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PREFATORY NOTE

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2. The manuscript is in a bad state of preservation, nearly half the volume being completely torn and missing.

21st July 1923.

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No. 40.

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. . . Doll^r: 4640 advised of in yours of the 8th: of Novem^[b^r:] last ☿ Ship Sarum and Doll^r: 8138 advised in your Letter 28 March last ☿ the Josiah Ketch but here is a bill presented to us dated 28 March past for Doll^r: 442 payable to M^r: Collier of which you have not advised, yet nevertheless wee have p^d: it, knowing it to be your Bill, concerning which [advise] in your next.

36. Wee should have now enlarged on severall particulars but that the Company have in a great measure anticipated us in this Letter by the Josia and Mary, Copy of which comes Inclosed, to which wee referr you, wherein you will find that the Comp^a: have remitted halfe penny of the penny ☿ Pound on Pepper for Permission and that they stenuously press the makeing of White Pepper and that you will encourage cultivateing pepper in Gennera^[1] so that they may never fail of full ships and quick returns wth: [out] which 'tis impossible they can bear the great[charge] they Likewise press the encouraging chinese to Inhabitt with you and wonder they should not Choose rather to live under an English Govern^[er:] than a Duch.

37. The Comp^a: affairs of late have been [in] great troubles in all Parts of India under [. . .] of the Pyrats, takeing severall Surrat Ships and cheify stirrd up by S^r: William [Nor]ris who has been at the Kings Camp but got no Phirmaund notwithstanding he has spent [. . .] y^t: they [. . .] S^r: John Gayer and lately our Factoryes has been blockd up, so that no Provisions nor nothing elce could goe in or out, our Godowns Broak open, out of which they have taken to the value of about two hundred Thou^[sn^d:] rupees, and our Masters Estates seized up in the countrey: the same has been done to the Dutch but by late advices, our People in the Factory are all att Liberty, except S^r: John Gayer and the President, This place and Fort S^t: Davids, was beseiged from the beginning of Feb^r: to the third of May, and all trade and Provisison interdicted when they withdrew their forces upon an agreem^t: made with them which to this day is not [fulfilled nor] have they as yett taken off the stop they put upon our Masters Estate in the Country, nor redelivered the goods they seized w^{ch}: lye at S^t: Thomas, wee are Likewise adviced that the same troubles are in Bengall, there being a Generall order Issued out by the King for the same, copy of which comes Inclos'd.

38. M^r: Dolben left England in October last, being bound for China, butt called here, who [acquaints] us that there was a great propability of a warr with France, Portugall, and Spaine, as also of a Union between the two Comp^a: there came out another Ship called the Orenseb both belonging to our Masters, and under his direction.

[. . .]
 writes for
 Grass seed: 39. By some that are lately come from your Parts wee are informed that whereas your soyle is very [fertile and] produces good Grass of which desire you wo^d: procure good store of seed, extraordinary yett dried, and send it us over by all Oppertunitys, and lett the seed be of the finest and best sort of grass, which will be of great Service to us here.

40. By reason of our troubles wee dispatcht not the Bedford till y^e: ninth of March who tooke in 20 [] bales of Goods, her Cargoe amounting Pag^t: 291276 [85f.]; the Hampshire arrived here from China the 24th: Feb: last, and the Loyall Cooke the 11th: Instant, on which is Gabriel Roberts Esq^r: by the Companys order Deputy Govern^r: of Fort S^t: Davids and Second of Fort S^t: George.

Cap^{tn}: Phrip
 bill for
 [1776-3-1.
 Doll^{rs}:] 41. Cap^{tn}: Phrip meeting with a bill of yours at Padang Amots: 1776-3-1 in the hands of one Rean[. . .] being for [Sheniamin] you bought of him he satisf[ied] the said bill and brought it hither which wee have taken up and paid, and order you to Credit us for the same.

42. Wee have on this Vessell sent you 2,000 Rupees and some liquors, as ~~7~~ Invoice and bill Loading inclosed amouting Pag^t: 773: 6: 4.

43. M^r: Edmund Bugden takes his passage on this Vessell whose post is apointed third of Bencoolen as mentioned in the 7th: Paragraph of this Letter.

July 9th:

44. The primo Instant the Phoenix from Persia arrived, where Cap^{tn}: Lambert dyed, M^r: Bruce writes us from Gombroone that just at the ships departure they had receivd fresh advices from Constantinople, that the two Companys were united about the 20 Jan^r: [. . .] which time [. . .] tho' every day expected, the Parliament desolv'd and a new one Elected, who had past a bill of Attainder against the pretended Prince of Wales for takeing the Title of King of England, and who has promissed the King to grant him such sup'ly's to enable him to give such aids to the Emperour, that by the force of his Armes he may recover his Spanish rights. The latter news is confirmed by two French ships who arrived at Pollicherry few days past, and are bound for Bengall, they left France the latter end of Feb^r: our style when no warr as before mentioned.

45. Inclosed comes our Account Currant and Journall parcells taken from our [Books RRSS and T.T.] commencing May 1698 Ending Aprill, 1701 [and] are sent in [order to] adjusting Accounts between your place and ours, but if you dont bring up your bookes, all this is in vain. We are.

S^r:

Yo^r: very affect: Freinds

THOMAS PITT.

GABRIELL ROBERTS.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATHEW EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVRELL.

July 25th:

Wee expected this ship wo^d: have sailed Long ere this, so that since writing the foregoing wee have to advise the arrivall of ship London 23 Instant w^{ch}: belongs to the Sperate stock [. . .] who left the [Downea] the 4th: of March, and confirms to us the Europe news before writen at which time there was no proclamation of Warr butt all ready in order to it: and also Confirms to us the union of the two companys and gave us the Copy of the papers Inclosed to w^{ch}: wee referr you: he also informes

us of the Colechester and Wentworth bound out for this Coast and Pray on our Master[s] Acco^t: who wee daily expect w^a: wee shall be thoroughly informed of all matters at home and by next oppertunity shall advise you thereof. Wee are

S^r:

Yo : very affect : Friends

Wee have paid here M^r: John Dela Pie sixty Pag^s: and Doct^r: Read Fifty w^{ch}: you must deduct out of their sallary that shall become Due to them from the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Com^a: & Credit our account for the same.

You are to pay Cap^{tn}: Dixon seven Doll^{rs}: ~~7~~ mensem each for the Diet of Mess^{rs}: Bugden, Read & De La Pie Dureing their Voyage.

Wee have Paid M^r: Bugden Sallary to the 25 Instant.

THO : PITT.

GAB : ROBERTS.

THO : WRIGHT.

MATT : EMPSON.

THO : MARSHALL.

JN^o : MEVERELL.

LIST OF FORT S^r: GEORGE PACQUETT TO YORK FORT ~~7~~ BENCOOLEN FRIGGATT.

N^o. 1. Fort S^r: George Generall Letter dated 19th: June 9th: and 25th: July 1702.

2. Copy of the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Comp^a: Generall Lett^r: to York Fort dated 8th: July 1701 ~~7~~ Jn^o: & Mary.

3. Copy of a Paragraph of Fort S^r: George Consultation dat^d: 22^d: June 1702 relating to M^r: Alexander Read.

4. Copy of the Translate of Mogulls Hosbullhookum to the Nabob in Bengall.

5. Invoice of Treasure &c: Laden on board the Bencoolen for York Fort.

6. Bill of Lading for Ditto.

7. Fort S^r: George Acco^t: Currant & Journall parcells with York Fort, taken from our books R.R.S.S. and T.T.

8. Resolution of the Generall Court of the English Comp^a: trading to the East Indies Jan^{ry}: 8th: 1702.

9. List of the Pacquett.

No. 41.

FORT S^r: GEORGE 1st: JULY 1702.

To M^r: NATH^l EYTON CHEIF &C^o: COUNCILL AT BANTALL.

S^{rs}:

Wee have received yours of 13th: November by the Sarum, and yours of 21st: March last by the Josiah Ketch, in the former you mentiond you took ashoar the Chest of fanams, and what stores elce you wanted, which had you particularised it wo^d: have been some direction to us how to have [furnisht] you for the future.

By this conveyance there was no possibility of sending you supplys of men, but by the Sarum, and w^t: other ships come to your Parts wee'l send you wht: wee can spare, or procure.

Wee hope to hear that you have effected that good design of bringing the pepper overland from Ire Dicket since the barr is so very hazardous, that 'tis not to be done by boats.

Wee observe what you write about fannams, with which wee intend to supply you by the next ship.

Wee have paid your bill for Doll^m: 1900, advised of in your Letter 13 November and for Doll^m: 412: 4 advised in your Letter 21^m: March last.

Wee approve of the order you have from the Deputy Govern^r: &c: in relation to your building at Bantall, and that the raising the foundation thereof will certainly gery much contribute to healthfulness of your people.

Wee wait the effect of your bitchenar, about the fanams and Coppar Cash, w^{ch}: will direct us in our future supplies to you. We are.

Yo^r: Affect^t: freinds

THOM: PIIT.
GABRIEL ROBERTS.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOM: WRIGHT.
MATHEW EMPSON.
THOM: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEYERRELL.

No.42.

FORT S^t: GEORGE; 16 JULY 1702.

TO THE HON^{ble}: S^r: JN^o: GAYER
KN^t: GENERALL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R^t: HON^{ble}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMP^{ny}: & C^a: COUNCILL AT SUBRAT.

Few days after our writeing the foregoing wee saw a probability of accommodateng matters with the Nabob so detained the Pacquet that wee might advise you of the same, & that our Letters might come the securer (they haveing intercepted Severall) so that after severall proposalls, wee came to an agreem^t: on the third of May, the particularrs of which is in a paper, a part to which wee referr you and was the[re in] hopes they wo^d: have soon complied, that wee might advise you of it, but they delaid from day to day and did not take of the restraint on our Masters Trade till few dayes past, when they sent us Chubdars wth: Dustick in order thereto, Translate of wth: comes Inclosed thô on the third of May as before mentioned, they withdrew their forces wth: lay round us, and Provisions came in as formerly and all Trade free except the Companys, wth: [. . .] [officers] that came with the Dusticks, are now cerving them in the Country w[h]ere our goods are stopt, the effect of which wee shall soon know for that as yett wee have no goods come in, nor are those delivered that were seized at S^t: Thoma, nor have we paid them one penny of mony.

By the Copyes of the Bengall Letters wth: wee here transmit you will perceive the troubles have reached them which doubtless they have advised you from thence: we have sent them what assistance we were capable of, and what they desired, and imediately returned them their Mary Smack wth: mony, Gunners and amunition & on the 14th: June last sailed the Ship Hampshire thither, and Little before and since severall other vessells of this Place, so that they must be in a tollerable Condition to withstand the insolencys of those people.

The 11th: June the Loyall Cooke arrivd here from China, on w^{ch}: is Gabriell Roberts Esq^e: who the Company have orderd to be 2^d: of this place & Deputy Governour of Fort S^t: Davids, the Cargoe brought hither, consist Cheify of Gold & Copper & some Quick Silver, which wee shall dispose of here: Raw silk, wrought Silk & some Tea wee design for England on the first Ship: Gold was very scarcee which Obliged y^m: to leave behind [twenty] thousand four Hundred Tale, which wee hope may come upon M^t: Dolben.

The Padre Miss^v. informed you as to any action between us and Dowd Cawn for that they never wo^d: adventure to come within our reach, thò they threatned hard, and [do?] still; as to our Vacquell at Court, we have no better opinion of him then you have, nor of yours neither, and w^a: we sent a Petition to the King, Assid Cawn and his son wee remitted him One thousand rupees, and yett the fellow had the Impudence, who did say to write to us for 6 or 7,000 Rupees to inable him, to deliver the Petition to the King and Letters, and writes us plainly that without expending great summs of m^ony there is no justice for us in the Contry, and from our own Experience wee may say, throwing of money into the sea, is to us much purpose as sending anybody to Court for redress of greivances where there is nothing but vast Expen^ce, and Villany, and wee beleive you can confirm [. . .] to have sent for our Vacquell down resolveing [. . .] more Expen^ce.

By way of Persia the President receivd a Letter from M^r: fleetwood Consul at Grand Cairo relateing to the bussiness of Mess^{rs}: Wheeler, and Coskroft, copy of w^{ch}: comes inclosed to w^{ch}: wee referr you and wee thank you for forwarding the Letters relating to that matter.

Wee hope y^e: Loyall Bliss and Nathaniel mett with better success in their Passage to Persia than y^e: Susanna who wee hear is at Galley.

Wee are glad to hear of the Dispatch of the Martha and Hearne.

We [. . .] that S^r: Nicholas is Broa [. . .] was left in Pawn, and hope they have levyd that [. . .] upon them before the confirmation of the Union.

The Difference between S^r: William and S^r: Nicholas was no more then what we expected when they both drove on to ruin the trade, and [. . .] no regard but to their particularr Interest, the [. . .] haveing clashed with all in severall respects [. . .] under a Colour of Promoteing their Masters Affa[irs.]

Tricks S^r: Nicholas has playd with [the] pretty Neise Beatrix wee wait to hear how the[y] are sensured, or encouraged from those of his own Cast at home with what [anathemass or Applauses] will happen to him thereupon.

The Bengall Merc^t: toucht at this Port 18th: June last Purar brought only some [. . .] ashore from M^r: Proley, [who] gave a very [. . .] Character of S^r: Nicholass's management [. . .] not a word of his own Commad^r: who we [. . .] wee wished S^r: Nicholas [. . .] Letters that S^r: William was takeing his passage on the Scipio for England and that they intended to touch at Bombay where you say he waterd, Whereas had he come hither he should not have had a drop to have cooled his tongue, and doubtless the warlike stores that ship spar'd the Arabs, must of necessity be resented by the Persians, who can revenge themselves on no English but what belongs to our Masters, without they are timely advised, that so they may seize some of the new Comp^a: people belonging to [the ships] that go to Gombroon.

Wee observe the great favour procured you by the Interest of the Govern^r: of Surat and shall be glad to hear that they are performed.

