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LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE, 1703.

VOLUME No XII

[February to December 1703]

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No. 11.

FORT ST GEORGE,
FEB^{RY} 26, 1703.

TO THE HON^{BLE} [DIRECK] COMANS
DIRECTORE OF [THE] COAST OF CHOROMANDELL
[AND] GOVERN^R OF NEGAP[ATAM] FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^T HON^{BLE} NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA
COMPANY & C^A COUNCIL OF NEGAPATAM

HON^{BLE} S^r & C^a.

Wee Recd y^e Hon^r of yours of y^e [] Ins^t till when wee were very Doubtfull whither you [had] Recd our former Letter, w^{ch} was written in English by reason wee were Assured y^t there was some Gentleman wth you y^t understood it well, but since your Hon^r [orders] otherwise wee shall for y^e Future Annex a Transla[te] thereof in Portuguez as wee doe here of our Former & [] Letter, Desireing y^t you would be pleased to Doe y^e Same, [] not being one of our People y^t Understands Dutch so as to Translate itt

Wee Observe y^e news by your Malacca [Ship] y^t the Warr was Proclaimed 15th of May last past [It] seems very Strange y^t none of your Letters should mention y^e Death of King William of w^{ch} wee had advised your [] Ship of [] arrived here y^e 23d of Sep^r before w^{ch} your ship from Batavia bound to Pollicat, & had been at your Port called here & advised us Thereof w^{ch} is y^e True Reason wee ourselves Did not write your Hon^r & C^a y^e particulars of itt, & wee know [that he] had some time before a fall from his Horse, w^{ch} is [] hastened [] Nature being so [] in him [] expecting Advises by Sea & Land w^{ch} wee will be [] to you so soon as they arrive wee wish your [Honour's] health & Prosperity, & that wee may hear good News [. . .]

Wee are
Hon^{BLE} [S^r] & C^a
Y^r Most Faithfull freinds
& humble Servants

THO PITT
FRA ELLIS
THO WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THO MARSHALL
J^N^O MEYERELL.

No 12.

FOR^r S^r GEORGE,
MAR 18th 170³/₃

To M^r STEPHEN FREWEN
CHIEF & C^a COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM

S^{rs}

Our last to you was Dated y^o Seven^[th] [of] past month, Since wth wee have Perused the [Goods] you sent on y^o Phoenix & find y^m come out but very Ind^[ifferent] and as Dear as ever which wee Resolve now [no re]medy or Desist makeing Further Investments [and] Considerable Abatements, by that Ship wee [dispatch^d] of your Books & c^a as ^{is} List Inclosed

The Merchants cant but [*a few words lost*] Company theire Disa [] of thei[r Goods] Therefore you ought to sort them hard, & make [] some Allowance for the same & abate [] them att least [] ^{is}Cent on y^o Ten Corge of Gullconda [h] Bettelaes

M^r Peirson has given us very good reason for your sending him up for y^o you knew not w^t to Do wth him of wh[ose appoin]tment you had done well to have advised us

Wee Recd yours of y^o 23d past & with it as you call it y^o. Paymasters & Stewards Accounts, in wth Letter you acquaint us you have made up accounts wth your Merchants & paid them y^o ballance in which you are very Quick so now who must make y^o Company Satisfaction for y^o Disapointment of Two Thousand five hundred Pag^s of Chay Goods for y^o Jan^r Ship, & you say to secure w^t Chay goods they have since brought in, & that they might not Carry them to the New Company they have advanced Fifteen hundred Pag^s on that Account, Wee wonder how you durst presume to doe it without haveing Recd any orders from hence, for on y^o 9th Jan^r you write to know what you should Doe in that Matter & y^o 23d you advise you have done it of your selves & give such Frivilous Reasons for it y^t none elce but our Present Chiefe could be guilty of

Wee would have you procure y^o Timbers & Plancke wee wrote you for agai[n]st Next season (w^t you have not sent us by Boat) & youll gett it as soon as Possible to Metchlepatam for to come by the Sep^r ship if any calls on you

Wee shall send you by First Conveighance w^t wee have Filled for Presents

MARCH 28TH

The foregoeing was Intended by Ketch Abednigoe but she not meeting with an encourageing Freight for your Port went Directly for Bengall, since which wee have Recd y^{rs} of y^o 4th & 24th of [] & observe y^o Former is signed Onely by M^r Frewen [] whereas Mess^{rs} Harrison were to continue [] as long as there & so likewise on there Returne as allso there Imploys who wee Doubt will hardly have an oppertunity to come hither till Sep^r Next

Wee shall [give] no farther Answer to that Buisness of the Du[store but] shall Forthwith charge it to your Account [if not] speedily recoverd

Wee are sorry y^o Gentlemen & soldiers mett wth so great a Fateigue in the Boat & with Disapointment of there not coming hither, wee observe there Provisions proved not so good as expected wth may be Imputed as much to there Fault as any Elce whereas they Themselves Should have Looked after the Putting of it up Wee think they Did not Amis in returning when there Provisions were expended & y^o winds Contrary

Wee here Inclose an Account of what Boats of Wood recd, for which M^r Frewens to be reimbursed out of the Companys Cash

Wee here Send you on the Charles & Betty Sloop severall things for Presents as allsoe Factors Provisions w^{ch} wee order you Immediately to take ashore & Dispatch her immediately for Bengall detaining her upon no Acco^{tt} Whatever

Yesterday wee Recd yours of the 20th Ins^t Adviseing how Heroically M^r Pitt had garded Woolston of y^o shoare wth w^t Opposition you made Thereunto

w^{ch} Tends very much to y^e Demunition of Our Masters Honour & Intrest as severall other of your Actions of late has Done, Your frivolous Pretences w^{ch} is for that you had Nothing for Presents When y^e you know Nothing w^{ch} these People are Preferable to Pag^s w^{ch} you cant want unless you have paid y^m away on as light Occasions as Formerly, the Presid^t has wrote a Letter to the Govern^r of Metchlepatam w^{ch} wee order you to send by your Chiefe Dubash Translate of w^{ch} comes Inclosed comes our Acco^{ts} Curr^{ts} [] from our Books [a few words lost] Commenceing from Aprill 1703 ending May 1703 w^{ch} are sent in Order to Adjusting Accounts between your Place & ours

The more wee think of the Insolent Action of M^r Jn^o Pitt the more wee resent it & charge you & all belonging to our Company to have no manners of Courres[pondence] or Commerce with any of the new Comp^{ny} People [on] the Penalty of being expelld the Companys Servis & [treated] as Emmies to there Intrest, The same orders shall be putt at the Sea Gate tomorrow morning

Wee are

S^r

Y^r Affectionate Friends

THO PITT

FRAN ELLIS

THO^s WRIGHT

MATT EMPSON.

THO MARSHALL.

JN^o MEVERELL

LIST OF THE PACQ^t ↗ CHARLES AND BETTY

TO METCHLEPATAM

- N^o. 1 Fort S^t Georges Generall Letter Dated y^e 18th & 28th Mar 1703
- 2 D^o Journall ↗ cells & Acco^{ts} Curr^{ts} wth your Factory taken from our Books T T U U
- 3 Invoice of Sundrys Laden for Metchlepatam on the Charles & Betty Sloop
- 4 Bill of Loading For D^o
- 5 The Presid^t Letter to y^e Gov^r of Metchlepatam
- 6 Translate of Ditto

No. 13

[FORT ST GEORGE . .]

TO THO HARRIS

MASTER OF THE CHARLES & BETTY SLOOP

Upon R[eturne] hereof you are hereby order'd to repaire on Bo[ard] [] Sloop & wth y^e first oportunity of wind & weather permitting to bend your Course for y^e speedy Attaining of the Port of Metchlepatam where you are to Send ashore our Pacquett to M^r Stephen Frewen Chiefe &c^s Council, & what is Order'd hence for y^e part & not to stirr out of your Vessell upon no Account whatever, which you are to Doe wth all speed then to Proceed to Bengall where when Arrived you are to Follow the Orders of the Hon^{ble} John Beard Esq^r for your future Disposall, speak with no saile att Sea & keep your Vessell Allways in a good Posture of Defence to Prevaile surprize, Wee wish you a Good Voyage & Date these in Fort S^t George y^e primo May 1703

THOM^s PITT

FRAN ELLIS

THOM^s WRIGHT

MATT EMPSON

THOM^s MARSHALL.

JN^o MEVERELL.

