddy has already had of us and the scarcity of all other provisions on this island, they are grown so excessive dear, that should the Siddy winter here, without doubt many of the inhabitants will be forced to leave the island.

We understand from some private hands, that several of the Siddys [men] have sided with Tully Ckawn, which has so encouraged him, that he begins now to appear abroad in public, and for fear others should follow their example, the Siddy not daring to trust himself this winter at Danda Rajapore, is fled hither and pretends Ghasty Cawns order for his stay here, which he has nothing to show, for we are likewise informed that he and his Mizza at Surat are very much fallen out, which makes him very unwilling to go to Surat; he presses also that his residence should lie in Bombay and not in Mazagon, being loath to trust. Sevages at this distance from the fort; if he stays here long, how troublesome, inconvenient and what great discouragement it will be to the island you all very well know; we submit to your better judgment, and desire your speedy answer, how we shall govern ourselves in this affair, which shall punctually be complied with.

J (152)

O. Correspondence SURAT TO THE Dated Swally Marine Vol. 37, No. 4202 COMPANY 7 April 1676

(EXTRACT)

The report still continues of Sevgees death (but yett it simuch doubted). He was poisoned by his barbar and for a long time hath not appear'd abroad, but his army hath lately robbed a considerable mart towns in Deccan called Houttannee [Athanee], neare Raybagg, where wee heare some of your estate is plunder'd,

but doe not yett know the certainty thereof. He holds a faire understanding with your Island Bombay and all, offices of freindshipp pass between them.

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(S) F.R. Surat, Vol. 89 SWALLY MARINE TO Dated 14 April BOMBAY 1676

Instructs Bombay not to allow the Siddy to winter there but in case he insists on it, restrictions were to be put on the movement of his men but at the same time to be civil to him so that he may not have any complaint against the Bombay Government.

(154)

Dated 18 April F. R. Surat, Vol. SURAT TO BOMBAY 89, p. 31 (EXTRACT)

Wee haveing here a report as if Sevajees army were coming hither [Surat | to plunder this place, wee doe now by Matteus desire you to make a diligent enquiry into the truth thereof, and advise us the motion of his army, and if you are certainely enformed they are moving towards Surat wee would have you send us intelligence with all speed by express.

(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. SURAT TO BOMBAY | Dated 21 April 89, Fol. 32

To this day the Governour of Surat hath not applyed himselfe in the least to us touching the wintering the Sidyes ffleet, wherefor wee would have you continue to prosecute our former directions, and not permitt them to winter there and be carefull that you be not overcome with their subtilities.

(150)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 t BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 25 April Sect. 5, p. 40 EXTRACT)

There is about 10000 horse of Sevagee come to Cullean; their intention is not certainly known, but a report goes that they intend to go and seize upon a hill near Damen called Parnerah. where was a castle formerly, but now deserted, which he intends to fortify, that he may be nigh Suratt, from whence it is not above 36 hours journey, which will strike such a fear into the

merchants at Surat, that it will much spoil the trade. Narang Sunsey and Cowes Moody saw Sevagee at Panolla; we do not hear that he intends to make any incursions this year.

The bearer of this, is one Sundergee Pervo, a person that is sent to Surat by Mora Pundit to succeed Kisso Rawn [Keso Ram or Keshav Raman] Sevagees Vakeel there, who for the neglect of his duty, is turned out; Sundergee has letters for his Hon, from Mora Pundit, in which we suppose he has wrote at large on this particular, so we, to comply with Sundergees desire, recommend him to your favorable reception, we have on his request to us, spared him a topass for his conveniency in passing the Portugeeze country.

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You have omitted to advise us what success you have had in your demands touching recovery of the money due to the Company &ca. merchants from Sevagee. Wee feare you are too remiss and indifferent in that affaire and looke upon it only as a private concerne, whereas if you understand it aright it is like to be the standard of your future dealings with Sevagee and his ministers, for if you suffer yourselves to be baffled in this business they will use you soe hereafter. Wee therefore desire you to prosecute the said demand with all vigour, and that you signifie to Sevagee and his ministers that if they use us soe injuriously in detaining our money and breaking the contracts made with them, wee shall be forced to withdraw all correspondence and trade from their countrey. And wee desire you to be wary how you trust them on the Company's account till that debt be satisfyed. (159)

In our last we advised you the report of Sevagees death, but we soon found it fabulous, and that he was recovered of his sickhes, and his armys abroad which have plundered a considerable market towne in Deccan called Huttanee, from whence report speakes he hath carryed away 300000 Pagodas where our Honble. Masters have suffered in 16 pags, broadcloth and other goods sent thither for sale per the factors at Rajapore. The kingdome of Vizapore is now in a miserable distracted condition, the King being in his nonage and not able to take the charge of the Government upon him; all his Umbraws are devided one against an other and in armes. The Mogulls Generall Bauder Ckaun is gone with his army against the whole kingdome in hopes of a conquest, and Savage, who hath alwaies had an eye that way but never durst attempt anything for fear of Bauder Ckaun, who continually lay with his armies on the borders of his country. hath now taken the opportunitie to fish in these muddy waters also and sided with Buloel Ckaun the Generall of Vizapore, but what the issue of all will bee time must produce: in the interim the Company suffer greatly in their factories of Rajapore and Carwar, and all trade impeded no merchants adventuring to buy any goods, and all the weavors fled from their houses, no place being secure, that they cannot setle to worke nor dare we intrust them with any quantitie of money till affaires are better setled.

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There being severall dancing women, subjects of Sevagee, fled over hither, of whom Mora Punditt hath made demand according to our articles of agreement with Sevagee, for the punctuall compliance with which it was

Ordered that enquiry be made after them, and if found, that they be secured till such time as he send persons for them, that we may receive the like from him if any of our souldiers or inhabitants of the Island desert it and runn into his country on any evill action committed here.

The newes of these partes is that the Nabob hath had a bloody fight with the Decanns. They killled him about a thousand

horse; many of his cheifest friends fell; himself much wounded. The Decanns are headed by Sheek Menass and assisted by Siddie Mazoure [Massaud] and Serjah Caun &ca. The Nabob hath none sticks to him but the Pattans. He hath sent to make friends, but the Decanns &ca. will not hear any thing of it. Report speakes him in a great streight whilst these fight. Sevagee hath 4000 horse that rainges up and downe, plunders and robbs without any hinderance or danger. The troubles up the Gaut are soe great that wee much feare being able to provide any goods for our masters this yeare.

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Wee have no certainty of Sevagee as yet, but its reported as if his brother Eccogee, hitherto in the Visapores service on the southern frontier, having surprised a mountaine and woody country, hitherto unsubjected, has sett up for himself. It is called Zawady Condaly [?]. Allso that Balla Balla Cawn [Bahlol Khan] (who rules Visapore since the imprisonment of Cabbash Cawn) should have received a considerable defeat from the joint forces of Sidi Maseed Jekery and Masour, so that if Sevagee be above ground it is time to be doing. Chingy [Gingy], its said, treats with this King, but we hardly think him in a condition to undertake it, being wholly intent upon fleecing his country, as well souldiery as common people, and that spoils all.

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F. R. Fort St. George SURAT TO FORT St. Dated 25 May GEORGE 1676

(EXTRACT)

Wee have lately been twice allarmed by Sevagees forces, and the towne [Surat] continues yet jealous of his approach, in regaurd that a body of his men keep hovering about Ramnagar, the Rajah of which place he hath beaten, and made his excursions into the Cooleys country, setled a party of men and fortified Pindolle, a strong hill in the said country, which place is not 8 daies march from Surat, so that if he comes not now we may reasonably expect him here the next monsoon; and to add the speedy and feasable marches it is thought he hath brought the Portugues to that extremitie that they dare not deny or opose

his passage through their dominions; so that this citie will have but a troublesome and unquiet neighbour, and put a stoppe to the trade of this port, if not totally ruine it, which God divert, to whose protection we commend you.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 27 May 1676

- (S) Sunderjee Pervoce is arrived but wee have not thought good to shew him any outward countinance nor receive his visit as yet till wee heare how he is received by the Governor of the towne, for wee thinke, not good to give him any occasions of jealousie;.......
- (P) From the beginning of this month this towne of Surat hath been in continuall alarams, by meanes of Sevajees army under the command of Mora Punditt who, haveing beaten the Rajah of Ramnagurr out of his country and taken Pindolle and Painecah is now within 3 days journey of us, and threatens to destroy the towne if the Governour doth not buy his peace with a good summe of money, touching which they are now in treaty. It is sayed also that Sevagee hath procured free passages for his army through the Portugall country and liberty to settle his people at Vinbassaree and Daman in order to make approaches to Surat and returnes the more secure, by which proceedings he seemes resolved either to destroy this towne or to bring it under contribution. Wee pray God to direct all things for the best, but hitherto wee have malancholly apprehensions for the Company's trade in these parts.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 5, p. 42 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 30 May 1676

(EXTRACT)

We are sorry you should think us remiss, in using our utmost endeavours with Sevagee and his ministers, touching the recovery of the money due to the Hon. Company &c. merchants from him.

We sent immediately Cowes Moody and Narangsinay to make demands of money from Sevagee, who gave them fair promises of payment and to that purpose, Narangsinay stayed behind to receive it, and we since hear, though not by letters from him thus;

Sevagee has paid something on account, and daily promises satisfaction for the rest; if we find that he absolutely intends for to baffle us, we shall proceed as your Honour &c. formerly directed us, but we are inclined to believe he has no such design, but it cannot be expected that he will pay it all at once, as it is a very difficult thing to get money out of such mens hands as his, but part in goods and part in money and by leisurely payments he may at length clear the account. We did, according to your Honrs, orders, agree with 5 vessells to go to Rajapore to lade the Companys cocoanutts and beetelnutts, which Sevagee intended to pay, but how Sevagees ministers have baffled Mr. Child in that business, in not only keeping them on demurrage 2 months, but at length returned [the] vessell up empty; your Honour will be informed from thence, it was a great good fortune to the Company that most of those vessells we agreed with, were laden with batty on their own account and bound thither, so that we are come off with all but one, without paying them anything, though with some difficulty, they much grumbling for their demurrage; only one vessell of about 450 candy, which went down empty on purpose to fetch up the Company's goods, whose owner was very instant with us for his freight and demurrage, which would have been considerable, but we at length agreed with him and paid 1225 Rups., which we shall charge to Rajapore Factory's debt, and that is all we have paid on that account. There are two vessells that have got their lading, which is Girders Ruparrell and the Moodys Ketch, but the owners may repent the time they sent them down, for by detaining them so long ere they laded them they are now forced to winter at Rajapore.

These goe by returne of your peon whom you sent to accompany Sundergee Pervoe, Sevagees envoy, from whose army (five days since) this citty received a very hott alarum, but now, thankes be to God, wee are quiet againe, and report speakes that Sevagee hath left Pindolle and returned with his army to their winter quarters in his owne country, soe wee hope to heare noe further from him till after the raines (which this day sitt in with us), when wee have great reason to feare he will disturbe this citty.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, Fol. 44 UMRA TO BOMBAY { Dated 7 June 1676

[Siddi Cossum who was on his way to Danda Rajapore on the Emperor's service is recommended to Bembay Government by the President. The President asks the Bombay authorities to let Casim winter at Bombay and to treat him civilly.]

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, pp. 45-46 FROM SURAT TO BOMBAY 1676

(EXTRACT)

Wee have already wrote you a letter in recommendation of Siddy Cossum who is now made Govr. of Danda Rajapore and Captain Generall of the Kings Armada against Sevaree (Siddy Sambole being turned out of said office). Ghastie Ckaune Governor of Surrat hath commanded the said Siddy Cossum to make what haste he can to his charge and in persuance thereof hath. with some importunity prevail. I with us to permitt his wintering on the Island Bombay till the monzoone serves to transport him to Danda Rajapore. He carryes with him about 200 Peons for his guard on the way, fearing some encounter from Sevagees forces. Wee were very unwilling to admit soe many troublesome people on the Island, but our Governour here being very importunate with us, and haveing expressed a respectfull regard and favourable assistance to our Honble. Masters interest, and promising to signifie this, and other our good services to the King, wee have thought good to gratifie him therein.

And though probably Sevagee may repine and look with a jealous eye on this proceeding, yet you must take care to satisfie him with the same reasons which wee formerly used, urging the necessity that lys upon us in regard our trade lys so engaged in the Kings dominions and that wee are as ready to render all becoming offices of friendship to him when it ly's in our way.

This day and at the same time that Siddy Cossum came to take his leave of the President, Sundergee Pervoce, Sevagees

Envoy, came to visit the President and deliver Moro Punditts hall letter which was full of kindness, but as to the affaire which for Sundergee treats about, wee judge it most prudent to keeps our selves as unconcerned as wee can. [For the earlier opinion this same point see (S) No. 153 dated 14 April 1676]

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 89 Fols. 40-41 } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 14 June 1676

Wee take notice that your endeavours have been carefully disposed for the recovering of the money due from Sevagee and gladly understand the good opinion you have that he intends in the end to keepe faire with us. Wee shall expect the successe, and desire you to inquire into the proceedings of Narran Sanay whether he be capable, to manage, such treatyes with Sevagee and his ministers, for wee conceive one reason why Sevagees people doe not comply better in their contracts with us is the slender regard they have to the person employed with them. Now seeing there will be alwayes a neccessity, by reason of the dependence of the Companys affaires on Sevagees country, to have an able grave intelligent person, residing in Sevagees court for the dispatch of such business, as wee shall have to be performed relating to Bombay and the other factorys, wee say wee would have you consider whether Narran Sunay be a person quallifyed for such an imploy or whether it were not better to keepe an Englishman envoy there (for the charge will be but little more) and wee are of the opinion had you sent an Englishman first of all, and expostulated the matter a little roughly with him, or had sent Girder for whome they have a far greater respect than Naran Snnav they would sooner have complyed with you then now they are like to doe.

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F. R. Fort St. George SURAT TO FORT St. Dated 21 June Vol. 28, pp. 39-40 GEORGE 1676

(EXTRACT)

Wee doe observe what you write as to the troubles in Vizapore, which also we heare to be in a distracted miserable condition through the dissentions of the Unbrawes, in like manner the
Sevagees people, through the frequent robberies and oppressions of
his army, that all trade there is impeded, and our factors complaine
that their cloth investments are at a stand by reason they can get
no weavors to setle to works.

win. In our last wee advised you how greate dainger this towne of fur Surat was in of being plundered by his forces that was at Pindolle, wit but since that (thankes be to God) is retreated into his owne this cyntrey withour [? without] advancing further; yet we feare we

.I heare from him againe in November or October, for he will

not be quiet till he hath reduced this port of Surat to pay him contribution, or worse, which God divert.

(171) Orme Mss. Vol. 114 | BOMBAY TO | Dated 21 June Sect. 5, p. 45 | SURAT | 1676 (EXTRACT)

Sevagee is at Rairy and his army so far as we can hear disperced to their winter quarters; which [sic? what] he intends in the spring is only known to his own breasts.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 } Sect. 5, pp., 46 & 52 }	BOMBAY TO SURAT		{	Dated 3 July 1676
	(EXTRACT)	-	:	

Siddy Cossum arrived here [Bombay] the 26th present [June] whom we received according to his quality with all demonstrations of curtesy and friendship. John Pettit went to Mazagon to welcome him, where he intends to reside till the weather is open for his passage to the Island, he seeming very well contented with the place; if at anytime Sevagee should complain of our kindness to him, we shall endeavour to satisfy him as your honour has directed.

We pitched upon Narangsunney to be an Envoy to Sevagee as being a person who had commonly been employed on the like occasions and consequently a great probability of his attaining experience and acquaintance with Sevagees ministers, and not having any information of [sic? to] his prejudice; we do imagine him to be a little proud and vainglorious, but our acquaintance, which has not been so great as to determine much concerning his abilities, your Honors. longer knowledge of him is better enabled to pass a sensure on him then we. As to the sending up an Englishman constantly to reside at Sevagees court, there is not any matter of fact in the case that we should be able to direct your Honour &c., what is convenient to be done in it, your Honour &c., being better able to determine of its necessity than we: if it be your pleasure to enorder one to be sent, we shall choose out one of the discreetest our judgment shall direct us to do. We have not heard from Narangsunney these 20 days; the contents of his last was that he was receiving money; please to inorder how we shall proceed in case payment is deferred, or in case they pay but 1/4 or half the debt, and promise further payment for the rest.

We do likewise imagine that the Siddy has no present thoughts of seeking any means to destroy us; yet many times opportunity has instructed those who never had any intention of acting a thing, to go and disarm his men would occasion the greatest disgust imaginable, for Sevagee would hardly neglect an opportunity of sending over a party in the night and cutting all their throats, which we were not able to remedy, and then how would that be represented to the King of India, that we had purposely disarmed his subjects to have them murdered; or if Sevagee should forbear; yet the same thing would be laid to our charge as intended by us.

Sevagees army under the command of Moro Puditt haveing taken Pindolle from the Rajah of Ramnagur (which is a considerable castle about 3 days journey from Surratt), the Generall haveing left about 4000 men to defend it, went back to Rairee. Sundergee Pervoce finds but a cold reception here, which makes him threaten hard and foretell the miserys of plunder and desolation to this city. Wee desire you to have an eye to the porceedings of Sevagees army soe soon as they come out of their quarters, and if you have the least intelligence of their motion this way, faile not speedily to advise us by expresse.

Wee have observed Narransunay to be very dilatory in his proceedings and tardy in his advices, and if you should find Sevagee to deferr payment of his debt after so many delays wee would have you send up to him some discreet and sober Englishman, together with Girderdas, earnestly to prosecute our demands and not to returne till they have received full satisfaction for the said debt.

The newes of these parts is very uncertaine. The freshest is that Sevgee hath made peace with the King of Vizapore and has

given 300000 Rupees piscash and 100000 Pagodas per annum in way of tribute, he to injoy all as farr as the River Cousma [Krishna] about 5 course beyond Callapore. This peace was mediated by the King of Golkondah. Sevagee has latly returned to him a subtill fellow by name Netagee who hath been 10 yeares in the Mogulls Court, turned Moreman, but now remade a Hindue, so that most thinke that doubtless Sevagee hath some great designe on foote which is not yet publickly discoursed.

Wee hear nothing of Sevagees intentions; in the spring we shall not fail to communicate whatever intelligence we receive of his design with all speed. Narangsinay has not afforded us one word of advice where he is, and how he proceeds, or what likelihood he has of receiving the debt, that we might the better know what course to take. We shall now send up a person to enquire news of him.

Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 5, p. 53 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 9 August 1676 (EXTRACT)

Herewith goes a letter from Narangsinney, who has hitherto found nothing but empty promises, and we do now, intend to send up an Englishman to Sevagee, and have pitched upon Lieut. Richd. Adams for that employment, of whose prudent management of the affair we have not any scruple; he intends to sett forward on Monday; we shall order him to insist very close and positive in his demand of the money, and if he finds nothing but dilatory delays to protest against the Rajah and so come away.

Mora Punditt is come against Danda Rajapore with 10000 men and has promised not to see Sevagees face till he has taken it; he makes great preparations to assault, having cut down all the timber round about, intending to make certain great barricadoes upon boats, under cover of which to storm it. Siddy Cossum intends speedily thither with 4 or 500 men with him for its defence; the farther event of this, we shall not fail to impart to your Honours so soon as received, and this being all we call to mind at present.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, Ffol. 54 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 14 August 1676

Wee wonder you have not heard of late from Narransunny about his negotiation with Sevagee and his recovery of those debts; his last advices to the President gave him hopes of a speedy conclusion with him; but there is a great distance between faire words, and faire payments, so soone as the season will permitt wee have thoughts of sending up a fitter person on the employ if before it be not ended.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. | SURAT TO BOMBAY | Dated 21 August 1676 | (EXTRACT)

Wee read the ill success of Narransunays negotiation with Sevagee and that you have sent Lieutenant Richard Adames to make demand of his debt; wee wish him better success, but should rather have approved of your sending Captain Adderton as a person more fitt for that employment.

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 21 August 1676

(EXTRACT)

We have 4 days past, send up Mr. Mallerer to Sevagee, Mr. Adams being something indisposed; as yet Narangsinay has procured no money, only fair promises, which hitherto has been the only payment; we hope some better success upon Mr. Malwerers arrival there, which we shall not fail to advise of so soon as received.

(S). F. R. Surat, Vol. RAJAPORE TO SURAT { Dated 24 Aug. 1676 (EXTRACT)

Wee are much abused by the proud ignorance of Sevagees ministers up Gautt through which feare wee shall be able to procure little or noe goods this years though noe point of our duty has been wanting. The newes wee advised in our former is still the same.

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Public R. Office Mss. \ [? PRIVATE] LETTER | Dated 22 September FROM SURAT C. O. 77, Vol. 13, p. 83a

EXTRACT

The month of May last proved exceeding troublesome for Sevagee, with a conciderable army having suddenly surprized a castle called Pindole, about three dayes journey from Surrat, belonging to the Rajah of Ramnaguer, sends his envoy to the Governor of this city demanding gooooo Rupees to be paid immediately for redemption of the city and the quarter part of the revenue of the country, otherwise he threatens to destroy all with fire and sword. This news put the town into a distracted condition, the most eminent merchants and all the people were ready to runn away, but the Governor shut up the gates and made some shew of defence. We prepared the best we could for security of your house and estate, and having sent back the soldiers we had from Bombay, were forced to supply their room the best we could. The alarm continued longer than any we have had hitherto and the danger more apparent in regard of the enemies near approach. But it pleased God to divert the storm, for the raines drawing near put a stop to Sevagees army from attempting the town; but the fear still continues, for now he hath possession of this castle aforementioned, he looks upon himself as Master of Suratt and all the country hereabouts, and except the King takes some speedy care to protect this town and country, it is likely to be reduced to a very ill condition in a short time.

(183)Orme Mss. Vol. 114) Dated 26 Sept. BOMBAY TO SURAT { Sect. 5. p. 60 (EXTRACT)

We have heard no news from Mr. Mauleverer and Narangsunney since their departure.

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O. Correspondence | COMMISSION TO CAPTAIN | Dated Surut Vol. 37, No. 4225 ∫ ROBERT FISHER l 29 Sept. 1676

(EXTRACT)

Wee have given you to understand the many insolencies and injurious practices which the publique ministers and people of Deccan and the coast Mallabar have of late imposed upon the Honble. Company's servants and trade in those parts, for the

preventing in some measure and puting a stopp to which hereafter wee desire you during your short stay in Rajapore, Carwarr and Callicutt, in case there are any ships or vessells there belonging to the said places, to command the Nocquedahs and cheife pilotts on boards your ship, and then in sharp and severe termes to expostulate with them; the reason why the people on shore dare presume to goe to sea without the English passes and use bold and menaceing speeches towards them, declaring that if they doe not behave themselves with more honour and respect to the Company and their servents, and performe their contracts faithfully, pay whatever debts are due to the Company honestly, and keepe a more faire and just understanding with us hereafter then hitherto they have done, they must expect severe chastisement in the seizure and confiscating of their goods, shipps, and other effects of the Honble. Companys justly provoked displeasure; for as wee doe noe injury nor offer any injustice or affront to any nation whatsoever, soe are resolved to suffer none from any, but to vindicate the Company's right and honour in the best manner wee cann. And for that our factors at Callicutt have sent us a remonstrance, declaring the manyfold injurys imposed on the Honble. Company by the Governor of that place and one Alle Rajah of Billiapatam, in case the said factors shall stand in need of your personal appearance on shore to expostulate with the Governor or any other ministers touching the said injuries, wee desire you and the rest of the Commanders to countenance them by your advice and councill in the best manner you can, wherein wee hope you will doe the Honble. Company acceptable service, which wee shall not faile to signific unto them.

Since our last Mr. Maulwerer is arrived from Ragry [Rayree], but has procured no money nor any hopes of ready coin; at first he promised Brants [Varāts] upon Gullion &c. to send two trusty persons of his own to see the money paid duly to us, before the persons returned back, but by advice of some of his Counsellors, that design was laid aside; then he offered wrought plate, that he had plundered in his journey, but demanded 50 per cent for the fashion and at that rate he would have presently have cleared the whole debt, but Mr. Malwerer and Narangsinay

would not receive it without farther order from your Honr. &c., which please to advise per your next. We are apt to think that if it be not accepted, nothing will ever be recovered or at least wise in a great many years, and if Sevagee should die, or should be much worested in his warrs whreby he were put into straights, it would in probability be all lost; if the Mogull should come against him in person his case were desperate. Just as Mr. Malwerer was coming away, he took his journey with a great army towards the Canara country, intending as was given out, to take Basseler. Onor and the rest of that country lying upon the sea, but left order yo [to] deliver us plate when we pleased to take it, or if that liked us not he would give us Brawts upon Gullian &c., but we must take the pains to recover it, which we suppose will be an endless businesss, for if Sevagee does not give strict order about it, the Brawts may lie unpaid these seven years. Narran Sunnay stays behind, whether about these brawts or till he receives further orders about the plate we know not, for he has not wrote to us anything.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 5, p. 63 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 6 Oct. 1676

This day arrived Narangsunnay, but brings no other news than formerly, that Sevagee offers either bills upon his Soubidars. or plate; the latter he offers at 30 Rups. per seer, which is 23 Surat Totals, but Narrangsunnay supposes he can have it at 28 Rupees per seer or thereabouts, which will be but 20 or 25 per cent less, it being Rupee silver, which we imagine to be better than Brauts, which are uncertain money and if ever paid, will not be recovered in 2 or 3 years. Sevagee is not gone down the coast, but gone up the hill, and has besieged 2 castles in Balgot, one called Billegom near Buncapore the other called Vayem Rayim about 5 days journey on this side of it; he has made great havock in the Vizapore country, and does intend to continue it, which we believe will much prejudice the Company's investment at Rajapore; at Carwar we hear not of any army intended towards Suratt, or that way and suppose none will be sent, because himself is gone so far up the hill. We add not but to subscribe &c.

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F. R. Fort St. George Surat to Fort Dated Swally Vol. 28, p. 55 St. GEORGE Marine 6 Oct. 1676

(EXTRACT)

Wee are at length (thankes bee to God) delivered from the troubles and feares of Sevage, but the allarrum continued longer then any wee have formerly received, and it is not without just grounds that we suddenly expect him here againe, and if he comes hee doth boldly declare that he will utterly lay wast the citie of Surat, which God divert.

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F. R. Surat, Vol.
89, pp. 67-68
SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated Swally Marine
(EXTRACT)

Wee take notice that you have not heard from Mr. Mauleverer nor Narransunay since their departure; however, the President hath received a letter from Narransunay, which advises that Sevagee is willing to satisfie the Honble. Company's debt and what due to other persons in varats or batty, wherefore if you cannot bring him to any better termes wee must be forced to be content with these, and in such case you must be very carefull that his Subedars doe not overrate the corne, but that it be delivered you at such reasonable rates the Company may be noe sufferers; and in case the townes you are assigned to receive the said batty in be over run by the Mogulls army, the Company may not sustaine any damage thereby, for that the batty must not be esteemed as the Company's untill it be delivered their servants.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114
Sect. 5, p. 66
BOMABY OF SURAT
Dated 14 Oct.
1676
(EXTRACT)

We do not trust Sevagee with any goods or money, nor have any dealings with his ministers, well finding how faithless they are. Yesterday Narang Sunnay departed to whom we have given orders to receive plate or other goods they will immediately pay in, not trusting to uncertain brawts, which is but acquiecing to the deceipts they intend to put upon us, whereas it is better to know whether they intend ever to pay us or not. (190)

F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, pp. 69-70. SUART TO BOMBAY E Dated Swally Marine 17 October 1676

(EXTRACT)

Wee take notice of Mr. Mauleverer and Narransunwys proceedings with Sevagee; they did well not to receive the plate. in regard there would have been soe great a loss upon it; wee approve better of the receiveing it in brawts, and therefore desire that you would give your directions accordingly. Wee had once great hopes that Sevagees countrey would have proved advantagious to the Honble. Company's trade, and did beleive he would have been so wise and understood his owne interest soe farr as to have keept a faire and just correspondence with us. but wee now find that soe long as that pirate and universall robber lives, that hath noe regard to friend nor foe. God nor man. there can be noe security in any trade in his countrey; wherefore wee have determined to dissolve the factory of Raiapore soe soon as wee can call in our debts, and have given order to Mr. John Child and Mr. Charles Ward to repairs on ship Nathaniell to Bombay with what estate of the Companys they can bring away. and leave only Mr. Robinson and Mr. Michell to receive in the remaining debts. Wee have not consigned them any goods this years nor shall wee till wee can bring Sevajee to a better understanding of us. The same intention alsoe wee have for Carwarr if it continues long under his jurisdiction; and wee would have you alsoe withdraw all trade and correspondence out of his countrey as to matter of trusting him with any of the Companys estate. declaring that you have express orders from us see to doe, in regard to the unworthiness of his and his ministers dealings with us; and were it not for our factors and the Company's estate yett remaining at Rajapore, wee would take a more smart course with him, and doe ourselves justice on the first vessells wee could meet withall belonging to his ports; but for this wee must take some more convenient opportunity. In the means time wee would have you give express orders to Narransunwy that if he cannot procure speedy sattisfaction paid in ready money or in brawts, but finds that they still continue to baffle him, that he comes away and treate noe longer with such false people.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, p. 72 SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 25 Oct. 1676 (EXTRACT)

Wee take notice of Narran Sunays arrival unto you, and the termes Sevagee offers to satisfye the Honble. Companys and other persons debts, which is in plate at 28 Rupees (or thereabouts) per seere, by which there will be 20 in 25 per cent losse. Wee have taken the matter into our serious consideration and doe concurr with you that it is better to make sure of something then hold it out longer upon uncertaintyes; wherefore, revoking all former orders touching brawts, we doe now require you to receive the Honble. Company's debts due from Sevagee in plate on as cheape termes as you and he can best agree, taking an exact and particular account of the loss sustained by his over rating the plate and breaking our first contract with him, which you must send unto us here, that accordingly wee may make our further demands upon him when a convenient oppertunity shall present.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 16 Nov. Sect. 5, p. 68

• (EXTRACT)

[Beginning omitted] Yet all things are far dearer here, than in the inland cheap towns of Sevagees Dominions, which will something enhance the price of their labours.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO Surat December 1676

(EXTRACT)

The Desy of Choul did promise to return and did in a manner proferr to undertake it [?] for a certain sum, but we heard he is fallen into trouble with Sevagee, who has fleeced him of what he could get, which perhaps has been the cause of his stay.

There is nobody here to buy brass gunns, but Sevagee, but we shall not trust him; if he sends ready money, we shall gratify him with their sale, but not else.

The Nathaniel is now coming in, but Mr. Child is not come in her, being stopt at Rajapore by force by the Soubidar, so

that there is only Madam Shapton and Mr. Ward come up. They left the factory in a confused condition, caused by the Siddy, who is there with his fleet, and has burnt Jettapoor.

(194)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 5 Dec. Sect. 5, p. 74 BOMBAY TO SURAT 1676

It is not only reported from all hands, but we have now received letters from the Soubidar of Chout that there is a peace concluded on between the Mogull and Sevagee, in which the Siddy is excluded, and the King not to help or assist him; if it be true we have thoughts that Junire or Aurengabaud or somewhere that way might be in many respects a very beneficial factory to the Company;...

Narangsinay is gone with Mora Pundit to Choul, where he has promised to end all accounts depending and make satisfaction.

Narangsinay informs us that Sevagee is to pay the Moguli 400000 Pagodas yearly, to assist him with 5000 horse and that he saw Mora Pundit send to Rairy for 4 lack of Pagodas to send away immediately for the first years payment and that the 5000 horse are gone under command of Neragy Pundit.

(195)

F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, pp. 90-91 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 5 December 1676

Though Sevajee should profer you ready money for your two brass gunns, yet we would not have you part with them without a positive order from us, for it is a matter of great consequence, and wee know not how farr he may be trusted.

Wee can give noe creditt to the report that you have from the Subedarr of Choule, that the Mogull and Sevajee have made peace, since wee have often been deceived by the like rumours, and wee know alwayes at this time of the yeare Sevajee doth motion and give out such reports on purpose to hinder the Moguli from falling into his country; and if a peace should be concluded between them wee can never believe that it will last long. Wherefore wee can have noe thoughts of setling a factory at Junire or in any other place in that part of the Decan country (which is at present the continual seat of warr) untill such time

ns affaires are in a better posture there. In the intrim wee would have you use all possible diligence to encourage merchants to bring downe a trade through those countryes to the Island, though wee doe not thinke good to trust any of the Houble, Company's estate there.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 20 Dec. 1676 CEXTRACT

The peace between the Mogull and Sevagee we hear is broken again; some say because he refused to send his son Sambogee Rajah as hostage; others say it was only a peace of Bauder Cawns making with [which] the Mogull would not stand to. We are sorry to find it so, expect the Mogull would prosecute the war in person and take all the country about us, which would be far better.

(197)

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 5, p. 79 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 31 Dec 1676 (EXTRACT)

Mr. Child is now gone to Surat, who perhaps can give your Honr. &c, some light into the account.

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O. Correspondence \ [? Mr. Child at] SURAT TO \ Dated 10 Jan. Vol. 37, No. 4253 \ BOMBAY \ 1676/7

(EXTRACT)

That Rajapore is in noe meane esteeme with your Honours I am very sensible of, and your thoughts of withdrawing the Honble. Companys Servants thence are grounded on very prudent and good reasons, which are: the little security you understand to have for the Honble. Companys estate that may be there, the unhandsome usage you have received, and the small quantity goods it hath both vended and yeilded. For the first, indeed at present wee have but a very ill accommodation upon any occasion to defend ourselves in; now although a good house be highly convenient, and for us one is a building that already on it hath been layed out above 17000 larees, yet you will not have greater security from it than now you have, for wee have a good stone warehouse that secures us from any accident of fire, and our whole trade lyes up in the country, so that the Honble.

Company's concerns is but a small time imediately in Rojapore, for the goods we buy, they as come from up the country, are packed up and lye not longer in the towne at most than 20 dayes. and Europe goods many will not vend at present in those parts, proceeding from the great troubles the Gaut is in, see that it may be see ordered that there will be few remains there, and so if any goods wanting Bombay is see neere, and alwayes, or most commonly, the Honble. Company have a vessell there, that the factory may be supplyed with any goods from thence in at most 15 dayes without charge; and for the goods that wee carry up the country and bring downe to port our security there cannot be more than wee have, being the Rajahs Phyrmaun delivered me by your Honour, that I left at Rajapore, and since my being there have procured the King of Vizapores and the Nabobs Phirmauns. The Vizapores people have hitherto not in the least disturbed us but used us with all imaginable kindnesse; but as for Sevajce Rajah how firme his Phirmauns have proved your Honour is sensible of, but that he will ever rob us in his owne country there appears noe feare or suspition for it, for he is prosperous and growes greater and greater, and he, should he dye, I see no great feare of danger, for his son [Sambhaji] is already crowned, and of sufficient understanding he appeares. However, the treatment wee had in his dominions brings me to the unhandsome usage he hath not only failed in complying with this honorable agreement made with him, that in part encouraged your Honour to settle at Rejapore, but robbed us at Hattanee [Athani], and many other unkindnesses have wee received from his Ministers. For the bucksiss or donative [?] it hath been demanded by me many a time to small purpose and that success I had therein proved unfortunately to the Honble. Company's losse, which I have largely represented to the Rajah &ca. and upon your honors orders declared to wholly leave the port, without sattisfaction that might encourage your Honours to expect better usage for the future. To this I had an answer that they were truely sensible of the just displeasure taken and could noe way but be ashamed that they had been see unhandsome, but assured me they would for certains comply more justly and punctually for the future; the bucksiss they will pay; our goods robbed at Haitanee, their full value should be restored, and such care taken that none for the future belonging to the Rajah should dare to give us any the least hindrance. This I have from the Rajah and Annagee Punditt, and see much of the effect of it have seen that a letter the Rajah

sent me signed by himself, Pisheca [Peshwa] and Annajee to all Hoveldars &ca. his Ministers, declaring that whoever gave the English belonging to Rajapore any the least trouble were servants to Haulollcores, and that he would demand sattisfaction, and noe excuse whatever should serve turne. This I sent up the Gaut with a servant: upon sight of it our Rhadaryes were cleared, and the Seere Subedar [sarsubhedār] of Purnollah saw it not only done, but upon my writing to him, soe many oxen as I declared has not a full ox lading, being accompted 9 Mds., was allowed for accordingly. About 100 oxe lading of goods comming downe of ours mett with Sevajees army going against a place called Belgaum; after he understood they were ours he did not only order that noe hindrance should be given, but ordered some of his owne men to see them past Collapore; and in Rajapore when wee please wee ship and land our goods, if the Governor be not, without Chopping[?] at midnight, our words being sufficient to them. And that I have experienced, and I truely believe they will be more kind than they have been, for they are subtile people and know full well their owne interest; the sweetness of our being amongst them they have tasted and pationately desirous of our continuance. It is true indeed to my trouble that the quantities Europe goods sold at and about Rajapore was not only small, but that the gaines by them would not beare the charge of our factory as per our booke accountt closed Aprill last; neither can I give your Honr. any hopes of better for the present and for what goods you may expect I have in severall generall letters advised how uncertaine a thing it is, but all this proceeded from the distraction in those parts, which hath brought the country into a miserable condition, and it is reduced to that now, that it's impossible longer to continue as it is, for Sevagee on one side and the Nabob on the other hath see plundered, and the flourishing trade that hath been in these parts soe wholy decayed, that it's impossible for them to find money to longer maintains their armyes, see that they will be forced to put an end to their wars, and as reports speakes, a peace will be suddenly made up, the Rajah Sevagee to hold all he hath in possession, for the river of Sanggaum, being about 7 course about Collapore, downe to the seaside, as a Moocaussah from the King. If this proves true Rojapore will soon much exceed your expectations, and the Honble. [Company] will reape a proffitt to great content. But this peace is uncertain. and on the other side it's certains warrs will not allwayes continue, yet it may be see ordered that your factory of Rojapore may not only be continued in a manner without charge but something of proffit, in putting it and Carwarr under one Cheife, as I formerly advised; by this convenience will have your buisness in those parts will goe smoothylier on, the Rajah kept content, who loves no port he hath like that of Rojapore, and the mony he hath layed out on a house for us will not be hove away, your bucksiss got in, what lost at Huttanee recovered, and your Honour will certainly find that you will have noe cause to repent of the charge you have been at in settling that factory. How conveniently it is seated, both as to the trade up in those countryes and its readiness upon all occasions to send and receive advices from Bombay and Surat, it will be needless to discourse, with what goods it affords and may vend your Honr. and Councill are sufficiently sensible of it: therefore I shall only say that for baftas, broad and narrow, dungarees and pautkaes you may have there doubtless in as great quantity as you may require, when they are in peace. And now had not that unhappy accident of robbing Hauttanee hindred I had certainly sent you at least 2000 corge pautkaes, nav of these goods, without some extraordinary accident falls out, if your Honors shall have occasion for them, I dare assure your. Honrs, that for the next yeares shipping you may have gott ready 3 in 4000 corge; for Europe goods I cannot at present encourage your Honours to send thither more than 200 peeces broadcloth 🕏 redd and 1 greenes: and soe God send the Honble. Companys concerns to prosper not only in Rajapore, but everywhere else.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 6, p. 2 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 16 Jan. 1677

A free egress and regress up the country [is] much hindered both by the Portugeese and Sevajee.

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O. Correspondence, Vol. | SURAT TO THE | Dated Swally Marine 37, No. 4258, fols. 35-6 | COMPANY | 22 Jan. 1676/7 | (EXTRACT)

Mr. John Child &ca. factors at Rajapore, on their first settlement there, did give us great encouragement that said factory would prove advantagious to your generall trade, in the provision of considerable quantitys of broad and narrow baftas, Pautkas,

&ca. Deccan cloth and cardamons at cheaper rates then they are procureable at Surat; as also in the vent of broadcloth, &ca. Europe manufactures, and in recovering of the 10000 Pagodas which Sevagee contracted to make good to your Honors &ca. loss at the plunder of Rajapore. But it hath fallen out quite contrary to expectation, for by reason of the lamentable devastation which Sevagee hath made in Raybag, Hautenee, Collapore, &ca. marts of trade, and the excessive price and want of cotton in those parts, noe callicoes have bin procurable this yeare, nor will any Europe goods sell, see that the stock consigned them hath in a manner layen dead all this yeare; and we have bin totally disappointed of the pautkaes and other goods they promised us, excepting some parcells they have sent us, but they are see bad and deare that wee can noe way approve them; add to this a most notorious cheate and abuse which the Governour of Rajapore hath put upon them in a bargaine of coconutts which were to be delivered on account of the 10000 pagodas above mentioned, wherein wee compute there will be at least 12000 rupees losse, the circumstances whereof wee entreat you to peruse in our consultation and coppy booke of letters being too tedious to be incerted here. These considerations together with severall roberys committed by Sevagees army on your estate at the plunder of Raybagg, Hautanee, and other violencys and breach of contracts sustained from his minsters, and the unsettled condition of the Deccan country, by the meanes of the present warr there, hath caused us for the present to dissolve that factory and call your servants away soe soone as wee can, to the end that wee might the better bring Sevajee and his officers to a more just and punctuall complyance with us hereafter; and our design hath soe farr succeeded that Sevagee, on the news of our leaving his country, hath sent his son Sombagee to see justice done us in all our demands, and to perswade us to continue at Rajapore, promising us all faire and punctuall complyance hereafter. And the Governor of Rajapore would not permitt Mr. Child to come away on the Nathaniell as wee enordered, and hath wrote letters to us assuring us that he will make all reasonable satisfaction and in the future punctually comply with us. Wee have not yett had leizure to debate in councill what is most consistent with your interest, whether to continue the factory or dissolve it, but soe soone as your shipps are gone wee shall enter on this affaire: in the mean time wee shall only say that though some arguments may perswade us to continue our settlement there, yett wee shall not adventure much of your estate

till that country is reduced to a more peaceable condition then at present it enjoys being miserably exposed to the calamitys of warr.

(D) We are much satisfyed in your prudent order for building a granary for provisions, and laying in a constant store for times of eminent danger, without which it were impossible your Fort and Island could ever be safe, there is a strong warehouse built sometime since by order of Councill, for that purpose; of stone and lime one story high, convenient but without any great state, and order is given to your Deputie Governour and Councill to lay in stores of rice and batty &c to be bought at the cheapest rates. They have our direction to improve said Granary to the Companys best advantage, it is high time such a store be laid in for the Portuguese have severall times forbid all provisions to be brought to the Island from Salsett and all their parts; and by reason of the Warr between the Mogull and Sevagee, the Mogull's Countrys are not see free to us as formerly; and Sevagee carryes all his corne up to his Castles; soe that wee must be forced to supply ourselves from Mangalore and Batticola, where Rice is usually very cheape, and from whence the Dutch and the Portugueses doe yearly furnish themselves.

The Printing designe doth not yett meet with the successe as expected by Bimgee Parrack, who hath taken great paines and been at noe meane charges in contriving ways to cast the Banian Charecters after our Fnglish manner; but this printer being wholly ignorant therein, and not knowing anything more than his owne trade, is noe wayes usefull to this designe; wherefore Bimgee hath desired he may bee imployed in the Companys service, and soe indeed he hath bin ever since he came, and he will be very usefull to your Island Bombay. whither wee intend to send him to stay there till your further Wee have seen some papers printed in the Banian Character by the persons employed by Bimgee which look very well and legible and shows the work is feasible; but the charge and teadiousness of these people for want of better experience doth much discourage, if your Honours would please to send out a founder of[?r] Caster of letters at Bimgees charge he would esteem it a great favour and honour, having already made good what wee can reasonably demand of him for the printers charge bitherto. [Collection of Papers.....Bombay Govt, Vol. 7 p. 28]

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O. Correspondence Vol. 37, No. 4263 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 24 Jan. 1676/7

(EXTRACT)

We have alwayes provisions in abundance, our Island being rather a granary of corne then otherwise, from whence it is transported to Rajapore, Goa and other places, and it shall be our care never to see the Island unprovided of provisions; but wee could find other wayes to passe up the country with little trouble, were there peace between the Mogull and Sevagee, or that the Mogull would take all this country about us, for about two dayes journy up the hill between the Mogulls and Sevagees dominions, there is a perpetual seat of war, soe that noe merchants can passe without apparent danger of being plundered, soe that wee cannot expect merchants should land there goods there without knowing where or how to dispose of them.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 24 Jan. Sect. 6, pp. 6-9 & 15 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 24 Jan. (EXTRACT)

The chiefest, nearest and best pass up the country is by Tannah, where formerly they took off all goods, which passed by 3 per cent, but now for the sake only [of] Bombay they have raised to 10 per cent, which is equivalent to a total, forbidding all goods to pass, likewise all timber for shipping and houses of Duranee, which we may call the oak of India, growns up at Cullean and Bimurly and must necessarily pass by Tannah, where they take 33 per cent custom, besides the Capt. of Bussims leave, it being a pension or rent conferred upon him by the King of Portugal, which is above 20 per cent more, which is one reason our Fort and houses building is so chargeable; they have forbid this year, all rice to be transported to Bombay and do often put excessive excises upon even harbes and fruit and hens, which poor people bring over at Bandorah.

Many families of Braminies daily leaving the Portugeese territories and repair hither frighted by the Padrees, who upon the death of any person forces all his children to be Christians and even some of the chiefest, who still live at Bussim and other places build them houses here, therein placing their wives and children against a time of danger,

This port having in respect of situation and convenience the advantage of Surat or Goa and all the ports on the whole coast, Goa lying so far down below the great places of Guzzarat, Dilly, Brampore, Aurengabaud &c., where the great glut of goods which supplies Europe and all India is made.

If we do not fall out with Sevagee, we dare promise 3 times the quantity of [cloth] this year sent.

We are induced to say if no quarrell happens between us and Sevagee, because we shall be forced to make the greatest part on the other side of the Bay, about 20 miles off up the river of Salset, where we have got together a good parcell of weavers, whom we cannot yet perswade to come over, tho have hopes in time to effect it.

[Beginning omitted] Instead of which we must pay 2 per cent to Sevagee.

[Ditto] Let you take in a freight of rice to Rajapore.

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Wee wonder wee have noething from you what care is taken or wether you have received in the money owing by Rajah Sevagee; if you finde he still continues to baffle you, wee desire you to seize and make prize of some of his vessells belonging to Dahoull, Chaule or Cullian or any other of his ports, letting the men have their liberty and taken care that none of the goods be imbezzeld or made away, for this will be the onely way to make him rightly understand himselfe and come to a speedy sattisfaction.

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(EXTRACT)

Mr. John Child having made some motions to the President and Councill touching the affaires of Rajapore, which hath given them encouragement to order him downe thither agains to make his further demand from the Rajah, and his Subedars on account of his Buckshee[s]; and to advise the success; when they would consider of giving him such further orders and directions as should be necessary for his stay or removall.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, Part II, Fols. 9&10 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 1 Feb. 1676/7

Mr. John Child having made some motions to us in councill which hath given us reason to expect that if he returnes to Rajapore, wee shall finde a better complyance from Rajah Sevagee, and his Subedarrs; then hitherto wee have done; wherefore wee have permitted him to voyage downe thither agains to try what faire meanes will doe; and shall hereafter thinke of continueing him or recalling him as wee finde he speedes, wee have ordered him to take his passage from the port on the *Phoenix*.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89 p. 12 (2d set) SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 3 February 1676/7

(EXTRACT)

I am informed from Mr. John Child that Narran Sunay doth not manage the business with Sevagee as he ought, but his [sic, is] frightned out of his duty by their great words, and is rather inclined to his side then to execute our orders; wherefore I would have you advise and discourse with Mr. Child concerning this affaire, and if Narran Sunay hath played the roge and abused us in his trust, I desire you to recall him and not employ him more in the Company's service, but leave the buisness wholly to Mr. Child and such other Englishmen as wee shall hereafter order to be sent up.

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAL { Dated 17 Feb. 1677 (EXTRACT)

We do prosecute the recovering of Sevagees debt what lies in our power. Narang Sunay has procured 100 Maund beetel nutts about 200 Moora batty and is promised a good quantity of coconutts. We are sensible he does not manage that affair to the best advantage, but seeing he has recovered something, we had best stay and try the uttermost of what he can recover and then let Mr. Child go on to endeavour to get in the rest, which if he cannot effect, we shall then have recourse to the last order of seizing upon what vessells we can meet with belonging to his country

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(D) L. B. Vol. 5 Page: 403 FROM LONDON TO COUNCIL AT SURAT Dated 7 March 1677

(EXTRACT)

His Majestie hath been graciously pleased to grant us the libertie of coyning at Bombay and wee intended to send you out stamps and directions for it by these ships, but wee could not gett them cutt in time, but you may expect them by the next. In the mean while you may goe on coyning as you doe at present endeavouring to promote the expense of Tynn either by that or any other means you can, and give us an exact relation how you carrie on the business of the Mint, for by your Books wee cannot find it out.

.....The 2 great brass Gunns that wee sent from hence wee did not designe for the use of that Island, being of too great a value, and therefore doe order you to sell them them the best you can, and give us a particular account of them, for that wee have alreadic supplied you with Iron guns, that are as serviceable, and not above a sixth part of the value.

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Letter Book, Vol. THE COMPANY TO SURAT Dated 7 March 1676/7

(EXTRACT)

Wee are glad that our factorie at Rajatpore is like to prove see advantageous, and hope wee shall find it see. Wee would have you prosecute the recoverie of the money that Sevagee agreed to pay us for our losses, for the older that debt growes the more difficult it will be to recover.

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(S) F. R. Surat Vol. 89. Fol. 15 SWALLY MARINE TO EDATED 1676/7

(EXTRACT)

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(D) L. B. Vol. 5 PROM EAST INDIA CO Dated 15 March TO SURAT 1677

(EXTRACT)

Wee wish the Printing business may take effect, if wee can procure a Founder of letters he shall be sent by these ships.We recomend you to keep very good guards and strict watches and to let no strangers come armed on shore, nor in any great numbers, nor to sound the Harbour or view your Fortifications, for though at present wee are at peace with all our neighbours, yet there are great appearances of Warr between us and France and the Portuguese and they are in strict amity so that you must be very watchfull to prevent a surprize. [Collection of Papers.....Bby. Govt. Vol. 7, p. 39]

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O. Correspondence BOMBAY TO THE Dated 19 March Vol. 37, No. 4272 COMPANY 1676/7

(EXTRACT)

Wee have some credable reports that there is peace concluded between Sevagee and the Moguil, though dare not absolutely affirme it, though some of our servants that are now come from up the hill say that there is free egress and regress out of Sevagees unto the Mogulls cominions, without the least manner of hostility; if soe, wee have hopes to open a trade directly up the country, which in time may much advance your customes and increase the trade and splendor of the Island. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 6, p. 23]

(213)

F. R. Surat, Vol. 3 SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 22 March 1676/7 (EXTRACT)

Mr. Samuell Austin hath desired us to remind you of the 1000 Rupees Rajah Savagee hath given him on Cullean Buinde, that when you recover the Company's money you would also seeke the recovery of his, which wee desire you to endeavour, in regard he hath been a great sufferer by Savagee.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 6, p. 29 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 3 April 1677

We formerly advised of the weavers of Brimurly who though we cannot prevail with them to come and dwell here; yet they have promised to supply us with a good quantity.

There is nothing recovered of Seavagee for Mr. Austyn as yet; we shall not forget to make demands of it, but believe it will be long ere received.

Mr. Child is gone to Rajapore, whom we shall as much advise.

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As to the extraordinary charge in carthire, it did appears to be when Sevages robbed Dungom, when carts were not to be procured but at excessive rates.

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The President and Council considered of sending downe the souldiers that have been kept here all this month for the security of the Company's estate, but in regard the Towne are jealous [tearful] of Sevagees visiting them this yeare, wherefore that the Company might not be in want of convenient assistance to defend their estates and their servants lives, should be againe burne and plunder the Citty.

Resolved that the souldiers be detained here, and not sent to Bombay.

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(S) F.R. Surat, Vol. THE GOVERNOR OF Dated[?] 15
4, Fols. 53 & 54 SURAT TO SIDDI SAMBOL April 1677

(EXTRACT)

In which he says that the English President had received orders not to allow any stranger on the island but he has in

courtesy written to the Depa[?u]t. Governor to allow you to winter there this year...] desiring that you would beare a strict command over your souldiers; that they may not molest nor disturbe the inhabitants; and if you continue there keepe but 50 men on the island; and the rest lett remaine on board.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, Fol. 33 SURRATT TO BOMBAY 1677

(EXTRACT)

This evening wee received a very formall letter from Siddy Sambole wherein after many vaine pretences he entreats our leave to winter att Bombay himselfe together with all his men and his fleet, and accordingly would have us recommend him unto you which wee will by no means consent into in regard wee plainly perceive his intentions are not for Danda Rajapoore, but he lyes haveing with his fleet about the island and wee cannot at all commend you in what you have con[n]ived att his continuance on. the island thus long, and never given us account thereof, that our orders might have arrived to you more seasonably however wee do now require you first in faire termes to declare to him, that it is contrary to his majesties this honourable Companys and our orders to permitt him or his men or his fileett to winter on the island, and therefore he must prepare himselfe to be gone with all the expedition that may be and if you see he will not be sattisfied with this but that he obstinately continues or the island you must then by publique proclamation require all people belonging to the Siddy's fleet to depart the island and prohibite all the inhabitants of the island after three days to sell any of Sidddy's people any sorts of provision or come neer their houses or hould any conversation with them, for wee will not permitt him to continue on the island, and if he stays itt shall be at his own perill.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated before [?] 2
Sect. 6, p. 35

(EXTRACT)

We have [with] much ado prevailed with Siddy Sambolee to embark to-morrow, but he intends to stay aboard 3 or 4 days in expectation to obtain your Honours &c. licence for his wintering here, having sent expressly by sea and land for that purpose.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 6, p. 35 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 2 May 1677 • (EXTRACT)

Wee have by us two of your Honrs. &c. unanswered of the ulto. April and 12 May. We did what was possible to get the Siddee out, next to plain force and firing at the fleet, which we know not how would be resented at Surat, we have daily for these two months told him absolutely that he must not winter here, and he always beguiled us with protestations that he would be gone this day, till the fleet was not able to stir, which must now winter here, except we will force them out to be all lost, but he himself has promised faithfully to go overland and that he will set out tomorrow morning, if not be at his own peril for we could by no means suffer him to stay here.

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(S) F.R. Surat, Vol. 89, Fols. 35 & 36 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 7th May 1677 (SUMMARY)

[Shows that the above order was modified greatly at the request of the Mogull Governor of Surat and the Siddy was permitted to 'winter' at Bombay though the movements of his people were very much restricted.]

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F. R. Fort St. George CONSULTATION AT Dated 9 May Vol. 1 p. 7(4th set) FORT ST. GEORGE 1677

(EXTRACT)

Sevagee (or be it his sonn) being entertained in the King of Golcondas service, and now upon his march to fall upon Chengy with an army of 20 thousand horse and 40 thousand foot, the van whereof (being about 5 thousand horse) allready past Trippaty and Calastry 9 and 8 leagues Gentu from hence, and this night expected at Cangiawaram about 4 leagues Gentu hence, a distance which it is very usuall for his horse to march in a night time.

And the sad experience of all countries and places where he has used to frequent obliging us to take care for the security of the Honble. Company's fort and estate in our charge,

It is resolved to list what Christian souldiers we can gett as far as fifty, and what Peons as far as 100; the former with our Auxilliarys to strengthen our outguards, the latter chiefly to send up and down to the severall quarters of his army to observe his motion and to attend our Bramany for the better obtaining of intelligences and prevention of surprisalls. As likewise to make two large tents for shelter of our outguards when upon duty abroad at the passages and foords of the river, having found the want of them in our late troubles; and this to be done with all possible expedition.

And according as Savagee disposes of his forces, his designes being doubted to reach further then as yet pretended, we shall govern ourselves thereafter.

Memorandum. Sevagee came with his army to Peddapollam within two leagues and half Gentu of this place and made a halt there for some time. [Fort St. George Diary I; 1672-78 pp. 112-13]

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We have a strong rumour of Sevagees near approach, and having a small partie of his men hovering about Balsarr and Chickley hath put the whole country into an uproar, the people of Gundavee all deserting the town and are fled hither for fear of them, and the Governour of this castle fearing a surprize hath hired 500 new soldiers and make a chain over the bridge into the castle, not permitting any person to enter without strict examination, for that he is jealous Sevagee hath too many of his confederacie in the towns.

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F. R. Fort St. George CONSULTATION AT Vol. 1, p. 7 (4th set) FORT ST. GEORGE Dated 14 May

(EXTRACT)

Having this day received a message and a letter from Sevagee Raja by a Bramany and two others of his people, requesting some cordiall stones and counterpoisons, we resolved to send about the town and bought up these following particulars to be sent him, with a civill letter, by a messenger of our own, as a small present, togather with some such fruit as these gardens

afford, and to bestow upon his Bramany Mahadogee Pantulo three yards of broad cloth and fower veece of sandall wood, not thinking good to require the mony for so small trifles although offered in his letter, considering how great a person and how much his friendship does allready and may import the Honble. Company as he growes more and more powerfull and obvious to them, especially his army continuing now at Gentu leagues 2 to 5 leagues distance from this place and like to do so yet some time, which when he pleases is but a dayes march.

List of the Medicines and its cost which are sent to Sevagee.

ocvagee.	fa.	ca.
Three cordiall stones weighing 01 oz. 10 dwt. 12gr. Pa.	1.20.	00
Two pedras de Budgee) fower pedras de Bugia	10.00.	00
Two do.		
Cocko das Ilhas 4 oz. 07 dwt. 00gr.	44.00.	00
Carangueje de pedra one) fower	5.00.	00
Do. three) . —		·
Pagodas	60,20	. 00

Beside the broad cloth and the sandall wood mentioned in consulation of 18th June. [Records of Fort St. George, Diary and Consultation Book, 1677 (1672-1678) p. 113]

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Records of Ft. St. George, Diary and Consultation Book, 1677 (1672-1678) p. 114

AT A CONSULTATION IN FFORT ST. GEORGE, YE 19TH MAY 1677 Dated 19 May 1677

Being Present.

Wm. Langhorn Governr.
Streynsham Master,
Joseph Hynmers.
Edward Herrys Timo: Wilkes.
John Bridger Jacob Smith.

Upon the adress of the two Surgeons of the ffort. It is ordered that the wages of the said two Surgeons John Waldo and Bazaliel Sherman from the time of the departure from Gravesend of the ships they came by untill the time of their landing here be paid them by the Purser.

Mr. Thomas Clarke having delivered in a Petition here annexed, for augmentation of sallary, he having hitherto only pagodas ten per Month without any other allowance, for dyett or house rent. & likewise for allowance for his house near to the Towne Wall, pulled downe in time of the warr of St. Thoma for the safety of the place &c. The Agent and councel being very sensible of the great paines he has all along taken in the Honoble. Compas. Service, and how necessary he has been, and still is unto them in such times of never ceasing troubles, as we hav[e] hitherto found, for these severall yeares, and for ought we see growing more and more cloudy, as the new Intrigues of Golconda wth. Sevagee give us but too much reason to apprehend, they have resolved that he be allowed three pagodas per Month out off the Choultry Income over and above his present sallary, as well for house rent, as in consideration of his said house pulled down as aforesaid for the safety Honoble: Compas: ffort &c: Estate and Interest in these parts, noting that the said house was standing before the said Town wall itself was built.

The sea coming in nearer and nearer upon us, it is resolved that we proceed to carry on the fences towards it, and particularly at the ffishers Point, the Point Cavalior and the Honoble: Compass battery at the see Gate, that we may not be wanting on our part for the preservation of the place so long as we can, and so to wayt [wait] upon his providence who sett its bounds to that unruly Element. Resolved likewise that we proceed without loss of time to lay the foundation of the new Caldera Point, to be carryed on hereafter as fast as conveniency and opportunity permitts.

Mem. that in yeares 1672-73-74 the sea was at such distance from St. Thomas and the ffishers points that we were fain to keep staccados of Toddy Trees [bet]ween said Points and the sea qt. No two hundred and fi[fty] Trees at the former, and No a hundred fifty odd at the latter to comand the passage, leaving way enough besides.

W. Langhorn.
Strensham Master,
Joseph Hynmers.
Edward Herrys.
Jno Bridger.
Timo. Wilkes.
Jacob Smith.

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F. R. Fort St.
George, Vol.
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COPPY OF A LETTEL FROM
SEVEGEE RAGIA FROM
VELLOR TO SIR WM.
LANGHORNE

Dated 25 May
1677

(EXTRACT)

I have in a good hower received the letter your Worshipp sent me together with the Maldiva coconuts, the beazar and the cordiall stones, &ca. which have rejoyced me, and much to hear from my messenger Mahodeger[?e] Pontula of your great wisedome and understanding and your good frindshipp towards all people which satisfyed me very much, and I doe not doubt in the least but that your are such a person as I am informed, and doe againe desire your Worshipp to procure from [sic? for] me some more Maldiva coconutts, beazar, cordiall stones and some other sorts of good counter poysons which may be procurable, and be pleased to send them to me, advising me their cost allso, whereof I entreat your Worshipp not to be bashfull. I have now sent your Worshipp tashrifes, which I desire you to accept of with a good will, so I shall not trouble your Worshipp any further at present. [Fort St. George Diary I, p. 115]

This Citty of Surat and the Countreyes adjacent have for these 4 years been under a Continual feare of being surprized by Sevagees army, for his soldiers are loldled and garrisoned securely in Nunsaree and Gundavee and the cheif officers taken up the Desys owne houses who with their familys and the Cozzys and the cheife men are all fled to Suratt, and Sevagees men do not only force contribution from the country, but come boldly into the towne with 40 or 50 horse att a time and publiquely demand provissions and contributions from the Governor and the Kings officers, and tis confidently affirmed that Sevagees army increases daily more and more and that many of his soldiers are lodged privately in the very town of Surat uppon some designe, which hath caused the Captain of the Castle to raise 500 soldiers more for his defence and to keep extraordinary strickt watch day and night, and you may conceive that our French and Dutch

neighbours, as well as ourselves, have the same apprehension for their Masters estates and our own libertyes, but should Sevagee surprize the towne, there is no possibility for us to oppose them. but must keep as fair termes with them as wee can, and itt is somewhat to our contentment that you maintaine with them a faire understanding att Bombay, as also our frinds at Rojapore. and they also reciprocally towards you, so that whatever designes they may have against this towne, yet wee are willing to beleive he hath no ill intention against us. However, wee trust him not. and would willingly use all convenient means to sattisfie our selves whither he means well towards us, and have thought good therefore to write a civill letter to Morah Punditt who is Generall of his Army desiring him that he would give this Instructions and strict orders to Trumbuckgee and the rest of the officers that do now command the Army, or whoever shall hereafter command in his absence that whatever attempt they make upon the towne. they do not offer any violence to the English house or nation, or to any of their brokers or servants immediately depending upon them and that they would send the said orders to us to shew to the officers in case there be need. Wee send you herewith the copie of our letter to him, which wee desire you not to send to Narrinsinay, for his proceedings are very tedious and slight, but wee would have [you] send Captain Kegwine together with Kaus Moody for his interpreter with itt, who is to bring an answere together with the said order. This was effectually recommend to you, and if you can conceive any thing elce that may tend to our further sattisfaction and security, wee would have you put it in execution, and likewise advise us what you can learn concerning the Savagee and his army and your judgment thereon, which being the needful touching this affaire.