If the speaker Pyrate went of the Coast of India as you are advised from Calliutt and [. . .] 'tis much to be feard he will be in the Streights of Malacca this year we haveing no ships this year, gone to China but such tools as must needs become a prey to any Pyrate thò never of so inconsiderate a Force.

Wee must continue our Application to you for a yearly supply of new garden seeds, and wheat: the latter we receivd none this year tho there was a Quantity came upon a ship called the Adventure consignd to M^r: Thomson who is lately dead he would have taken advantage of our great necessitys and askd no less then 200 Pag^s: Garce but as providence orderd it here soon after touchd a Portugueze Ship at S^t: Thoma who came from Demain and spared what we wanted at 91 Pag^s: ~~⌘~~ Garce We think it hard that one ffactory can't supply the other at the best hand when so many oppertunitys of Shipping [prevail] and that we are in one Interest.

Wee hear this day from Batavia that the Aurengzeb had toucht there in her way to China and that M^r: Catchpole, and M^r: Loyd were also there from which wee infer that that noble Settlement at Chusan is at an end tho as M^r: Dolben told us they in England equalld it wth: all the Settlements of our Masters in India.

We are
Hon^{ble}: S^{rs}: & c^a:
Yo^r: very Loveing friends

THOMAS PITT.
GABRIEL ROBERTS.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEYERELL.

No. 44.

FORT S^t: GEORGE, 31 JULY 1702.

To M^r: STEPHEN FREWEN,
CHIEF & c^a: COUNCILL AT METCHLE^m:

S^{rs}:

Wee last night rec^d: yo^r: of the 10th: and 18th: Instant, the former adviseing of your drawing a bill upon us for Pag^s: 1451 : 26 which is complyed with and the latter advising that you had made the Contract which we ordered in ours of the 7th: Ins^t: by the Sarum, but you have not regarded our order in the amo^t: thereof, nor in the sorts of Goods, for which you deserve the severest Checks, and no less then all [. . .] the Comp^{as}: service, for what reprehentions must we expect from them when we not onely dont send them such goods as they order, but such as they strictly forbid and therefore wee auull the Contract you have lately made and possitively Command you upon receipt of this that you agree for no other sorts of goods then w^t: the Comp^a: have ordered in a list formerly sent you, wherein you are to observe that whereas they mention some goods that turn to little or no account yet [as] being willing [to keep] up the fabrike they order a small quantity in that large Investment, which in our Investments be proportiond and therefore 'tis our reiterated orders to you that you meddle not wth: a peice of Goods, that the Comp^a: has prohibited to be sent them. There is the Brampore Chint which are forbid in the List of Goods, but ordered to be sent them in a following Letter by that Shipping, which goods may stand as they do in your Contract but no other that the comp^a: has forbidden.

In regard that otherwise wee must send down mony, we have paid yo^r: bill for four Thous^d: Pag^s: but let not this be a President hereafter for you or any subordinate Factoryes to draw on us without first obtaining leave for the same.

Wee have receiv^d: the List of goods you have in the Warehouse w^{ch}: had you compared with the List of goods the Comp^a: ordered you might have seen you had sufficiently transgress in those without makeing so great an addition as you have done in your Contract.

M^r: Pearson has leave to Come up hither by the first oppertunity for recovery of his health.

Wee here returne you your Peons, and shall write you in a day or two by boat.

The London arrived 23rd Ins^t: belonging to the Seperat Stock, and Confirms to us the Union of the two Comp^a: thô they are this year to trade apart, we hourly expecting here the Colechester and Wentworth belonging to our Masters and there is comeing [the Tankerfeild] & Norris account of the New Company. This ship left the Downs the 4 March when no Warr Proclaimed but daily expected.

We are

Yo^r: very Affect: freinds

THOMAS PITT.
GABRIEL ROBERTS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 45.

FORT ST: GEORGE:3^o: AUGUST 170[2].

TO THE HON^{ble}: JOHN BEARD ESQ^r:

PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t: HON^{ble}:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a: IN BENGALL &
GOVERN^a: OF FORT WILLIAM & C^a: COUNCILL
⌘ SHIP LONDON.

Our last to you was y^r: 9th: past, Copy of w^{ch}: comes Inclosed since w^{ch}: wee have rec^d: yours of the 23^d: May and 6th: June the 30th: [. . .]

The purport of w^{ch}: Cheifly adviseing the great hopes you have that your troubles are ov[er] for that in the subordinary Factoryes they were not so severe as at first, as also your admiration that wee sent you no more Siccas on the Mary Bowyeas, when we had no more ready coined, and you representing your condition so deployable for want of mony to supply the urgent expences of your factory, we thought it very necessary to hasten her to [. . .] then you writing so earnestly for Europe Ships, men & c^a: to be sent to your assistances and likewise acquainting us the Moors was raising forces to come [against] you, and had put in one thousand men, and were mounting the Guns in Tauna Fort, and erecting another Fort on your side [. . .] all w^{ch}: considered, we could not think it adviseable in us to send you more of the Companies Estate then what necessary to defray Charges till wee heard further from you, nor did you in your former Letters write us that you had Goods in your Godowns for which you wanted money to pay for them, which had wee known we would have supplied you by the Hampshire who might for their security have taken in the goods thô now upon the union hope they may be bought again at farr Cheaper rates then formerly.

Here arrived 23^d: past. the London Cap^{tn}: Mathews by whom the Letter Comes. He Left the Downs 4th: of March, and confirms the news to us of the two Comp^a: . Uniteing, the paper relateing to which comes inclosed, their [was] no warr Proclaimed but daily expected, and great preparation made in order theirto.

He tells us he left in the Downs the Colechester and Wentworth our Masters Ship bound for the Coast and Bay, the Norris and Tankerfeild on the new Comp^a: account w^{ch}: ships past by when he was at Madras, so that wee hourly expect them, when shall imediately dispatch one of them to you with one hundred and thirty Rupees, and one Thousand Chests of Coppar, but if they dont arrive in few days, [wee] shall then send it on the Phoenix, who wee [should] not detain here but for necessity of settling matters between the men and Officers, thô haveing been a very distracted Ship ever since the Death of Cap^{tn}: Lambert, and at Last we must recommend her to you to procure for her if Possible a freight for Persia or Mocho, for wee know not how we shall provide for her thô these matters will be better considered after the arrivall of our shipping.

Wee observe what you write of the arrivall of Seven Surrat Ships, and what more expected, one of w^{ch}: is lost upon Due Peon't and wonder you had no Letters from S^r: Jn^o: Gayer by them; for that since we last wrote you we receiv'd one [copy] of which comes inclosed by which you Perceive that matters are not throughly settled there, nor are they here which makes us jealous, that there is something more designed against us for they have not to this day ask't for a Rupee of what wee [agreed] for.

This Ship also brings us the good news of the arrivall of Ship King^o William w^{ch}: was the latter [end] of January or beginning of February.

The Silk Worms you sent us thrive here extraordinary well, and hope may answer the end, we meet with no obstruction at present, but the want of Mullberry trees (w^t: wee are planting in great numbers) and people to winde off the silk, of whom wee desire you will send 6 or 8 persons for this place and Fort S^t: Davids, for there is but one of those you sent us knowing anything of it, and he not so dexterous as he ought to bee.

In the time of our troubles here when we sent the Sarum as a [guard ship to lye] at Fort S^t: Davids wee put on board her one hundred ninety one piggs and three slabs of lead, which was omitted in her Invoice, we desire you if you take it on shore you'l weigh it and Credit us for the same and advise the weight thereof & first opportunity. We are

S^r:

Your most humble Serv^t:

THOMAS PITT.

GABRIELL ROBERTS.

FRANCOIS ELLIS.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATHEW EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF FORT S^t: GEORGE PACQ^t: TO BENGALL, VIZ:

N^o:

1. Fort S^t: George Gen^l: to Bengall dated 3^d: August 1702.
2. Copy of ditto., dated 9th: July 1702 & Sarum.
3. Resolutions of the Gen^l: Court of the English Comp^a: tradeing to the East Indies dated 8th: January 1702.
4. Copy Surrat Generall to Fort S^t: George dated 8 & 23 May 1702.
5. List of the Pacquett.

P. S.—

Inclosed comes 2^d: bill of Loading for 20 Chests Syrash wine Laden on board Ship Sarum.

No. 46.

FORT S^t: GEORGE, AUG^r: 12th: 1702.

THE PRESID^t: & COUNCILL OF FORT S^t:

GEORGE, THEIR INSTRUCTIONS TO GABRIELL

ROBERTS Esq^r: & C^a: COUNCILL ATT FORT

S^t: DAVIDS.

Wee having in Pursuance to the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Comp^a: order granted our Comission to Gab: Roberts Esq^r: for being Dep. Gov^r: of Fort S^t: David w^{ch}: he is [to Publish] on his arrivall to all the Comp: Servants Civill & Military, who

wee Injoyn & Commaund to observe the same, & Particularly recommend to yo^r: Consideration the following heads, not doubting in the least but that you Gentlemen of the Councill who have long resided on the Place will Thoroughly inform the now Dep. Gov^r: the Present Circumstances of all the Comp^a: affairs, and give yo^r: best assistance and advice for the future well-being thereof and this wee strictly require you as an Ineumb^t: duty on you.

1. Wee recommend to you the Care of the Investments, of w^{ch}: y^e: Comp^a: & y^e: Governm^t: here have very much Complained of and thô yo^r: Place is better scituated than this for the Providing of Cloth; yet Considering the Price and goodness of ours here, have Come out hitherto much Cheaper than yours w^{ch}: wee hope by the future Care of the new Dep. Gov^r: twill be effectually remedied and Whereas last year by the dearness of Cotton w^{ch}: was from 18 to 20 Pag^s: ₨ Candy, and now att 14, as also by means of many & great Contracts made by all European nations, wee were forced to advance Six ₨ Cent w^{ch}: wee hope now the Merch^a: will abate, Cotton being 20 to 25 ₨ C^t: Cheaper w^{ch}: does now Incoûrage us to order an Investm^t: to be made in yo^r: Place for one hundred Thousand Pag^s: according to the List y^t: Comes herewth: and to enable you to Contract for the same wee lade on this ship [the] Loyall Cooke Thirty Thousand Pagodas and other stores as ₨ Invoice & bill of loading Inclosed, so desire you to hasten y^e: same y^t: wee may not want a good Cargo for y^e: January Ship and wee must not omitt to recommend to yo^r: Care the well sorting, washing & Packing of all yo^r: goods.

2^{ly}: Wee recommend to you the increasing and y^e: exact Collecting of the Comp^a: revenues but let itt be in such manner, as may rather Increase than decrease or drive away the Inhabitants.

3^{ly}: You are all very sensible of the greatt losses & Charges the Comp^a: have been at in these Parts, by means of y^e: late troubles so that as [. . .] help to regain the same wee must desire you to be very thrifty in all sorts of Expences but not in such a manner as to be Prejudiciall to the Comp^a: honour or Interest and where the Generall Table was taken away in M^r: Frasers time, wee leave it to yo^r: Prudence to reestablish the same, or keep them a [. . .] and if the former, wee doubt not, but that y^e: Dep: Gov^r: will take a Particular Care that itt may be managed with all y^e: good husbandry imaginable, the monthly expence of which all Included wee order to be remitted hither.

4^{thly}: Wee have sent you on this ship some silk worms (under the Care of a fellow from Bengall and two others that have been Instructed in this place their wages as ₨ Paymasters list inclosed) of w^{ch}: wee desire yo^r: uttmost Care & Industry, to Promote and Incoûrage the making of Silk, wee doing the same here and find no manner of obstruction, but the want of Mullberry trees w^{ch}: wee are daily Planting and hope notwithstanding the barrenness of our soill t'will answer the end, and if so [there] can be no doubt twill be much easier effected in yo^r: Parts yo^r: soil being so much better, wee have sent to Bengall for People to wind off the Silk and shall send some of y^m: to you, so soon as they arrive.

5^{thly}: Wee are very sensible of the ill accommodation the Company have for their [. . .] and more Particularly att Cuddalore, which Place is of the greatest Consequence to them and [y^e:] Merchants Chiefly resideing there and [it being] the Place of trade in those Parts so though [we] don't injoyn the Dep. Gov^r: to reside there yett wee desire that he will frequently visit and incourage the Inhabitants thereof, and whereas the Comp^a: have no Factory fitting for the Dep. Gov^r: to live in it being so very much run to decay and out of repair, and the scituation of it being so ill and Inconvenient that wee Can't think itt advisable to bee att the Charge of fitting itt up, but there is a house and ground of [M^r: Haynes's] w^{ch}: stands very convenient near the river and upon the highest ground in y^e: Town, so that in time wth: some addition it might be made a very Convenient Cittadell, there being a necessity of having one, the Town being for the most Part of it well fortified, for w^{ch}: reason there [must] be as many or more of y^e: Military [sepoys at] Cuddalore then Tevenapatam, so wee leave itt to you the Dep. Gov^r: & Councill to treat wth: M^r: Haynes for his house & ground, if you find it of service to the Comp^a: and advise us thereof.

6^{thly}: Wee must not omitt requesting yo^r: uttmost endeavours in makeing yo^r: bars Navigable and if Possible the Drowning your grounds, from a river adjacent thereto w^{ch}: lies Convenient for it both w^{ch}: things were recommended to y^e: Comp^{as}: Consideration by the last years shipping.

7. Wee must desire you to be very Cautious how you give any Just Cause of quarrelling wth: the Government who are now grown to that Pitch of Insolence in all Parts of India, that they seek for Pretensions to give us troubles in order to Extort mony from us.

8. Wee also desire a frequent Correspondence wth: you, and that nothing of moment [happe^{ns}:] but that you give us early & speedy advices thereof.

9. Wee desire that it may be a standing order that the Warehousekeep^r: delivers in an acco^{tt}: every month of what goods for Europe he has in y^e: Warehouse and that you remitt itt us.