No 14

To M^r SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHIEFE & CO^a COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM

S^{rs}

Wee haveing on y^e 13th past Dispatched the Phenix for England who [] in 1035 bales her Invoice Amounting to 110405 22 5 wee are now att leisure to Answer your Letter of y^e 30th December & primo Jan^{ry} Your bill for Two Thousand Pagodas Payable to y^e Presid^t is Complid with And wee cant but observe what you write in y^t short Letter of y^e Ult^o December Acquainting us y^t y^e Phenix had called upon you but you had no bales then ready from which wee Infer that either you had Goods due from your merchants or some in your Godongs which you had time Enough to Provide since you sent us Those on Ketch S^t George so y^t for y^e Future y^t wee may better understand w^t goods you have by you in whatsoever Condition, Browne or white wee order y^t you send us a monthly Account of y^e Same & lett it be no more Neglected It is no more strange then True y^t those peices wee Advised you of were wanting in the Bales & to prevent any mistakes here they were not onely told over Severall Times by y^e Conocoplys but y^e Comp^{as} Factors so y^t whoever Packt them must be Accountable to the Company for the Amount Thereof.

Wee shall Creditt you for y^e Twenty Rupees you paid the Silk windes

Wee Desire you Forthwith on receipt of this to send us Coppies of your Books S & T, M^r Cranwell M^r Morton & M^r Horden haveing leisure time enough to doe y^e same, & y^t youll Peruse the Journall Parcels from our Accomptant & settle the same

If your Country Continues quiett wee would have you sett your Merch^{ts} att work to bring in there Proportion of Longcloth & Sallumpores so as they may Answer to the great quantity of Bettelaes allready sent us w^{ch} must be at the same Prizes you agreed on in these Contracts otherwise the Company have a Trick upon them, & when your Merchants have Complid wee then sha^{ll} order you to make an Investment in Longcloth and Sallumpores alone w^{ch} we hope youll by as Cheap as the Country can Afford them & to enable you to Doe y^e same wee will speedily send you money waiting onely the Arrivall of the Chambers Friggott w^{ch} if not very soon wee will make other Provisiion for you, Your place at Present is a Dead Charge to y^e Company which if not to be Remedied by Advantageous Investments it is there Intrest y^t it should be withdrawne

The sum wee shall speedily send you will be about Five Thousand Pagodaes to commence an Investment of Fifteen Thousand but then you must Remember y^t out of this Investment must be deducted the Proportion of Longcloth & Sallumpores Owing from your Merchants att y^e Prizes then agreed on in those Contracts haveing allready Recd there Bettelaes & the Remainder must be at the Currant prizes of the Countrey without Bettelaes & y^e aforementioned Investment is to be Compleated for the Sep^r Ship against when wee hope youll Provide a good quantity of Bales

Wee shall send you by the Humphry & Charles or first good Conveighance a Proportion of what wee have by us for Presents as allso Factors Provisiions

The Mary Smack Arrived lately from Bengall whither wee have Returned her and order'd her in her way thither to call at Your Port on whom wee have Loaden a Chest of Treasure severall for Presents Factors Provisiions as ^{pp} Invoice inclosed Amounting to 5435 20 4 which wee order Immediately to be Landed and the Vessell Dispatched for Bengall & not detained upon any pretence whatever for fear of the Approaching Munsoon

Inclosed comes our Acc^{ts} Curr^{ts} and Journall ^{pp}cells Taken from our Books TT UU Commencing 29th Sep^r 1700 concluding April 1701 which are sent in order to adjusting Accounts between your place & ours, In the Chest of Treasure

Laden on this Smack M^r Thomas Wright has sent Three hundred Pag^s for
Accoⁿ of M^r Stables which pray see it deliverd him Wee are

S^r

Y^r Affectionate Friends

P.S.—Wee have orderd y^e Master
of this Vessell not to Stirr out of her
on no Account whatever so that you
must send some body off for the Trea-
sure

THO^s PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THO^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THO^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

LIST OF THE MARY SMACKS PACQUETT TO VIZAGAPATAM

- No 1 Fort S^t Georges Generall Letter dated y^e. 28th Mar 1702
- 2 Invoice of the Mary Smack to Vizagapatam
- 3 Bill of Loading of Ditto
- 4 Fort S^t George Journall parcells and Acco^t Curr^t with your Factory
Taken out of the Books TT UU
- 5 List of Freight goods on the Mary Smack.

No 15.

TO THE HON^{BLE} JN^O BEARD ESQ^R

PRESID^T FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T HON^{BLE}

EAST INDIA COMPANY IN BENGALL & GOV^R OF

FORT WILLIAM & C^A COUNCILL

S^r

Our last to you was The 26th of Jan^r ʒ^t Ketch Abednigoe cobby which
comes inclosed since w^{ch}. wee have Recd Yours of y^e 15th & 18th past Month by
Mary Smack & Charles & Betty wth all papers according to List except that of the
price of Gold w^{ch} Omission is supplied in your Postscript in yours of the 15th

Wee Observe what you write about y^e Dispatch of the Colchester & how y^t
by the delays of Coj^h Surhaud she departed without signeing Bills of Loading
or carrying his Letters w^{ch}. must of Necessity occasion great Confusion in Deliver-
ing her Goods in Persia or Bussera by w^{ch} means many disputes will arrive at
her returne

Your husboulhowcom for liberty of Trade has been Long expected & find it
is to same Purport of that sent us from Surratt they will Certainly extort money
from you before you have the bennifitt of it & then God knows how long you
may Enjoy it, For y^t they of Surratt write they expect fresh Troubles upon the
First Pyrasy Committed w^{ch} may be Reasonable expected since there is still some
of Those Rogues in being

Wee Perceive you have Laden a good Cargoe for the Wentworth w^{ch} wee
wish may arrive in Safety

These two Ves-ells bringing up baile goods as before mentioned was no
small surprize to us Since wee Did not write to you for any unless you had
Returnd us both the Colchester & Phenix when wee Desired your Assistance &
for the reason you your selves give you could not Immagine that wee wanted
them nor y^t the Loss of y^e Norris was any Advantage in regard to our Invest-
ments here whose Stock was to be Invested in Metchlepatam Goods but what
has to streighten us for goods here has been the Troubles of the Country & great
Investments made by Dutch & French more ʒ^ticularly the Former, and we
cannot infer any thing less from your sending These Bales but your desire of
Investing our stock which is not agreeable to w^t orders Recd from y^e Company
w^{ch} wee advised in our Former Letters for was y^e Chamber Friggott arrived now
from China wee have more then is Suffitient of our owne Bales to Lade her,
Tho at this Time shall not Venture to Dis-patch any ship so unseasonable as to
Obligee themselves to goe to Mauratius by w^{ch} she would run no small risque so

that were it not for the Approaching Munsoon wee would have Returned you your bales w^{ch} now must lye here to Fill up any Ship Consigned you next year for which you may chance to want Stock or Goods for y^e Same

Wee Recd by neither of these Vessells any Goats or Geese nor doe wee desire you to send any more for whither they are bad when putt on Board or abused in y^e Voyage wee Cannot tell but they come in a misserable Condition here & few or none of them lives Long after their coming hither

You write that you have sent y^e Charles & Betty Sloop to remain wth us but have Omitted to put her in your Invoice the Reason of which wee guess att if she had trose good qualifications y^e Company expected wee should have writt you for her as they directed us but being Truely Informed that she would neither hite nor bee nor bear Saile nor had any one qualification to render her Servisable to us wee here return her to you again & Thank you for the Favour you intended us

Wee have Continued the Red Lead on board the Mary Smack & here send you an Account of what wee have supplid the sloops with here & have orderd the Mary to call att Vizagapatam to putt a shoar Some Treasure & Goods & y^e. Charles & Betty to doe the same att Metchlepatam both which wee hope will arrive you in safety

Wee have not one Rupee by us nor Allungeer Pagodaes for y^t wee are very low in Cash & owe a great deall of money to y^e Merchants att Fort S^t David. w^{ch} wee shall speedily pay off by y^e sale of our Silver nor have wee any Copper but what was long since disposed of to Merchants here, the price of which you never advised us

Wee wrote you in our last w^t Saltpetre was remaining here & when the Chamber Friggott arrives shall dispatch her to you to be Loaden with Saltpetre & returned to us in August intending that she shall be the Sep^r Ship when she can goe directly to the Cape to Join the Dutch ships there bound for Europe

After y^e. Perusall of M^r Trenchfields Accounts now sent us wee shall do what wee can to settle itt with his Trustees w^{ch}. had been much better had it been done many Years Agoe

John Baily whom you sent on the Smack is under Armes here who shall serve out his time agreed with y^e Company, tis said he occasioned no small disturbance on Board the Wentworth for which wee will have a watchfull Eye over him here