Wee have since thought good to write one letter to Savagee also of the same tenour to that to Mora Pundit, and whereas wee have ordered Captain Kegwin to manage this designe, now wee conceive itt may be done by less expence by sending only a discreet Seargent whom you may accommodate with the Companys horses and things necessary for his charge, which wee desire may be as moderate as can be contrived, and give instructions to Caus Moody to enquire what news he can, that wee may be instructed as fully as wee can expect in such a conjuncture, and faile not to write what news you can, where Savagees person is wintered his army, and allso where the army under Mora Pundits command doth take up his winter quarters.

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OCCURRENCES FROM SURAT AND COAST OF MALABAR (EXTRACT) Dated 31 May 1677

The fear of Sevagee is at present somewhat removed, having news that his armies are retired into his owne dominions.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. 2 CONSULTATION IN Dated 13 June pp. 6-7 (3d set) BOMBAY 1677
(EXTRACT)

Savagees army being garrisoned and lodged in the towne of Gundave and Nunsarree, that are but a days journey from Surat. the President and Councill apprehending the danger of the Company's estate and servants may be in if Savagees army should come against the towne, as is hourly expected, have sent down to us a letter to be sent Mora Pundit. Generall of Savagees army. wherein they desire him to give his instructions to the Officers that command the army that if they attempt the towne that they doe not offer any violence to the English or any of the brokers or servants belonging to them; which being a businesse that requires speed, they have ordered us to send an Englishman to Rairy with the said letter for Mora Pundit, and to procure his orders to those that command the army; on consideration whereof it was thought that one of our servants of the country people might doe the buisnesse with more speed, as well and cheaper then an Englishman, it was

Ordered that Caus Moody be immediately sent away with the letter from the President and Councill to Mora Pundit, and to sollicite for a speedy answer thereto, and returne on receit thereof, that the President and Council may have such orders as Mora Pundit graunts as soone as possible.

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F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 27, pp. 14-15 (3d set) TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR BRAMENY VIRA RAGAVAYEO FROM GULCONDA TO THE HONBLE. SIR WILLIAM LANGHORN GOVERNOR,

Dated 16 June 1677

(EXTRACT)

By severall great persons coming hither from divers countrys as Seavagee Raja, Sk[?h]eck Minaju, Seddy Massood, Seck

Mocktoom, Gasalacoty Timmaya, and others, Brameny Madana haveing been very busy in goeing out to meet them, and providing them commodations and other necessarys, and dispatching them from hence, hath been the cause of so long delay in remitting these things; and whereas business here at present is not as formerly, depending upon one person, but now wee must depend upon all the great persons, which I suppose your worship hath notice.

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F. R. Fort St. George CONSULTATION AT STATE TO THE TOTAL TO THE TOTAL

The Agent having received another letter from Sevagee Maha Ragia of the 25th May last from his leagure at Raja Vealour, wherein he thankfully accepts of the present of cordialls and counterpoisons sent him as per Consultation of the 14th May and desires a further supply of the same, and other sorts, assuring us of his friendship and offering the price for them, it is resolved to be for the service of the Honble. Company that we gratifie his request, and having used diligence and procured the following particulars to the vallue of Pagodas 52.21. 5 that we send them unto him by our camp Bramany Ramana with a civil letter as in the Golconda register, not requiring the mony but making a present of them, his power encreasing and he exercising so much authority in the King of Golcondas country that he sends all about to receive the King's rents by his own people and punishing the Avaldars and great men of the country at his plasure.

List of the Cordialls, Counterpoisons, &c., and their cost, which are sent to Sevagee.

	oz. dwt. gr.	Pa.fa.ca.
Cocko das Ilhas	2.12.6	26.09.00
Fower Cordiall stones	3.08.0	3.14.00
Rayz de Columbo five pee	ces	.10.00
Rayz de Abuto two peeces	r en	.18.00
Pao de Solor two peeces		.03 .00
Rayz de Joa. Lopez fower peeces		.08.00
		30,26.00
Fine scarlett yards 3 Pa. 7.31 and 1 yard do. Pa. 2.8		10.03.00
Broad cloth redd yards 13		11.10.05
Half maund sandall wood		.18.00
[Fort st. George Di	iary I, p. 115]	52,31.05

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O. Correspondence Vol. 37, No. 4266 FORT ST. GEORGE Dated 19 June 1677

(EXTRACT)

We are now to acquaint you that Sevagee grown great and famous by his many conquests and pillagings of the Moghulls and Visapour countrys, is at length come hither with an army of 16 or 20 M [1000] horse and severall thousand of foot, raised and raising amongst the woods, being unfortunately called in by the King of Golconda or Maddana to help them to take Chengy, Vealour and Pamangonda, the remainder of the sea part of the Cornatt country as farr as Porto Novo, out of the Visiapours hands, with title of Generalissimo, by which means he has gotten in a manner the possession of this country, the said King having no force to oppose him. We have twice presented him with some raritys of counter poysons, &c. by him desired, to the vallue of pages, 112 Ind. in order to the begetting a fair correspondence with him now at first if possible, grounding it upon the introduction of those settlements you have allready in his countrys at Rajapore and Carwar, the former whereof was very well taken. Of the latter we have yet no news from our Bramany who attends his motion, but more particularly upon the King of Golcondas Serlaskar Meirza Mahmud Omin and our loving friend, who has some 1000 horse and 4000 foot along with him.

Since when we have the ill newes of his pillaging a godown of your merchants at Timmery, in the very country of his brother Eccogee, to the vallue of pagodas 2000, which doubt he will have much adoe to recover.

Also that he has ordered letters to be wrote to all this part of the country, the sea coast especially, to borrow monys to the amount of pagos, 200 M 5r[?] M whereof from Paliacat and as much from hence, which not being like to find credit will serve him for a pretence to play his old pranks, especially now that there begins to arise jcalousies between him and Golconda on his keeping Chengy and all that he getts in his owne hands, and Golconda thereupon stopping the promised payment of pagos. 3000 per diem unless the siege of Vealour, yet holding out, and Seer Cawns opposition detain him, and his designes against the Naigues to the southward draw him that way. Meanwhile the monyd men all about the country shift out of the way as fast as they can, he having taken a minute account of all such as he

passed by within 2 leagues and 2½ of this place, the which has necessitated us to go raising souldiers and peons as we meet with men for our purpose, and to go setling the Auxilliarys, as also to hasten our preparations of materials for the new building the Caldera Point according to your order, part whereof are already brought in, and to be as watchfull as we can, not knowing how soon we may have use thereof, keeping severall Bramanys going and coming for the better preventing of surprisals.

All which afford but a very unpleasing prospect as well as to troubles and danger as to investments. God order all for the best.

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F. R. Fort St. George FORT ST. GEORGE TO { Dated 19 June Vol. 27, p. 28 (3d set)} SHIVAJEE { 1677

To his Highness Sevagee Raja,

We received your highnesses letter and Tashrifs with all due respect, wherein your kind acceptance of those cordialls and contra poysons was beyond there merrit, which seing your highness has such an esteem for, we have used all possible dilligence in the neighbouring parts to accomplish your desire, wherein, although it has cost some time, we have been so fortunate as to procure you a further supply both of Maldivo cokanutts, cordiale stones and some other precious roots, all sent by our Brameny, whose perticular vertues and directions goe herewith. Wee entreat you to accept of the affectionate respects wherewith we make present of them to your Highness; and as to the settlements which our Honble. Employers have allready in your dominions obliges us to wish you all desireable prosperity, so the great honour your noble atcheivments acquires you from all men who shall attaine to a right understanding of them, not only winns our reasons but our inclinations allso, and we do so highly prize the opportunitys of doing you such services as fall within the narrow compass of a strangers power that we account it as an instance of your kindness that you are pleased to impart your mind, which we receive with all the resentments of a passion that must ever be pressing ourselves.

My Lord.

Your Highnesses most humble most obedient servant WILLIAM LANGHORN.

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F. R. Fort St. George. Vol. OUR BRAMENY WORDAPA FROM June 1677

(EXTRACT)

The 26 current Seir Cawn being at Trivady about night, he intending to runn away about Tevenepatam, Sevagee Rajas people having notice thereof, some of his horse followed after him, and there being Ackalanagues wood in the way, Seir Cawn went into it, where the said horse followed him allso: 500 of Seir Cawns. horse stood and fought with Sevagees people the same night for some two howers time, and when the moon was allmost downe. Seir Cawn runn away with some of his horse and ellephants southward to the said wood. Sevagees horse followed after him againe and he himself hath setled his army one league southward of Tevenapatam, his people having taken in the said Ackalanague wood belonging to Seir Cawn 200 horse, 20 camells, severall oxen, tents, great drums, &ca. Their horses that followed after Seir Cawn are not as yet returned. His father in law remains at He has not as yet dellivered up the fort. Sevagee has left there Babbo Saib, some horse, Savarumwar and some of Nasir Mahomed Cawns horse; as for other matters, I refer you to our Pattamar Brameny Yengana. Since I writ you the above said, the said horsemen that followed Seer Cawn have brought with them 200 horse and two ellephants belonging to Seer Cawn, so that they have now taken some 500 horse in all and Seer Cawn is now runn away with 100 horse to the town called Bonaguiry where Sevagee Rajas horse are gone thither allso.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 6, pp. 37 & 40 BOMBAY TO SURAT E Dated 27 June 1677

(EXTRACT)

The letters for Sevagee and Mora Pundit we have not yet sent forward, this new moon, having brought so violent a rain and wind that there is no travelling. We expect fair weather in 2 or 3 days or at least something more moderate, than shall send them. Mr. Child writes that Sevagee is in a castle of the King of

Golcondahs, where he intends to winter, and after the rains tis thought intends against the Carnatic; several of the Decan Umbras are joined with him and tis believed that perhaps Bulul Cawn and him has agreed to share all between them, and the Decan country is so miserably harassed, that Mr. Child does not expect to provide a piece of goods this year and we believe 'Carwar to be in a little better state. Mora Pundit has been lately to visit the Northern garrisons of Saliere &c., and is now part by. and gone to Rairy, where we shall be sure to find him. We had thoughts of sending some discreet serjeant thither, but we could not pitch upon one of ability enough for such an employment; besides, upon second thoughts, we did find that Capt. Keigwins charges will not amount to a penny more than if the meanest officer was sent, so that we are resolved to send him and Cox Sunny [Keshao], who is a better and more creditable spokesman in this country than the Moody. We shall order them to make strict enquiry into the whole estate of Sevagees country and where his armies lies quartered.

There are [?was] lately a Braminee and 2 or 3 more who came over from Batty, proferring their service to the Syddie, that if he would imploy them, they would bring him some prisoners of quality; he was willing to embrace the offer, but yet so cunning as not to appear in the action so that he would not furnish them with any of his own boats or men, so they hired a Bombay fishing boat. and some soldiers from the island and went over to Batty and brought thence 4 Braminees prisoners, being the principal men of the place and put them on board the Siddies ship; it was not long before we had a measage from the Soubidar of C[h]aul complaining of the unneighbourly abuse we had suffered to be done to him, even by the inhabitants of Bombay, demanding the restitution of those prisoners, which if not performed there, should not a stick of wood or anything else be suffered to be brought from the Main to Bombay and that the friendship between us was broke. We immediately sent to the Siddy taxing him severely with this unfriendly dealings, but he pleaded ignorance to all; however we got the prisoners from him, who we freed; we likewise got the Cooley who was Murkadum of the boat and 10 more of the rogues who were dwellers on the island, who were all condemned to be hanged, but we pardoned 8 and executed but 3; those 8 are the Company's slaves, whom we shall put on board the Company's ships to be sent to St. Helena with a Bandareen, who was condemned for felony, whose life we pardoned likewise.

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F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 37, p. 16

"TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR BRAMENY VIRA RAGAVAYA FROM GULCONDA" TO SIR WILLIAM LANGHORNE

"TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM Dated 3 July 1677

(EXTRACT)

Ditill Cawn, Bedar Cawn and Baiball Cawn being now hard by Calubariga Fort [Gulbarga], these people here have also sent their Captains thither, haveing allso enordered the Shallaskareen [Sarlashkar] Mahomed Ibrahim who was there allready to be very watchfull. Siddy Massood, Casalacoty, Timinaja and Saied Mocktum are all gone thither to assist the King.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89 } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 6 July 1677 (2d set) }

As to the letters to Savagee and Mora Pundit, if not allready sent forward, wee leave it to you to consider whither they will require Captain Kegwinns going so farr as Rairy with them, or whither it may not as well be donne by Coxsunay or some other person with far lesse charge to the Company, for when he was at first designed for that service both the President and wee did suppose Mora Pundit had been at Cullean Buinde or some of those places nearer to Bombay.

(S) F. R. Surat Vol. 89, Fol. 49 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 6 July 1677
(EXTRACT)

Siddy Sambole being put out of his employ and the command of these kings ffleet conferred on Siddy Cossum who is now in Danda Rajapore, but hath ordered his Vackeele Mahmud Hossan, to send downe to Bombay 150 men under the command of Saband cooly, to take possession thereof for him wherefore the st. Mohmud Hossan, in the behalfe of his master hath intreated us to recommend the said Sabaund Cooly and his men to your courteous usage and wee do desire you to shew them all the respect and civillity you may with conveniencys and to gratifie them in all reasonable requests, but were caution you to have an

eye towards them that they commit no ryots nor disorders to the disturbance of the peace of the island.

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 11 July Sect. 6. p. 43 BOMBAY TO SURAT 1677

We cannot rightly express the reality of our grief we conceived at the perusal of the deplorable news of the death of our late noble President; multiplicity of words may multiply the sense of our loss, but cannot depaint its greatness and nothing would serve for an alleviation of our sorrow, but the knowledge we have of the true worth and integrity of his successors, and it shall be our continual prayers for a blessing on your great affairs.

The rains have been so violent that we have not sent Captain Keigwin to Rairy, and we do not now think it convenient to send those letters of the late President to Sevagee and Mora Pundit.

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F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 27 pp. 17-18 To SIR WM. LANGHORNE

"TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM Dated 16 July 1677

(EXTRACT).

After I had taken my leave of your Worshipp I was coming towards Valigundapuram, and hearing that his Highness Sevogee Raja followed after Sier Cawn by Punamule way, I went thither allso, and whereas Sevage Raja went directly to the place called Bonaguirypatam, I went thither to him, where I dellivered him the counter poysons your Wors, sent him, who was very glad when he saw them and presently sent for the former Maldivo coco nutts you sent and had it compared with this your Worshipp sent him now, which finding to be very good, was highly pleased with it, concerning which and of some other passages hereabouts I have sent to acquaint your Worshipp by our pattamar Brameny Kishna by word of mouth.

His Highness Sevage Raja has now setled his army by the bank of Goloron river at a towne called Tirumada Wada where I am allso at present. The three yards of scarlet your Worsp.

sent I have presented the same to Sovagee Nague, I shall after this give you notice allso of the broad cloth I brought.

Here came an Higyb from the Nague of Madure, to whom his Highness Sevogee Raja spake that his master bore a signe of being worth 900 lacks, whereof he should give him for the present 100 lacks for his expences, to which the said Higyb answered that part of his masters country the Nague of Misur [Mysore] had taken, and part Yekagee, wherefore he was not able to give him any thing at present, and that if he would restore him back the said country he will give him seaven lacks. These are the news at present here. The Nague of Madure has sent all his family away to Madure from Chertanapelle where they were before, and while the river of Colorun remaines full they feare nothing, but afterwards God knowes what will be done.

There came a letter to Meirza Mahomed Omin that Badea [?r] Cawn and the sonns of Idolsha Ollum Cawne, Sheck Minaju and Sarun Cawne are allready come this side of Kishna river with some seaven or eight thousand horse and it is reported the said persons are coming to assist Seavogee Raja. Tis allso reported that the King of George, has given Casolacoty Timonague 6 lacks in country to entertain 100000 foot men and sent him by way of Shirpy; Golconda and Vizapore are joyned together, and tis said that there comes 20000 horse of the Vizapores.

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F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 27, pp. 18-19

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR Bramaney Nellor Ramana FROM WALLIGUNDAPURAM "TO SIR WM. LANGHORNE

Dated 27 July 1677

(EXTRACT)

Whereas P[?R]aganatapuntula [Raghunath Pant] came lately from Sevagee Rajas country with 400 horse, the said Raja went out to meet him and brought him to his tent and gave him Tashrifs and kept him by him for two days, after which he sent along with Madure Nagues Higyb to goe and agree with the said Nague and to make an end of busines.

A Brameny called Madanapantulo belonging to Gulconda's people has sent for me and told me that we doe belong to Gulconda and that we are merchants, what had wee to doe to remain here since Seavogee Raja had allready sent your Worsp. his tashrife for the things you had sent him, and that when he wrote

up to Gulconda of divers peoples. Higybs being here, he received order from thence not to suffer too many Higybs to remaine here, and since I have no order from your Worsp, to retire myself from hence. I did then put him of, saying that I would goe away shortly, concerning which your Worsp, would be pleased to enorder me.

Since Raguntapantulo hath been with the Nague of Madure he agreed with him to pay unto his master 6 lacks of pardoas and his said master to retire back with his army, on which account the said Nagues Higyb had brought with him 112 lack of pardons and paid Sevagee Raja, after which here came Yeckogee Raja with 2000 horse to Trimalawada to visit his brother who went to meet him as far as the town called Terupatora, after whose arrival Sevagee Raja sent him a message saying that he will allow him one quarter part of all the mony, horses, jewells and country to himself which his father had got while he lived, and that he would have the other 3 parts. To which he answered that he could not give his consent thereunto, upon which Sevaged waxed very angry and bad him begone, who presently went away with 5 horses and presently after it Sevagee Raja apprehended Jagornutt Pantulo, Sevogee Pantulo, Conery Pantulo and a merchant called Nilogee Nague, who doth allso intend to send Jawardo [?Janardan] Pantulo to take possession of Yeckogees country.

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F. R. Surut, Vol. 89, p. 50 (2nd set) SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 31 July 1677

(EXTRACT)

Touching Captain Kegwins going to Rairy wee wrote you our oppinions in our last, and seeing those letters the President wrote to Savagee and his ministers are not yet sent forward wee doe not thinke it nessecary they should, in regard the newes of the Presidents death will have reacht them before they now can, but there being a generall jealousie in towne that so soone us the raines are over Sevajees forces will draw again this way, whereby wee shall be in continuall alarmes, wee could wish wee had those orders to the Commanders in Cheife of Sevajees armys that may come this way, which was wrote for in those letters, for the better security of the Honble. Companys and servants, which if you thinke they may be procured wee would have you use your endeavors to obtain them.

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Sabaun Cooly arrived here 4 days past, whom we courteously received and promised all reasonable assistance lay in our power as being servants to a King to whom we are so much obliged. Siddy Sambolee has not delivered up the fleet, but demurs till he is paid all his arrears of charges and his accounts cleared, which is Bauder Cawns order, so that till money comes from Surat, he will not give us [?p] possession.

Sevagee is at present a great way off in the Carnatic country where he wintered. In his absence, Mora Pundit and Annagy Pundit and another Braminy are left to govern affairs, to whom we have sent to procure their cole to all generals of armies, that shall come towards Surat and [sic? that] they molest not the English in any part where they come nor plunder any of their goods.

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(EXTRACT)

Since Sevagee Raja hath left Waligundapuram he arrived with his army at Tundumgurty, from whence he sent away his army towards Yelavanarasor, and he himself with Semogee Nague and some others of his great men are gone for Hirudachalam to worship the great Pagotha. The said army remains yet at Yelavanarsor and Sevagee Raja is not yet returned from Hirudachalam.

Seigr. Deagor and the Cheif of Tevanapatam came hither to visit Sevagee Raja, having brought with them some scarlett silk stuffs, sandall wood, rose water, maldivo cokanutts, cloves and sword blades, and have presented them to the Raja who received them with much content and gave them Tashrifes. Some say that Sevagee Raja did send for the Dutch, and others say that they came to restore some goods of theirs which was robbed towards Tevanapatam, but none can speak certaine thereof. The said Raja hath given order to take possession of all his brothers country, and this day Seavages Rajas people have taken possession of

Yelavanasor Fort, Jagurnutt Pantulo haveing agreed and turned away them that was in the said Fort. Sevagee Raja brings Jaggarnut Pantulo, Sevagee Pantulo and Nillogee Nague along with him.

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O. Correspondence | OCCURRENCES FROM SURAT | Dated 3 Vol. 38, No. 4283 | AND THE COAST OF MALABAR | August 1677

(EXTRACT)

By letters received this day from Rajapore they mention for certain that the Mogul and Nabob have made peace, upon condition that the former forbear his Nolbunde for 8 years, and jointly bend their forces upon Cottubsha, and when he is brought under then unanimouslie to goe against Sevagee, and not to desist untill he be totally subverted. They alsoe advise that Sevagee, with the Carnatucke and Deccan Rajahs, and Cattubsha, joine with resolutions to come to battle. What the issue of this conjunction may be time must declare.

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F. R. Fort St. George To Character St. George To Chara

(EXTRACT)

Sevagee since his dispossessing Sear Cawn and stripping his brother Eccogee of all his open territoryes on this side Coalladon [Coleron] river, has made no further progress, Vealour and Auzney [Arney] standing out, and no great probabilityes of their reduction, unless by length of time. Meanwhile Eccogee is leagueing with the Naigues of Madure and Maysore and other woodmen, and likely to find Sevagee work enough. Gulcondah yet sitts still, who in this juncture might easily unroost him from his new conquests. But his Braminy Councell are perhaps afraid, least so doing might bring the fire into their own house, and give Sevagee the oppertunity he waits for to plunder if he cannot possess his countrey.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMEAY TO SURAT Dated 24 August 1677
(EXTRACT)

Sevagee is at present in the upper Carnatic, where he has taken the strong cartles of Chengy [Gingy], Chingavore

[Tanjore], Pilcundah and several others and shamefully routed the Moors and tis believed has robbed Seringapatam, and carried away great riches from thence; and they say he designs upon his return back to take Bridroor and so join Canara to his new conquests. When he comes back, we shall endeavour to procure his cole upon his General that may be sent to the Northward; in the meantime we have sent to Mora Pundit and Annagee Pundit, who governing (sic, govern in) the Rajahs absence to get your [their] cole for Suratt and the adjacent places.

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F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 27 pp. 20-21 TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR Bramney Vira Ragavaya from Gulconda "TO SIR WM. LANGHORNE

(EXTRACT)

Seeing Dilill Cawn and Badar Cawn had taken Calubariga Fort, these two Genneralls and Balball Cawn have joy ned together and are come downe with their forces near the said Fort to fight against Golconda army, and the reason why thither is because the King of Gulconda sent for Sevagee Raja, who is an enemy both to the Mogull and Vizapore and permitted him to pass through his country to the Cornett, and that he should lay hold of Sevagee Raja and delliver him up to the Mogull and that he should likewise delliver up Sheckee Minaju who is now entertained in his service, he haveing received great summs of mony of the Moghul, promiseing to serve him, which if otherwise, they will come and fight with him, and where [Sic? whereas] the Ollampanna [Kutubshah] wrote to his Shallaskareen at the frontiers towards Vizapore to be very carefull and watchfull in those parts. he remains there accordingly. The King wrote from hence to his Shallaskareen and other great persons that they should one way or other endeavour to make peace with the Moghull though they promise him large summs of mony, about which they are now treating.

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O. Correspondence Vol. 37, No. 4270 SURAT TO THE COMPANY 1677

(EXTRACT)

Sevagees forces being withdrawne, for the greatest part, up into the Deccan and Carnatucke contrys, wee have the happyness

of enjoying the more quietness here, notwithstanding his Generalls Mora and Anniee Pundit keepe their residence at Rairy, Salleir, and other strong castles, not above 40 course from hence, well manned, and some of them are seated soe nere as Gundavee, not above 20 course distant, where they command the country and what provisions they please.

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F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 27 pp. 22-23 Translate OF A LETTER FROM OUR Bramaney Vira Ragavaya from Gulconda" To Sir WM. LANGHORNE

(EXTRACT)

I have wrote in my former to your Worshipp of all what passed here, which I hope you have received before now. I doe allso give you notice hereby of what has passed since I wrote you last, which is as follows. When Dillill Cawn and Badar Cawn wrote up to the Moghull of their haveing taken Calubariga Fort. the said Moghull answered them agains that Calubariga Fort was a place of Phuckeers and belonging to the King of Vizapour, and that he being intended to assist him, how did they permit Gulconda people to take possession of the said Calubariga when it belonged to Vizapour, and that he was not pleased with the said newes. seeing that Gulconda people had permitted the King of Vizapour's! Ennium. Sevagee Rais, to pass through his country, and that they should cause the King of Gulconda to send him 100 lacks of rupees and 10000 horse for soe doing, and that then he would be well pleased and not otherwise, whereupon the said Dillill Cawn and Badar Cawn sent an embassage to the King of Gulconda. saying that the Moghull doth demand from him the summe of Rups. 200 lacks and 20000 horse. He having refused sending the same, they replyed him to pay rupess 100 lacks and 10000 horse. when the said King not being willing neither to consend thereunto, but would only pay Rups. 5 lacks, which they would not accept, after which Dillill Cawn and Badar Cawne and Vizapour Balball Cawne joyned together and brought their armys nearer Tivinico.

Gulconda people haveing notice thereof, allso joyned their forces hard by the said army, as the Shalaskareen, Siddy Massood, Sayd Mocktooms, Doolshaws, Saja Cawu's and the Sherkell and some of Cornut Country's Forces, some 4 or 5000

horse of the Moghulls and Balball Cawn's being intended to fall upon the King of Gulcondas army. The latter haveing notice thereof, went on with some 20 or 30000 horse to meet them, and fought very hard for a great while. Balball Cawn's forces not being able to stand against them any longer, being almost routed, then Dillill Cawn came and helped him, and saved his army from receiving further harm, after which every one retyred to their ground; and tis said that Gulconda army came off victoriously and that the contrary party has a great loss haveing killed them 700 horse in the said engagement, and on the Gulconda side some were wounded but few killed; likewise some 5 or 6 great Captains were killed of the Moghull and Balball Cawnes side. The Ollumpana haveing notice of this, sent hither from thence a great many more of his horses and men to assist his army, haveing allso enordered Brameny Madana to march thither with his forces, who excused himself and sent Brameny Pallpel Yengana thither in his place. The King has allso sent all the horse and men that were under Meirza Sangier, Goodcharulo, Sheck Minaju and of many other great Captains, and tis said that there will be shortly a great engagement between the Moghulls forces and Gulconda; and whereas the latter are come off victoriousty at peresent, tis thought that they will have the best from both Moghull and Ballball Cawn. They are now allso treating concerning a peace, but seeing Badar Cawn had taken bribes of Golconda, he advised the said King [to] fight a little first. and then he will bring it to pass that peace should be concluded. Here they are furnishing Gulconda's Fort as fast as they can with all manner of provisions. They have sent hither from the army 3 Cammells laden with bloody clousts [sic] to shew the King what has happoined in the last engagement.

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(EXTRACT)

Since my arrivall into the Cornat country I have conquered severall Forts and Castles, and do allso intend to build new workes in severall Forts and Castles. You may likely have with you such men as knowe how to make great carryages for II-18

at present, especially those that knowes how to make mines and to blow up stone walls. I had such men with me, who came from towards Goa and Vingorla and are all kept employed in severall of my Forts and Castles; and when I enquired of them for more such men, they tould me they were all gone for Chinapatam and Polliacat, wherefore I now write to your Worshipp about them that you may please to enquire if there be any such men with you that knowe how to make mines, you would be pleased to send some 20 or 25, or a[t] heast 10 or 5 such men, for I shall pay them very well and shall entertaine them in severall of my forts and castles, wherewith I shall also acknowledge your Worshipps kindnes towards us, so you would by all means enquire about the said men and to send them hither as many as you can gett.

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F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 27, pp. 28-9 (3d set) FORT ST. GEORGE TO HIS HIGHNESS THE OLLAMPANA ALLSO TO MADDANA

Dated 22 Sept. 1677

(EXTRACT)

Wee have received your Highnesses Phirmawnd and Tashriff with all the honour this place is able to express. We have now to acquaint your Highness that the comeing of Sevagee and his army into these parts and since marching into Chingy country has much allarm'd us, who haveing so much experience of his proceedings alongst the coast of India and Mallabar, where we have severall factorys in his country and peace with him, has obliged us for all good respects to send and keep some of our people still attending his motion, the which your Highnesses servant Madana Antea Pandy has much misused and offered to put in prison, in so much that for present they have been fain to come away for quietness, whereby our great traffick and estates in those parts is exposed to much danger, and our own security here, who, without a good watch upon the motion of such an army is ever in danger of surprisall, is too much exposed.

Wee entreat your Highness to give order to your said servant to forbear such doing. We act as servants to the King of Great Britain &ca., my Lord, and have a great charge to looke after, which may otherwise suffer by his mean's.

Great Sir, our agreement and peace knowes none else but your Royall Highness; we appeal to your justice and beg that you will enforce obedience in these troublesome people that a nation so peaceable and quiet as we behave ourselves may be friendly dealt with.

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F. R. Fort St. George Vol. 27, p. 29 Cour Brameny Vira Dated 27 Sept. (3d set) Cour Brameny Vira 1677

(EXTRACT)

I have your dated the 16 June togeather with the Phirmaunds and Tashrifs his Highness sent, which we have received with all the honour this place was able to express. We doe now write both to his Highness and Maddana concerning the ill behaviour of one of the Divans Bramenys named Madanantapantulo, who remaines at present with Sevagee Raja, and likewise concerning Brameny Poddela Lingapa for redemanding the goods that was delivered to us by his Highness and Madana's orders, belonging unto a boate which was drove ashoare at Chikaricody, which for your better understanding of the business I send you now herewith copys thereof, whereby you may both acquaint his Highness and Maddana and procure their order to the said Braminys to forbare all such doings towards us, who are the Devans reall and faithfull freinds.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 4 Consultation on SWALLY Dated 1 Oct. pp. 85-6 AARINE

(EXTRACT)

Mr. Samuell Austen, G[?C]heife etca factors in Dungom, advising the Councill in their Generall of the 19th September that they have certaine intelligence that Bhauder Ckaune (who hath the cheife command in those parts) is sent for up to Court in great hast, the Mogull having sent an Eddy who promises to bring his answer in 16 days tyme, wherefore they have great reason to suggest that when he is gone there may be much alteration in the Government there and the ways not see secure as formerly, by reason of the many inroads that are often made by the pilfering Rajahs and Cooleys residing there abouts, see that they are

embaling what goods they have ready (which they compute about 100 bales in chints and browne cloth) to send downe in eight days from date of this their letter, and doe entreate the Councill (if they thinke good) to ensure them in Surrat, there being noe Sherroffs that they darst trust in Dungom and at Brampore insurances dearer then here. But they considering the clause in the Companys letter received by this yeares shipping, where the Honble. Company are pleased to note the loss of the Neriad [Nadiad] Caphala, and doe declare that they cannot allow of any insurance made without their order, which clause is supposed to be in reply to the President and Councills letter by the shipp Unicorne, bearing date the 6th December 1675, wherein they have represented the great danger there was then, by reason of the inroads made by Sevagees army and the many robberys committed by the severall petty Rajahs on all Caphalas that passed between the townes of Orangabaud, Brampore, Ahmadavad and Surat, and therefore they did then order that insurance should be made on all the Honble. Companys goods coming downe that years. Wherefore, as afore said, the Honble. Companys order received this years, forbidding insurance without their order, and in regard it is to be expected that the Dungom Caphala may be arrived or very nere Surat before Bhauder Ckaun can settle his affaires to goe up to Court

It is ordered that noe insurance shall be made on those goods.

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F. R. Fort St. George CONSULTATION AT FORT Dated 3
Vol. 1, p. 17 (4th set) St. GEORGE October 1677

(EXTRACT)

Sevagee Raja having sent the Agent a letter of 22nd September last by two of his spys, desiring us to supply him with ingeniers, to which was returned him a civill excuse, it being wholly unfitt for us to medle in it, there being many dangers consequent thereon, as well of encreasing his power as of rendering both Golconda and the Moghull our enemys, all these parts being spread with his spyes and himself and army now come nearer this way within two dayes march of this place. It is resolved to be indispensably necessary, for the safety of this place and all therein, that we goe on entertaining all the Christians that we can meet with into the garrison, as farr as to compleat the number 250 effective for the present, as also that we hasten the bringing

in of lime, brick and stone for the carrying on of the new Caldera point and building of the curtain from thence to the Fishers point northward, as also from the Round Point, alias Charles's Point, to St. Chomas Point southward, both according to the modell of that part allready begun at the said Charles's Point, as allready resolved on in Consultation of 13th August last, and now the more urgent in regard that the curtain from the gate by Sir Edward Winters to the Choultry gate towards the Bazar, having been leaned upon buttresses for these seaven or eight yeares in a tottering condition, is now fallen down the 2d of this month after a great rayn, which it stands us upon to get up again as soon as wa can to prevent any designe of so evill a neighbour as Sevagee and other obstruction from the Divan, to the end that when we shall have materialls in readyness to carry on the said curtain it may stand good and joyne with the rest, and be so much mony in part well spent, leaving combings for the well joyning of the walls each way. [Fort St. George Diary I. p. 123]

Tis now several years that the Siddies fleets have used this port as a place of refreshing and retreat on all occasions, but with how much trouble to the Government and dissatisfaction to the inhabitants, your worship has been but too well acquainted with: tis but a few months past that the Siddy Sambolee received orders to surrender up the fleet to Siddy Cossum, but he for several months made demurrs thereon, because his wife is with his children, and his family were detained in Danda Rajapore, which Siddy Cossum refused to surrender without a special order for it. which he received 4 days past, upon which Siddy Sambolee promised to deliver up the fleet, excepting one of the great ships. which he intended to keep to carry up himself and soldiers to Surat, but Siddy Cossum being impatient of having part of the fleet detained from him and instigated by that unadvised Sabbar [sic, Suban] Cooley, who came from Surat about 3 months past with 110 men to assist him, did on Sunday last march up with all his force to Mezagon, where Siddy Sambolee resided, ere we were aware of it; we immediately sent Captain Kegwin with a guard of horse to keep the peace, but ere he could arrive, they had begun the skirmish and so obstinate they were, especially Siddy Cossum

that they were parted with much difficulty having shot 3 of the Company's horses whereof one is dead and another in great danger, though it pleased God none of the troops were hurt, upon which, we immediately sent for Siddy Cossum to the fort and having expostulated with him the affront he had put upon the Government and the bad retaliation he had made us for our civilities to him, we disarmed all his soldiers, except himself and 2 or 3 more and ordered him in 4 or 5 days time to send all his soldiers off the island, excepting some few servants for his attendance; the like we did to Siddy Sambolee, excepting those guards which were for the defence of the ships.

Wee understand of the falling out of Siddy Cossum with Siddy Sambole at Mazagon, on the island where some eight or more of their men were slaine with as many of their horses kild and taken, being parted with much difficulty by Captain Kegwinns guard of horse whereby 30 [?3] of the Companys horses are dangerously shot and kild, and for which disturbance of the peace of the island and hindrance of trade wee would have you demand sattis. faction of S. Cossum and commend you for disarming his souldiers and ordering them of the island, which if they doe not obey, secure them by imprisonment and send them away by degrees allthough he writes very confidently to Charles James as if he were in noe fault, but the blame is Siddy Samboles for not delivering him up the whole ffleete according to this Governors order who hath said nothing to us thereof as yet neither can wee come so speake with him to complaine thereof but wee shall not passe it by see whereby for the future wee may prevent their wintering and abuses on the island which cannot stand with its preservation and security so long as they are permitted thereon it being unsufferable and dangerous.

We have at length induced the two Siddles to an agreement so that one is contented to surrender up the others wifes and children and the other is contented to surrender up the armado, so that Siddy Sambole in 4 or 5 days more intends to imbark on one of the two great ships and go for Surat and then the other Siddy will go on board the fleet; we were willing to be mediators in this business that we might be rid of them both, and if we respect the good and quiet of the island we have reason to wish they may never come. here again, except it be for a months time to refresh and then be gone again. Siddy Sambole had an excellent horse killed in the broil, which he values at a great price, for which and all other damage he demands satisfaction of us, for he pretends his hands were bound up from taking his own satisfaction and we must say he was very obedient to our orders and has lived at Massagon all this rains very contentedly and quietly, that we have not been troubled with any complaints of him, so that when your Worship demands satisfaction of the King for our horses and other damages that Siddy Sambolees damages may likewise be demanded, or that they make him satisfaction there.

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F. R. Masulipatam } FORT ST. GEORGE TO { Dated 23 October Vol. 10 (unpaged) } MASULIPATAM { 1677

It is very good news that the Golcondah forces &ca. have bin able to make head against the Mogull and Visapores. Wee wish them well out of their imbroyle. Sevagee is yet in his new conquests, though they talke of his goeing to Golcondah againe, upon a supply of Pagodas 100 maund, which would doe very well for the poor country.

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO BENGAL Dated 27 October (EXTRACT)

Mr. Rolt is confirmed President in the room of Mr. Aungier who departed this life the last of July past.

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F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 27 pp. 24-25 TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR BRAMENY Vira Ragavaya from Gulconda" TO SIR WM. LANGHORNE

(EXTRACT)

Now I shall acquaint your Worshipp with what newes as is here at present, the Shallaskareen Mahomed Hibraim with some

30000 horse and severall other Captains being about the fronteirs of Vizapour at a place called Giviny some 12 leagues off of Gulconda, Dillill Cawn and Balball Cawn being allso 11/2 leagues this side of Callubariga Fort but since the Ollumpana enordered his army to go and fight with that of the Moghulls and Balball Cawn's, his army haveing accordingly drawed near to a place called Mangaligue, one Gentue league distant from the place where [the] Moghulls army was, after which Hidolsha and severall other Captains went with their men and have engaged with the Moghull and Balball Cawnes forces and brought them with all their Elliphants very neare to the place where Gulcondas And in the meane time there came one forces were setled. Captain of the Moghulls side named Prohy Hassan Cawne with some 20000 horse who fought very stoutly and courageously, which caused both the armys to retire to theire places whence they were before.

Three dayes after the first engagement Sidelor Yengana and severall other Captains being gone to fight against the Moghull and Balball Cawnes forces, who after a small engagement made Gulconda people beli[e]ve as if they did run away and carryed those towards an ambuscado which Moghulls people had made, where Gulconda people haveing lost a great many men and was sadly routed that they knew not what to do, and were put out of their witts, and at the same time the Moghulls people haveing joyned more forces, kill'd many more of Gulconda's people and tooke their great drums and flaggs, and when they were going to take the said Captains prisoners, there appeared the Shallaskareen and severall other of Gulconda's side, who all fought very stoutly with the Moghulls forces and made them to retire back, and so the said Captains were released, haveing allso brought with them severall persons that were killed and wounded in the said fight. Since which they have had severall other fightings, but neither of them have had the advantage one over the other. Gulconda people being gone a great way within the Moghulls country and Balball Cawnes and brought away all thier provisions that were bringing for their army they seeing themselves in great want of it. the 20 Currt, they came and fell upon Gulconda's army and killed every man and women, even the very children that were at the market where they had all there graines, and carryed away all from thence, having allso routed the Shallaskareen and all the other Captains belonging to Gulconda and made them all leave their places where they were setled before, especially all

the great Bramenys that none can tell as yet where [they] are, nor none can tell whereabouts will Gulconda's people joyne agains to fight against the Moghull and Balball Cawnes forces.

Gulconda's people having ketched [caught] severall of the said Cawn's letters which he write to the Mughulls people, he was taken prisoner and kept in Gulconda Fort very strictly, and gave all his soldiers to be under the command of an other Captain; the Devan allowes him 5 Rups. [per] day for his maintanance, seeing Serjam Olum Cawn, Hassawn Cawn, Hussen Cawne; Hiji Cawn, Masse Cawne and severall other of Pattan cast Capts. who had some 2000 horse under them, and by reason of their cast they would not fight against the Moghull and Balball Cawnes forces, wherefore the Devan kept watches about their houses.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 29 Oct 1677 (EXTRACT)

The longing desire that I had to here [?hear] news from Carwar made me trespasse on your good natures in opening the enclosed wherein I find what I expected which is the utter destruction of our Duccan trade, Sevagees fforces having beseiged Bunckapore and robbed Gudduck and Luckmiseer, the places where we use to provide much goods that I am afraid Carwar ffactory will be in a badd a condition as Rajapore according to these yourselfes accordingly and I am in all humility sir

your most humble servant, Henry Oxinden.

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O. Correspondence, Vol. | SURAT TO THE | Dated 31 October | COMPANY | 1677 | (EXTRACT)

Sevages this year hath had great successe this year in the upper Carnatucke, in taking the two strong Castles of Chingy and Chingyvore, the residence and court of the Visiapour Vice Roys in those parts, also of his plundering the famous citty of Serinleal patam where he got innumerable riches, and still continues in those parts, receiving tribute from the petty Rajahs which submitt to him and chastising those that refuse to pay him contribution, the Moors leaving their fortresses upon any rumour of II-19

his approach; and such is the great successe that attends his armies that it is credibly believed he will suddenlie extend his dominions from near Surrat to Cape Comerine, without encountering any considerable opposition to confront him. Your Agent and Councell at Fort St. George advise that some of his forces hath been hovering thereabouts, and from him here were expect an alarum shortly, but hope as hitherto the Almighty will continue his providentiall hand over your Honours affaires.

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F.R. Surat, Vol. 107 FORT ST. GEORGE TO Dated 20 and 29 pp. 23-24 SURAT Dated 20 and 29 November 1677

(EXTRACT)

Wee hears that Sevagee is gone with 4000 horse towards Vizapore or his owne countrey, leaving the rest of his forces in his new conquests. He promises to return speedily, which, if he does not, R[?E]ecogee and confederates are preparing to regaine their owne. The Gulcondah army has, it seemes, been engaged with the Mogulls and Bullooll Caun, and its said, worsted, which caryes great apprehensions.

Sevagees Lieut, and brother Santogee, left in Chengy and neighbouring conquest, was few days since engaged by the forces of their brother Eccogee from Tanglour, being 4000 horse and 10000 foot, his being 6000 horse and 6000 foot. The battell held from morning till night, in which Santogee was worsted and fleed 3 quarters of one of these leagues, being pursued one 1/4 of a league. When being return'd to their severall camps, Santogee. consulting with his Captains what the importance and shame would bee, resolved to dress and sadle their horse againe, and so immediately rode away by other wayes, and in the dead of the night surprised them fast at rest after see hard labour, their horses unsadled, and made a great slaughter of them, taking nigh 1000 horse in that manner, the 3 cheife Commanders, the tents and all their baggage, and 100 horse more taken by woodmen, which fell to share the plunder: the rest fled over the river Coolladow Cawery for Tangiour; by which means Sevagee seemes to have gained a quiett possession for the present. Maduray Naygue refuseing to medle on either part. [This passage is also to be found in F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 18, pp. 70-71]. The Dutch talke at Bengala of new resolutions against Bantam, with helpe of the old Mattaram, but wee thinks there is no great credit to be given thereto.

Wee have lately seen Annagee Pundit, whom wee failed not to press for our buckshis and restitution of what formerly robbed from us. He seemed very forward to make both good, but that wee should take betlenutts at Duan [Diwān=Govt.] rate, and, as according to our Phirmaund, pay him the halfe vallue of those received on account buckshis ready mony. Wee urged our Phirmaund to have his goods at bazar rate, and insted of mony profered him the choise of all our goods, amoung which he pitched on copper for the prize the Dutchmen sold it to him at Vingerlah, which is rupees [blank] per maund. Wee have not as yett concluded with him, his urgent occassions crrrying him immediately thence for Panalla. Wee daily expect him here, when shall endeavout to gett from him what betlenutts wee cann.

The newes of these parts is still the same, that the Nabob is killed and his whole armey in a manner destroyed, Diliell Caun in as bad a condition allmost as hee, that the Decans are resolved that not one of either army shall [e] scape alive; Sevagee either dead or in as bad a condition. The news that he had plundered Hubely with an army of 4000 horse and that he was coming hither is now falce, for it was Dattagee Punditt, who now romes the country, in the name of Sevagee.

Wee see what alarms you had of a defeat given to the Golcondah army. Wee have it otherwise related, as that they had the better of it. God send peace in our dayes.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. CARWAR TO SURAT Dated 13 Dec. 107, Ffol. 36

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- (S) Wee having received advices lately from Hubely how the Governor is very sollicitous to have the Companys goods and likewise our broker Samdas into the castle under collour of securing them and him from Sevagees fforces who lye hovering thereabouts and have lately sent an embassadour to him to demand a quarter pt. of the revenue which hee resolutely denyes them our broker knowing him to be in great want of money to defend his castle if those fforces should come and beseige it will not consent to hazzard the Companys goods and his person into his custody, which the Governor resents very much, see that he suspects him and is forced to absent himselfe in the adjacent townes for feare of his Tiranny our zeale to our honourable masters concernes did prompt us after very serious debate to enorder Nath a Lownds repaire thither as fearing the Governors mallice in taking advantage of our brokers absence, likewise if Sevagees forces should beseige and take Hubelly the Companys goods would be verey much endangered if there were not an English man to protect and countenance them therefore, we hope these things considered, what wee have done, will receive your approbation.
- (P) The Vizapore newes at prasent is that Bulleill Ckaune and the Duccanes are upon articles of peace, and to that purpose Bulleill Ckaune hath sent his Embassadour Hockkim Shem Shaw to treate about it, soe that wee hope a few dayes will put an end to these civil warrs which when once throughly concluded wee with impatience expect that they will call Sevagee to an account: till then wee must never hope tradeing will flourish.

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F. R. Miscellaneous Vol. 4, p. 27

GENERAL LETTER FROM Dated 15

BOMBAY TO THE COMPANY

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The Sevagee continues victorious and successful.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 7, p. 3 BOMBAY TO ENGLAND { Dated 15 Jan. 1678

This island in matter of trade by our observations continued [? th] in the same posture it has done some past years, no considerable augmentation being made therein, nor can be expected can hould so long as the opposite main continues in the possession of so grand a destroyer of commerce as is the Rajah Sevagee; and what we would lament is that we cannot foresee any termination of his government, for he still continues victorious even to a miracle, waging war against the potent Kings of Hindostan and Deccan, against which he has hitherto proved very victorious even to a miracle, waging war with them and we are fearful will continue so.

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(D) O. Correspondence, No. 4312 FROM BOMBAY TO EAST INDIA Co. | Dated 15 Jan. 1677/78 (EXTRACT)

Notwithstanding these grand impediments, your Customes were this year farmed for Xs. 3025: and your Tobaccoe rents for Zerapheens 20850: by which your Honours may perceive that there is a great concourse of people that resorts to your Island though to undeceive you and not aggrandize either our owns or Predecessors actions or the Fame of the place itselfe; wes must to our sorrow confess they are a miserable poore sorts of people, and the very rabble of all Sects who fly from the Moores and Portuguese persecutions, and vallue themselves on your Honrs: Protection, nevertheless we use them with all civility and kindnesse that thereby others of more reputation and creditt may be induced to come and inhabit amongst us on this Island, and wee hope the moderation and lenity of your Government will in time produce the desired effects thereof.

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O. Correspondence Vol. 38, No. 4314 BOMBAY TO THE COMPNY 1677/8

(EXTRACT)

Sevagee Raja, carried on by an ambitious desire to bee fam'd a mighty conquerour, left Rairi, his strongest hold in the kingdome of Cuncan, at the latter end of the last faire Montzoone,

and marched with his Army consisting of 20000 horse and 40000 foote into Carnateck, where the Telingas have two of the strongest holds in those parts called Chindi [Gingy], Chindawer [Tanjore]. where many merchants are considerable inhabitants, and with a successe as happy as Caesars in Spaine, he came, saw and over came, and reported soe vast a treasure in gold, diamonds, emeralds, rubies and wrought corall that have strengthned his armes with very able sinewes to prosectute his further victorious designes. Hee is at present before Banca Pore, two other very strong ghurrs or rocks, which soe soone as he hath taken in (being noe lesse dextrous thereat than Alexander the Great was), for by the agility of his winged men (himself terming them birds) he tooke in lesse than 8 months time from the Mogull. which he had delivered up to his than (sic? then) Generall Raja Jessing, 23 (inaccessible ones) resolves against Vizapore, the Metropolis of the Kingdome of Deccan propingue to them; and being become master thereof, has vowed to his Pagod never to sheath his sword till he has reached Dilly and shutt up Orangsha in it. Mora Punt, one of his Generalls, hath alsoe of late plundered Trumbeck Nasser [Trimbak Nasik] and other considerable places within the Mogulls territoryes which hath added much to his treasure.

(D) Bahadur Chaun the King's foster brother, who remayned in Deccan many yeares, attending Sevagee's Motion. but effected little materially against him, by reason of being corrupted by him, feeding frequently his most insatiable Avarice with Gold, was about 4 months since sent for up to Court, reported either to be called to a strict Account or to be made Diwan, which latter I rather believe, the King having ever had an extraordinary kindnesse for him, but as I was actually writeing of this, an Aviso came from Court, that Orangsha had not only divested him of all his Titles and Honours and ejected him of his favour, but likewise deprived him of all his Treasure (which was very considerable and commanded him to goe a Pilgrimage to Meca and Medina. In his roome was sent Dellet Ckan a stout Patan Omra, yet not withstanding rejoyned his army with Bullel Ckan, this Countryman, who hath the young King of Vizapore in his power, under pretence of being his Protector (which the Decanees wil by noe meanes endure, but have him in their owne) gave them battel in the which they received a very considerable overthrow, the Decanies being the farr better souldiers and better mounted.

.....The Arabs of Muscat have lately taken in the Road of Conga shipp beloging to Callian, a Port in Sevagees dominions, a little above Tanna, which wore English colours and had an English Captain to her Commander, one William May, who sent, her owners 10,000 rupees on Bottomarie, he being then on shore when they surprized her. It is very much feared if they bee not suppressed (which ought to be done with some sentiment of honour) they will become worse than either the Waddells or Malabarr Pirates, haveing now lyeing at the Babs 4 shipps to intercept Portuguezes (which made the Vice Roy prohibitt them goeing to Mocha) and such other vessells upon whome they can make the least pretence.

Bombay, the 16/26 January 1677/8.

Report speakes Bulleill Ckaune to be dead, hee dying of the wounds given him in the fight betwixt Sirjee Ckawne and him at Culburnga, likewise it is reported that the Duccannees are come to Vizapore; a few days will discover the certainty of it, which wee shall not faile to advise off.

(S) About a month agoe a new Subedar arrived here sent by Annagee Punditt whose name is Vissagee Cumbdu [Konddeval a very morose man which makes us suspect his freindship, hee hath given us the honour of a vissit and promises very faire, but wee very much doubt his performance.

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Wee have thought it convenient to keep some 20 in 30 soldiers here [Swally Marine] ready by us for security of your goods to and fro by water or land and of your house at Surat, not knowing how soone any of Sevagees forces from Ramnagur and Pindoll might assault this place (they being Castles of his not above 2 days march from this city), of which the inhabitants are very jealous now that a new Governour is here settled who totally refuseth to maintains any amity with him by presents as the other covertly did.

Rajapore Factory this years hath not proved so beneficiall unto you as was expected...all the reason Mr. Robinson &carenders us is the disorder of the countrey, the Nabob Bulleell Ckaune killed and his army destroyed and Deleil Ckaune in as bad a condition, those of Decan having beaten them, and Sevagee streightned up in the countrey and Dattajee Pundit on[e] of his generalls roves and plunders about Hubele; and for Sevagees former debt they are forc'd to take bettle nutts as Sevajees Ministers will rate it at and to pay them for the one halfe of it in ready money or goods, the which bettle, or elee coconutts proves soe decayed, that it harldy beares the charge of transportation of it up hither for sale. When President Rolt arrives, wee must consider whither or not to continue this Factory, if that countreys troubles doth not cease.

The two great bras guns are remayning at the ffort no person appearing to buy them, indeed Sevagee would be our chapaman for them and many more things but without money or expectation of payment his great debt to your honours may witness what small punctuallity may be expected from him, if any buyer presents shall dispose of them.

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The Duccanees haveing taken possession of Vizapore doth put us in great hopes that trade will be open and flourishing as formerly, which wee impatiently expect, knowing and greving to see that our Honble. Masters are at soe great charges and reape but very little benefit.

Narang Siny, a merchant inhabitant of this island, having 6 small vessells laden with salt and now ready to sail, has requested

of us that they may sail under our convoy or protection, being fearfull that Siddy Cossum as they formerly belonged to Sevagee Rajah but of whom he has bought them as appears by his bill of sale herewith delivered you and now sends them to sea as a merchant of this island.

[Beginning omitted] Require you if you can convoy them to Dabul, so that they may never come in danger or meet any of the Siddy's fleet.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, Fol. 48 SURAT TO BOMBAY 5077/8 (SUMMARY)

Writes about the release of Siddy Sambole's servants' wives who were detained by the Siddy of Danda Rajapore and wishes that Sambole's family may be given at Bombay all civil accomposation.

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O. Correspondence Vol. 38, No. 4314 BOMBAY TO THE COMPANY Dated 14 Feb. 1677/8

(EXTRACT)

From Rajapore I lately received a letter that advises of Nabob Bullell Ckauns death, who departed this life in a Castle whilst it was beseidged by the Deccanies. Not long before hee closed up his eyes he putt his two sons in the tuition of Serja Ckaun, who gladly seemed to accept them, forgetting all differences formerly between him and their father. Soe soone as he was interred and newes thereof brought to Vijapore, Jemshett Ckaun delivered up the Castle and Citty into the hands of Siddy Mussud who in company with Serja Ckaun and Delil Ckaun, the Great Mogulls Generall, intends to march against Sevagee with 80,000 horse, with resolution to destroy him utterly. But 'tis too well knowns that Sevagee is a second Sertorius and comes not short of Haniball for staratagems. And no longer than this verv day, arrived news from the Lascarr or Army that the King of Gulconda, Deccanies and Sevagee have very lately made a confederacy against the Mogull and are now resolved to beat Delilckaun out of Deccan, Sevagee having gotten 10,000 horse togeather to come upon the back of him and was the only politician that deverted the Deccanies and Cuttub Shaw from joyning with Delil Ckaun against him.

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Wee are not without much reason concern'd at the unhandsome usage received from the Rajahs Ministers; they have not
only deceived us in complying with the agreement made with the
Rajahs, but our Masters have received great dammage by what
robbed at Hattanee &ca. places, that wee doe almost dispaire of
any faire accommodation for them. Wee would have you deale
plainely with Annagee Pundit and press him home; either let him
make us satisfaction or let him know the factory shall be withdrawne; and that you may be ready, wee would have you soe
dispose affaires that upon order you may without faile imbarque
with what belongs to the Honble. Company

The distractions up the Gaut, with the unkinde usage given, discourages us from giving any order for provission of goods with you, soe that you will be only charge without any hopes of advantage, therefore were recommend to you living very frugall, and that wee may know what good husbands you are like to prove and the certaine charge you are at, by first conveighance send up a months expences of your factory.

Wee would have you continue by all conveighances to advise us the newes of your parts; that you have wrote us differs from other information much.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. CONSULTATION AT Dated 19 February 2, p. 24

(EXTRACT)

Narransinay understanding from the merchant that freighted the Revenge, that he intends to send her to the southward, made a request to the Deputy Governour &ca. that they would be pleased to give their orders to the Captaine to protect six vessells laden with salt belonging to Sevagee Rajah and bound to Dabull, if Siddy Cossum, the Mogulls Generall against Sevagee, or any of his fleete, should meete with them at sea. Which being what wee would noe way answere, to protect the enemys of one Prince against the other in the sea, without giving just offence to the one

or the other, which at present wee are in peace withall, the Deputy Governour would not graunt his request in that perticular, but to keepe a faire understanding with Sevagees Ministers and that they may see our readiness to comply with their desires in what may seems reasonable and justifyable, and not involve our selfe[s] in any dispute with either side

It was ordered that Captain Minchin should have instructions to take them in his company, and if at sea they should meete with any of the Mogulls fleete that should offer to seize them, that he should acquaint them that they were vessells that belonged to our Island, and that if they offered to force them away, then to protest against them for all damage that may hereafter be made appeare by their seizure of merchants vessells belonging to the Island, but not to fire a gunn or use any hostile means to protect them against Siddy Cossum or any of his fleete.

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F. R. Bombay BOMBAY TO CAPTAIN Dated 20 February Vol. 8, p. 15 MINCHIN L677/8

(EXTRACT)

The Revenue friggat being let out on freight and the Merchant having dispatcht his buisnesse these are to enorder you immedistely to sett saile and make the best hast you cann to such ports as the freighters hath consigned you to, which being southerly Narran Sinay, a merchant and inhabitant of this Island, having six small vessells laden with salt and now ready to sails, hath requested of us that may saile under our convoy or protection, being fearefull that Siddy Cossum may seize on them as they formerly belonged to Savagee Rajah but of whom he hath bought them, as appeares by his bill of sale herewith delivered you, and now sends them to sea as a merchant of this Island. This his request wee have taken into consideration, and though wee are very willing to oblige him, yet we are bound to have a greater regard that wee doe not disoblige ourselves and cause disputes between princes by acting beyond what may seeme becomeing; but as his vessells and he are desirous that they should sails in your company, as wee are willing to doe him what good wee can, wee think fitt to give you these instructions, that you may know the better how to behave yourselfe if that Siddy Cossum or any part of his armada should make demand or by violence force them; in such

case wee would have you to advise them that they are vessells belonging to a merchant of the Island, and that you being bound to the southward he desired your convoy of them to their intended port, and soe desire them to forbeare the least molestation of them, as wee are friends to them, and civily dispute in their behalves as much as possible; but after that you have used the best arguments you can and they will not be sattisfied therewith, but by violent force take them from your alledging that they are vessells belonging to their enimye and wee are not to protect them, then wee doe order you to make a verball protest against them in the King's name for all damages that may hereafter be made appeare by their seizure of merchants vessells belonging to this Island, but wee doe strictly require you not to fire a gunn, muskett or pistoll, or draw a sword in the defence of aid vessells; and as wee doe but suspect the danger they may fall into and provide you with an answer to them, wee doe require you if you can to convoy them to Dabul so that they may never come in danger or meete any of the Siddys fleete.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 21 February 107, Ffol. 49 (EXTRACT)

The news current in these parts is that Dilleell Caun the Mogulls Generall against Duccan is come to Nassick Trumback which place Sevagees army plundered not long since, but his army is see broke by a fight with the Duccany Viziers, that Sevagee values him little who its reported is joyned with the kings of Viziapore, and Bagragar, and are designed to retake some castles now in the Mogulls possession belonging formerly to Duccan.

This is what wee hears which wer affirme not for a truth but as whats noysed abroad which wer thinks in part incumbant on us to advise. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 7, p. 16]

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F. R. Surat, Vol. CARWAR TO SURAT E Dated 27 February 107, p. 71 (EXTRACT)

Wee have received advices lately from Hubely that Sedde Mursude is in possession of Vizapore for the Duccanees. The truth wee cannot certainely affirms for each day produces variety

of news, therefore know not which to beleive. A few days will discover the designes of these potentates, and then doubt not of our informing you more particularly.

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(S) The halfs parte of the ship and fireight belonging to Ranchordas formerly made over to us wee indeavoured to get in the shipp lyes for sale but with what hopes of a Chapman wee know not, the freight being hoyes is not to be paid till they are sold, they are gone upto Annagee Punditt at Pernall, who suffers none to pass his hands. When wee heare certainly of their sails shall use our utmost to get in their halfe freight.

Our Buckshis we have formerly advised upon what condicons Annagee Punditt has proffered us wee now humbly beg your Honours &ca. answere.

(P) The ballance of Sevagee Rajahs debt standing on ballance, if your Honour &ca. allow that wee may take betlenutts for it, wee believe it recoverable, for ready mony will hardly be squesed out of these Hindoos hands, and other commodityes wee shall finde few.

The certainest information that wee have of this country's transactions is that the Nabob is certainly dead, Dillell Caun returned and the Decans in an army of 50000 horse approached Vizapore, under the Command of Serjee Caun and Sedde Mosute demanding the surrender of it from Jemseere Cawn the Nabob Slave. who then putt them the New Moone before date hereof for delivery. They have likewise sent for Sevagee to be in person at their solem entrance for that as they stilled him to be their head, otherwise to send 8000000 Pagodas towards expences. He is at present beseiging a fort where, by relatron of their owne people come from him, he has suffered more disgrace than ever he did from all power of the Mogull or Decans, and he who hath conquered soe many king: domes is not able to reduce this woman Desy; see that from the Nabob[s] death the joyned strength of the Decans and his low ebb of fortune it is gathered that these Country's will now come to a settlement and give a happy begining to a prosperous trade, since Savagee and the Nabob were the hole fomenters of the fore passed troubles.