10. In our Generall Letter from the Comp by Mr: Roberts wee rec^d: the following Clauses Viz^t: Whatsoever Goods, Merchandize or Commodities they or any others in the ship bring to the Fort must pay you, for our Accompt ten $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent on the full value thereof, besides, Freight, Custom, and incident charges, and must be accordingly deducted out of the Commission, if belonging to any of the four and if to any others out of the amount of their Goods, which you are to observe & Collect the dutys mention'd therein upon all China goods w^{ch}: shall be landed out of the Loyall Cooke and return us an account thereof that so wee may remitt the same to the Comp:

Wee desire you to load on the Loyall Cooke what bales of the Comp^{as}: are ready and if not all wash't you may pack up some ordinary brown Longcloth & Sallampores, and likewise send all the goods belonging to our Merchants here and dispatch her to us wth: all Expedition.

The Presid^t: complains of yo^r: Injustice to the Elizabeth Brigantine who being in distress landed her goods at yo^r: Port, for w^{ch}: you make them pay Custom the good part of it ship't off again, for w^{ch}: tis order'd that you return the Custom [to the] Presid^t: here. Wee are.

Sirs

Your very affect: Friends

THOM: PITT.

GAB: ROBERTS.

THOM: WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON.

THOM: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 47.

FORT S^t: GEORGE, 15 AUG^r: 1702.

To THE WORSHIP^{full}: Jⁿ^o: HAYNES Esq^r: & c^t:

COUNCILL ATT FORT S^t: DAVID.

S^r:

Wee have sevⁿ: of yours before us unanswered which wee deferred by reason wee were in daily Expectation of the Europe Ships which as yett not arriveing, wee have resolved to dispatch hence the Loyall Cooke on Tuesday [next] on w^{ch}: is Gab: Roberts Esq^r: Dep: Govern^r: of yo^r: Place.

Wee wish you could in the return of the ship hither Contrive to gett the march off from Boomypollam, and the firewood too provided there be no white ants in it, both wth: wee extreainly want here and the former not Procurable att any rate, and for the wood if it comes not by the ship, pray find out some Conveniency to send it, the President telling us he long since wrot you about it.

What apparent damage the farmers of the bounds sustained by the troubles ought to be arbitrated according as its mention'd in y^o: Cowle from w^{ch}: you should not sweve lett it be to the Prejudice or advantage of the Company, for otherwise you will discourage future undertakers.

Wee received the 121 bales by the Sarum and the 70 belonging to our Merchants, the latter you did not take the Care you ought to have done in Packing, being very much milldewd so that, had they not been presently putt to washing they would have been rotten, w^{ch}: pray by yo^r: Care prevent for the future.

Wee desire you to hasten to us the copys of those books wee formerly wrott to you for, which may be soon done, there being young men on board y^o: Loyall Cooke for that Purpose.

Since you advise that the Present method of Collecting the Revenues of beetle and Tobacco is easy to the People and would have been advantageous to the Comp^a: as farming [had] not the troubles prevented itt, which would have been the same to any that had rented it for which the Comp^a: must have abated, so that wee think it adviseable to Collect those revenues [in] one year, in the same method as was directed [when] the President was wth: you.

Abdull Labby wee hear is returned from the Camp, who wee wo^d: not have you Present till the arrivall of M^r: Roberts, and if what wee hear be true wee cant but blame Mockdum Nino, who [he] said has Promised Abdull Labby 2000 Rup^s: as a present from your Place, who ought not to be permitted to talk or write about the Government wth: out yo^r: leave.

Wee have sent you what Timbers Procurable on the Loyall Cooke, one Candy of Wax Gunnys &c^a: Packing stuff.

The Iron screws had been long since sent you, but that wee stand still for want of Europe steell, with which wee hope wee shall be supply'd by the ships wee hourly Expect as also wth: Cloath that shall be sent for coats for the souldiers.

Guilt Paper is very scarce here which as soon as Procurable shall send you some.

The Chubdars refusing here also to leave their Dusticks, wee took Copys thereof attested by the Codjee, one of which wee have deliver'd M^r: Roberts.

The list of what you want has been show'd us by M^r: Roberts, which has been supplyd as far as wee are able, and comes to you on the ship wth: him.

Wee desire you to hasten yo^r: merchants in finishing their old Contract, that so they may be in a readiness to make a new one on the arrivall of the Loyall Cooke, and give us what assistance, they can to fill up the two September ships, and help us wth: a good number of bales for the January Ship.

Wee observe what you write about one of the French ships being gone to the southward, (and wish you could Inform yourself of the certainty of their design) and the great preparation they are making for building [such] a Fort as you describe, which certainly will [. . .] tend very much to our Prejudice, and may [justly] be feared it may bring down an order again to stop our Trade, or an Army to Endeavour our Extirpation.

Wee commend the manner of letting out your bounds, in contoning it to sevⁿ: Persons which is a great security to the Comp^a: then trusting so great a yearly revenue in one mans hands.

Wee desire you to make preparation for the speedy unloading the Loyall Cooke so she may return hither wth: all Exped[ition].

Yesterday wee received a Letter from Metchlepatam containing very unhappy News, Copy of w^{ch}: comes Inclosed to w^{ch}: wee refer you.

Wee shall send you what Papers wee can spare, but desire you to Procure a quantity att Pollicherry and send us part of it. Wee are

S^{rs}:

Your very Affect^d: Friends

THOM: PITT.
GAB: ROBERTS.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOM: MARSHALL.
JN^o: MEVERELL.

No. 48.

To CAP^t: RIC^o: BOLTON,
COMMAND^r: OF SHIP LOYALL COOKE.

Wee having Laded on you what Treasure and Stores wee think fitting for Fort S^t: Davids, wee require you on receipt of this to repair on board yo^r: Ship, wind & weather Permitting, and make the best of yo^r: way for the most speedy attaining the afores^d: Port, and on your arrivall thereto follow such orders as you shall receive from the Dep: Gov^r: & Council for your unladeing & reladeing for this Port.

There goes Passengers on you Gabriell Roberts Esq^r: Dep: Gov^r: of y^r: Place & c^a: Comp^a: Servants, who you are to receive on board wth: their necessaries, treating the Dep: Gov^r: wth: the accommodation of the great Cabbin and in all other respects suitable to his Character and to afford such accommodation to others of the Comp^a: Servants as yo^r: Ship is capable of. Wee wish you a good Voyage and date this in Fort S^t: George this 17th: Aug^t: 1702.

THOM: PITT.
GAB: ROBERTS.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOM: [MARSHALL.]
JN^o: [MEVERELL.]

No. 49.

FORT S^t: GEORGE, 21: ACG^t: 1702.

To THE HON^{ble}: JN^o: BEARD Esq^r:
PRESID^t: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t: HON^{ble}:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a: IN BENGALL &
GOVERN^r: OF FORT WILL^m: IN BENGALL.

S^{rs}:

Our last to you was the 3^d: Inst. copy of w^{ch}: comes inclosed unto w^{ch}: wee have only to add that wee here send you y^o: Phoenix and have Ship[ped] on her in rupees, Copper & c^a: to the amount Pagodas 45639: 30 [*Lacuna in the original*] as ~~the~~ Invoice and bill of Lading and the reason why wee did not Compleat the number of Rup^s: as formerly advised, is that wee had an opportunity presented to buy [some] West Coast Dollars, which lye ready for such ship as wee shall load here part w^{ch}: bales and [part] to the West Coast to fill up.

Upon such of the comp^a: ships [as] are bound hither, wee desire you to send us y^o: stores as ~~the~~ list Inclosed, and three Thousand baggs of Petre to lye for Kintlage for such ships as wee shall dispatch directly hence.

Wee have as yet arrived no Ships of our Masters from England, but suppose by their late coming out they were ordered directly for yo^r: Port, or put by this by the Westerly winds.

The late ill news from Metchlepatam the Presid^t: says he has advised you, yet nevertheless wee here Inclose a Copy thereof, as also of the Acco^t: wee adjusted between the Freighters of the Phoenix & Cap^t: Lambert dec^d: whose base actions are not to be parallel'd and hope you'll be able to Procure a freight for her for Persia or Mocho, and if for the former wee desire you to write to the Agent & Council to buy and Consign hither for account of the Company.

40 Chests of y^e: best Syrasah wine.

15 Chests of Rosewater.

4 Chests of Vinegar.

200 M^d: of Paberrees of Almonds Pistashes.

Kismasses and Raisons.

6 good horses young, sound and beautifull.

and if they should goe to Mocho wee desire you'll take care that wee have y^e: same number of horses from thence.

Wee earnestly desire you that you w^d: not forgett sending us some silk winders as formerly requested.

And whereas wee are making Improvements of some land near us y^e: want of w^{ch}: wee saw in our late troubles wee would desire you to send us up by y^e: first Opportunity about fifty bushells of y^e: best barley seed procurable in your parts and as these parts are very barren and destitute of any good Provisions wee should own it as a favour if you would send us by all y^e: Companys Acc^t: some very good goats, [some] of which for breed and some geese year[ly.]

Wee have here sent you some black [stone] for your Chappel and wee will send you some white ☿ first Opportunity of [. . .] you should have sent us y^e: Length & Breadth of your Chappel to have directed us in y^t: matter.

The Government plays fast and loose with us and beleive as yett they have no order to revoke y^e: former [grants] talke is that y^e: Moors Intend to [build a] Fort at S^t: Thoma and that y^e: [Dutch] Intend againe to make their [cheif settlement] for trade on y^e: Coast at [Porto Novo].

Wee Intend next month to [dispatch] y^e: Loyall Cooke for England.

What of Cap^t: Lamberts [that] returned from Persia came from [. . .] wee consigned to y^e: Gov^r: and [councill] which amounted to about 35,000 [Shahees] but in perusing Cap^t: Lamberts papers find that he has sold to y^e: am^t: of about 111000 Shahees to M^r: Bruce so what become of y^e: remainder wee cant [discover] concerning which wee have Examined Cap^t: Carswill, M^r: Hornage, M^r: Kel[sal] Lamberts Servants who tell us they know nothing of it, nor wee can find any acc^t: Currant between M^r: Bruce and Captain Lamberts amongst his papers which wee have strictly persued, for which wee have drawn an account Inclosed between them by which wee desire you to send by the first ship that goes to Persia to y^e: Agent there to Enquire into y^e: Truth of it that there may be right done y^e: deceased notwithstanding he would do it himselve whilst he was Living.

The One Thousand Chest of Coppar Laden on this Ship was all weighed by y^e: Purser so that he must see and make good the weight as p^r: Invoice. Wee are

Sirs

Your most humble servants.

THOMAS PITT.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATTHEW EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEYERBELL.

- LIST OF FORT S^t: GEORGE PACQUETT TO BENGALL.

- N^o: 1. Fort S^t: George Gen^l: Lett^r: dat^d: 21st: Aug: [1702.]
 2. Copy of Ditto dated 3 August 1702.
 3. Invoice of Treasure &c^a: laden on Ship [Phoenix.]
 4. Bill of Loading for Ditto,
 5. List of stores wanted in Fort S^t: George.
 6. Copy of Metchlepatam Gen^l: to Fort S^t: [George] dated 3^d: August
 1702.
 7. Copy of an acco^t: adjusted by y^e: Hon^{ble}: Presid^{ent} [and] Council of
 Fort S^t: George between [M^r:] John Affleck &c^a: freighters of Ship [Phoenix]
 and Captain Lambert deceased.
 8. Copy of an Acc^{tt}: Currant drawn out by M^r: Marshall &c^a: between
 [Mr. Bruce] and Captain Lambert deceased.
 9. List of y^e: Pacquett.

No. 50.

[LETTER TO SURAT.]

Portions lost.

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month when by broaching a Cask [of brandy] was set on fire and after some [burning
 was blown up at which time lost y^e: Captain and ninety men [. . .] about
 two or three and Thirty save[d by] y^e: Pinnace it is said that there [. . .]
 y^e: amount in Treasure and goods [. . .] £150000. Tis uncertain in what
 depth of [water] she sunk and much to be feared too [. . .] recover anything
 of her having [sent out] boats in search thereof, but [nowhere] to be found. There
 was also arrived [at] Metchlepatam in a country built [ship] of about 150 Tonns
 M^r: Landon y^e: [new] Company's President at Borneo who [with] about sevenety
 Europeans on board a Ketch following him with about Twenty five more from which
 wee [infer] that That settlement is also blown up and he sailed for Bengall whither
 [we] shall dispatch y^e: Colchester in a few days and this month the Loyall Cooke
 for England with a considerable cargo.

Wee are Advised from Batavia that M^r: Catchpoole is Returned again to
 [China] on y^e: Robert and Nathaniel.

Our [. . .] Same as when last wrott you. [We wish] Your honour
 &c^a: health and [Prosperity] and are.

Hon^{ble}: Sir &c^a:

Your Obliged humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
 FRANCIS ELLIS.
 THOMAS WRIGHT.
 MATTHEW EMPSON.
 THOMAS MARSHALL.
 JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO SURATT.

- N^o: 1. Fort S^t: George Generall Letter dated 16th: Sep^r: 1702.
 2. Copy of Dittos dated 16th: July 1702.
 3. Copy of Dittos dated 18th: July 1702.
 4. Copy of the Companys Gen^l: Letter to F: S: Geo: dat^d: 12th
 [January 1702.]

5. Copy of Dittos dated 13th: March 1702.
6. Proposals for an agreement between y^e: [2 E: I: Comp^s:] containing Twenty one articles.
7. Copy of Severall Paragraphs of y^e: Comp^s: Gen[eral] Letter to Fort S^t: George dated 6 March 1702.
8. Votes of the house of Commons of 8 March [1702.]
9. The R^t: Hon^{ble}: y^e: Lords address to her Maj^{ty}: y^e: [Queen] and her maje[s]ties most gracious ans^r: [thereon]
10. The Commons address to y^e: Queen.
10. The London Gazett fro: Thursday 5th: to Monday [. . .]
- [11.] London Gazett from Munday 9th: to Thursday 12th: [. . .]

No. 51.

[LETTER TO]

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and Informe you [. . .] of Lead on board and if so then you may desist from sending itt.