Herewith comes a List of Freight goods sent on These Sloops

The 28th Ins^t wee Recd Letters from Metchlepatam adviseing of an herohick action of M^r Jn^o Pitts y^e new Companys Consull, upon the Presid^{ts} first coming hither, he brought Instructions from y^e Company to use all means to make an Investment in Metchlepatam Goods whither by Employing Armenians or other wayes but being willing rather to Trust our owne Countrymen twas offer'd to any of the Companys Servants that would goe to Metchlepatam where they should have 5 p Cent Commission on what they Invested but accepting Thereof but M^r Lovell & wee being willing to Join another with him M^r Sam^l Woolston was recommended who came from England with the Presid^t who was Peticuler kind to him in his Passage hither, After they both went hence to Metchlepatam they behaved themselves Tolerable well till y^e new Companys Butufusys Arrived there who soon after Reduced them to their Intrest & betrayed all y^e Companys affairs to them, discovering w^{ch} wee sent for M^r Lovell to call him to Account for severall mismanigments who when arrived Throughed all upon Woolston so to be Thoroughly Informed of all matters wee had to lay to there Charge wee sent for M^r Woolston who Immediately quitted our Servis & shelterd himself under the Pretended Consull where he was Employed till they found him no Faithfuller to them then he had been to us will he was also expected but still Continued his pratution to him Notwithstanding our demanding him and with Applications to y^e Government & watching Oppertunitys to seize him which he prevented by keeping in his house all w^{ch}. y^e Company was Advised off who answer'd in there last Letters they doubted not but there would be an order to M^r Pitt for his Delivering him to us Copy of which Paragraph

comes inclosed but whither hearing or fearing such an order coming to him he After a most Impudent & Audacious manner and in derogation to our Masters orders & Intrest he putt him on board a Vessell bound for Bengall as 7^d Coppy of M^r Frowens Letter inclosed to w^{ch} wee Refer you

Wee acquaint you with this in hopes you may have an oppertunity of Seizing him in Bengall which wee desire you if Possible to Effect though att some Charge & send him up hither by the First Oppertunity for he & M^r Lovell has had the Investing of Upwards of Fifty Thousand Pagodaes of w^{ch} they have given no satisfactory acc^t besides Woollston after Lovell came away opened severall of y^r Compnys biles & disposed of Sundry Necessarys belonging to the Factory & have not brought the Dustore to the Companys Account Notwithstanding they were orderd strictly to doe y^e same They likewise betrayed the Companys Secretts in every Respect & not onely assi[s]ted them with Books & Masters but brought in severall of their Goods under our Dusticks We are

S^r.

Y^r humble Servants

FORT S^t GEORGE
29 MARCH 1703

THOM^s PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO BENGALL 7^d MARY SMACK

- N^o 1 Fort S^t George Generall to Bengall Dated 29th Mar 1703
- 2 Coppy of Dittoes to Bengall dated 26th Jan^r 1703.
- 3 Invoice of the Mary Smack to Bengall
- 4 Bill of Loading of Ditto
- 5 Account of w^t supplied the Sloops here
- 6 List of Freight Goods on y^e Sloops
- 7 Coppy of Metchlepatam Gen^l Letter to Fort S^t George Dated March—
- 8 D^o of Chiefe & Councill of Metchlepatam protest to Matthew Waller
- 9 D^o of a Paragraph of y^e Companys Generall to Fort S^t George dated [*lacuna*] 7^d Colchester

No 16

To WILLIAM ADAMS

COMMAND^r OF THE MARY SMACK

Upon Receipt hereof you are hereby Orderd to repair on board your Smack & wth the first oppertunity of wind & weather permitting to bend your Course for y^e speedy Attaining of y^e Port of Vizagapatam where you are to send ashoare our Pacquett to M^r Simon Holcombe &c^r Councill & w^t Treasure &c^r orderd hence for that Port w^{ch} you are to doe wth all speed & not to stirr out of your Vessell on no account whatever, & then to proceed for Bengall where when arrived you are to Deliver our Pacquett as directed to y^e Hon^{ble} John Beard Esq^r &c^r Councill and Follow there orders for your Future disposall, Speak with no sayle att Sea & keep your Vessell allwayes in a good posture of defence to prevent surprize Wee wish you a good Voyage & Date these in Fort S^t George y^e primo Apr^l 1703

THOM^s PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
Jⁿ^o MEVERELL.

No. 17

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^rDEPUTY GOVERN^r & C^a COUNCILL ATT FORT S^t DAVIDS^{rs}

Our Last to you was Dated y^e 18th past month since w^{ch} have Recd Yours of the 4th Ins^t

Gunner Attkinson has Recd the wages for y^e two Europe men & Lascars on board the Expedition & Doubtless has or will Remitt it them, if the Sloop Expedition will be ready to come hither in a months Time or thereabouts you may keep y^e Lascars Otherwise send them ^{at} first Oppertunity for y^t they belong to our Gunroome w^{ch} is what wee Forgott to write in our Former Letters

Wee have wrote you Fully y^e Condition of your cloth as to their last Investment and if you find it so difficult as you represent to sort to any other Number then the first wee would have you for y^e Future make Musters for y^e other Numbers w^{ch} will in a great measure direct your Judgment & may Contribute to a better sortment wee never Complained of many Numbers in M^r Frasers time but Thought it rediculous to sort Cloth so Nicely as to make Ten & Twelve fan^t ^{at} Cent in a Corge

Wee fear y^e Chamber Friggott will not be here so soon as expected so shall make some other Provisson for money to Supply your Merchants of which wee'll speedily advise & wee cant but wonder your Merchants should be so Clamarous for what Remains when they have been so plentifully supplied and that they are sure of good Payment the short Delays of which wee are not any ways Jealous will be Prejuditiall to a Future Investment on which wee expect Considerable abatements in y^e Prises

Wee have perused the List of our Merch^{ts} Cloth who tells us there will be speedily more Longcloth brought in & for what you Dye for the Future wee would have it of the Deepest Colour being According to the Companys Orders

In our Instructions to the now Dep^{ty} Gov^r & Council wee orderd that your monthly expences should be duly Remitted hither w^{ch} has not been Complied with to this day nor is there any Account sent us of w^t goods Landed out of the Loyall Cooke wth there Value & what Amount comes to the Company Thereon as allso whither what was overpaid Account their Commission be made Good in there Cash, all w^{ch} advise us Fully in your Next y^t wee may send the Company such Accounts Thereof as they expect & have orderd

The Gov^r Acquants us y^t you have [bo^t] sheating boards so y^t wee hope the Sloop Expedition [will] be speedily dispatcht to us of which advise us & wee [will] order the Companys bales to be Loaded on her

Wee shall send you w^t stores wee can spare by the first Oppertunity, but for Culverine Ordnance wee have none which you must take from [the] places you have least occasion for att Fort S^t David th[ere] being more then what Necessary

All goods landed here must Pay y^e Custome & if afterwards Shipt off for your place must pay the Certificate which should wee any wayes allter would make Confusion & not be any advantage to the Company nor your Port from whence Goods are very often Shipt off for this place

'Tis most Certain Englands a principal in the Warr with the Empeirour & Dutch against France & Spaine which is Confirmed to us by Letters the Govern^r has Recd from Aleppo & Spauhawne Coppys of w^{ch} he has sent to your Dep^{ty} Govern^r so that 'Tis very Necessary you keep your Garrison in y^e best posture of Defence your Circumstances will Afford Butt for Europe men wee have but very few here so that can spare none

The Prize Curr^{nt} you sent us of China Goods not any wayes discouraengeing so shall send no orders for the unloading any att your Port

The Silk Manufacture wee desire may have all the Encouragement Immaginable & that youll from time to time advise us what Progress you make Therein M^r Haynes wee understand is willing to take some of the silk wormes under his care and Management provided he may have two or three Necauds att the-

Company's Charge to instruct his people & that what silk he makes will sell the Company at the Market Price, wee think his Proposall will very much Contribute Towards propogateing y^r Manufacture & order y^r you Accept Thereof

It will be some time before wee have occasion for your Bales though Desire youll hasten y^r making up of what Number you can & lye in a readiness for the first Company's ship that shall call att your Port

The Insolences of the Junkaneers att Bomipollum must be kept & if they have not released our Peons wee approve of the Method you propose of doeing yourselves right.

Wee have had a quantity of wood layn ready some time att Bomypollum for want of Conveighance hither but now Rice being Cheap or not worth while to Freight Boates thither Phaps you may gett them to take on that Wood w^{ch} wee very much want here

Wee would desire you to make some end or other of Narran Reddes buisness your deferring of which is a Prejudice to the Company's Affairs att Nellore where he is Governour

The Malacca Ship that had Plancke[s] & Timbers is arrived att S^t Thomas who wee hear has Furnished you wee desire to know what quantity of each you have bought with the Prises & whither you have any to spare us

In a boat who goes hence to-morrow wee will send you some sheathing Nailes &c^a & Packing stuff by the first oppertunity Wee are

S^r

Yo^r Affectionate Friends & humble Serv^{ts}.