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Letter Book, Vol. 5 Price Company to Surat Dated 15 March pp. 529,534 (EXTRACT)

Wee note the severall losses susteined by Sevajees army, and the cheat put upon you in the coconutts, the promises he made and the hopes you had of satisfaction, and shall be glad it may prove so, of which wee expect an account. Wee would have you state to us the losses susteined by Sevagee for which he agreed to pay us 10000 Pagodas, and whither composition was for the whole English estate lost at that time or onely for ours; if for the whole, then advise us the particular losses of each person and our own, what you have recovered thereson, and the charges in obtaining it, and what is brought nett into our cash, that wee may give to each person their due proportion.

In yours of the 20th of March you write that you were allarmed by the neerness of Sevagees army, but in yours of the 7th of Aprill you make no mention of it.

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F. R. Surat
Vol. 89, p. 70
SURAT TO THE COMPANY
(EXTRACT)

Dated Swally
Marine 18 March
1677/8

Your factories of Rajapore, Carwar (where Mr. Lounds is lately dead) and Callicut are at present under a very unsettled condition; the two first by the civill wars of Decan and the troubles of Sevagee, the last by the great abuses put upon your affaires and servants by the Rajahs and Governours under the Samorine, as will at large appeare to you by the letters sent us from thence, which were forwarded to you by your shiping for your more particular satisfaction therein, asureing your Hours, if some timely and fit care be not taken to asert your interest with those brutish Mallabars it were much better you withdrue your servants in time.

Orme Mss. Vol.
114, Sect. 7, pp. 17-19 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 28 March
1678
(EXTRACT)

Wee are treating with the Siddys of Danda Rajapore concerning the releasing the families of two of Siddy Sambollees servants, who denied the resotring [? restoring] of them to the late deputy Governor pretending they were not really Sambolees servants, but Naigues Wherries belonging many years to the Castle and ought to come and live there being in great want of their service; what we shall be able to do herein we cannot foretell; the event shall hereafter be advised your honours &c.

We shall be in great want of wheat for the supply of the garrison and island which we have sent for from Broach and Cambayam but we hear there is none suffered to be transported thence by the Governor.

There is in Surat one Vollup Gungedos who formerly dwelt on this island and is indebted to the Hon. Company for goods bought out of their warehouse to the amount of...rupees. This man we understand is come into trouble, the Governor of Surat having clapt him in irons suspecting him to be a correspondence [sic] of Sevagee Rajah. We desire your honours &ca. would endeavor to secure his debt, which you may do in seizing 2 Shibarrs laden with beetel nutts which was sent up from hence to him by his brother whom we have comitted to prison here.

The Siddy wee heare is come up with his fleet as highes Danda Rajapore and intends to give us the trouble of wintering here agains wee finde by experience notwithstanding our endeavour to prevent him yet the procures order for his admittance, wherefore wee shall not now deny him except wee receive order from your honour and for the contrary, but shall press him to disband the major part of his souldiers for our greater safety.

Wee have been importunately solicited by Mahmud Beaque the Governor to permit Siddy Cossam with his ffleete to winter at the island Bay which wee have by all possible meanes endeavour'd to evede but which wee could not well doe if wee rightly consider our honourable masters interest in these parts.

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(S) F.R.Surat, Vol. 90 Part I, Fol. 14 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 1 April 1678

Desires Bombay to show their guns to a man sent by the Governor of Surat and send by sea what pieces he choses and can be conveniently spared.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. RAJAPORE TO SURAT Dated 3 April 107, p. 80 SUMMARY)

The fort of Vizapore is in possession of the Decans taken by a wile stratagem of Sidde Mosute thus. Jemseer Caun, since the death of his master the Nabob found himself incapable of longer holding out, agrees with Sevagee to deliver up to him for 600000 Pags: Sidde Mosute having intelligence of this, faines a sickness, at last death, and causes a handole publickly to be sent away with part of the army to Addone, the residue about 4000 sent to Jemseere, pretending that, since the leader was dead, if he whould entertain them they would serve him. Hee presently accepts their service and receives them into the Fort, who within two dayes seized his person, caused the gates to be opened and received the Siddee in alive. Sevagee upon his march hearing this news, returnes and is expected at Panallah in a short time.

At the time the Fort was taken Sarjee Cawn was gon to Cotobshaw to consult about further proceedure, who upon hearing the news forgave the Decanns a Corore of Pagos: which he had lent them to maintaine the charge of this warr, and that hee should goe against Sevagee either by faire meanes or foule to confine him to Cuncan. Wee humbly beg a favourable sensure on our information, for that wee give the best wee can learne.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, p. 79 SURAT TO RAJAPORE Dated 5 April 1678

If you find the countrey anyways settled (now upon this change of Government) that you can commerce [commence] an investment without running any great hazzard to the Honble. Company's estate or your owne persons, wee would have you buy up what pautkass and percullas are procurable, but let the pautkass

be such as you sent us up 2 yeares since marked R. No.2:6½ yards long and 35 in. 36 inches broad, and cost Pagodas 3:1½ Juttalls per corge, and the percullas wee desire you [they] may be such as you sent us up at the same time, No. R cost 67 Rupees 42 pice per corge, of which wee desire you to take particular notice. In case you have not money sufficient by you to goe on with this investment wee doe give you liberty to draw bills of exchange on us or the Deputie Governor and Councill on Bombay for what money you shall have occation for, to which place you may procure bills cheapest and with least charge. If you cannot get bills then you may take up money at interest.

What news may occur in your parts relating to Sevagee or the Deccan Umbraws wee would have you constantly communicate unto us.

- (S) Seeing you declare it very difficult to procure ready money from the Rajah Sevagee for his debt to the honourable Company standing out at ballance of your last bookes, wee would have you accept of his proffer of bettlenuts on the best termes you can agree with him.
 - P. S. Here wee send you a copie of journall p[?] cell taken out of the Rajah bookes the better to informe you of what robbed by Sevagee at Hattanee and Sungom, as well from the honourable Companys as their servants all which wee would have you demand satisfaction for as also what more you may find robbed in these bookes you have by you.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 20 Aprill (SUMMARY)

The Mogull takes 4 brass gommons [guns] from Bombay.

F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, p. 92 PAJAPORE TOSURAT Dated 24 Aprill 1678

(SUMMARY)

Wee well know the baceness of Sevagees Ministers and doe intend to be deceived no longer by their fairs promises, for this is certainly true (and wee would have you take care accordingly to provide) that if wee see not some effects answerable to a reasonable expectation wee shall by our Europe shiping give orders for the withdrawing your factory. In our last, whose copie is enclosed, were consented that you take beetlenutts for what robbed at Huttanee, Songgaum &ca., places belonging to the Honble. Company &ca. their servants, soe that wee hope you may have done somewhat therein, and wee doe likewise consent to take beetlenutts for our bucksiss; get them as cheap as you can and soe neare as may be let us have Goolee and white nutts, noe Cheekanee, they being dearer with you and cheaper here.

(S) Now to give your honour a relacon of the honourable Companys affaires here in these parts, were must acquaint you that wee find our late Subedarr Vissages Comdue [Kondadeva] who was before, came hither turned out of the Suba of Rajapore by the merchants there for his insolency and tyrranny of them take all occations to affront and abuse us endeavouring when possible to increach upon our former privilledges but hath effected nothing yett thanks be to God for the zeale wee have for our honourable masters affaires and safe guard of ourselves here, wee shall not bate him an inch of what wee formerly injoyed, so long as abillity is in us.

The affaires upon the General in Hubely are to our now small griefe in a distracted condition there than here. The Governor Antue Punditt having a long time together with that Manhar [? Mahajan] or chiefe merchant in towne abused and affronted us; continually craving money and threatening the imprisoning the Banyan, if would not assist him there with which hee still denying him by our order, the Governor 12 days since sent 20 of his peons and forced open the Companys warehouse being locked and tooke out 25 per cent of Broad cloth and putt them to saile in the Bazzarr though now merchants as yett hath bought it declaring this was because wee would not lett him have 500 pagodas as a tax putt on us as rich [? income tax] which wee never were brought into nor never will if possible that hee sayes was partely to the payment of Sevagees 1 part of the revenues of Hubely Velicit [Vilayat], having made peace with him upon those termes and partley towards the payment of a regiment of souldiers maintained for the security of the towne, wee formerly writt him a letter to desire his civillity to the Banyans there but hee slighted it and gave us now answere, upon that wee have thought fitt being the, best remedy to dispatch Shamdash Banyan (who before putt that rogue in his Government) to Vizzapore without letter and press to Sirjah Caune, Siddy Mussade, Jamsher Caune, Sillim Caune & Ammed Caune the chiefe Viziers of the kingdome with coppie of the late king Ally Eddull shaws Phirmaund and deceased Bulloll Cauns cole laying before them the abuses received by the Governor and desiring satisfaction of what riffled from us and enjoyment of our former privilledges, which will we question not but be effected by their sending a new Governor and strickt orders to others in place round about Hubely where our commerce is. This wee thought fitt with advice of the Banyans to doe, having bin hindered from sale of our Europe goods by the Governor and if continued hinder our investment for Europe.

(P) The newes flying at present is that an army of the Duccanees is sett out of Vizzapore, but under whose command here [sic] not, against Sevagee, who is at R[?P]analah in person. The certaine truth hereof when comes to our eares shall upon receipt be forwarded to you.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 7, p. 22 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 10 May 1678

(EXTRACT)

We do endeavour as much as in us lies the releasement of Siddy Sambolees servants but wee find more difficulty therein then either he or yourselves expects, notwithstanding we shall not be discouraged, but continue to press the Siddy [Cossum] thereunto, who according to your order we have permitted to winter here, tho to our Masters cost, for we intended when all the vessells belonging to the island were come in, to have disbanded some of our soldiers to lessen some of the Hon. Companys charge, but we now rather find a want of more to quell the many disturbances committed by those unruly ungoverned soldiers who omitt not dayly to give us trouble and the inhabitants disquiet, imagining themselves in their own dominions when here, but we have and shall teach them a due distinction and regard to the Government which they formerly took little notice of.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 389, Fos. 101 & 103

SURAT TO BOMBAY

Dated 24 May 1678

(SUMMARY)

Writes of the kings fleet wintering at Bombay which they were unwilling to permit but "wee found if wee alowed it not it would prove here of very great prejudice to the honourable Companys afaires."

The 2 brace gunns sent up the Revenge for the Governour weighed 25 mds 11 seers sould him for 50 rupees the double md.

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F. R. Surat. Vol. 107, p. 104 FORT ST. GEORGE to SURAT Dated 27 May 1678

(EXTRACT)

Sevagee is long since returned home to his old dountry where wee here he hath had many encounters with the Moguls forces under Dilleell Ckaune; the country which he hath taken in these parts remaines in the quiett possession of his people and a firme peace concluded with his Brother Eccogee to whom some Country is returned, he paying Sevagee 3 lack of pardoes downe in hand.

(300) F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, p. 104 SURAT TO CARWAR (EXTRACT)

Wee take good notice of the great abuses put upon you both by the Ministers of Sevagee at Carwar, and those of Vizapore at Hubely, which last is an attempt of soe strong a nature in breaking open the Honble. Company's warehouse, takeing out their goods and then offerring them to publike sale in the Bazzar that wee cannot but highly resent, therefore doe enjoyne you speedily to dispose of all the Company's goods remaining both at Hubely and Carwar, and if you cannot turne their proceed into such goods wee inorder'd you to provide for the insuing years wee would then have you keepe it ready in cash, and with yourselves be fully prepared to receive such further orders by our Europa

shiping as may be concluded most fit and convenient for the better securety the Honble. Company's affaires there fore the future. [this in answer to the letter of 5th May]

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News at present stiring is that Sirjah Caun, with an army of 25 in 30000 horse, lyes ready in Vizapore to march towards Sevagee soe some as the raines are over. The Rajah wee here lately departed from Rajapore (after a vissitt given our freinds there) with intentions for Punnalah.

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We wonder you should be advised by the Cozy of Danda Rajapore that the Syddy complained that he was debarred of any former priveledge which he utterly denies to have wrote about to any in Surat.

He has promised to write both to the Governor of Surat and Nabob Dillol Cawn of the favour and assistance he and his fleet on all occasions receive here.

The strong guard we are forced to keep at Massagon &ca. avenues to the island, for the security of the Moguls fleet and Hon. Company's shipping from the threatened attept of Sevagee Rajah, who is very ill pleased with us for suffering them to harbour here, of which we are afraid we shall hear further in time, is the reason we cannot, with security, disband any of the soldiers in present pay.

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(EXTRACT)

Surgee Caune hath turned out Sevagees ministers out of Hattanee [Athanee] and Raybagg and settled his owner forces in boath places.

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F.R. Surat, Vol. 107 CARWAR TO SURAT Dated 29 June 1678

(EXTRACT)

(S) By what wee understand in the brokers letters there is little likelyhood of procuring any quantity of goods this years or vending much of our Europe goods, Sevagees forces being robbing and plundering all over these parts in the chiefe townes of noate where our cloth is made, as Moolgund Luckmiseer, Gudduck and soe that dare not as yett give out a fartheing of moneys to that weavours, for feare of it being plundered from them if tymes a loft bee not settled, heart of merchandise and commerce will be quite broke, there remaining but, little elce aloft for left? I more when plundering and robbing one from another, every one seeking the fresh oppertunity in these distracted tymes that is strongest to enrich himselfe by impoverishing them of less force, making the old proverb good that (the) weakest must goe to the wall.

(P) Wee heartily wish the forces of that Grand Rebbell and great disturber of the felicity of Duccan, which formerly see fameously flourished in all manner of trade, may retire to their strong holds, or be once totally routed by the Duccan army's which are reported ready in Vizapore, but thinks besetted, for whilst-they lie efeminately at house fearefull of wetting their tender Skiuns, our Mah Rajah playes his game see wisly as to destroy, robb, plunder, devastate and ruine the major and best part of their kingdome.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. CARWAR TO Dated 3 July 107, Ffol. 119 SURAT 1678

(Summary)

The Carwar merchants were asked to dispose of their goods and Hubely stores quickly. They say that the major portion is at Hubly "what remaines below with us connot sell a pie worth, here being not a merchant in these parts dare be seen to buy anything considerable, if should Sevagee would soone empty his coffers."

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(S) F. R. Surst, Vol. 107, Ffol. 124 FORT St. GEORGE Dated 8 July 107, Ffol. 124 TO SURAT 1678

(EXTRACT)

The king of Golicondahs progress to Metchelepatam and these parts is laid aside for the present and wee hope will not be thought upon againe, it appearing hazardous to his estate and to his cheif minister and confident Madana the Braman to leave Gulcondah.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, pp. 112-113 SURAT TO RAJAPORE Dated 12 July 1678 (EXTRACT)

Your letter of the 23d of May wee have received and therin take good notice of your aplications to Sevagee upon his arrivall at Rajapore, whose answer seemes to be very slender to your demands, as likewise his referring you to Anajee to be but a meere pretence to put you of; therefore, if upon his returne to Kilnah you find no better satisfaction, frankly let them know wee shall not continue you longer in a place where wee find soe little justice and so much unfare dealing; in order to which let no endeavours be wanting to get in as many of your debts standing out as possible before the coming downs of our Europe ships, and what goods you have made provission of to be in that readiness what (sie? with) yourselves, as you may be able, without loss of time, to observe such orders as wee shall give you further by them.

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F. R. Bombay CONSULTATION IN BOMBAY Dated 19 July BOMBAY (EXTRACT)

Haveing received certaine information of Sevagee Rajahs preparation and intention to send a strong party of souldiers under the command of Doulut Caun to attempt the burning and destroying the Siddys fleets that is haled on shore at Mazagaon. Which intelligence being confirmed unto us by severall hands, both from Narransinay, who was sent bythe Deputy Governour to reside at Chaul to advise of the Rajah's actions and motion, as also by spies Siddy Cossum sent on the same accountt. Which

being taken into consideration, it was not though[t] conssistent with prudence that wee should esteem ourselves soe secure as not to make any further praparations, but more conssistent with our honour and security to be vigilant and not suffer those whom wee have taken under our protection to be destroyed. In order whereunto it was thought expedient that all the out guards, being now but weake, should be reinforced with Infantry under the command of Commission Officers.

That the remaining part of the garrison be divided into two Companys and to mount the guard every other day.

That the Commanders of the English shipps that are haled on shore at Mazagaon be ordered to gett all their gunns placed with cannon basketts where they may best secure the fleete and annoy the enemy if they attempt to land at that place, and that Siddy Cossum be ordered to hale of his vessells that are on shore as soone as possible.

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F. R. Bombay BOMBAY TO CAPTAIN S. Dated 20 July Vol. 8, p. 26 ADERTON 1678

(EXTRACT)

Having certain intelligence of Sevagee Rajahs preparation and designe to land a strong party of souldiers on our Island, with a resolution to burne and destroy the Mogulls fleete that is haul'd on shore att Mazagon; to prevent a designe of soe bad consequence as that would be, wee have, on consideration thereof. thought it absolutely necessary to strengthen our out guards, and to that intent wee doe heereby enorder you to march to Mazagon with eight files of the garrison souldiers, which you are to joine with those allready there; and wee recommend to you to keepe a strict watch in the severall places appointed, and if you have netice of any boates coming from the adjacent places you are to observe their motion and by force of arms to keep them from landing men in any place that they shall attempt either on this side Mazagon or between Mazagon and Monchumbo; see being well satisfied of our good conduct, if so happen that you engage, wee shall not inlarge but will strengthen you with our advices as occasion requires. [Note: Similar letters of the same date were sent to Capt. Richard Keigwin, Ensign Daniel Hughes and Lieutenant Francis Thorpe (Ibid, pp. 26-27)]

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F. R. Surat, Vol. BOMBAY TO THE COMPANY Dated 23 July 107, pp. 112-113 BOMBAY TO THE COMPANY Dated 23 July 1678

Wee have been for severall days hottly allarummed that Sevagee Rajah had certaine intention to attempt the burning the Siddys Fleete at Mazagon, knowing it to be the only obstacle to his taking the Fort of Danda Rajapore, to which purpose he some months since sent for Doulat Caun and Deria Sarung both Generalls of his Fleete at sea, and after having praised them their good services, and given them severall Tushereiffs, propounded the execution of it to them, who out of honour could not deny see generous a Masters desires, therefore willingly accepted the enterprize thereof, and with 4000 men (amoungst which its report. ed are severall Laskarrs to ferry them over the passages) tooke their leaves of the Raish and are come downe to Pancell [Panwell], a towne opposite against the place, where it is reported they are contriving their passage hither. Which way it will be wee cannot imagine without they force it through some part of Salsett, for they have not boats enough in all these parts to bring them over. The news being confirmed unto us by severall hands both from Narran Sunay our Linguist whom wee sent to reside at Choule, as likewise by the spies the Siddy sent to pry into the Rajahs actions and motion.

Wee thought it not consistent with prudence to be over secure when see vigilent an enemy is at our doores, nor suffer him to destory those whom wee have taken into our protection, and therefore enordered the severall ships gunns to be placed with canon basketts where they might best secure the fleete and annoy the enemy, and in regard the avenues to the Island were but weakly guarded a reinforcement of Infantry under the command of Commission Officers were enordered up to the severall passes, and the troope under the command of Captain Kegwin marched up to Mahim. w[h]ere be hath orders to rendezvous and send scouts daily to Sion and Mochumbo to descry the approach of the enemy and bring him word that he may move to impeede their landing; and that all things may concurr to a generall resistance of the subtle attempts of the Rajah two Manchuas with gunns in their prows and souldiers with them were enordered to cruse betwixt Mahim and Mazagon, and the two companies daily to mount the guard at the Fort, see that now wee estama ourselves in good defensive posture and expect the approach of our enemy, not

doubting but by the Almighties assistance to repell their attempts if they should be see hardy to venture on us, which were believe will cause them to take second considerations. This impending storme that seemes to thereaten us proceeding not out of any disgust that Sevajee Rajah hath taken against any of our proceedings nor the nation in generall but against the Siddy, who this yeare hath much provoked him by makeing slaves of the people and Braminys he tooke in his incursions into his territorys. wee thought good to send the Coffery word that he haule his fleete off and ride in the Bay, which would certainely divert the designes of the Rajah and be a security to the Siddy and the King's they are not able to deal with him at sea. He seemed readily to embrace the proposition, but declared his inability, the Lascars refuseing to worke for want of pay and he had noe mony to sattisfie them, wherefore made his request unto us that wee would supply him on the Honble. Company's accountt in this exigency, which were considering of, having monys sufficient in our treasury, have lent him 2000 Rupees to be repaid you in Surat by the Governor, to which purpose enclosed wee send his receipt and herewith goes a letter wherein he hath wrott effectually in the behalfe of our nation which wee hope on occation may stand you in some steade. Hee is now resolved to floate the fleete, which wee hope may prevent our coming to blowes with Sevagys army, which would certainely cause a breach of peace, and then this Island would be in a miserable condition for want of all sorts of provissions.

Thus you see what wee formerly conjectured is come to pass, and what troubles and charges wee are like to be brought in for assisting and harbouring this fleete, which does the King neither service nor honour. These things duly represented to the Governo[r] of Surat or Grandees by men that are able to discourse it without feare and pussillanimity (and not Banians, who to our shame dare not owne his Majestie of England to be a King, but when they discourse of him call him Simindar [Jamindar], which in effect is no more than a Desy, as Henry Oxinden hath often h[e]ard) wee doubt not but would prevaile with him to order their fleete yearely to Surat, and not involve the nation in a warr to protect a parcell of theires, for the Siddy is no better. And this wee leave to your performance, which, if not effected, be assured soner or later wee shall finds the dire effects of warr and famine.

[Note. A portion of this extract is given by Orme, Orme Mes. Vol. 114]

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 7, pp. 29-30 BOMBAY TO SURAT E Dated 23 July 1678

(EXTRACT)

In our several former missives, we forgot to acquaint you that the Emom of Muskatt wrote a letter to the Deputy Governor, intimating his intentions to send a fleet against the Portugeeze this year, desiring therein to know in such case whether they might not repair hither for water, wood, &c. provisions as they had occasion for, during their stay of [f] this coast.

Since writing the preceeding, we are given to understand that Doulat Cawn, with the army under his command, is marched to Cullean Bundy, from whence he wrote to the captain General Don Manoell Lobo, demanding passage through the Portugal territories, but he not only denied, but had enordered the several passes at Tannah &c. to be manned to impede, so that we cannot impaine which way he will come to us; nevertheless, we stand on our guard, expecting the event; here inclosed, we send you copy of the Emom of Muskatts letter.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 7 BOMBAY TO MR. CHARLES WARD & CAPT. KEIGWIN

Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 7 WARD & CAPT. July:1678

(EXTRACT)

This morning I received advice from [sic] by a Banian, that came from Tanmah, that Sevagees forces are quartered in the several places near Cullean and Culwah, which has so alarmed the Portugeese, that the Captain General of Basseen is come to Tannah with a considerable number of soldiers, therefore would have you not to imagine yourselves oversecure, but to look out tharp and keep good guards, for we may reasonably expect Sevagee will make a further progress, and endeavour to land on our island to destroy the Siddys fleet. I have further advice that the Portugeese have denied them passage through their country, which is the occasion of the Captain General preparation such has so incensed the enemy, that I hear they have burnt and destroy d 2 or 3 of the Portugeeze Aldeas.

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I am very glad to heare the Portuguese has dealt with Daulat Caun, soe as its reported, which if they do hold it will be a great means to prevent Doulat Caun's desire.

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(S) F. R. Surat WILLIAM MINCHIN FROM Dated 25 July Vol. 90, Fol. 29 MAZAGON TO BOMBAY 1678

(EXTRACT)

According to your order sent yesterday to Captain Adderton and my selfe wee went to the Siddy and ordered him in his Magesties name of great Brittaine to pay his Lascars with the 200[0] rupees which your worship lent him and likewise to haule his ships out which he did promise and hauled them out a little way and so left of under pretence of paying his men, and promised to haule them of this morning, but seeing this morning that he made no preparation for it, sent to him to know the reason of itt and he sent word that he had no men and that all his Lascars were gone to Bombay, but the reason that the Lascars left him was that he would give them no more then 2 rupees a peece which was not according to his promise so that as he lyeth now ten times then before, for most of them by Captain Hilder and if any enimy cometh there is no possibillity of saving any of us, having not any thing elce to acquaint your worshipp at present, only for as much as I can perceive the Siddy minds nothing but his Dancing weomen whom he hath continually dancing before him,

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(EXTRACT)

If you see any boats with armed men or men swimming over the reabouts or in any other place in the river.

Engage with them.

Keeps them from landing on any part of our island.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 7, p. 33 BOMBAY TO SURAT E Dated 29 July 1678

Siddy Sambolees people, according to your Honour &c. injunctions have leave to repair to Bombay and settle themselves where they find most convenient.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. BOMBAY TO Dated 29 July 107, Ffol. 116 SURAT 1678

The Siddy hath launched his whole ffleete which he hath brought downe to Bombay and now ride under our ffort, himselfe after much persuansious going on board. This wee hope will divert Dowlut Cauns designes who with his army hovers still about the adjacent parts, he cannot well have any plea to come over now, except Sivagee Rajah is intended to make warr with us because wee harbour his enemys which wee believe will cause him to take up such resolves in the future.

P. S. The Bargaine of beetlenutts and coconuts which Mr. John Petit and Vollupmetta bought of the Subedarr of Chaull is like to imbroyle all the merchants of this island, for he declares hee wants veit of his principall to be paid him 12000 rupees and that he hath two of Mr. Petits letters to show that the said contract was made with him not with Vollapmetta whom he sent thither but as his servant and therefore demands satisfaction of the present Deputy Governor not making any difference betweene perticular person and the Company which have been civilly answered, but he now declares he will be put off no longer, but will seize on any persons or effects he shall meete with belonging to any of this island having lately endeavoured to secure our broker Girderdass who being at Cullian Baindy he sent 50 men to . seize him but he got to Tanna and so escaped. Wihlat to doe in this exigencie week now not but thinke it no reason that unconcerned should sufferr for the faults of others, this will cause trade to cease much on this island for Chaule is a port that is very necessary unto us for all things. Pray enorder Vollop-metta to send downe his account with the Subedair that wee may know how to answere him Let not him come himself, for the Souhi dar will demand the debt the more eagerly them or else will desire his person. [Orms Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 7, pp. 33-34]

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, p. 114-115 } SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 5 August 1678 (EXTRACT)

Wee are sorry to find you so unexpectedly allarummed by Sevagees designed bold attempt upon the Siddys fleete at Mazagon, which wee hope by the timely notice both you and hee hath had to put yourselves into soe prudent and good a posture to receive him, may divert the storme. But if it should unhappily prove otherwise, wee shall not doubt but by your conduct and courage to find him, repell'd with loss and shame, highly approving your handsome care and vigilancie in disposing your men and ships for their more effectuall service both by land and sea, and which wee doe recommend to your constant observation, since the subtle and sudden motions of this bold Rajah will require a sutable care of his designes.

Wee shall remaine under great anxiety untill wee here from you the success of this strange affaire, therefore pray be mindfull of us in nimble and full advices, hartely wishing our Europe ships may import with you soe early as to prove a seasonable addition of strength and assistance to the Island at this juncture.

[In the next para they say] (S)...have been contriving how to procure an order from court which this overture of eminent danger from Sevagy wee have may facilitate us in and therefore shall not faile to improve it to the most effectual advantage wee are capable.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89 pp. 116-117 } SURAT TO CARWAR { Dated 13 August 1678 - (EXTRACT)

Wee are extreame sorry to find the ill posture Decan still remaines in, and without any likelyhood of amendment; therefore doe reiterate our former orders, that you doe use your utmost endeavours speedely to get in all your debts and to dispose of all such goods as you have up in the country, and invest the produce as formerly inorder'd you; but if by the present troubles you cannot effect it, fails not with all possible care and dilligence to convey the money downe to Carwar, as likewise the goods themselves if you find you cannot fittly and speedely dispose of them for wee are quite discouraged from alowing you to send up any

more to Hubely, or trusting what is there already, from the great abuses the Honble. Companys servants have and are likely still further to receive from that lewd Governor; therefore faile not to comply punctually herein, concluding it better to sit still for some time and waite what it may produce for a more secure incouragement of a settlement of that factory.

Wee should be glad to heare that Mr. Robinson's journey up the Gaute prove successfull, though wee cannot see how well to expect it, seeing our friends att Carwar (who are under the same Government) give us noe encouragement to expect a peace of goods from them this yeare, declaring the countrys about Hubely. &ca. to be still under the tyranicall oppressions of Sevagees Officers, and in as great confusion as ever; and therefore, untill you are certaine of making any considerable investment and shall be in want of money for the management thereof, wee doe againe forbid your drawing any more bills on us.

We received your Honrs. &c. of the 5 instant just now, to which we should more amply reply, but that we are in haste to give you the news of the arrival of the President, Captain Jonathan Hyde, who imported at the sametime; he came from Johannah in company of the Samson and Unicorn, but parting company at sen, he has not seen them since.

We hear that Sevagees forces that was intended against this place, is marched towards Surat.

Jemsheer Caune is now on the road to Bancapore with 3000 home daily taking more as he comes intending to fight Sevagee.

Selim Cann the owner of the towne is expected in flabely with 200 horse in ten days, as yett cannot tell who will winn the country, though the Duccanees at present being seated in Vizapore. Sevagee having 1500 horse in these parts is reported hath as many more coming see soon as the Dually is over they intend to fight, who will carry the day God knowes.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 107. p. 135 CARWAR TO SURAT Dated 24 August 1678

Wee should not have bin silent thus long had not [we] waited, to heare from Shamdas at Vizapore how that affaire under his mannagement went, being desirous of giving you a full account of all affaires and transactions both aloft and alow at once, that may not put the Houble. Company to extraordinary charge of Cossetts; therefore as to what is come to our knowledge since our last wee shall now proceed to give you an account off.

Wee thank God wee are very quiett here, liveing at amity with Sevagees Ministers since our last renewing off friendship with the Subedarr, not in the least molested by them in [any] of our proceedings, or having our bowells tourne out by them like vultures for mony as formerly. Wee were once friendly solicitated by our Carwarr Governor to lend him 3 in 400 Pagodas, but gave him a friendly and faire denyall as becomes merchants, laying before him the unsettledness of the times, that wee neither bought or sould any goods considerable, and only lived upon the maine stock to keepe up the Honble. Companys and nations creditt in expectation of better times, with which hee was satisfied and have heard noe more from him since in that point.

To our noe small greife wee can give your Honr, but little good news of affaires upon the Gaute. The Governor still continues his insolencys towards us; hee hath returned the 25 peeces of broad cloath againe which he formerly tooke out of the warehouse, but in lue thereof hath forced 775 Pagodas from the Shroff and Broker, 510 at one time and 265 at another time, with these words, that what he soe tooke hee was constrained thereto to supply Sevagees Subedar, who would elce have burnt and ransaked the towne, but promised faithfully to returne it agains in

6 months time, which wee much doubt and feare, for by Shamdas letter from Vizapore, copie whereof one of the 10th July received the 22th inst. the other the 20th July received 20th instant, the latter is what signifies anything; howsoever that your Hour. &ca. knowes the true and full account of that affaire have sent both for your perusall, wherein to our trouble, though what was acted in that perticular was intended for the best, you will finde wee have little hopes of redress from thence, occationed by the unsettledness of Government in those partes and the dissentions and imbred broyles betwixt one and the other in place: the King. being in his Nonage there is no head of Government, but one thinkes himselfe as good and great as the other, which wee feare will be the cause of their ruine. Your Honr. &ca. in Shamdas letter will read what [are] his opinions, which truly doth concurr with ours that to give you the best of our weake judgments, unless make seizure of the deceased Nabobs Bullool Caun's two shipps lying at Bassalare, ordering our people at Hubely to make sale of what goods there remaining, which is not much, and retire to Darwara [Dharwada] Castle of the Kings and mart towne, where wee are proffered by the 4 Nuckphery [?Nāikwāris]thereof, the Kings Phirmaund and two yeares custome free to build a warehouse to reside in, or elce call them downe to us here till such times as they at Vizapore shall here of what wee have done, when without question they will send their phyrmaunds and begg of us to accept of restitution. But this weighty affaire wee leave to the consideration of your Honr. &ca. serene and wise judgment. Your Honr. &ca. alsoe may be pleased in both Shamdas letters to take particular notice of what hee writes concerning the meane, base and disgracefull actions of our infatuated (wee think may stile them) freinds at Rajapore, in their shamefull puting the Company's broad cloath to sale in the Buzarr at Vizapore at soe poore and vile a rate of 3 Rupees per yard, wee selling for 31/2 and 33/4 per yard in Hubely, which is but the lesser halfe way to Vizapore: when their way charges is deducted it will produce as wee well understand not more than 2 in 21/4 Rupees cleare the yard, which is a price the Company's orange colloured broad cloth nor any inferior sort was yett undersould for in these parts. If your Honr. &ca. pleased to examine this perticular strictly [it] will be well for the Company, otherwise you may recall either them or us, elce must be forced to shut up shop; but if in sale of their goods they are found to be [more] proffitable servants than us, wee humbly submitt.

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Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 7, p. 37 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 24 August 1678

Sevagees army under the command of Doulat Cawn, finding it not so facile to perform their designed attempts on the Siddy as they had in their imaginations concluded, the Portugeese taking the alarm guarded the rivers of Tannah &c., with near 40 armed Manchuas and we having resolved to resist them both by land and sea, desisted from their design and are returned to their quarters, since which we are given to understand that the Rajah has cashired Doulat Cawn his service and severely punished the Soubidar of Buindy, who facilitated the design to him and now he is resolved to come in person against Danda Rajapore and after a furious battery with the cannon, which is placed advantageously on a hill, which shoots point blank into the fort, to storm it on all sides; the event of these resolutions we must attend, but we think he has taken right measures to gain the place.

Inclosed goes translates of Mr. Petitt's letters to the Soubidars of Choul, and of his to the Deputy Governor, and Vollup Mettos account which the envoys of the said Soubidar having delivered unto us demanding satisfaction, and are at present here insisting thereon, something must be done towards a payment by somebody or other or else you will find by his letters either the Hon. Company or the disinterested will suffer for it, for our factories and effects are already threatned. This will require your Honrs. &c. serious consideration and order to us how to govern ourselves in this affair. [This letter is dated 27 Aug. in (S), F. R. Surat, Vol. 107, Fol. 128]

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F. R. Surat Vol. HATTANEE TO SURAT Dated 31 August 1678 (EXTRACT)

The news of these parts cannot with any certainty be wrote, but what I can gather to be most true is that within a month or two the Decans will downe upon Sevagee; Serja Caun and Sidde Masutes Sonn have both pitched their tents that way and the only thing that impedes their proceedure is their difference about the Seere Suba which both of them pretend to, which agreed on, theire army will consist of about 15000 horese besides foote,

and Jemseer Caun on Carnatuck side with 10 or 12,000 horse besides foote, likewise that the Moguli is powerfully coming to their assistance; what the upshot will be by Dualle wee shall know.

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F. R. Surut, Vol. 89, pp. 125-26 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 7 September 1678

(EXTRACT)

Wee are very glad to find you so well freed from the danger of Sevagee, and hope wee shall be able from hence to remove the Siddy's fleet from wintering with you any more to prevent the like trouble.

(S) Wee have perused the papers and accounts you sent us of the Subedar of Choule and are very sorry to find the danger and dishonour like to proceede from that unhappy affaire to the hon'ble Companys Estate and factories in Sevagees country if not timely and prudently composed therefore sent for Vollup Metta and compared his and the Subedarrs accounts together wherein appeares severall differences which he does assure us if wee would permit him to goe to Bombay he could easily rectify and give a finall and satisfactory conclusion to the dispute depending betwixt Mr. Petite the Subedar and himselfe and which wee ourselves apprehend to be the best course, but you having cautioned us befor not to let him goe downe wee have deferred to give him leave untill wee here further from you which let be with speed.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 10 September 107, pp. 139-140 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 10 September 1678

(EXTRACT)

These are at the importunate treaties of a parcell of unfortunate Mores and Baniaus who coming in a vessell from Aden belonging to Veravull Patan, a port in the Mogulls dominions on the other ade Dio, and being bound to this port to sell Mugeet and other goods, most unhappily rann aground on the sunken rocke within this Bay, where their vessell immediately bilged, the men being fortunately takan up by the Hunter's boate in which they saved

to the amount of 2 in 3000 Rupees in gould and silver, the shipp goods and other monys to a considerable value being totally lost, there not remayning a planke of her to bee seene the next morning: the seas running high dashed her to peeces and the tyde of flood carryed the wracke on Sevagy's coast. The said monys were delivered in by Captain Norgrove and are remayning in the Deputy Governor's possession. The miserable people lamenting their disaster have desired us to take compassion on them the small remainder of a greater losse being the vessell were as it were cast away in the very road without storme or bad weather but occationed by their little skill in the harbour, and that in the Mogull's dominions wee received like favours. These arguments, togeather with the concurrence of commerce betwixt our port and Patan, to which place many vessells goe yearely, the consideration of the vessells being bound into us to sell her goods, the fame and honour of our Masters upright and mercifull dealing was perswasive enough with us to redeliver the miserable their monys, but wee thought it not just to effect it without your particuler lycence, not being willingly guilty of the least disrespect. Wherefore wee desire your sence and determination therein. The people intend to take their passage in a vessell bound hence to Patan, therefore wee desire your Honour &ca. would returne answere to these by the bearer, not doubting your commisseration of their cases.

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(S) F. R. Surst, Vol. 3. RAJAPORE TO SURAT { Dated 12 Sept. 1678

(EXTRACT)

News here is none worthy of your honours knowledge, more then what Mr. Robinson hath already advised, only that Sevagee is a coming to Pornollah, where he hath ordered all his forces to meete him.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 107 CARWAR TO SURAT { Dated 20 Sept 1678

(EXTRACT)

Wee are.....sorry.....for the unsettledness of tymes in these parts. What your Honour, &ca. writes concerning the getting

in the Company's debts and making sale of their goods remaining wee are not in the least tardy, continually useing our endeavours to accomplish your desirs therein; our goods remaining in Hubely are not many, and debts also, what are, is in sure hands wee thinke; but it is the custome of Duccan, and especially aloft, that all the goods except pepper and beatlenutt, with some few other commoditys, is sould for 3 in 4 months time, of which setting apart our desperrate debts the good ones are not of longer standing. To this perticular wee shall not much enlarge upon, only acuaint your Honr. &ca. have sent coppy of yours to Mr. Goring in Hubely and order accordingly to our Broker Rupgy Chaungy, whom wee question not but will doe their utmost endeavours to comply therewith.

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O. Correspondence SURAT TO THE COMPANY Dated 24 Sept.

(EXTRACT)

Your Island of Bombay hath bin lately disturbed by some alarums from Sevagees forces, ordered by him to endeavour the burning this King's fleet wintering there, but by the care and vigilancie of your Deputie Governour, etca. all things were in soe prepared a posture to receive them that they were forced to let their designe fall. This gave us occation to represent to the Governour of Surat the hazzard of his Masters shipps, as well as charge to us, wherein wee have soe, prevailed with him as to importune us no more for their wintering there for the future, which will ease the Island of many inconveniencys and troubles.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89 SURAT TO THE COMPANY Dated 24 Sept. 1678

(EXTRACT)

The citty of Surat is often times still alaramed with the approaches of Sevagees for [ce], and is veryly believed if not otherwise diverted will certainly this years attemp[t] once more to sirprize it, being highly exasperated for some unusual indignity's acted upon severall of his people fallen into these Moores hands, see that the inhabitants of Surat doe now more dread him.

than ever, it being assured that he hath declared its utter ruine upon his next coming with fyer and sword, which hath made us take into consideration the security of your estates at present in the house by as speedy a disposall thereof as opportunity will give us leave.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. SWALLY MARINE TO Dated 29 September 89, Fol. 134 SOMBAY 1678

In reply to a request from Bombay to restore to some poor merchants portion of a wreck which had been saved, permission is given to do so after deducting the expenses incurred by the Co. in the attempt. They observe that the restoring such property was contrary to the custome of most nations in such cases and which notwithstanding may appear severe and somewhat inhumane to add to those that were two miserable before a greater weight of unhappiness, yet this law was founded upon very high and prudent reasons, to prevent the severall abuses ill men imployed upon shipping, [who] might otherwise undertake to act through

some sinister ends of benefit acrewing to themselves by the .

Orme Mss. Vol. 114 BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 2 Oct 1678

(EXTRACT)

willfull casting away the ship.

[Beginning omitted] For Sevagee nor his ministers are to be satisfied with plausible pretences and our articles with him, which they insist on are obligatory on either side to deliver the persons of creditors and fugitives or make restoration or satisfaction; now if he will run the hazard of that, let him come, but let him know for his Governor [sic? Government] that daily application are made to us for the delivery of his brother up, which will be incessantly renewed for him, if he repairs hither and not [sic? if] gives him not due satisfaction.

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(S)F.R. Surat, Vol.90 SURAT TO DOMEAY Dated 6 October 1678 (EXTRACT)

Wee have been very much importuned by the brother of Vollup Metta with you to give you a second acknowledgment of the receipt of rupees 2900 on his account and likewise to desire you not to deliver up his person to the Soobadar of Chaule, but rather to give him notice that he is now upon the island and ready to adjust accounts and give him all reasonable satisfaction whenever he shall send over any of his owne people to doe it with him.

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F. R. Surat Vol. 89 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated Swally Marine p. 141 Soctober 1678

(EXTRACT)

Some dayes since wee received letters from Mr. Haggerstone, &ca. (by a pair of expresses who wee now send downe upon the Sampson) adviseing of the little success Shamdoss the broker hath mett with at Vizzapore in his complaints against that insolent Governor of Hubely, soe that wee are resolved to be at noe further charge and trouble in such fruitless sollicitations with a people soe void of shame and honour; therefore send for him downe with who else may be up in the country, and send nothing more thither untill further order, advising us what time the Nabobs 2 juncks usually sett saile and to what ports, to whom wee would have you rufuse to give passes, and wee shall try if by seizing of them wee can bring those Governours of Vizzapore to doe us better justice.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 89, pp. 142-143 SURAT TO RAJAPORE Dated Swally Marine 18 Oct. 1678

(EXTRACT)

Wee take good notice what you write us that Annajee Punditt proffers you your Bucksis upon the conditions expressed in the first Phirmaund which hath beene made voyd in that particular by one obteyined since from the Rajah by Mr. Child at his first going downe to Rajapore, wherein it is granted that wee should have the beetlenutts delivered us at the Bazzarr price without the payment of any money downe and which you are to demand and stand upon, and if it will not be agreed, to accquaint Sevajee Rajah and his ministers that the many abuses wee have received from his officers and the little justice from himselfe forces us to call you away from Rojapore.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 3 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 25 Oct. 107, Fols. 156-157 }

(HXTRACT)

What wee soe long dreaded true hath at last brought to pass. the Subedarr of Chaule being returned from Rairy to his former command with an addition of Sobhas or Governments more, hath seized on twenty or thirty boates and vessells belonging to this island which were over in several ports on the maine, buying of wood, timber, batty and provissions accustomary and without which we cannot well subsist. The poor merchants came in a full body to complaine thereof desiring redress, being utterly ruined if some remedy be not put to this evill, the losse will amount to neare 15 or 20000 rupees. A large sum to be deducted from the stock of this place and all these done on account of the debt oweing said Soobedarr by the former Deputy Governor and Vollup Mettah; of which wee have allready wrote you and hee further pretends to stop all manners of provisions from coming upto us. The Deputy Governor this day wrote him a civill letter to know the reason of his detainare of our vessells to which wee expect an answere in two or 3 days; which if bring him to a releasing them wee shall not further trouble ourselves, otherwise wee think it consistent with our nations and masters honour not to bear such affronts which if wee suffer such is the nature of Sevagys ministers that they will impose on us daily, what their tyrannicall humours shall dictate unto them: therefore wee have concluded to use all faire meanes for the restoration of said vessells which if takes not effect our intentions are the next spring tide to send over a considerable force of souldiers in boats and vessells into Negotan &ca rivers and bring them away by force which may be easily effected without any resistance as wee are informed they [are] lying In rivers which are open and no efforts to protect them, nor any souldiers on board but such as will quickly leave them on the approach of any of our fforces, their armes carrying terror with them and after this is accomplished wee doubt not but to bring them to their ould tearmes of firiendshipp, otherwise it were but winking at the Siddy and he would soone lay the opposite maine desolate which were have hitherto protected for our owne ends and that they are soe sencible of that the Muckadams of town's and heads of the people have left their habitation and complayned unto the Soobedar telling him if he peraist they are inevitably ruined and the rajah like[1y] to loose his dutie for this yeare. Wee hope these things may reduce the Soobedar to reason though he is a very obstinate man, whom wee shall endeavour likewise to mollifie by faire promises of all justice in the case depending between Vollup Mettah and him, what further happens shall not faile to advise in due time. [Orme Mss. Vol. 114, Sect. 7 p. 47]

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Wee have called for Vollup Metta and acquainted him with what you have wrote us concerning his business with the Subedarr of Chowle where upon he hath promised to repaire to Bombay in a few dayes more and make an end thereof to his satisfaction.

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The 28th last wee wrote you att large coppie whereof accompanys these, to which referr you, the last night by Siddy Cossums Pattomarr wee received yours of the 25th of October wherein wee are very sorry to receive the hasty imbargo laid upon severall boates and vessels by the Subedarr of Chowle, belonging to the island, upon Mr. Pettitts unadvised dealings with him in Company of Volup Metta a Banian, from whom he hath demands. but how justly will better appeare to you from his owne stating the case wherein we think he hath great reason of his side, had he to doe anything but such oppressive as Savagees ministers. However since the evil effect is like to fall to the islands share it doth beha[?o]ve us goe farr for the wellfare thereof, and the safety of our factories Carwarr and Rajapore, to consider and resolve the best wee may to doe it by fair means, therefore wee have once more sent for Volup Metta to hasten him towards you, who now resolves to accompany Mr. Ogilby on a Chowle Shebarr, who brings you these recommending the poor mans condition and person to your charitable regard and security, having already infinitely suffered by this Governour soely upon the score and occasion of the Subedarr, hopeing you have not put your design of force in

execution for the freedome of the vessells, which if it be as you write that the island cannot subsist without a supply of provisions from Sevagees territories, wee think it great reason not to put things to an extremity, since it is ods whether our design may take its hoped effect and which if it dose or dose not being once attempted, it will certainly occasion if not an obsolute prohibition as an open enemy and many other very great inconveniences; therefore cannot well approve of that course, but try to doe it by some amicable friendly overtures which wee hope will fittly be offered to you upon Vollup Mettas being with you. [also F. R. Surat Vol. 90, part 1, Fol. 49]

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. CHAULE TO BOMBAY Dated 3 November 107, Fols. 175-176 EXTRACT

Copple of Bairr[o]pants [Ser Subedar of the jurisdiction of Chaule, as far as Rajapore] letter in answere of that written to him by the worship: Henry Oxinden Deputy Governor of the port and island of Bombay, translate out of the Mereta Language.

I received your letter and read it with much pleasure and should esteeme it as a favour to lett me know frequently of your health.

As to what you write me concerning the Morre[=mahomedan] merchants vessells of your island I answere as they alwaies used to fetch wood from hence see they went to lade at Nagstan where they were reprized by the Magistrates who advised me of the matter: Know sir that it seemes strange and unjust that under the colour of amity and the good correspondence that is betweene Sevagee Rajah and the English nation, the Siddy should participate of all the provisions of wood, corne and other things that are exported from hence, knowing him to be our soe great enemy; as not only very much annoyes us, but alsoe robs our country and carryes much reople away to our extraordinary prejudice, Sevagee Rajah having sent me to bee Governor of this country and to make warr upon that enemy the Siddy, who doth soe much oppose us; I thought it convenient to send to your island 5000 men to joyne with Doulett Ckauns Armada to doe him all imaginable harme and pursue him wherever [he] was, it being but reason that our armada should have shelter under your ffort as well as his, and I cannot but acquaint you that the very Portuguez themselves did many best unto mee that they did not any wayes succour that Siddy nor

soe much as harbour him or his people, but that it was the English only that countenanced and supplyed him with all manner of provissions, and also desired me to write unto you not to consent to his harbouring with you, (which gives him many opertunitys to infest our country being soe neare us) with such facility, concerning which matter what you shall resolve by your letter the same will serve to be sent to my Rajah and Anagi Punditt, by which said letter he will be better able to know what will be most convenient for him to contrive to expell the said enemy out of your island with expedition. Touching Vollup Metta's money, wee understand not anything of him but of Mr. Petit, for it is our custome that when any Subedar or Havaldar makes any contract of buying or selling, whatever is owing the successor of him that made the said contract remaines obleidged to satisfie it. You Sir being Mr. Petit's successor wee doe not doubt but you will make satisfaction for him.

When I sent my envoy Pertapsy to Bombay to demand satisfaction for the said money, you answered him you had written to the said gentleman at Ormus and that according to his answere you would comply. I understand not nor have anything to doe with Ormuss or Suratt only Bombay, where the money is; for as much as I know you to be in your antesessor's place, pray looke to make me satisfaction suddenly, for it much imports to have it sent to Sevagee Rajah, soe God preserve your person &ca. [Nov. 13th as given by (S) seems improbable from No. 342 infra].

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. RAJAPORE TO SURAT Dated 6 November 107, Fols. 169-170 EXTRACT

Deria Saranga and his sonn are both taken prisoners by the Rajahs order and all they have seized upon; hee stands charged in the honourable Companys broker pagodas 165. 16 Jetts, which feare now will prove a bad debt. I have made demand upon our Soobedar and told him that what goods was delivered him was upon the Rajah's account and not his owne; his answere was that he could doe nothing in this business, what was to be done Annage Punditt must doe it, to whome we have wrotte too, as alsoe concerning our Bucksis whose answere we weight for.

About 10 days agos the Rajah had a stoute battle with Jemseer Caun but came off blewly [?badly], in which engagement he hath lost not less than 2000 horse besides 4 or 5000 floote, here is now greate hopes of better times.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 107 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 8 Nov. 1678 (EXTRACT)

According to [the] resolve to release our boates reprized in the rivers of Nagotan Penn &c by the Soobedarr of Chaule last Sunday evening [4th Nov.], Captain Thomas Niccolls was commissioned (copie where of goes enclosed) with 10 files of men under his command to repair on board the Manchuas a shibar and the Companys Balloone, and with them to enter said rivers to bring the boates, which he did soe effectually that the next day wee saw all of them except 4 which he could not well come at, in our port to the ganeral applause and particular sattisfaccon of the Inhabitants, who otherwise had wanted wood to supply their necessitys, and this done without firing a gunn or any damage done on either side having before secured the passage boates and stopt all communication with the maine, so that our neighbours were suprized; wee are now in expectation of an envoy from the Soobedar who wrote us a letter wherein he gives the reason of his proceedings, translate whereof wee send you in English that you; may the better understand it, but wee find that without some satisfaction given him, for Mr. Pettit's and Vollup Mettas debt there will be no peace betwixt us, for he hath stopt all manner of provission and wood from coming unto us, the latter whereof wee must have either by faire or floule meanes, wherefore to prevent the further growth of our differences wee desire that Vollup Mettah be sent downe with all possible speed to compose the business with him, wee having wrote him that he was coming and when arrived here would doe him all the justice he could expect from us; which wee hope will satisfie him for the present. This Soobedarr has promised that Rajah to take Danda Rajapore in 4 months time, which makes him insist much on our harbouring the Siddy as you may please to read in his letter [See No. 340 antel and wee conceive it to bee against the law of nations totally. to harbour them, winter, and hall on shoare, refitt themselves and out againe, and if this is not likewise remeadied wee foresee an unavoidable breach will ensue which may be the destruction of the island and totally loss thereof if any European nation take the advantage and joine with the Rajah which God divert.

As wee had wrote thus far came in your of the [primo] instant by Mr.Oglevy wherein wee observe you are jealous that our forcing his majesties subjects boates out of the opposite rivers of Negopatan and Penn may cause many inconveniencecys to happen and totall prohibition of all provitions, we answere we knowe of no great inconveniency can reasonably insue more than what would have done had wee not effected it. for the Soobedarr acts not thus by the Rajahs order but of himselfe, of which wee are certainely informed and that the very same time he seized our boates he sent orders to Rajapore (to which place his command extends) to secure all the English effects there. that wee were afraid ourselves would be the greatest sufferers having to a considerable amount in Batty and other goods there. yett this could not deterr us from acting what was consistent with our nations honour, being it was to be see easily effected. otherwise wee had been scorned by our owne inhabitants and pointed at by our neighbours. Wee desire you to beleive that nothing hath nor shall be acted unadvisedly or rashly but that all things in the end will be amicably composed, if Vollup Metta hath brought downe money with him and the Siddys ffleete be not suffered in the future to remaine here, which are the maine obstacles and our taking our owne boates from them which is applauded even by themselves, the Soobedarr of Cullian Bandy advising us to it, and promising his country shall be free into us for all things, our greatest wants as before mentioned will be wood which wee have taken care for and they will want our money as much as wee their merchandize which is nothing but Batty and wood, a months time will, wee doubt not, put an end to all, if care be taken to sattisfie the Soobedarr his debt &c which wee recommend unto your honour &c. [Cf. Orme Mss. Vol. 114 Sect. 7, pp. 51-53] Then follows the copy—see No. 340.

The news of these parts bee pleased to accept as related. Jemshere Caun lyes att a Castle called Buncapore with 8000 horse and 20 feild peices but dares not encounter with Sevagee (who hath att Parnallah ready 15000 horse and 20000 foote) but stays the coming of Serjah Caun from Vizapore who commands 30000 horse. Wee hope this summer will put a period to the

quarrells in these parts, which God Almighty send, that wee may approve ourselves good and industrious servants to our Honble. Masters.

Here inclosed, we send your Honrs. &c. translate of a letter that the Deputy Governor received this morning from the Soubidar of Choul, in which he is very penitent for what he has done and promises that the inhabitants of this island shall have as free intercourse into the country under his command as formerly.

Wee here not as yett from Annagee Punditt neither doe wee know his reason for detaining our peons soe long; but am informed his speedy coming to Rajapore; when we shall not faile to tell him our agrevances.

Wee take good notice of your proceedings for the releasing the boates under the Subedarr of Choules arrest, and are glad the action hath succeeded see well, which with Volup Mettas being now with you will give a faire opportunity to end the scurvy business betwixt him and Mr. Pettitt to a friendly conclusion.

The Deputy Governor declares he can say little to the Hon. Company's letter sent him down to answer of the abuse put upon the Rajapore factors by the Soubidar, by giving them rotten coccanutts. Mr. Child can give the best account, being Chief there and that factory not dependent upon Carwar; to the latter

part of the clause, he was sent up to Rairy by the deceased Mr. Aungier and Council to treat with a peace with Sevagee Rajah and cause him to sign the several articles, which he carried up, all which being effected, he returned again before he arrived there. Narang Sinay had made a conclusion with him to receive 1000 Pagodas for the loss sustained by the English at Rajapore, but what is received thereof or whether any part, the factors at Rajapore are best able to give your Honrs, &c. an account.

[Beginning omitted, the Portuguese] Have lately issued out a proclamation, that nothing whatever pass their territories unto this island, and this cloaked under a pretence that we furnish their enemies the Arabs with provisions.

The Soubidar of Chaule has solicited us to suffer our merchants to trade again into his ports and has sent them their Seguroes [? securities, couls] signed and sealed by himself, so that the difference between us, will be soon determined if Vollup Metta acts his part.

To the Soubidar of Choule he must go, for himself offers it.

Mr. John Child in a posteript to your letter advises to have sent us a letter from the Governor of Surat to Siddy Cossum enordering him immediately to leave the port, which letter the Siddy has sent us and we find it much different from the copy likewise enclosed for it enorders him to stay for another ship and money to discharge his debts and then depart; this signifies nothing, it is his wintering here will involve us into inconveniency and therefore pray be not put off with such slight orders.

Sevagee Rajahs forces by land and sea have besieged Danda Rajapore intending, as report goes, to storm it and the Siddy for want of money cannot stir hence to its sucçour.

Our endeavours would prove but vain, should we use them in the persuading the diamond merchants to settle on your island, for so long as the opposite main is in possession of Seva-

gee Rajah, no arguments will prevail with them to trust either their bodies or estates in the passage through his country and therefore shall suspend the affair, untill some fairer opportunity offers.

Cocheneale...the price at present is risen, tho the market generally governes for that commodity by what comes from Juddah, Mocha, Persia, and Bussorah, from whence the Turkes, Arabs, and Armenians bring yearely great quantitys; besides the insecurity of the present times, which is a pressing motive to us to hasten the disposeall of your goodes at currant price, for feare of Sevagee, with whose designs upon this place we are soe continually allarumed that we have not thought it safe to bring your goodes up to Surat as usuall, but keep them at Swally Marine, from whence, as merchants proffer, we send for such quantitys as they require.

As to the severall abuses put upon your servants by Sevagee and his ministers, it is what is to be expected from a person of his principles and fortune, whoever hath to doe with him; nevertheless to comply with your Honrs, commands as farr as we are able at present (since fully to state the business of the coconutts and the 10000 Pagodas will require time and difficulty) we have sent you a declaration as to that clause from Mr. John Child, late Cheife at Rajapore, to which humbly beg you would be referred, untill we can collect a more perfect account to present you.

Your Decan factorys, which are Carwar and Rajapore, are become soe inconsiderable, especially the last through the ruine and distruction that reignes in those countrys by Sevagee's roberye's that we are fully resolved to withdraw your servants from the last, their charges much exceeding any answerable returnes in provission or sale of goodes of late, but Carwarr we shall continue in hopes that parte lying further from Sevagee's strength may sooner be reduced to its former settlement and security under the younge King of Vizapore, who we are advised by his Generalls hath had some hopefull success against him in a late battle, and wherein, if it should please God to prosper him soe as to recover

those partes of his Kingdome (at present possessed by Sevagee), and able to protect and secure them, we may hope to see trade flourish there more then formerly, and as wee shall find a future encouragement shall looke againe towards Rajapore, but as subordinate to Carwarr, which is certainly the propperest residence for the Cheife mannagement of the affaires of both.

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F. R. Surat. Vol 4 CONSULTATION ON SWALLY Dated 24 Jan. pp. 7-8 MARINE L678/9

(EXTRACT)

The factors at Cawarr. . . . desire our directions how to govern themselves in case the King of Vizapore should send downe his Phirmaund and require them to assist him in recovering the Castle from Sevagee, which they seeme to expect, and therefore wee doe conclude to write them that they forbeare assisting either, but carry an equall hand towards both, behaving themselves like Merchants whose sole designe is to seeke a trade in the country, being courteous and civill to both, but especially to that side in whose possession the country remaines.

(S) [They further resolved to prepare the Factors of Rajapore to be in readiness to come away on such vessell as shall be appointed to call upon them in March next.]

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O. Correspondence SURAT TO THE COMPANY Dated 17 Feb. 1678/9 (EXTRACT)

Wee have now bin quiet for some time from the alarums of Sevagee, this King's eildest sonn being come with a great army to Brampore and Orangabaud to keep him within his bounds that way, and, as report speakes, the Generalls of the King of Vizzapore have obtained a considerable victory against him in Decean; but that which hath more disturbed him is that his eildest sonne hath lef[t] him in a high discontent and is fled to owne Dilleele Ckaune, a great Umbraw of this King's lying neere his country, and as fame gives out resolves to turne Moore. If these things be true wee may hope for more quietness and security from this great disturber of this part of the world then hath been for many yeares heretofore.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 3 SURAT TO CAPT. 5 Dated 27 Feb. 4, Fol. 27 (21) 3 NORGRAVE 6 1679

In a commission and instructions given by the Surat Council on the 27th February 1678/79 Captain William Norgrave is asked (in his voyage to Callicut)]-" Wee have appointed you upon the Hunter to transport Mr. George Bowcher to Callicut; to whom wee have given instructions to direct you to examine all vessells for English passes, you shall meette with in your going downe; and such as shall be found to have none, belonging to any port on the Mallabarr coast, to be secured and brought upto Bombay especially such as may belong to Allee Rajah or the Morres of Burgora, Cotta, Durmapatam or Billiapatam, or the natives of Porcat, taking great care in your acts of seizure, you governe yourselfe and men, with that moderation, discretion, and conduct as to discharge yourselfs with courage and reputation and with that uprightness of faithfulness as to forbeare yourselfe and prevent your men from purloyning or embezzleing any of their goods etc. a full returne of all things being intended backe to the owners when was shall receive satisfaction for the severall wrongs done us from those places.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 8 March 1678/9 (EXTRACT)

Wee shall be carefull to act in President Aungiers concernes, which you have recommended unto us, with all possest zeale and kindness, out of respect to his merritts, but wee are sorry to say that the debts of Ally Vorah and Sevagy Rajah are desperate and not likely to be recovered; and as to a house and ground which cost him 1000 rupees, there was such a thing formerly, but the house is now quite ruined and hardly the signs thereof left, the Siddys people, by consent of former Deputy Governor living therein, totally destroyed it; the ground is worth little, which shall be disposed of if the overseers so enorder us.

Narrin Sinays accountt goes enclosed, whereby you will be satisfied what received of Sevagy and how much he still owes. Wee shall enorder him over agains to try what more he can recover.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. 8, p. 15 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 10 March 1678/9 (EXTRACT)

The Prince hath been these two months arrived in Duccan, and Sevagys sonne Sombagy fledd to him, but nobody advances against him [Shivāji] as yett, who hath seated himselfe in Panallah and defies both the Mogull and King of Viziapore. This is all the newes stirring.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURUT Dated 4 April
(EXTRACT)

There is new Captain Generall arrived, by name Joa de Mello Sampayo, who is gone to Deman, that place having taken the allarum from the neare approaches of some of Sevagy Rajahs forces, who it seemes have burnt Brasall [? Balsad] and severall other places. It is reported that he hath in person plundered Shapore, the suburbs of Viziapore, and had like to have gott into the royall citty, the conquest whereof is his sole aime, being very jealous least it should fall into the Mogulls hands and then he knowes he could not long subsist. These are the newes in these partes.