Wee desire you nott to forgett sending [our] Merchants goods upon ship Loyall Cooke for which and here comes a Letter for their Gomaster.

The Onely news stirring is that [Dowed] Cawne is coming Again to S^t: Thoma:

Wee [are.]

Sirs

Pontanell was detained here in y^e: Comp^s: Service and twas promised that the same should be signified to you he went hence about a week after Baugus and wⁿ: he arrived with you wee know not [so] if he has been rambling any considerable Time upon his own acc^t: there is no reason he sh^d: be allow^d: pay for that Time.

Your very affectionate freinds.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 52.

FORT S^t: GEORGE, 25 [. . .] 1702.

To M^r: STEPHEN FREWEN

CHEIF & C^o: COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{rs}:

Copy of our last to you comes Inclosed and on this boat wee have [sent] Peons and One Thousand Pag^s: with [. . .] of them and shall do y^e: same [with] next boat that goes from hence [which will] be in a day or two which is to [Enable] to fulfill your last contract but [. . .] for no goods y^e: [company] [. . .] misfortune of [. . .] wee are Sorry for you may cert[ain] [. . .] your choice of what Goods you [. . .].

If any good conveyance pres[ent] [. . .] Ship or Sloop the beginning of next [. . .] bound to this Port you may freight [. . .] what bales you have ready of y^e: [. . .] for that wee would willingly have [. . .] Metchlepatam Goods part of the Loyall Cookes Cargoe.

If any of the men saved out of y^e: [. . .] are willing to come hither you[may] assure them of a present Employ [. . .] you would Inform yourselves of the [. . .] of all news from England and write [us] thereof.

We are

S^{rs}:

Your very affect^d: ffreinds

THOMAS PITT.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATTHEW EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEYERELL.

No. 53.

FORT S^r: GEORGE, 2^o: SEP^r: 1702.

M^a: STEPHEN FREWEN CHEIF &C^a:

COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

Our last to you was by Boat, Copy of which comes Inclosed and hope y^e: 5000 Pag^s: arri^d: safe with you and as then promised wee now send you 5000 more [. . .] being [for a Bill of] [. . .] Sealed up in the bagg under y^e: care of [2 of our] Peons and four of yours.

The 29th: past wee reced: yours of y^e: [. . .] with y^e: papers as ~~the~~ List and wee thought our orders had been so plain concerning y^e: Investment that men of y^e: meanest capaciteye might have understood it [wth:] so many Explanations and for what [Goods] y^e: Company mentions in their [Lists of] 1702 on which there's little or no proffitt is the reason they order so small a quantity of them purely to keep up y^e: [manufactory] and that quantity and no more [to] be sent if an Investment was made for their whole quantity goods mention[ed] in that List which all their whole [. . .] can hardly purchase or y^e: Country af-[ford] it so common reason gives us to understand that what Investment is made every [part] is to bear its proportion to y^e: whole [. . .] which you have unaccountably [transg]rest, but to prevent y^e: like for y^e: future [we] shall and do now send you a List of what Quantity and sorts your Investment for September shall consist of and no [other.] and accordingly what progress wee [hear] you have made in this: wee shall [order] another for y^e: January shipping and Expect your merchants to bring in w^t: chay goods fell sh^t: in y^e: form^r: contract.

Wee very much wonder you never Enquired or that you never wrott us [. . .] In Company with the Norris and [whither] bound. Wee are.

S^{rs}:

Your very affect^d: ffreid^s:

THOMAS PITT.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATTHEW EMPSON.

THOM^s: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEYERELL.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED ATT METCHLEP^x: AND BROUGHT IN Y^a: MONTH
OF SEP^a: 1702.

	Cargess.	Pa:	Pag ^a :
Sallampores Fine Twenty five Corge	25:	374 ^o	Corge. 925
Percallaes very Fine Ten Corge	10	18 ¹ / ₂	Ditto 185
Izzarees			send none
Dimmityes			send none
Diapers large five Corge	5:	80:	Ditto [4 . . .]
Ditto Narron five Corge	5:	40:	Ditto [120]
Oringall Betteelas fifty Corge	50:	33:	Ditto 1650
Allajaes Eighty Corge	80:	29:	Ditto 2320
Allejars Sadaruneharses fifty Corge	80:	29:	Ditto 2320
Saerguntees Eighty Corge	80:	37:	Ditto 2960
Collawaypoose Eighty Corge	80:	37:	Ditto 2960
Goacouneherulaes Eighty Corge	80:	37:	Ditto 2960
Beng ^h : Roma ^h : fifty Corge if to bee had at 40	}	50:	40: Ditto 2000
Pag ^a : ^o Corge oth[er]wise none.			
Brampore Chin'es Two hund rd : Corge	200:	9:	Ditto 1800
Gulcondah Betteeles Ten Corge	10:	70:	Ditto 700
			Pag ^a : .. 22020

In y^a: Warehouse.

No. 54.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL GABRIELL

ROBERTS Esq^a: DEPUTTY GOVERN^a:

&c^a: COUNCELL ATT FORT S^r: DAVID.

S^r:

Yours of y^a: 28 past wee reced: [31st:] Ditto and desire y^a: continuance of your Endeavours to send us that Firewood [at] Bomipollam which wee Extremely [want] and send us halfe the Europe steele you have in your Godown.

Wee observe your answer to the tw[o] Thousand Rup^s: promised Abdull Labbey [. . .] Mockdum Nina the moiety of which you say was to be paid by y^a: Inhabitants [. . .] wee take to be of very ill consequence [and] when known to yo^r: Country, Government twill undoubtedly Incourage them to Increase their demands upon us, for when Dowed Cawn used itt as an argument w^a: he demanded Extravagant summes from us that wee need nott pay a penny of it but Levy it upon our Inhabitants which had it been but once done wee should not have wanted for frequent demands of y^a: nature which would have soon depopulated the place.

Wee desire nott onely what bales are ready for the Loyall Cooke butt that youle give us the best assistance you can for the Hampshire who wee Intend for the West Coast with Six or Eight [. . .] and wee would willingly have them sent hither as they are ready by what sloop or Vessell presents. Wee are

FORT S^r: GEORGE,
September 3^d: 1702.

S^r:
Your very affec^t: ffrein^{ds}:

THOMAS PITT.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEYERELL.

No. 55.

FORT S^r: GEORGE, 8th: SEP^r: 1702.

To M^r: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIF &C^a: COUNCILL ATT
VIZAGAPATAM.

S^r:

Our last to you was by y^o: Sarum of which some time since you acknowledge y^o: receipt thereof in a Letter to the President and promised a speedy answer thereto but as yet receive none so that wee are in the dark what bales to expect from you this month or what progress you have made in y^o: Investment wee wrott you ab^t:

Wee send this that in case it comes. to your hands before you have dispatch^d: hither y^o: Presidents sloop S^r: George and that she has room to take in fifty or 60 bales that then you give y^o: Com^r: an ord^r: wind and weather permitting, to call att Metchlepatam and take in what [. . .] she can well [. . .] caution him to be very carefull of [nott da]maging the goods or running any risqe of the vessell going into that Port y^o: [President] having wrott Cap^t: Weld accordingly and if the sloop goes to Metchlepatam advis[e] the cheife &c^a: thereof on the receipt of the [same.] Wee are.

S^r:

Your very affect^t: ffreinds

THOMAS PITT.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^r: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 56.

FORT S^r: GEORGE, [SEPT^r.]: 15th 170[2.]

To M^r: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIFE &C^a: COUNCILL ATT
VIZAGAPATAM.

S^r:

To this day wee have no answer to ours of y^o: 7th: July 4th Sarum and y^o: 8th Ins^t: wee advised you y^o: same, copy of which comes Inclosed and y^o: next day arrived here y^o: Colchester Cap^t: Rouse who Left [En]gland the 19th: of March by whom is Confirmed y^o: Unhappy news of the death of our King.

The Company has wrott severall Paragraphs in their Generall Letter to us Concerning your Factory which wee here remitt you charging you strictly to observe the same.

Wee [here] likewise send you [some prin Proclamation for proclaiming Queen Anne which on receipt of this wee Intending to do the same on nity wee are capable off. The Copy of the Company concerning the 2 Companys uniting and what I what Private Letters are for your place. Wee are

In the Gazetts there is : are to do in your Settlemen 17 Ins^t: with all the solem tter relating thereto with tha es wee here send you, as als

S^r:

Your very affect^t: ffreid^o:

THOMAS PITT.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^r: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO VIZAGAPATAM.

- N^o: 1. ffort S^t: George Gen^l: Lre: to Vizag^m: dated 15 Septem^r:
2. Copy of Ditto dated 8th: September.
3. Copy of Sev^l: Paragrap^{hs}: of y^o: Comp^s: Gen^l: to ffort S^t: George.
4. Copy of y^o: Comp^s: Ditto dated 12th: Jan^r: 1702.
5. Copy of Ditto dated 13th: March 1702.
6. Proposea^{ls}: for an agreem^t: between y^o: 2 East India Comp^s:
7. Votes of y^o: house of Commons, the 8 March 1702.
8. The R^t: Hon^{ble}: Lords addresses to her Majesty, 9th: March 1702 and her Mj^{ties}: most gracious answer thereto.
9. The Commons address to y^o: Queen.
10. The London Gizzet fro: Tuesday y^o: 5th: to Munday 9th: March.
- [11]. The London Gizzet fro: Munday y^o: 9th: to Thursday 12th: March.
- [12]. Cap^t: William Kidds Tryall made up apart and [. . .].

[No. 57.]

FORT S^t: GEORGE, 15th: SEP: 170[2].To M^r: STEPHEN FREWENCHIEF &c^a: COUNCILL ATT

METCHLEPATAM.

S^r:

Our last to you was y^o: 2nd: Instant, Copy of which Comes Inclosed with a [List] of Goods for your Contract which accompanied that Letter since which [arrived] here the 9th: Ditto Ship Colchester Cap^t: [. . .] Benjamin Rouse who Left England [the] 19th: of March by whom is confirmed y^o: unhappy news of y^o: death of our King.

The Company have wrott severall Paragraphs in their Generall Letter [to] us Concerning your Factory, Copy [of] which wee hear [sic] remitt you charging you strictly to observe the same.

Wee here likewise send you some Prints and in y^o: Gazetts there is a proclamation for proclaiming Queen Anne which you are to do in your settlement: on receipt of this, wee Intending to do y^o: same here on the 17th: Instant with all y^o: solemnity wee are capable off y^o: Copy of y^o: Comp^s: Letter relating thereto with that Concerning y^o: two Comp^s: uniting and with y^o: Termes wee here send you [as also] what Private Letters are for your place.

Here also comes a Letter for M^r: John Pitt which came in y^o: Comp^s: Pacquet N^o: 17 which you are to send [. . .] and at y^o: same Time demand M^r: Woolston in order to be sent hither to Adjust his [. . .] with us. Wee are

S^r:Your very affec^t: frei^{ds}:

THOMAS PITT.
 THOMAS WRIGHT.
 MATTHEW EMPSON.
 THOM^s: MARSHALL.
 JOHN MEYERKELL.

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO METCHLEPATAM.

- No. 1. ffort S^t: George Gen^l: Letter dated 15th: September 1702.
2. Copy of Dittos dated 8th: Instant.
3. Copy of severall Paragrap^{hs}: relating to Vizaga^m: & y^e: new Comp^a:
4. Votes of the house of Commons of y^e: 8th: March 1701.
5. The R^t: Hon^{ble}: y^e: Lords address to her Maj^{ties}: y^e: 9th: March and her Maj^{ties}: most Gracious answer Thereto.
6. The Commons address to y^e: Queen.
7. London Gazett from Thursday 5th: to Monday 9th: March.
8. London Gazett fro: Monday 9th: to Thursday 18th: March 1701.
9. Copy of the Comp^a: Gen^l: to Fort S^t: George da^t: 12th: Jan^r: 1701.
10. Copy of Dittos to Fort S^t: George dated 13th: March 1701.
11. Proposals for an agreem^t: between y^e: 2 East India Comp^{as}:
12. A Letter from y^e: new Company directed thus:
To the Hon^{ble}: John Pitt Esq^r: President & C^a: Councill on y^e: Coast of Choromandell for affairs of the English Company trading to y^e: East Indies at Metchlepatam.
13. List of Goods to be provided at Matchlep^m: for Sep^r: 17[02.]
[Capt] William Kidds Tryall sent apart.

No. 58.

FORT S^t: GEORGE, 15th: SEP^r: 1702.

[To] GABRIELL ROBERTS Esq^r:

DEPUTY GOV^a: & C^a: COUNCILL

AT FORT S^t: DAVID.

S^r:

The Secretary by the Presidents orders dispatched to you on y^e: 10th: Instant y^e: private Letters that came by y^e: Colchester who arrived here y^e: day before since [. . .] have Transcribed y^e: Paragraph out of [the] Companys Generall Letter to us by that [ship] Relating to your place which wee now send you with Copy of y^e: Letter relating to the Kings death and an order to proclaim Queen Anne in all their settlemen[ts] which wee shall do here on Thursday next with all y^e: solemnity wee are capable of: you had formerly y^e: Prints sent you in which there is a Proclamation in y^e: Gazett Inclosed also comes Copy of the Companys Letter relating to their uniting with y^e: new Company with y^e: paper [. . .] particulars on what termes and some Paragraphs out of their Generall Letter.

Wee reced: yours of the 12 Instant by the Loyall Cooke who arrived here yesterday (w^{ch}: wee have long Expected) with y^e: Invoice and Bill of Loading of what Laden on her but y^e: brown bales are so ill packt that wee [must] take them ashoare to repack them [. . .] of which now wee have the steele shall be speedily sent you.

Wee observe what you wait [write?] about [Haynes] house; our Judgement wee shall defer till you send us the skeame which you now promise: nevertheless y^e: less you may go on in purchasing Timbers and plank at Negap^m: if to be had at reasonable rates which may be of use to us and you if wee go not on with that matter or usefull In shipping wⁿ: it can be disposed of to good advantage.