P^S—Inclosed comes a Commission for Ensigne William Owen which pray see it be deliverd him.

THOM^s PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHAL
JOHN MEVERELL

[FORT ST GEORGE,
MARCH 29, 1703]

No. 18.

TO THE WORPth GABRIELL ROBERTS ESQ^r
DEPUTY GOVERN^r & C^a COUNCILL OF FORT S^t. DAVID

S^r

Wee have sent you by this boat Maduparrum Chinande Tandell bound for your Port Sheathing Nailes and Packing Staff According to Invoise inclosed amounting to Pagodaes . . . Wee are

S^r

Y^r humble Servant

By Order of the Govern^r & Council
HEN. DAVENPORT SEC^r.

FORT S^t. GEORGE
MAR 30th 1703

No. 19

TO GABRIELL ROBERTS ESQ^r
DEPUTY GOVERN^r & C^a COUNCILL OF FORT S^t. DAVID

S^r

Our last was on y^r 29th past since which wee have Recd none from you & wheras you have wrotte in your Generall & private Letters y^r your Merchants make heavy Complaints for money w^{ch} which wee Did hope to a been

supplied by y^o Arrivall of the Chamber Friggott from China but Faileing thereof wee have sold the Companys silver so that in a little time wee hope to be in a Condition to pay them there Ballance though just at this Time our Cash is very Low yett Nevertheless you may on the arrivall of this charge on us a Bill payable to your Merchants at six dayes sight for Ten Thousand Pag^s Curr^t money of Madrass & y^o Presid^t acquainting us y^t your Merchants owe him a Considerable summ of money the Payment whereof has been deferd for sometime by means of our not being able to Supply you which money you may draw on us & Charge your Merchants Therewith & wee will make it good to y^o Presid^t here

Wee are

S^{rs}

FORT S^t. GEORGE
APR 10TH 1703

Your Affectionate Friends
& humble Servants

THOM^s PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHAL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 20

TO GABRIELL ROBERTS ESQ^s
DEPUTY GOV^r & C^a COUNCIL OF FORT S^t DAVID

S^{rs}

Our last to you was y^o 29th past since which wee were Advised that y^o Nabob with his Camp were Returned to Arcott & y^t he intended for the Southward of which there is Various Reports & this day it is confirmed to us y^t he is Actually gone to the Southward you (*sic*) have often cautioned you to be on your Guards & have no Reason to Doubt but you are so if he should chance to come your way & make demands of any Nature you may delay giveing answer Thereto saying you are subordinate to this Place

In regard the Chamber Friggott is not arrived wee would have you embrace y^o first safe Conveighance of sending hither w^t bales of the Companys you have Ready by you & if that should be any other ship then the Companys wee would have you reserve as many Bales as will Freight hither the Expedition Sloop wee hope after this full Moon theres no danger from the Munsoon of which you must be Cautious & watch a fair Slatch of weather wee are

S^{rs}

FORT S^t GEORGE
APRILL THE 20TH 1703.

Y^r Affectionate friends
& humble Servants

THOM^s PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM MARSHAL
JN^o MEVERELL

No. 21.

To M^r. STEPHEN FREWEN
CHIEFE & C^o. COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM.

S^{rs}.

Our last to you was the 18th and 28th of March by Sloope Charles & Betty who sailed hence the 2d Ins^l. on whom wee sent you severall things for Presents but Doubt very much whither she's arrived wth. you haveing no Advises of the same, Coppy of which Letter & Invoise comes inclosed.

On 18th Ins^l: wee Recd yours of the 7th Ditto adviseing about the Wreck of the Norris which wee all take to be a Flam & probable enough it is given out for the Reasons you mentioned for how should a Wreck wth. that Prodigious weight in her Bottom as she had driven 50 Leagues to y^e. Southward when att that Time she Sunk y^e. Curr^{nt}, sett to y^e. Northward.

Wee hear M^r. Frewen had Conference with M^r. John Pitt & some Notice past between them just before that Buisness happened about Woollston the purport of all which ought to a been lain before us to enabled us the better to have Judged thereof & likewise that wee make a due representation of it to the Company & lett it be signed by M^r. Frewen & M^r. Faucett who wee hear were the Managers & Spectators Thereof & wee also in your next Letter order they would give their Reasons for excludeing the Three Gentlemen of Councill before they left the Shoar & refused the Receiveing of them into Councill after their Returne Notwithstanding the Presid^t hinted to them their Error Therein a Particular Letter which he Imparted to us to which you ought to heed have Regard before your Single or joyn^t Opinions it not Contradicting a Generall Letter & you know y^e reasons for sending for those Gentlemen wth was not for their misbehaviour or any thing that could be construed to their Prejudice.

Wee would have you use your endeavour to provide the Timber & Plancke formerly orderd and the best Firewood when the season presents to y^e. amount of Ten hundred Thousand Sticks

If the Merchants will abate Considerable on their Chay goods wee shall think on an Investment otherways shall Desist & with your next be sure to send an exact Account of what Goods in your Godongs Merchants & washers hands

MAY 13TH 1703.

The foregoeing was wrote to have come by a Boat who soon After alter'd her designes since which on the 5th Ins^l. heres Arrived the Howland one of our Masters Ships bound for Bombay but put in hither by bad weather and a Tedious Voyage from the Cape, they had no Pacquett for us but in regard to y^e. Warr & y^e. Union of the two Companys, wee opened the box where wee found a Pacquett for this place & Bengall the purport of both which youll perceive by both y^e. papers inclosed which is Coppy of what sent to President John Pitt & Councill & y^e. Reason of our sending it you is that it may not be misrepresented to the Natives or others which you need not say any thing of unless you find it so

Yours of the 28th past month wee Recd the 11th Instant & Observe what has happend between the Nabob & you & other Europeans theres Certainly a Present due to him in which wee desire you allways to be as Thrifty as possible for which wee had made Provisson by sending severall sorts of goods & Rarities by the Charles & Betty in which wee must allways make our presents & avoid giveing ready Money

'T was a very great weakness in you to Pay your arrears to your Madapollum Merchants without Deducting what they owed account of Dustore where that Fault lyes is easily to be guest att but if their Conditions be such as you represent wee advise you to take the Longcloth as you mention but see & do your best to prevent any Loss to the Company

Wee order you by the first safe Conveighance to send up your Books & wee shall speedily give you orders what Method you shall keep them in for the Future

for that all the Stock to be sent out by either of the Companys after the Coming out of these Ships is to be for Account the united Trade of India, wee are

FORT S^t GEORGE
30TH APRILL & 13TH MAY 1703

P S —Inclosed comes a Pacquett to M^r Jn^o Pitt &c^a which wee order you to send by two of your Factors who if not in Metchlepatam sendit by your Servant to their Factory and leave it there

S^{rs}
Y^r Affectionate Friends,
THO PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHAL
JOHN MEVERELL

LIST OF Y^r PACQUETT TO METCHLEPATAM

- No. 1 Fort S^t Georges Generall Letter to Metchlepatam dated the 10th April & 13 May
- 2 Coppys of D^o Dated 28 Mar Last sent by Charles and Betty Sloop
- 3 Invoice of w^t Laden on D^o Sloop
- 4 Copy of the Twenty Four Mannagers Letter to Fort S^t George dated 31st July 1703
- 5 D^o Fort S^t George Gen^l Letter to M^r Pitt &c^a
- 6 Packett to M^r John Pitt &c^a

No 22.