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O. Correspondence SURAT TO THE Dated 5 April COMPANY 1679

(EXTRAOT)

Wee have lately been hotly alarmed with Sevajees approaches to this citty, but, it pleased God, it proved only a party of his men, who hath burnt and robbed a village or two about two dayes journy from hence and are retired.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY Dated 19 April 1679

(EXTRACT)

The 14th instant the Captain and selfe gave the Subedar a vissit and tould him our aggreivances and the possitive orders

wee had received from the President &ca. to leave the factory, and that till they were more juster in their dealings then hithertoo they have proved wee should not easily be induced to settle any more in his country, the which was the cheifest reason of our leaving itt. His answer was that the Rajah had complyed with us in all our requests, as allsoe ordered him to pay us our full demands, the which he would certainely accomplish before the raines were over. At which wee were not in the least sattisfied having ever since our settlement been put of in the like nature, and that wee were now resolved not to be any longer baffled by him. He told me then possitively that wee should not goe, for wee setled here not through his means, neither had he power to lett us goe off the shoare; of the which wee tooke but little notice, still complying with the President and Councills orders, carrying all our things down to the waterside and ourselves ready to embarque; imediately came the Hoveldar and all the merchants in the towne, giving Sevajees Dury unto the people that none should stirr or assist us in anything as to our going of the shoare, concerning which I have largely advised the President and Councill on board the Revenge.

Meeting with a safe conveighance could not but advise you of the arrivall of the Revenge frigott without the Rajapore factors. The reason of their non complyance with our orders wee suppose they have advised you by their Pattamars who departed hence some days since. Sevagys ministers will have us reside where they cann best impose on us and exact their unreasonable duties, but wee hope and doubt not but your Honours &ca. mature judgement will prye into their designes and act what shall be most conducent to the publique interest.

It is reported here that Sombagy Rajah and the Duccany forces have beseiged Panollah and intended to winter under that castle this yeare, that by a long seige they may reduce it to their obedience. This is what news stirring.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. CONSULTATION IN Dated 23 May SURAT 1679

(EXTRACT)

Whereas in conformance with our resolutions for dissolving the factory of Rajapore the Hunter frigate was ordered to call in there in her returne from Callicut, but after that judging it might be late before she could beat it up the coast, wee did, for the greater conveniency of the Honble. Company's affaires, and that noe just excuse might be alleiged for the factors not coming away, consent that the Revenge friggatt should be sent thither from Bombay: yett notwithstanding all our industry and care wee find ourselves exceedingly frustrated in our expectations, for by a letter received from Mr. Thomas Michell and Mr. Robert Read of the 19th Aprill, sent up to Bombay by the Revenge, wee read that they are yett detained there by the Subedarr (as they pretend), who positively declared to them that he had not power to let them goe off the shore; but they, not regarding that, still persued our orders, carrying the Company's househould stuffe, etca., downe to the waterside, intending with them to embarke themselves. when the Hoveldarr and merchants of the towns came downs. puting the Sevage's Dury upon the people to impede them from assisting them, and then againe declared that their endeavours were to noe purpose, for that they were resolved not to let them goe untill they had orders from Sevagee (though wee have too much reason to believe these specious arguments are too farr connived at by those factors, if not joyntly connived amongst them soe that wee must be forced to let them remaine there untill the next monzoone, when wee shall not faile by our Europe shipping to put in execution some severer and effectuall course to bring them away, if wee find that faire meanes will nothing prevaile with them.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 29 July 1679 (EXTRACT)

Wee know not whither wee may not erre in sending your Honr. &ca. the occurrances of Duccan, for it is possible you may have certaine advices; notwithstanding wee will informe you

that it is reported that Dillett[?11] and Sevagys sonne Somba have oblidged the Obiziapore Viziers to joyne with them against the Rajah when the raines are over, and that great preparations are making on both sides for an encounter under Panallah, the Rajah having 12000 horse quartered upon his confines. As soone as the raines are over they will dispose themselves to action; what the event will be time must discover. The Rajahs of Sunda and Bidnore have had sharpe warrs, but the former, by the assistance of Jemshett Caun, hath had the advantage, compelling the Rany of Bidnoore, on conclusion of the peace, to deliver up to him his castles of Sirsy and Sera, formerly possessed by them, as likewise the port and castle of Mirgy, a little to the southward of Carrwar. These are the newes wee have at present to impart.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 5 August 19, p. 28 (EXTRACT)

The bearer hereof is a servant to one Nannasoonee, a Banian of Cambaya, broker to one Auga Jeloll, an eminent Moore merchant there, who hath requested us to desire you to assist his said broker in the clearing his vessell in the Port Sunggesur [?Sangameshwar], first taken by the Arrabs and afterwards from them by Sevagee, in whose possession she now is; importunity hath drawne the recommendation from us rather against our own inclination, therefore leave you to what may be convenient.

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F. R. Bombay Bombay to Surat { Dated 27 Aug. 1679 (EXTRACT)

These serve cheifly to informe [you] that wee have received certaine intelligence, both from Portuguze and Jentue corrispondents, that Sevagy Rajah intends to fortifie the Island of Hendry Kendry, lying at the mouth of this Bay, and allwayes supposed to belong unto us, and wee humbly perceive it little policy to suffer so potent and voracious a Prince to possess himselfe of soe considerable a post without disputing his title thereunto. His designes herein cannot be otherwise then to have check on the

whole trade of this Island and adjacent parts, by keeping there all wayes a fleelt of small brigantines to cruse up and downe. This wee thought not fitting to omitt advisall of, that you might be pleased to strengthen us by your advice and orders how to proceed, for both men and materialls are come to Chaule for said designe. If he is suffred to build it will be hard disputing with him hereafter, but at present wee suppose standing on our tearmes and owing it as ours, with a seeming resolution to obstruct him, may make him desist.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. Consultation in Bombay Dated 2 Sept. 2, p. 5 (4th set)

(EXTRACT)

Being certainly informed that Sevagee Rajah's ministers on the Maine send over from Tull to Hendry Kendry a considerable number of men and materialls, with an intention to fortific and settle on the said Island, which will be a very great prejudice and inconveniency to this port, and not knowing or at present perceiving the many other inconveniencys that may follow and arise thereby in the future if wee should quietly suffer them to fortifie and settle thereon without taking notice thereof, and not question them why they fortifie and settle on an Island that is within our Bay and to which they have noe right of pretence; the severall circumstances whereof being maturely and seriously debated, it was concluded absolutely necessary to prevent them all that possibly wee can in the transporting of men and materialls to the said Island, they having at present but one or two small boats for that purpose soe that a small strength will hinder them, and for that intent it was

Ordered that three Shibarrs should be with all speed fitted up, and that Ensigne Hughes, with six files of souldiers, should be drawne out to goe on board said Shibarrs and saile downe to the said Island Hundry Kundry, and cruse between that and the Maine, and hinder all boates whatsoever the transportation of men and materialis to the said Island; and Ordered alsoe that instructions should be drawne out for Ensigne Hughes accordingly that he may know the better how to behave himselfe in the mannagement of this affaire.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO Ensign Dated 3 Sept. 8, p. 31 DANIEL HUGHES Dated 3 Sept.

(EXTRACT)

... Wee have thought it necessary to impeed him what in us lyes, and have for that intent appointed three Shibarrs with six files of souldiers under your command, to cruse between said place and the Maine, and to hinder and forbid all vessells that you shall find come from the Maine with necessarys or men to land at said Island, turning them back againe, telling them that the Island is the King of Englands and that they must not build or settle therein; but this you must doe without offering any force or violence without they first offer violence; then in such case you are to make the best defence you cann and speedily advise us thereof, when we shall send our further orders for your government. And that wee may the better know of his ministers proceedings in this designe, wee would have you, within two or three days, advise us of their actions, as also of what boates, men or materialls you shall meet withall intended for that Island. And that you may know how to dispose of and secure the vessells and men committed to your charge, if you should meet with fowle weather, wee doe order you to put in Chaule if the wind be northerly, but if southerly to come in here; so commending it to you[r] care to act prudently in this affaire and to keep your men in good order in the severall vessells, wee wish you well.

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F. R. Surat Vol. 4, pp. 63-64 CONSULTATION IN SUBAT $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Dated 4 September} \\ 1679 \end{array} \right.$

(EXTRACT)

An Express arriving yesterday from Bombay, wherein the Deputy Governour and Councill advise of Sevagee Rajahs intentions to fortifie the Island Hendry Kendery lying at the mouth of the Bay (which is an appendix to the Island Bombay) having already sent downe both men and materials to Chaule for the effecting the said designe. They desire oure speedy orders how they shall governe themselves in case he further proceeds therein, which being an affaire of soe dangerous a consequence to permit, and which would redowne so much to the dishonour of the nation

and utter discouragment of all trade to the Island, wee doe resolve to returns them these speedy orders. That they imediately erect an English flag on the highest part of the Island (and if it may be done without any danger from the Mallabarrs) that a file of sould[i]ers be kept there to guard it; And the Hunter Friggat be ordered to attend upon them, plying up and downs nere the said Island, giving the Commander orders, in a freindly way to acquaint those that are appointed by Sevagee for the mannagement of that designe, when they offerr to erect their Fort. that the Island belongs to his Majestie of Great Brittaine, and that none can attempt any thing upon the place without an open breach of fresndship; and which he is commanded to give them notice of, that if a breach happens, the whole world may be sencible the cause first and only proceed from them. Likewise that they send advice to the same effect to the Cheife Ministers at Chaule, or who elce they shall find most propper to prevent any further proceeding therein; and if the Deputy Governour etca. (as being upon the place) shall find any other method more effectuall, wee leave it to them to make choyce of such fift meanes as they shall see most secure and behoofefull to the Island, requiring them to advise us of all accidents and occurrances therein as opportunitys shall offerr themselves.

Yesterday wee received yours of the 29th August by expresse and have duley considered of its contents, and find so much reason in what you advize concerning preventing Sevagees designe of fortifying Hendry Kendry, in the mouth of your Bay, that we would have you use all fitt means possible to prevent him, and therefore would have you immediately place the English flagg on the most visible part of the Island, [etc. as in the last number 367]

The indisposition of the Deputy Governor ever since the Europe shipps arrivall into this Bay, by a flux, attended with a fitt 11-26

of the goute, badd and unequall concomitants, may excuse us if wee have not been soe 'punctuall and ample in our advices as otherwise wee should. In our last wee gave you an accountt of Sevagy Rajahs intentions to fortifie Hendry Kendry, an Island lying in the very chopps of our Bay, that no vessell coming from or goeing to the Southward can passe without running the hazard of being plunderd by his frigates, which he intends to keep constantly there. In pursuance of his said designe, the latter end of last month there were transported ever 150 men and 4 small guans, under the command of Mia Naique [Māynāk], a Bandareen of [the] Rajahs, unto whome the Deputy Governor wrott, requiring him to quitt the place as belonging to this Island; to which he returned a civill aswer desiring to be excused, that he could not leave it without his order who commanded him thereon, which was Sevagy Rajah. Whereupon wee deliberated what was to be done to stopp the current of this growing evill (which will be of so bad consequence that the effects in a few months will [be] vissible to the utter discouragement of all merchants, both inhabitants and strangers); and after serious debate wee resolved not to use any act of hostility towards his people on said Island, but to impede what wee could their fortifying themselves thereon. And to that effect, having manned and fitted out three shibbars, wee have sent them to lye at said Island and hinder all communication with the Maine, from whence they have all materialls, enordering them not to use any violence to those they encounter, except their obstinacy or pride urges them thereto, as per coppie of Ensign Hughes instructions who commands the boates, you may please to read. Wee have not heard from him since his departure, but wee doubt not he houldes them blocked up. Wee dared not to lett them proceed in their unwarantable actions without some just resentment, that Sevagy hereafter might not pretend wee laid no claim thereto and thereby use us with more unkindness. If wee have done well herein you will approve thereof, if not our small siege is soone withdrawne. This affaire will require your most serious consideration, and if you will please to take our oppinions in the case, wee give it in breife, that it will be both dishonourable to the nation and very prejudicall to the Island (lett what will come of it) to suffer Sevagy or any other Prince whatsoever to fortifie or possess said Island. Your orders herein wee desire may be plaine and punctual, that wee may not err in the putting them in execution, nor hereafter be left to answer for others defaults, nor be deceived with the ambiguous tearmes of the Delphic Oracle wis et redibis &cta., not doubting but your prudence will give such directions as the exiguence requires. To palliate and moderate our neighbours wee have dispeeded our linguist to the Soobedar of Chaule, giveing him the reasons of our proceedings, letting him know wee could not suffer him to prosecute his intentions without acquainting first your Honor &ca. therewith and receiving the commands therein, which wee impatiently desire.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. DANIEL HUGHES TO Dated Hendry Ken19, pp. 29-30 BOMBAY CEXTRACT)

The 4th instant wee came to an anchour here about eight of the clock in the morning. About two hours after came off the Mayne two boates, which wee hindred from landing; they were full of men, but what other provissions they had I know not off, being to windward of us and returned back. There has not been any Portugueze or Siddys, and they have not a boate belonging to the Island, so that I believe they have had noe conference with any on the Maine, except it were by a little cannoe they have, with which they may steale by in the night. Upon the Island (to the best of my knowledge) they have about 400 men or upwards; most of them are Cabucares [camkaris=labourers]. They have raised brest work all round the Island (to there isic? wherel is any possibillity of landing), such work as is only earth and stone about a yard high; they have 4 or 6 gunns mounted in the valley. guarded with such like worke as the afforesaid; they are full of small hovells all round the Island Yesternight come Narran Sinay off the Maine and acquainted me that the Haveldar had sent up to Sevagee Rajah the night before to Rairy to acquaint him that wee were here and he said he would be at Bombay this day himselfe. Nothing more of consequence to informe your Worship at present.

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F. R. Bombay DANIEL HUGHES TO Dated Hendry Ken-Vol. 19, p. 31 BOMBAY dry, 9 Sept. 1679

(EXTRACT)

I have not seen the cannoe this three dayes; if it comes againe I will lay hold of it if I can. Their gunns are about the

bignesse of ours in the boates; their carriages are new made on the Island, whither the Island affords the timber or brought from the Maine before I came I know not. They are allarumd continually by us by one means or another, so that it hinders their work a great matter. They have made noe attempt to come from the Maine since the first day wee came here, of which I acquainted you of.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 8, p. 35 BOMBAY TO ENSIGN Dated 10 Sept. HUGHES 1679

(EXTRACT)

I have received two from you of the 9 instant which are worthy of my remarque. Wee hope in a few dayes to receive directions from the President and Councill either to withdraw you or reinforce you, to whome we have advised of all things. In the interim keep your stations and faile not to advise of all occurrences. If any of the Siddy's vessells should arrive let them not land or meddle with Sevagy's people untill they come hither and have leave from hence.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO CAPT. { Dated [? 10] Sept. WM. MINCHIN 1679 (EXTRACT)

If Sevagys armada should arrive during the time of your stay there, suffer them not to give any succours of men or provissions to those on the Island. You will have frequent occasions of advising us of your transactions by a boate which is with the shibarrs, which faile not to doe, that you may receive what orders shall be necessary.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO ENSIGN Dated 11 Sept. 8, p. 32 HUGHES 1679

(EXTRACT)

I here [sic] Doulat Caun, Sevagys Admirall, is coming up with the fleet of grabs and about eight or ten saile coming towards you, and [if] you imagine them to be them, sett saile and come into the Roade againe.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. CONSULTATION IN Dated 12 September 1679

(EXTRACT)

The Revenge being now fitted with men, ammunition and all other necessary stores, it was taken into consideration and Ordered that she should sail down to the Island Hundry

Kundry and join with the three shibarrs that are allready there, the better to prevent succour being given to the said Island.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT {

Dated 12 Sept. 1679

(EXTRACT)

Our shibbars still continue at Hendry Kendry and hinder all provissions &ca. from coming to the Island. The Envoyes take [?talk] high after the usuall rate. Wee hope in a few days to receive answer of ours of the 27th passed, whereby wee shall be able to judge of your future resolutions and accordingly regulate our actions.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. CONSULTATION ON Dted 15 September 4, pp. 69-71 SWALLY MARINE 1679

(EXTRACT)

On the 3d Currant wee received advice from Bombay of Sevagees intentions to fortifie Hendry Kendry, and then wee concluded to send downe such orders as wee judged necessary to prevent him. Since wee have received advice from thence that there is 150 of his men seated thereon with foure small gunns, under the command of one Mea Naique, who hath runn up breast worker of dirte and stone all round the Island, unto whom the Deputie Governour wrote a letter, advising him to quite the place, as it belongs to the Island Bombay, who returned answere desiring his excuse for not leaving it without his order who commanded thereon, who was Sevagee Rajah; soe that we are now forced to take the matter into our further consideration, and to give them such directious as may wholy discourage him from

having any further thoughts of seating himselfe there, since it would prove of soe dangerous and pernicious a consequence, and would soe highly concerne the credit of the nation, and utterly impede and ruine the trade of the Island. Therefore wee doe determine to give our orders to the Deputic Governour and Councill that if they find that noe faire meanes will take place with them, but that they rather persist in their obstinacy, and that Dowlet Ckaune shall appear there with the Rajahs fleet to protect and countenance their proceedings and will not be prevailed with amicably to be gone and recall those settled on the Island, that then they fit out the Revenge and Hunter Friggatts to joyne with what vessells they have, and can conveniently man, and repell them with force as an open and publique enemy. [(S) says that the dissolution of the Carwar factory was resolved on the same day.]

(S) Wee have received a letter from Mr. Thomas Michell etc. a factor at Rajahpur of the 18th August last, advising that they have received Barratts from the Subedarr to the amount of 292 Candy's beetlenutts and 500,000 coconutts, which they hope to gett in by the latter end of this month and therefore desire us to order the Deputy Governor and Councill in Bombay to send downe vessells to bring it up, not having any that they can safely ffreight on from thence, which affaire upon due consideration wee have concluded to leave to the care of Mr. John Child and the Councill at Bombay; as also to consider and put in execution the most effectuall meanes for dissolving that ffactory and bringing the ffactor from thence.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 19, pp. 33-34 CAPTAIN WILLAM MINCHIN Frigate, 16 Sept. 1679

According to my instructions received, Satterday the 13 at 6 a clock at night I weighed anchour for the Island of Henry Kenry; at nine a clock at night, seeing a light ahead and judging by our course wee steared to be upon the Island, which made us come to an anchour and found ourselves in the morning to be a mile and a halfe to the Nor[th]ward of it; the Southerly windes then setting in very violent with abundance of raine, which continued for thirty houres without ceasing; the weather very hazy that wee could not see any land at all for most part of the day. At noone, the weather being somewhat clearer, wee

see three Shibarrs under the Island, and presently see them under saile and, as wee judged, coming towards us, but the weather pressently growing hazy wee lost sight of them, wee judging them to be our own Shibarrs and loosing sight of us are come to Bombay.

Munday all day the windes have been very violent in gusts with raine from the South to the Southwest, so that wee were forced to ride still with our yards downe and could not wal?eligh; and in the evening wee see two boates goe from the Island to the Maine.

Tuesday this morning wee see two boates come from the Maine to the Island, and see there goe from the Island to the Maine againe; the winds continuing Southerly, with dark cloudy weather.

This afternoone wee see foure more come from the Maine to the Island, and I doe intend about five a clock to weigh anchour and ply with the tyde of ebb as close to the Island as possibly I dare venture to come without endangering the shipp, which will be but a small hindrance except wee had the three Shibarrs to block up the inside of the Island. Wee have on board two files of souldiers, and they being not mentioned in my instructions thought fitt to acquaint your Worship of them that your Worship may know whither they are the full complement you orderd on board, wee being at present but weake, having my mate and gunner very weake, being troubled with a loosnesse, and one of our men more with a violent flux, and if the weather had continued, all our men had fell downe.

May it please your Worship, if wee continue our stay here and Savagees Armado arrives to give succour to Hendry Kendry or any other of his vessells that shall attempt it, wee using all the forcible arguments to hinder them, they notwithstanding pressing forward on their attempt to land, whither or not possitively I must fight them or not without expecting any further order. I humbly crave your Worships pardon for this my boldnesse, my instructions being not soe possitive as my weak apprehension could reach to.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO FRANCIS Dated 17 September 8, pp. 36-7 THORPE 1679

(EXTRACT)

On the 3d of this month wee thought it very necessary to fitt out three shibarrs to lye at Hendry Kendry to keep any boates

from coming to it from Sevagys country, understanding of his designe to fortifie the said Island; which shibarrs, and six files of men in them, we then committed to the command of Ensigne Hughes; who on the 14th was forst in againe by reason of the violent weather. But it now appearing very faire, wee have fitted the shibarrs with provission, ammunition, and what elce necessary, and doe enorder you to repaire on boalrid one of them. and with the others imediately saile downe to the Island Hendry Kendry, and to come to an anchor in the Bay as close in as possible you cann, and either by lying there or weighing, if occasion require, use your utmost endeavours to keep any boates from coming to it from Sevagys country or any other place whatsoever. If they fire at you or offer any violence, doe you the same to them in all respects, in hindering them from coming to the Island, declareing to any that shall attempt to land, that the Island is the King of Englands and that they must not settle there. that wee may know the better of Sevagys Rajahs proceedings in this designe, wee would have you every other day advise us of what may occur worthy our knowledge, as also what boates, men or materialls you shall meete withall intended for that Island. The boates are now so well fitted that wee question not but you may keep out though the weather prove a little bad, but if it is very voilent you may either come in here or goe into Chaule, as the wind shall serve.... If you meete with any boates or vessells there, seize on them and send them to Bombay.

Since my former letters of this date I went into the shore to sound the bay, intending to bring in the shipp, as soone as ever the Sea breeze came, went on board of Leiutenant Thorpe. I finding him with a boule of punch ready made before him, I tould him that it was not the time to drink punch soe soone in a morning, I likewise understood by his men, seeing him drunke, that he had been so ever since he came from Bombay and had not taken no rest. He likewise himselfe tould me that the last night, being Thursday night, that he did intend to land his men upon the Island and being discovered by a light match kept them off. I did

advise him, seeing him in that condition, not to offer to attempt anything rashly but to follow what orders he had received from the Deputy Governour and Councill. I likewise tould him that I would bring in the ship into the bay as soone as ever the sea breaze came in. I had noe sooner gott aboard againe and sate downs to dinner but heard both great and small shott ply out of our bostes upon the shoare. I presently imagining that this rash man had attempted to land upon the Island, seeing them likewise play their great and small shott from shoare. I presently mannd my boate and sent all the Englishmen I had to assist them, but before they gott to them I see two of the Shibarrs coming towards me. Serjant Nash, when he came on board, tould me the sad news of the losse [of the] Shibarr that Lieut. Thorp landed in, likewise of the death of Leiuetenant Thorpe, John Bradbury and Henry Welch, a Montross belonging to the fort. have likewise sent in by this boat severall wounded men, keeping one Shibarr and the Surratt advice boate, manning them out of our own shipp and what men elce that did escape, to lylel close under the Island to hinder all boates that might come to them from carrying our own Shibarr away; so that I am now in a condition not able to defend myself if an enemy should approach, humbly desiring your Worship to dispatch with all speed fresh recruits or your further orders.

I likewise understand that Mr. George Cole and severall other of our men are now prisoners upon the Island.

I've [kept] from the time I sent the Shibarr in with the wounded men close in with the Island within call in one quarter lesse five fathom of water. I likewise sent the Shibarr with foure filles of men in her to ly[e] close in with the Bay, but they fired severall gunns at them and would not lett her ly[e] within command of their gunns. I likewise fired one upon them which made them leave of, and I ordered Serjant Giles if he see them offer to carry the Shibarr away to use his utmost endeavor to hinder them, and if he could possible to retake her agains, and further ordered him not to lett any boate come off the Maine. This morning I expected to see him without gun shott of the Island close with the Maine, to hinder boats from coming of to

them, [but] found him very neare a mile to the Southward of me, so that they have got two boates from the Maine to them and have sent them away againe; his being so farr to the Southward was noe use at all to me; notwithstanding when I see the boates first put of the shoare I made a signe with my ancient and fired a gun for him to goe in to hinder them, but his pretence was he was not able to row his boate up to me. I think him not a fitt man to have command of so many men being not able to governe himselfe.

Sir, as for the Shibarr, they have held her up ashoare and have taken out our mast, and as I doe imagine everything elce; as for the possibility of getting her of[f], I cannot give your Worship my possitive opinion till I have seen how they have laid her. This day noone, seeing the weather see uncertaine I have wayed my anchour and am gone a little further of, that if the weather should come in violent I may be in a condition to work the shipp. Our small advice boate is runne away from us, whither I cannot tell, but I doe imagine for Bombay she being a Mazagon boate and Cooles. I have not anything elce to acquaint your Worship.

F. R. Bombay, Vol. 19, p. 41

SURAT TO BOMBAY

(EXTRACT)

Dated Swally Marine, 20 Sept. 1679

Wee approve of your sending out the 3 Shibbars...[etc. as in the consultation, No. 377 dated 15 sept. 1679].

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F. R. Bombay CAPTAIN WILLIAM Dated Revenge, 22 Vol. 19, pp. 37-8 MINCHIN TO BOMBAY September 1679

(EXTRACT)

As to what news of our countrymen, whither alive or dead, I heare not any, for wee have not gott any of their people to make inquiry after them. Today wee were very faire for catching one of their boates, having forced her ashore, and the people coming downe put our folks of [f] againe; as for what damage wee can doe them ashoare it will be but little to their men, for as [soon as] ever wee approach, the people all hide themselves in the rocks that there is not a man to be seen; wee may batter some of their breast works downe, but, except wee could have the blood of some

of their men in revenge of the blood of our countrymen, wee may receive more damage then wee can doe harme. They have been very hard employed in their works night and day ever since. However, if your Worship doe approve of it, after the new moone is over, I will place myselfe in the same place where I rid before, which is on the South East side of the Island, abrest of their main brest work. The Serjants in the Shibarrs behave themselves very civily and keepe their men in good order. Our long boate is coming in to fill water; if your Worship doe approve of it pray be pleased to advise me by her.

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F. R. Bombay
Vol. 19, pp. 39-40

WILLIAM MINCHIN TO BOMBAY
TO BOMBAY
(EXTRACT)

Construct the Revenge "riding under Hendry Kendry", 26
September 1679

Yours of the 25th I received the 26th. I am very sorry that your Worship is so misinformed of boates coming of[f] to the Island when there has not [been] a boate come of [f] to them ever since the other Shibarr came, neither can any stirr to it without coming in the very mouthes of us. which 'tis impossible for them to escape us. Tusday last there was two small boates that had layn in the bay and were making of [f] to sea to make their escape into the shoare; our Shibarrs chased them, but they being small boates were to[o] light a foote for them. mann'd the Advice boate and sent her after them, and she chased them both ashoare and killed one man dead upon the sand, there was two more fell downe but whither they were wounded I cannot tell, the men coming so thick downe out of the woods beat our men offfl. I have received but one of the Dutchmen on board that your worship ordered. Our gunner, the bearer hereof, is come very sick on shoare to seek recovery of his health. Serjant Nash likewise is very ill, and if he doth not mend within a day or two he must be forced to come ashoare likewise. Sir. our ship now lyes so neare that wee can heare them call out to their centinells to have a care; and further wee are daily in expectation of seeing Sevagy fleete, and in case I hale into the bay, which is the only place if I doe execution to beat downe some of their battery, and if Sevagees fleete come in upon me, then I shall be imbayed and may be glad to know which way to gett out againe, for noe wind but a southerly wind will carry me cleare againe; which is your

Worships gennerall orders to have a care of inbaying myselfe that Sevagys fleete comes not upon me unawares, and now I ly[e] in a condition to make resistance to defend the Shibarrs till I gett them off to me.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. CONSULTATION AT EDATED September 1679

(EXTRACT)

Having certaine advice that Sevagees Armadoe is coming up with men, provissions and all manner of materials for the succour of Hundry Kundry, but the President and Councills answer to our letter relateing wholly thereto, being not as yet arrived our reception, that wee are ignorant of what orders and directions they may give in the said affaire, and considering what a disgrace it will be if the *Revenge* and Shibarrs that are out should be forc't to retire on the appearance of the Rajah's Armadoe, not being force sufficient to withstand them, it was after serious consideration of the premises

Ordered that the Revenge and the two Shibarrs should come in on the first of October, and that notice thereof be sent to Capt. Minchin.

Ditto Die

Just as the foregoing consultation was concluded arrived the President and. Councills answer [see No. 382] that wee were in such great want of, wherein they give us a possitive order to fit out as many vessells as wee can and beseige Hundry Kundry, and that if Doulat Caun, with the Rajah's Armadoe, should come up with an intention to land men and materialls on the Island, that on his appearance those that shall be appointed for the mannagement of that affaire acquaint him in a friendly manner with such circumstances of our right to the place as may be most fitt and agreeable to the present occation in difference [sic? deference], but if it should have noe influence upen him to withdraw, then with courage to assult him as an open and publick enemy. For the better and more speedy putting in execution this order it was

Ordered that the *Revenge* and Shibarrs should be sent for in to be well fitted in all respects, and what other vessells can be gott ready with speed, that as soone as possible they may return again to the Island with a sufficient force to engage the Rajah's Armado if occation requires; and that in the interim they

on the Island may be hindred of releifs from the Maine, that the small Manchua, with two files of souldiers, be appointed to cruse betweene that Island and the Maine in the day-time, but in evening to come soe farr into the bay as to be secure, and to saile out againe in the morning, the time that the other vessells are afitting within.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. CONSULTATION AT Dated 3 October 2, pp. 8-9 BOMBAY Dated 3 October 1679

(EXTRACT)

In prosecution of the President and Councills order for fitting out severall vessells to impeede and hinder Sevgees Armado, now daily expected from Rajapore, from succouring and assisting Sevagees forces on Hendry Kundry

Ordered that Mr. Gapes Groab and Popgee Naiques Groab both now empty in the Roade, be hired and fitted out to joine with the *Revenge* and the other vessels in the expedition against Sevagees Armado.

The President and Councill having recommended unto us the sending a fitting person to be Cheife Commander over the fleets to be sent against Savagees forces

Ordered that Captain Richard Keigwin be appointed Cheife Commander of the fleete and that he fitts and prepares himselfe to embarque on board the Revenge friggatt, he being a sober and judicious person and experienced in former engagements at sea in England, and in whom wee can confide to keep the men sober and fitt for engagement when occation requires.

F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 6 October 1679

(EXTRACT)

Tomorrow our forces consisting of above 200 men, under the conduct of Capt. Richard Keigwin, saile hence for the effectuall beseiging of Hendry Kendry and resisting such attempts for the releive thereof as may be made by Savagys armada, under the command of Doulut Caun, which is suddenly expected here. To this purpose wee have fitted out as many of the Company's vessells as were in this Roade; and in regard severall Shibarrs and

the Hunter frigate are absent on treading voyadges, wee have taken into the Service two smart groads, gunned and manned them. promising their owners satisfaction in case of their losse or miscarriadge; which, as soone as the Hunter arrives, whome wee expect about 10 dayes hence, wee shall release. If they are strictly blocked up, we are assured that the want of water will cause them to surrender, it being allready very scarce with them. These souldiers being employed on this expedition, wee shall have but fifty garison souldiers besides the troope remayning, wherefore wee have unanimously agreed to raise fifty more next musterday, and doubt not but, all exigencies considered, you will approve thereof, for if we goe about a designe and be baffled in it, especially at sea, wee shall render ourselves very ridiculous to all, and wee doubt not but by God's assistance to rouse all his forces at sea. Wee lament wee cannott comply with our Masters regulation, for their orders and your commands to sett out a fleet are incompatible.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 2, p. 9 CONSULTATION AT BOMBAY Dated 7 Oct. 1679

(EXTRACT)

The Revenge friggatt, two groads, three shibarrs, and the two Manchuas being all very well fitted, and the ammunition, provissions and all other necessarys appointed on board, and the souldiers drawne out and in a re[a]dynesse to embarque, it was on consideration thereof

Ordered that instructions should be made for Captain Richard Keigwin how he is to act in the command and mannagement of the said fleete, if Sevagees Armado shall offer by force of armes to give succour or any manner of releife to his forces that are on the Island.

There being neere two hundred men drawne out on this expedition against Hundry Kundry there is remaining in the garrison companys but fifty in sixty men, which is but a very weake guard to be continually in the Fort at such a time as this, which being seriously considered off, it was

Ordered that fifty Topasses should be entertained to enlarge the guards of the garrison, and that the Leiutenants should have notice thereof, that they may be raised and entred accordingly. (389)

F. R. Bombay BOMBAY TO CAPTAIN Dated 7 October R. KEIGWIN 1679 (EXTRACT)

Wee have now fitted out a considerable fleete, consisting of the Revenge friggott, two groabs, three shibarrs and two manchuas, and have ordered to be put on board each of which, in proportion to the artillery and men she carrys, both amunition and provssions sufficient, and the whole force, being eight vessells, and one hundred eighty eight men, besides officers and mariners. Wee have out of the confidence wee put in your experience, prudence, and good conduct, appointed you to be Commander in Cheife of said fleet and men, and by these require all Officers and souldiers, of what quallity soever, to obey your commands in all respects. And by these you are enordered, the ammunition, provission and men being all on board the severall vessells as appointed, yourselfe imediately to repaire on board the Revenge friggott, with the whole fleete to weigh and saile downe to Hendry Kendry; which Island you are to beseige. and not suffer any boate to come neare that designes thither from the Maine, but use your utmost endeavours to seize any that you But the maine reason and occasion that find attempts it. induces us to fitt out soe considerable a fleete is the certaine intelligence wee have that the Raiahs armado, consisting of about twenty sails of groads under the command of Daulett Ckaun, is now a fitting and ordered to make all speed possible to come up to the succor of this Island Hendry Kendry; which fleete, when you see it appears and that it drawes neer to the Island, you are then to send a small boate to Daulett Chuan, the Rajah's Admirall, and acquaint him in a friendly way with such circumstances of our right to the place as may be most fitt and agreeable to the present occasion in difference[? deference], which if you shall find to have noe influence upon him to withdraw, then you are with courage [to] assult him as an open and publique enemy, and this you may acquaint him is our possitive order. On which, if you should find him not inclined to engage with you, but that with his fleete he stands to the Northward, or any way into this Bay, wee would have you weigh and saile in company with him, and prevent him if he offers to land in any place or part [of this Island.

Wee leave it wholy to you to give your orders to the respective officers, by which signes they shall know when to

engage and in what manner, and how they are to behave themselves in time of engagement in fireing distinctly and taking the advantage of the enimy.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. Consultation AT Dated 13 October Bombay (EXTRACT)

The Deputy Governor having this morning entred into his charges and all the ceremonys thereof being past, he ordered a Councill to be called and desired his predecessor, Mr. Henry Oxinden, would afford his assistance, not only as it was very necessary that he should informe and give him an insight into the affaires of the Island, but allsoe to discuss on severall perticulars that might be for the good and security of the Island at this time that wee are at a diffrence with Sevagee Rajah. On which severall proposalls for the security of the Island being seriously considered of, and haveing noe great apprehension how he can doe us any damage on the Island, the Portugueze having denyed his forces passage through their country and standing on their guards to prevent him, see that noe great force can any way come to the Island, but considering that in the rivers there is many small boates that they may seize and transport men to severall parts of this Island in the night, of which the inhabitants having some dread, it was concluded absolutely necessary that two Shibarrs should be hired and fitted up (none of the Honble. Company's being at home) to lye in convenient places as guard vessells to hinder any attempts that may be made from the Maine by small boates; and which was all that att present is thought wanting for the security and defence of this part of the Island, that there is just reason to expect they will attempt if they should proceed as is to be suspected.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 13 October 1679

A list of all souldiers pay here and against Hendry Kendry is inclosed, by which and former advices you will see the great and uncomfortable charge wee have to our noe small tr[o]uble, and yet wee shall be necessited to a greate charge, for the inhabitants

are under a great feare and dread of Sevagys forces, that report speakes are drawne up on the Maine over against us; and the strength against Hendry Kendry is thought absolutely necessary, see that the Hunter not being here, but implicated on freight downe the coast, and the 3 of the Honble, Company's shibarrs, for the sattisfaction of the inhabitants and security of the Island, have concluded to entertaine 2 shibarrs as guard vessells to hinder any attempt that may be made from the Maine with small boates to land men; addition of which strength, with the consent of your late Deputy Governor, is accounted absolutely necessary.

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Master Diary II CONSULTATION AT Dated 13 Oct.
p. 263 HUGLI Dated 13 Oct.

(EXTRACT)

Resolved to order them at Ballasore to secure all the Companys Estate on board the England ships in the road and themselves from being surprized, if the report should prove true of Sultan Mauzums son and Sevagees sone [Sambhajee] comeing to Catecke.

[Memoriall of Streynsham Master (Madras Govt. Records) Printed in the Diaries of Streynsham Master ed. Temple, II. 263]

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. RAJAPORE TO SURAT { Dated 16 Oct. 108, Fol. 37

(EXTRACT)

News here is altogether uncertaine but the truest is that Sevagee hath made peace with the Decans and whether he is gon with his whole army, tis not certainly knowne. Some few days Dillell caun, Serja Caun and Sombajee Rajah robbed tiattane, after which burnt it down as also tooke aboundance of prisoners, at which the two latter would not consent to but was clearly for the releasing them about which they had some difference in soe much that they both fled to Vizapore and since Sombajee Rajah is come to Collapore with 300 horse and 1000 foote with what intention it is not knowne, but supposed to be called by his father.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 2, pp. 10-11 CONSULTATION AT BOMBAY Dated 16 Oct. (EXTRACT)

On the 11th instant was taken one Sundergee Purvoo just as he landed, being a person well knowne to have served Sevagee Rajah many years and had negotiated for him in severall affaires on this Island, but coming at this time in see meane an equipage. as in a manner disguised, he could not be esteemed otherwise then a spye, and therefore was ordered a close prisoner till time would allow of a thorrough examination of him what reason he had to come on the Island at this juncture; which he being called to this day was found in various storys and not able to give any reasonable and sattisfactory accountt why or wherefore he came on the Island at this time. The severall circumstances of which examination, together with the fallacys and equivocations that he made use of to cleare himself of being suspected, being seriously weighed and considered of, it was unanimously agreed that his coming to this Island at this time could not be on any other accountt then the reall designe and intent of a spie, and therefore to prevent him in whatever he might designe or attempt it was

Ordered that he should be confined a close prisoner in the Martiallsees and not suffred to write to or discourse with any but those that shall be appointed, and soe to be kept see long as it shall be thought convenient.

On consideration that it is very necessary that wee should in some part know the actions and motions of the ministers of our enemy, that wee may the better know how to act and provide against anything they may attempt, it was

Ordered that three or foure poore Braminies, inhabitants of the Island, should be taken into a small pay and sent over to severall places on the Maine where the Rajah's forces are to make an inspection into their proceedings and every three or foure dayes to returne againe to the Island with such news as they can gather relating to the present diffrence.

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F. R. Bombay BOMBAY TO CAPT. Dated 16 Oct. R. KEIGWIN 1679

(EXTRACT)

Wee have received yours of yesterdays date wherein you have given an account of your proceedings on the appearance of Doulat Caun, the Rajahs Admirall, with his fleete.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO CAPT. R. Dated 17 Oct. 8, p. 48 BOMBAY TO CAPT. R. 1679

(EXTRACT)

It troubles us much that Daulett Ckuns gelvetts should give releife to Hendry Kendry, but being such small boates that they give wee account but small succor; however we have considered off it and our result in Consultation is such as wee doubt not but may prevent if and give an addition to your strength which shall be sent you see soone as wee cann gett all things fitted to our satisfaction. Wee rest much sattisfied in your conduct and charge: your more then ordinary dilligence is now required. which wee noe ways question but you will performe. multitude of the enemies vessells wee concerne ourselves not for. because wee are sencible your strength is greater, they being but pololrly manned and ill fitted for a fight; but yett lett not this make you see farr slight them as to be careless, but be very watchfull and if you cann gett one or two of the vessells coming or goeing out from Hendry Kendry it will be a greater sattisfaction to the fleete to see what sorry people they have to deale withall. The manchua we dispeed with these. Water wee shall send you in tankes and jars, for wee have not caskes but expect some from you by the two fisher boates last sent which wee shall, when come, fill and send you. Pray advise us what may be wanting to you that you may not be in any want. Your keeping your fleete together and 'in a continuall posture to the receiving of the enemy wee highly approve.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 2, pp. 11-12 CONSULTATION IN BOMBAY 1679

(EXTRACT)

This morning the Rajah's fleete, consisting of fourty in fifty saile of groads and gallvetts, came out of Nagoun River, and all the way fireing, and soe continued till they came up with our fleete that rid between Hendry Kendry and the Maine, the Commander in Cheife thereof not sending to know why wee hindred him to give succour to the Island or giving time to Captain Keigwin, who was in his instructions appointed how he should treate with him on his appearing at Hundry

Kundry, but being come up imediately engaged soe that our fleete was forst to engage to defend themselves, and not knowing what damage they may have received, and considering what a small number of vessells were have to what our enemy hath against us, and having just reason to expect they will engage againe, it was unanimously agreed on that it was absolutely necessary, for the greater security of them allready out to make some considerable adition of vessells and men, and here being in the port a small shipp, and just now arrived two of the Honble. Company's Shibarra that were out on freight, it was

Ordered that they should be with all speed fitted up with all things necessary as the others that went out before were, and allsoe to supply the place of those men that must be drawne out of the Garrison Company, that for them tenn files of Topasses be entertained at five Zerapheen per month but noe others.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. SURAT TO BOMBAY { Dated 18 October 1679

(EXTRACT)

It doth not a little take up our thoughts what that unhappy businesse of Hendry Kendry may come to with such a restlesse disturber of all peace and commerce as Sevagee, and who wee are sufficiently sencible will highly resent his being obstructed by us in fortifying that hithertoo too much unregarded Island, untill wee feare it hat[h] proved to[o] late, especially the Honble. [Company] being so unwilling and disliking to be brought to a due expence for the asserting and defending their affairs and interest in these parts of the world. Therefore could heartily have wished you had given us a more perfect account where it lyes, what distance from the Maine and from whence our pretence of title duely arrises, that wee may know the better how to govern ourselves and direct you in soe weighty an affaire.

It seemes a little strange to us (allthough wee would have you have a due regard to the present danger) that you should excuse yourselves from putting the Honble. Company's orders for regulation into practise upon our ordering you to fitt out the Revenge, Hunter and Shibarrs of the Company's to observe and obstruct the proceedings of Doulat Caun with Sevagys fleete in fortifying Hendry Kendry.

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O. Correspondence
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CAPTAIN R. KEIGWIN
TO BOMBAY
TO BOMBAY

(EXTRACT)

Dated Revenge,
Hendry Kendry,
18 October
1679

I have received your letters by the boates with water, by which you mention of our engagement seen and heard by you. See soone as the day appear'd wee see Sevagees Armada drawn out of Nagaun, rowing up to us alongst shoare, keeping the shoare close on board, at East a fresh land breaze; wee riding at an anchor [within] musket shot of them, they rowed up as far as Tull just a brest of us: I was going to send to them but they came upon me so fast with the wind and their oars, with their prows upon mee, firing, that I had not time, wee not being able to bring a gun to beare upon them, riding with our heads towards them. Our strength and Shibbars lying aft, were forced to cut and loose our sailes. The fight begun about seaven of the clock. I commanded the Shibbars and Manchuas to keepe a little shead of me, and they kept so far that I had no succour from them: my selfe and Mr. Gapes Grob the stern most: what accident befell the latter I know not, but he called to me. I haled up our mainsaile in the brailes, for wee could shorten no more saile for feare of being on shoare, but 1/2 mile before the enemy was up with him his ensigne and topsails was struck. The rest of the fleet run from me; seeing ourselves alone, Captain Minchin and myselfe encouraged our souldiers and seamen, admonishing them what disgrace it would be to Christians to be prisoners to heathens. but couragiously to defend and fight the enemy bravely; they unanimously said they would live and dye with us. Wee promised to show ourselves forward for their example; wee hald up our sailes: the enemy thinking wee were as easily swallow'd as the other, came up our sterne with 24 grobs [and] I know not how many galvets. I ordered our men not to fire untill the word of command: so when they came within pistoll shot, and they finding us mute. thrust themselves forward in their boates to enter, but wee discharged our sterne chase with round shot and patridge, and presently our blunder busses and small shot so smartly ply'd that checkt their drums and pipes and in half an hour wee beat them from their guns and musquets and brought them by the lee; some was seen to goe downe to the bottome; they were a great while before they could goe about; had our shibbars. Manchuag and grob

stood by me wee had secur'd the one halfe of them, but God have given us the victory that with this small vessell wee should defeat 40 saile. Wee presently tackt upon them and chased them into shallow water, and they are holed agains in Nagaun. I sent for those officers on board and declared them cowards; nor can they make any defence for themselves, for some endeavour'd to run to Choule, others they did not know where, but they have promised to stand by me better for the future, but the trust wee have in ourselves is more then I can from them thinke, and soe ride triumphant agains at Henry Kenry. In time of our engagement there was five boates went in besides Mr. Gapes grob, which they have hal'd up. If you could fit up a fire boate out of hand, they might be burnt in the night. I am sorry for the loss, but it can't be remedied. If they come out with his fleet tomorrow I will fight them, God willing, but am glad to heare of the succour your Worship is sending us, for the countenance of a ship dismays the enemy. Thus having charity for all men and hoping future amendment, seeing us alone bang the enemy, with the check and admonition I have given those officers, I hope they may doe better.

The releife they have had as yet is but small. Wee want spare musquets, some being split. Wee want wood throughout the fleet, which is as necessary as water.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. 8, pp. 50-1 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 19 Oct. 1679 (EXTRACT)

Yesterday morning Sevagees fleet consisting of about 60 sayle, came out of Nagaum river and engaged our fleet imediately firing at them. What success it pleased God to give us, notwithstanding the ill behaviour of some, wee humbly beg you will reade in the two enclosed papers, being copies of our two Captains letters, Keigwin and Minchin, who have behaved themselves with that courage as obligeth us to recommend them to your Honours notice for the encouragement of deserving persons. We have been forced for the security of the Island, to give order for the listing of tenn files [of] men and have fitted up a ship that hath 8 guns and 4 chamber peeces, and in her company goes two shibbars, each two guns and three files of men. This supply wee hope to send to day unto the fleet, under command of Captain

Aderton, who wee are forced to receive into pay. This addition to our fleet, together with the execution that the Revenge hath done, wee account will deter Sevagees people from further attempting to fight us. Were the Hunter here, wee might well excuse the charge of hiring this ship now sent and be much more secure. Wee looke out for her, but if she should chance to pass us and come to Surat, as we understand Mr. Henry Oxinden the freighter hath order'd her, wee humbly beg you will dispeed her to us with all speed, and if no imediate occasion for your hoigh, and that you could with convenience spare her with what English men you can afford us, would be very acceptable, although but for a time, for wee are in great want of Englishmen. Our condition as to this is such as we beg may be sent with all speed. [Origininal Correspondence, Vol. 40, No. 4666]

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F. R. Bombay BOMBAY TO CAPTAINS KEIGWIN Dated 19 Vol. 8, pp. 49-50 AND MINCHIN Oct. 1679

(EXTRACT)

Wee have received yours of the 18th wherein you give us an account of the engagement with the Rajahs fleete. In your true courage and behaviour wee are mighty well satisfied and confide. in you see farr as that we question not but you will behave yourselfe as well if they attempt to engage with you againe; wee cannot but be heartily sorry and ashamed that our countrymen in those vessells that wee esteemed of most use to you should behave themselves see basely, of whom be well assured that wee shall take particular notice as wee see occassion. Wee have now ready two shibarrs which will be with you as soone as these. With this wee send you water; wood you shall be supplyed withall, with all speed possible. We would have you advise us what you are in want off that wee may supply you; you shall have all things necessary; and lett us require you to stand to those principalls you have already showne, and lett them under you[r] command know from us that if they fear to fight at sea they must and shall suffer on shore in that nature, as the law hath provided for such persons in such a case; and lett them be well assured of the extremity if they behave themselves soe unworthily in the future. All our thoughts are of you and what strength wee cann make you shall not want soe soone as possiblewee can send it to you, of which be assurred our utmost endeaveours is not, nor shall not be wanting.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. Consultation in Dated 20 Oct. 2, pp. 12-13 BOMBAY Dated 20 Oct.

(EXTRACT)

The Deputy Governour &ca. being informed that there was a boate with batty come to the Customehouse belonging to one of Sevagee Rajah's subjects on the Maine, and allsoe that there was a small Galvett belonging to an inhabitant of Thull, both which being examined into and at present the persons belonging to the said boates being not able to bring any proofe to the contrary of the information, it was on consideration of the present difference between us and the Rajah

Ordered that both the boate with the batty and the small Galvett be seized on as prizes for the Honble. Company till the pretending owner thereof can make it plainly appears that neither the vessells nor goods belong neither to Sevagees subjects nor any of his townes on the Maine.

There being a very great want of English to send to sea and there being but few elce but what are in the troope, it was

Ordered that those English in the troope be reduced into the Garrison Company, out of which may be drawne in proportion as many English as is wanting to send to sea.

Having daily intelligence that there is a considerable force drawne up on the Maines, which the Rajah's ministers intend to embarque on groads and other small beates that they can gett in the adjacent rivers, and in the night time to land them on some part of the Island, that wee might have notice thereof if they should attempt it

Ordered that three small boates be gott ready to lye in severall places in the Bay in the night, one to lye at the point of Carinjah, one at the point of Trumbay, and the other at the passage of Sion; at either of which places, if they shall find any boates coming out of the river towards the Island, imediately to returne in, and as they come in to give notice thereof by fireing a musquett severall times when they come see neare the Fort as it may be heard.

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F. R. Bombay AT A CONSULTATION HELD Dated 20 Oct. Vol. 19, pp. 53-4 ON BOARD THE Revenge

(EXTRACT)

Capt. Richard Keigwin. Ensigne John Flemming. Serjant Nash. Serjant Cully. Capt William Minchin, Serjant Duckett. Serjant Fuller, Serjant Lee.

Savagees Armado rowed up alongst the shoare, not a breath of winde stirring; they stay'd upon their oars off Tull. Our Shibarrs and Manchuas weighing, they being nearer the shoare then the Revenge, wayed and came of[f] to us, wee riding within muskett shott of the Island, and not a breath of winde. Captain Minchin and myselfe tooke into consideration that if they should lay us on board wee must of necessity goe ashoare. They all came rowing to us; wee wayed, and had the Manchuas to toe us off, elce wee must have gonne upon the Island, they ashoare firing upon us; but when their Armado came within shott of us, they left us and went into the bay, and, soe soone as wee were cleare of the ligde [? ledge] of rocks, wee came to an anchour to waite their coming out, but, wee declare it as our oppinion wee cannot engage them without the Revenge and wes experimentally know shee hath not rooms enough to work betwixt the Island and the Maine. having noe winde and in a tydes way, the tyde being now flood, therefore wee are come to an anchour cleare of the Island and waite their coming out to fight us, which wee all [are] resolved, God willing, to doe.

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F. R. Bombay
Vol. 8, p. 51

R. KEIGWIN TO BOMBAY

Hendry Kendry
20 Oct. 1679

(EXTRACT)

Sevagys Armado came in the night alongst shoare as high as Thull, and in the morning by break of day, with the tyde of flood, rowed upon us, wee riding at an anchour within musquett shott, of the shoare, not a breath of winde stirring. Captain Minchin and myselfe to[o]ke it into consideration that if they lay us aboard, if our cable should breake or be cutt by the enemy or anchour should come home, the tyde would heave us ashoare in ½ a quarter of an houres time; therfore wayed, and caused the

Manchuas to toe us, for without their help wee must goe ashoare. See soon as the enemy came in shott of us, they left us againe and rowed into the Island and releived itt, the Island still firing at us, having mounted severall other gunns. See scone as wee were cleare of the Island wee came to an anchour, which if they come to us now, wee have a cleare birth; wee are resolved to fight them, but with this ship wee cannot fight them betwixt the Island and the Maine to have respect to our fleete and hope a victory, for our smaller vessells they have not strength enough, nor can I trust to their proof, being of the oppinion they are to[o] weak for the enemy. These things I have with haste recommended to your Worship and Councill, that they have relieved the Island to my great trouble, but wee here waite to fight them. The water boate brought us on board your last letter as wee came to an anchour about a mile and halfe from the Island. I have lett the Officers know what you have mentioned and encouraged them what I can, who I hope will now doe better. Wee have not seen either of the two Shibarrs you write of. I have enclosed a Consultation held on board this morning, see hope your further order.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. 8, pp. 51-2 BOMBAY TO CAPT. R. Dated 20 Oct. 1679

(EXTRACT)

Wee have now sent out with these our respected friend Capt. Aderton with a shipp that wee have hired and called the Fortune. She hath 8 good gunns and 4 chamberpeeces well fitted with gunnpowder, shott and all manner of amunition, 5 files Topasses, 30 Laskarrs, and 14 Englishmen, and together with her is sent 2 shybarrs, each 2 good gunns, all things necessary for them, 3 files Topasses and 3 Englishmen each. This strength being added to you wee account with Gods blessing you will be wholy able to deale with the enimie, and secure yourselves not only from all hearme, but may soe order it as that noe releife be given in the least to Hendry Kendry; by which meanes wee hope in shortt time to reduce itt without spilling more blood for necessity, for want of water will in a short time force them to surrender. Wee have now a great part of the strength of our Island with you and therefore have had scrious thoughts for its greater security.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO CAPT. S. Dated 20 October 8, pp. 52-3 ADERTON 1679

(EXTRACT)

Keigwin, yourselfe and Capt. Minchin consult and conclude on what you shall thinke most necessary against our enemy......

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 8, p. 53 BOMBAY TO CAPT. { Dated 21 Oct. KEIGWIN 1679

(EXTRACT)

Wee received yours of yesterdays date. Wee cannott but be much concerned at the enemies giveing releife to Hendry Kendry, but wee are in hopes it may be prevented for the future, having lent you a supply of the *Fortune* and 2 shibarrs; but if that will not doe it lett us know from you which way in your opinions may be prevented, and whither Sevagys fleete continues in Naugaun river, that wee may further consider thereon.

Pray be carefull you give not the enemie any advantage, but be prudent and carefull; if any officers &ca. be unwilling or unruly send them to us as prisoners that a course may be taken with them according to their facts.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 8, p. 51 BOMBAY TO ROBERT Dated 21 Oct. PARIS 1679.

Wee having a fleete allready at the Island Hendry Kendry, which hath on the appearance of Sevagys Rajahs armado engaged with them and behaved themselves in some part very well and still continue out, but on consideration wee have thought fitt to fitt out a small shipp called the Fortune that lay in this road, the command whereof wee have committed to Capt. Stephen Aderton, who hath our orders how to act; and you wee entertaine to navigate the shipp and therefore expect you observe punctually and follow such orders and [? &ca] you shall receive

from him, to weigh and saile downe to our fleete, and at all times to obey him either to anchor or weigh as he shall thinks expedient to command.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. 8, pp. 55-6 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 22 Oct. 1679 (EXTRACT)

Wee wrott your Honor the 19 instant by express and then sent the coppies of two letters received from the fleete that advised of Sevagys fleete ingaging with ours, the success wee had, report sp[e]aking since to be this, that 3 of Sevagys graubs was sunk, many disabled now a fitting up at Nagaun, and that wee killed not less then 300 men besides about 100 wounded sent to Chaule for to be cured. The enemy thewatens [? threatens] us highly. Wee yesterday sent out the hired shipp and two shibarrs who are joyned with our fleete.

Wee hope they will be now able to hinder the enemies giveing any sucker to Hendry Kendry, which hitherto they write us could not be wholy prevented, but with small galvetts continued to supply the Island. Wee look out wishfully for the Hunter frigott, which as yett appears not, to the Honble. Companys great charge and our noe small vexation: had wee her here wee should be much more securer then now wee are, and in a condition to goe about destroying the enemies wholl fleete, which is that must be our business. that he may be disabled of boates to transport men over to our Island. He hath gott togetther about 4000 men at Cullean Bundley, which wee [sic? were] designed, as report speakes to come by the way of Tanna to land on this Island, and to that purpose the enemie sent 4 messengers to the Captain Generall at Basein desireing leave to pass through their country, which was refused them, upon which they threatned to force their passage, but nothing as yett is done therein, but it's reported that they have marched their men downe to a place of their owne called Parcell [? Panwell] opposite against Trumbay, there intending to imbarque them in 7 large gorabs that they have in a readiness. To prevent that and whatever shall be designed against us, our utmost endeavours shall not be wanting.

Wee humbly begg you will now take into your seious considerations whether you shall not give us leave to use our

atmost endeavours against Sevagy in destroying his country and doeing him all the injury wee cann, for if wee are only tyed up to keepe him from the Island of Hendry Kendry and fight only such vessells as may come to releve the Island, the enemie will have great advantage, may retire to Naugaun, and when well fitted out and [sic? will] fight agains whereas, if wee improve our time, may burne his vessells in the river and destroy his country, to his great detryment, of which please to consider. Its certaine Sevagy will not lay downe his designe of fortifiing Hendry Kendry by fare words or dealings. If could be spared us a Europe ship to batter the Island but one, two or three days, it would in all likelyhood put an end to all and ease the great charge wee are at in a short time, and that may be done by our shipp[s] without damage to them, for the gunne on the Island are but small and cannot reach them, whilst their gunns may doe great execution.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO CAPT. R. Dated 22 Oct. 8, pp. 54-5

(EXTRACT)

Wee have news from the adjacent parts that the Rajahs Ministers have drawne downe neare Sobage [?Shahābād] a party of men which they intend to transport to that Island in some groads and other boates that they have gott for that purpose: which though wee cannot have any great apprehension of vett. as is becoming, wee are getting ourselves in the best posture wee can to defend our Island; but finding you to have soe considerable a number of men and vessells, nay, to be plaine. almost our whole strength, wee have had some thoughts that you might wee [sic? well] spare us two shibarrs, but not knowing soe well as you that are out how the enemys fleets workes, wee cannott possitively order you to send in any but would have you seriously to consider thereof, and if you cann without any apparent danger send us in two shibars; but this wee commend to your serious consideration and to advise us thereof before doe it if you find an absolute necessity for their continuing with you. But that you may come to our assistance and know when to come if occassion requires, these are strictly to require and command you that when ever you shall heare any gunns fired from our fort that then you imediately weigh with your whole

fieete and make all the hast[e] into us that possible you cann, and that you may be sure it is to command you in, wee have given order that a gunn be not fired without our espec[i]all order; therefore expect noe certaine number, but in generall when you see or heare any gunns from our fort. This wee most heartily commend to your punctuall observation in all particulars.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 19, pp. 57-8 HENDRY KENDRY Dated Revenge, 23 October 1679

(EXTRACT)

Wee can't spare any Shibarrs, but rather shall want more boates for the prevention of recruits to the Island. Last night wee laid waite with our boates with all the care wee could contrive with safety to the fleete, yet last night, in the darke, they went into the Island with twelve galvetts. Our endeavours to prevent releife shall not be wanting, but to promise there shall be none wee cannot, therfore leave it to your consideration. Whilst wee were at a Consultation on poard a boate went from the Island; our Manchuas chast her and forct her ashoare; the people of the Maine came downe to her rescue. Our Manchuas fought them an houre and report to me they kild them severall men; they had a great many foote and horse there. Night coming on they were forced to leave the boate behind them.

There came from the southward yesterday 37 boats, that is Galvetts, and went into Nagoun River.

The signalls you have mentioned of firing gunns to call us to Bombay are the best wee can think of, and wee shall be as carefull to observe them and your commands as lyes in our power. The *Hector* Groab desires a recruit of 4 men, they having the like number incapable of service.

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F.R. Bombay Vol. 19, p. 64 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 24 October 1679

(EXTRACT)

Wee have perused the list of souldiers in pressent pay and find that it will highly advance the Honble. Company's charges on Bombay by the most unhappy buisnesse of Hendary, and which will so contrary to their expectations, upon their orders

for see strict a reducement, that wee know not well what to judge of the case if it should continue long; therfore faile not to give us the true state of things and your serious oppinion what you think the issue may be in a month or two, or what more time it may require with that force to block up the Island to bring things to a good effect, and what the monthly expence may amount unto above what the Honble. Company hath allotted, that wee may take the better and fittest measure to governe ourselves in this nice affaire, and wherein wee would have [you] rest assured wee shall not be wanting to direct and assist you in what may be convenient to our utmost powers.

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F. R. Bombay HENDRY KENDRY[?] Dated Revence, Vol. 19, p. 58 TO BOMBAY 24 Oct. 1679

(EXTRACT)

The rest of the fleete, the Galvetts that went to Hendry Kendry, weekeep there. They attempted to come out last night, but wee birtht ourselves soe after it was dark that they dare not stirr, halfe our Shibarrs and Manchuas to the Norward and the other to the Southward, and our shipps and group to the Westward; were wee certaine their great vessells would not come out agains they should have noe recruit, but wee are loath to seperate for feare they fall upon one part of our strength. Wee should be glad to heare what damage wee did them last fight. So long as you continue us you must supply us with two boates of water every day, and more wood. They fired from the Island severall gunns last night and this morning but did us noe hurt; Here is one sick man returned [and] five broken musketts. Wee believe the grobas will come out to releive the Galvetts from the Island.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. Consultation at Dated 25 Oct.
2, pp. 13-14

Consultation at Dated 25 Oct.