Wee rece^d: a book of consultations you unsigned for a years Time when M^r: Fraser was there which wee shall give him to sign but wonder this happens y^e: Reason whereof shall be askt him and pray Lett there be no such omission for y^e: future but Lett your Consultations and Bookes of acc^{ts}: be kept strictly up too in Point of Time.

Wee desire you to hasten your Investm^t: for wee depend on a Thousand bales for y^e: Jan^r: Ship which wee desire may beary bro^t: in that she may sail at farthest y^e: latter end of that month for that y^e: Comp^t: very ill Resents the late dispatching of their ships for which they have severely suffered.

Wee wish you would contrive some way or other to send us the bales for y^e: Hampshire for twill be hazardous sending her to your Port and if the Gov^r: [sloop St. George] [. . .] Vizagapatam wee will dispatch her to you to bring them: besides wee would advise you to make up brown Goods you can w^{ch}: you may contrive to pack better than those now sent.

M^r: Baugus is come upon this ship and wee shall speedily provide for his Try[all.]

Your Bill of Exchange for One hundred Forty Two Pag^s: Twenty six fanams and [four] Cash shall be paid.

M^r: Berlu had here the Copy of y^e: Consultation To be reinstated in his former Employs which wee accordingly [. . .] but yet would nott have M^r: Ingram [. . .] wee take to be a very honest man so having great respect for him totally dissapoin[ted] therefore would have you provide him an Equivalent or put him in such Employs as he had before that alteration. Wee are

S^r:

Your very affec^t: frei^d:

THOMAS PITT.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 59.

TO THE HON^{ble}: S^r: JOHN GAYER

FORT S^r: GEORGE, [. . .]

KN^t: & C^a: COUNCILL AT SURATT.

HON^{ble}: S^r:

Our last Generall Letter was dated 18th: July, copy of which comes Inclosed so [these] are chiefly to advice that our M^r: ship y^e: Colechester arrived here y^e: 4th: Instant wh[ich] left England y^e: 19th: of March when no warr was proclaimed. The Company in their Letters to us confirm y^e: ill news of the death of the King which great loss was in some measure Recompenced by proclaiming our gracious Queen Anne which seemed to be a generall satisfaction. Our [R^r: Hon:] Masters have ordered her Majesty to be proclaimed in all their settlements as ~~the~~ Copy of y^e: Letter Inclosed. The Company have also advised of the Union with the new Company and sent us the heads of y^e: Termes agreed on which wee here remitt you with Copy of a Letter and some Paragraphs out of their Generall Letter relating thereunto, Wee also send you some Prints Importing y^e: most mater^l: news when this ship came away which were before sent you by y^e: President an Armenian Cossett with an account [of the] sad misfortune of y^e: Norris [. . .] Metchlepatam y^e: 2^d: past [. . .] with what Remains in your Merchan[ts] hands be brought in in Longcloth and Sallampores in order to be sent to us [&] by such ships as shall call on you in [her] way hither from Bengall and that [shall] be due to your Merchants on that [acc^t:] wee mean when they have brought their arrears of y^e: proportion of Long [cloth] and Sallampores due on the form^t: contra[ct] may then draw bills on us for y^e: same till when wee cannott consent to your entering in any new [contract] with Them without allowing apparent Injustice done y^e: Comp[ny:] that you confirme to us y^e: propo[sall] for a new contract advancing [your] cloth near

20 R Cent without men[*tioning*] any abatement upon Bettelas of this [year] been wrote some years past and ord^d: [. . .] lumpy our contracts by way of [. . .] but to agree for every so[rts] [. . .] Intrinsic value [. . .] y^e: prizes of al [. . .] who you have [. . .] proposed are already brought [. . .] those sent us on y^e: Ketch a [. . .] observe in your cash for y^e: [. . .] y^e: money, was advanced for y^e: same [. . .] was not that money advanced for Long[cloth] and Sallampores seeing you had so [great] a Quantity of Betteelas on your hands if wee must have w^t: Betteelas you pleas[e] put upon us, pray lett them be y^e: last [. . .] provided for.

You write y^e: country is In peace [and] quietness and that your Cheif has a [good] understanding therewth: and that y^e: Comp^t: [. . .] affairs were never in so flourishing a [condition] as at this pres^t: notwithstanding w^ob: [they] were never before so ill served in their Investm^{ts}: y^e: price of Longeloth you say [has] Risen and y^t: y^e: Dutch gives 5 Rup^s: R [Peice] It cant be expected that wee can buy cheaper than our neighb^{rs}: but y^e: pre[sent] rise of That Commodity cannot have [relation] To former Contracts wth: your [. . .] who as before mentiond must [. . .] of what Longelot[h] [. . . stores] then Omitted.

[. . .] mention for Prese[nt] [. . .] y^e Beere and Wine y^e Company [. . .] us this year and last and hope to dispatch [her to] you to morrow and as soon as y^e: Hampshir[e] is Gone wee will give you a Plenory answer to all your Letters and more particular to [the] part which relates to your writing for [. . .] to the Company. Wee are

S^{rs}:

Your very affect: ffr[iends.]

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEYRELL.

[Letters Nos. 60 to 68 are missing.]

No. 69.

FORT S^t: GEORGE.

To GABRIELL ROBERTS Esq^r.,
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &c^t:
COUNCIL AT FORT S^t: DAVID.

S^{rs}:

Wee are Just [. . .] [Ham]pshire who will sai[. . .] Present have on [. . .] Bill of Ladeing [. . .] Shipt on [. . .] Upon the Colchester. Wee [are].

S^{rs}:

Your very [affect: Frien[ds.]

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEYRELL.

No. 70.

[To] RICHARD WATTS [Esq^r.:] FORT S^r: GEORGE, [. . .].
 DEPUTTY GOVERNOUR & C^a:
 COUNCILL OF YORK FORT.

S^r:

Our last to you was dated 12th: Instant ~~of~~ Ship Hampshire, copy of which comes Inclosed with Invoice and 2^d: Bill of Ladeing for what sent her and have onely to add that by this Ketch S^r: George w[e send you] a slave which was Inscited [inserted?] in the [Hampshires] Invoice who Just at that Time [. . .] his Escape wee also send you 2 Chests [. . .] and must Renew our ord^r: and [. . .] give the Hampshire a speedy [voyage].

LIST OF Y^o: PACQUETT TO YORK FORT.

- N^o: 1. Fort S^r: George Gen^l: to York Fort dat^d: 26th: Oct^r: 170[2.]
2. Copy of Dittos to York Fort dated 12th: Ditto.
3. Copy of ship Hampshires Invoice to York Fort.
4. Second Bill of Ladeing of Ditto.

No. 71.

To GABRIEL ROBERTS Esq^r.: FORT S^r: GEORGE, 27th [Oct^r: 1702.]
 DEPUTTY GOVERNOUR & C^a:
 COUNCILL AT FORT S^r: DAVID.

S^r:

Our last to you was y^o: 18th: Insta[nt] [. . .] Ship President who sailed hence y^o: 19th: [November] Laden on her some goods and stores for [which] comes Inclosed second Bill of Ladeing Invoice Thereof amounting [. . .] Pagod[as].

This is cheifly To answer some Par[ags:] in your Generall Letters which wee [have] hitherto Omitted.

The screws for pressing your bro[wn cloth] shall be speedily sent you and had Long[. . .] wee but That wee wanted steele for the [fur]nishing of them.

As for y^o: necessity of buying M^r: [Haynes] House wee are of y^o: same opinion as formerly [tho wee] should nott Think it adviseable to run [into] so great an Expenche, as presetted In your [draught:] besides y^o: Company have wrott out [this] year that they deferred sending some necessarys till they were Entirely conjoynd [with] the new Company so that they may [. . .] their moiety Thereof for which reason [. . .].

M^r: Fraser [gives] no other [. . .] consultation being nott [signed] [. . .] was nobody to write them faire and refuses [to] signe them unless you send y^o: foule Copy Booke To compare Them Therewith.

We have onely One Silk Winder here who has nott as yet Instructed anybody so well as to work without his being present: besides y^t: fellow has been lately sick and much neglected his business wee well approve of the Proposall of M^r: Haynes and wish he wou^d: Lett us know [at what] Rate he will sell y^o: Company the Silk and wee will soon [acquaint] that matter with him beleiveing [. . .] That manufacture would better [There] under any ones particular care than a Generall.

Your Bill for Pagodas, 300 Payable to Francisco Andrado is complied with.

Wee have in our former Letters fully answered what you write about your Investments and y^o: Payments you agreed for with your Merchants: besides when y^o: last years contract was made wee had very great cash by us y^o: country was

quiet and had It so continued your Mercha[nts] had finisht Their contract in February and hope They will do the same now being always In arrears 20000 Pag^a :

Wee also Observe your new methodizing your Merchants which is [rume^d:] [. . .] compulsion and Force If [. . .]. It will nott [. . .] the Companys [. . .] and since the former method they we [. . .] was what Then approved off by the Pres[ident &] Councill of this place, It ought not have [been] altered without acquainted us therewith with your reasons for the same for our approbation Thereof.

Wee were nott a Little surprized to [see] amongst your Papers sent in your Pacq[uiets] to y^e: Company [. . .] list of stores wanted [in the] Garrison which [looks] as if you would [be more] Independent from this place for if [every] place subordinate to it write for the stores this place needs no longer to be [a] magazine to supply Those that are [subordinate] to it nor need wee write for any [more] than what wee want ourselves Th[o:] [hit]herto wee have always Included in [our] Lists y^e: necessitys of all places subordinatè to us with which wee ought to be acquainted before the departure of y^e: Europe ship for it Tends To nothing less than confusion for Every Factory to send their List apar[t] when doubtless supplies will come accordingly for whereas hitherto there has been but one List sent from this Presiden[t] and never halfe y^e: stores sent so [what] can be Expected when the Company [are] pressed with a List from every place [. . .] Gunns you [. . .] for been so [. . .] to them when tis well known you [. . .] ready more Gunns than men and for w^t: other stores mentioned in your List wee have in good part supplied you by y^e: President. So for y^e: Reasons beforementioned wee [Took] it out of your l'acquett and advised the Company of the same: some of y^e: Gentlem^a: of the Councill could have advised the Deputy Governour of our dislike of such proceedings formerly from his Predecessour who broke all orders and kept to [nothing].

Wee have not any washers [here] to spare but shall use our Endeavours to gett some out of The Country.

Wee here Inclose a Bill for fifteen hundred Pagodas Payable to you by Coolapa Chittee and Quorendeapa Chittee of which advise when reced; Wee are

S^m:

Your very affectionate
Friends

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEYERELL.

No. 72.

FORT S^r: GEORGE, 28 Oct^r: 1702.

To [GABRIELL ROBER[TS] Esq^r:

DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^a: COUNCILL AT FORT S^r: DAVID.

S^m:

Just after writing the foregoing [wee] reced: yours of y^e: 24th: Instant unto what materiall wee now answer. Wee are glad to hear the President safe Returned wh[ich] prevents our sending copy of y^e: Invo[ice] and second Bill of Ladeing as before [men]tioned.

Dowed Cawn is at present at [Arcot] preparing To march but whither [Is] [un] certain. It is no wonder your merch[ants] prevented their cloth being seized [when] they had a Fortnight or three week [. . .] from hence. To

prevent the same [. . .] untill wee have a better understanding with y^e: Govern-
ment Twill nott be prudent [to] us to adventure the Companys Estate [In] y^e:
country as formerly Abdull Labb[y] stopt in his way from y^e: camp at S^t:
[Thoma] to whom wee sent a compliment and [afterward] sent him a Present of Gold
[Coins] valued about 450 Pagodas but for what reason wee cant Imagine
he [refused] it unless it was for our detain[ing] [. . .] but still he seemed
[. . .] to preserve Freindship with [. . .] merchants [. . .]
brought in [. . .] their Last contract wee would [have] [. . .] on
account of this you have last [. . .] and y^e: Eleven Thousand Five hundred
Pag^a: in Cash Remitted hence and drawn on us lately out of which to pay Them Ten
Thousand Pagodas when they have brought In Twenty Thousand Pagodas of goods.

Your Bills for [9]000 Pag^a: and 5000 shall be paid when [presented] and shall
Debt y^e: place for The same as money supplied you To carry on your contract in
y^e: Method wee have ordered you. Wee are

S^r:Your very affect^d: Frein^d:

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 73.

FORT S^t: GEORGE, 6 NOV^r: 1702.TO THE HON^{ble}: JOHN BEARD ESQ^r:PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t: HON^{ble}: ENGLISH EAST INDIACOMPANY &C^t: COUNCILL AT FORT W^m: IN BENGALL.S^r:

Our last [. . .] was y^e ship Colchester dated 22^d: Septem[ber] comes
[. . .] of Loading for that [. . .] have reced: yours of y^e: [. . .]
Ship Hampshire with [Invoice] and Bill of Loading for what Laden on her who
arriv[ed] here y^e: 27th: September and brought us also copy of yours dated 10th:
and 13th: August by y^e: Restoration who went directly to Metohlepatam and There
Remains whose Letters came not to our hands till y^e: 20th: past.

Wee thank you for y^e: stores sent [by] y^e: Hampshire but y^e: Rice wee
sup[plied] was y^e: sweeping of your Godowns [being] y^e: worst That ever was
brought and [hardly] worth the charge of Loading [and un]loading and so unfitt for
y^e: use of [the garris]ou that wee are forced to sell it at [the] Banksall or Retaile
to y^e: poorest sort of people so pray for y^e: future charge your [. . .] to
send nothing hither for stores but what is y^e: best of their sorts.