[FORT S^t GEORGE, APRILL, 30, 1703]

TO THE HON^{BLE} S^r JN^o GAYE
GEN^{LL} FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HON^{BLE} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY &C^A.
COUNCILL ATT SURRATT

HON^{BLE} S^r &C^A

Both yours of the 5th December & 27th Nov^r wee Recd 14th past month which the news Papers enclosed for which wee Thank you & our last to you was also the 5th December most part of the news in the Letters before mentioned is Contradicted in what you sent Lately to Anjango which was Forwarded to us, from whence they write you were not at leisure to Accompany it with a Letter by reason of your City being Invested by Savagee which wee hope may give you an oppertunity of it wth the Companys Intrest and your owne likeing to withdraw from that hellish place

Wee hear of Severall Seperate Stock Ships on this side the Cape & wish the Prosperous meet with no Purchase where you say she is bound Otherwise the Companys Settlements will all meet with Troubles

The Translate you sent us for liberty of Trade to all Europeans is much the same to w^t was sent us from Bengall in Feb^r last when they had not the Bennifitt of it y^o Government expecting a summ of money for the Same

Wee are heartily Sorry for y^o great Loss our Masters have sustained at Bombay haveing as wee are advised lost most or all their Cruzers belonging to that Iland in the late Violent Storme

Wee shall write your Vackqueell att Court as wee have occasion & desire youll give him strick Charge to Advise us of all news of moment that Relate to our Masters Affairs They write us also from Anjango that you have dispatched the Loyall Bliss & Nathaniell with Rich Cargoes for England where God send they may Arrive in safety

The Chamber Friggott M^r Dollbin is not yett arrived & wee fear the Arimzeb has lost her passage to your Port for that wee hear they have mett with Disappointments & Troubles in their Affairs att Amoy

Wee are under some concern for the Pembroke Friggott Cap^t Wealey hearing Nothing of him from your Port, he was left by the Worcester Friggott a Seperate Stock Ship that came to Anjengo at Delagoo in August last when he intended to follow a month after, wee wish he escapes the Pyrats and the Cruelty of those Natives

You mention in one of your Letters y^e you had news by way of Muscatt of the arrivall of y^e Bliss & Nathaniell in Persia wee wonder you had no news likewise from that place what is become of Cap^t. Morris & those poor Soulls Taken with him

Wee observe in the late news papers y^e Arrivall of the Dutch East India Fleet in Holland & that likewise wee had some Ships Arrived in England the Names of which wee desire you'll Advise us when you are Informed Thereof

If the Regard & Howland sailed from England in July for your Port wee hope by this time they may be Arrived when Doubt not but youll Impart to us what news Materiall they bring wth them

Wee shall now expect in a little time the Arrivall of Ships from your Port on whom wee question not but youll send us a supply of wheat & some Red & Blew Salloes & Garden Seeds as Formerly desired

Wee wrote you a Twelve month since for the Antient Phermaund of this Place which was sent hence in S^r John Childs time it being from a Jentu King which may be of Servis to us in Case of any disputes with the Government

MAY THE 18th 1703

Just as was dispatching the above written here Arrived the 5th Ins^t the Howland Cap^t Thomas Hayes Com^r put in here by bad weather & meeting a Tedious passage from the Cape & as he tells us has Sprung most of his Masts & Yards, wee enquired of him whither he had a Pacquett for this Place who answerd he had none but what was for Bombay so wee Considering how much it Imported the Companys Affairs that wee should know how it stood with us in Relation to the Warr & the Union between the two Companys wee gave the Command^r an order to send for the Packquett which was in a little Box w^{ch}. wee opened and found Therein a Pacquett for this Place & Bengall the Latter wee Forwarded to them in a few dayes after & our Pacquett contained a letter from our Masters & one from the twenty Four Manugers for the United trade Cobby which wee Forwarded to M^r John Pitt &c^e att Metchlepatam as therein Orderd the purport of which is that he & his Council repair hither to Assist in Takeing an Inventory of the Dead Stock & afterwards some of our Council return with him to Doe y^e same with theires att Metchlepatam & Madapollum

Wee shall not Trouble you hear with a Relation of Europe News supposing the Regard & the new Companys Ships are long before this Arrived with you.

Cap^t Hayes intends to be saileing hence about the beginning of next month before w^{ch} time if any Ship Arrives from Europe so as to bring us Fresher News wee will be sure to Advise you Thereof

Wee Desire youll Forward the accompanying Packquett to the R^t Hon^{ble}. Company by y^e first oppertunity Wee are

Hon^{ble} S^r. &c^e.

Y^r Assured friend^e &
humble Serv^{ts}.

THOM^s. PITT
FRAN LILIS.
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT FIFSON
THOM^s MARSHAL.
JOHN MEVEREL.

No 23

TO THE WORP^{LL} JOHN BRABOURNE ESQ^B
 COMMODORE & C^A COUNCILL ATT ANGANGO

S^{rs}

The President Imparted to us y^o news he lately Recd from your parts, from which wee are hoping every day to hear from you y^o Arrivall of our Masters Ships with what news they bring us, this is to Request your speedy care in forwarding the accompanying Pacquett to Surratt wee Chooseing Rather to send it your way then directly hence finding that few or none by that Conveighance getts safe to them

MAY THE 18TH 1703 .

The Howland bound to Surratt put in here the 5th Ins^t which is the Reason wee delayed the sending the before written who brings us an Account of y^o Warr declared against France & Spain as was formerly Reported & that the Union between the two Companys is Consumated & y^t all Ships for the Future are to come out on Account of the United Trade Wee are

S^{rs}Y^r Affectionate Friends & hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

THOM^o PITT
 FRAN ELIS
 THOM^o WRIGHT
 MATT EMPSON
 THOM^o MARSHAL
 JOHN MEVEREL

No 24.

TO THE HON^{BLE} JOHN BEARD ESQ^B
 PRESID^T FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T HON^{BLE} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A IN
 BENGALL & GOV^R OF FORT WILLIAM & C^A COUNCILL.

S^{rs}

Few dayes past wee Recd Lett^{rs} from Surratt in w^{ch} Cobby of a Letter from our Mast^{rs} of the 14th May Last, which comes inclosed and the Letter Chiefly Imports y^o Trouble Savajee has given in those parts who has burnt & Plunderd the Suburbs of that City & the adjacent Villages & for y^o Publick News from Europe 'tis much the same as formerly Remitted you

And whereas you wrote us about M^r Harbins money w^{ch} wee advised of to Surratt to w^{ch} y^o Cobby of there Answer Comes inclosed

On the 5th Ins^t here arrived the Howland from England Cap^t Hayes Commander bound for Bombay but mett with very bad weather & a Tedious passage from y^o Cape w^{ch} caused him to put in here, They left Plymouth the 1st October in Company wth the Regard bound for Surratt & Gloucester bound [for] the Westcoast our Masters Ships & of the new Companys two bound for Surratt & one for Borneo, Theres no Packett in this Ship but what directed to Bombay & Surratt, but Considering the Warr & y^o uniteing the two Companys wee supposed there might be a Pacquett for this Place which caused us to open the Box wherein wee found not onely a pacquett for us here but one allso for you which wee here Remitt, The Cap^t Informes us that the beginning of Sep^r the East India Convoy arrived with Nine Ships whereof the Josiah & Sidney was two of them, This Ship mett with the Loyall Cooke at the Cape but no news of the Bedford who wee hope is gone to S^t Hellina with the Martha & c^a

Cap^t Tyler Arrived here y^o 3d Ins^t from the Coast of India & acquaints on the 6th of past month he mett the Regard of Callicutt but had not time to speak with her so as to bring any News from her it blowing very hard & Night approaching

There was att Madagasker two pyrats newly Arrived from new England or thereabouts one of Sixteen Gunns & the other of Thirty Six & daily expected a Concert of theirs of Forty & tis said they are gone for the Coast of India

Our last to you was y^e 29th of March w^{ch} Mary Smack but to this day don't hear that she had been att Vizagapatam or the Charles & Betty Sloop at Metchlopatam. Wee are

FORT S^t GEORGE
MAY THE 7th 1703.

S^r
Y^r Affectionate friends
& humble Servants

THOM^s PITT.
FRAN^c ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO BENGALL w^{ch} SHIP SWEEPSTAKE

- N^o 1 Fort S^t George Gen^l Letter to Bengall dated 7th May 1703
- 2 Cobby of D^o. Dated 29th. March 1703
- 3 Cobby of y^e R^t. Hon^{ble} Comp^{ys} Letter to Surratt dated the 14th May 1702
- 4 Cobby of a Paragraph of Surratt Gen^l. to Fort S^t George
- 5 Packuett from the R^t Hon^{ble}. Company to Bengall w^{ch} Ship Howland.

No. 25.