(EXTRACT)

A Mooreman and inhabitant of this Island, that trades to the Maine for provissions, having made his complaint to the Deputy Governour &ca. that the boate in which the batty was taken was his and that she did not belong to any person in Sevagees coun-

try, but being in the river of Negotanah a Moore there putt the batty on board her that it might be thought, when it came here, to belong to the inhabitant of this Island, and that the boate did really belong to him he proved by severall other Moore men of the same proffesion that are inhabitants, who declared that they knew the boate to belong to him. The like complaint was all soe made by a Padree about the small Galvett that was taken and said to belong to Tull, but he giving sufficient sattisfaction to the contrary and offering to take his oath to the truth thereof, both his and the Moors complaint was thought to be very reasonable, and it would be unjust to take their boates from them without a just pretence, on which consideration it was

Ordered that their boates should be restored to them agains with all that was taken in them belonging to the owners of the said boates.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 4, pp. 82-84 CONSULTATION IN SURAT Dated 25 October 1679

(EXTRACT)

The last night an express arrived from Bombay with letters of the 19th Current, wherein the Deputie Governour and Councill give us an account of a fight that happened the day before at Hendry Kendry between our small fleet that was appointed to ride there to impede the fortifying that place, and Savagees Armada (consisting of upwards of sixty vessells small and great) command[ed] by Dowlet Ckaune, wherein, it placed God to bless us with victory, though not without the loss of one of our boates and severall of our souldiers taken in her, which hath necessitated them for their owne preservation to enlist ten files of men, and fitt up a small shipp and two shybarrs that lay then in the road, and send out to their assistance, see that this unhappy difference lyes very heavy upon our spirits, in regard to the unexpected charge wee have too great reason to feare wee shall be forced to put the Honble. Company too for the security of their Island. . . Wee have taken the matter into our serious consideration, and after a due discussion of the whole affaire, it doth obviously appeare to us by the small number of men wee have already lost in this dispute (of which wee are uncapable to recruit our selves) that wee shall not be able long to oppose him, least wee should imprudently bring our selves into see weake a condition as not to defend Bombay it selfe, if he should be ex-

asperated to draw downe his army that way, which wee have just reason to feare hee will. And it is very certaine that all our repugnancy will prove of little effect in the raines, when wee shall be forced to call in our fleet, and when he will take his opportunitys to fortifie and store the Island, maugre [prep. =in spite of all our designes, and therefore untill the Honble. Company can be advised thereof, and they shall be pleased to send us more ample orders. together with a further supply of men, wee have concluded on these two propositions. First that the Deputie Governour and Councill thinks of honorably withdrawing them selves in time. and in order thereunto that they make choyce of some propper person to mediate in this difference, but which must appeare as an act of kindness and freindship to us both, and not any desire of ours; but if any difficulty shall be found in this, that it cannot be effected, then [secondly] that they apply themselves to the Portugall Generall of Basseene and acquaint him that wee esteeme him equally concerned in this affaire for his owne security to be aiding and assisting against this growing evill, whose consequences will prove as prejudiciall to him as to us. he shall seeme cold therein, then that they make the best use of the Siddys fleet they can (which will saile from hence in a few days more) and as they find him forward to engage, that they by degrees withdraw themselves and ease the Honble. Company of this great charge. And that they might want noe succour from us, wee had thoughts, according to their desires, of sending downe the holgh, but the Hunter Friggatt happily arriving to us the last night, wee shall ruturne her to Bombay in two or three days more, on whom wee intend to send the guard of souldiers wee have here, though wee can ill spare them at this dangerous and busic season.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 8, pp. 57-8 BOMBAT TO CAPTAIN & Dated 25 October KEIGWIN, &c. 1679

(EXTRACT)

Which [surprise] you must always be carefull of, although according to the newes we have from our spies, wee have not reason to believe the enemies fleete will ever come against ours, for they were soundly banged, lost aboute 600 men and now useing their indeavours to gett men on board their vessells to fly II-30

for Rajapore for their security. Wee are not willing they should leave Naugaun River, because according to the account wee have of it it's a fitt place to doe sudden execution on them without any danger, aboute which wee shall consult. In the mean time have a[n] eye to Naugaun Rivers mouth, that if they should goe out they may not goe without a sallute from your gunns.

Wee have newes just now brought us that in Naugaun River is 9 groads laden with rice fallen downe neere the rivers mouth; without them ly[e]s 12 groads but ill manned to guard them for fear of our fleete, and that there is not in the river besides them aboute 7 or 8 galvetts;...

last night, in the dark, there were 7 small boates gott into the Island undiscovered by us untill this morning; wee shall endeavour to seize some of them at their escape by altring our station, for it must be by ambuscadoe that wee must entrap them, they being to[o] nimble and swift with their oars for us. Wee are glad wee have endamaged the enemy with the losse of so many men. I could heartily wish at their departure from Nagoun wee could meet them at sea, but I feare they will steale away in the night and never engage us more; they are men if once bank'd they can hardly be brought to stake agains. Wee rend by Serjant Giles Serjant Lee, a prisoner and 4 sick men for his guard.

Wee are now come to the unpleasant business of Hendry Kendry. It's an island seated in the chopps of the bay, of one rule aboute, a meare barron rock 2 leagues from the neerest part of our Island to it and 1½ leagues from the neerest part of the Maine unto it. The Portugeze in former times had thought of fortifing it but diging for water made them lay downe their intentions, for the wells they made would not produce fresh, but

salt water. Its seated soe that if wee suffer any to fortifie there wee must expect noe further trade on this Island then they shall permitt without wee bee at continuell charge to keep a greater fleete at sea then they cann bring against us. Wee cannot but be sencible this affaire must much disturb your Honor, and it's a sufficient greife to us not only that wee are necessitated to be at a greater charge on that expedition, but to find wee have not that success wee did reasonably expect: doe all wee cann, wee cannott hinder wholy relefe being given to the Island, but nightly their small galvetts, 10 or 20, pass to and from the Maine to the Island, in the darke unseen by our vessells. What they cann carry wee are sencible cannot be more then knough [?enogh] to supply the absolute needes of our enemies men; but here ly[els the evill; if wee doe not beate them from it this Summer wee shall be at a great charge to noe purpose, for in May wee must call in our fleete and their in the raines the enemie will take all oppertunitys of fare weather to transport lime, &ca. soe that by September next it may be expected he will have a strong fort and large tankes prepared to keepe water: see that it will be a hard matter to gitt him off it, whereas now if you please to order a Europe shipp or shipps to batter the Island together with our small vessells, with Gods blesseing 3 or 4 days at furthest will putt an end to that business and ease the Honble. Company of great charge; which wee have formerly advised and now agains humbly begg you will take into your serious considerations.

Last night wee birtht our shibarrs and manchuas at Nagoun rivermouth in hopes of meeting with some of their vessells going in or out, but wee had not the fortune of meeting with any, allthough the boates which were at the Island went out in the night, but wee think they went to the Northward. There is this day gone into Nagoun River 19 small boates that came from the Southward. Now Savagees people have seen the new moone wee expect them, but if they intend to come to us agains wee shall be rigilant for their prevention, and carefull in all other your occations, to the utmost of our powers,

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F. R. Bombay BOMBAY TO CAPT. R. Dated 27 Oct. Vol. 8, p. 58 BOMBAY TO CAPT. R. 1679

(EXTRACT)

It's a very great trouble to us to read the daily releife that the enemie gives to the Island; wee had thoughts and great hopes that the adeitinall [?additional] strength sent you would have prevented it.

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F. R. Boinbay, Vol. 19, p. 65 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 28 Oct 1679

The 25 came to our hand yours of the 19th, with an accountt of the engagement the day before with Sevagys fleete, commanded by Doulat Caun, the success whereof wee find to our detriment, having lost the Dove groab with soe many of our men, which are to be considered as a great weakning to us, being uncapable to recruit, therefore it will be necessary for us to think of some way either handsomely to compose things with Sevagy or to withdraw ourselves honourably in time, least wee should be reduced to a condition unable to defend Bombay if it should be attempted by see numerous a squadron, which now you must have a watchfull regard to; and therfore would have you, as to the first endeavour, to find out some person propper to mediate in the businesse betwixt us, so as not to lett it appeare its our seeking but a free act of respect from us both; if this cannot be effected, then wee would have you lett the Captain Generall of Bassecne know that wee held him concerned in respect to his own security. that he appeare with some force to stop this growing evill to his owne nation as well as to us in Sevagee fortifying Hendry Kendry, but if according to their natures and customes they can be brought to doe nothing that is fitt and honourable, then you must make the best advantage you cann of Siddys fleete, who will now be downe there in a few dayes more, and who, if you finde readily to engage and attend upon this businesse, you may soe leave it to him (not by treaty but by designe) as to ease you both of further hazard and some charge, especially the Hunter, being hapily arrived here the last night, which has taken us of[f] (as was intended) from sending you the hoigh with our guard, for your better assistance, and who wee shall endeavour to dispatch from hence in two or three dayes more, by whose addition of strength, with the Company's shibarrs returned that were employed abroad, wee hope may be sufficient to carry on your designs of Hendry Kendry and hinder any attempt that may be made upon Bombay, and for the better quiett and sattisfaction of the inhabitants; and therefore, when you finde it may safely be done, discharge such men and vessells as you have taken into pay on this unhappy occation, keeping the Revenge and Hunter continually as a guard and security to the Island, and upon noe tearmes to be employed otherwise without expresse order.

[p. 62, 28 October] There are 16 or 17 galvets gone into the Island this night allthough wee endeavoured their prevention with all the care wee could. Those small boates goe in by the lights of the Island undiscovered of us, which wee leave to your consideration. The groad indeed is of no use to us for the prevention or hindrance of those boates that pass in and out to the Island, but were wee to engage she might prove serviceable, and hope her fortune will prove better then the *Dove's*, but wee refferr to your prudence the withdrawing her or not. Wee have received 4 men and six musquetts.

[pp. 62-63, 30 October] The weather hath been very bad, the wind at East blowing hard with raine. The Revenge hath had the loss of her best bower [=anchor at ships bow] and small bower anchours; the latter wee have found again, the other wee have not had time to look after as yett. Wee drove about 3 leagues to the Westward of Choule. The Fortune and groad drove not above a mile. One of our shibars have lost an anchour. Since this storme wee have not seen nor heard of the enemy, but suppose their galvets have susteind some dammage, they then riding in Hendry Kendry Bay, the wind and sea being both upon them. Wee intended to have sent our shibarrs and manchuas that night to Nagoun river's mouth to have surprized them at their going in; the two shibarrs nor manchuas are not yet arrived.

[p. 63, 31 October] The galvetts are still at the Island. Wee intend this night to lay waite for them; I hope our designe may take to seize some of them.

The groads still continue in Nagoun River.

[p. 64, 31 October] In obedience to your order for the Hector groups returne to Bombay wee dispatch her to you the 1st tide. Wee like very well of your galvetts to be sent here, and well mann'd with souldiers; it is certainly your readiest way to prevent releife to Hendry....I hope our ambuscade against their galvetts will take effect this night......

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F. R. Surat, Vol. CONSULTATION IN Dated 31 Oct. 4, pp. 86-88 SURAT Dated 31 Oct.

(EXTRACT)

The present troubles at Bombay doe daily offerr unto us both matter of discourse and serious consideration for wee have now againe received a Generall from the Deputie Governour and Councill there, advising that our late action before Hendry Kendry hath highly exasperated the enemy, who had drawne downe a body of 4000 men to Cullean Bimerly[? Bhimvadi] with an intention to come by way of Tannah, and land them upon the Island Bombay; in order whereunto they had sent foure messengers to the Generall of Basseene, desiring his permission to pass them through his Country which he hath refused to doe, soe that he threatens it by force, but are since marched downe to Panwell, a port in his owne territorys, opisite to Trumbay, entending there to embark them on seaven Shybarrs that lye ready for the same purpose. which hath given a generall alarum to all the inhabitants on the Island. And for the preservation whereof they are in great want of souldiers, and must be forced to put the Honble, Company to some further extraordinary charge, and by which our imbecility [sic? inability] to oppose see nere and potent an enemy doth more conspicuously appeare, and therefore the President being now presented with soe fitt an occation of bringing things to a good accommodation by the receipt of a letter from Sevagee (brought him lately by the Rajapore peons) which is write [sic] in courteous stile, and wherein he seeme[s] inclynable to peace, wee cannot judge it prudence to omitt soe happy an overture, and therefore doe conclude to returne him a civil answere, demonstrating our trouble for the occation his people hath given the English at Bombay to quarrell with him about his fortifying soe insignificant a rocke as Hendry Kendry, which is not in the least becoming a Prince of his eminencie and qualifications, and though we have a right to that place, yet to show the candour of

our proceedings, wee are willing to forget what is past, and therefore have given instructions to the Deputie Governour of Bombay to treat with such persons as he shall appoint about the present differences, which cannot see well be performed here, in regard to our residence in the dominions of a Prince at enmity with him, where it will not be safe for any of his people to come, nor for us to treate with him; which wee are very much perswaded will produce some good effect; and wee have further concluded to instruct the Deputie Governour in the management of this affaire that he advise with his Councill whither it will be most convenient to send a person to the Rajah on purpose, or to proceed by means of the Subedarr of Chaule. And in the Deputie Governours letter to the Rajah wee judge it further necessary that he show some trouble and concerne to find such disputes betwixt us at his coming to the Government and his great desire to compose matters under a more firme friendship, and from which subject he may urge what further discourses necessary. touching the payment of such money as is due unto us, the liberty of our Factors in his dominions to goe and come as our occations may require, and to deliver up all such prisoners, and what ever elce hath been taken since this dispute about Hendry Kendry.

The Deputie Governour and Councill doe propose the fortifying the new Bastion for the greater strength of the Fort...but ...wee doe conclude to deferr our definitive determinations therein until we have an account from them what the charge might amount too.

They also desire that the New London might be returned to them to lye before Hendry Kendry and batter the Island, beleiving this to be the most speediest meanes to force them to quite the place and ease the Honble. Company of soe great a charge: whereupon wee sent for Captain Daniell to enquire of him how soone he could get his ship ready to goe downe, but finding him to demand soe long a time to fitt his shipp that his stay there would be but of little benefit to them, and wee being often alraum'd with parties of Sevagees men, and not having any of our guard left to defend us and the Honble. Company's treasure remaining still in the house, and a very considerable quantity of goods at Swally, which doth highly concerne to us to secure, not only from a surprize of Sevagee, but from the danger that may arize from the present distractions in these countrys, so that we have concluded now to send our orders to Capt. Cooke



and Capt. Goldsborough to remaine there until the 7th December and to assist them with their shipps, men and boates as necessity shall require.

F. R. Bombay
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RICHARD KEIGWIN
& Cos. TO BOMBAY

| Dated Hendry Kendry, 1 Nov. 1679

(EXTRACT)

By our last we wrote you our intent of planting our boates at Nagous Rivers mouth; they could not remove from Hendry Kendry untill the moone went downe least they should be discovered from the Maine; the enemies galvetts tooke the same time to goe from the Island, and, being quicker in rowing, were arrived at Nagoun before our vessells, and gott in. There were some groups at the rivers mouth that fired at our boates severall gunns. but did noe hurt. Our people finding their designe frustrated retreated to us agains in the morning, which troubles us extreamly to be thus dissepointed. This night wee have ordered 5 hoates to ly el very neere the Island, 3 to the northward and 2 to the southward, to prevent their releife. Sir, be assured wee are not idle in endeavouring their hindrances, and were it in our power they should finde it see, but these little creeping boates deceive us to admiration: when wee have nimble boates of the like nature wee hope they shall not escape us soe.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO CAPT. R. Dated 1 Nov. 8, p. 61 KEIGWIN 1679

(EXTRACT)

In the morning early wee heard severall gunns and are now in hoursly expectation to know the reason and successe thereof, being in topes that you have destroyed some of the galvetts that daily give succor to the Island. If it happen so it would be very acceptable newes to us, who think the time long till wee heare it; for it is a great dissatisfaction to us to find that they give daily see considerable a succor to the Island as they doe, and wee have such a number of vesselis at sea and against that place as have

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 19, p. 67 RICHARD KEIGWIN | Dated Hendry &ca. TO BOMBAY | Kendry, 2 Nov. 1679

(EXTRACT)

Wee have prevented the galvetts from the Island this night by removing our boates soe often that they know not how to work; they drew out 12 groabs at the rivers mouth last night, and crept in again this morning, thinking wee would goe downe againe as the night before.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. 3 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 3 November 19, pp. 72-4 (EXTRACT)

Wee have received yours of the 22d past, wherein wee take notice of the damage Doulatt Cauns fleete hath received by assaulting the Revenge off Hendry Kendry, which wee feare will be soe farr from reducing that place as to exasperate Sevagee more vigorously to fortifie it and not unlikely to attempt Bombay ittselfe, as you seeme to advise he hath a designe; which hath made us take into our serious considerations the pressent state of affaires with you, wherein upon a due discussion of all circumstances of our great inabillity to carry on a warr with soe potent. and scituated an enemy for a place not unquestionable, whither wee have a reall right to it or noe, that wee have concluded it more fittly and safely concernes us to come to some speedy composure of this difference with him, especially considering the Honble. Company's extreeme averseness to all disputes (how necessary seever) with the natives of these countrys, and the strict injunctions laid upon us for a generall reducement of their whole charges under their Presidency.

Wherfore the President, having received a letter from the Rajah by these Peons from Rojapore, expressed with some courtesy and overtures of freindship, notwithstanding that first unhappy action of Leiut Thorpe, that wee have thought it very necessary not to omitt soe good an occation to secure his freindship untill wee can receive orders from the Honble. Company how better to direct ourselves, not only in this but in all other affairs of the like nature. So that as you will find by the Presidents letter to Sevagee, coppie whereof is sent you, as likewise of that the

President received from him, for your better government, that wee have deputed the Deputy Governour of Bombay for the mannagement of this treaty with him, for the reasons therein expressed, and wherein wee leave it to him, with the advice of his Councill, whither it may be better to send a person (fittly quallified) a purpose to him or to proceed by meanes of the Subedar or Hoveldarr of Choule, by reason of the great distance it is probable their master may be up in the country. In the Deputy Governours letter to the Rajah wee thinke it convenient that he expresseth his trouble and much concernednesse that being newly come to the Government of Bombay he should find this dispute and diffrence betwixt us about Hendry Kendry, and of his great desire to reconcile and settle things under a more firme freindship with him: and from which subject wee would have him draw what further discourse he may see convenient, insisting upon the payment of such monys as due to us, the liberty of our factors in his ports to goe and come as our occations shall best require, to deliver up such prisoners as hath been taken in the shibarr and groab, and the vessells restored to us with all perticulars belonging to them when seized, and as to the business of Hendry Kendry endeavour to avoid all expressions that may either be laid hold on to strengthen his claime or countenance his possession for fortyfying of itt.

As to what you propose to us for burning his fleete and destroying his country, wee doe noe ways approve, for wee would have the Rajah and all the world know that what wee doe is but in a just defence of ourselves, being assaulted first, for as our duty obliges us (and as the custome among all nations) when an armed fleete enters the ports, to demand who they are and what their designe, as our people did endeavour, but his would not receive, but immediately assaulted us as enemy's, therfore had reason to defend ourselves.

Wee were willing to have complyed with your desires in returning the London to you, but upon discourse with the Captain found him to demand soe many days to fitt himselfe that his stay with you thereby would have been soe short as to be little usefull, besides being often allarum'd with partys of Sevagees forces, and having sent you the Hunter with our guard, by which wee have not a man left us for our defence if there should be occation, and the Honble. Company's treasure still all in the house and those considerable quantitys of goods at Swally, which doth much concerne us to secure, not only from a surprize of Sevagee, but

from what wee doe allmost as much feare, the dangers [that] may arrise from the present distraction of these countrys which are now very great, therefore are forced to keepe the London here.

What wee hope for from the Siddy and his fleete wee finde not the least to be intended by these Moors, but, like the Portugueze, designing pollitiquely to leave us singly to the dispute of Hendry Kendry, notwithstanding they are either of them as much concerned to prevent the Rajahs designes in this perticular as wee; therfore it will behoove us (by a speedy and handsome agreement with Sevagee) not to lett them make any treacherous advantage of us, the Siddy being designed downe to his old station about Danda Rajapore.

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F. R. Surat Vol. 4, pp. 88-89 COMMISSION TO CAPTAINS JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH AND JAMES COOKE SURAL, 3 Nov. 1679

(EXTRACT)

The unhappy disputes that hath fallen out betwirt us and Sevagee, upon his fortifying the Rocke Hendry Kendry, lying in the mouth of the port of Bombay, hath soe disturbed the inhabitants of the Island Bombay with feare that wee are necessitated to enorder you, at your puting in there in your coming up the coast of India, to remaine for a security and countenance to the Island untill the 7th of December if the Deputie Governour and Councill shall desire it, but no longer, and to afford them such fitt assistance with your shipps, boates, and men as may not be to the hazzard of their loss.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 19, pp. 67-8 RICHARD KEIGWIN &c. Endry, 3 Nov. 1679

· (EXTRACT)

This morning Wee exchang'd some gunns with the galvetts and the Island; wee forc't them back 3 times. The groabs, seeing us engage them, came up alongst shoare; noe wind stirring, our shibarrs and manchuas were forc't to make to us, and wee not able to goe neere the enemys; not a breath of winde in the sky; wee were in hope they would come and fight us, for they could never hope for a fairer advantage by reason of the

calme, but wee plainly see they decline us; their galvetts are very nimble and our boates very foule.

• Wee have seized a canooe with 3 men. Some of our people say they see her come from the Island, and some say otherwise; but their confession is nothing but that they came from Bombay; therefore by this boat have sent them prisoners to you to examine.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO CAPT. R. Dated 4 Nov 8, p. 61

BOMBAY TO CAPT. R. Dated 4 Nov 1679

(EXTRACT)

Your advices are now way pleasing, and the charge of our fleete to now purpose. Were cannott longer waite in hopes of better, since every days experience sheweth us worse and worse. Were doe now therefore send out the Hunter friggatt, Capt. Wm. Norgrave who is to be of Councill with you next to Capt. Wm. Munchin, and next to him Ensigne Hughes, who is to obay your orders, and designed by us to be employed to command our small vessells that were are sure hath a greater strength then the enemies groabs, and hope by his conduct to have a better account of them then hitherto hath been given us.

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F. R. Bombay BOMBAY TO CAPT. W. Dated 4 Nov. NORGRAVE 1679

(EXTRACT)

The Hunter friggatt being fitted, your provissions and all other necessarys on board, as allso Ensigne Hughes and all other men that is appointed for the said friggatt, these are to order you immeediately to weigh anchor and saile downe to Hendry Kendry, off of which Island you will finde out our fleete consisting of the Revenge friggatt, the Fortune, 5 shibarrs and 2 manchuas under the command of Capt. Richard Keigwn, &c.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 19
RICHARD KEIGWIN TO Endry, 5 Nov. 1679

(EXTRACT)

[p. 68] By accident here is a boate bound for Tanna that takes in three wounded men. Our small boates and their groabs

engaged very briskly. I can give you noe further account as yett, they being neare us and wee have noe wind, but if it please God wee have a gale I hope wee shall doe some execution upon them, but by noe meanes wee cant draw them within shott of us [? the] Revenge.

[pp. 68-69] Wee have not had conveyances of [? for] giving you an account of the passages of this day the 4th betwixt us and the enemy. Their groads and galvetts came up alongst the shoare in the night; their galvetts crept to the northward of the Island, their groads to the southward; our boates followed their galvetts within musquett shot of the Island, but could seize none of them; the Revenge and Fortune wayed and chas't the groads in hopes to have cutt them of [f] at the point or lidge or rocks that lyes of [f] Nagoun, that they must goe about, but it proved stark calm and soe escap't us.

The 5th their groabs came up againe alongst the shore to bring the galvetts out. Our shibarrs and manchuas weigh'd and made to their groabs and engaged them; the wind off the shoare, they kept as neere the enemie as they could; the enemy bore upon them with their prows; our boates edg'd neere us but wee could not stir, the winde being just in our eye and tyde of flood; before they were in shott of our shipps they went about againe into the shoare, and made downe to Nagoun River. Wee were in hopes of preventing them as before, but it fell starks calme. Thus have wee been most unfortunately bewitcht these two times, but we can't comand with and tyde. Their force are 15 groabs and 20 galvetts.

Having this additionall strength, the *Hunter*, were have sent out two manchuas down to sound Nagoun River's mouth, were having an intent to block them up there, for were finde they will never engage us if they can helpe it, and were are loath to be idle, but us[e] our endeavours to destroy our enemys for your interest and our owne honours.

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F. R. Bombay Vol. 19, p. 74 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 7 November (EXTRACT)

As to the businesse of Hendry Kendry wee have wrote you see largely and fully by the Hunter and Rojapore Peons that

wee can add little thereto, except to reiterate more seriously our former judgments of a faire and speedy composition with Sevagee, especially finding you cannott hinder his releiving and fortifying of the Island; for what you propose, to batter it with the Europe shipps, you will find what wee are able to doe with those Commanders by what wrote them and sent you; besides wee ought to be very cautious how wee try our utmost abillity of strength at this time, least wee should faile of successe and soe Sevagee encouraged therefrom to slight our overtures, and not unlikely emboldned, or at least exasperated, to invade Bombay itselfe, and wherein in such case wee desire your oppinions whither you are well able to defend yourselves.

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F. R. Bombay RICHARD KEIGWIN &c. Dated Revenge at Vol. 19 Nov. 1679

(EXTRACT)

[pp. 70-71, 7 November] Your letters have found us at an anchour at Nagoun River's mouth. Wee anchored here the 6th about 5 of the clock in the afternoon. Wee are very neere the rivers mouth, and our small vessells the inside of us, good ground and secure riding; at full sea they have an advantage of going out two ways, and the water ebs so fast that wee must at once hall off to keepe our boates from grounding. Their groabs wee beleive cant come out, nor their small boates never shall to releive the Island againe; therefore desire your approbation to confirme this our action, or how wee may move otherwise to your better information. Now wee hope to have put an end to all their endeavours to the releife of Hendry Kendry with your approbation of our acting; the encouragement our manchuas gave us of the roade and ground brought us to this advantage of the enemy.

You are pleased to take noe notice of the galvetts that you formerly writt us off, which now we can't be without to block up Tull; with a boate of force, as the manchua, wee shall now trouble you noe further for water, being within three miles of Choule, but could wish you would order us a correspondent of giveing [sic? to give] us an account of Doulat Cauns actions, it is necessary and wee could the better act.

The galvetts appeared at the rivers mouth this full sea, but went back againe, being not able to come out, our small vessells being ready to receive them.

[p. 71. to November] Wee have received your letter dated the 10th, with orders for our removall from Nagoun to Hendry Kendry. Wee must confesse wee part from this place with a great deale of regreet, for wee have blokt them up, and are so well informed and provided against the enemy's escape that wee could secure them here and they should never give releife agains to Hendry Kendry with this fleete; but in obedience to your orders wes will remove the 1st opportunity of wind and tyde; when the Siddy arrives he shall receive entertainment from us as wee to our abillities can afford him with all respect; wee could never have a fairer advantage of our enemys then now, and they will certainly remove the same or next tyde after us, for they had taken ashoare their groads gunns secure their shoare for feare of our landing, and on the 8th fired severall shott at us but did noe hurt, wee preserving our powder for their mischeif in case they dare come out. The Governours of Choule sent us for leave to bring two boates out of Nagoun that the enemy had taken upon suspicion, which wee permitted to come out. Wee are informed by those boates that they intend never to come out so long as wee shall ride here, but are in a continuall feare.

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F. R. Bombay BOMBAY TO CAPT. R. Dated 10 Nov. Vol. 8, p. 62 BOMBAY TO CAPT. R. Dated 10 Nov. 1679

(EXTRACT)

Wee doe not account it a difficult matter to destroy the enemies fleete where they are; by the information wee have beleive it to be done with saffty, when wee may with security to orders asoult them in the enemies ports; and although wee commend your diligence yett it's safest to keepe to orders, and pray be carefull in that wee now see two shipps in sight which wee take to be the Siddies fleete. Wee would have you therefore imeediately upon receipt [of] these weigh your anchor with the whole fleete and berth yourselves against Hendry Kendry in the best manner to hinder all releife being given to it; unto the Siddy wee have sent a messenger that wee may informe ourselves of his intentions; use him with all respect and kindness when he shall come up with you.

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[p. 75, 13 November] Wee have not heard anything of the enemy since our anchouring here this last time. Wee want a file of men for the *Revenge*, 3 carriadges and one gunn in exchange of that wee sent on shoare, match English and country, flints oars, Cooles, thread and needles, and souldiers in lieu of those went sick and wounded on shoare.

[pp. 75-76, 16 November] The Siddee about 3 of the clock went about the Island with his galvetts to veiw the fortifications, and then rowed on board the Revenge, but I being on board the Hunter mett him in our boate. He tould me the strength of the Island was not great, and that they had 300 souldiers and 200 bigdreens [?] upon the place, and that he intends to attacque the Island suddenly; in the interim he would willingly advise with me about birthing our boates and his, that there might be noe affront to passe betwixt us. Therfore invited me on board his shipp; I gave him a promise but tooke time untill Munday that I might ask your leave before I goe.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 17 November (EXTRACT)

The loss of the groab Dove, as your Honour well observes, is a weakning to us. She had on her 6 files of souldiers, besides officers and laskars, whereof was 20 Europeans that wee cannot recrute, and now her gunns are turned against us, planted at Hendry Kendry, where she lyes houled up. This well made us seriously consider; upon which wee called in the other groab sent out with her, lesst the like evell might befall her, being asvery [sic? assuredly] a very improper vessell for that occassion, and to supply their two places tooke a 3 mast vessell into service, and two of the Honble, Companys shibarrs that were lett out, comeing in here from Goa, wee, with the consent of the freighter, freed them of thier ladings and sent all three out to joyne our fleete, which was then absolutely necessary.

Wee take due notice of your desires to put a[n] end to this unhappy and chargeable business of Hendry Kendry. Our sence therein is put downe in two of ours to your Honours of the 23d and 27th passed, to which wee shall now enlarge in answer to your proposalls. And first, of hansomely composeing things with Sevagy by a person to mediate in the difference between us. If this way be taken, he will not leave flendry Kendry but fortifie in that manner in short time as not to be beaden of [sic? beaten] off it without great charge and loss, which, when he hath effected, that Island must not only be contented with what trade he will please to allow of, as in a former writt, but will be continually allarumed, soe that you must of necessity be at a continuall grave charge to secure the Island from him, or the inhabitants will be unsatisfied and wholly leave it.

To the second: there hath passed severall letters between the Captain Generall of the North, Governor of Basseen and other Portugall Phid[a]ligores and the Deputy Governor to greate content. They have not only promissed wee should not want their assistance, but shewed it in deniing utterly passage to any of Sevagys people through their countrys to assault our Island and imediatly manned our [blank] friggatts and [blank] manchuas, which they still keepe in the severall passages prepared to receive the enemie, should he attempt to pass by force, continueing to send nimble advices upon all occassions to the Deputy Governour. beinf[?g] truely sencible of their own dangers; and the Captain Generall hath been at Carinjah, Sabass, &ca. places, takeing all care and giveing due orders, and our Island from them is supplyed with as great plenty of provissions as ever it had from Sevagys country and as at cheape rates. They taulke of a considerable force comeing from Goa to assist against Hendry Kendry, but this wee must not trust to; and for the Siddys. Wee shall make the best use of him wee cann, continueing a watchfull eye over him, for he wee account not to be trusted at all and a very unfitt neighbour for us on Hendry Kendry. His fleete came in sight the [blank] instant, upon which a letter was wrot with all caution and sent by two peons, soone after which was dispatched came in one of his galvetts with a letter from him to the Deputy Governour, which wee forbore to give present answer unto, but stayed in expectation of a reply to our first, which came the next morning; upon which, for the greater caution, that he might have nothing under our hands to send to the Governour of Surati, whereby any disgust might arrise, it; was concluded to send off to him the Worshipfull Henry Gary Esqr. and Mr. John Hornigold to taulke with him and indeavour to find out his intentions. His discourse to them was heigh, that he wuld soone take Hendry Kendry, but wee must block in Sevagys fleete at Nagaun for some time. He had from them but little answer. A letter was sent by them and by all wee can understand, he hath a great minde to robb Sevagys countrys within our Bay, which hitherto bath not been permitted him and is what wee indeavour to devert him from. To day came a messenger from him with another letter Wee doe not finde he is ready to ingage and attend on the business of Hendry Kendry but he is very desirous to have it for himselfe, and if any thing incourages him to adventure on it, will be the necessity wee have brought them to on the Island. Its now 8 days they have not had a boate from the maine, and the newes wee have is that the enemies people on it are in great want of [provisions] and that without reliefe cannot hold out above 10 days longer, which wee wish may prove true. To give up this to the King by way of designe may lessen our charge for the present, but of ill consequence hereafter l. For first, noe satisfaction for what lost, our charge on this expedition wholly lost and the poore prissiners never to be released by Sevagy, for he cannott be more exasperated then he is: but if proceed smartly and you give orders to us to use our utmost against his country, or if not soe, against his fleete and Hendry Kendry, wee might, with Gods blessing, put an end to all advantageously and honorably; but if otherwise, wee shall incourage him to adventure on us here and our charge will be great to secure the Island and keeps inhabitants on it, who allready begin to be concerned that wee take not the advantages wee have of the enemie. And wee humbly begg you will be pleased to peruse what wrote on that subject in ours of the 22 and 27 passed with that discourse; and God direct your Consultations to the Honour of our nation, the proffitt of the Honble. Company and your own; reputations. It is our hearty desires to putt an end to this business with all convenient speed.

Wee had the 5 instant a smart ingagement between the enemies fleete and our small vessells. The damage wee received was only 5 men wounded, all like to doe well, and the greatest loss any of them will have is only one man that hath lost his hand—all topasses and coolies. The enemie, wee have from Chaule newes, lost above 100 mer then and brought wounded on aboare above 100. They would not come neere our 3 mast vessells,

and being noe wind they could not goe to them. They did undoubtedly thinks by what they had seene that they should soone have swallowed our small vessells, but they were quite mistaken, soundly beaten and forced to runn, for all their number; and now they dread us wholly.

Wee humbly begg your Honours will pardon us in this. Wee are truely troubled wee should have noe more in this letter concerning Henry Kenry, being our express was wholly sent up about it. If your Honour pleaseth to peruse our letter that this answers, you will not [sic? delete "not"] finde that wee write you wee cannot hinder them from fortifling on Henry Kenry soe long as our fleete is abroad. If you feare to shew your strength, expect nothing from Sevagee, but all heard [sic, hard] usage. He never yett was known to deale honourabley and will not be at peace with any but those that are tolol heard for him. Wee vallue not his strength at sea and see long as wee command that on our Island, have no occasion to feare his great force on shoare. Neither doe wee beleive he will attempt us, but care hath been taken, and this Island is guarded with watches that should he come, he will receive a bloudy well-come, and by a signe from the Fort wee can call in our fleete at all times, see that wee account ourselves reasonably secure.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. 8, p. 67 BOMBAY TO CAPT. Dated 17 Nov. 1679

(EXTRACT)

Wee have this day heard severall gunns, but cannot rightly judge what the reason thereof may be though wee conjecture it may be from the Island. When the Siddys galvetts come neer the shoare what passeth between them you are to take noe notice off, but mind your owne concerne in keepeing your fleete as neer together as possible and as close to the Island as you cann with conveniency, that at all times you may be in a readyness to lay hold of such advantages as may be made you; and as now in a shortt time wee may reasonably expect by the heard [? hard] atreights they will be putt too; one consideration whereof, and the thoughts wee have that they will reather resigne themselves up to our fleete then the Siddy, the Deputy Governor hath wrott to

the Subedarr that commands in cheife ashore; which letter you have enclosed to be delivered him in case he should make any signe to you, which if it should soe happen wee would have you act in this nature:-Imediately on sight of such a signe send somebody that may understand him with our letter, and if he should be desirous to yeild to you lett them acquaint him that if he will send on board our fleete fifty or sixty of his cheifest men as a pledge that then you will send and take possession of the Island; and the number of men that wee would have you send ashcare wee would have to be 12 files under the command of such officers as you can spare, having regard to the security of our fleete; and soe lett the rest of their men be sent on board our vessells without armes, and as soone as you land our men lett imediately our flagg, or such colours as you have that belong to our nation, be put up that it may be but seen; and if this happens advize us imediately that you may have our further orders. observe and prudently put in execution as occassion offers. wrote you a letter on purpose how you should governe yourselves if the Siddy or any of his people should invite you on board their shipps, to which wee referr you.

O. Correspondence SURAT TO THE COMPANY Dated 18 Nov. Vol. 40, No. 4675 SURAT TO THE COMPANY 1679

(EXTRACT)

The Revenge, who wee ordered downe from Bombay to Rajapore in March last, to bring up those factors and disolve that factory, returned without them, that Governour refuseing to lett them goe off of the shore untill he had acquainted his Master Sevajee therewith and received his orders; so that wee shall be necessitated to proceed by some other method then we at first intended for reduceing of that factory, if not prevented by Savajees securing their persons, which wee are now in great doubt of, as likewise those of Carwar from an unhappy dispute that hath lately arisen betwixt us upon the occation following. Just in the mouth of the port of Bombay lyes a smalllle uninhabited rocke island called Hendry Kendry, belonging, as was ever accounted and concluded, to Bombay as an apennage thereof to this place. In August last Savajee ordered some hundreds of men with divers meterialls for the fortifying thereof, and was so nimble and secret in his designe that, before notice was taken of it, [he] had runn up brest workes in severall places to defend his men, and mounted some small gunns; upon which your then Deputy Governour Oxinden sent to acquaint the Cheife person that had the command and oversight of this worke that the Island belonged to the King of England and therefore required him to guit the place: to which he answered he sould not doe it without his orders that sent him thither, and therefore desired Whereupon, after a due consideration of the to be excused. certaine danger of Bombay, or at least of its trade, if this designe of Savajee was suffer'd to proceed, it was concluded to obstruct him as much as could bee without any act of Therefore fitted out three Shibarrs with 6 files of souldiers under the command of one Ensigne Hughs, with instructions to lye at the Island to hinder all materialls and provissions from the Maine, where they stay'd about to days without the approach of any boate or vessell from the opposite shore, and then were forced to returne by reason of the violence of the weather, which being over. were againe ordered to their former station under the command of one Leiuetenant Thorpe (Huges being sick); but this rash and inconsiderate man, contrary to his instructions, when he comes to the Island, goes himselfe ashore alone, and in his disputes with Sevagees men falls out with them, upon which they shott him and some other in the Shebarr, lyeing soe neare the shore that sheeran aground and soe was posessed by Sevagees men. In this action about 15 Christians, of English, Dutch, French, and Topasses, were slaine and taken prisoners. After which being advised that Dowlet Ckaune. Sevagees admirall, was designed from Rajapore into the Bay with a great force, and not knowing to what his instructions might lead him, gave order that the Revenge and Hunter, with such other vessells of your Honrs, as was then at Bombay, should be fitted out and sent under the command of a fitt person and to awaite the coming of Savagees fieste; upon whose arrivall to send a civill message to the Admirall that this action of his Masters to poclessless a place belonging to the Crowne of England, see cituste, did appeare not very friendly or with a good intention, therefore that he should call of[f] his people and desist from any further proceedings upon it, otherwise should apose him; who upon [sic? whereupon] the Revenge and a grob of 6 gunns, which was hired, the Hunter being absent, with 6 Shebars, were filled out and maned with such Christians as could safely be spaired from Bombay, and were sent out under the command of Captain Richard Keigwine to lye

nere the Island of Hendry Kendry expect[ing] Sevagees fleett. who, the 28th of October, early in the morning, appeared to the number of 60 saile of all sortes of vessells, most of which rowing, being little wind, made towards this smale English squadron and assulted them with great fury, not suffring any message to be sent to them according to the affore mentioned instructions, the management and success whereof you may be pleased to read in the inclosed papers; since which noe further action hath happned, but find that they now conveigh all manner of necessaries by small boates in the night which wee cannot hinder, nor have force to attempt them ashore, nor power to order your Europe ships (which it pleased God to arrive at Bombay in August, the Bengalla and New London the 11th, and the Ann the 21) to lye before it and batter itt, and which is certainly beleived would have bin able to have reduced it in 4 or 5 days with their great gunns, and without any danger or hazard to themselves; but haveing noe orders in such cases, nor the Commanders instructions to follow them, could doe nothing therein. This is the present state and condition of your Island Bombay, which instead of reduceing according to your orders, are forced now to runn you into greater charges to quiet the inhabitants from runing away for feare and secure your Island, Savajee haveing drawne an army nere the sea opposite to Bombay, which makes us feare he may attempt it, therefore are necessitated to provide what we are able against it, which wee hope you will approve and give us speedy and possitive directions therein how to proceed for the future, otherwise all will be lost.

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F. R. Bombay RICHARD KEIGWIN &c. Dated Hendry Vol. 19 TO BOMBAY Kendry, Nov. 1679 (EXTRACT)

[pp. 76-77, 18 Nov.]...The gunns that have been fired were the Siddees and his Vice-Admirall against the Island, who ride within shott; but wee think they spend their powder to little purpose, except the noyse does hurt them.

Wee are birtht as neere the Island as conveniently wee can, and keepe to your orders, and shall be vigilant in laying hold of such opportunitys in case signalls shall be given from the enemy for any parlee of surrender; but you may be assured the Siddy is as watchfull to lay hold of the like occations as wee are and will endeavour to share with us perforce. Therfore in such a

case wee desire to know how wee may act in the defence of itt. whither to oppose the Siddy by force of armes and not suffer them to come on shoare. This wee entrest by the next generall. Their pretences to those things you may best reason amongst yourselves when they shall lay seige and battery to the place, and have 500 men ready to land, with convenient boates for the purpose, and they to be excluded. The Noquedar came on board the Revenge vesterday to make me a vissitt, who told me he would haule into two fathom water and then would goe on board the Siddy, and he should do the like with his shipp, and so the rest of his fleete would lay battery round the Island; which he wisht me to doe the like saying then he would land his men. My answer was when I intended to make a battery against the Island I would worp [? warp = haul] in neerer, but wee served two masters and he could not lay down rules for me to act by. He invited me on board the Admirall and so did the Siddy himselfe, but I excused it least I might offend you in itt : but wee entreat you will beleive what wee act or say is for your interest; neither have wee informed any but you'r Worship and Councill, but it is well known Bombay can quoine news as please their fancies, therefore desire your more favourable censure of us.

[p. 77, 19 Nov.] This morning part of Sevagees fleete came and chast a shibarr that had English collours. The Siddys gall-vetts went downe to them, but before they could come neere them 'they gott agains into Nagoun River. The Siddys shipp fire ashore every day and the Island to them agains, were suppose without any hurt to either party. Wee are at an anchour nearer the Island then any of them, but they fire not at us nor wee to them.

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F. R. Bombay
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BOMBAY TO CAPTAIN { Dated 20 Nov. 1679
(EXTRACT)

Wee have had thoughts aboute what you wrott us concerning the Siddy, who wee could wish had never come hither. Wee must be very carefull to preserve friendshipp with him. It soe neerly concernes us, and [we] are perswaded he will be cautioned how he gives us an occasion of offence. But that you may not be at a loss how to proceed should he offer to fire against our vessells or this island, when in our possession, or offer any hostile means, and that he proceed therein and not to be perswaded to the contrary

by faire meanes, then you are to defend yourselves, standing only on the defencive. And soe God direct you and graunt noe occassion for this order.

Wee now send a letter to the Subedarr on Henry Kenry. Act privately and send not the letter till you have assurance they are in need and that they seek [sic? look] to you. This wee write for feare of loosing any men that may carry it. Otherwise snach at all secure opportunitys. Of this wee are almost sure, that they will not deliver the Island up to the Siddie, but if necessity require them to surrender, the proffer of it will be made to us. Therefore, if such a thing should happen, keepe all private as may be, and get them to give you possession in the night, that before day you may settle all things and gitt our Collours up on it. You give us account of a shibarr that was chased by the enemies galvets and protected by the Siddies galvets, and that the ememies runn into Negaon againe, but what is become of the shibarr you doe not advise us. Wee cannot but admire that you should see see plainly a shibarr with our coullours chased by the enemie and not send out to her some small vessells, but trust to the uncerttain kindness of unconcerned persons. Though you have order to lye against Hendry Kendry and not any provission made therein relating to such a bussiness as this, wee could not esteeme you see void of reason as to think you would suffer vessells with our Coullours, nay that belong to our Island, to be taken by the enemie and you lye still and see it and not afoard them the least assistance. This is an oversight beyond expectation, and therefore for the future require you to be more vigilant and carefull in that particular, and give us in your next an accountt what is become of this shibarr, whether she is in the Siddys possession or which way she stood, for noe such vessell is come in here. The gunn that you wrotte for is sent you in this boate with a carriage. The other particulars you shal have by the next... Wee cannot imagine why see many gunns should be fired this afternoon from the shipps between the maine and the Island. Wee expect it in your next.

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F. R. Bombay RICHARD KEIGWIN &c. { Dated Hendry Vol. 19 TO BOMBAY Kendry, Nov. 1679

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[pp. 78-9. 21 Nov]. Wee have received your letter dated the 20th and observe your orders, in case the enemy should deliver up

the Island to us, that wee protect it from the Siddy, and that if they shall offer to [use] force upon us wee [are] to defend ourselves by hostile means.

This day, about 6 of the clock in the morning, Savagees people put a white flagg in the brab tree upon the hill. Wee immediately sent the manchua as neere the shoare that they were in call of them, but they made noe signe or further show to speak with our boate. Wee had a consultation whither wee should send on shoare or not, your letter to the Soobedar being not arrived: in the interim your letter comes to hand, which made us forbeare, having noe assurance of their minds or inclinations; therfore sent the manchua againe, but find them mute for making any further signall, therefore loath to hazard our men and boate. It is our oppinions that wee waite longer and observe their further motions. wee being sencible they can send of[f] to us when they please, having a canooe and another small vessell, which is fitted to sett out: some way she stole in last night but none of us could ever see her there before. The Siddy sent his Secretary to complement me last night and to invite me on board, who tould me they would fitt out the groad and shibarr to make their escape from the Island, which wee are jealous of, seeing her now fitted with more rigging then formerly; but wee hope they shall never escape our hands, for wee will birth our small craft soe neare the shoare that it shall be impossible but that wee must seize them; for the shibarr Sevagys armado chast, wee see her clear of them and stood to the Northward, what is become of her wee know not; by the ensigne she belonged to the English or their protection, but for us to have weigh'd and gonne after her there was noe need or occation, had wee seen and known her in distresse wee should have helpt her. but wee know nothing more of this vessell. The guns that have been fired are betwixt the Siddy and the Island, powder and shott vainely spent; but they have a great master [?muster=strength. quantityl, and the Noquedar tould me it was diversion to fire some times, making me his foolish demonstrations rather hatcht by drinck then depending on reason.

Since the writing of this letter wee heard the Siddy had sent to treat with the Island. Wee resolved to try our force and know the reason of putting out the white flagg, therfore sent the new galvett with Serjant Cully, a Dutchman that formerly [served] them, and a Portuguesse. The enemy's answer was that if they would come on shoare (and swore by the water they tooke up) they should receive noe dammage. They tould them that if

they would surrender they should be kindly dealt by and receive our protection against all people. They answered that they would not deliver up the Island allthough wee stayed here this twelve months, but if wee had any letters or other matters to treat of they will sware to free egresse and regresse for audience and answer. Therfore wee keepe their letter and act according to your further orders; you may freely treat of what you please and employ whom you think fitt without danger. So leaving all things to your prudence, wee are ready to putt your orders in execution to the utmost of our powers.

[p. 79, 22 November] Last night there came a boate or cannoe into the Island and escapt us all; the great manchua chased and fired twice at her, but going in with the land lost sight of her......The Siddy still keeps firing and the Island to them againe without any hurt to either party. I am continually invited by the Siddy's officers with messages from them, and wee believe they suspect wee wink att last nights boats arrivall, and wonder wee dont fire at the Island nor they att us, since wee lye soe neare. I askt them if I could kill the Island with our gunns and how many men the enemy had killed them; they say none, then wee think your powder wasted with shame, but had wee better converse, wee think it might be more for your advantage. But these things wee reffer to your consideration.

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Wee desire you would favour us by all conveighances how affairs goe betwixt you and Sevagee at Henry Kenry, that wee may know how to governe [ourselves] the better.

Wee are very sorry of the difference with Sevagee, as yet wee are not molested or hindered in any of our affaires, but if it proceeds to a height wee desire to have a file of Topasses (for our more security) may be ordered from Bombay... Here is sent by

Sevajee Summajee Pundit Anajees Brother for taking of severall peeces of ordnance out of these Castles, as Ancholah, Carwar, Symiseere and Pundah to the amount of 30 which by the strength of men, and Buffaloes are to be drawne up to Pornollah, that its supposed he Intends to deliver up this Cocon to the Duccanees.

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Wee doe recommend to you effectually to be very carefull that you give noe occassion of differing with the Siddie, but on your parts in all things comply soe fare as may be with security to our fleete and yourselves. Wee are in hoursely expectation of letters from Sevages people that wee have great hopes may putt an end to this troublesome buissiness, which makes us forbeare intertaineing thoughts of treating further with Hendry Kendry then allready directed you, which pray observe and if any overtures be made you send us advise with all speed.

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F. R. Bombay RICHARD KEIGWIN &c. Dated Hendry Vol. 19 TO BOMBAY Kendry, Nov. 1679

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[p. 80, 26 Nov.] Wee shall observe your orders to goe one at a time on board any of the Siddys fleete, to comply with his friendship according to your commands and interest. The Siddy has sent Capt. Keigwin news concerning the condition of Hendry Kendry, as you will find by the enclosed.

[pp. 80-81, 26 Nov.] The Siddy sent to informe me that a souldier which served Daulat Caun field to Choule and is now entertained by him. His fault was he should say Hendry Kendry was to be easily taken by a few Potanners, for which words he had received seveers punishment if he had not made his escape. He reports they have at Nagoun 8 boates ready loaden with rice, butter, oyle, watter, &ca. for the Island, and that Doulatt Caun intends to come out with his armadoe to draw of [f] our small vessells to fight him, and in the Interim those boates to give releive to the place; but the Siddy sayes he would permitt them

to goe in, and he would, under pretence of chasing, land and take the Island; therfore would keepe his boates full mann'd and watch for this opportunity, thinking it very feazable.

He says they have 4 wells, but when he left the Island there was little water in any of them, but were forced to take it up in their hands to fill the jarrs. That they had but 6 Candy of powder and 1000 balls, except what they found in our groab and shibarr; that they have 12 great gunns; they have 560 men, two hundred fire armes and 300 sword men; that they sent for mesures [majur=workman] to the Soobedar on shoare and he refused them, saying he himselfe undertooke the work, and promised to fortifie the Island, and he himselfe should doe itt. The souldiers upon the Island are willing to surrender, but Michell Nake, his sonne, and a Mooreman will not consent to it, Sevagy having sent him word he will cutt offfl their heads if he guitt it. and cutt offf their wifes and children which he have in his custody. The Siddy desires wee would back him with our shibarrs in this affaire, when they shall sett upon the Island, and could wish us to lylel ready, upon our oars at this juncture of Sirs, by this man's report they must be in great want, having nothing but rice and salt now to eat, and have many sick men, which may cause a mutiny; wants are the forerunners of disturbances. If the Siddy lands before your Agreement of Peace, he takes all to himselfe, and I verily beleive he will attempt itt; he waits for some men from Surratt; there came a shipp yesterday into him, what supply of men he brought them I know not yett, but I could heartily wish you would forward and putt an end to this soe soone as possible least it be to[o] late; little time lost is not see quickly recalled. I hope all things will conclude according to your desires.

[p 81, 27 Nov.] The Siddys have now birth themselves, that is their groabs, betwixt the Island and the Maine, something without us. Wee have had noe vissitts from them this two days. The Island are still fortifying. Wee are heartily sorry for the losse of the tanck boate.

F. R. Bombay, Vol. 8, pp. 70-1 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 29 Nov. 1679 (EXTRACT)

Our last to you was by express of the 15th instant. Wee then wrote you that the Pishwah had sent a messenger and wrote a

letter to us, which wee received the 17th present in the morning and answered the same evening with all expressions of respect, and sent by two of our owne servants, which wee made a necessity for, that he might have speedy advice of the Syddys proceedings against Hendry Kendry, keepeing a continual fireing at it, soe that in all likelyhood he would soone carry it, which if he did, the misery that would befall their country must be needs great, which he could not but be sensible of. Therefore, to secure all from further harme, if he pleased to send any one immediately from him to order those on Hendry Kendry to deliver it up to us, that wee would secure it from the Siddy, take care of his people, and further, if it stood not with the Rajahs pleasure, wee should not continue on it; that when the Siddy was gon wee would take our men from it, desireing that it might remaine as formerly uninhabited.

Whilst this letter was gon, came in the Bengalla Merchant the 23th present, who wee detained here in hopes of such an answere as that her countenance would have stood us in great stead, but the 27th instant came an answere contrary to expectation, he resolving not to be perswaded out of Hendry Kendry, and threatning us highly, soe that our faire words or meanes is not like to thrive, for Sevagees people will not believe that it is out of desire of peace and friendship that wee forbears his country, lett his fleete secure them selves and not fire at Hendry Kendry, but conclude that wee are wholy affraid of them whilst wee are at a great charge to maintaine a strength sufficient to make good tearmes, that lyes still doeing nothing.

Wee yesterday wrote an answere to the Pishwah and a letter to the Rajah, which wee heartily wish may have success for we are sick of our great charge to noe purpose, of which please to consider, and to our sorrow wee must acquaint you this. that if the fleete be kept longer out, wee shall be in want of money. You order us to advise what our charge may amount to more then the Honble. Companys Establishment. It is in. possible for us to answere it exactly, because of the gunpowder. provisions for men, shott, &ca. charges; but according to what wee think, which will be erronious, wee account of this affaire of Hendry Kendry about 5000 Xs. per month our charges exceed what they would doe otherwise; and this brings us to humbly begg you will speedily please to consider whether wee shall call in the fleete, or act something, that our charge be not wholv throwns away in lyeing still and suffering our enemies to laugh at us, to our great discreditt. The Siddy begins to be jelaous of us and is much concerned that wee five not gunns against Hendry Kendry, and will not permitt him to plunder Sevajees Country within the Bay, the latter wee think an unreasonable request, and much contrary to your orders, for that would certainly exasperate Sevajee mightily and make him conclude us wholy affraid of him, which would encourage his adventuring on us here. The Siddy pretends aboundance of kindness towards us, and lyes at us hard to assault Hendry Kendry with him; that he designes it not for himselfe, but will with us make it a place unfitt wholy for any to come on with security for the future.

Sevaiees people on the Island on the 22th instant put abroad a white flagg, upon which the Siddy sent a boat to them; but they would have noe discourse with them, threatning them highly and calling them aboundance of names. Upon this our fleete sent a small boate to them, who had civill discourse with them [and] asked them what the white flagg was up for. They answared, a signe to the shore. Our people asked them if they would surrender the Island. They answered, noe. Then they told them of a letter that the Deputy Govr. had wrote to the Soobedarr, one Mynaque Caperson, that he was acquainted with when at Rajapore. which they would faine have had, and offered free egress and regress to our people, swareing not to doe them any harms if they would come on shoare, pressing them much for the letter, declaring they would come off to them, but had not a boate, and that Minaque was intended to write to the Deputy Governor. Wee have not heard any more of this as yet, but now shall see what is to be done this way. Wee feare the Siddy will be troublesome to us, should it be surrendered. Defend our selves wee must if he assaults our fleete or men, but wee shall be very carefull to preserve peace with him, and nothing but an absolute necessity shall make us give him the least occasion of offence. But that wee may act to your full contents, pray give your orders how wee shall behave our selves towards him, should be doe unhandsomely. Beleive us wee are in great streights. Many things will happen that wee shall want orders how to proceed, and it's 20 dayes before wee can receive any answere, which is a great evill and discouragment, that wee cannot act with safety.

Sevagee Rajah is now at a place called Puttaghurr, about five days journey from hence, to which place he fled with 500 horse to secure himself, haveing left the greatest part of his army neare Vizapore, where Dillell Caun engaged him, wholy routed

him. and tooke 2000 horse, besides prisoners, &ca. He being soe neare, wee hope for a speedy answere to his Honours and our letters to him. The Pishwah is gon to him, and wee have news that Annajee Punditt will be there to[o], who wrote us some days agoe, and whose letter wee have likewise answered. The Pishwah was intended for Surat, but the overthrow he received by one Runmust Caun, a Pattan, who killed him 2000 men and tooke 400 horse, which diverted him. [Factory Records, Surat, Vol. 108 (unpaged)]

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F. R. Surat Vol. 4, pp. 99-100 CONSULTATION INSURAT Dated 3 December 1679

The Deputie Governour and Councill of Bombay in their Generall of the 15th past seame very much dissatisfied at our former resolutions, in ordering them soe pacifiquely to endeavour to conclude our present difference with Sevagee, and restraining them from doing any violence to his country or setting upon his fleet in the harbour, and only empowering them from hindering him from fortifying of Hendry Kendry, which they declare is most improbable to effect our designe of beating him from thence. But on the contrary that in a short time hee will see fortifie the place that wee shall be incapable of attempting any thing thereon without great charge and loss to our selves, and then the inhabitants of Bombay must calmely submitt only to such trade as he shall allow of, and soe continually allarum the Island that the Honble. Company must be at a constant charge extraordinary to secure it from him, and to satisfie the people thereon, who otherwise will imediately leave the place; whereas if they had our orders to make their depredations into his countrys, or at least to attempt his Fleet as they might see convenient[ly] occation, they doubted not but to give a speedy conclusion to this dispute to the Honble. Company's advantage. Whereupon wee have againe taken the matter into our serious considerations, and after deliberate debate. wee doe unanimously agree that such designes cannot be undertaken without some loss of our men at least, which cannot be recruited, and which may prove of too dangerous a consequence to hazzard; and alsoe the Honble. Company's approbation in such proceedings wee are not assured of, who rather in all such cases enjoyne us to act only in defence of our selves, and not drive things to the utmost extremitys, and therefore untill their pleasure shall be signifyed in this affaire, wee doe conclude to confirme our former resolutions of frustrating his designes of fortifying Hendry Kendry either by treaty or by the Seedy's fleet assisting us to oppose him thereon.

Serjeant Mauleverer etca. English, taken formerly by Sevagee in the Groab *Dover*, being in great want of provisions and all other necessarys, have preferred their petition to the Deputie Governour and Councill for some allowance to be made them for releife of their necessitous condition, which they have desired our orders in and whether they shall be continued in pay or not, which wee having duly considered, and perceiving how cowardly they behaved themselves in the time of engagement, doe order them to be stricken out of the Muster Roles, but that they may not wholy perish, that some small allowance be made them for victualls only (if it can be securely conveighed to them) what the Deputie Governour etca, shall see convenient.

I went on board the Siddy, where after some talk, I espied some slaves they had. I askt them where they plundered them, and he told me Nagoun River. He askt me what I intended if wee should land together, and that the longer wee left them thus the stonger they would be, though they did think they did want water, yett did suppose would hold out longer then wee imagined. They prest me againe towards our intentions for landing and wisht me to give you an accountt of it. I tould them when I intended to land I would come nearer to the Island, and anything that I thought might advantage him as wee were freinds I would informe him of. He tould me he would ask my advice in landing, that he had 700 men ready and that all peoples ey[e]s were upon us, the French, Dutch and Portugueze and the Moors upon him, and to quitt or lye long before this place it would be a shame to us. I tould him I was sent there to fight the enemy, which I had done and shall doe more when any pressents. He tould me there was a Bramin Embassadour from Sevagys, with you; my answer was I beleived it not, having noe notice or advize of any such matter.

Two boates made their escape from the Island, coming up with the Siddy's galvetts, which haild them; the Sevagy boates

said they belonged to such a shipp, naming the ships name, Captain and Pilots, by which stratagem they gott leave to passe. The weather hath been soe bad wee could not ride in soe neare the Island with our shibarrs as formerly, neither will they venture, their ground tackle being bad. He tould me anything he could learne from the enemy he would acquaint no with, and hoped I would doe the like by him.

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F. R. Bombay
Vol. 19, pp. 87-8
SURAT TO BOMBAY
(EXTRACT)

Dated 4 December 1679

The 27th past came to our hands yours of the 15th, with the severall papers enclosed, which wee have perused and seriously debated once more what you soe often and earnestly prest us to licence you as to the prosecuting this difference with Sevagee. soe as to attempt him upon the Maine, and burning his vesells in Nagoun River, which wee doe not only find alltogether unfitt for us, in respect to our present great want of men, not to be recruited when lost, and which cannot but be expected will fall out in such designes, let us fare never soe fortunately; but likewise as to the strict account we must give the Honble. Company of our proceeding in this affaire, who neither doth allow nor will approve of anything further then a defence in such cases; soe that all wee are able further to doe in this perticular is to expresse our great trouble to find ourselves soe confined, and to encourage you to be very studious and active in taking all other advantages and opportunitys, either by treaty, as wee fromerly directed you, or by the Siddys fleete, to frustrate this designe of Sevagees fortifying Hendry Kendry, and hope through your prudent mannagement, not only of what is past, but likewise what at pressent offers itselfe, that your next letters will give us an accountt of a happy conclussion both to our nation's honour, benifitt of the Honble. Campany's and commendations to yourselves.

The letters from the Pishwah and Doulat Caune and the Siddy wee have had read, find in them nothing worthy of much observation; and as for the President's letter to the Rajah, formerly sent you, wee doe approve of your suspending the sending of it, as wee shall doe of your proceedings in this pressent affaire, when you are assured some other safe method, then what wee shall be able to direct from hence, may better conduce to a speedy and

secure conclusion of this bulsnesse with Sevagee, that if possible Hendry Kendry may be surrendred by him to us much rather then to the Siddy.

The Siddys Galvetts hath been ashoare on the maine in Sevajees country opposite to us, hath burnt foure townes and taken many prisoners. Wee wrote to him yesterday about it, but have received noe answer as yet.

Yesterday wee received a letter from the Rajah, furthered to us by Dowlet Caun, with another from him by two of his servants. The Rajahs letter is full of courteous expressions, but absolutely writes he will not leave but continue to fortify Hendry Kendry. Doulet Caun complains much of the Syddys burning his masters townes and carrying the inhabitants away, taxing us as consenting to it. Wee shall to day give an answer to his and the Rajahs letter, resolving to take all opportunity by fair meanes to put an end to our difference with Sevajee with as much speed as may bee, according to your orders. [Factory Records, Surat, Vol, 108, (unpaged)]

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Here is noe news to write but that the Siddy fires every day to the Island, and the Island to them agains.