Wee cant but Observe Cojah [Surhe] selling his Petre to the new Company
for Ready money who In Point of gratitude might have Trusted you for that money
or why could nott so many wealthy servants of y^e: Companys advanced [such] a
summe to have secured so valuable [a] Commodittee as Petre is at this Time of
[. . .] when wee [. . .] here in a more barrener [. . .] have
raised a more considerable [. . .] sending you [. . .] Hampshire is
answered. In our former [. . .] and wee beleive y^e: disappointment of those
bales will be a service to the Comp^a: and are so far from Thinking Ourselves In
an Error In not sending you a stock for Trade when you writt for ships and utensills
for your defence that wee should do y^e: same if y^e: like happened and doubt nott
but y^e: proper Judges will allow y^e: wee have [nott only] done y^e: Prudent but
the Just [part] well knowing that Trade and Warr are as Incomptiable as
light and darkness and whereas you say they formerly were supplied hence with a
stock not onely for, carrying on a Warr but Trade also wee beleive if that account

was Truly ballanced y^e: Company were nott much proffitters thereby and that were it to be done again, they would desist from one or the other and wee here are of opinion that had all Europeans Throwout India desisted from Trading from commencement of their late Troubles It would have been much better than to have carryed It on by bribing y^e: Kings Inferiour Officers y^e: Ill consequence of w^{ch}: wee fear will be hereafter.

Wee here confirm what wee before wrott that wee never Expected your Loading one [. . .] Loading the {same} [. . .] Till your Troubles were over of which wee did Expect to be advised and if wee did not hear [the] same before y^e: arrivall of y^e: Europe shipp[ing] wee did then Resolve haphazard to send [what] stock wee could spare from this place.

Wee received Our Masters Letter which came by y^e: Tankerville, it being of the same Purport as yours.

Twas at the request of y^e: Generall and Council of Bombay wee wrote Agent [E] [. . .] &c^a: to attack M^r: Harbins money for [. . .] of the Company and afterwards advised [. . .] Generall &c^a: Thereof but to this day never heard one word more of itt and wonder they wrott not to you concerning [. . .] but in a few days wee shall write to [B bay:] and desire them to give you orders about [. . .]

Wee lately reced: Letters from Anjengo [wherein] was news from Suratt and Bombay [which] wee hear Inclose.

Wee hope the Phœnix will arrive [timely enough] for to secure your share of y^e: nov [. . .] bund silk and if [t] does not you may thank yourselves and doubtless those who have Perusall of ours and your Letters will Judge so Impartially as to put y^e: saddle upon the Right horse.

Wee received your Journall parcells [. . .] observe what you make us Indebted to y[ou] and when our last years bookes are [. . .] wee beleive wee shall send you different [. . .] That [. . .] are Indebted to this [. . .]. Notwithstanding which wee shall [continue] to y^e: utmost of our Power to supply you [here] as your necessitys shall Require.

The 9th: past y^e: Loyall Cooke sailed hence for England with a cargoe amounting to 116000 Pag^s: by whom wee sent your Pacquett to the Company: the Hampshire sailed hence y^e: 20th: Ditto for the West Coast with 583 bales Calicoes Amounting to Pag^s: 52000 and money to purchase her Pepper and considerable stores for that Garrison Besides four English women.

Our circumstances with the Government are much y^e: same as when wrott you last. They have cleared none of y^e: goods as yet nor they ask for any of The money.

Here is news in Town that where the Mogull is Incampt there happened a sudden fall of waters from y^e: mountains that swept away 150000 persons, besides Elephants, horses, camells and baggage, wee hope our Enymies are amongst them.

Wee desire that when you dispatch The Phœnix and Colchester hither you order one of Them To Touch at Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam to take in what goods they shall find Ready.

List of stores wanted in this Garrison we sent you £ y^e: Phœnix, Copy of which comes Inclosed with what wee have Thought of since which pray as before Let them be y^e: best of s^{ts}: or it is a dead loss To the Company and again [disappointment] to us here.

[. . .] could [. . .] Two or three hundred weight of White Lead, about 40 Gallons of Linseed Oyle and if you can spare us or procure halfe a peice of superfine green cloth of the best green cloth wee [shall] be obliged to you for it.

M^r: Trenchfield has Remained here Debtor upon the bookes for many years upwards of Three Thousand Rupees which was Demanded of him in S^r: John Goldsboroughs Time and [. . .] commence for the same but was lett fall

for want of proof Thereof but by y^o: Companys order Twas again demanded of him by y^o: [new] President who gave answer as formerly that whereas the Debt arose for goods wanting [. . .] which was shipt off from y^o: Warehouse In great confusion In Bengall when he was nott present as by his answers formerly sent you and likewise that part of y^o: Charge was for Lead accidently discovered aboard one of Those ships (which at that Time [too]ke in part of y^o: goods) after she had been a Voyage to Pegu y^o: value whereof was ab^t: 1600 Rupees which gives us reason to think he has hard measure in That Charge but M^r: Ellis tell us That part of y^o: Charge arises from y^o: Time M^r: Trenchfield was Cheif of Ballasore for Cash wanting being about [. . .] Rupees wee desire by your next youle send us y^o: Particulars of y^o: Charge that so we may clear it or make his Executors pay [what] shall be Really due to y^o: Company, we having y^o: Particulars before us but [. . .] Two thousand four hundred and seven and are.

S^{rs}:

Your most humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERRELL.

STORES WANTED IN FORT S^r: GEORGE AND TO BE SENT FROM BENGALL, VIZ^t:

Oyle one hundred Jarrs	100
Butter Twenty Jarrs	20
Salt Petre for stores Three Thousand baggs	3000
Wax Cloth Two hundred peices	200
Gurraes Two Thousand peices	2000
Gunnys five Thousand peices	5000
Ropes Ten Candy	10
Twine Six Ditto	6
Bengall Wax fifty maund	50
New Wheat Rundapore One hundred baggs if procurable	100
Fill up with good Rice Reserving Roome for Two hundred bales at Metohlepatam and Vizagp ^m :	200
One Maund of good sealing wax y ^o : Last sent by y ^o : Hampshire being all in a Case and [. . .] Mod: 1	

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO BENGALL.

- N^o: 1. Fort S^r: George Generall Lre: dat^d: 6 Nov^r: 1702.
2. Copy of Dittos dated 22^d: September 1702.
3. Copy of ship Colchesters Invoice To Bengall.
4. Second Bill of Loading of Ditto Ship.
5. Copy of 2 clauses of Suratt Generall to Bbay: dated 6th: and 12th: June 1702.
6. List of Stores wanted in Fort S^r: George and to be sent from Bengall.

No. 74.

FORT S^r: GEORGE, 6 NOVEM^r: 1702.To M^r: STEPHEN FREWEN CHIEF &^{ca}: COUNCIL ATT METCHLEPATAM.S^{rs}:

Our last to you was dated 29th: Septem^r: copy of which comes Inclosed since which wee have received yours of the 18th: and 28th: past month and 4th: Instant.

You say wee sent y^o: List of goods to provide this year deviates much from your last contract y^o: reason of which is that you then deviated very much from our orders relating to y^o: Investment as you have done now.

In short you may tell your Merchants they must provide such goods as wee want and will vend in our Country or wee will make no Investment with them: therefore lett us hear no more of taking in sorts of goods contrary to our orders which are persuant to y^o: company.

Wee would have what goods possible for y^o: January Investment but shall take no measures for y^o: same from y^o: Dutch, who beleive gives no more than wee do and since wee have not had an opportunity of fetching away those goods that lay ready for y^o: September ship wee would have you augment that Investment to about Thirty Thousand Pagodas but keep strictly to the sorts wee have ordered and as before what Chay goods possible and you may draw on us for five Thousand Pag^s: and y^o: remainder when the contract is finished: will take care to supply you with all.

Wee cant see how you can refuse taking in y^o: quantity of all sorts you agreed for in their last contract but Then be sure abate Them not a peice of Their Chay goods.

Wee received y^o: Generall &c^s: Letters of Surat, the Purport of which being much as you write.

The Hampshire arrived here y^o: 27 Sept^r: who sailed hence to y^o: West Coast the 19th: Instant with 588 bales amounting to Pagod^s: 52,000: Ketch S^t: George from Vizagapatam arrived y^o: second Instant with 99 bales but all unwashed so that Is no assistance to us in Loading the Loyall Cooke who sailed hence y^o: 9th: Instant a full ship her cargo amounting to Pag^s: 1,; 6,000 when wanted some goods of your Factory to a [be ?] contributed Towards making her Cargoe a good sortment wee hope your goods are cleared at Oringall and have ordered our Persian Writers to be perused and as soon as find a Phirmaund relating to y^o: Priviledges [. . .] shall send you a Copy Thereof.

M^r: John Pitts paper wee hardly think worth our reading or your answering nor sh^d: it have Intimidated you to that degree as to have regarded his summons or Invitation as you call it to y^o: proclaiming of the Queen when he has onely a hovell that he rents and our Masters a settled Factory whose Credit did you Understand how to Support you would never have been guilty of that condescension which wee highly Resent.

Wee perceive you have adjusted with the Madapollam merchants and paid them The ballance deducting Dustore while M^r: Frewen &c^s: was there which wee suppose Includes y^o: Time M^r: Lovell and Woolston was there if they had not received it: Otherwise wee shall charge it down Right to your acc^{ts}: for in y^o: Letter of ours which sight are positively ordered to get in all y^o: Dustore that is due.

Wee have perused y^r: offer made by the Madapollam merchants but cant Imbrace y^o: same unless they abate 20 ¢ Cent of their last contract and then cant adventure to Invest more than Ten Thousand Pagodas as not having order from y^o: company for The same.

You acknowledge in yours of y^o: 28 past month that y^o: Colchester was arrived when could nott but think that there was our [] of y^o: way coming to you which was your bounden duty to have waited for and not have run a gadding to private houses to celebrate that which for y^o: honour of your Masters sh^d: have done in their Factory, which in your last you say was done y^o: same day-which wee suppose by your Cheif Dubash and God knows who at your Factory which is a Riddle to us.

Wee Observe M^r: John Pitts answer to y^o: delivering up of Woolston which do Insist upon and seize him when Opportunity presents and send him hither by y^o: first Conveyance, Factors Provisions shall be sent you by y^o: first opportunity.

Here comes Inclosed M^r: Jeremiah Harrison's Indenture and Bonds sent out by The Company which you are To see done and Returned to us: The minute you receive these Letters, forward those for Vizagapatam by fresh Peons and Remember to gett ready The Timber and plank formerly wrott for to be sent upon y^e: ship that calls upon you fro: Bengall getting all goods possible you can to be ready against That Time.

Since writing y^e: foregoing wee have rec^d: yours of the 26^h: last month with y^e: contracts proposed to you: wee can by no means agree to your Taking in goods y^e: Company have prohibited but earnestly press you to keep y^e: List wee sent you with ours of y^e: 2^d: Sep^r: last and since y^e: Merchants have so a [. . .] Company They must of necessity lower the Prizes and give such goods as you demand: besides they may Expect by y^e: next ship from England that theyle be in other hands wee would have you contract with those merchants that will do y^e: company best service but be sure to give your Old merchants y^e: Profferance and Refusal wee desire to do your utmost to get y^e: Timber and plank ready for y^e: Europe ship which wee would nott have detained too long.

Here is a Report that y^e: Restoration brings news of y^e: arrivall of y^e: Wentworth [. . .] which wee wonder you never advised us, it being of that great consequence to our masters affairs. We are

S^r:

Your very affec^t: Friends

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF Y^r: PACQUETT TO METCHLEP^m:

N^o:

1. Fort S^t: George Gen^l: to Metchlep^m: dat^d: 6 Nov^r: [1702.]
2. Copy of Dittos dated 29th: September 1702.
3. M^r: Jeremiah Harrison's Covenants and Bonds Factor to be signed and Returned [and] y^e: counterpart herewith sent to be Delivered.

No. 75.

FORT S^t: GEORGE, [6th:] NOVEM^r: 1702.

To M^r: SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF & C^a:

COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

S^r:

Our last was dated y^e: 15th: September, copy of which comes Inclosed since which wee have reced: yours of y^e: 30th: July 7 and 28 Septem^r: that of y^e: 7th: September wee reced: ☞ Ketch S^t: George who arrived here The 2^d: Octob^r: with Invoice and Bill of Loading for what Shipt on her and your bookes but no consultati^o: or Diary have you sent us for some Time past y^e: reasons for which advise in your next and that of y^e: 30th: July never came to our hands but y^e: copy thereof with yours of y^e: 28 Sep^r: wee reced: y^e: 20th: past month.

Wee were nott a little surprized at The contents of y^e: 99 bales by y^e: Ketch, almost all being betteelas whereas your contract of y^e: 7th: June 1702 obliges your merch^{ts}: to bring in 500 Pag^s of Longcloth and 5000 of Sallampores and here you have sent us an Invoice amounting to Pag^s: 15069. 9 whereof there is nott but in Sallampores and Longcloth (which we cheifly want) Pa: 644: 35: 3 and y^e:

contract w^t: is now mention'd you served much after y^e: same manner but promised that your merch^{ts}: in your future contract should make good y^e: proportion of Longcloth and Sallampores: They yⁿ: failed of but you and them keep on in [. . .] of promises [. . .] for England with a Carg[o] [. . .] 16000 and y^r: 19th: Instant [. . .] coast with 58^s bales there [. . .] for England and this wee ha[d] [. . .] little or no assistance from your [. . .] could nott wash a bale of your Bett [eelas] there much Occasion for it seeing [. . .] us 102 bales of that Choice Commodity [. . .] were sent on y^e: Two Ships aforesaid.

Wee observe what you write about M^r: [Hol]combes ship that lay as a guard ship during your troubles for which wee are willing to allow on y^e: Companys account Two hundred Pag^s: so see that M^r. Holcombe be paid y^e: same.

Wee would have willingly sent you money overland but y^e: dangers wee are Jealous of prevents us so would have you use your utmost endeavours to gett Bills and if you draw on us to y^e: amount of Ten Thousand Pagodas They shall be complied with and let halfe your Longcloth and Sallampores be sent up brown seeing that they are nott spotted or wett for that They are to be sent home to y^e: company for dying and let them be of y^e: thickest cloth and if you send us any more Betteelas remem^r: that they are upon your own acc^t: and wee w^h: return y^m: to you ~~at~~ first opportunity.

Wee desire you not to detain y^e: Bengall ship so as to Endanger her passage of which the company very much complains against and dispatch her to Metchlepatam.