TO THE WORSH^{ps} GAB[R]IELL ROBERTS ESQ^r
DEP^{ty} GOV^r. & C^o COUNCILL OF FORT S^t DAVID

S^r

Y^r of the 15th & 29th past month as allso those of the 2d & 6th Ins^t with the severall Papers Accompanying them wee have Recd

The Drums & Red Bettelaes went hence in a good Condition & if they came to you otherwise they were damaged in the Boat about which pray enquire

Wee wish you had bought some Sheathing Plancke & Timbers & what you have to spare of y^e latter pray send us by the first oppertunity

Your Bill of Exchange for Twenty Thousand Pag^s payable to your Merchants wee have Recd & Complied with the same

Wee find there is Charges Dyett in y^e monthly Account of Cash but desire allwayes y^e. entire Charge of the month may be remitted, otherwayes wee can make no manner of Judgment thereof whither it be dearer or Cheaper then formerly

As you make any Progress in the Buisaess of the Silkwormes pray advise us Thereof

Wee would have you send to y^e Juakin Fellow at Bomypollum about the wood lyeing there w^{ch}. wee have already paid for & if he refuses to lett it goe wee will send a sufficient Force to take it & call him to an account for all past Insolency's

The Gov^r sent you a Translate of Narran Reddees Letter to him in which he mentions that if you Dont Doe him Justice he knows how to do it himself, Pray Consider the Consequence

M^r Bawgus by the first oppertunity shall be sent to your Place to adjust his accounts & what he cant clear he must pay into your Cash wee will allso send you two or three Writers by the first oppertunity when shall give Mess^{rs} Skingle & Nelthorpe leave to come up hither

The Ship Presid^t & Expedition Sloop Arrived here the primo Ins^t out of whom wee Recd y^e Number of bales you advise but find great dammage amongst Those from the Presid^t occasioned Through the Unaccountable Carelessness of the Master in not well Donnageing or Pumping the Ship wee have & will send them all to washing & when the damage is adjusted shall Chaige the amount thereof to y^e owners of the Ship

Whereas you write you want money to defray the Necessary expence of the Garrison you may on Receipt of this draw a bill on us for Ten Thousand Pag^a part of which you may appropriate to that use & the Remainder pay the Merchants, wee would have you lay in a Store of Paddy for your Garrison being att present at 36 to 38 Mercall for a Pagoda that which is very Good, but if it be Cheaper wth you wee would have you agree wth Some Merchants to bring hither one hundred Gerse for our Garrison, but pray lett it be the best sort for keeping

Daud Cawne wee hear is in the Tanjore Country and it is very Probable he will hault att your Place on his Returne

Wee Recd the Invoices of w^t bales sent on the Presid^t Expedition Sloop & Conjeveram & allso the Box Containing Coppys of your Generall Books &c^a with the Pacquett from the West Coast

All sorts of Packing Stuff wee will send you when wee have a Conveighance for the Same

Wee lately Recd Letters from Surrat adviseing of the Warr & what ships Comeing out thither as allso the arrivall of the Dutches in England

The Howland Cap^t Hayes bound to Surratt meeting wth a Tedious Passage and bad weather since they came from the Cape were Forced to put in here the 5th Ins^t & the Cap^t Informeing us they had no Pacquett on Board but what was directed to Bombay, so Considering it is a Warr and the late Union of the Two Companys wee Suggested that there might be Letters for us of Importance which Induced us to open the box wherin wee found a Pacquett directed to us & inclosed therein a letter from our Masters the old Company and another from y^e Twenty Four Manugers Consisting of the old & new Company the p^ticular Clauses Relateing to you wee here inclose & require you Stricktly to observe the same and putt what therein Orderd in Execution Wee are

FORT S^r [GEORGE]
11th MAY 1703

S^{rs}
Y^r Affectionate Friends & humble Servants

THOM^s PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHAL
JOHN MEVERELI

No. 26.

To M^r SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHIEFF &c^a COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM

S^{rs}.

Yours of the 19th past month wee Recd the 10th Ins^t wherein you advise the Arrivall of the Mary Smack & your Receipt of what sent by her wee shall send you farther supplies as Soon as Possible for you must Consider wee have mett with dis-appointments in the Non Arrivall of the Chamber Friggott

Wee cant but Observe what an Answer you make about your Place being a Dead Charge, wee would have you but Look back how often wee have remitted you money & you have made no returns Your excuse for which has allwayes been Troubles, Troubles, Troubles

The 5th Ins^r here arrived y^e Howland Friggott from England our Masters Ship bound for Bombay but put in here by bad weather [and] a tedious Passage from the Cape the[n] opened the Box of Letters & found in itt a Pacquett for this Place which adviseth us of the Union between the two Companys being Completed & that all future Ships will come out on account the United Trade, Wee Recd also a letter from the Twenty Four Managers, Cobby of which according to there order wee have Remitted M^r Pitt &c^a Council at Metchlepatam & our Masters write us he is Orderd to Repaire Lither to Assist in Taking an Inventory of their Dead Stock in all there Settlements Which when done he is to Return to Metchlepatam, whither wee are to send persons to doe the Same at Theirs

Wee here Remitt you [clauces] of our Mast^r Letter & the Twenty Four Managers w^{ch} you are to Observe & act accordingly & send us up your Books wth all Convenient Speed Wee are

FORT S^r GEORGE
MAY Y^r 13th 1703

S^r
Y^r Affectionate Friends

THOM^s PITT
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHAL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 27

TO THE HON^{ble} Jⁿ^o BEARD ESQ^r

PRESID^t FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^r R^t HON^{ble} COMP^a IN BENGALL &
Gov^r OF FORT W^m &c^a. COUNCILL

HON^{ble} S^r. &c^a

Wee Advised by the Mary Smack that wee had order'd the Charles & Betty Sloop to call at Metchlepatam in her Return to you on whom we loaded severall things for the Company besides Treasure &c^a Laden on Board for particuler Account but hearing she has not been there wee Suppose she has been put by by y^e Fresh Gales who wee hope is Arrived Safe with you and if so wee desire you to open our Pacquett to M^r Frewen &c^a and take care of what Laden as ^{is} Invoice & Remitt it to Metchlepatam by the first Conveighance

Wee shall send you One Thousand Chests of Copper as wee meett with Conveniency to Freight the Same

If any of our Ships Consigned to this Port from the West Coast, should again loose their way & come to your Port wee would Desire to Direct them in there Course hither if the season presents

The Cobby of our last dated 7th Ins^r wee here Inclose Wee are

FORT S^r GEORGE
MAY THE 17th 1703

S^r
Y^r humble Servants

THOM^s PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHAL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 28

TO THE HON^{BLE} JOHN BEARD ESQ^R

PRESID^T FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T HON^{BLE} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A IN BENGALL
& GOV^R OF FORT W^M & C^A COUNCILL

HON^{BLE} S^R & C^A

Inclosed Comes Invoice & Bill of Loading for two Hundred Chests of Jappan
Copper loaden on board Sloop Greyhound Samuell Butcher Master Wee are

FORT S^T GEORGE
MAY 17TH 1703

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a
Y^r Affectionate friends
& humble Servants,

THOM^S PITT
FRAN^S ELLIS
THOM^S WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^S MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 29

TO GAB[R]IELL ROBERTS ESQ^R

DEPUTY GOVERN^R & C^A COUNCILL OF FORT S^T. DAVID

S^{RS}

Wee here Inclose Invoice and Bill of Loading for w^t Packing Stuff Loaden
on this Vessell w^{ch} wee hope will Arrive safe wth you Wee are

FORT S^T GEORGE
MAY THE 21ST 1703

S^r
Your Affectionate friends
& humble Servants,

THO PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^S WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THO MARSHAL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 30

TO M^R STEP^N FREWEN

CHIEFE ATT METCH[L]EPAT^M & C^A COUNCILL

S^{RS}

Y^{rs} of the 9th wee Recd the 20th Ins^t wth the Bengall Packett & Vizaga-
patam which Peons Told us the surprizeing News of M^r John Pitts Death who
heard of the same near Durrumpaut which news wee fear may Occasion the new
Companys People no small Trouble from the Government & there Merchants
being Indebted very Considerable (as Reported) to the Latter & Involved as wee
hear, upon the Account of promises to the Former

You see what the Twenty Four Manugeis write that wee are to be aiding &
Assisting to each other on all Occasions which wee order you to doe but Stricktly
Command you not to Involve our Comp^{ns} Affairs or yourselves upon any Account
whatever, till you have a Possitive order from the President & Council here &
therefore as any thing new happens upon this Occasion wee Require you *De Die
in Diem* to dispatch us Advises Thereof Chargeing your Peons to come as Speedy
as Possible which they may doe in Seven or Eight Dayes

Wee have wrote there Chiefe there, wth. comes inclosed wth a Flying Seall
which wee desire you to send them Wee are

FORT S^r GEORGE
MAY 21st. 1703

S^r
Y^r Affectionate Friends

THOM^s. PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THO^s. WRIGHT
MATT PMPSON
THO^s. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERBELL.

No. 31.

TO THE CHIEFE & C^o. COUNCILL FOR THE NEW EAST INDIA COMPANYS AFFAIRS
ATT METCHLEPATAM

S^r.