The 28th past month came Annajee Punditt in towns on purpose to pay his devotion to Duplejah [? Dhopeshwar], a great l'agoda about a mile distance off this place, where he had order'd victualls to be provided for the feeding 20000 Bramanes; after which done he sent for us and asked the reason why wee did not follow our merchandizeing as formerly. Wee told him that the

Soobedarr had put a stop to all our business and thought it had been with his order. He told us that he did once forbid it, but since he had better considered and had given order to the Soobedarr not to molest us in anything more than our Buckshis, and that lay not in his power to give us since the Rajah, had ordered to the contrary, but he would write to him in our behalfes, and questioned not but leave would be granted him; moreover, told us that he had once wrote to the Deputy Governor greatly desireing our friendship, for which purpose he alsoe desired Narransinai might be sent to him, but since he was not come he was resolved to send an Embassador to treate with the Deputy Governor about peace, and therefore desired that one of our men might be sent with him, as all soe that wee would advise how desirous the Rajah was to continue in friendship. Wee replyed that our writing would signify nothing, wee being but servants and dare not doe anything contrary to your Hours. &ca, orders, and therefore desired to be excused, nothing without which would satisfy him, soe that wee were obliged to give Sheek Mahmud along with them, but know not who he will send to Bombay, the which his Worship &ca. will advise.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. $_{4, \,\mathrm{pp.}\ 105-106}$ Consultation in Surat $_{1679}$

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Certaine intelligence being brought to this Citty the last night of Sevagees burning and plundering Dungom, Chupra, and many other considerable townes adjacent, hath struck a generall consternation into all the inhabitants here that he hath alsoe an eye towards this Citty, which they are the more prompt to give creditt unto, in regard to the great treasure in ready money that lyes at present in this towne, which may give a reasonable invitation to him to draw downe his forces this way; and which he may the more facilie[=easily] performe now all these partes remaine destitute of any considerable force to oppose him; see that wee doe now conceive it our dutys to take some seasonable care for the preservation of the Honble. Company's estate and our owne persons from an enemy exasperated against us for our disputing with him before Hendry Kendry, especially since our house is now wanting of any souldiers or others to defend it, and

therefore wee dos conclude to enorder the hoigh and country boates to be sent up from Swally soe soone as conveniently it may be, and that all the treasure remaining in the factory be pack'd up ready to be shipt off, and all other goods remaining in warehouse of which there is noe probability of their speedy vent; alsoe that the broad cloth be sent downe to Swally rather then detained here to be whited, now wee are under soe eminent a danger from Sevagee; and that spyes be kept out at the severall passages to this citty, by which meanes wee may have speedy advice of his approach and soe be better able to make a securer escape to Swally.

Our last to you was a few lines by Captain Hilder...since which wee have heard nothing of Sevajee Rajah, but are now in expectation of two servants sent with your Honrs. letters to him and one from the Deputy Governor. His answere wee heartily wish will be such as will put an end to the unhappy business of Hendry Kendry, that the Honble. Companys great charge may be taken of [f], and wee at ease to looke into and settle their affaires here.

The Syddy in answere to what wee wrote him about burning and plundering Sevajees country within the Bay, hath sent a letter wherein he endeavours to perswade us it is for our interests, that the Rajah may be sencible it was for our sakes he see long forbore those parts. With his letter he sent one Mirza Mahmud Ewas to discourse with us. He told us that it was the Syddys orders to him to assure us that he intends nothing but what might be to our contents. For Hendry Kendry he had noe design to keepe it; all he desired [was] that it might be, out of Sevajees hands; that if wee would with him join and assault it, he would after it was taken, give it up to us or doe as we shall desire, pressing much for the assaulting it. Wes gave him good words and intend to keepe him in expection till wee receive answer of our letters to you, that wee looke for hoursly, and see what the Rajah writes us, when wee shall better then now know how to governe our selves. [Factory Records Surat. Vol. 108. (unpaged)]

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. BOMBAY TO CAPT. R. Dated 10 Dec. KEIGWIN &CA. 1679

(EXTRACT)

Wee have certaine newes from Naugaune that Dowlett Ckaune is fitting his fleete to put to sea, but whither he intends cannot learne; a report brought us that he intends to stand out to sea for two or three days and when the nights are darke goe into Mahim or land on some other places of this Island, which wee cannott give creditt unto; but that wee may be sure would have you be watchfull, and if with security it may be, lett the Hunter and one of the manchuas lye at Nagaun Rivers mouth a[t] nights; and being sure Dowlett Ckauns fleete is in the Reiver, every morning stand to our fleete, giving you this caution that she be not surprized by the enemies number, but upon sight of them imediately to give notice to the whole fleete by discharging some gunns. If Dowlett Ckaun doth come out, use your utmost to destory him, but goe not far from your stations ordered you. Wee would faine have some men to exchange for those in our enemies hands, but if it should soe fall out that Dowlett Ckaun with his fleete should leave Nagaun River and escape you. then in such case wee would have one of our friggattes and three of the small craft keep off Mahim every night themselves soe that noe vessell can goe in there without their knowledge, and if it should see fall out that Dowlett Ckauns fleete should steele into Mahim, then the Hunter [or] three small vessells by a signe [may] give you notice that the Fortune may be sent to them and they doe their best to destroy them on that side, and the Revenge and other four small vessells to stand in hither, running up directly to Mazagaon to hinder the enemie escaping that way, by which meanes wee shall in all likelyhood destroy them. Be carefull to looke out well that you may, upon a signe from us, imediately come in.

Notwithstanding all the watches you and the Siddie keepe there is a small cannow rowed by two men that carried letters too and from Henry Kenry to Tull, once in two or three days, of which acquaint the Siddie [and] of Daulett Ckauns intentions to put to sea, and if you shall thinke of any thing elec that may be advantageous to us in any respect or that wee may have omitted here, advise us in answere hereto, and which pray lett us receive with

all possible speed that you may receive from us such further orders as wee shall thinke expedient to be sent.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 3 CONSULTATION IN SURAT Dated 12 Dec. 1679

(EXTRACT)

The Deputie Governour still earnestly pressing for orders to allow him to make incursions into Sevagees country and attempt his fleet in harbour as opportunity should offer, or elce to call in our own fleet and ease the Honble. Company of soe great a charge, wee have agains taken the matter into our serious considerations, and the better to confirme our owne judgment wee sent for Captain John Goldsborough and Captain John Daniell and desired their opinions in this affaire; who, after wee had declared unto them the great restriction wee are under from the Honble. Company, the great want of Englishmen upon the Island and throughly made them acquainted with such orders as had formerly past, they did concurr with us that it would not be prudence too farr to exceed the orders the Honble. Company have given us, nor yet to hazzard our men in such dangerous designes, when wee have scarcely sufficient to defend Bombay itselfe: and as for withdrawing our fleet, wee shall further consider of that upon their advising us their success in their treating with Sevagee, and that they find all their endeavours fruitless in obstructing him from releiving Henry Kendry, which wee doe now conclude to require their speedy answere unto.

F. R. Bombay, Vol. WILLIAM MINCHIN Endry, 12
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WILLIAM MINCHIN Kendry, 12
Dec. 1679

(EXTRACT)

The Newes of Doulat Cauns going to sea for three days wee hardly beleive, but in obedience to your orders the *Hunter* and great manchua shall goe downe to Nagoun River's mouth to watch his motion. Your orders for Mahim, and likewise if occation, for our coming in, wee shall be vgilant to obey. Your letter to the Siddy wee sent him by Serjant Willkins, and acquainted him, as you have directed, concering the motion of Savagees fleete.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, (unpaged) DUNGOM TO SURAT December 1679 (EXTRACT)

Our last was of the 25th passed per express, which gave your Honr. &ca. the newes of Sevajees forces approaching into these parts, as allsoe the care wee were taking in getting of our Caphilae ready to depart, which God be thanked was effected, and a miracle that it escaped their hands, for the next day S. A. with the Caphilae sett out from Dungom and went a days journey soe farr as Gondelee, allmost into the very jawes of the enemy. for wee had noe sooner arrived there but there was news of the forces being very neare; upon which news at halfe night the Caphilae sett out againe and was ordered not to goe their usuall journy see farr as Bettavad but to proceed further, which God be thanked they did, otherwise they had been taken, for by three of the clock in the afternoone the towne was all of a flame. S. A. returned from Gondeles to Chupra, where he was noe sooner arrived but news was that Dungom was all of a fire likewise. what goods and estate was there of the Companys God be thanked sett out 2 houres before, which arrived safe unto us; the next day the army from severall places made towards Chupra, which made us, togeather with the townes people, betake ourselves to the hitls, where God be thanked wee arrived safe, togeather with the Company's goods and what wee had of our owne, see much as wee could gett carts for; what remained was stolen, the house onely remayning, which was good fortune considering the most part of the towne besides was burnt to the very ground, amonghet which a warehouse full of goods of S. A. was consumed likewise. The army, which consisted of 12000 horse, kept their randivoces here two days and then sett forward towards Brampore, but never went so farr, but turned of more to the right hand towards Mulkapore, where Sevajee himselfe with 20000 horse more are to meete. Here are various reports concerning the Prince, who is said to be all one with Sevajze, and through his assistance doth intend to put for the crowne; now, therefore, at present the country is in a most miserable condition, and to tell your Honr. &ca. the truth wee are likewise see to[o], for what comfort wee had before was in the strength of the Foorsdarr [? Fauzdar], who is now sent far away with all the rest of the Foorsdarrs that belongs to these parts; and wee are once more forced to the hills, being freshly starumed with another army consisting of 12000 horse which is come very near us, who intends for Brampore and supposed to joyne with the Princes forces. Just now here is fresh news that the citty of Orangabaud is plundered and burnt, and that the Prince doth now declare for Dilly, he having wrote to the Cheife of Brampore, Ckaune Gamma, to deliver up the citty and merchants unto him. This is the present condition the country and wee are in. Lord preserve us and keepe us, for wee know not at present what may befall us.

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SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 13 December 1679

(EXTRACT)

What you offer as to the calling in of the fleete now wee have proceeded thus farr, it will not be prudence all of a sudden to withdraw, especially now you are in treaty with Sevagee, which if [it] tak's not a good effect and that you find your endeavours in reducing Hendry Kendry fruitless, by obstructing releife from it, which is our only buisness, upon your advice thereof wee shall then take it into our serious considerations what fittest to be done in this unhappy affaire. In the meane time enjoyne you to prevent any open breech betwixt you and the Sidey, since it may produce such ill consequences to the Honble. Company's affairs here.

Therefore upon a serious debate and discussion of all cercumstances in relation to our condition as to abillity and restriction by the Company, if you cannot find Sevagee will be brought to any acceptible tearms of composition, and wherein we would have you remember to add our house at Carwarr, that if wee shall find reason as to our bussiness of merchandize to withdraw our factors for a time, wee may have liberty to leave two or 3 of our house servants of those cuntrey people to keepe possession and take care of it till we shall returne thither agains (which you may hint will not be long); then we have concluded it would be better to lett it fall into this King's hands then to remain in Sevagees. And wherein wee thought fitt to take the opinion of Captain 'Goldsborough and Captain Daniell likewise as to whatt you have soe often pressed us, to attempt the burning of his fleet and makeing an incursion upon his countrey, who joyned with us in their judgments in these particulars; soe that if you see there is noe good to be done with Sevagee, then you may leave the Sidey and him to dispute for it, by some plausible designe of not

prosecuteing our designe further, which wee think may best offer itselfe, from the Sideys attempting within the limmitts of the Bay to burne and destroy that part of Sevagees countrey which hitherto hath and ought to be protected by us.

The advice you give us of Sevagees and his Pishways being rout'd by this King's armys in two severall encounters is here quite contrary reported, and which wee have more reason to credditt from his ravageing this countrey, haveing lately burnt and sacked Chupra and Dungom, and is said to be gon with a designe to surprise Brampore, which hath put such a damp on alltrade and struck such a consternation on the spirits of these people as is hardly credible, all the wavs being stop'd and divers Chapalas [?caffila] robbed, amongst which the Companys from Amadavad; and here wee are in hourly feare of an alarum from him, it being certainly advised to private persons in Suratt that he intends suddenly to fall upon this citty, which would be a thing rather to be wondred at then belived, did wee not see whatt he hath done and still doth in one place or another. By all which wee think we may vie with you for trouble and perplexity, all the Companys treasure being still in the house, besides divers other goods to a considerable value, and know not how safely to secure it and defend our persons.

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RICHARD KEIGWIN { Dated Hendry
Kendry, 13 Dec. 1679

(EXTRACT)

The Siddy sent me word he did not like his groads riding of [f] Nagoun River's mouth. Wee may certainly have intelligence by our boates as quick as by the Hunter, but by the news I sent you yesterday wee beleive they intend not to come out yet awhile, but to sayle to the Northward; wee suppose they never purpose it, but if you suspect it, wee with the Siddy can block them up in the River, and likewise prevent releife to this Island; which wee leave to your consideration, nor will not mention any such thing to the Siddy untill wee shall heare from you further. Wee took a cannoe that had some henns in her and pretended they were sent the Siddy from Carinjah, but found them in severall lyes. I sent them on board the Siddy, who beleives them likewise to be regues, but could find noe letters about them.

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...About two a'clock yesterday Captain Keigwin did send a noate on board me, which did specify the Siddy did desire our manchuas might goe downe to Nagoun River's mouth along with his vessells, being Sevagee had aboute 16 galvetts at the Rivers mouth going out. Wee sent our manchuas, but before wee and the siddy got halfe way to Nagoun, Sevagees galvetts did return into Nagoun river againe. Seeing that, our manchuas and Siddys vessells did returne to Hendry Kendry againe.

Here has been severall great gunns fired from the Island Hendry Kendry and Siddy yesterday and this morning, but to as much purpose as formerly. At Hendry Kendry there is about 200 men at worke in the bay upon the wall that goes crosse the bay.

(463) F. R. Bombay Vol. 19, (2d set) STEPHEN ADERTON &c. TO BOMBAY December 1679

- [p. 2] 19 December. Here has nothing happen'd of moment since our last to you. Severall guns has been fir'd from the lise [? island] and sidey, but to noe purpose. Our enemys walls at Hendry Kendry are a great hight, and they doe work very very hard on them.
- [p 4] 21 December. This affternoone did arrive the Tanck boat but noe letters. Wee being amplar ready to give you account what happens here. This morning the Sideys three mast vessells and 5 galvetts did come from Negoan to Hendry Kendry and anchor'd in their former births; the enemy [fired] from Hendry Kendry but to noe purpose.
- [p. 5] 22 December 1679. Wee have nothing to acquaint you with at present, only the Sidey and Island Hendry Kendry doth fire at each other as formerly and to the same effect.
- ["] 23 December 1679. There has severall guns been fired from the Sidey and Hendry Kendry since our last to you, but all togather as formerly.

["]24 December 1679. Since our last to you here has been severall guns fired by the Sidey and the enemy from the Isle Hendry Kendry.

[pp. 6-7] 27 December 1679. Here has nothing offer'd since our last to you but fireing by Sidey and Hendry Kendry alltogather as formerly.

28 December 1679. We have nothing of moment to aquaint you with between us and Sidey and our enemy.

30 December 1679. Here has been a great many guns fir'd by Sidey and Hendry Kendry but to the same effect on both sides as heretofore.

30 December 1679. Being severall guns fir'd from the Island this day an accidentall shott killed a coolie stone dead and broake the yard in sunder in the middle belonging to the shybar Meaddows commands; the yards of noe use.

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F. R. Surat Vol. 4, p. 107 CONSULTATION IN SURAT Dated 20 Dec. (EXTRACT)

Notwithstanding were are under great jealouse's of Sevagees making his inroads towards this Citty, yet the sheroffs.... have now sent unto us for 50000 [pagodas] to be imediately delivered.... wee have concluded to condescend thereunto and alsoe doe order that the heigh be sent for up from Swally, and that the Europe Commanders be desired to spare us six of their men to come up in her for the greater security of the Honble Company's estate here.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, (unpaged) BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 22 Dec. 1679 (EXTRACT)

Wee are with yours of the 4th present. Wee have so often and largely discoursed the business of Hendry Kendry that wee account it needless to trouble you any further with our opinion thereof, but shall duely observe your orders in our proceeding to make an honourable, advantageous, and as speedy a peace as wee can with Sevajee, for Hendry Kendry holds out to admiration, and now in few days the northerly mensoon will blow hard that our small vessells will not ride abroad with security, soe

that our large expences on that affaire is like to be to little purpose. Wee could heartily wish you had been pleased to have given us leave at least to have done our utmost against Hendry Kendry; but in all things wee humbly submitt your better judgement.

Wee have all along kept on foot a Treaty by letters with Sevajee and his ministers. Twoe days agoe wee received a letter from him, and another from the Soobedarr of Chaul, who is impowered to treate with us. Yesterday wee answered the Soobedarrs letter and sent a man of ours with his, for the more speedy dispatch, for the great charge wee are at makes us quite sick. Wee have desired the Soobedarr to send a fitt person to treat with us, and if cannot doe soe well as wee would, wee will certainly doe soe well as wee can; but wee justly feare Hendry Kendry will continue Sevajees, the ill consequence whereof wee have largely discoursed in our former letters.....

Wee have people at every passage to the Island that examines all comers and goers.....

Wee shall observe your orders concerning the prisoners in Sevalees country.

Wee are sorry to find soe little likelihood of the reduceing tiendry Kendry as we once hoped, and could heartily wish some good end was put to that dispute, that the extraordinary charge may ceaze and you be the more free to proceed in the reducement of such things as the Honble. Company hath appointed.

News here is altogeather uncertaine, but the truest is that Sevagee hath made peace with the Decans, and whether he is gon with his whole army 'tis not certainly knowne. Some few days Dillell Caun, Serja Caun, and Sombajee Rajah robbed Hattane, after which burnt it downe......Sombajee Rajah is come to Collapore with 300 horse and 1000 foote, with what intention it is not knowne, but supposed to be called by his father.....

At closeing up these came news of Sombajes Rajah being gone into Pornollah Castle with 200 horse and 500 foot: this is certaine-

The above written is coppie of our last, since when nothing hath offered worthy of your honours knowledge, more than that Sevages Rajah is returned, but with noe small losse, reported to be above 5000 horse, commanded by one Hummedbough, who himselfs was very much wounded. The Rajah is now bound up to Pornolla, whether Dillell Caun is now certainly bent, having 20000 horse come to his assistance, sent by the Mogull. The Rajah fortifies Pornollah very strong, haveing weakned many of his Cundan [? Concan] Fortes by taking away their guns, as alsoe hath bought 40 more of the French, which they carry away dayly from hence. Wee hope in few days to see an end of this troublesome warr.

Para 8. The business of Hendry Kendry hath cost the Company much mony. They endeavour to put an end to it, but as yet without success.

Wee are with yours of the 13th instant; it hath layer some time by us in hopes to have sent you by this, your returned express, some acceptable news of our proceedings in that unhappy business of Hendry Kendry, but to our sorrows wee have not as yet that success wee could wish. Wee take due notice of your orders in that particuler, and shall be truely carefull to act accordingly; wee have all along kept on a Treaty with Sevagee; it is now come to this. Three days agoe wee received a letter from him; it runs much after the same rate his former did He acknowledges the two wee wrote him, but takes noe notice of your Honours. It was furthered to us by the Soobedarr of Chaul, with a letter from him selfe by our own servant, wee [? who] in our last advised wee sent to him, togeather with two of Sevajees

and two of his servants. His letters expresseth much desire for peace, with large promises on his part to use his utmost that wee might have all reasonable satisfaction in what wee may demand, that he had ready a person to send to us, by his masters order, to treate with us and know on what tearmes wee would be friends, but dare not adventure him because of the Syddys Galvetts that pass to and thro [sic] continually in the Bay; therefore would remain at Battee, whether he desired wee would send a boate to secure said person to us. Wee therefore consulted on it and the other day dispeeded our Balloone thither, with one Ram Sinav and a file of Musqueteers, which wee looke may returne to us hourely; what success wee shall meete withall, wee shall in another advise; it will certainly not be such as wee gould wish. but hope it may be to your contents, to effect which our utmost endeavours will not be wanting. The Syddy will be much concerned at us, but whatever falls out, it shall be our greatest care and study to have noe falling out with him, it soe mightily concerning the Honble. Companys Interest; but for Hendry Kendry wee feare it will continue Sevajees, for it holds out to admiration, and now in few days the Northerly Monsoone will be see fresh here, as noe rideing at Hendry Kendry for small vessells.

Your Honours news of Sevajee wee have here for truth, and that we wrote you of him and his Pishwah is likewise confirmed, see that he hath lost and gained. Diffell Caun, with Serga Caun and Sombajee Rajah, hath robbed Hattene, after which burnt it to the ground, and tooke aboundance of prisoners, about which the two latter were dissatisfyed, being for releasing the prisoners, but Dillell Caun would not hear to it, see they both left him and went to Vizapore, and since Sombajee Rajah is come to Pernolla, into which castle he was received with 300 horse and 1000 foote, and the Rajah is gon thither to meete his son: this is the news in these parts.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. 3 CAPTAIN WM. MINCHIN Dated 2, 5 and 7 19, pp. 8, 9, 10 (2d set) &C. TO BOMBAY January 1680

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2 January. Wee have not at present more to acquaint your Worships of, only this two days the no[r]therly wind blowing somewhat fresh that our small craft are not able to ride it out, but are forc'd to goe and lye under the Island Hendry, and

Seavagees people have brought severall great guns to Tull and this day have fir'd severall times at them.

- 5 January. Yesterday severall guns passed from the Sidey to the Island and they likewise to them againe, and this morning the Island fired severall guns at the Sidey.
- 7 January. Here is severall guns fired from the Island to Sidey and they at them agains.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. CONSULTATION AT Substitution AT BOMBAY 1679/80

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According to the President and Councells orders, the Deputy Governour &ca. have been for some time on a Treaty of Peace with Sevagee and his Ministers, but till now could never receive from them sattisfation sufficient to proceed therein and conclude a pease. And now, they having offered to the S[?D]eputy Governour &ca. to make such demands and proposalls as they shall thinks reasonable and just and send them by a messenger of our owne, and they will take them into consideration and put a small period to the treaty that hath been soe long depending, which proposition of the said Ministers being seriously considered of, and also the great charge the Honoble. [Company] are att in keeping out a fleete

It was unanimously agreed on that proposalls should be drawne out, and that Ramasinay being an able and sober man, quallified to discourse with the Subedarr in our business, should be ordered to gett in a readiness to carry them. The proposalls made by the Deputy Governour &ca, are as followeth.

Proposalis made by the Worshipfull John Child Deputy Governour of the Island of Bombay and his Councill unto Sevagee Rajahs Ministers to be confirmed by the said Rajah for the concluding a peace between the English Nation and him.

1st. Wee demand the money belonging to the Honoble. Company in your countryes, as also to other our inhabitants, which money you are to sattisfy them immediately.

2dly. Without any consideration your people did quarrell and tooks from us one new groad, one shibarr, the groads boat

with the English men and others that were therein, as also the armes and other things, Vizt. gunns, balls, powder, shott, musketts, anchors, sailes, swords and many other particulars, all which you are to returne to us againe.

3dly. That all vessells that come from any place to this Port of Bombay, or from hence, shall goe to any other Port, if they give notice that they belong to Bombay; you shall not stop or hinder them and in case of any storme whereby any vessell (that goes from Bombay or comes hither) shall breake either mast or helme, you shall not take the said vessell nor goods, but otherwise you shall send the said vessell and goods into our Port of Bombay.

4thly. Without our knowledge you landed your men on the hill in our Port and brought thither your fleete, which when wee heard (not knowing what your fleete was intended for), we therefore sent out our fleete to know your designe; whereupon your men without taking any notice thereof, did unreasonably fight; wherefore wee were forced to keepe our great fleete there till this day; and the charge that wee have been att in the said fleete you are to pay us.

5thly. The factors that wee have in your countrys shall remaine there in trading during our pleasure and noe restraint laid on them whatever, but shall be free to come, stay and goe without any hindrance being given them; and if it shall be thought fitt at any time to call for our English men away from any place or places in the Rajahs dominions, as our conveniencies or occasions may require, they shall not be hindred in goeing of[f] the shore, and be free to make choice of one, two or more of the country or other servants to take charge of our factory house and what may be left in it, and the said servant or servants see left shall freely enjoy the possession of the house or houses. &ca. without any disturbance and nothing meddled with that may be left in the house or houses, and when any factor or factors shall be returned to the same place or places, they shall freely trade without any hinderance whatsoever and none of their servants, of what nature soever, be in the least manner imposed upon.

6thly. As formerly there was a Treaty made in writing between us and you, soe likewise it shall be now observed and shall not differ in the least if you sweare upon Mahadeu; therefore accordingly You are to make a new writing sealed and signed by Sevagee Rajah for himselfe and his successore and then wee and our successors will observe the same.

These proposalls being exactly translated into the Morrattee language, were sent by Ramasinay (as enordered) to Annagee Punditt and the Subedarr of Chaul. [These proposals are reproduced in F. R. Surat, Vol. 108 p. 48]

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. CAPTAIN S. ADERTON Dated 11 & 13
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TO BOMBAY
Dated 11 & 13
January 1679/80

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Hendry Kendry has stak'd out a worke, just by the batty on top of the hill, and have raised it about 6 or 8 foots above ground; it is worked with chynam.

The day that the Sidey went on shoar at Hundry he planted a great gun on Hundry against Tull, which has been fired on them severall tim[e]s, but we understand not of any execution it hath done to Tull people.

Here has been a great many guns fir'd from the Isla[nd] and Sidey since our last to you touching fireing, but not more damage done to our knowledge than you have account of here.

The tanck boate did arrive yesterday with wood and water and a yard for the shybar and was forc'd to goe and lye under Hendry, along with our small crafft, the weather being soe bad they could not well ride it out.

13 January. This morning we found the want of coolys for our small crafft, for about one a clock this morning Sevagees armado was gott up from Negoan to Hundry, thinking to surprize the Sidey on Hundry, he being there on shoar. There was a great many guns fired on both sides. What damage done to the enemy we can't tell; but there is none done to the Sidey. All our fleet weigh'd on the allarum. The shipps stood into 3 and 2½ fathome water. Our small crafft made to the Isia [of] Hundry, but noe sooner gott to the goeing in but they mett with one of the Sidey's galvetts, which tould them the enemys fleet was gon they did not know whyther. But before we had news of it we saw Sevagees fleet make towards Negoan. They haveing soe much the start of us and being in soe shoal [=shallow]water, it was in vaine to follow them.

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F. R. Fort St. George, Vol. 28 p. 34

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM OUR BRAMINY VIRA RAGAVAYA FROM GULCONDAH TO THE WORSHIPFULL JOSEPH HYMNERS Esqr. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE

Dated 14 January 1679/80

(EXTRACT)

The Mogulls Generall Dillill Cawne having beseiged Vizapore by which reason the said Fort being hard put to it, Sevagee Raja and Siddy Massood wrote to the King of Gulcondah to assist them with some horse and men, who accordingly having made ready the horse and men to send them, together with the Sarlaskar, some great Captains of horse and the Carnutt people; and in the interim the Mogulls Higib that is here told his Highness that if he should offer to send any horse or men to assist Vizapore, he would get the Mogulls army that beseiged Vizapore to come against Gulcondah, by which reason his Highness forbare sending any assistance, having only sent some money privately to Sevagee Rajah and wrote him to entertain some horse and men there, and that he should assist Vizapore people, and said Sevagee having accordingly assisted them, they are in somewhat better condition.

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Vol. 19, p. 12

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CAPTAIN S. ADAMS &c. To

CAPTAIN

Last night the Siddy sent on board me. After his messenger had passed the customary complements. I found by his discourse that the Sidey had thought that Sevagees armado would vizitt him again at Hendry, desireing we would be very ready to send our small crafft into Hundry, if the enemy should approach in the night. I gave him the answer: "Lett our enemys appeare by night or day, none should be readier to destroy them then we, for here wee was for that purpose."

The Sidey continues ashoar at Hundry still, and is at work very hard on those works we wrote to you about here to fore.

Heres fireing dayly by the Isle Hendry Kendry and Sidey to the same effect as formerly. (475)

F. R. Bombay, Vol. 19, pp. 13, 14, TO BOMBAY

CAPTAIN S. ADERTON &c. | Dated Hendry Kendry, 15, 19, 21, 24 & 27 Jan. 1679/80

(EXTRACT)

15 January 1679/80. Wee have nothing of moment to give you account of. Here has been a great many gunns fired by the Island Hendry Kendry and by the Siddy. The Sides boates goes forward apace on Hendry.

19 January 1679/80. Yesterday morning about 7 a clock Sevagees fleet did show themselves of [f] Negoan rivers mouth. We and Sidey sent over small crafts towards them, but before they gott a quarter of the way, our enemys Armado made all the saile they could into Negoan river agains.

About 12 a clock last night we had sight of 2 galvetts. Wee hailed them and they answer'd oupna [Apanā=your own], but wee were not of the opinion they did belong to the fleet, by reason our small craff[t]s and Sideys were at their births. Besides, wee have an order among us, after the watch gun is fired, none of our boates or vessells stirr without a speciall occasion. We fir[e]d severall guns, but it was to little purpose, for they flew like lightening. It is supposed by all they was bound for the Isle Hendry Kendry, but being discri'd, turn'd tale and fled, for this morning those vessells that was in the Bay before are there still.

21 January 1679/80. Yesterday about 4 a clock evening the Sideys ketch went between Hundry and Tull and there rides as a gard vessell to Hundry. The Sidey continues at Hundry still and fortifies apace.

24 January 1679/80. Heres but little fireing from the Isle Hundry Kundry and Sidey here of late, but severall guns fired from Hundry and Tull. The Tull people at the point of the Palmers over against Hundry has made a little worke up and there their guns are planted against [the] enemy, but we understood not of any execution done on either side.

27 January 1679/80. Yesterday just at morning star riseing, Sevagees fleet did arrive at Hundry and did endeavour to take the Isle Hundry. But the Sidey behaved himselfe very well

for the Sevagee had all the force he could well make. He had above 30 groabs and galvetts. There was a great number of gunns fired on both sides and we belifely a great deale of damage done to Daulett Cawn's Armado, for the next tide of flood we saw aboundance of pieces of vessells drive by us and 8 dead men. The Sidee had 3 men kild and 7 wounded. Wee used our utmost to send our small crafft into Hundry, but the wind being right in our teeth and tide ebb, they could not stirr.

Just at dawn of day Dawlett Cawn's fleet made for Nagoan. We and Sidey weigh'd, thinking we might have had a brich [?breach] with our enemy, but it proved but little wind, and that wind there was at East by South and afterwards South East which was as contrary a wind as could blow.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. Consultation at Dated 16 January 2, pp. 3-8 BOMBAY Dated 16 January 1679/80

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Ramsinar being returned and with him a messenger of the Rajahs, who hath brought with him Articles signed and sealed by the Rajahs Ministers Annagee Punditt and the Subedarr of Chaule with an engagement by letter that the said Articles shall be confirmed under the Rajahs seale and have also made some other proposalls that they desire may be inserted in ours, which proposalls being well considered of and all circumstances thereof seriously debated, it was concluded reasonable that they should be replied too and included in our Articles. And the said Ministers reply and proposalls, with the Daputy Governour and Councills answer thereto, are as followeth:

ANNAGEE PUNDITTS REPLY TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOUR AND COUNCILLS PROPOSALLS WITH PROMISE BY

LETTER TO SEE ALL CONFIRMED UNDER THE

RAJAHS HAND AND SEALE.

1st. That what is due by Sevagee to the Honble. Company and also what is due by our inhabitants to the merchants of your country wee shall imediately order to be paid.

2dly. You write that our men without our licence did fight with yours, in which engagement your Englishmen and others, as likewise vessells with their appurtenances came into our cus-

tody, all which you demand from us. To which I answer that you ought to keepe friendshipp with Sevagee Rajah and that hereafter there be no difference between us, and as to the men, vessells and all elec that is in our custody, I have given orders that they bee delivered to you.

- 3dly. You write that the factors that are in our countrys shall continue during your pleasure and that when you please to send for the English men that are there, you will keepe servants, natives of the country, to looke after and take charge of your house and goods as shall be left by you or any of your factors in any factoryes in our dominions, and that when the factors shall returns they shall freely continue in tradeing without any hindrance to them or their servants. To which I answere that they may freely goe, come and stay as you shall thinke convenient.
- 4thly. You write that all vessells that shall be bound from Bombay to any other port or from other ports to the port of Bombay shall have noe hindrance from us and that in case of any stormes whereby any vessell may break her mast or helme, that wee shall not take the said vessell nor goods therein. To which I answere that they may freely goe and come without any hindrance or prejudice from us in the least, and as alwaies they did freely pass, soe they shall have free passage for the future.
- 5thly. You write that according to the Treatey formerly made betweene us upon eath, wee should observe the same for the future. To which I answere that according as it was allwayes observed, in the said manner wee will still observe it and that wee shall not bee wanting in performing the same on our side, neither ought you to faile therin on your part.
- 6 thly. That according to the above written Article you may be sure wee will observe the same for the future; therefore you may draw your fleete from Cundry-Siddy Cossum by your force came to Hundry and hath landed on the same, to whom you may speake in a faire way and command him to leave the said Hundry.

And as to the factors that are in our country wee shall give intire complyance to all the above written, but you ought not to give any aid or assistance to our enemys, but otherwise to continue in our friendshipp, and if on your side you breake the same lay not the blame on us afterwards,

SOOEBDARR OF CHAULS REPLY TO THE WORSHIPFULL.
JOHN CHILD, DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF BOMBAY,
AND COUNCILLS PROPOSALLS WITH PROMISE
TO SEE THEM CONFIRMED BY SEVAGEE
RAJAH, HIS MASTER.

[The same as above with the following addition only.] According to the above mentioned five Articles I doe accept and will have them confirmed by Sevagee Rajah upon oath.

ANNAGEE PUNDITT AND THE SOOBEDARR OF CHAULS PROPOSALLS TO THE DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF BOMBAY AND HIS COUNCELL IN BEHALFE OF THEIR MASTER SEVAGEE RAJAH.

1st. The Siddys fleete which came with your assistance, you must command them to withdraw together with your owne fleete,

2dly. In case that you cannot make them withdraw, they pretending to bee servants of the Mogulls, then you may doe one thing, which is not to give them any succor nor allow them any amunition nor boates. And that wee may have notice thereof while the fleete continues at Cundry, wee will keepe in Bombay a person of quality and tenn men to accompany him to know whither or noe you give them any succor-

3dly. All persons whatsoever that shall absent themselves from our country to your dominions for debts, you shall deliver them to us. But if you say that it is not your custome to deliver them, all debts due by them or other things laid to their charge shall be taken by your Ministers of Justice.

4thly. None of our enemies should be suffered to enter into the rivers of Negotam or Penn, it being soe agreed betweene us in the first Treaty, but now through the difference between us the Siddy came thither and tooke severall prisoners, which you must see delivered and that for the future by noe meanes you suffer them to enter in the said rivers, which you must performe.

5thly. That the inhabitants of the Rajahs dominions shall freely come and goe to your dominions to trade and buy merchandize, whome you shall not suffer to bee abused.

6thly. Daud Caun who assisted in Bombay in the Siddys service did come into our country and did us very much damage. Therefore you must turne him off the Island.

'According to the above mentioned Articles, you may send them confirmed.

THE DEPUTY GOVERNOUR AND COUNCELLS REPLY TO Annagee Punditt and the Soobedare of CHAULS PROPOSALLS sent them sealed the 18th January 1679/80.

1st. You write that in case wee could not make the Siddys fleete withdraw, they pretending to bee servants of the Mogulls, wee should not give them any succor nor allow them any amunition nor boates and that while the Siddys fleete continues at Cundry wee must allow you to keepe a person of quallity and tenn men more on the Island Bombay to give you notice thereof. To which I answere that as to the amunition (to witt) gunns. shott and powder, they shall not have any from us, but water and provission if they will have it. I shall not hinder them, for as there is noe hindrance for you, soe, there shall be none for him. and as wee have friendshipp with you and have our factorys in your country, soe wee have the same friendshipp with the Mogull and have our factorys in his dominions, for which reason there. can be noe hindrance of water and provissions; and as for the rest that you desire, as aforesaid I accept of.

2dly. You write that if any inhabitants of your country should absent themselves, that it is not our custome to deliver him or them, and that wee should take notice of their debts or any thing else laid to their charge. To which I answere that when any of your inhabitants shall absent themselves to this Island you must acquaint mee of them, and then wee shall take . notice of them in our Court of Judicature, and according as their cases require, justice shall be done you. And if any one be see poore that hee be not able to pay, he shall lye in prison untill he give sattisfaction.

3dly. You write that no enemys shall enter into the rivers of Negotan and Penn and that it is see agreed between us in the first Treaty made, and that now through the difference between us wee should not suffer the Siddy to enter there. To which I answere that it is very well and that wee will not be wanting in doeing our endeavour to hinder the same in what possible wee can.

4thly. You write that the inhabitants of the Rajahs country that shall come to our Island to trade, that I shall not suffer them to be abused. To which I answere that it shall be (as it was ever) our care that [they] be not wronged in any manuer.

5thly. You write that Daud Caun did assist on this Island in the Siddys service and that he had done a great deale of mischeife and injury to your country; therefore you would have mee turne him of the Island. To which I answere that any one that assista in this Road and shall presume to doe any injury to your country, he or they soe offending shall bee severly punished and turned out...

According to these Articles I send them unto you.

The proposalls sent by Annagee Punditt and the Soobedars being debated on and seriously weighed, it was conclueded that they should bee answered too as in the foregoeing Articles and that they should bee fairely transcribed in the Morate Language and confirmed as usuall, which being finished and the Deputy Governour having discoursed very amply with the messenger that came from the Rajahs Ministers for the better understanding of our Treaty and better confirmation of our friendshipp, he with a messenger of our owne was dispatcht with the said Articles to be delivered on our part to Annagee Punditt and to make demand of our prisoners and vessell that was taken by their Armado in the engagement that our fleete had with the Rajahs off the Island Hundry Cundry and to returne againe with their answere soe soone as possible that wee may now order our fleete to come in and ease the great charge the Honble. Company is att in keeping it out. [These articles on the Rajas part were signed and sealed by Annajee Punditt and the Soobedarr of Chaul; see F. R. Surat. Vol. 108, (unpaged)]

O. Correspondence Vol. 40, No. 4691 fols. 9,12, 16, 22, 29 SURAT TO THE COMPANY (EXTRACT)

COMPANY Dated 24 January 1679/80

As to your factorys of Rajapore and Carwarr, wee have already advised you our endeavours to withdraw your servants from Rajapore the last monzoone, but was hindred by that Governours not permitting them to leave the shore, and this yeare the unhappy business of Hendry Kendry hath prevented us, soe that until wee can come to some good agreement with Sevagee in that business, there is noe getting them from thence.

✓ Wee are glad to read all your other peece goods prove soe well in their kinde and to your likeing, except as to their dearness, which wee shall not be wanting on our parts to prevent for the future, by endeavouring to gett them as cheape as the present bazars will afford them, with submission to the unhappy troubles

of these countrys, which makes all things much worse then otherwise they would be, and soe insecure that wee are under a constant feare what greater ill the next day may produce being soe continually allarumd with Sevagee and besett with dangers on the one hand or the other, that it much takes us off from serving you as otherwise wee might doe,

The 532 barrells of gunn powder you note to be remaining at Bombay, of which 300 you would have sold and its produce remitted to Surat, wee dare not now doe, not knowing to what necessity wee may be forced for the defence of your Island against Sevagee; therefore untill wee see what this business of Hendry Kendry will come too wee are necessitated not only to suspend your orders in this, but in divers other perticulars, for the better securing your affaires there, which wee hope will meet with a good approbation from you.

.......and had not Sevagee soe early in the monzoone made his incursions into this King's dominions, about Orangabaud and Brampore, in which bold attempt he hath sacked and burnt Chupra and Dungom, with divers other places under the very eye of this King's sonns, resideing in Orangabaud with an army for the security and protection of those parts, wee should not only have been able to dispatched your shipps soon (the ways by these distractions being stopped, and your Caphalas running great hazzard, as you may please to read in a letter sent us by your factors in Dungom), but likewise cleared your warehouses of the greatest part of your remaining goods, and proceeded in a much more forwardness to have brought you quite out of the usu[r]ers bookes.

Wee have deferred till now to take further notice of the business of Hendry Kendry in hopes wee might have received advice, before your shipp's dispatch, of some good composure of those unhappy troubles, for finding it a mistake which was first advised us, that the want of fresh water upon the Island would have necessitated Sevagees men to have surrendered it in a few days, wee considered not only the great charge, but the incertainty of success, and therefore gave your now Deputy Governour and Councill orders, upon the President's receipt of a friendly letter from Sevagee upon the first business, wherein Throps and others miscarry'd, to take all opportunitys of a faire agreement with him, since he is resolved not to be withdrawne from his

designe of fortifying that place, but by force, which wee are soe unable to doe for want of men and other fitt materialls requisite theretoc; that untill wee can receive such, with your orders how further to direct us therein, wee have thought it prudence to palliate things with him untill then, and which wee are now in hourely expectation to heare some result of; soe that if you shall find your Island of Bombay may be soe considerable to you as to deserve the removall of soe ill and nere a neighbour, and who, by the scituation of the place, just in the mouth of your port, will wholly disturbe and discourage all trade to your Island (if not a prologue to its sudden loss, at Captain Goldsborough and the other two Commanders can well enforme you), you must send us out shipps and men, with a fitt person to mannage in person such a designe, otherwise little will come of it.

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(D) O. Correspond- FROM SURAT TO EAST Dated 24 January ence 4691 INDIA COMPANY 1679/80

(EXTRACT)

- 14. The number of souldiers kept at Surat have bin much lessened a considerable time being reduced to 10 and now upon the troubles of Sevagee at Hendry Kendry have bin likewise forced to part with them, though could not well securely be without them for what you are pleased to propose, to have them only in time of danger, or when Sevagee's army is neere it cannot be, being soe constantly allarmed therewith, as to be under great necessity of standing always upon our guard, for where he attempts there is but little space betwixt his notice and appearance and to send for souldiers from Bombay will take up little less than 20 days time in less than half which he hath done his busines; and gone.
- 29. Wee take good notice of the method of your endeavours to precure a faire and amicable understanding with the Portuguese for a free passage by Tannah and Caranjah, but if we may be so bold, wee dare assure your Honrs, that way of proceeding with these proud insolent people, will produce but little effects, therefore I you shall think your Island Bombay may deserve another manner of ascerting its Trade and Privilidges with its neighbours the speedier you put it into execution the better.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. CONSULTATION AT BOMBAY Dated 27 Jan. 2, pp. 9-10 (EXTRACT)

Ramsinay being returned with Annagee Punditts and the Scobedars answere to the Articles that were sent them by him. with which and such other particulars as they were by letters from the Deputy Governour and verbally made acquainted withall by Ramsinav being well sattisfied, have sent us their promise that as soone as possible our prisoners should be restored to us and have given us an order for one hundred candy of beetlenutt to be made good to us at Chaul for our demands on them for the group, &ca, that was taken by them on condition that wee would withdraw our fleete from Undry Cundry. The long treaty that wee have had with them, being brought to see fairs a period, the President and Councells orders relating thereto being taken into serious consideration and thoroughly weighed in all the circumstances thereof, and beeing too sensible of the extraordinary charge that the Honble. Company are att in keeping out a fleete that is not soe offencive to our enemy as to bring them to better termes then wee have already done, and finding the President and Councill in all their letters order us to conclude a peace on the best termes wee could bring them too; all these particulars being tharoughly discussed, it was unanimously concluded and agreed to order the fleete to come in, and that an order be sent accordingly tomorrow to Captain Aderton, &ca. requireing them on their receipt therof immidiately to put themselves in a sailing posture and to weigh from Undry Cundry and come in directly up to the Fort.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. RAJAPORE TO SURAT { Dated 28 January 108, Fol. 52 (EXTRACT)

On the 15th instant Everage desired leave to goe to Carrapatan, having there some business as pretended, at which place continued 2 days, the 3rd day tooke his horse and went to Vingurlah, not meeting with his expectations there went from thence to Goa, where he was the 22th instant and had hired a small vessell, to transport him to Bombay, what his intentions are God knows, since when the Soobedarr sent to us for the key of our warehouse as alsoe that were would returne him the beetlenuit

which wee received on account Bucksis the which wee refused to doe and sent him word that for the which getting in, wee had been at noe small charge. Not withstanding, if his resolutions were soe bent as to take them, they were still in warehouse, he might doe what he pleased. After which [he] desired onely to take an account of them, which wee let them doe and when done, he sealed up the door with the Rajahs seale. All this was occasioned through Everagees going away, and what elce may befall us God knows. He hath done very well in going away, which if had not, believe it would not have been long ere he had been stoned in the streets by the Bannians, for the merchants all cry out shame of him, not one of them will hardly come where he is or hath anything to Your honour &c. may please to see a little of his roguery when strived to take our lives, which he did when betrayed us to the Hoveldar &c. informing him of our being ready to goe away the following night, which wee had certainly donne, had wee not been advised by one of the ffrenched [? French] peons, of the Hoveldarrs having sent souldiers downe the river to watch for us, which if wee had gone, question whether any of us had ever come back alive, this he did to us, therefore your honour etc. may please to judge his honesty.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 31 January 108, (unpaged)

(EXTRACT)

The dayly expectation and great hopes were have had for upward of a month of putting an end to the unhappy difference with Sevajee...was the cause were have been so long silent, but now that...wee have in some measure had success in the Treaty with Sevajee shall give an answer to your severalls with us...and advise of all things worthy your knowledge that hath happened here since our last to this day.

Wee could heartily wish Hendry Kendry business had never been; the latter [=Kendry] is that Sevajees people are gone on, and holds out to admiration of all. A full account of it wee have sent you in formers. The former [=Hendry] is a small rock of about a mile about, between Kendry and the maine, where the Syddy hath placed himselfe with about 3000 men and 10 great gunns, at which Sevajees people are much concerned. Dowlett Caun hath assaulted him twice in two severall nights, in hopes to surprize it, but the Syddys watchfulness and good intelligence from Choul hath frustrated his design. On the 26th instant before day was a hott

dispute between them. Dowlett Caun came out with all vessells. assaulting Hendry in three places, and had 3000 men to land, but the Syddy beate him off with the losse of four men and seaven wounded; but the news from Chaul is that Dowlett Caun hath received great damage, had killed out right 200 men. and about 100 more wounded, and hath lost severall vessells. Gunns are continually exchanged between them. Sevajees people have brought a gunn to H[?T]ull that reacheth to Hendry, but hath not done the Syddy noe great harme, and the Syddy hath gunns that reacheth to the maine which hath killed severall. What the end of this will be time must produce, but certainly portends noe good to Bombay, and a more than ordinary care and watchfullness is required here now, for there is noe trust to be given to any conditions, although nere ?? never soe firmly made, with either Sevajee or Syddy. The potency of the former you well know. and the latter hath 2 great ships, 53 mast frigotts, one ketch and 26 galvetts, in them about 700 men, and on our Island is a great quantity of Moore inhabitants that against him are not to be trusted, therefore humbly begg your advice and orders how to manage affaires. The Syddy and Sevajees people are both much concerned at us, the latter that wee have killed him soe many men and hindred his fortfying Kendry, wich if wee had not meddled. might have been made secure from the attempt of any enemy long before this; the former that wee have drawne away our fleete and left him alone, and cannot comply with many of his unreasonable requests, without heaving our selves into an open breach with Sevajee, which is that which wee see he strives at. He ly[e]s at us for gunpowder, shott, lead, gunns, gunners, 50 in 60 men with small armes, a morter peece and shotts fixed with men to play them, and 20,000 rupees. But wee put him off with arguments and good words and lett him have nothing till the 26th instant, when considering all things, after mature debate, found wee could not avoide stopping his mouth with the lending him 4000 Xs. for which wee have his acknowledgment and enclosed send his bill to Surat for 5000 rupees, with a letter to the Governour, which summe rlease to demand ...

Wee are now to give you an account of the Treaty with Sevajees Ministers. Many letters and messengers hath passed between us. Our utmost endeavours have not been wanting by all ways and meanes whatever to put a speedy good end to it. But notwithstanding all, it was the 28th present before wee could with any handsomeness call in our fleete, which came

here to an anchor yesterday. Wee have thoughts on Monday [2 Feb. 1680] to discharge all our Coolys and Lascarrs in the small vessells, but for the musqueteers, uninke to keepe them in pay till muster day, which will be the 26th next month, and by that time wee shall have your answer to these, be settled somewhat here and better know how to govern our selves, and the charge will not be much.

Our proposalls to the Rajah is enclosed. What of them Annajee Punditt hath agreed unto and promised us to gett confirmed by the Rajah is likewise now sent, togeather with Annajees Proposalls to us and what of them wee have agreed unto, all which wee heartily wish may prove to your contents. Our last demand [see 4th article p. 280 supra] you will see noe answer given unto, but Annajee Punditt in his letter tooke notice of it and hath promised to use his utmost endeavours with the Rajah on our behalves. Wee have stood up to the utmost soe farr as with prudence wee could in respect to your orders &ca.

Our Balloone is at Batty [Bhatty, Chaul], from whence wee hope she will come tomorrow or next day with our people. For the Shybarr and Groab with what rated in them that was taken, the account thereof is enclosed, which they have agreed to satisfy us for.

[Here follows Abstract of Ammunition, stores, &c. belonging to the *Dove* Grab and Shybarr Lyon.]

Our last was dated the ultimo [31 Jan.] passed month...The same day was a hott dispute between Sevajee Rajahs fleete and the Syddys. The engagement lasted about 4 houres in which the Syddy tooke 4 groabs 2 shybarrs and 2 galvetts of the Rajahs, killed, as is reported, about 500 men and tooke 160 prisoners, with the loss onely of 8 men killed out right and 20 men wounded. Yesterday the Syddy sent in hither 3 of the groads he had taken of the Rajahs, towed in by three of his galvetts, which wee thought did become us to take some notice of. Wee therefore sent for his noquedah and discoursed with him about the unreasonableness of this action, especially at present because of our business with Sevajee. He at first was high and warranted the action, but after further discourse and perswasions, being all the weapons of warr

wee must make use of, he was brought into a seeming better humour and promised they should not stay, but would send them away back to the Syddy, however, to our trouble, they are removed but just below our Sandy Bay, where they as yet lye. What alteration this may make in our business with Sevaice, time will produce: we cannot but expect he will be much concerned that wee doe not onely entertaine and afford all necessarys to the Syddy, his enemy, but that such vessells of his as are taken should immediately be brought in here and secured by us for the Siddy: it's certaine tis this port [which] is a great cause of all the troubles he receives from the Syddy, for had he not this port to friend, he could not remaine long in these parts; from hence is he supplyed with most things for his fleete and Island, for the Portugueze will not afford them any thing, onely now and then a little water, and that not often. He robbed lately, a small towne of the Rajah's neare Chaul, upon which the Portugueze seized one of his groads and two galvetts, tooke his men out of them and put them in prison, keeping all till the Syddy had brought back from Danda Rajapore what men &ca. he had carried out of the said towns and delivered up to them; and this may be more reasonably expected from us, for what the Syddy may robb and plunder within our Bay. He is now growne very high, soe humbly begg your orders how to proceed. He lyes at us hard for morter peeces, granado shells, lead, gun powder, small armes, gunners, and men to ply small armes, chirurgions [? surgeons] &ca., and by what wee can understand, he is resolved to winter here. Wee are truely sencible he will be at a great trouble to us, but that wee are not concerned at, but fears our charge will be encreased, and that wee shall be forced to keepe a large quantity of men, not onely for the security of the Island (for he will have a great strength, and wee know he is sufficiently treacherous), but likewise for the security of his fleete from any attempt of Sevajee. Please to consider of this and send your orders how wee must behave our selves towards him in all his demands, &ca. He comes on shoare with his boates and men and will not be denyed by noe faire meanes nor perswasions; 5 and 6 galvetts at a time, his men armed, one and two hundred at a time. It's certaine neither prudent nor safety for us to suffer it, but your orders must be obeyed. Wee well know the necessity you lye under, so that wee must have patience and doe the best wee can, but think it our dutys to give you this timely notice that you may strengthen us with your orders and use your interest with the Governour of Surat that things may be better between the Syddy and us. Our balloon is not as yet returned from Sevajees country; we hourely looke for her.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. BOMBAY TO SURAT Dated 9 February 108, p. 54

(EXTRACT)

Wee have great troubles given us by the Syddy. The greats he took lyes still here. Wee can by no ways or means perswade him to carry them away and bring them in as his owne and not as prizes taken from the Rajah. He is resolved to doe us all the harme he can and wee are forced with patience to submitt till wee can heare from your Honour &ca. He hath been very busic with our men, offering great pay to severall and striveing all that lyes in him to make a generall disturbance on the whole Island. His people hath much abused our Customer and Tobacco Renders, which wee have complained of to him, but to noe purpose, and his men in quantityes come on shoare and will not be denyed. This may be a very great evill; therefore wee humbly begg you will please to consider it and send us your orders.

Our balloon is not returned from Sevajees country as yet, neither have wee had any news from them this eight days, which makes us somewhat concerned. There is here a flying report that our prisoners were sent downe towards the water side by Annajee Punditts order, but upon the Syddy and their fighting were stopped in the way. Wee have sent a messenger privately to bring us certains news of the balloon and our people who, when returned to us, wee shall s[?w]rite you.

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F. R. Bombay, Vol. SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 20 February 19, p. 19

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(EXTRACT)

We are glad to find the Treaty with Sevagees Ministers brought to soe good a forwardness and the fleet is withdrawne, well approveing of your proposalls and proceedings therein, hopeing Sevagee will confirme what Annajee Punditt and the Subedarr of Choule hath agreed too, and not faile in a punctuall performance thereof in each particular. And which we may [be] the better and more timely assured of, would have you at the receipt of this, make choice of the Revenge or Hunter, which most fittest and may be best spared and send her to Rajapore to take in those factors

and bring away such part of their bucksis as may be in a readiness, appointing such a person for the management thereof that a good success may be expected from his prudent endeavours, and least there should some interruption arise to hinder those factors from leaveing the shoar, from the debts they have contracted, would have you send downs to the amount of 3000 Rupees in such specie as most current there, if your cash can afford it, which we suppose may be sufficient to cleare all...

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, p. 53 CHUPRA TO SURAT { Dated 24 February 1679/80 (EXTRACT)

The news of these parts are see various and dubious, every day contradicting, that there is noe incerting thereof, soe many storys concerning the Prince that there is little creditt to be given thereto, therefore forbare writing the same. As to Sevajees forces, they have plundered and burnt-most of these parts excepting the townes which pays him 1/4 part [Chowth]; those he meddles not with. His armys under Mora Punditt continues still upon these borders, endeavouring to take what castles they can. They have a great itching towards Moleer Castle and have shewed themselves before it two or three times; but it proves too strong for them, therefore will scarce come into their possession except betrayed unto them. They have allready taken, namely, Hurmunt Churr. What their further designes are at present noe body can tell. The reports of their joining with the Prince, there is little credit to be given thereto. Whither their next march will be a few days will show. Some speake as if they intend for Suratt: others say. Brampore. God onely knows where there intentions are bound next. What loss the Honble, Company has sustained by Sevajees armys, a particular account is here enclosed sent your Honour &ca.

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F. R.Bombay, Vol. Consultation AT BOMBAY Dated 25 Feb. 1679/80

(EXTRACT)

Annagee Punditt and the Soobedarr haveing sent us an order on the Haveldarr of Chaule to deliver one hundred candy of H-38

beetlenutt that they have appointed for the sattisfaction for the groab and shibarr, &ca. taken by them, it was

ORDERED that a shibarr be fitted and sent to Chaul to take in the said hundred candy of beetlenutt and bring it hither, and when it arrives that care be taken how it shall bee disposed off.

The President and Councell in a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Councell dated the 3d of October last past haveing given their order that a vessell with two factors should bee sent to Ran[?] lapore with instructions to continue that factory untill they have effected the sending Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Read away, who they possitively require to be withdrawn from thence. This order of the Presidents could not be put in execution before this time by reason of the troubles that wee have had for some months past with the Rajahs Ministers in these parts. But a peace being now concluded and our fleete come in and all things in a reasonable quietness, the President and Councells order before mentioned was reassumed and the Hunter friggat was appointed to be sent downe and Mr. John Gape...to act in this affaire.

Severall merchants, inhabitants of the Island, whose vessells have been sometime laden and intended for Rajapore, but by reason of the differences that hath been between us and the Rajah could not proceed on their voiage... and affaires being not thoroughly settled, they made it their request that the *Hunter* being bound for the same place that the vessells was, that shee might be their convoy and protect them from any vessells of the Rajahs, Mallabares or others that should offer to molest them...which being taken into consideration, it was

ORDERED that Captain Norgrave should have order to take care of their vessells and to protect them and to see them secure into Rajapore.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, p. 69 BOMBAY TO JOHN GAPE Dated 27 Feb. 1679/80
(EXTRACT)

The President and Councell finding the factory at Rajapore of no use and benefitt but a dead charge to the Honble. Company,

id send for the factors away that are there, but their orders eing not complyed withall by them, have thought fitt to give is orders to send two persons from hence to withdraw them. hat they may have noe pretence left for their longer continuing there, and having had experience of your civill and dilligent behaviour, wee have made choice of you for this affaire, and for your assistance have appointed Mr. Charles Alley, who are to take your passage on the Hunter frigott... Wee would have you put on shoare in Conners Bay [? Coopers Bay] or Jeetapore, which you may see most convenient, the Rajapore peon that goes with you, sending by him our letter to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Reade...and continue on board till you shall heare from them or that you are assured of all civillity and safety from Sevajees Ministers, of which wee have noe reason to doubt, but desire [you] to act cautiously; and possibly you may arrive there before the Rajahs Ministers there may have notice of the peace lately made between us. But that you may be able to satisfy them therein, if need requires, wee have delivered you a redd paper that is our Articles of Peace signed by the Rajah, and a white paper that is a letter from Annajee Punditt to the Deputy Governour, both which you may show them and will fully satisfy all people concerned, which two papers wee would have you be carefull of and returne unto us. And soe being assured of all civill[it]y and safety, you may goe up to Rajapore towns where, when you arrive, wee would have you much press for the coconutts and beetlenutts mentioned in our letter to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Reade, and if delivered, immediately with all convenient speed lade the Hunter.

Be continually pressing the Soobedarr for what robbed at Hattanee and the Honble. Companys bucksis which you will find due to them by the Articles.

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What bettlenutts &c you may receive on account what robbed at Hattanee be carefull have a marke that may be knowne from what you receive of account Bucksis. (489)

F. R. Surat Vol. 108 pp. 66-68 DECLARATION REGARDING THE SEIZURE OF THE Dove GRAB Dated ? March 1679/0

(EXTRACT)

The declaration of the following persons on their examination by the Deputy Govr. and Councill how the *Dove* groab was taken by Dowlett Caun in our fleetes engagement with the Rajah off the Island Undry Cundry.

Francis Mauliverer, Serjant, and Commander of the groab Dove declares that on the 17th October in the evening he received orders to hall the said groab into the bay of Cundry as close as possible, which he did, and there continued all night, and in the morning the Rajahs fleete came out of Negaun River and made towards our fleete and came up with it about 9 a clock, at which time the groab was the sternmost of the whole fleete and very much into the sheare, which the enemy perceiving, and the advantage they had of her, bore wholy up to her in the manner of a half moon, and the groad being very narrow and having nos conveniency for any great gunns in her sterne, nor roome to ply soe many small shott as in any manner to defend themselves or save the vessell, and two men being killed that fired out of the sterne soe discouraged the lascarrs that they run over board, and I being calling to the Revenge for releife from them, by order of John Naitor the pilot of said groab, the topsaile and ancient was struck, and wee being overpowred by the enemies fleete and none of our owne by us to assist us in any respect, were taken by the enemie.

Isaac Clarke declares that the said groab was ordered to warpe into the shoare as neare as possible the night before the engagement with the Rajahs fleete, which was done, and the next morning received orders to weigh, which they did, and being a little out, they were ordered to anchor againe, and soe continued till they see the Rajahs fleet very neare them, and then they weighed, but by reason of the fleetes standing to sea, and the groab being the nearest into the shoare, she was the sternmost and the Rajahs fleete having the advantage, made wholy to her and encompassed her with the most part of their groabs; but

before any of them came on board her and entered their men, the topsaile and ancient was struck neare a quarter of an houre, by order of John Naylor, but before they were struck they did fire severall great guans and small armes at the enemie; but the groab being very narrow and having noe conveniency for great guans in her sterne and roome for non more then four man to ply their small shott, and two of them being killed, the lascarrs running over board and the men goeing in the hold, the vessell was delivered up to the enemie.

Returne Roper declares that after a small engagement in the groab Dove, that by John Naylor the topsaile was struck and by his order the ancient was struck neare a quarter of an houre before the Rajahs fleete entered any men in the groab, and that he with the rest of the souldiers were commanded by the Serjant to lay downe their armes and to goe into the hold on John Naylors telling the Serjant that if they did not they should be all cut off when the enemie came on board and that 2 manchuas in which was Serjant Duckett and Fuller that was ordered to engage with them, sailed and rowed from the groab and afforded them noe assistance; and in all other particulars he agrees with the other declarations.

[Here follow similar declarations by three others of the crew.]

The Revenge frigott being onely and nearest of our fleete to the groad when she was taken, Captain William Minchin was sent for to make a report of what he knows about her being taken, who produced his Journall wherein he had noted what to his knowledge happened in relation thereto, viz.

Captain Keigwin seeing the Rajahs fleete come upon us with the wind at East a small gale and our ship lying with her head towards them, that wee had not, nor could not bring a gunn to beare upon them, and the tyde of flood comeing on, he called to weigh. I told him it is too late now, for before our anchor is up they will be aboard us, therefore if you doe any thing, you must cutt. Then he ordered up to cutt, at which time all our small crafe[?t] was hovering about us, and likewise the Dove groab was come close to us. Wee loosed our foresaile and maine-topsaile and stood to the Southward to gett cleare of the Island, then loosed our mainsaile in the brailes. Serjant Mauliverer called to us twice. Wee answered him and bid him that he should keepe them off with his small armes till wee were cleare of the Island and then would lye by for him. All our fleete at this time was upon the runn, saile and oares, and the enemys flee's

wholy bent downe upon the *Dove*. He never made any resistance but lowred his topsaile and struck his ancient and lay by for them to come on board. I heard 4 or 5 gunns fired and as many musquetts, but the first was when they could hardly reach them, but them he did fire, he was forced to lade without board, which was soone left off. He fired some shotts into the shoare and was near to the Island Cundry, and that is all that Captain Minchin doth mention of this particuler of the *Dove* in his journall, and more he cannot informe the Deputy Governor and Councill.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. FRANCIS MAULIVERER'S [Dated ?—March 108 p. 68. PETITION [Dated ?—March 1679/80]

(EXTRACT)

To the Worshipful John Child, Deputy Governor of the Port and Island of Bombay &ca. Councill

The humble petition of Francis Mauliverer, Isaac Clarke, with the rest of the English that were prisoners in Sevajees country

SHEWETH That whereas your petioners having endured very severe inflictions by their imprisonments could not in the least suspect their pay for the time, especially since imprisonment, was not sought for by them, but accidentally fell out soe by the state of warrs and their obedience in complyance with orders

Wherefore your petitioners humbly implores your Worships &ca. serious consideration and commiseration of their conditions by granting their pay for the time of imprisonment.