Wee de [. . .] you [. . .] Bengall Pacquet Inclosed to for [ward] [. . .] y^e most Expeditionous Peons you can pro[cure]. Wee are S^r:

Your very affect: Freinds

THOMAS PIIT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERBELL.

LIST OF Y^r: PACQUETT TO VIZAGAPAT^m:

- N^o: 1. Fort S^t: George Generall to Vizag^m: dat^d: 6 Nov^r: 1702.
2. Copy of Dittos dated 15th: September 1702.

No. 75-A.

FORT S^r: GEORGE 9th: NOVEM^r: 1702.

TO THE HON^{ble}: S^r: JOHN GAYER K^{nt}: GENERALL FOR
AFFAIRES OF THE R^t: HON^{ble}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPANY & C^a: COUNCILL AT SUBATT.

HON^{ble}: SIR & C^a:

Our last to you was y^e: 16th: September by an Armenian ship when sent, Copies of what formerly wrott you, with what prints &c^a: papers materiall received by y^e: Colchester Copy of which comes Inclosed since which have onely to advise that on y^e: 9th: past wee dispatched y^e: Loyall Cooke for England with a Cargoe amounting to 116000 Pag^s: and on y^e: 20th: following dispatched y^e: Hampshire to y^e: West Coast with a cargo amounting to Pag^s: 52000 there to fill up with Pepper [. . .] for England of which [. . .] to advise y^e: Company [. . .] wee ourselves omitt doing [. . .] nott swell this Pacquet [. . .] bulk as not to Endanger its [safety].

Our last Letters from Bengall [. . .] 10th: 13th: and 18th: August advising that [. . .] there as formerly wrott you what [. . .] is, Is carryed on underhand by bribing ye [. . .] and Inferiour Officers but They are in daily expectation of y^o: Restraint being taken off wee fear they will nott receive so soon as [this] for that y^o: Report is here that y^o: Mogull [by] his Repeated orders to his Officers has con[firm]ed the Restraint of Trade so that to this day they have not delivered any of y^o: goods [sent] nor askt for any of y^o: money agreed for.

M^r: DuBois dyed y^o: 29th: September last and wee fear in a poor condition: he owes still upwards of five hundred Pagodas on account of y^o: contract with y^o: company in England and about Two hundred and fifty more on his storekeepers Acc^{ts}: part of which wee shall be able to secure here and his widdow tells us her husband as debts standing out in your parts, an account of which she promises to give us before y^o: departure of this Cossett which wee request you will be pleased to assist in y^o: Recovering thereof and bring [the] money to our Credit.

In a Letter from y^o: [. . .] 1698 wee were desired to send a warr[ant] all to attack some money in M^r: Beards [. . .] belonging to M^r: Haibin which accordingly wee did, after which wee had no farther directions from Them about, nor do wee [beleive] they writ To Bengall Concerning it, for in their last Letters to us they desired to know whether wee had any farther orders about it which wee have answered in y^o: negative and have promised them to write to Persia concerning it.

Wee advised In former Letters that wee had Lett out y^o: Phoenix [for] Persia. Cap^t: Lambert Com^r: who dyed there and In persuing his papers here wee find M^r: Bruce delt with him for what he carryed amounting about Shahees 68443: 7 concerning which wee have Enquired y^o: P^rser: and Captain and Cap^t: Lamberts servant who can give us no manner of account Thereof: so hope That It remains In M^r: Bruces hands to whom wee have wrott about it and desire youle please to accompany y^o: Letter with your orders to him to give us satisfaction in this matt^r: and likewise if any ship presents for this Port (for as yet wee hear of none) you will order y^m: to send us forty Chests of y^o: best Syrash wine, fifteen Chest of Rosewater, 4 Chest of Vinegarr and about Two hundred maund of 'Tabberees of all sorts of y^o: best fruit and if possible six good horses which are very much wanted in this Garrison more particularly for present when Required: they sent us two last [time] which were worth little and this [our] Request wee have wrott [. . .] advice to Persia if any ship [. . .] thence.

Wee received yours of y^o: [. . .] [Met]chlepatam y^o: first October and [. . .] arrivall of M^r: Dolben here [. . .] wee advised you thereof but y^o: [. . .] ing y^o: [Orenzub] went directly for [Balasore] [. . .] tis said she had likely to have been lost [. . .] was very leaky when she sailed then [. . .] China y^o: 10th: being designed for your Port.

Wee are glad to hear your guards are takⁿ: off and y^t you are at Liberty to take The air thō nothing else and by their sharing out y^o: money they have taken from you & y^o: Dutch wee perceive they have no thought of returning it.

Wee desire youle Remember to send us yearly a Bale of saloes and a good parcell of all sorts of garden seeds and desire they may be new and if you please to order your serv^{ts}: to dry them well and putt them up In bott[les] and stop them close. Wee are

Hono^{ble}: Sirs, &c^t:

Your Obliged humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEYERRELL.

The foregoing is copy of our last since which wee have received Letters from Bengall dated 8 September, advising that the Wentworth arrived in Ballasore road y^e: 26th: August and that y^e: John and Mary Cap^t: Kent from y^e: West coast bound to this Port arrived there y^e: 29th: of y^e: same month In a weak condition in all Respects and That They had nott then received a Husbolhocaum for taking off the Restraint on Trade. Wee are

Hono^{ble}: Sirs &c^a:
Your Obliged humble Servants.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^a: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Hon^{ble}: Sir &c^a:

Since writing y^e: foregoing wee have reced: a Letter from the Governour of Negapatam which y^e: Hon^{ble}: Presid^t: Comman^d: me to Inclose a Copy to you which have accordingly done and am

Hon^{ble}: Sir &c^a:
Your Obedient humble Servant
H. DAVENPORT,
Secreta^r.

No. 76.

TO THE WORSHIP^{ll}: [EDW^d: OWEN Esq:]
AGENT FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^r: R^r: [HON:]
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP[ANY]
IN PERSIA &C^a: COUNCILL IN
GOMBROON.

S^r:

Wee Received yours of y^e: [. . .] ~~the~~ ship Phoenix who arrived here y^e: [. . .] with what newspapers Inclosed as also [. . .] and Bill of Loading for what Laden on her [. . .] forwarded y^e: Twenty Chests of wine To Benga[l] on y^e: same Ship y^e: Two horses wee know not in what condition they were put on board but they came cripples and good for little y^e: Graye is lame before and behind and y^e: bay hardly able to stand upon her leggs being very long pastions[?] and weak in y^e: back; tis y^e: best of horses wee want here being generally used for presents which saves y^e: company a great deale of mony: wee reced: also what was consigned to us for Cap^t: Lambert but there was a mistake eith^r: in y^e: Bill of Loading or Invoice for there was six Chest of wine more than what mentioned in y^e: Bill of Loading but agreed with y^e: Invoice.

In persuing Cap^t: Lamberts papers we find he sold most part of all his goods to M^r: Bruce which amounts 111590: 3 but y^e: amount of y^e: Invoice of what sent is no more than Shahees 35197: 9 so that there must remaine in M^r: Bruces hands Shahees 68443: 7 . . . which wee wonder was nott Remitted upon y^e: Ship y^e: Captain[P . . .] and Captain Lam[bert][. . .] saying It remained in his hands so [. . .] here send an account collected from [the] papers many of which are said to be M^r: Bruces writing: so doubt not but that youle see y^e: deceased has Justice done him and that what Remaines due to Cap^t: Lambert from M^r: Bruce you will see Remitted hither by y^e: President and Council by bill of Exchange according To custom.

Wee know not as yet what ship will goe from Bengall to your Port: so have wrott to y^e: President and Councill there to desire you y^t: if any goes you will send us y^e: following stores &c^e: for this Garrison on y^e: R^t: Hono^{rs}: Companys account which wee Request may be y^e: best of Their sorts Viz^t:

40 Chests of y^e best Syrash wine.
15 Chests of Rosewater.
4 Chests of Vinegar.

200 maund Taberrees of Almonds, Pistashis, Kismasses and Raisons, 6 young horses strong sound and Beautifull with such markes upon Them as makes y^m: Esteemed by y^e: Persians and wee should be Obliged to you if you would by all Opportunitys send us some garden seeds which must be new well dry^d: and putt in Bottles stopped up close and if you would send us some Apricock stones Peach Cherry and Plumb put up in a box of fine Earth wee beleive they would keep bither so well as to grow and some Wallnutts and Almonds with y^e: green shell upon y^m: [. . .] of fine earth which would preserve Them. [We are]

S^{rs}:

Your [assured friends and]

humble [servants]

THOMAS [PITT.]

FRANCOIS ELLIS.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATTHEW EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

FORT S^t: GEORGE,
9th: November 1702.

P.S.—

Wee reced: Letters from you dated 30th: May 98 In which you desired us to send a warrant To Bengall to Attack some money In M^r: Beards hands belonging to M^r: Harbin which accordingly wee did since w^{ch}: wee have heard nothing fro: you ab^t: it nor do wee beleive you have writt To Bengall concerning it, for in their last Letters to us they desired to know wheth^r: wee had any farther directions about it w^{ch}: wee have answered in y^e: negative and promised them To write to you concerning it: wee farther desire that you will send us 2 large Carmania Carpetts of about 24 or 25 foot long y^e: breadths proportionable being very much wanted here for when wee have occasion of such wee are forced to borrow.

Wee are very much Importun'd by the Kings Buxie in his army near your place to remitt him Eight or Ten Thousand Rup^s: to Ispaan and beleive wee shall hardly [. . .] it and if wee cant wee must draw our [. . .] upon you which wee desire you to accept [and] pay y^e: same and to redraw it on us by [any] Ship that is bound to this coast or Bengall: you may draw it to be paid in Pag^s: Rup^s: or as Chuckeens shall sell and in consideration y^e: Person Runs no Risgoe wee hope you may have it on easy Terms: besides wee knew y^e: Ships bound to this Port often want Gold and bills for Their Returnes and Remem^r: that if you draw on us for Rup^s: that our Rup^s: w^{ch}: wee coin herein y^e: Comp^s: mint are seven or Eight ₹ Cent better than other Rup^s: w^{ch}: wee call y^e: Currant Rup^s: in Madrass: If wee Charge a bill on you our advices will come with it.

Idem

THOMAS PITT & c^e:

No. 77.

To THE WORSHIP^{ll}: JOHN BRABOURNE Esq^r:

COMMODORE &c^e: COUNCILL AT ANJENGO.

S^{rs}:

Wee have rece^d: yours of y^e: 28th: Aug^r: y^e: 27th: September and wonder that our Pacquett of y^e: 28th: Aprill should nott arrive you sooner: Our last to

you was dated 17th: Sept^r: since which have onely to advise you y^e: on y^e: 9th: past month wee dispatched y^e: Loyall Cooke for England with a Cargoe amount^s: to 116000 Pagodas and on y^e: Twentieth ditto dispatched y^e: Hampshire for y^e: West Coast ([to 588] bales amount to 52000 Pag^s:) to y^e: [. . .] to [. . .] Pepper. Trade here and at [. . .] y^e: same cloud as former [. . .] In daily Expectation of [. . .] ships w^h: bring w^{ch}: pray has [. . .]

Wee have Rece^d: Letters from [. . .] 8th: September advising that y^e: [. . .]. In Ballasore Road y^e: 20th: Aug[ust] [. . .] y^e: John and Mary Cap^t: Kent from [. . .] coast bound to This Port arrived y^e: 29th: [. . .] month in a weak condition in all Respe[cts] and that they had not Then rece^d: a Husbol[ho]cum for [taking] off y^e: Restraint on Trade. Wee are

S^r:

Your assured Freinds
and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT,
FRANCOIS ELLIS,
THOMAS WRIGHT,
MATTHEW EMPSON,
THOMAS MARSHALL,
JOHN MEYERRELL.

FORT S^t: GEORGE,
17 November 1702.

The Inclosed Pacquett for y^e: Generall and Councill of Suratt wee desire you to forward.

No. 78.

FORT S^t: GEORGE, 17 Nov^r: 1702.

To GABRIELL ROBERTS ESQ^r:

DEPUTY GOVERNOR & C^a: COUNCILL

AT FORT S^t: DAVID.

S^r:

Wee have lately had none from you: so have none of yours to answer and This comes cheifly that yesterday The Gov^r: reced: a horse and Seerpau from Dowed Cawn but no Lres: from him nor y^e: Duan but There is an Ord^r: for y^e: delivery of y^e: Cloth at S^t: Thoma and y^e: paying y^e: money as agreed for and likewise is rumourd [. . .] severall reasons we are jealous of y^e: [. . .] wee Thought fitt To caution you and [. . .] youle provide accordingly more especially [. . .] y^t: part as To your Investments and This we desire may be kept w^h: y^e: greatest secesy Immaginable and not published amongst y^e: natives tis writ from Metchlepatam that There are Troubles In Bengall w^{ch}: we give no Creditt To.

Wee sent you in our last w^{ch}: was y^e: 28 past month a Bill of Exchange for fifteen hund^d: Pag^s: of y^e: Rec^t: of w^{ch}: you have nott as yet advis'd and wee now send you another for 2000 Pag^s: w^{ch}: receive and advise Thereof.

Out of y^e: Lead sent hither on y^e: Loyall Cooke there is wanting 18: 20^s.

Theres Chinney Basse Redd, one of y^e: Inhabitants, owes Surapa 50 Pag^s: who wee desire may be obliged to pay ord^r: also y^e: Viabo Chittee & c^a: make an end of Their Buiseness with Narro Reddes people Gov^r: of Nellore for y^t: y^e: Compan^s: affairs. There are Embroiled upon Their acco^{ts}: The Presid^t: says he wrott your Dep^{ty}: Gov^r: above in a particular Lre: but had no answ^r: Thereto.

Pray hasten your Merch^{ts}: wth: their Investm^{ts}: and Lett us know by y^r: next To w^h: amount In money They have brought In. Wee are

S^{rs}:

Your Affec^t: Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 79.

FORT S^t: GEORGE, 21st: NOVEM^{br}: 1702.