Wee were not a little surprized yesterday by our Peons from Metchlepatam who
brought us the bad News of the Presidents Death M^r John Pitt telling us they
heard of the same on the Road near Durrumpaut which Suddain Misfortune wee
fear may Occasion some Trouble to your Factory, & whereas the Hon^{ble}
Manugers have Commanded us to be Aiding & Assisting to each others on all
Occasions, wee hereby Advise you that if there be any Thing in our Power for
the Servis of your Company wee desire if you please to lay before us your
Circumstances wee will Consider Thereof & give you our uttmot Assistance
therein withall Expedition Wee are

FORT S^r GEORGE
MAY 21st 1703.

S^r
Y^r. Affectionate Friends
& humble Servants

THOM^s. PITT.
FRAN ELLIS.
THOM^s. WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERBELL.

No 32

TO GABRIELL ROBERTS Esq^r
DEPUTY GOV^r & C^o COUNCILL OF FORT S^r DAVID

S^r

Yours of the 21st. Ins^t wee Recd the 24th D^o. wherein you Resite y^e. late
order recd from the Manugers & assure us of your speedy Compliance therewith,
but you Mistake in one part of it which is on takeing an Inventory of the Dead
Stock, which is to be done when the new Companys President & Council come
to Assu[s]t them

Wee have Recd y^e Ten Timbers & Desire for the Future y^e. when any
Planck or Timbers comes to your Port you will with all expedition Advise us the
quantity & quality when wee will send you orders about it.

Wee approve of w^t you have done in Narra Reddees Buisness & would have
you remitt the money y^e is paid hither to the Gov^r. & Council & wee will make
his Attorney here discharge the Persons that have paid

Wee shall take care to provide our selves wth. paddy here.

'Tis not Improbable but that Daud Cawne may call upon you whom wee would have you Complement wth Liquors & such Toyes as the Dutch have done, & you may send any of your Councill wth it, except M^r Haynes & M^r Beilue, 'Tis but lately he has had a great Present here, Therefore wee think if you Present him to the amount of One hundred and Fifty Pag^s or thereabouts it will be sufficient

The Gov^r Show'd us the Paper sent to your Chiefe Dubash from Porto Novo, the whole Country knows y^t w^t Gopall told the Nabob is falce & y^t wee purchased the place out right of those that power to sell it & not took it as a Pawn & if the Nabob makes any Demands on y^t Account you must tell him y^t it is falce & that the Writeings relating to it are lodged here, be sure to send us Frequent advices if you are likely to have any Troubles from him and if a Europe Ship arrives wee will send her to you, wth what Assistance wee can

Here is your old Mulla Kidda John who was sent Some Years past by the Govern^r & Councill of this Place to be your Mulla who sayes you have Turned him out by reason that he would not receive his Wages in Paddy w^{ch} wee think very hard, for how is he to make Provisson otherwayes for his Family if he is to Receive all in Paddy besides there is a great deall of Difference between a Peon & a Mulla who is one of your principle servants & you generally most Confide in him, Therefore if his Crime be no other then what before mentioned wee would have him Reinstated

M^r Fraser will not Signe the Consultations unless you send the foule Cobby Book to Compare them wth therefore send it by y^e first oppertunity & wee will see it Done & return them to you

You have a Sarj^t wth you Man^r Du Bane who has desired leave from us to come hither where his family now is, According to his request you may ϕ mitt him & wee will return you another Sarj^t in his Room

FORT S^r GEORGE
MAY 27th 1703

Wee are
Y^r Affectionate friends &
humble Serv^{ts}

THOM^s PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 33

TO THE HON^{ble} JN^o BEARD ESQ^r FORT S^r GEORGE JUNE 3th 1703
PRESID^t FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^e R^e HON^{ble} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN
BENGAIL AND GOVERN^t OF FORT WILLIAM & C^a COUNCILL
HON^{ble} S^r & C^a

Yours of the 3d of Aprill wee Recd y^e 20th past month with the inclosed papers as ϕ List

Wee Observe y^e many Reasons you write in your justification about takeing the John & Mary's Pepper w^{ch} are Contradictory one to y^e other & in our opinion do not in the [least] Justifie you in it, had The Ship come hither wth Pepper she had not att all encreased our Tonnage besides wee should have loaded it home in such manner as would have been most to the Companys advantage & satisfaction, & would desire you to Consider whither the Company would not have paid one & the Same Freight if that pepper had been Laden on the Hampshire in this Road as they Doe now for that Loaden on her at Bencoolin besides it would a been more for the Security of the Companys Estate to have dispatched two in Company then a Single Ship att this time of Day

Wee had lett y^e price Currant be what it will you are to Credit us but 9½ Rupees p^r Maund to Justifie the Shooting of it, besides you thought it unreasonable to send it to Madrass Suspecting wee should send it home on full Freight whereas yett wee never Did, but had it not been much better to have sent part of that on full Freight rather then send a ship with above Forty Thousand Pag^e value in bales to take it in att Bencoolin on full freight & whereas the Phoenix was to come hither wee think there was no Ship wanting to bring Stores & Provisions

What you say as to the Ship that she could not be here in Point of time & y^e Comander came up the River without your order or knowledge has some weight in it, but then is not y^e Company in a fine Condition that there Comanders shall run wth Risgoes they please wth there Estates, Wee think you had Done well if you had Continued y^e Pepper on board her & lett her come hither so Soon as y^e Season had p^rmitted for w^{ch} Deviation y^e Company would not have paid one penny Demorage

The Presid^t you site of the Ship Success whose Pepper Agent Charnock &c^e took out, wee are Informed it thus, That Ship Arrived in Sep^r when Cap^t Heath was there in the Defence who had orders to bring up all the Companys Servants hither but for want of Vessells for that purpose there being Goods & other things to bring away, that Pepper was sold and y^e Ship taken into the servis to Assist therein, if so wee think thats Nothing att all to this matter besides wee are of Opinion that ill Presid^t ought to be Forgott & naught but good ones to be Remembred & Practiced, Wee shall not run further into any arguments about this matter but leave it to the Company to deside who have or wo^d have Acted most for there Advantage they onely being the proper & best Judges Thereof

The Reason of our Designeing the Chamber Friggott for the Bay was our fearing that she would not Arrive till March or Aprill, att which time if any Ship Dispatched hence they must make a Winter Voyage which is very dangerous in time of warr, to avoid w^{ch} wee had Thoughts of sending her to you for Salt Petre & Provisions

Wee desire you to send no more Silk winders till wee Request them

M^r Peachy Dyed in M^r DuBois's house into whose hands fell all the Effects he had, for that Nobody would Meddle wth them fearing Troubles from his Relations, so that if he left any thing wee believe it is intirely lost

Wee have by us about y^e Quantity of Petre you mention, w^{ch} is little more then what will suffice for one Ship & for Cowreys & Coffee here is none p^rocurable & our sugars are all Java which wee fear are not so Vendible in England so hope wee may be Certain Supply of Petre from you

On y^e Sloop Expedition M^r Jn^o Litton Master wee have Laden one hundred & Twenty Candy of Copper Amounting to Pag^e [lacuna] as p^r Invoice & Bill of Loading inclosed the Chests were all in peices, so that wee were forced to put it in Biggs there is four Pecull to y^e Candy each pecull 131 lbs all w^{ch} is weighed by the Master, This Sloop was run away with from Bencoolin by the Surgeon & another who wee cant prosecute for it, haveing no Evidence *Via Voce*, The Sloop has been in att Fort S^t David where her bottom has been extraordinary well fitted so that she will want little or Nothing excepting Caulking her upper works & two or three paire of Standards up her Deck & Sailes w^{ch} wee desire you to supply her with & what elce is Necessary her list of Stores & Paymasters Account wages comes inclosed

If wee have any Europe Ship Arrives in time [wee shall] send her to you to be Return d us with Salt Petre [and Pro]vision the Latter end of August when if you find no Ship Arrives wth you, wee would desire you to return us this Sloop Laden with Salt Petre & who wee believe will carry about Six or Seven hundred Biggs otherwise wee desire you to dispatch her in Sep^r Laden wth Stores for Bencoolin for wee believe they want the Ves-ell upon that Coast

The Hampshire Suled from thence the first of Feb^r for England a full Ship & the Sarum arrived there [lacuna] whose Cargoe wee hear does not goe off therefore wee dont request your sending any goods upon the Sloop but p^rswade

what Portuguez you can to goe there with there Familys w^{ch} place is become very healtfull