[A similar petition was tendered by John Naylor, &cs.]

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F. R. Surat Vol. 108, p. 55 PETITION OF THE BOMBAY [?8]—March 1680

(EXTRACT)

To the Worshipfull John Child

Deputy Governour of the Port and Island Bombay &ca.

The humble Petition of the Bombay Merchants Humbly sheweth

That your Worship was pleased to issue out a Proclamation therein declareing that all the merchants of the Island might

freely goe and trade in the Shivaiees country to buy provisions and other goods as formerly, whereupon your petitioners sent severall boates to the maine for the same purpose borrowing money upon avog [sic], of which having notice, the Noquedah of the Syddys Armado called [blank], he came to the custome house and publickly declared before severall persons that without leave noe boates nor vessells should goe to trade in the said country, and that whoever should presume not to obey his comand herein should forfeit the boate or vessell, and would send the same to the fort of Undry Cundry; and accordingly your petitioners having sent a balloon to the river of Garapa, they meeted with some of the Syddys boates, to whome they declared that the said balloone belonged to Bombay, but not withstanding all the aforesaid, the said Syddys [men] by force of armes entered the said boate and wounded a Moore man called Darvesjee and tooke prisoner one marriner of the said balloon and robbed all that they could find therein. whereby your petitioners are not able to make any voyage to those places by reason of the said Syddy

In which consideration your petitioners humbly beggs your Worship to take into consideration this affaire and to find out some way to prevent such evill abuses for the future and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &ca.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 3 RAJAPORE TO BOMBAY (Dated 9 March 1679/80

(EXTRACT)

We arrived in Coopers [Bay] the 1st March and accordingly sent your Worships letter by the Companys peon unto Mr. Thomas Mitchell &ca., which came to his hands at Jettapore. He imediatly came on board and acquainted us of the condition and civillity of Sevagees Ministers.

The next day we arrived in the town, went to visitt the Subedar and to congratulate our agains freindshipp with Sevages, who was very glad to here it, but told us he had no advice of it from the Kajah or Annagee Punditt. Then we delivered the letter, which when he had read, was very well satisfied, and all the merchants in generall are likewise.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, pp. 58-9 BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 9 March 1679/80 (EXTRACT)

Wee have by us three of your Honour &ca., which wee had thoughts to answere by a sea conveyance being come over to us from Sevajees Ministers our shibarr laden with 100 candy of white beetlenutt, who had sailed towards you yesterday, but for her greater security in respect of the strength and number of Mallabarrs between this and Surat, wee ordered our two manchuas to be gott ready to convoy her up to you, and did then hope to dispatch them towards you tomorrow. But instead of that, from what hath happened, wee are necessitated to send this nimble express to you, that wee may have soe soon as possible your orders and directions in an affaire of soe weighty a concerne which wee shal here lay before you.

Yesterday the Syddy sent about 13 galvetts into Penn River. There meeting with a boate belonging to the Island, they sett upon her and have wounded one man with a deep wound in the arme, robbed the boate and carryed away a man. This is short of what threatened by the Noquedah, as by the enclosed petition of the Moor merchants, &ca... The man wounded tells us the person that cutt him is an inhabitant of this Island and dwells at Mazagoan, where his wife and family is, but he [is] in the Syddys service. Wee have done our utmost to perswade the Syddy to better behaviour towards us, but all good words and deeds prevails not at all with him, but from our great patience and sufferances he is now growne very impurdent [? impudent] and hath left of [f] good words, as per his letter enclosed and translated into English. Yesterday he hath robbed four townes in Penn River burnt many houses and carryed away aboundance of people, upon which Sevajee Rajahs Ministers are much concerned at us and have seized boates belonging to the Island, others being forced to run away that brought us that unwelcome news. Wee are truely sencible how much it concernes us to keepe faire with him in respect to the Honble, Companys interest at Surat &ca. places in the Mogulls dominions, but cannot see with any security to the Island how he can be suffered to act in this nature longer here. If your Honour &ca. can perswade the Governour of Surat to give him orders not to robb within our Bay, and that he desists from that, wee shall doe well enough with him for all things elce.

Your Honour may pleade it is from Penn and Negotan &ca. places on the maine within our Bay that wee are supplyed with all sorts of provisions, see that wee shall not be able to supply the Kings fleete, and must want ourselves if the Syddy continues to robb those places, for the Portuguese will not afford us anything because the Syddy hath disgusted them. It is for the King's fleete's sake wee undergoe great troubles from all our neighbours. and the Syddys baseness increaseth it, whose design is onely to keep himselfe in employment and matters not what he doth. Wee humbly begg your orders and directions may be plaine in answer to these, and wee heartily wish your interest may be such with the Governor of Surat as may procure such an order from him to the Syddy as wee have mentioned. Wee have not as yet received any advices from Sevajees ministers concerning what mischeife the Syddy may have done them, but justly feare they will demand and expect from us the same that the Captain of Chaul did, which wee advised your Honor &ca. in ours of the 2d past, or otherwise wee must not expect any peace with Sevajee. Wee have wrote at large in severall letters concerning the Syddy and therefore shall not inlarge further, onely this, if you respect the security of this Island or looke for any revenues you must not suffer the Syddy longer to behave himselfe as he doth; and therefore once more wee humbly begg you will be plaine and possitive in your orders to us concerning this, and as nimble as may be, for a day may be of great import in this most unhappy affaire.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, pp. 59-60 SIDDY COSSUM TO THE OPERATE A Dated 7 March 1679/80

(TRANSLATION)

A Letter of Syddy Cossums to the Worshipfull John Child Deputy Governor of the Port and Island Bombay.

The letter which your Worship wrote me came at a very good time, with which I am much contented. Therein you say it is long since you have not wrote any letter to me which doth not agree to a good freindship, for I have sent severall letters to you and many times have not received an answers. You write me that the boates that goes over to the maine doe make an

assault in Those lands whereby the provisions and other goods are stopped there, whereupon all your inhabitants are much concern. ed, I being the cause, they saying it is not well done, wherefore you write me very large concerning the same. To which I answere that our fleete lyes a purpose to destroy, all the lands of our enemies and this is the order that I have. When wee were sent to Cundry it was onely by your cause and in time that the enemys tooke the same place and were settled there, in which time the President and Bimjee Parrack with the Governour of Surat and my selfe had many disputes touching the same, declareing that if the enemy should have power over the place it would be very prejudiciall for the future for many good and considerable reasons: therefore it would be very convenient for the fleete to come and helpe you there; and accordingly the said fleete came to the same purpose. After our fleete arrived to the said place, there were severall disputes between us, and what was agreed you are sencible on, therefore I need not write the same But notwithstanding the same you left aside all that was agreed between us and made peace with the enemy. Its well done and noe great matter that you write me these words, but as to what you say that our fleete lyes over Thull and other Cassabos [Casbā=a town], tis noe such thing, but those places that I shall find more safety to goe to, I shall destroy their lands and doe intend to doe the same; therefore if you find any hindrance thereby, you may write a letter to the Governour of Suratt declareing that by reason of the fleete you find this hindrance, and you may seeke to gett an order from the said Governour, whereby I may leave the place and goe away with the fleete, and when I receive such an order. I shall immediately weigh anchor and be gon. I being also under command, and without his order I cannot retire, therefore our fleete being in this place, wee cannot suffer our enemys to have any dwellers nor other things in those lands; see that when you send me your order by writeing, then I have noe need to stay here noe longer. Notwithstanding you would (through the freindship that you have with our enemies) watch their countrys. Therefore you may make our enemies desert the Island Cundry and then wee shall have noe occasion to keepe our fleete here, for wee onely keepe the said fleete by reason of the said Cundry, see that it will be better for you to make them leave the said place and you will be at noe further trouble, and the maine land shall remaine in the same manner as it is.

You write to me that in time [of] Syddy Sumball that there was an agreement that from Saral Baty to Penn, Negotan and Habata there should be noe prejudice done there, and I in the same manner have hitherto performed the same, but you may very well understand that at that time the enemy had not taken Cundry nor was settled there, neither was any fieete there to beseige them till this time; therefore how can you expect that this agreement be now performed, for if the enemy had left Cundry wee should observe the first agreement whereby the Maine land might be as it is, but without the enemy doe leave the said Cundry you would have us keepe and performe the first agreement.

You write me concerning a gunner and I would faine know what service you want by him, but if you have need of him and will content him by paying him what is his due, you may send for him. I have taken severall gunners from our enemys and have many others, therefore by this reason I shall not be revenged, and besides, you have one of my gunners in your service who, if he be contented to come to me, you may give him leave and send him to me...

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Wee are very glad the management of the business with Sevajee is to your likeing. He hath confirmed all as per a paper enclosed translated into English for your better understanding. A hundred candy of Beetlenutt is sent us on account our demand for satisfaction of the two vessells lost, now laden on a Shybarr and sent towards you.

[The Syddy]...hath not any reason to complaine of unkindnesse from us, but that which discontents him is the withdrawing of our fleete and making peace with Sevajee.

The copper which was at Hubely is removed to Darwarr and most part sould. The news there is that Serja Caun is made

Generall of the Vizapore army which, with the assistance of 15,000 horse of the Mogulls, are comeing to retake severall places from Sevalee. He hath in Mescracota 12,000 horse, which wee hope will come into those parts. Copull is laid close seige to, besides other castles.

Yours of the 9th past and 9th present we have received and should sooner have given answer to them had we not been hindred by the dayly hot alarums of Sevagees army drawing neere to Suratt which hath caused us to remove to Swally allmost all such goods of the Honble. Companys as lay here unsold in their warehouses, by reason our present condition is such, for want of sufficient strength of English to defend the house, that we could not hope for any security for them here, and the troubles still continuing...that we can have no ways as yett any fitt opportunity to informe the Governour (who is see much disgusted at our conclution of a peace with Sevagee) of the ill carriages of the Sidey to his people...Therefore give the Sidey plaine and publique notice, of he continues these abuses to us, you have orders to furnish him with noe more money nor provisions, and likewise further to use him in such a manner as he will find the evill of it in the end, by causing such a breach betwixt us as may prove harder to reconcile then the warr with Sevagee ...

The English from Bombay sent a Manchua with flying colours to show their nationality to Chaul. This vessel was fired upon seized and carried to Hendry by the Siddy's fleet. Where (Hendry) being examined the Syddy told them that he must and will serve all boates soe, be they what they will that comes out of our port, to see that their enemys be not supplyed with amunition by us &c. Since the Dutchman that left the Companys service and runn to him, there is allsoe an Englishman ran away which were suppose to be entertained by him.

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O. Correspondence Vol. 40, No. 4699 SURAT TO THE COMPANY Dated 8 April (EXTRACT)

✓ After exceeding trouble and difficulty, wherein Mr. Child. your now Deputy Governour, hath used great paines and industry, a peace is concluded with Sevajee, wherein have been forced to permitt his possession of the Island in the mouth of your port of Bombay, finding wee were not able with our present strength to force him from it: what vessells taken from us he is to make satisfaction for, and on which account wee have allready received 100 Candy of beetlenuts; likewise what men he tooke in them to returne back, which is performed, and liberty for your factors at Carwarr and Rajapore to come away at their owne conveniences. and to cleare his former account. To which purpose the Hunter is sent downe to Rajapore to bring off those factors, with such effects as are to be delivered towards the extinguishing his old debt; but for Carwarr, wee are forced still to continue your servants there least it might create a jealousie in Sevajee of a new breach with him, when wee are gott cleare, see immediatly to withdraw both after the agreement, and to cause a hindrance in the ready performance of this new treaty, besides the want of a vessell to bring them off, except should have sent the Revenge and left the Island without any guard of shipping, which wee could not safely doe: therefore shall order them to be in a readiness against the arrivall of your Europe shiping, when shall not faile to bring them away and totally dissolve that factory.

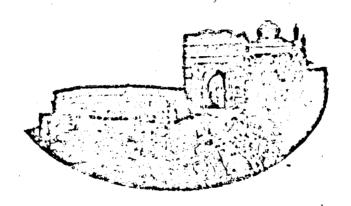
The present state of this country is under such unhappy and uncertaine distempers that wee know not well what to write your Honra for a truth, more then that both your servants and your estates are continually under such eminent hazards that wee know not well which way best to proceed for their securities, through the dayly nearer approach of Sevagee to this citty with the armys of one of this Kings sonns resideing at Orangabaud, whome it is hourely expected should rebell against his father and joyne with him, fame having some time since given him out to be dead in the warr with his Rashboots, though by severall circumstances it appeares not to be true, yet hath frighted all people and places soe as to put such a generall stop to all manner of trade that wee are under great perplexity and doubt how wee shall be able to procure cargoes for your next shipping, and dispose of such goods as wee have still by us, and which for some better security have sent the

greatest part to Swally, such as wee have suddainly the least hopes to put off, our guard being returned agains from Bombay, who wee have appointed to that charge.

The Syddy. Admirall of the King of India's fleete, hath taken and fortifyed another little Island neare to that of Hendry, called Kendry [Khānderi], from which Sevajees forces have attempted to beate him off with great loss of men and divers of his vessells. which hath soe puft up the Siddy that he now presumes to give laws in all that bay (solely your Honrs. Royalty), requiring all vessells from your Island to take his passes, otherwise will seize on them; besides his men coming in great numbers ashoare are see insolent and abuseive that your Deputy Governour and Councill writes us that they are not able to beare it, and that if it be not suddainly remedyed some dangerous consequences will ensue. Our intentions was to have complained to this Governour thereof. but he is see exasperated at making a peace with Sevagee that he not only encourages but abets the Syddy in these abuses, which your affaires here will not suffer us at present otherwise to remedy. therefore it will highly concern your Honrs, speedily to take some effectuall course for redress of these growing evills (with divers others in your affaires here, too many now to be repeated). otherwise you will suddainly loose your Island and all your northerne trade.

We have now gott leave of the Subedarr to lade of[f] what beetelnutt we have in warehouse...but we have not yett received order from the Rajah or Annajee Punditt for the delivery of the goods to us, see that we still are in expectation to receive them from your Worshipp, for without them the Subedarr will demand satisfaction for the goods of us.

Nothing more worthy your Honours notice, except to advise your Honour &ca. of the death of Sevajee, whose death wee feare will cause a great deale of trouble in these parts, for most of the



Here lies the 'Grand and whole author of all these Commotion', Copy right: Archeological Survey of India (Vol. I. p. 274.)

merchants are ready to run away, and certainly should any lascarree come neere the place, they would embarque. Sombajee Rajah hath taken up his quarters at Pernollah, where goes dayly to him aboundance of souldiers; he hath sent downe and stop[pled all the corne that is in towne, and ordered it to be sent up to him. Wee likewise doe expect that the place will suddainly be secured by Sombajee Rajahs party, and what wee shall doe in that condition wee leave to your Honour &ca. to judge.

That which cheifely occasions this, is to acquaint you of the certaine news of Sevajees death, and that country given to Sombajee Rajah, who hath sent downe Ravajee Punditt to command all these Soobedarrs to Pernolla, to give in their accounts, and it's supposed he will send Mazotto[?] to governe these parts, which makes us hope in a short time to see trade encouraged.

Wee suppose your Worshipp &ca. hath long since had the advice of the death of Savagee Rajah. Sumbojee Rajah hath taken upon him to governe and title of King. He hath sent for all persons that were in comand, as Subedarrs, Hovelldarrs &ca. Some he imprisons and some he discharges of their employes. We have lately here come a new Subedar sent by him. We gave him a vissitt. He received us with a great deale of love and freindshipp.

Wee have certaine news that Sevajee Rajah is dead. It is now 23 days since he deceased, it's said of a bloody flux, being

^{*} Shivaji died Chaitra Shuddha 15, Saturday, Shaka 1602 [Jedhe Shakavali] i. c. 3rd April 1680.

sick 12 days. How affaires goes in his Country wee shall advise as comes to our knowledge. At present all is quiett, and Sombajee Rajah is at Pornollah.

Their [the Siddys] galvetts robb Sevajees country and bring most of their prizes hither and sell them before our facr[?e]s, landing here 4 in 500 armed men at all hours, resisting our guards, threatning the inhabitants who are in great feare and dread of the Syddy, and Sevajees people will not believe but that wee have shares with him, soe that wee are in great streights, therefore humbly begg your Honours advice and orders with all speed, for wee are in armes and at great loss for want of advice from you. Wee shall use our utmost but think it allmost impossible to keepe freinds with both the Syddy and Sevajees Ministers and the poor inhabitants are in a miserable condition, ready to run off this unfortunate Island.

Wee had wrote thus farr when came letters from the maine which adviseth that severall boates that went hence to lode with batty, &ca. are stopped, soe that wee are like to be in a sad condition, for batty is allready very deare thanks to the Syddy. If the Mogulls fleete winters here wee shall be in a worse condition for his men will expect to be fed, and wee justly feare great troubles in securing them, for Sombajee Rajahs people will certainly attempt to burne and destroy them, who, it is reported, is proclaimed and put in his fathers place. Mora Punditt and Annajee Punditt and the other Ministers are gone to Pernolla to receive his orders. Ram Rajah is at Rairy and is to continue there, that hold being in his possession. All the Soobedarrs and Hoveldarrs, &ca. are continued in their severall employments, noe alteration made.

Sevagees death is confirmed from all places yett some are still under a doubt of the truth, such reports having been used to run of him before some considerable attempt, wherefore shall not be to[o] confident untill well assured.

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F. R. Fort St. George Vol. 28, pp. 100-101 SURAT TO FORT St. Dated 20 May GEORGE 1680

(EXTRACT)

Sevagee hath for some time been credibly reported for dead, but now it is contradicted as only a designe to catch his eldest son Somboje Rajah, who hath highly offended him.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, p. 97 POMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 3 June 1680 (EXTRACT)

Sevajee is for certaine dead and his son Sombajee hath now almost possession of all that his father had. He is still at Pornella, where he hath made ready 1,000 men and given them two months wages before hand. What his design is with them is not knowne. He hath settled Soobedarrs and all officers of his owne. His younger brother is at Rayry unmolested and its thought that Sombagjee will use him with all kindness. Annajee Punditts head is cut off. Mora Punditt is in favour, but in noe trust as yet. The country begins to be a little settled.

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F. R. Surst Vol. 108, p. 104 RAJAPORE TO SURAT Dated 10 June 1680

In our last to your Honour &ca. wee advised that wee had an order for the coconutts at Achara, but the suddain alteration of this state put an end to all our former proceedings, for not long after came a new Soobedarr put in by Sombagee Rajah who acquainted us that without an order from him wee could receive noe more bucksis, upon which wee wrote to the Rajah to satisfy him of the troubles wee are always at with the Soobedarr to receive the bucksis given by Sevagee Rajah, desiring him to give an order, in answere to which he advised us that at present he had other concernes in hand, but when at more leizure he would examine our account, which all signifies noe more than just a deniall.

Servants wee have no more then what your Honour &ca. formerly allowed to the factory, though at present have occasion for more onely to secure our persons &ca. from a parcell of rude souldiers that forces us in a manner to stand on our guard, this towne being continually full both of horse and footmen. Tis reported they are going to Sombagee Rajah.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, p. 105 RAJAPORE TO SURAT Dated 26 June 1680

(EXTRACT)

Wee are now againe sending unto Sombagee Rajah for an order for the delivery of the Bucksiss, he being now gone for Rairy. Wee expect he will be more favourable to us now then was formerly, because he has settled most part of his Kingdome, that he is now at more leizure to heare our aggreivances, for which reason wee may believe that if ever he intends the Honble. Company shall have any more on that account bucksiss, that he will send his order, or wee shall receive answer.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, p. 108

BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 12 July 1680

(EXTRACT)

Sombagee Rajah is now at Rairy; his young brother he used with all kindness, and continues as yet soe to doe. Wee wrote you in our last that Annajee Punditts head was cutt off, but wee were missinformed; for there is come over to us a person of quality from the Soobedarr of Chaull that adviseth us he is alive, but in great trouble and laden with chains. The country begins to be well settled, and Sombagee declared publickly Rajah*; he hath an army of 20000 men now together, what he designs them is not knowne; report speakes him very diligent and carefull.

^{*} This evidently refers to his manchakarobana, a preliminary ceremony, which took place on 18 June [J. s.], about six months before his public coronation (16 January 1681).

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, p. 113 CHUPRA TO BOMBAY Dated 7 August 1680

The news of these parts are that Bauder Canue has laid seige to a castle which Sevagee tooke the last years, Hummutt Churr, bordering upon these parts, [w]hiither he will carry it or noe wee cannot as yett tell, for the defendants makes good resistance.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, p. 116
BOMBAY TO SURAT { Dated 18 August 1680 (EXTRACT)

There hath been a hott boute at Undry, where the Suddys [Siddi] people are; in a darke night Sombajee Rajahs men landed there about 200 of them, gott into the works undiscovered; but giving the alarum too soone, for want of daylight and a th[o]rough knowledge of the place, was beaten. About 80 heads was brought hither, which much discontented Sombajees embassadour. Here some of them were landed, but not all, for immediately upon knowledge of it, the Deputy Governour sent Mr. Day to the Syddy to forbid landing the heads or bringing any prisoners on shoare, upon which he was somewhat concerned, but immediately complyed and sent all away. But you will admire at his strange intentions, which was to place all the heads on stakes along the water side, which wee could not submitt to.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, p. 135
CHUPRA TO SURAT { Dated 20 August 1680
(EXTRACT)

These parts affaords little or noe news at present, save that the report goes that Sombajee Rajah intends, after the raines, to give Bauder Caun battell in open feild, and has sent him word as much.

F. R. Bombay, Vol. CARWAR TO SURAT Dated 31 August 19, pp. 46-47 EXTRACT

The Subedare of these parts, by name Juggeuan Boyage [? Jagajivan Bajāji] Punditt, having put severall abuses and affronts

upon us which we have suffered with a great deale of patience. but especially by a continual demand of loans of moneys, which we denied to send, being far in the Companys debt already, besides have orders from the President and Councill for the withdrawing on the Europe Shipp. Hee on the 26th instant commanded severall souldiers out of the Castle with commission to force us to it by detaining and prohibiting all provision to come into the Facotry, which constrained us to a small brush, which drove them hence with little damage. The Subedarr finding himself to be . frustrated in his intentions hath seized what cows and buffoloes was without our reach, belonging to our immediated servants and put [them] to sale; likewise thre[ats] of stopping all commerce whattsoever and haveing agreed for a quantity of pepper on the Honoble. Companys account to be delivered in Cudderah, which is under his jurfilsdiction, we have thought it convenient to send this express to you with our letters to Sombajee Rajah &ca., which understand to be at Rairy, therefore neere you, desire your care with a speedy conveighance to be sent to his reception, and if in this you can be any ways assistant by writeing, we question not your ready compliance, it being for the interest and security of our Honoble. Masters concerned[?].

What you propose to us concerning sending up some person to Sambajee Rajah wee have well considered off and are come to this result, that if it be possible you endeavour by some plausible excuse to evade it for 3 or 4 months, in which time we are in great hopes to receive our overland advises from the Honble. Company for our full direction how to carry our selfes in this unhappy business of Hendry Kendry and likewise with the Sidey; therefore faile not to lett us see your utmost endeavours in prudently overcoming this affaire till then, and it will be much to our estisfaction.

Wee shall use our endeavours to keepe faire with Sanbajee Rajah and continue to put off vissiting him the best wee can in complyance with your orders.

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O. Correspondence Vol. 40, No. 4705 SURAT TO THE COMPANY Dated 18[?] Oct. (EXTRACT)

About [April 1680]...were received advice of Sevajees death, confirmed to us from divers parts (and which in reallity is see, though often contradicted since), and his sonn Sombajee Rajah settled quiettly in his father's place, whose present proceedings seeme to speake him to be of a contrary spiritt and temper to his father, by a much more moderate and humane Government; therefore could have heartily wished your Honrs. had left us power to have continued your factory of Carwar, that country now beginning to breath[e] towards a settlement.

Wee have in a former advised your Honours that this King's treasure being much exhausted by his long and chargeable warrs with Sevagee, the Pattans and his Rashboots, had caused a heavy tax to be laid upon all persons in his kingdom, except Moors of his owne religion and that it was likewise demanded of the three European nations but was unanimously refused, which the Governour and officers of Suratt advising the King, he instead thereof ordered that the English, Dutch and French should for the future pay the old customes of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, which is now strictly required of us, which hath made us jointly consult for the removall thereof.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. RAJAPORE TO SURAT { Dated 25 Oct 1680 (EXTRACT)

Our last to your Honour &ca. was dated the 26th June... wherein wee advised your Honour &ca. that wee had sent agains unto Sombagee Rajah, about recovering of the remainder of the Bucksiss, according to your Honour &ca. orders; since which our servants have been at Rairy, expecting of the Rajah's answers, soe that wee had nothing of any importance to advise in this time worthy of your Honour &ca. notice, untill the 25th instant arrived to us our servants from the Rajah, with letters, but could gett noe orders for any more Bucksiss, for this reason; that the Syddy his enemy is harboured in our port or Bombay where he is furnished with ammunition, provisions, &ca. contrary to our articles made with Sevagee Rajah soe that he declares he will beare us noe manner of respect, or take any notice of us till the Siddy be turned out, and not suffered to have any recruites

from thence; but if the Syddy still continues in that port, he will be very severe, and demand the amount of what hath been allready delivered of the Busksiss, but contrary if the Siddy deserts the Island, he hath promised to order us the Bucksiss, with satisfaction for what was robbed up the Gaut, in Hattanee, and that wee shall have the same liberty in his country as formerly in the Sevagee Rajahs time of government, see that what to doe in this affaire wee know not.

The 25th October came our servants, after 3 months stay, from Rairy, by whom we have received a letter from Sumbajee Rajah, being [? willing] to comply with the President and Councills order to endeavour to gett what more of the bucksiss, but could not obtaine the Rajahs order. Promise we have for them if the Deputy Governor will answer his expectation, that is to turne the Sidey out of the Port of Bombay and not suffer him to winter or have any provision, aminition, &ca. from thence, and if your Worship &ca. does not agree to these propositions, then he will seeke some other satisfaction.

Since writeing the above came to us your Worships &ca. dated the 21st October, wherein wee are advised of whatt orders your Worship &ca. have received from the President &ca. concerning our leaveing this Factory, which was to send down the Hunter friggot for our transporting to Bombay, but cannot, because the Rajah hath an army near [? Bombay] and know not but he may give an attempt to the Island so that it is not safe to spare her out of port.

Wee have certaine news of the Rajahs Armado, consisting of about 50 saile of groads and galvetts, are all fitted at Rajapore and have on board them between 4 in 5000 men under the command of Dowlett Caun, and that very suddainly they will be coming to the Northward. What their intentions are wee cannot learne, but tis reported against us, for the Rajah is very much inraged that wee should harbour the Syddy. Wee shall be very vigilant and endeavour to prevent any surprize that they may attempt on us.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 108, p. 147 CHUPRA TO SURAT { Dated 10 Nov. 1680 (EXTRACT)

Our last was to give your Honour &ca. notice of the Caphilas setting out towards you, which was of the 2d instant; wee pray God it may arrive in safety to you, for since their departure wee are hottly alarm'd of Sevajees forces being abroad. It is reported here that there is a party of horse and foot designed to march towards Suratt, another against Brampore, a third to keepe Bauder Caun in play, who is removed from these borders further towards Decan. Wee shall doe our utmost to gett our goods in and pack them up as fast as wee can to send away, whereby to prevent the ensueing danger.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 30, p. 1 (2d set)
SURAT TO DUNGOM To 1680
(EXTRACT)

Wee received yours of the 25th November on the primo instant and are glad to reade that Bauder Ckauns neighbourhood with his army keeps the country about you in such security from the danger threatned you by the approach of Sumbaje's forces therefore at this quiett juncture you will do well to hasten away your caphilas yett behind with what speed you can.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 319, p. 1 (3d set)

SURAT TO BOMBAY (EXTRACT)

Dated 8 Dec. 1680

Wee are sorry to finde you involved soe in troubles betwirt Sombaja Rajah and the Siddy, and which wee have seriously considered how to advise you best to direct your selves in soe knotty an affaire. Its true, the countenance, assistance and harbour given to the Siddy to the prejudice of the Rajah (being both our freinds) will hardly pass with the law of nations, which wee should not att the least deviate from if necessity forced not, as wee feare in our case it will, our present condition being such that wee must be forced to disoblige one or the other, the choice of which is very disputable; but considering [the] present juncture of the neare dispatch of our Europe ships and what the consequences might be in their interruption, wee must be forced to direct our orders thus: That as to the persone sent to you per Sombaje, to treate him according to his quality and the buisness

he came aboute, keepeing a watchfull eye upon him least he should be sent rather for a spy then what he really pretends, and which wee are not a little perswaded of. However, let it be with that caution as not to give him the least mistrust thereof, and allthough · wee wish you were speedily rid of him, yett if that cannot conveniently bee without an absolute difference with the Siddy. endeavour to delay and temper things soe that nothing inconvenient may happen thereby with you from the one nor hindrance to us in the ladeing of ships from the other, which when dispatched shall take into our further consideration to settle these inconveniences better for the future; in the meane time make the Siddy as sencible hereof as you can, and bring him to obliedge himself per writeing to such conditions as may be to the better sattisfaction of the Rajah, from spoyleing or disturbeing his country within the Bay, which if he shall either refuse or make a breach of lett him be made sencible thereof in that manner not to endanger the Companys affaires here, butt soe that he may if he please make his complainte to this Governor, when our reasons may be better heard, which now will not, approveing much of your care and watchfullness upon the present dangers which soe highly threat is your quiett. This same letter is dated 28 Dec. in F. R. Surat, Vol. 90 pp. 5-6].

Sevagie hath dyed so often that some begine to thincke him immortall. Tis certaine little beleife can be given to any report of his death till experience shews it per the waining of his hither-to prosperous affaires, since when he dyes indeed it is thought he has none to leave behinde him to carry on things att the rate and fortune he has all along done.

The Siddy having wrote to the Governour and cheife Customer here to desire intercession to us for a recommendation to you to treate him with friendshipp and kindness, upon their greate importunity this is only to pleasure them, referring you to our late directions sent you for your government both as to him and his enemy Sombagee Rajah your troublesome neighour.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 30, Part II, Fol. 14 SURAT TO BOMBAY Dated 16 February 1680/1 (SUMMARY)

Mentions the ill behaviour of the Siddy and counsels treating him according to his desert so that the (Siddy) may complain to Governor of Surat against Bombay when Surat President expects a better hearing than if the Pr. himself complained.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 30, Part II, Fol. 46 SURAT TO BOMBAY (EXTRACT)

Wee send you the ballance of Mr. Mitchells books according to your desires with a copy of Sevagees accounts as it stands, in the Rajapore books, which wee wish you may have the good successe to cleare with his soone.

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(S) F. R. Surat, Vol. 90, Part III, SURAT TO THE COMPANY Dated 23 Jan. 1681/2

[Fol. 13] Your ffactory of Rajapore, wee have at last (the not without great difficulty) wholly with drawne.

[Fol. 17] Your island Bombay is much more a greater burthen upon us then all your other affaires; besides lying surrounded with see many ill neighbours as Savagee, this king and the most insolent Protuguese who all in their severall conditions continually minister to us most unexpressible difficultys of living in peace with them; for as to Savagee or as now (more properly) Sombajee his sonne, in the unhappy difference of Hendry Kendry where Leiut. Thorpe soe inconsiderately and rashly, with divers others lost their lives and wherein seems to be charged some errors upon your President and Councill, in not giving you the grounds and reasons of his difference with us, for those (till then) disregarded and barren rocks which wee were not then able to doe nor now, further then an ambitions and politick aime to lead him: and whereas to Thorps &c. losse wee are see farr from any just blame therein, that untill the advise of his miscariadge wee knew (Fol. 18) not of Savajees possession of the place; as Mr. Henry Oxinden (then your Deputy Governor there and now at home) can well informe you; notwithstanding it fell out about your shipps arrivall from England, at which time (if any) had been

most propper to have employed them; which wee could not them direct, nor was any motion (to that purpose) made from thence until John Child going downe Deputy Governor on the new London; after the despatch of the Anne and Bengalla downe the coast of India, and who only proposed your ships battering the place might reduce it; but was found more difficult; for this kings fleete consisting of severall shipps of good force, with divers small vessells well manned, your gunns could neither damage them ashoare nor hinder recruits or provissions from the maine. The place being soe situated; and unaccessible for large shipping and but one small place with security for boats to land at see that whatever should have been done in that perticular, would have proved but a dangerous attempt, and wherein found ourselves not fully impowered; though provided for in charter par[t]ly. Yet if you will be pleased to cause to be laid before you, and reade the severall letters that past on that occation from your Deputy and Councill to your President and Councill here with our answere from the 27th of August 1679 to the 31st of January 1679/80 the time of advice of the conclusion of peace with Sevagee wee hope you will finde that wee proceeded by such fitt measures as your then affaires most justly and urgently required from us, and which wee hope hath been succeeded, much more considerably to our advantage then vainly employing your shpping to the great disappointment not only of their ladings but hazard of dispatch home; notwithstanding wee must confesse if you resolve to continue the possession of your island Bombay, and that its revenue should any wayes answer its charge, you must not only unvest Savagy from Kendry and the king from Hendry; but bring the Portuguese to some better termes and friendly behaviour towards us, otherwise that most unhappy incomparable place will prove nothing but a constant troubleand damage to you.

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F. R. Surat, Vol. 4, A PETITION TO SURAT { Dated 17 April Part III, Fol. 35 } COUNCIL { 1682

(SUMMARY)

A petition of Lucia de Souza (the late Arrack Rendeiro considered by Surat council on 17th Aprill 1682) shows that her income was affected by reason of the warrs and troubles with Sevages. (probably refers to Henry Kenry affair).

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1641-1664

Jean-Baptiste Tavernier's Account of Sivaji

I have made two journeys to Goa-the first was at the end of the year 1641, the second at the beginning of the year 1648. The first time I only remained seven days, and I returned to Surat by land. From Goa I went to Bicholly, which is upon the mainland; from thence to Bijapur then to Golkonda, Aurangabad, and Surat. I could have gone to Surat without passing through Golkonda, but I was obliged to go there on business.

From Gos to Visapour, which is generally accomplished in eight days, 85 coss. Visapour to Golkonda, which I travelled in nine days, 100 coss. From Golkonda to Aurangabad the stages are not so well defined, for sometimes it takes sixteen, sometimes twenty, or even twenty-five days. From Aurangabad to Surat the journey sometimes takes twelve days, but sometimes it is not accomplished in less than fifteen or sixteen.

Bijapur is a large town which has nothing remarkable about it, either as regards public edifices or trade. The King's palace is large enough indeed, but badly built, and what causes the approach to it to be difficult is, that in the most which surrounds it, and which is full of water, there are many crocodiles. The King of Bijapur has three good ports in his kingdom; these are Rajapur, Dabhol, and Kareputtun. The last named is the best of all, and the sea washes the foot of the mountain, where, close to land, there is from 14 to 15 fathoms of water. On the top of the mountain there is a fort with a natural supply of water, and although not commanded by anything and by nature impreganable, since the King has been at peace with the Portuguese he has abandoned it.

Kareputtun is only five days' journey from Goa northwards, and Raibagh, where the King of Bijapur disposes of his pepper, is about the same distance from Kareputtun to the east. The King of Bijapur, like the King of Golkonda, was formerly a tributary of the Great Mogul, but is so no longer.

This Kingdom has been in trouble for some time on account of the rebellion of Nair Sivaji, who was, on the establishment of the King of Bijapur, what we call in France, Captain of the Guards. His father had been guilty of misconduct, for which the King arrested him and put him in prison, where he remained for a long time till he died. The young Sivaji, his son, thereupon

conceived so strong a hatred for the King that he became a chief of bandits, and as he was both courteous and liberal he had as many followers, both cavalry and infantry, as he cared for, and in a short time he got together an army, the soldiers, on the report of his liberality, coming to join him from all sides. He was thus in a position to undertake some enterprise, when the King of Bijapur died without children, and accordingly, without any great difficulty, he became master of a portion of the Malabar coast, including Rajapur. Rasigar [?Rājagadh], Kareputtun Dabhol, and other places. It is said that during the demolition of the fortifications of Rasigar he found immense treasure, and with this he supported his forces, by whom he was well served because they were always very well paid.

Some years before the death of the King, the Queen, as she has no children, adopted a boy, upon whom she had bestowed all her affection, and she brought him up, as I have already said, with the greatest care in the doctrines of the sect of Ali. On the King's death she caused this adopted son to be declared King, and Sivaji, as he then possessed an army, continued the war, and for some time caused trouble during the regency of the Queen. A treaty was concluded on condition that Sivaji should retain, as vassal of the King, all the country which he had taken, the King recovering half the revenue. When the young King was, by this peace, established on the throne, the Queen, his mother, undertook the pilgrimage to Mecca, and while I was at Ispahan she passed through on her return.

Travels in India by Jean-Baptiste Tavernier.
Translated by V. Ball, 2nd ed.
Edited by Sir Wm. Crooke,
Vol. I, pp. 145-148

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1655

Extracts from the travels of Peter Mundy, Vol. V

(by Sir Richard Temple for the Hakluyt Society)
RELATION XXXVI.
THE THIRD VOYAGE TO EAST INDIA.

10 [October 1655]. Wee anchored in Rajapore; rode 2 mile shortt of Jettapore towne.

This place is under the King of Viziapore, one of the Decan kings.

Here att Rajapore 15 of the said pice make 1 sere; 40 seres 1 maen; 20 maen 1 candee; 555 ll. English.

This place may affoard yearly about 3000 ckandees of pepper, near 1000 tonnes, att 14 C[wt.] to a tonne, about 9 larrees per maen, near 27 ll. Eng[lish].

Cardamome worth aboutt 6 is. 12s. the 1 c[wt] or 3 maen Suratt, itt may affoard 300 quintalls per annum.

Saltpeter about 1000 candees, this waightt att 12 Ps. \$5s each per candee, near 12 s. per c[wt.] E[nglish].

Gumlacke: 25 tonnes att 25 Pagodes a candee: a pagode 10 larrees, aboutt 45 s. per Eng[lish] c[wt.].

Turmericke, 200 maend att 2 larrees per maen: a maen 27 11, a lb. 10d English.

Myrhe [blank] att 45 to 50 larrees per c[wt.] or 3 Suratt maens or 4 Rajapore.

Course cloth, as dungrees, purcallas, lunghees, allejaes, etts: great quantities.

Custome 21 per centum: A gunny is an oxe lading: I conceave about 10 Suratt maens.

Our house at Rajapore was pleasantly seated on the bancks of the River (allthough otherwise ill conditioned), beetweene which and the house (rightt under and adjoyning to it) was a prettie gardein with strange trees and rare plantts of fruitts, flowers, etts. Among the rest one very high, which beareth a large vellow flower with a pleasantt smell, like wall jilliflowers; it is called Champa. Allsoe another tree bearing the fruit called azofeifas in Spanish, thatt country affoarding the same as bigge as damzens. in coullor and tast like an apple, and there, by the Portugalls. called mancanas, or mansanas. Our house aforesaid stands in a good ayre and delighttsome for prospectt, viz. to a grove of mango trees, cocotrees, plantaines, etts., in a pleasantt spacious meddow over the river rightt against our habitation, [running] allsoe to the towne of Rajapore, standing on the side of a hill, as allsoe to the hills farther offe theraboutts. Likewise [it has] the sightt of all vessells which passe to and fro, up and downe the river. And the

view of the Bundar of Custome House and plaine adjoyning. It is ½ mile from our house to the towne, if you goe about by the bridge and ¼ if you goe (or are carried) over the little river, and lesse if you take boate and land att the Bundar or Custome House plaine.

14 [November 1655]. Wee wentt aboutt a mile above the towne, soe crossed over the river by boate and came to a hotte bathe. It runs with a good streame as bigge as a man's arme in a stone gutter (like our shoots in Penrin) into a little tancke; the water in my opinion as hotte (if nott hotter) as that of the Bath by Bristoll. Itt lies near the water side in a pleasantt grove of mango trees.

17 [November 1655]. Captain Taylor seized on a Mallabare juncke, which came in the river to trade; but the Governour and country people beeing discontented theratt, finding obstruction in our businesse in generall, after two or three daies detention shee was released againe. The Mallabars are our mortall enemies in these parts, beeing piratts many of them.

13 [November 1655]. Wee went to see some superstitious ceremonies of the Jentues, viz, By Tambaes. In Rajapore is a smalle pagode or Chappell of Nanncio, or Nino, aboutt which and in it were assembled near 300 persons of all sexes and sizes. First came a fellow on whose naked backe others fastned iron hookes I know nott how, butt there was neither bloud nor signes appeared. On the hookes were fastned a line, which another held in his hand, following the first att a distance; so they went 3 times about the said pagode or chappell and every time hee came against the dore hee prostrates hinself att length on his belly upon the ground (which I conceave is the ancient manner of worshipping). When hee arose from the earth bee would putt his hands downe to the ground; then joyning both hands together hee would kisse them and see putt them on his head. This hee would doe 3 tymes as aforesaid, and after one had don, others performed the like. There wentt before them a piper and 3 or 4 drummes. This worship was don to an image aboutt a cubitt long. It had the face of a woman of silver or silvered over. This stood within, rightt against the doore aforesaid. I must putt off my shoces if I meant to com near it, which I did.

Aboutt this time a woman burned her selfe alive with her dead husband. This I saw not; butt the manner is much different

from that I saw att Surratt as in folio 31. Here they dig a pitt, laying therein much wood and combustible stuffe with the body of the dead husband, which beeing fired, shee casts her selfe into the flame to her husband, uppon whome they cast more wood etts., and there they are both quickly consumed to ashes. These Jentues, as the Banians, burne their dead, if they bee people of any quallity. Their freinds doe putt into their mouthes gold, pearle, corrall, and the most pretious things, which burneth with them. Woemen that burne with their husbands as abovesaid have a little monument of stone sett up in their remembrance. I saw divers of them.

Aboutt this tyme allsoe they shotts and killed a couple of leopards having fitted a cow for baits. I saw it nott.

Bodleian Library, Oxford, Rawlinson MS. A. 315, fol. 226.

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1657-1680

Robert Orme's Notes (Derived from Various Printed Accounts) on the Life of Sivaji

If any portion of history merits more attention than others, it should seem that the period of a revolution in the State or the progress of the foundation of a new one demand the strictest investigation. Sevagi was the founder of the Morratoe Dominion in the Peninsula of India, and hitherto we have no account, either sufficiently accurate or sufficiently connected to follow his life. I write June 26, 1779.

At the end of the book titled "Histoire des deux Conquerans Tartares qui ont subjuge La Chine, par le R. P. Pierre Joseph D'Orleans de la Compagnie de Jesus. A Paris. 1688. Octavo" is a little tract entitled "Histoire de Sevagi et de son Successeur Nouveaux Conquerans dans les Indes." This tract is only of 37 pages large print, which certainly is as little as can [be] given to a history of two such men.

Father Orleans says the Relation came from Gos, that although similar in the beginning to what he had read in Thevenot the Younger and Bernier, yet their accounts wanted explanations which this new relation furnishes, although it omits some events mentioned by the others.

- Sevagi was the subject of the King of Viziapour, whom Maffei calls Idal Can.
- 2. And was a Captain of Cavalry in his troops.
- 3. He was a little lively restless man.
- 4. And receiving some disgust quitted the Court.
- 5. And retired with a troop of determined vagabonds, which he had assembled, into the mountains towards Malabar, from whence they desolated the country of Viziapour, and soon became powerful enough to make a little State of the cities he had taken from the King. (No mention is made of the places of retreat in the mountains, nor of the cities which composed this new State).
- The King died as he was making great preparations to reduce Savagi.
- 7. The Queen widow pushed Sevagi with some vigour, but wanting to fix a young man whom she and the King had adopted for want of children, she made peace and acknowledged Sevagi lawful possessor of all he had conquered. Here then the State, at least in the extent it then held, is founded on dismemberments from Viziapour, but it must be examined whether the mountains of the first retreat were dependent on that Government.
- 8. Sevagi after the peace began to disturb the territories of others.
- And even made incursions into the lands of the Great-Mogul, and increased his State with some of his places.
- 10. Aurengzebe at first regarded Sevagi as of little consequence.
- 11. But at length roused by his progress in the lands of the Empire (p. 9).
- 12. Sent his uncle Chatescan (Chaescan) [Shaista Khan], who commanded a powerful army in the Decan, to reduce him.
- 13. Chaescan without fighting, spread his army at the foot of the mountains and confined Sevagi in the strongholds above, intending to reduce him by famine.
- 14. Sevagi with 500 determined men descends and falls upon the camp in the night, gets to the tent of Chaestean, who is wounded defending himself and hardly escaped away.

His son was killed by his side. The confusion was so great that Sevagi took the treasures and a daughter of Chaestoan.*

Thevenot § relates this more circumstantially: that Sevagi employed one of his officers to ask leave of Chaest Caun to take service with the Mogul at Delhi. He was permitted to come with the troops he commanded, and Chaest Can, instead of sending him to Delhi, detained him to serve in his own army, where he continued foremost in all enterprizes against Sevagi's possessions, which gained him the confidence of Chaest Can. At length this officer informed Sevagi of the night when he should be on guard at the General's tent, and on that night Sevagi appeared with so much success.

- 15. Sevagi treated the daughter of Chaest Can with all respect but wrote to him to beware of farther stratagems he had in store. Scarcely probable, though Thevenot says so too, that a General should be moved with such threats. However, Chaest can having ransomed his daughter, moved away with his army (pp. 14, 15).
- 16. Sevagi at liberty, soon after plundered Surat. This was in 1664. See the articles of this year in this note book t See likewise the account in the Relation of D'Orleans and Thevenot. Here too he employed another stratagem. sending before 2000 men who were in the city, disguised as merchants and seamen. They could scarcely pass as seamen at Surat without being so. Sevagi followed with his main body. They plundered the city which then had only mud walls and continued in it three days. The booty was computed at more than one million sterling. He did not molest the European Factories because. (the Relation says) they stood on their defence, nor a Capucin missionary, in respect to his virtue, how that may be, I don't know. All who had time saved themselves and effects in the Castle, which Sevagi did not attack, meaning only to get the plunder of the town, not

^{*} The whole of this pamphlet has been translated and will be found incorporated in the present volume, immediately next to this extract.

^{\$} For full copy see the extracts included in Sen's 'Foreign Biographies of Shivaji' pp. 173-184.

[†] There are no more "articles" in this volume relating to the year 1664.

to keep it and so signalize an insult on the Mogul's Government in return for the war carried on against himsel' by Chaest Khan.

Thevenot does not mention the merchants and sailors in disguise, but that Sevagi himself, some time before the enterprize, went into Surat in disguise and staid long enough to examine the ways of the city.

17. Aurengzebe, irritated by the insult on Surat, sent the Rajah Jessugn with a formidable army, which, with more success than Chaest Cans, pushed Sevagi to the retreat of his best fort, and then making offers and assurances, which were followed by letters from Aurengzebe himself, Sevagi was induced to take service with the Mogul and went to Delhi.

Thevenot makes no mention of the military expedition of Jessugn against Sevagi, nor even his name, but that Aurengzebe determined to get him into his power, and laid the misfortune of Surat on the governor, and by his signification all the principal Rajahs at the Court wrote to Sevagi of the Emperor's sentiments, on which Sevagi came to Delhi accompanied by his son. This [was] in 1666. So there was time at least for the expedition of Jessugn.

I have not yet consulted Berniers account of Sevagi. But Dow, Vol. III, page 342 to 344, tells the expedition of Chaista Khan against Sevagi in a very different manner from any yet quoted. He places the expedition, at least the beginning of it, in the year 1661, but makes it more than one. Chaista i.e. Chaest Khan takes Chagna Chākan with a paper kite. Chagna, I make no doubt by the correspondence, is the Janeagur [? Junnar] at which Doctor Fryer was in 1672. It was then under the Moguls Governor, who had sent for Fryer to cure his sick wives, from Bombay.

- 1669. Sevagee is ravaging the country all round Surat (Fryer p. 412).
- 1679. Sevages in the month of May posts 700 men on the island of Henry Kenery in order to prevent the Syddee's men from going out (from whence is not said). Bombay sends seven praws (which I suppose to be gallivats) and a pink (which by her prow I suppose to be a grab) to block up the avenues (approaches) before the rock, which seen by the barbarians on shore (the main land), they man out 40 galleys, on which all our prows but one fled; but the pink stood it out, was boarded and blew up the enemy after which she sunk four of their gallies

and put the rest to flight. A month after the enemy appeared again, and the English being recruited with another small ship, engaged them and drubbed them into their harbours, particularly into the river Tull (which I don't know), and in the mean time the Siddes came before Henry Kenery, where he was lying with his fleet, at the end of December. Fryer says should be get footing there, he would be as bad a thorne as Sevagee (Fryer, page 413, 414).

1680. Dies June 1st of this year. He is succeed by his son Sambajee (Fryer, page 415).

The fraveller, Jerome Carre* gives a more detailed account of the life of Sevagi than that with which I have set out at the beginning of this head.

- 1666. He says that Sevagi after his return or escape from the service of Aurengzebe, which happened in 1666, meditated conquests against the dominions of the King of Vizapour, and really committed ravages in the countries belonging to the Mogul, which must have been either towards Ahmedabad, Aurungabad or Hamednagur.
- 1669. In 1669 he a second time ransacked Surat. Mr. Baron the French Agent, had then been at Surat for one year. There is a very particular description of this second pillage (V[ide] page [49] to page [100]).

It is not clear at what time Carre means to say that Sevagi took possession of the places on the sea coast belonging to the King of Vizapour, which became an easy conquest to Sevagi, because the King had withdrawa his forces from these garrisons and countries, in order to defend himself against the army of the Moguls.

1668. But Carre says that in 1668 he was passing down the coast with two vessels of the French Company, and the officers of the sea ports belonging to Sevagi sent off refreshments to the ships, testifying great desire to be in amity with Europeans, and more especially with the French. About this time likewise, I think it was that he (Sevagi) took the island Bardes, near Goa, from the Portugueze.

^{*} See the translation of the whole of this account included in the Fereign Bipagraphies of Shiveji' pp. 187-217.

1672. Sevagi continuing the war against the King of Vizapour, bribes off the General that was sent against him, whose name was, according to Carre, Ramton Jamain Rustum Jemah] whom the King afterwards beheaded, but gave his government of Donguerry to the son of Ramton Jamain. Carre says that he passed by Donguerry in 1672 and received civilities from this young man; so that this Ramton Jamain must have been dead at least in 1672, if not before. The King of Viziapour then sent Abdul Caun against Sevagi, who assassinated him in a conference on the open plain and then instantly fell upon the King of Viziapour's army, which he beat off.

Sevagi then formed two armies. He sent one, under the command of his son, towards Ahmedabad, and another, under the command of an old General, to reduce the country from the river of Surat to Choul. This General sent a deputation to the Portugueze at Daman, who agreed to pay the same revenues for their out lands as they used to pay to the Prince of the country before he was conquered by Sevagi. This seems to have happened in 1672. (See Carre Vol. II p. 32). After this he attack'd the places in the Decan belonging to the Mogul which had been given to the government of Jesseing, who being dead, had devolved to his son, and his Generals having conquered the country from Daman to Choul, Sevagi himself went and conquered all from Choul to Goa. He took the old town of Choul which stands some two miles above the other, and drove the Portugueze out of it. Carre was at old Choul in 1673 and talked much with Sevagi's Governor there.

In 1673 the King of Golcondah besieged the French in St Thome, on the coast of Coromandel, which was defended by the French, during which Sevagi marched to Golcondah and levied a sum of money from him and obliged him to order the siege of St Thome to be razed.

In 1673 the Great Mogul sent a splendid Embassy to Vizapour in order to combine their forces against Sevagi.

- 1674. It appears by Fryer, p. 76, that Sevagi was at this time, and had been for some time before, at war with the Siddee; that he had taken his country and was trying hard to get his fort at Dundee Rajapour, I suppose the fort in the sea called Gingerah.
- 1674. In September 1974 an Embassy was sent from Bombay to Sevagi at Rairee, who endeavoured to persuade him

to desist from his war against the Sciddee, but he would not saying it had already cost him too much blood and treasure.

- 1674. Whilst the Bombay Embassadors were at Rairee, Sevagi ascended the throne in ceremony, as Maha Rajah, or the great King.
- 1679. Sevagi marches towards Surat.
- 1675. Fryer's Letter the 4th which was written after September 22d 1675 and not after [blank], makes the following mentions concerning Sevagi.

Curiosity tempted Fryer to go from Bombay with the Chief of Carwar that he might see Gos.

[Here follow extracts from Fryer, pp. 145, 146, 155, 158] 1666. Theyenot, Vol. 5, page 85, says the possessions of Sevagi (in 1666) are principally in the mountains between Bassein and Chaul. Compare this with what Anquetil de Perron says of the fort of Pannela in his journey from Surat to Bassein.

Dow, Vol. 3, page [blank] seems to say that Chaest Khan took Chagna, Joinagur, from Sevagi in the year 1661. I think it should be 1662.

[Here follow further extracts taken from Fryer's *Travels.*]

Orme MSS. Vol. 174, pp. 1ff.

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1658-1687

History of Sevagi and of his Successor, Recent Conquerors in India

RV

Father Pierre Joseph d'Orleans

[Bound with History of the two Tartar conquerors who have subjugated China]

(Translation)

PREFACE.

Some time ago one of my friends having communicated to me an account that he had received from Goa I found the history of these two Conquerors so clearly substantiated in it that I resolved to publish it. I had already read the beginnings in the works of the late M. Thevenot and in the accounts of M. Bernier and though I had found nothing in these accounts of a con-

tradictory nature, there appeared to me to be many details difficult to understand without further light thrown on them. This new account has cleared up those points and has unravelled for me the threads of a history that I have thought worthy of the attention of readers. It must not be wondered at if all the events recorded by the two authors mentioned above do not here find a place. One historian ignores or passes over lightly facts with which another is better acquainted or considers more important. But in the greater part of this narrative there is such close relation with that of the two illustrious travellers referred to, that there can be no doubt of its truth and that in itself lends weight to what is said of Sambagi, the successor of Sivaji.

In that part of Asia which from North to South lie between the Indus and the Ganges and borders the sea as far as Cape Comorin there reigned for many years various monarchs governing by virtue of the vast extent of their territory, large Kingdoms. The Great Mogul is master of all those lying between the two rivers and has besides extended his powers over these situated between the two seas, being the actual possessor of Surat, one of the most considerable towns and finest ports of the East. During the whole of the last century the Portuguese made themselves feared in this region from the time that the renowned Albuquerque took Goa from the infidels and established a settlement rivalling in extent and surpassing in feats of arms those of the vicinity.

But as dominance by land is transitory, the Dutch in recent years have prevailed over the Portuguese in India and have wrested from them the greater portion of their conquests. During the wars waged in this part of Asia, some of the Princes of the country succeeded in acquiring lands considerable enough to give them the title of King. Among this number was the ruler of Visapour (whom Mafee calls Idalcan) at the time when Sivaji, his subject, and Captain of his horse founded from what he usurped from his master the new monarchy whose history I am about to write.

Sivaji was a little lively, restless man, but with all his impartment of Sivaji. His revolt against bearing. He was intractable and could not the King of Visapbrook discipline. In consequence he was ill at ease at Court where he was looked upon as ripe for revolt. Having decided on this course, he collected a troop of

vagabonds, as discontented as himself, and with them retired to the mountains, which lie between Malabar and the Coromandel Coast, whence making continual inroads on the flat country, he laid waste the whole of Visapour and became in a short time so powerful, that he dared to oppose his own King and form a little state out of the lands he had wrested from him. It was lucky for Sivaji that this King died just as he was making a great effort to subdue his rebellious subject.

The widowed queen for some time pursued her husband's methods against Sivaji with more courage than might have been expected from a woman, but, as she had no children and was desirous of securing the throne to a young man adpoted by herself and the late King, she was easily induced to consent to a peace proposed by Sivaji, by which he remained master of all his conquests.

Sivaji was too much habituated to war to remain long in peace. He had only granted it to the Queen of Visapour so as to be free to harass other states and render himself feared by all the neighbouring princes. He had even the audacity to make inroads of the territory of the Great Mogul and to enlarge his own estates by that means a piece of hardihood which was all the greater since Aurangzeb, a Prince who lacked nothing to make him one of the greatest monarchs of the world and who had gained his Empire by less violent means, was already seated on the throne.

 Aurangzeb did not at first look upon Shivagi as a redoubtable enemy and took no steps to resist him, but as he continued to insult him and to advance on his territories, he eventually realised that he was not an enemy whom it was wise to disregard. crush the invader the more quickly, he ordered his uncle. Shaista Khan who commanded a powerful army in that part of india called Deccan, to march against Sivaji with his whole force. Shaista Khan, who was a wise and experienced man, having reconnoitred Precognized the position of the enemy, took measures which greatly embarrassed Sivaji. Knowing that the rebel could not hold the field, with the few followers at his disposal, against so large a force as his own, he blockaded him in his mountain fastnesses and without fatiguing his own troops by a regular siege, wore out the enemy by his patience and coolness, for his troops could easily subsist on the open country, while those of Sivaji wera consuming his stores. In this difficulty, Sivaji, who was not of a nature to wait for the worst to happen before risking a decisive blow, made his arrangements, and having ascertained by means of a reliable spy, the situation of the enemy's camp, he planned, with a few of his most resolute soldiers, to make his way there and carry off the General. Having arrived at this determination, he set out and made such a successful march, that he reached the camp, being favoured by a dark night, without being perceived, and as no one suspected his intentions, he was inside the General's tent before anyone had time to recognise him.

Terror, which on these unforeseen occasions, lays hold on even the bravest of the brave produced the effect that Sivaji had foreseen. Each one thought of himself and his own safety. The General had scarcely time to arm himself. He was surrounded, one of his sons killed at his side and himself left for dead from a severe wound. One of his daughters was carried off, but the rest of his family escaped owing to the general disorder and the darkness of the night. Sivaji therefore remained master of the situation, enriched himself with the spoils of the vanquished and retired into his mountain fastnesses laden with booty.

The army of Shaista Khan however, having been routed by surprise rather than weakened by its defeat, which was by no means decisive, the General easily rallied his forces and prepared them, as soon as his wound was healed, to take vengeance on his enemy. Sivaji, who lost no opportunity of securing his fortune (when he was not compelled to risk it either for defence or gain) seeing that he was likely to be placed in an embarrassing situation, attempted to enter into negotiations with the Mogul prince. The capture of his daughter afforded a fitting opportunity for, far from treating her with insult, he had paid her all the honour due to her rank. Sivaji, then desirous of taking advantage of so favourable a conjuncture for treating with Shaista Khan, offered to restore the princess in return for a ransom. At the same time he wrote to the General advising him neither to seek open combat with himself, nor to attempt to destroy him in his hiding places, declaring that by such actions so great a Captain would only lose time, that could be employed more profitably, in pursuing an enterprise that could never redound to his glory. By so doing, he urged, the General would lose both life and reputation for the recent scheme which had cost the Mogul Army so dear was one of the minor plots that had been prepared against him, and that he would never be able to escape from the many traps laid for him.

It is uncertain whether it was the effect of this letter, or some important affair of state which caused the Mogul He prince to induce the Emperor to leave Sivaji in Sucut. peace. However that may be, Shaista Khan had no sooner ransomed his daughter, than he retired, and under pretext of carrying out a more important enterprise, left the field open to the energy of Sivaji. It was not long before the neighbourhood realised his presence. Sivaji no sooner found himself free, than he bagan to harass others. He was anxious to evince to the world that Aurangzeb had withdrawn his soldiers, not because he despised the weakness of the enemy's forces, but because be despaired of vanquishing them. He therefore resolved to undertake a fresh and brilliant enterprise against him, and wishing to unite advantage with honour, he conceived that an attack on Surat would afford him both. Having taken this resolution, he informed his troops, who inspired by the hope of so rich a booty. promised to back up their leader and faithfully kept their word. Surat was not dreaming of an attack when Sivaji entered the town at the head of his little army. Two thousand of his soldiers. disguised as sailors and merchants, had already prepared the way for him, so that without any difficulty, he seized whatever he desired, with the exception of the fortress, in which the Governor shut himself up with the few soldiers he had been able to collect. The remainder were left to the mercy of the conqueror. The pillage lasted three days, after which, Sivaji and his followers, having laden themselves with the immense riches which they found in the shops and warehouses of this great town, set out to regain their hiding places and secure their booty. It is said that in the sack of Surat, Sivaji spared the following - a Capuchin missionary on account of his virtue and the Europeans, as a measure of prudence, for finding them entrenched in their own quarter and knowing them to be courageous, was not desirous of wasting time in fighting them, when such time could be more profitably employed.

The Mogul ruler, irritated by this insult, as can well be imagined, sent a formidable army against Sivaji under the Sıvaji harassed command of a general named Jai Singh, who had by the Mogul orders to crush him. This new general did indeed troops, comes to terms with the pursue him so rapidly, that, having besieged him Emperor. in his strongest fort, he kept him so closely invested as to give him no hope of escape, except by one of those fortunate attempts effected by cunning or despair. Jai Singh, however, who did not consider his position too sure, proposed an $\Pi - 45$

advantageous composition and believing that he would be rendering a double service to his master, by first re-establishing the reputation of his army and then by attaching such a brave man to his service, he assured Sivaji that, if he would join the Mogul against another Indian King with whom he was at war, he would obtain favourable terms for him, and even lucrative positions which would give him reason for satisfaction. Sivaji, who felt himself in danger and who considered that to participate in the campaigns of a conquering enemy, was by no means unpleasant, accepted the proffered terms and having thus allied himself to the most powerful monarch in India, found himself relieved from his most pressing danger and in a better position than ever.