To M^r: STEPHEN FREWEN,

CHIEF & C^t: COUNCILL AT METCHLEPAT^a:

S^{rs}:

Wee have reced: both yours of y^e: 27th: Oct^r: and 4th: Instant and with y^r: Former a Pacquett fro. Bengall and with y^e: Latter a Letter from M^r: Holcombe & c^a: and herewith comes, copy of what last wrott you, which was 6th: Instant: so have nothing to add but desire youle hasten y^e: getting in of your goods and give y^e: ship a speedy dispatch To us That shall call on you from Bengall. Wee are

S^{rs}:

Your affect: Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 80.

FORT S^t: GEORGE, 21st: NOV^{br}: 1702.

To M^r: SIMON HOLCOMBE

CHIEF & C^t: COUNCILL AT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{rs}:

Wee have Reced: yours of y^e: 17th: and 26th: October and with y^e: former y^e: Pacquett from Bengall and your latter advices of y^e: Frenches Endeavouring To [settle] at Conarro which wee would have you Endeavour by all means to prevent but wth: all y^e: secesy Immaginable do it Effectually or never meddle with it.

[. . .] to you desiring youle give a quick dispatch to y^e: ship That calls on your Port from Bengall, and That you will forward y^e: Bengall Pacq^{ts}: Inclosed by y^e: most Expeditionous Peons you have, It being of great Importance. Wee are

S^{rs}:

Your very affect: Freinds

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 81.

FORT S^r: GEORGE, 21st: NOV^r: 1702.

TO THE HON: JN^o: BEARD ESQ^r: PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^t: HON^{abls}: ENGLISH E^r: INDIA COMPANY AND GOV^r:
OF FORT WILLIAM & C^a: COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

SIRS,

Our last to you was y^o: 6th: Instant, copy of which comes Inclosed since w^{ch}: on y^o: 13th: Ditto wee Reced: yours of y^o: 8th: Sep^r: and are glad to hear y^o: Wentworth is arrived with you and did hope to have heard y^o: same of y^o: Phcenix w^{ch}: news wee daily Expect.

It seems a little strange to us that the John and Mary at That Time of y^o: year co^d: nott fetch This Port from y^o: West Coast [who] if Laden with Pepper wee could have filld [. . .] and sent her directly hence.

Wee are in daily Expectation [of] [. . .] that so wee may understand how affairs stands in Those parts by what you write wee fear [she's] nott in a condition to be long detained in y^o: country but if it should so happen That you send her a country voyage wee hope you will send all or most part of her pepper hither on y^o: Colchester, Tho wee fear This Letter will come too late To you to take your measures Therein.

The Phcenix Charter party for staying in the country does nott expire till y^o: last of January 1704 which charter party you sent to Persia and Twas nott returned to us but y^o: Captain can show you his.

Wee observe what you write there's no husbolhocum come to take off y^o: restraint on your Trade and if y^o: Colchester arrives you shall be able to send y^o: Wentworth for England: otherwise y^o: John and Mary, who wee suppose brought her loading of pepper with her so That she will be little or no burthen To y^o: or us: besides if she be anyways creasy Twill nott be prudent for you or us to make her a richer cargoe Than what she has.

The cheif occasion of our writing this is to Inclose Translate of a Letter wee reced: y^o: 18th: Instant from y^o: Gov^r: of Negapatam w^{ch}: may be a direction to you In dispatching yo^r: ships for England, wee having hitherto followed y^o: companys advices formerly remitted yoⁿ: w^{ch}: was to call at y^o: Cape and go home w^h: y^o: Dutch fleet. This news is as yet kept a secrett in [. . .] good design on Pollicherry [but wee] think it adviseable you impart it to y^o: new Companys Presid^t: y^t: so they may give orders accordingly to their homeward bound ships.

Two or three days past Nabob Dowed Cawn sent y^o: Gov^r: a seerpaw and horse with orders to y^o: Phousdar of S^t: Thoma to deliver y^o: cloth after which y^o: money agreed on is to be paid him: yet nevertheless wee are Jealous of fresh Troubles being informed There are reiterated orders from y^o: King to Inderdict all Trade with Europeans. Here was news sent us from Metchlepatam that both you and y^o: new comp^t: people were embroiled with y^o: Government w^{ch}: is said to come by y^o: new companys cossett. Wee are

Sirs

Your most faith^{fl}: Freid^s:
and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEYERRELL.

No. 82.

FORT S^r: GEORGE, 24TH: NOV^r: 1702.TO GABRIELL ROBERTS ESQ^r:DEPUTY GOV^r: FOR AFFAIRS OF THER^r: HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY&C^A: COUNCILL AT FORT S^r: DAVID.S^r:

Wee advised in our last that wee had [. . .] 12th: Instant and observe wh^t: Troubles our people meet with [. . .] cancers of which wee w^{ll}: consider and apply a [ready] Remedy. Tho wee think it nott adviseable [for] y^e: reasons formerly given to build Cittadell and God knows what yet wee think it necessary y^t: by a platfforme or some small worke at the entereance of y^e: River and Barr should be secured by having 3 or 4 good gunns mounted on it of w^{ch}: wee would have you consid^r: and repres^t ittems.

Wee shall nott recede from y^e: method wee formerly ordered as to y^e: Payments to your mech^s: and what ships wee dispatch they must nott stay, later yⁿ: y^e: 20th: Janu^r: and accordingly wee would have you provide and gett in y^r: goods.

Wee shall wait y^e: Event of your uniting y^r: merchants and should be glad to find a good Effect of it and if otherwise wee know where to lay y^e: blame.

You had best send your people hither To be Instructed in y^e: windeing of silk, for want of which you say, you stand still and if wee send Them you wee must do so too so according to y^e: Old Proverb wee must christen our own child first.

The companys orders where They are pernicious to their affairs are better waved than execut^d: more in Especially in This matter now in dispute wherein they can receive no damage nor wee any censure from Them.

Dowed Cawn has been Trifling some Poligars and is returned again To Arcott you may be sure wee have often and certain advices from. his [camp] and shall advise you [when] [. . .].

Our Present to Abdull [Labby] was Tendered to him by w^{ch}: all y^e secrecy immaginable wee are very sensible of our Obligat^{ns}: to him and Thought here y^r: Present wee sent him was a good acknowledgement Thereof and you may do y^e: same but Take care for y^e: future That Mollem makes no promises of y^e: nature without your orders nor you without ours.

What you write about John Swearas is not worth our notice nor he yours but wⁿ: you [cat]ch him again use him suitable to his Impuddence.

Wee observe what you write about Santeuezrow Phousdar of Trucaloor and your present to him which was nott amiss.

The Woorian of Worris Pollam was endeavouring to put in a new watchmen soon aft^r: y^e: arrivall of y^e: now Presid^t: which when he has once brought it To Sallabad to turne out and put in as often as he pleases he may in Time propose a Deputy Governour: therefore hearken not to it but demand your watchmen and wee can't commend y^e: prudence of those who permitted that ill president to be made.

Wee are in great want of a Cooper not onely for y^e: Generall work of y^e: Garrison but for y^e: present occasion wee have being about to salt up Pork and would desire you to send us one if possible Tho wee are at y^e: charge of his coming overland.

M^r: Bridges must have his salary p^d: him according To y^e: Tenor of his [Indenture], [Wee are]

Sirs

Your very affect^t: ffreinds

THOMAS PITT.

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No. 83.

FORT S^r: GEORGE, 3^d: DECEM^r: 1702.

TO GABRIELL ROBERTS Esq^r:

DEPUTTY GOVERNOUR &C^a:

COUNCILL AT FORT S^r: DAVID.

S^r:

Our last to you was dated 24th: past, since w^{ch}: have reced none from you but y^e: [Presid^t:] showed us a Petition from y^e: Engineer whose request wee grant as to clearing of him but he must go home on our ships as he came out and in order Thereto wee would have him repair hither for y^e: January Ship.

M^r: Dubois acquaints y^e: President that M^r: Haynes has considerable in his hands of her husbands which wee order to be paid into the comp^s: cash and an acc^t: Thereof remitted us.

Wee Inclose an account of M^r: Roberts commission on y^e: China voyage and order y^e: Overplus paid him and to be made good by him &c^a: into y^e: companys cash with you y^e: sume paid Them being 6000 Pagodas wee [despatched] [. . .] hasten [. . .] [their] contract and send us an account of w^t: number of bales They shall have ready by y^e: Tenth of next month. Wee are

S^r:

Your affectionate fri^d(^s):
and humble servants

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 84.

FORT S^r: GEORGE, 4th: DECEM^r: 1702.

TO Y^r: WORSHIPth: EDW^d: OWEN Esq^r:

AGENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t: HON: ENGLISH

EAST INDIA COMPANY AND Y^r: COUNCILL IN GOMBRON.

S^r:

Our last to you was dated 9th: Nov^r: wherein wee advised how wee were importun'd by y^e: Kings Buxie Meersau Icauedim to rem^t: him some money To Ispaun, which wee have here done by charging a bill on you for 360 [Tomands] at Two hundred shahees @ Tomand [paid] at Thirty days after sight at your Factory. [. . .] Ispaun to Meerra Mahomud Cashee living at Ahamadabad near Meerratha Cashee and in case of y^e: death of Meerra Mahomed [Cashee . . .] To be paid to y^e: Buxie Father [. . .] you to take these receipts of one and y^e: same and send us Two of Them by Two severall and y^e: other two to Remain with you and you will take a great deal of care to see it [paid] y^e: Right Person and let There be Ten substantiall persons wittnesses to y^e: receipt and y^e: [amount] you may redraw on us which shall be [duly] paid. If you make it payable in rupees [We] desire you to take notice That There is great difference between y^e: ourrant rupees of this [. . .] and what coined In y^e: Companys mint [. . .] at This Time being 355 Rupees for 100 Pag^s: and what coined in y^e: Companys mint

being sold for 330. This Letter being delivered you [with] y^e: Bill: so shall nott
Inlarge here but [re]fer you to our Letters sent by y^e: London by way of Suratt.
Wee are

S^r:

Your assured Freinds and humble
Serv^{ts}:

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 85.

FORT S^r: GEORGE, 5th: DEC^r: 1702.

To y^e: WORSHIP^{ls}: EDW^d: OWEN ESQ^r:
AGENT FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^e: R^t: HON^{ble}:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a: IN [PERSIA & C^a
COUNCILL IN GOMBRON].

S^r:

[. . .] find a Receipte [given by Thomas] Boyear for sundrys Laded on
Ship Phoenix from Bengall to Persia wherein he obliges himselfe to pay freight for
y^e: same if y^e: freighters of s^d: Ship should demand it of y^e: Captain w^{ob}: They have
done and satisfaction made [out] of his Estate Copy of which receipt comes inclosed:
so wee desire youle make M^r: Bowyer repay it and if did out of his Estate remitting
It hither with y^e: Effects of Cap^t: Lambert left in Persia as advised you in y^e:
foregoing Letter. Wee are

S^r:

Your assured Freinds and humble
servants

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

No. 86.

FORT S^r: GEORGE, 5th: DEC^r: 1702.

To y^e: HON^{ble}: S^r: JOHN GAYER
GENERALL FOR AFFAIRES OF Y^e: R^t:
HON^{ble}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a: & C^a:
COUNCILL IN SURATT.

Hon^{ble}: Sir & c^a:

Our last to you was dated y^e: 9th: Novem^r: sent by our own Peons and a copy
with an addition via Anjengo since which have reced: your Originall Letter of y^e:
8th: May y^e: 3^d: Ins^t: The long [. . .] had a copy Thereof and answered

y^o: same [. . .] at Ispahaun for [. . .] not avoid doing being so much importuned to it wth out: runig: y^o: hazard of prejudicing y^o: Companies affairs y^o: copy of our letter to y^o: Agent and Counc^l: wee here inclose wherein wee have dd. them to redraw it by taking up to y^o: amount on w^t: Ships bound to this Port w^{ch}: will likewise be an accomodation To Them to and wee hope no loss to y^o: Comp^a: wee having paid Them Twenty Eight Rup^a: Ten ann^a: currant Rup^a: of this place for each Tomand.

This Lre: w^{ch}: be dd. you by y^o: Person who is to go to Persia wth: y^o: Bill whom y^o: Buxee has desired us to write to you in his behalfe and That you will assist him with his servant to gett Their passage on y^o: first Ship bound To Gombroon.

Wee yesterday rec^d: our cloth y^t: was seized, carry^d: to S^t: Thoma all our Trade in y^o: country is not yet free but how long God knows we lately [reced:] Lres: frō: Bengall 29th: Sep^r: w^{ch}: advices y^t: y^o: restraint on Trade was still continued on all Europeans: wee have wrott y^o: agent in Persia and councill for Sevⁿ: Things on y^o: Comp^a: acc^{tt}: w^{ch}: wee desire your hon^r: &c^a: will confirme by your permission and y^t: you Enjoyn Them To send us some good horses. Wee are

Hono^{ble}: S^r: &c^a:
'our obliged hu^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
[THOMAS WRIGHT.]
THOMAS MARSHALL.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
[JOHN MEVERELL.]

No. 87.

FORT S^t: GEORGE. [. . .]

[. . .]
VIZAGAPATAM.

S^r:

Our last to you was dated y^o: 21st: past, copy of which comes Inclosed since w^{ch}: have reced: yours of y^o: 2^d: Novem^r: y^o: 26th: Ditto in [that] you [advise] of a bill drawn on us for five Thousand Rup^a: payable To Governour Pitt which we have complied with and whereas you say you [wait] for our orders about your next years Inves[tment] wee here wait to know what you have done in This years: otherwise wee shall be putt to [. . .] shifts to Load our masters ships. Wee have [. . .] put your Betteelas reced: @ S^t: George to [. . .] In w^{ch}: There is some Peices wanting in Leng[ths] and breadths as some whole peices as @ not[e] Inclosed which must be made good To The Company, wee observe what you write about y^o: French who wee hope youle prevent from settleing in Those parts. Wee are

S^r:

Your affectionate Freinds

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