To augment his reputation, it happend that the Mogul, having declared war on the Sofi, invited Sivaji to take an important post in his army and wrote to him in so honourable and flattering a manner, that Sivaji could not refuse. He repaired to the army with his troops and the King received him so favourably, that he believed his fortune made, but a mischance of which he had no suspicion brought him to the verge of ruin. Sivaji's appearance in the Indian Army was universally welcomed. Aurangzeb himself, who esteemed his valour, so far as one can judge, was favourably disposed towards him. It was a woman who could not bear the sight of him, who forced him to leave the army after having, by her machinations, endangered his life. This was the wife of Shaista Khan, commander of the troops that Sivaji had first attacked. She remembering the insult to her husband and the death of her son, so excited against him all the ladies of the Court, that by dint of tears and importunities, they obtained from Aurangzeb (with whom, in spite of his wisdom, their sex was not without influence) an order to arrest the murderer of a Prince of the blood royal of the Moguls.

This outcry had been loud enough to come to the ears of a man as alert as Sivaji. Some said that he Sivaji in danger at the Mogul was warned of it by Jai Singh's son, who had court, flees from induced him to come over to the side of the Mogul. It was apparently at this juncture that M. Thevenot says that Sivaji believed himself ruined and while indignantly complaining to the King that he had violated his promises, he attempted to kill himself. He was restrained from his purpose and the king soothed him, assuring him that he had never compassed his death. The same author nevertheless adds that if the monarch had not feared a rising of

the nobles, who were attached to Sivaji and who were openly murmuring at the ill treatment accorded to him, he would easily have consented to the death of this uneasy spirit.

When he came to the Court, Sivaji had not been wholly imprudent, he had reserved for his own use in his fortresses men, munitions and money capable of supporting him and as he was never without either guile or determination, he now made use of both, disguised himself and escaped without detection. The memorandum from Goa relates that he twice sacked Surat. I do not know if the second occasion was at this particular time. The hatred that he must have nourished against the Mogul and his Court at the time was a fitting incentive to inspire such a design.

If, however, M. Bernier's story is true that many people thought Sivaji's flight was connived at by Aurangzeb, who had neither the strength to oppose the demands of the Court ladies. nor the perfidy to cause the death of a man whom he had summoned to his side, it is not likely that Sivaji would have so soon forgotten the kindness of the Mogul. What makes the story of the King's attitude the more likely, is that Bernier adds that Jai Singh's son, being publicly accused of aiding Sivaji's flight, Aurangzeb only banished him for a time from the Court, and on his father's death, sent for him and continued him in his parent's offices. A futher confirmation to Bernier's story is that Sivaji next turned his attention to the Portuguese and against Goa. He had already pillaged Bardez, a peninsula under the rule of the Portuguese at the gates of their capital and he was preparing for still greater conquests when a violent attack of colic put an end to his life and projects.

Sivaji left two sons, heirs to his lands and fourtune. The Sambaji, Sivaji's elder named Sambaji inherited his father's position and his father's valour. The surrounding nations quickly learnt that they had not benefited by the change. After having seized and imprisoned his brother (who, so he was informed by some of the nobles at his Court, was aiming at his place), he followed in his father's footsteps. He harried the Indian princes and enriched himself with their spoils. He became so powerful, that he was able to have himself nominated guardian of the young King of Bijapur. His greatest attacks were carried on against the Mogul and the Portuguese. This is what was written about him in a letter dated from Goa in January 1635.

Sultan Akbar, third son of the Great Mogul Aurangzeb, having taken umbrage at some occurrence at Court, retired suddenly to the territories of Sambaji with about 400 horsemen. Sambaji, who was quite ready to profit by the quarrels of others, thought this occasion a good one, and, in order to make the most of it, received Akbar and treated him with every possible consideration.

Aurangzeb who, as a third son, had succeed to the Empire by the imprisonment of Shah Jahan, his father, and the death of Dara his brother realised that his own example was a bad one to follow, and feared least Akbar was about to imitate him. In order to deprive him of the means, if not of the will, to do so, he considered it best to lose no time and sent a considerable army in pursuit of him. Akbar fared better with the stratagems and money of Sambaji than did the Mogul with his vast band of soldiers for their Generals allowed themselves to be bribed and retired without accomplishing anything.

The counterblast of this affaire fell on the Portuguese, for

He makes war on the Portuguese and besieges Goa.

Sambaji, irritated that they had allowed free passage to the Mogul troops through the lands possessed in the Deccan, attacked one of their fortresses close to Chaul, when they were least expecting it, and not being able to carry it by assault, he besieged Chaul itself.

Dom Francisco de Tavora, Viceroy of India, not being able to relieve Chaul, since he was too far off, decided to make a diversion by besieging Ponda, one of Sambaji's fortresses, a place only a league from Gos inland. Sambaji, to whose interest it was to retain a place so close to Goa, raised the siege of Chaul and marched to the relief of Ponda, which was already partially destroyed. He compelled the Portuguese, who had not enough troops to confront him in open battle, to retire into their town. He pursued them closely and having invaded the islands which surround those on which Goa, is situated, he attacked the fortresses they contained and pillaged all the surrounding villages. Salsette, Bardez and the island of St. Etienne, which are contiguous to Goa, were simultaneously attacked. The Viceroy, who had only a small force found himself unable to succour so many important positions all attacked at the same time. Of regular troops he had barely 300 Portuguese, with about 1000 Indians. who are indifferent soldiers. He was reduced to employing, as a town-guard, the clergy and the monks, men more fitted to fight with their tongue, like Moses, than with their hands, like Joshua.

In this extremity the Governor showed how sometimes a brave man can accomplish much with poor material. He manoeuvred his troops so cleverly and himself fought at their head with so much resolution, that the most important posts held out against Sambaji for a whole month and only those unnecessary for the preservation of the place were allowed to fall into his hands.

In spite of this stout resistance, the continuance of a close siege against a large town deprived of its garrison and without hope of relief threw the inhabitants of Gos into a state of consternation. Fatigue alone was enough to weaken the courage of the strongest. Thus, this city filled with superb buildings, notable by its conquests and reverenced by all Christian nations as having been for a long period a religious sanctuary in the midst of a barbarous people, was ready to fall into the hands of Gentiles and Muhammadans, had not divine providence, worked a miracle to succour it.

Goa was in the position just described when, from above the ramparts was suddenly perceived advancing from inland an army crops that appeared immense. Sambaji's movements, at the sight of this redoubtable force, showed how much he feared it, and it was soon discoved that it was the Mcgul army, which was endeavouring to force the besieger to battle. Sambaji, however, did not consider himself strong enough to resist such a number and thought only of securing his safety by a masterly retreat which he effected so cleverly, that he retired to his fastnesses before the Mogul army could engage him in combat.

The delight of the inhabitants of Goa, when they found themselves delivered from so formidable an enemy can be easily conjectured. The Viceroy immediately sent one of his principal officers to pay his respects to the General of this succouring army who, he learned, was Sultan Mu'azan, the eldest son of the Great Mogul sent by his father in pursuit of the young Akbar, who was still in Sambaji's country and under his protection.

It was at the end of 1685, about Christmas time, that the town of Goa was delivered from the peril of Sambaji. The Viceroy attributed the deliverance, not to his own courage and determination, but to special intervention from on high, and especially to the protection of S. Francis Xavier, at whose tomb he had been cured of a dangerous wound he had received in a sortic. The gratitude that he evinced was especially marked for he solumnly laid on the tomb of the Saint all his signs of office

declaring that for the future he would only govern in India under the authority of St. Francis who had so often shown himself the Patron and Protector of the place.

My memorandum gives no details of the war between Sambaji and Sultan Mu'azan. It seems that the contest ended in some sort of arrangement for a short time after Mu'azan made war upon the King, his father, and Sambaji, the same as ever, retraced his steps, until last year when some of the chief men in his Court having revolted against him, assassinated him and put another in his place.

Tract, pp. 1-37 bound with,
Histoire des deux Conquérans
Tartares qui out subjugué la
Chine par le R. P.
Pierre Joseph d' Orleans, de la
Compagnie de Jesus-Paris 1683.

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1660

Alexander Hamilton's account of the Sundah Rajah's Dominions

(EXTRACT)

About the Year 1660. Aurengzeb came into Visapore with an Army of 3 or 400000 Men, and soon conquered the open Country, but the Metropolis, called the city of Visapore, took him seven or eight years to reduce it, for being built on a flat mountain of difficult access, and room enough to sow corn on it, obliged Aurengzeb to surround it with his army, and make a Blockade, but at last it yielded, and Aurengzeb put the King in Chains of Silver, and carried him in triumph along with his victorious army, near the space of thirty years, and then he died an inglorious captive. He was reckoned a good simple peaceable Prince while he reigned, but was in no way related to the God Mars.

Alexander Hamilton: A New Account of the East Indies, Vol. I p. 259. (536)

1664

Volquard Iversen's Account of the Sack of Surat

(TRANSLATION)

In the year 1664, on the 15th January* about 9. 0 a.m., the Mogul's Governor "Enachat Chan" [Inayat Khan] received tidings in the town [Surat] from one of his sergeants who was quartered about two miles off, that a great army was on the march, the leader of which refused to give his name except as a servant of the Great Mogul, and that he intended to go to the town of Ahmadabad with 10,000 men. The sergeant, however found out from the troops that their General was said to be the freebooter. Shivaii, though many of them refused to believe it. The Governor was not a little alarmed and ordered the bridges to be demolished. However, most of them were in bad repair and very dry and there were nowhere any guns for defence. He sent to the Dutch and English to entrest them to give him a helping hand in this danger. It appeared strange to us that a governor whose duty it was to preserve a town and protect the foreigners in it should himself ask help from foreigners. However, since our factories had only a force of 40 men, each factory took 70 or 80 Moors into its service for purposes of defence. When, next day, news came that the army was at the village of Utena, a mile and a half from Surat, the Governor sent one of his most important Ministers to Shivaji to beg him, since he was a King's servant and, as he said, sent by "Amoran" or Duke "Mober Chan" to put down the tumult arisen in "Patan", not to approach this town, because the inhabitants having evil suspicions [of his intentions], were taking to flight, a fact which the Great Mogul would take ill. Shivaii takes no heed, keeps prisoner the Minister who had met him on the way and suffers no answer to be returned. The Dutch also sent two servants in order to learn the condition of the army. These, too, were captured but released in the evening. They returned to the factory without their weapons and brought word that the leader was certainly the freebooter. Shivaji. Towards noon a fire was seen to break out in the midst

^{*} All the dates in this account are evidently noted according to the new style, and have to be properly converted on allowing the difference of 10 days, in every case.

of the town and it extended further and further. Shivaji's men marched in companies into the town, meeting with no opposition and made for the King's Custom House, where they obtained their first booty. They might, however have been easily kept back.

The Governor, for whom 1,000 horse were maintained by the Mogul, hurried with all his cavalry to the Castle and left the horses standing under the guns. He was followed by all the royal officials who lived in the town, abandoning everything there to be plundered and devastated. Then began unhindered looting and devastation until nightfall. Moreover, the fire gained ground because there was noone to put it out or to make a stand against the robbers. The enemy became so bold that they actually came right up under the Castle and examined the horses. The men in the Castle wishing to make their manly courage heard from behind the walls, fired the whole night through down into the town and caused more damage to the houses than harm to the enemy. It was lamentable to hear how they broke in doors and windows and chests, to the accompaniment of terrible cries of murder from women and children. Although on this night the flames diminished somewhat, they broke out again on the following day, viz. the 17th, and in several places.

Shivaji sent a Greek merchant, Nicolaus Kolostra by name. an inhabitant of Surat, whom he had fetched from his house, to our factory and also to that of the English with orders to inform us that the town of Surat had been presented to him by the Mogul's youngest brother, Prince Chasousa [Shāh sujā] who was with him; that he was now in need of money to maintain his army and that a considerable sum must be advanced to him. Failing this, he would set fire to the whole town. But it was well known that the statement about Prince Chasousa was an invention, for we had absolutely certain news that he had fled from his brother's pursuit three years before to the town of Arakan and had there met his end. The Dutch and English therefore gave Shivaji this answer; that they were only traders and not accustomed to let their money lie long in the cashbox, for the demands of trade occasioned its being laid out at once; they could not therefore help him on this occasion.

The looting and burning continued till nightfall again, since new and fierce fires arose in the East and North, so that it was as piteous a sight as one pictures Sodom or Troy to have been.

On the 18th the secretary of the Court of Justice sent a letter in Persian from the Castle to the Dutch asking them to rescue a chest from his house and take it into the Factory for safety, but the following answer was sent to him; he must defend it himself so that no claim might be made in the case of harm coming to it. At night once again there was heard beating of drums, blowing of pipes, firing, burning and screaming. In the morning many disconsolate women and children were seen miserably wandering in the streets, their homes having been burnt and their menfolk killed. The enemy adopted the following device to increase the fire. They ran into the houses where distilled and other oils were on sale, took these, poured them over doors, windows and walls and hung flasks full of oil on the floors, so that they took fire the more readily. Two rich traders took refuge in the Castle abandoning their homes and goods. The most magnificent house of a very rich Banyan merchant, Virji Vora by name, was also reduced to ashes and with it six barrels of gold, money, pearls, gems and other Shivaji had demanded the surrender of this precious wares. merchant and another from the Governor, two days before, and was willing to let them suffice as ransom for the whole town,

Two other rich Banyan merchants, when the tumult increased, wished to cross the river with their valuables and goods, so as to escape the looting and the fire; but the Governor refused to allow it, and in consequence they lost, in Dutch reckoning, about 30 casks of gold, thanks to the Governor. That afternoon, when half the town was already reduced to ashes. Shivaii with his army withdrew two marches off and encamped. In order to learn whether he had fixed his camp there or intended to proceed further. a peon (that is, a lackey) informed the Dutch that he intended to go to the enemy as a fakir or mendicant monk. He actually passed through the whole camp without being suspected. Shivaji had not had a tent pitched but only a cloth hung from a tree for protection against the heat of the sun. The booty in oxen and horses had been brought in and laid before him. The money, gold. silver and pearls, as also the valuable stuffs he had kept for himself and the rest he had distributed among the poor people standing by. His followers had obtained enough plunder for themselves.

A week before an Ethiopian ambassador sent to the Great Mogul had arrived and was staying in an old surai in Surat, awaiting orders as to how he should be received by the Mogul and sent on further. This man Shivaji had taken to his camp and demanded from him the presents that he had brought for the Mogul. If

he refused Shivaji threatened to make him prisoner and carry him off. The good man was confounded, and because he had no protector was obliged to allow Shivaji's servants to seize the presents, although the Governor might have rescued them by taking them into the Castle.

With this immense booty Shivaji took his departure saying: I have long wished to pull Aurangzeb's beard and now my wish is fulfilled, for the rich and beautiful town of Surat has been called by the Moors the King's or Mogul's beard, by reason of its charm and grace.*

Extracted from Adam Olearius, Reisebeschriebungen: Orientalische Reise-beschriebung, p. 167.

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1669-1671

Dr. Dellon's remarks concerning Sivaji.

When I arrived [in 1669] near the city [Surat], the gates were not shut up; the inhabitants were obliged for their security to a neighbouring prince called Sevagi, who by his frequent incursions has caused them to surround their city with a good wall, and to be constantly upon their guard.

We set sail from the Port of Sonaly [? Swally] the 6th of January [1670], with a very favourable wind, which thus continued till our arrival at Rajapour. ...

It is situate in the territories of Sevagi, a famous rebel, who for a considerable time has been in wars with the Great Mogul, and the King of Visapour his Liege Lord. It lies exactly under

The last paragraph is so coarse as to be untranslatable. It has therefore been paraphrased.

Iheraon adds: I was myself a witness of his [Shivaji's] conduct towards the town of Surat and have extracted the account of the event from our Dutch Assistenten Journal.

the 17th degree of North latitude, on the coast of Malabar, about 20 leagues north from Goa; and you come to it by a river, which runs with a very gentle current. Near the mouth of it on the right side of the shoar, you see a small village, inhabited only by fisher—men, and 4 leagues beyond it is the city of Rajapour, which has communicated its name to the said river. You may go up with a vessel of 100 tuns, as far as to a small island, which is about half way betwirt the city and the mouth of the river; afterwards you make use of Chaloups and barges, to carry the merchandice to the city, where the river is so shallow that at low water it is fordable in some places.

The English had here formerly a factory, but the Indians have dislodged them from thence. The French Company has not many years ago got a Settlement there, where they have a fine house and garden, near a great cistern, from whence, arises a spring of hot-water, not inferiour in vertue to any in Europe. The adjacent mountains and forests are full of apes, which are much reverenced by the Pagans, inhabiting the territories of Sevagi, no body being permitted to kill them, without running the hazard of his life. The chief commodities at Rajapour, are saltpeter and callicoes, but especially pepper, which grows thereabouts in great quantity.

This Sevagi is a very potent prince, who has managed his affairs with so much prudence as to have establish'd himself, in spite of his potent enemies, in all the territories, situate betwirt Suratte and Goa, unless it be some few sea-ports, belonging to the Portuguese. He has made himself so dreadful to his neighbours, as to have made the city of Goa itself tremble at his approach, and has several times made those of Suratta feel the direful effects of his fury, by plundering all the country round about, and carrying away great riches, without sparing either Mosques or the Pagan temples. But it has been observed of him. that he always used a great deal of moderation towards the Europeans, perhaps for fear of being called to a severe account by their principals, which motive might induce him to shew bimself favourable to them, without which, it would have been no difficult matter for him to have plundered their houses, like those of the Indians. In the year 1671, he made such an inroad into the Territories of Suratte, when he made so terrible a havock in the circumjacent places, that the damage could not be repair'd for many years after. All his strongholds are built among the mountains; his subjects are Pagans, like himself.

tolerates all religions, and is look'd upon as one of the most politick princes in those parts.

Dellon, Mr., M. D.; A. Voyage to the East Indies, pp. 37, 55-57.

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1670

Nicholas de Graaf's note on Sivaji

(TRANSLATION)

Three days after we left Monghyr we met the troops of an idolatrous Prince called Amarting. They consisted of 1200 well equipped cavalry, 40 camels, 6 elephants, a number of oxen and a large body of infantry. Besides this, there were on the river a number of boats of all kinds to transport men and provisions. These troops came from the mountains of Assam and were going to Delhi and Agra to join the army of the Mogul in order to march against the rebel Sivaji...

Voyages de Nicolas de Graaf aux Indes Orientales, p. 61.

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1676-1686

Sevajie-Dutch

EXTRACTS FROM A NARATIVE IN FRENCH QUOTED BY ORME, THE AUTHOR'S NAME NOT GIVEN

(TRANSLATION)

At our arrival here our affairs were flourising, which we had scarcely expected, in spite of every effort we could make to encourage the sales necessary to place our new factory in a flourishing condition.

However, between 1680 and 1686, at Porto Novo alone we have made about nine tons of gold (a ton of gold is equal to 100,000 florins) out of the 13,000 bales of different kinds of cloth that we have sold.

I find that from 1686 to 1687 9,800 bales, valued at 211/2 tons of gold, were bought and despatched.

It was in 1688 that the period of failure in trade began, caused by the war which devastated the whole of this country and kept the inhabitants in a state of continual alarm, so that the benifts already gained rapidly declined, for the Muhammadans and Marathas (who are subjects of the brigand Sieuvagie) made every effort to spread confusion, being firmly persuaded of the advantage of fishing in troubled waters. They caused considerable injury, pillaged villages and destroyed roads so that trade was almost entirely stopped. It was neither possible to buy nor to sell, not even so many as a hundred bales, whereas formerly we had dealt in thousands. Later it became necessary to be constantly on the alert against the subjects of Sieuvagie so that this factory has only enjoyed for a very few years the prosperity it seemed likely to experience.

I had the honour several times of speaking with the great ruler who governs Golconda, for instance, in 1676 when the notable brigand, Sieuwagie, with 12,000 foot and 24,000 horse, was encamped three leagues from the town, threatening to reduce it to ashes if the King refused to grant him a large sum of money. This threat caused general consternation. We trembled for our own safety and for our factory lest the precious goods it contained should become the prey of this redoubtable brigand. To avoid such a catastrophe Jan van Nyendaal, acting for Heer Hartsink went to the rebel's camp to conciliate him, and offered (as formerly did Abigail to King David) a present of almonds. dates, grapes and pistachio nuts, the whole worth about 1000 florins. He received the gift very graciously in his tent which had been erected for the occasion. The messengers were refreshed with coffee, garlanded with flowers, presented with robes of honour and granted a safe conduct guaranteeing their persons and the effects of the Company against the danger which threatened them.

These savages intended to attack the palace of the King as well as that of his principal nobles knowing that great treasures

were there concealed. The whole town in consequence was in a state of alarm and confusion. However, the Governor Madana realised that the only means of closing the mouths of these infuriated dogs of war was to shower money on them. Every day was poured out to them 1000 to 2000 ducats and finally Sieuwagie retired in a litter, embellished on every side with sheets of massive gold accompanied by 8 outriders and 30 chaise-bearers.

It was in the month of August 1676 that I saw the departure of this Marauder with his retinue after he had dismissed his troops of whose fidelity, especially of that of his bodyguard, he had no doubt. I thanked him for the safeguard granted to us and wished him a prosperous journey.

He was sent for to speak to the King, and as it is the custom in this country for rulers not to pass in front of subjects, for this reason there are always several entrances to the Audience Chamber. Prince Sieuwagie entered by one door and those who were permitted to attend the audience entered by another. This fierce destroyer, then, having been admitted to the King's presence came in by the door pointed out to him and the King came in by another. Both then sat down on seats prepared for them, and entered into conversation. Whilst they were thus talking, the Palace was surrounded by 6,000 cavalry, who approached so silently that the buzzing of a fly could have been heard. I do not speak from hearsay, for I was an eyewitness of the affair, having seen it all from a window. It was thus that the brigand made known to the world that like a second Masaniello he was as much beloved as respected by his subjects, ...

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1669

R. Orme's note on Surat.

1669. Sevajee or his people are plundering up to the walls of Surat, the Governor is taxing the inhabitants, and his musters are not half compleat for the defence of the place. Moradbegue Aurenzebe's armour bearer in all his wars arrives with a force in the beginning of May takes the Government, and before the end

of the month beats Sevajee's plunderers of whom some cart loads were brought to Surat to be buried.

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1671

Nicolas de Graaf's account of Sivaji's Second Sack of Surat.

(TRANSLATION)

The letters that we received at that time [January 1671] from Surat by way of Agra informed us of the pillaging of Prince Sivaji, the sums that he exacted and the ravages made by him on Surat and its environs. He demanded a large sum from the Dutch Factory, but it was refused.

Voyages de Nicolas de Grauf Aux Indes Orientales, p. 68

APPENDIX

(I)

A SHORT NOTE ON THE PHOTOGRAPHS INSERTED IN THE BOOK.

- No. I. Shivaji's Seals and Colns: is a plain design including two seals, one gold coin and seven copper pieces asoribed to Shivaji.
- No. 1 Is the principal seal used long before his coronation, from his very childhood and continued even after that significant ceremony. The inscription, thus, is devoid of any royal insignia. Dignified in its plain majesty, the couplet, freely rendered, reads—'This seal of Shiva, the son of Shaha, waxing (daily) like the crescent of the moon and adored by the universe, shines with benevolent splendour'.
 - No. 2 Is the closing seal and reads 'here, the limit.'
- No. 3 Represents the obverse and reverse of a gold 'Mohur' of Shivaji, and bears the usual legend 'Shri Rajā Shiva' on one side and 'Chhatrapati' on the other.
- Nos. 4 to 8 are the usual copper pieces called 'Shivarai,' with similar legends imprinted. No. 5 bears the whole legend in full. Others carry it only partially, Nos. 4 and 8 showing only one letter each. No. 4 including nothing of regal significance is considered to have been struck before the Coronation.
- Nos. 9 & 10 are tokens of lighter weight and were known as a Ruka and Dam respectively.
- No. 2 A Page from the Factory Records—This is inserted to give the readers some idea of the nature of the orginal material

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from which the extracts are made. Carefully studied, the photograph affords a considerable knowledge of the spelling, caligraphy and similar other things in which a student is interested.

- No. 3 Ray Gad. This is the only photograph so far available of the mejesty that is Ray Gad. It represents only the northern front of the impregnable fortress, the top exetuding over a considerable plateau, behind it. It gives some idea of the great fort, upon which so much praise has been bestowed by all the visitors without exception.
- No. 4 The Memorial Chhatri of Shivaji. This is again a plain memorial raised to the revered memory of the great national here. A beautiful superstructure has only lately been raised over this plinth. Shivaji passed away on Ray Gad.

Appendix

(II)

A note on the English Records on Shivafi.

THE METHOD ADOPTED IN MAKING THE EXTRACTS.

This is what Miss. L. M. Anstey, has to say about what she calls, the Shivaji Collection:—

The extracts forming this collection have been copied from the Mss. in the India Office verbatim, excepting that

- (1) Contractions have been written out in full.
- (2) Unnecessary capital letters have been disregarded.
- (3) Punctuation marks have been added where absolutely necessary for the sense or disregarded in the originals where they serve to confuse the text.

No other alterations have been made and the spelling, however inconsistent, together with "then" for "than" etc. has been retained.

The section copied from Orme Mss. Vol. 114 was that selected for the foundation of the series and was the first to be copied. This volume was compiled by Orme from extracts taken from Factory Records, Bombay, regarding Shivaji, the Sidi, etc. The Bombay Records were subsequently examined and any notable omissions supplied from the originals. The Contents of Vol. 114 given in Mr. Hill's Catalogue are—

- pp. 1-369. Bombay Letters to Factories from Nov. 24th 1671 to Dec. 18th 1678. Copied extracts from official letters.
- pp. 378-389. Appendix to the same, consisting of a letter dated 9th May 1674 to the "Siddee Sambole," the Mughal's Admiral, regarding his wish to "winter in the Island of Bombay, and (pp. 377-389) a letter dated Bombay, 11th May 1674, to Mr. Henry Oxenden giving him instructions as to the treaty to be made with "Sevaji."

To the best of my belief every reference both in Factory Records, Original Correspondence (and the Orme Mss.) has been extracted regarding Shivaji.

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Appendix

Dr. Sen's remarks may also be subjoined here :-

"The Factory Records are usually written in very good hand and are in fairly good state of preservation; but it does not appear that the scribes of those days were very particular about their spelling of English words and transliteration of Indian place and personal names. Thus you will often find the same English words differently spelt in different places, and the name of Shivaji transliterated in half a dozen different ways; at one place, it is written as 'Savage.' Then certain common forms of abbreviation were frequently used e. g. woh for which, yo for this, yo for that, wo for what, inca for in circa, Gover for Governor or as it was then written Gouvernor, and so on."

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A

Ahādi—a 'gentleman trooper,' in attendance on the sovereign or his son-; a messenger.

Alampanah-II-248. P. Alampanah : Assylum of the world.

Aldea-I-162, II-312 (Port.)-a village.

Ambuscado-11-261, 417, cf. Ambuscade.

Amoran-II-536-A. Amir, Duke.

Amydea-I-3 p. 7. Port. almadia: a small vessel.

Aviso-II-272(Port.)-advice, news letter.

Ancient-II-381, 489-[corrupted from ensign] an ensign or flag.

Arrack—A. 'Ark: Any Eastern spiritiuos liquor, especially one made from ecoco-palm.

Arz-dāsht—(ardas I-15, ardash I-234, ardust I-321, arg [?j] dasht I-414).

P. Arz-dasht: a written petition or memorial.

Azofeifas—II-532—Can this be the same as modern 'Hāpus or Āpus', which is derived from Port. Alphoneo?

В

Baftas-II-81, 136, 198 (p. 107)-Baftas were Gujrat calido. (Jahangir s India p. 40).

Bălāghāt—I-476 (p. 358), II-186—The high region about the centre of Doccan, bordering upon the rather low plain on the east and the hilly heights immediately adjoining the Western Ghauts [see map].

Baloon—(balloone)—I-79, Il-342, 469, 481, 482, 483, 491—"a rowing vessel formerly used in various parts of the Indies, the basis of which was a large canoe or 'dugout'. There is a Marathi word balyanw, a kind of barge, which is probably the original" (Hobson Jobson, p. 53).

Bandarines—(Bandarins, Banareens-I-202, 295, 358, 484. Bandericus—II-235, 369)—a class of people who extract spirituous liquor from the coconut trees.

Banyan—(Bannian, Banjan)—I-12, 283—A Bania, a man of the trading caste.

Barratts-II-337 see Brauts.

Barricadoes-II-177 cf. Barricade.

Barkley [?] I-261-a basket or unit of load [!].

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Unusual Words

Baskets-II-110-wicker work boats used in old times for ferry work.

Passa-I-134. P. Badshah: King.

Batty-II-42, 200, 337, 402, 414. Marathi Bhat: paddy grain from which rice is made.

Beagguine--1-251. T. Begum: The Queen, the wife of a Musalman grandee (M).

Cecaurr--[Vakhar]-II-60-a ware-house for stocking goods in large quantities.

Benjaras—I-234. H. Banjara: a camp or company of people, who are carriers of grain, salt etc.

Beazar—II-226. Bezoar—an antidote for poisons found in the intestines of certain ruminant animals.

Bigdreens—II-436. H. Bīgāri: a person pressed to carry a load, or to render other service; a porter or labouring man generally.

Blanks—I-15. H. Daul: a form lying ready to be filled up as wanted, having sometimes the signatures and seals of the authorities attached (M.) Bower—I-422—anchor at ship's bow.

Brahmine (S)—(brahmany, bramon, braman, bramine, bramine, bramine, bramine)—well known—a member of the priest Class or the highest class among Hindus; usually engaged in service as an envoy or a news agent.

Brauts—(brants, brawts)—II-185, 189,190-91, 377. P. Barāt: an assignment or order upon the revenues or a treasury (M.)

Buckler-I-236-a sort of a sword belt.

Bucksiss—(Euckshee, Buckshis, Bucksis) II-295 P. Bakshish—a present or gift to an inferior; the amount paid as a reparation for the losses at Rajpur is always treated as a free gift from Shivaji and hence the use of this word. Shivaji claimed that the English had no right to such a reparation as the English factory was plundered while it was in enemy Country.

Bugrookes—(Budrooks) I-423, 429, 481, 484 (see coins).

Bundar—(Bunder) I-233, 237, II-532—harbour, port.

Buxe-I-204, 208, 209. P. Bakshi: a general or Commander in Chief. (M.)

Caire [? coir]-I-189-Coconut fibre; a rope made of it. (M.)

Cajan houses-I, 414, 418 (see kajan).

Camkaris-(Cabucares; Camakins)-I-476, II-370-Labourers or workmen.

Candee—(Ckandee, Candy)—I-189, II-532—a measure of weight and capacity. It Consists of 20 Bombay maunds, or for particular substances eight maunds at Poons. (M.)

Canoe-II-370-a small rowing boat.

Caphila—(Caphil, Capilas, Caphalas, Caphiale, Chapalas)—I-84, 167, II-24, 63. A. Kafilah: a caravan.

Cashired-II-324-Cashiered, dismissed from service.

Cassabo-(Casba)-II-494 A. Kusbah: town.

Cassia Lignum-1-299-a kind of course cinnamon.

Chabuckt (Chabucked)-II-56, 67. P. Chabuk-a whip.

Chaloups-11-537-boats.

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Chamber peeces (pieces)—II-400, 405—a short piece of ordnance or cannon, which stood on its breech, without any Carriage. (Webster).

Chapman-I-189, II-275, 285-a pedlar, hence a purchaser.

Chauth—(Chauty, Choutry) I-250, 307, II-3, 11.—one fourth or a varying part of the revenue.

Checkanee—II-295—Betlenut gathered at an early stage of ripeness and prepared by boiling in milk and drying in the shade. (M.)

Chinam-I-161-lime.

Chints [Chheet] II-254-printed Cloth.

Chop-I-15, 53, II-198, 369, 418. P. Chhap: a seal, verb-to make a seal.

Chopps-II-369, 418-a mouth.

Choucke-II-37-station for collecting custom dues.

Choultry—(Choultrey)—I-244, II-225—a shed used as a resting place for travellers or for the transaction of public business.

Cloth—The different kinds of cloth which were sold in the XVII century such as Dungarees, Percollas, Pautkas, Cuttanees etc are easily identified as such and it is not thought advisable to enter into elaborate trade descriptions of the same.

Clousts-[(arch.) Clout-a piece of clothing] II-250-clothes.

Coffery—II-310. A. Kazi: a wrong reading of the word cossey; though it means an administrator of the law, is used promise uously for the Siddi in some places, e. g. see II-302.

Coins

- (1) Asmolah Pagothas (p. 294 t. 8) "The Sungar Pagod is 8s. 9d. The Tipkee Pagodas 4 Rupees. But the Vattaw differs from 100 Sungar to 118 and 123: The Asmeloh Pagod is 1 p. c. less than the Sungaree. (Fryer, A New Account of East India and Persia, p. 207).
- (2) Bugrookes—(Budgrooks)—I-423,429,481,484 "An obsolete Gos coin of low denomination. It was coined at different times in copper, tin, lead and tutenague (?) [Hobson Jobson, pp. 121-122).
- (3) Ryalls of 8 (p. 292 l. 15) "The Commonest European coin in the East was the Spanish Rjal of eight; it may be taken as equivalent to two rupees" (Moreland, From Akabar to Aurangzeb, p. 330) According to Sir Thomas Roe it was worth 4s. 6d. in English money. (The Embassy of Sir Thomas Roe to India, ed. by Sir W. Foster, p. 424.) The exchange value of a rupee was then about 2s. 3d. (Irvine, Manucei's Storia, Vol. IV, p. 436) When Tavernier visited India, the exchange was 208 to 214 and 215 rupees for 100 Spanish real (Tavernier's Travels in India, ed. Ball, Vol. I, p. 24) [F. B. 399].
- (5) Lari-(Larce; Larce)—II-60, 81, 117—A peculiar forklike silver coin very much current in the XVII century, worth about a shilling.

Unusual Words

(6) Mahmudi-a silver coin of rather less than half a rupee in value. in XVII cent. If a rupee was worth 2s. 3d., the Mahmudi was about 11d. 40 dams—1 rupee genrally, (India at the Death of Akbar, p. 55).

Cole—used in various senses as cole or security—I-233; cole or order—I-357; cole Nomma—I-473,; cole or pass—II-130. A Koul: a writing of assurance, agreement or engagement as granted by Governments; safeguard or warrant to pass.

Consamon-I-251 P. Khān-i-Saman Chamberlain.

Cooleys—(Cooles, Coolys)—II-235, 381, 436, 481—A caste of people who are fishermen and watermen and suppliers of water.—II-254—A caste which inhabits woods and wilds living by robbery (M).

Cordial stones-II-226, 231, 233-invigorating and stimulating medicinal preparations.

Corge-I-426, II-198, 293. H. Kori-a score, twenty.

Corumbines—(Kunbie?)—I-407, 414, 418—labourers.

Cootba Holiday—I-126. A. Khutbah—a day for prayers observed by Mussalmans.

Coss-II-531-a measure of distance of varying lengths.

Cossett--(Cosset, Cossitt) I-3, 26, II-86, 116, (see Kasid).

Course-I-79, 121, II-3, 48-the same as Coss or Koss.

Cowl-(Coule; Cowle) I-63, 118, 120-Safe Conduct (See Cole).

Cozy—(Cozzy) I-139, 176, 197, 237, II-227. A. Kazi: Cozzy: Justice of the law, or the Officer who declares the law, or he who states the precepts of the Koran (M.)

Cuttanees—I-358—P. Khuini "some kind of piece goods, apparently either of silk or mixed Silk and Cotton"—Hobson Jobson, p. 289. (See Cloth).

D

Dosy—(Desai, Decy, Desye, Desie)-I-3, 67, 128, 310, II-85, 101, 193, 205—A heriditary officer of a Parganna. (M.)

Divali—(Duelle, Dualle, Dullay)—I-93, II-37, 110, 113, 322, 325. the festival of plenty coming in October or November at harvest time.

Diwan—(Divan, Devan, Dewan, Duan, Duran) I-175, 207; II-207, 253, 255, 261 P. Divon—A prime minister. The word is sometimes used for the Government; also the Office of a Government Officer.

Dress—I-358 (p. 255)—Parting Compliment on important occasions. A fixed number of articles of dress were given to honour individuals.

Duan-I-472-Same as Divan.

Dwahi—(Duay)-I, 467, II-358, 361— an exclamation or expression used in prohibiting in the name of the King or other high authority.

Dury-II-358, 361, see Dwshi.

E

Eddy-I-205, 207, 273, 372, II-254-Mossenger (acc Ahadi).

Express—I-208—Express messenger; an Urgent communication for a specified purpose and despatched by special arrangement (II-335, 368.)

Fakir—(Fuickeer, Phuckeers) 11-250, 1-282, 11-536-A. Fakir—A Mahomedan Mendicant. (M.)

Fardles-I-81 n -a bundle or little pack; hence a burden.

Farman-(Farmand; Firmaun; Phirmand; Phirmaund; Phirmaund; Phyrmaun; Pheermaun; Phiremaun; Phiremaun; Phiremaune; Phiremaund) P. Farman-A royal mandate, order, Commission; patent. (M.)

Fausdar-II-459-Military Officer.

Feadolgos—(Fidalgoes; Phid[a]llgores) I-1, 81, 259, 430, 435, 437. Port. Fidalgo—Son of a nobleman; Noble, Nobleman used in mid XVII century like 'Knight' in English.—Fidalgo or Lord-I-430.

Foorsdarr—(Ffosedar, Fosedar)—II-65, 69, 459. P. Faujdar—one that Commands or possesses an army. (M.)

Frigates—(Frigotes; Friggotes; Friggates; Frigates);
Frigates (in XVII Century)—were small coasting boats which could be propelled by cares. [India at the Death of Akbar p. 205]

G

Gallevat—(Galvetts; Galvetts) II-396, 475, 521—a warboat with cares. (Sen, Military System—p. 180).

General(1) letter—II-269—a letter of an ordinary type containing a time to time detailed account of occurrences under the jurisdiction of a factory, Gentu—II-222—Hindu.

Ghat—(Gaut; Gaute; Goth)—a mountainous range dividing countries; the Sahyādri or the Western Ghats in particular. The Country east-ward of the Sahyadri range. (M).

theole-II-295, M. Godi-Sweet; used of betlenut allowed to ripen and dry in the natural way as distinct from the process of preparing the Chicknes betlenut.

Granades, or grenades.

Gurab—(Grobe; Gorab; Grabb; Grob; Grab; Groqb), I-354, II-113. A. Ghurāb—A kind of sailing vessel (Hobs. J.) [(Hist) a low flat one-decked vessel usually rowed by slaves or criminals].

H

Handole—I-358; II-292 H. Hindola—A swing cradle, bed or seat in I-358, but a sort of a coffin in II-292.

Haulollcores-II-198-P. Halalkhor-a cleaner a sweeper (M.)

Havaldar—(Haveldar; Havildar; Hoveldar; Hoveldar; Avaldar) P. Havaldar—An officer of a district under the subedar.

Hegyb-II-240, 473-A. Hajib-a messenger, envoy.

Higib-II-241, 473.—an ambassador.

Hoigh-II-3-(see Hoy).

Hoy—(Hoigh)—Dutch-small vessel usually rigged as sloop and going short distance.

Hule—(Holee)-1, 107—a festival held at the approach of the vernal equinox, about March. The time is considered especially suitable for going ou a hunting or locting expedition by Royal chiefs.

Husbull Huckum-I-88. A. Hasbul Hukma-according to the order.

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Inca-I-181, 240-Short form for in Circa about, or approximately, with any number; but usually with date.

J

Jahägir—(Jagger; Jagheere) I-251, 451 P. Jägir—an assignment of land and the income derived from it. (M.)

Jebob-I-26 A. Jawab-reply.

Jessud-I-67, 126 A. Jasus-a courier, a carrier of letters.

Jetts.—I-270; II-89, 341—Short form for Juttals. "For the sake of small transactions of every day life "the dam was subdivided on paper into 25 jituls, so that the accounts could be kept to the one thousandth part of a rupees"—India at the Death of Akabar, p. 56.

Jounks: A Junk—(Jounkes, Juncke) I-3, 4, II-3, 11, a ship of the distinctive chinese build, with bow and stem shaped alike (Morland).—"a large castern ship, esp. a Chinese Ship" (Hobson Jobson)—India at the Death of Akabar, p. 232.

Juttalls—(Chittals)—II-293—Small inferior Coins generally called Khurda see Jetts.

ĸ

Kajan—(casaus; Kajauns; Kedjans)—II-23, 60, 72—a matted branch of the coconut or palm tree. (M.)

Kasid—(Cossit). A. Kāsid—a courier or Messenger.

Ketch-I-385, 403, II-165, 475 a Kind of sailing vessel.

L

Ladinge-11-60-load or Cargoe

Lari-(Laree; Larree)-II-60, 81, 117 (See under Coins).

Laskar—(Lascarres; Lascarre; Laskarre; Lascarree) Lascara, East Indian seamen.

Leagues—I-56, 142, II-82, 222, Leagues Gentu-II—222, 224—a Measure of distance of various lengths.

Lunghees—II-532 P. Lungi—A cloth of various colours worn around waist and between legs by Muhomedans. (M.) (See cloth).

M

Mahādev--II-471--The Great God; particularly worshipped by the warlike races.

Mahajan—(Mahagen; Manhar[?])—I-176—Mahagen or general Council.

Mahajan A hereditary officer in a village, Kasba or City, whose business is to superintend the trade of, and to assist in Collecting the tax from, certain classes of traders.

Mahmudi-(See Coins).

Mahrathi language—(Mereta, Morate, Marrattee language)—II-340, 471, 476—The language spoken by the Marathas i.e. the countrymen of Shivaji.

Maine-II-369-Mainland, the country adjoining the coast

Maldar—(Maldar, Maldar, Moldar)—I-6, 7, 11, P. Amaldar—Corrupt form of Amaldar, a trusted servent, an Officer.

Mancans or Mansanss-II-532-Cannot this be thepresent mangoes?

Manchina-(Machava) II-437-a kind of boat of 4 to 13 Candies Carrying Cagacity.

Manlo-I-369-S. Manyaloka-respectable persons [?]

Maryne-I-78-Swally marine.

Meand—(Mand; Maen;)—I-176, II-207, 532—a Measure for products, 40 Seers by weight and 16 or 12 paylies by measure of Capacity. (The former for betlenuts etc. and the latter for corn like batty, paddy etc.)

Mazur—(Mesures, Mazdur)—II-79, 446. P. Majdur—a carrier, porter, workman.

Mescete (Muskeets)-I-78, 79, 139. A. Masjid-The Church of Mabomedans.

Mesinede-II-102-The same as Muzumdar.

Mirza-II-151 (p. 84, l. 25)-agent.

Monsup-I-479, II-107 A. Mansab-a post of authority. An appointment to maintain a fixed number of retainers, or soldiers.

Montzoone—II-272—Monsoon, the rain bearing strong wind which begins to blow about April. Hence the rainy season.

Moocaussah--II-198. A. Mokasa[?]--Lands or a share in the rule over them, granted on condition of military service or in Inam (M.)

Moore-II-340-a Mahomedan.

Muckadams—(Murkadum, Mukadam)—II-235,337 A. Mukaddam—the chief or headman.

Muda (Moora) of batty—II-207—An oval or a spheroid formed bundle tied in a strawcase for containing grain; hence the quantity of grain so contained from 25 to 28 maunds according to local custom. (M.)

Musumda (r)-11-102, P. Majmūdār-a revenue officer.

N

Nabab-II-245-P. Nawab, A Lord.

Nalbundi-II-245-assingnment for raising army; hence the expenses of war.

Nague—(Naigues—I-334; Naiques—II-232) S. Nayaka—Nayak or local chief in Carnatak country.

Naikewherries—(Naiques wherries; Nuckphery) I-311, 315, II-233 288, Nayakwadies—low grade officers attached to forts.

Navar-(Nare)-I-90-a Deccan Chief.

Nishan-(Neshan or letter)-I-207,208,209-a signet or emblem, hence a signed order, etc.

Nocquedah-I-26. A. Nakhula-Nakhwa or tandel, the head of a boat.

P

Pagoda—(Pagotha)—I-114, 121, 346, 365, 399, II-102, 259, 293, 532. (See Coins).

Pagod—(Pagoda, Pagode, Pagotha, Pagota) I-79, II-244—A Banian idol temple.

Palanqueen—(Palankeen)—I-295, II-33, 60, 81,—Palkhee, a box litter for travelling in, with a pole projecting before and behind, which is borne on shoulders of 4 or 6 nion. (Hobson Jöbson, p. 659).

Pamerine—I-186-a Shewl; [Pameri] a sort of Silk cloth, a silken scraf-TM.7 (See cloth).

Unusual Words

Pattamar—[Pattamar] II-359—(1) Foot-post; Courier; (2) a small sailing vessel (M).

Pawne—I-358, II-89. Pan—bette leaves, a parting compliment; it is a custom in eastern courts to give pan and bettenut when an interview is over or the purpose for which people are invited is accomplished.

Pergannys-I-310, Pargana-a subdivision of a district, as large as a. Taluka.

Permisera-I-60. S. Parmeshwara-Great God.

Perusance-I-251-perhaps a farman or order.

Peshwa—(Peshwaw; Peshua; Pessua; Pershaw; Pishwac; Pishwab; Pisheca)

P. Peshwa—second minister of state; Chanceller.

Phidalgoes-II-437 see Fidalgoes.

Pichar—I-176. S. Vichar—deliberation; a fine specimen of a native word used in corrupt form by the English immigrants.

Pink-II-533-a small sailing vessl.

Pishcash -- I-1, 53, 209, II-175. P. Pishkash -- a present to a superior. Promium paid to the state upon receiving a grant, honour or hereditar right (M.); hence a present made in honour of any respectable superior.

Pore—I-79, S. Prahar—a native word used for a period of about 3 hours.

Povo—I-149, II-19—Port. Povo—the populace, people.

Prow—II-533 Prow—the front part of a boat, hence a boat.

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Rashbook s-I-239, 331-Rajputs.

Hhadaree—(Rhadarye) I-210, II-198 P. Rahdari—e tax collected from the travellers, merchants etc.

Hokba-II-25. A. Roqu-a document or an agreement paper.

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Salam-I-60. A. Salam-a Salutation

Eamorine-II-287-Zamorin.

Sarai-II-536. P. Saray-a travellers' rest house.

Sarlaskar—(Serlaskar; Shallaskareen)-II-232, 236, 248, 250. P. Sar-i-laskar—the Commander in Chief.

Sash-turban Cloth. (See Cloth).

Scirmiges-(Skimage) II-80-wrong spelling for Skirmish.

Scrivevan-I-17-wrong spelling of Scrivan, a clerk or writer.

Seguroes--(Securities (?), Couls) II-347.

Seer-(Sere; Seare) I-188, 191. Sher-s measure of Weight and Capacity.

Simindar-(Somidar; Simidee; Simidar; Siminidar) II-95, 102, '116, 117, 310.

P. Jamindar—A hereditary officer like the Deshmuk, or Deshpande etc. Seroy—(Sway or Seraglias) I-233, 237 (See Sarki).

Shuhtandar-(Shawbunder) I-237, 253

P. Shah-bandar—Chief officer of a port; harbour-master.

Shawbash-I-10. P. Shahbash—a term of encouragement; brave; welldons.

Sherkell—II-250—P. Sarkhail—The Commander of a body of horse.

Shibbar (Shahar Shibar) I 201; II-21 202; a hind of acities manual.

Shibbar—(Shebar; Shibarr) I-301; II-81, 288; a kind of sailing vessel.

Shroff—(Sheroff) I-35, 84. A. Sarrof—a banker dealing in exchange, money-changes (M.)

An Index of Unusual words

Sirpaw—H-236, 263. P. Saropu—a turban etc. Complimentary dress bestowed by a Raja or Grandee as a mark of favour. (M.)

Slatch-1-356-Perhaps 'slack' meaning calm, not stormy.

Sleop [Dutch.] II-53-a kind of one masted fore and aft-rigged Ship.

Eodom-II-536 cf. Saidon.

Sombrero-I-479, 486-Umbrella.

Suba—(Subha) II-296, 337. P. Subah—A province, hence the governor or Governorship of a province.

Subedar-(Soobedar; Soubidat; Subedar)-The Governor of a province.

Staccados—II-225. cf. Stockade.

Tanksall-I-26, 176, 222, 248. S. Tankshālā-a mint.

Tapseiles—(Topsaile)—1-237, 399—a particular garment of females.

Tarrases-1-233 cf. Terraces.

Tashriff—(Tushereiffs) II-226, 233, 241. A Tashrif—a dress of honour; Investing with a splendid robe in token of approbation.

Topasses-II-388, 397, 405; Asiatics serving as soldiers.

Tophas or raritys I-209, 210. A. Tuhpha—Excellent; hence things deserving to be presented; presents.

v

Vessels—Sailing vessels and kinds of ships like the Gurab, Shibar, Frigates, ketch, how etc. soon become familiar to a careful student. They were either rowing boats or sailing vessels.

Vilayat-(Veliott)-II-296-A. Vilayat-A province.

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Note—The Latitudes being invariably North L and the Longitudes invariably East L. no special mention has been made in every case,

Α

Achra, 16°.13′ - 73°.31′.
Adoni, 15°.36′ - 77°.19′.
Aguada, (Fort & Bay)
15°.29′ - 73°.41′.
Akalanayak's wood, seems to stand for the woods in the territory of the Nayak of Arialur, [S. K. Aiyangar].
Aniscora, 16°.46′ - 73°.50′.
Arni, 12°.40′ - 79°.17′.
Ashtami, 18°.27′ - 73°.11′.
Athani, 16°.44′ - 75°.8′.
Aurangabad, 19°.55′ - 75°.22′.

В

Balaghat, (see unusual words) Balsad, $20^{\circ}.38' - 72^{\circ}.58'$. Bancapur, 14°.55′ - 75°.19′. Banda, 15°.49′ – 73°.57′. Bandra, 19°.4′ - 72°.54′. Bardesh, (Prov.) 15°.35′ -73°.50′. Bassalore, (Basrur) 13°.38 - 74°.44'. Basseine, 19°.20' - 72°.52'. Belgaum, 15°.52′ - 74°.35 Bettavad, 21°.10′ - 74° 57′. Bhaganagar, (Hyderabad) 17°.21' – 78°.27′. Bhatkal, 13°.59′ - 74°.6′. Bhattee, (see Chaul). Bhima R. [see map]. Bhimgad, $15^{\circ}.35' - 74^{\circ}.20'$. Bhivdy, 19°.19′ - 73°.7′. Bicholim, 15°.36' - 74°.1'. Bidarur, 13°.49′ - 75°.5′. Bijapur, 16°.51' - 75°.46' Billiapatam, 11°.54′ - 75°.16′. Bombay, $18^{\circ}.55' - 72^{\circ}.53'$. Bonaguirypatam, [Bhuvanagiri] 11°.27′ - 79°.42′.

Broach, 21°.41′-73°.0′. Burbulli [Barbali] 14°.57′-74°.37′. Burhanpur, 21°.19′-76°.17′.

C

Calastry, 13°.45′ -79°.48′. Cale velho (See Kāyāl) 8°.42'-78°.9′. Calicut, 11°.16' - 75°.48'. Canara (see map). Caranja, (Berrars), 20°.30'-77°.30'. Carinja, (Bby.) 18°.51′ - 73°.1′.= Carepatan, (See Khare patan). Carnataka, (see map). Carwar, 14°.49′ - 74°.8′. Cauvery, (see map). River, Chakana, 18°.45′ - 73°.54. Chandgurra, 15°.56′ -74°.10′. Chaul, 18°.32′ - 73°.4′. Chickli, 20°.45′ - 73°.8′. Chinapatam, (Madras.) 13°.5′ - 80°.17′. Chiploon, 17°.31' - 73°.35'. Chopda. 21°.15' - 75°.21'. Cochin, 9°.57′ - 76°-14′. Coleroon, River [see map]. Conjewaram, 12°.50′ - 79°.44′. Cooper's Bay, 16°.38' - 73°.23'. Copull (see Kopal), 15°.21'-76°.12' Coorg, 12°.26′ - 75°.44′. Coromandel [see map] Cucullee (Conculim), 15°.11' -74°.3′. Cuddera (Kadra), 14°.55′ - 74′.24.′

D

Dabhol, 17°.35′ - 73°.16′. Daman, 20°.25′ - 72°.53′. Danda Rajapore (twin town), 18°.17′ - 73°.3′ & 18°.18′ - 73°.2′

Daulatabad, 19°.56′ = 75°.16′. Deccan, That part of India to the South of the Satpura range. Dharangaum, 21°.1′-75°.19′. Dharwar, 15°.28′ - 75°.2′. Dhopeshwar, (Rajapur) 16°.39' -73°.33′.

Dicholi, (See Bicholim). Dieu, 20°.43′ - 70°.58′. Dilly, 28°.39′ - 77°.12′. Darmapatam, 11°45′-75°.25.

Etgeree, (Yadgiri) $16^{\circ}.48' - 77^{\circ}.11$.

F.

Fort St. George, 13°.5′ - 80°.18′.

Gangawali R. [see map] Gangoli, (Kolaba), 18°.15'-73°.20'. Gingi, (Fort) 12°.14′ - 79°.24′. Goa (Old City), 15°.30' - 73°.58'. Gogha, 21°.41′ - 72°.19′. Gokarna, 14°.32′ - 74°.22′. Golconda, 17°.22' - 78°.26'. Gondele [Gandhli, E. Khandesh], 21°.5′ - 75°.15′.

Guddug, 15°.25' - 75°.41'. Gulburga, 17°.20'-70°.49'. Gundevi, 20°.49' - 73°.13'.

н

Hanmunta Gad, 15°.51' - 74°.2'. Hareshwar, 18°.0′ – 73°.5′. Hatgad, 20°.36′-73°.49′. Havery, 14°.47′ - 75°.24′... Hendry, 18°.42'-72°.54'. Hirudachalam, See Vriddhachalam!). Honavar, 14°.17′ - 74°.27′.

Hookery, 16°.13′ - 74°.17′. Hubli, (old) 15°.20′ - 75°.11′. Hugli, 22°.58′ - 88°.20′.

J

Jaitapur, 16°.38' - 73°.26'. Jawhar, 19°.55' - 73°.15'. Jawli, 17°.57′ - 73°.40′. Junnar, 19°.18′ – 73°.55′.

K

Kalwana, (calloone) 18°. 18' = 73°.16′. Kalyan, 19°, 15′ - 73°, 11′ Karanje, (see Caranja). Karnala, 18°. 53' - 73°.10' Kāyāl, (see Cale Velho). Kelshi, 17°. 55' - 73°.7'. Kendry, 18°.41 '- 72°,52'. Keridrew Castle, see (Kurdugad) or (Korigad). Kharepatan, 16°. 33' - 73°. 40'. Khelna, 16°. 55'-73°. 48' Kodolee, 15°. 56′ - 74°. 33′. Kohj (Fort), 19°. 40′ - 73°.3′. Kolad, 18.° 25′ - 73°, 16′. Koli Country, (Ramnagar). Kolhapur, 16°. 42′- 74°.17′. Kopal (See Copull). Korigad, 18°. 37′ - 73°. 25′. Krishna River, (see map). Kudal, 16°. 1′ - 73°. 45′. Kurdugad, 18°. 19' - 73°. 23'.

Luckmiseer, 15°. 7 '- 75°.32'. Lohagad, 18°. 42′ -73°.32′.

М

Madras, 13°. 4′ - 80°.17′. Madura, 9°. 56′ - 78°.7′. Mahad, 18°. 5' - 73°.29'. Mahim (in Bombay), 19°. 2'-72°. 54′. Mahuli, 19°. 28′ - 73°.19′. Mallabar, [see map]. Malvan, 16° . $4' - 73^{\circ}$.32'. Mangaligue (Magalgee,) 17°. 18′ – 77°. 14′. Mangalore, 12°. 52′ - 74°.50′.

Masulipatam, 16°.11′ - 81°.7′.

Mavals,—on the eastern top of the Ghats.

Mazagaon, (in Bombay).

Mescarcota, 15°.14′ - 75°.7′.

Miraj, 16°.49′ - 74°.42′.

Mirjan, 14°.29′ - 74°.28′.

Michabunder, [Mitha Gavhan], 16°.36′ - 73°.25′.

M. Migund, 15°.16′ - 75°.35′.

Mulher, 20°.47′ - 74°.7′.

Mulkapur, 20°.53° - 76°.16′.

Mysore, 12°.20′ - 76°.36′.

N

Nagaum, 18°.37′ - 72°.58′.
Nagaum R., (= Sakhar creek) [see map].
Nagothna, 18°.33′ - 73°.11′.
Nandurbar, 21°.23′ - 74°.18′.
'Narsa, 15°.36′ - 74°.30′.
Nasik, 20°.73′ - 50°.0′
Nawsari, 20°.59′ - 72°.58′.
Nijampur, 18°.18′ - 73°.21′.

P

Pachad, 18°.14′ - 73°.29′. Painecah (?Panikhadak) 20°.38′ - 73°.14′. Paliacut, (See Pulicat) Pally, 18°.32′ - 73°.16′. Panas, 18°.16′ - 73.19′. Panhala, 16°.49′ - 74°.10′. Panwell, 18°.53'-73°.10'. Parnera, 20°.34′ - 73°.0′. Patta Gad. 13°.42′ - 73°.53′. Pen, 18°.44′-73°.9′. Pent (Ramnagar), 20°.15′ - 73°.34′. Pilcunda, (Policonda) 12°.55′ - 79°.0′. Pindole, 20° 31′ - 73°.26′. Poona, 18°.35′ = 73°.53′. Porcat, 9°.20 - 76°.22′. · Forto Novo, 11°.30' - 79°.45' Pratap Gad, 17°.56 ' -- 73°.58'. Pulicat, 13°.25′ - 80°.19′. Punda, 15°.25' - 74°.2°. Purandar, 18°.17' - 74°.3'.

Puttagadh, (See Patta Gad)

R

Rahimatpur, 17°.36′ – 74°.15′. Raibag. (See Raybag). Rairi, (See Raygad). Rajapur, 16°.40′ – 73°.35′. Rajgad, 18°.15′ – 73°.44′. Ramnagar, 20°.10′ – 73°.10′. Rander, 21°.13′ – 72°.49′. Rangna, 16°.5′ – 73°.53′. Raybag, 16°.29′ – 74°.50′. Raygad, (Rairee) 18°.14′-73°.30′. Raypatan, 16°.42′ – 73°.45′.

S

Sabasa, 19°.II' - 73°.6'.

Salher, 20°.43′-74°.0′. Salsett, 19°.19′ - 72′.54′.

Sandall, 16°.42'-73°.40'. Sangameshwar, 17°.10'-73°.37'. Sanguelim, 15°.34'-74°.5'. Sanjan (see St. Johns) 20°.12' -72°.50′ Satars, 17°.41′ - 74°.4′. Satawli, 16°.46' - 73°.3'. Shahapur, 15°.59′ - 71°.35′. Shiweshwar, 14°.53' - 74°.11'. Shrirangapatam, 12°.34'-76°.40'. Sira Castle, 13°.43′ - 76°.55′ Sirsy Castle, 14°.37' - 74°.53'. Solapur, 17°40 - 75°.56′. Songaum, [! Sampa Gaum] 15°.43' - 74°.53'. Songad, (near Mahad), 18°.7' -73°.25′. St. Thomas, $13^{\circ}.2' - 80^{\circ}.20'$.

Swally marinef, 21°.10′ -72°.40′.

Surgad, (Seirgud), 19°.28' -73.17'.

Suncle, [Sanguem], 15°.14' - 74°.12'

Tanjore, 10°.47′ - 79°.6′. Tanore, 10°.45′ - 79°.15′.

Sunda, 14°.44' -74°.51'.

Supa, 15.°16'-74°.35'.

Surat, 21°.11′ -72°.51′

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Tegnapatam, (fort St. David), 11°.45′ - 79°.45′.
Terupatora, 10°.53′ - 79°.9′.
Tevenapatam, (See Tegnapatam).
Thana, 19°.11′ - 73°.2′.
Timmery, 12°.50′ - 79°.17′.
Trichinopally, 10°.50′ - 78°.42′.
Trimbak (Nasik), 19°.56′ - 73°.35′.
Trimelvadi, 10°.52′ - 79°.7′.
Tripatty, 13°.34′ - 79°.28′.
Trivady, 11°.46′ - 79°.38′.
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Tull, 18°.40′ - 72°.56′.

U

Umrs, 21°.19′ - 72°.54′.
Upper Chaul, (see Choul).
Ustamee, (see Ashtamee).
Utens, village very near Surat (Udhana)

Y

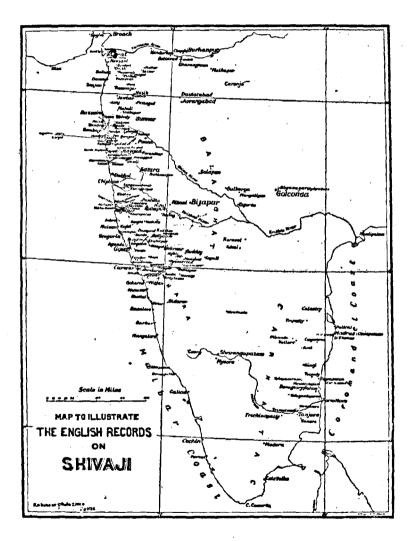
Valigandapuram, (?), 11°19-78°.55′ Vellore, 12°.56′ - 79°.7′, Vengurla, 15°.52′ - 73°.39′, Veruda, [Vairodah] 15°.11′-74°.5′ Veswee, 17°.59′ - 73°.8′, Vilawda, 16°.47′ - 73.39′, Vishalgad, (see Khelna), Vijapur, (see Bijapur), Vriddhachalam,(Hirudachalam), 11°.31′ - 79°.23′,

W

Whurwha, (Woolwi), 14°.59′-74°.34′.

Y

Yelavanarasor, (Yellanasur). 11°.43′ - 79°.14′. Yellapur, 14°.58′ - '74°.45′



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