Here was Loading in this Road Ships for China, Tonqueen, Manelha & Siam that for China was Dispatched on the ultimo of last month & y^e others Ready to Follow in few dayes but in the Afternoon just as the Supra Cargoes were going off here arrived the Pembrock Friggott Cap^t Whealey who mett with two Pyratts att Mayotta who took him out for a Pylott for the Streights of Mallacca & Stript the Ship of her Stores & some other few things for a Relation of w^{ch} wee Referr you to the paper enclosed, The Pyratts went for Madagascar where 'tis said they were to joyne Ship Speaker & reported that Ship a little before Christmas last brought thither a Rich prize that she had Taken in the Red Sea & whilst they lay att Mayotta they took three Arrab Vessells belonging to Patta whose men they putt all to the sword, y^e Pembrock had one hundred Candy of Teeth on Board w^{ch} they Did not meddle with, The [news] Aforementioned has occasioned all four Ships to desist from there intended Voyage, so that w^t will become of Trade is easily to be guest

M^r Pitt the new Companys President Dyed y^e 8th of past month at Durum Patt of an Applectick Pitt since which wee have not heard any thing Relateing to there Affairs att Metchlepatam

After Loading on Board this Sloop the Aforementioned Quantity of Petre & she can take in more wee would desire you to fill her up wth packing stuff of all sorts

Inclosed comes our two last Generalls dated the 15 & 17th May last Wee are

Y^r Affectionate Friends
& humble Servants

THO PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHAL
JOHN MEVERELL

LIST OF THE PACQUETT

- N^o 1 Fort S^t George Gen^l to Bengall dated y^e 8th June 1703
- 2 Coppys of Dittoes dated y^e 15th & 17th May 1703
- 3 Invoice of Sloop Expedition
- 4 Bill of Loading of Ditto
- 5 Paymasters Account wages Imprest y^e Sloops men
- 6 List of Stores belonging to D^o Sloop
- 7 Second Bill of Loading of Sloop Greyhound

No 34

To M^r GEORGE LYTON
MASTER OF SLOOP EXPEDITION

Upon Receipt hereof you are hereby orderd to repair on Board your Vessell & wth the first oppertunity of wind & weather permitting to weigh Anchor & sett Saile & bend your Course for y^e Speedy attaining of the Port of Bengall where when Arrived you are to Deliver your Pacquett herewith Deliverd you as Directed to the Hon^{ble} Jn^o Beard Esq^r Presid^t & Govern^r of Fort William & c^s Councill & follow there orders for your Future disposall, We recommend to your care the keeping the Sloop allwayes in Repair, & none of her

Stores be Imbess'led, Speak with no Saile att Sea & keep your Vessell allwayes in a good posture of Defence, to prevent Surprize & after your Arrivall gett up y^r river so soon as po sible you can, Wee wish you a good Voyage, & Date these in Fort S^t George this 9th day of June 1703

THOM^s PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHAL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 35

To GARRIETT ROBERTS ESQ^s FORT S^t GEORGE 12 JUNE 1703
DEPUTY GOVERN^r & C^a COUNCILL OF FORT S^t DAVID

S^{rs}

Both yours of y^e 23th of past month & 5th Ins^t wee have Recd & have paid your 3 Bills for Ten Thousand Pag^s. as Advised of in y^e Former

Wee shall take care that Somiah gives discharges & wee think you give a very good Reason for Narrā Reddees Solliciteing in that buisness

Wee hear that Daud Cawne is att Porto Novo & it is not Improbable but that he may give you Some Troubles, so Yesterday y^e Govern^r. Dispatcht the President to you, on which wee have sent you Twenty Soldiers, not knowing when y^e Howland will be Ready or whither they will come att all to your Assistance that Ship not being under our Direction, nor can wee give orders to them fearing it will bring y^e Ship upon demorage, you will soon see what the Nabob aims att, and if he remains att Porto Novo wee would have you lay Tappys upon the Road for F[r]equent Advises, but if he goes away to Arcott or comes downe this Coast, return us our Twenty men with all Expedition, but you may keep Sarj^t Latterell there & send Sarj^t Du Bane in his Roome

Wee have Committed M^r Bawgus to the Charge of the Cap^t whom you are to secure till he has paid the Companys Debt

Wee observe w^h you write of Mulla Kiddar Jean who should not have been displaced without our leave but if he be guilty of those Enormous Crimes you represent wee Confirme it & order not his Reinstatement, unless he Acknowledges his faults in the most Submissious manner & promises of Amendment

The Gov^r Acquants us that he has Informed w^h news the Pembroke Friggott brought of the Pyrats, M^r Fenwicks relation of which comes here inclosed

The Union Arrived two Leagues to leward of this Port y^e 10th Ins^t from the West Coast Laden wth pepper for the Companys Account & bound for China if she can meet with a good Convoy

Pray in your Next send a p^ticular Account of what Goods & y^e Amount our Merch^{ts} have in your Bounds Wee are

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& humble Servants
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No 36

To M^r SIMON HOLDCOMBE FORT S^t GEORGE [16] JUNE 1703
 CHIEFE & C^a COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM

Wee Recd Yours of y^e 28th Aprill & primo May on y^e 20th Ditto

Wee doe not heare yett from Metchlepatam y^e Rustundell Cawne is proceeding so far into your Country as Chickcacull, but it is not Improbable but that he will & likewise make you a Vissett, his Temper wee believe to be as you write, hauty & Avaritious, for wee find none of y^m otherwise, if he gives you Troubles you must withstand him as well as you can, & to enable you the better to doe it wee have on this Ship sent you Twelve Portuguez Soldiers & orderd Six English Soldiers from Metchlepatam who will embark on this Ship, The Provisions are laid in for them so that there is Nothing to pay on y^e Acco^{tt} or there Passage wee have allso sent you Fiteen Candy of Powder as p Invoice & bill of Loading inclosed, wee can give you no p ticular Directions how you should Mannage matters with y^e Nabob, but recommend to you to be as Thrifty as possible, but Avoid what you can y^e Introduceing of ill Presidents for in this Country you see, are very ketching & presantly made as they call it, Sallabad

And if by y^e Instigation of y^e Dutch should (of which you are Jealous) demand your Phirmaund for your Settlement of Priviledges for which you say never had any, wee best answer wee can Think on, will be for you to tell him that all Phirmaunds & c^a as Soon as Granted are sent to Madrass to be Lodged there for there Security

No Chamber Friggott from China or Europe Ship Arrived till when wee shall not be able to send you a supply

Ship Pembroke Friggott arrived here the ult^o last month from Dillagoa & in her return from thence mett wth Pyratts att Mayotta, A Relation of which comes inclosed, upon which wee stopt all ships bound throw the Streights of Mallacca

M^r Frewen formerly wrote us for a Buff Coat for the Nabob of which he was very desireous so sent him one on the Sloop that was putt by Metchlepatam, & here send Another to you, not knowing but it may Obliege him Wee are

Y^r Affectionate Friends

THOM^s PITT
 FRAN ELLIS
 THO WRIGHT
 MATT EMPSON
 THOM^s MARSHALL
 JOHN MEVERELL

No 37

To M^r STEPHEN FREWEN FORT S^t GEORGE 16 JUNE 1703
 CHIEFE & C^a COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAM

Y^{rs} of the 29th & 31st past month wee Receiv^d the 13th Ins^t

You had done well in doeing what was allwayes Practised in the Factory, that is on concludeing the Investment & to pay them y^e Ballance, but you were strictly forbid it, till they had brought in there Proportion of Chay Goods due on former Contracts, which must be made Good to the Company, by you, or the Merchants, but your Reason for that & other things are not so weighty as they ought to be, Tis true wee did not disapprove of your advanceing 2500 Pag^a to your Merchants but you may remember you did it before you could have our Approbation, or could disapprove the Same

M^r: Frewen must be paid for y^e. eight boates of Firewood & wee hope hee'll see the three that were behind come hither by y^e. first Oppertunity as also what else he can procure.

The Presid^t: Letter to y^e. Govern^r: & our Journall Parcels for your Factory, were on the Sloop that mist your Port wth: shall be Coppied out againe & speedily sent you.

Wee hear send you what wee have by us for Presents of wth: wee would have you be very Thrifty, The threats of the Government availe little with us believing for the Future wee shall have little Buisness to do in their Port.

Your no answer was proper to his Paper who would fain be a Consull & President In all the Scrole M^r. Frewen & M^r: Faucett have writt wee find Nothing satisfactory as to Woollestons Buisness nor any thing that can be Called reasons for keeping the Gentlemen out of the Councill, who ought to be Summoned thereto as occasion required by y^e. Chiefe.

Wee have Perused y^e. ballance of your Cash wth: we see is Low & shall send you a Supply on y^e. Arrivall of the Ship from China or Europe Shipping.

Wee are as Possitive as your Merchants, that unless they make Considerable Abatements, wee will make no Investment, & that too in no other sort of goods then wee directed last year & order you to Observe y^e. Same.

M^r: Tillard has answerd our Letter directed to M^r. Jn^o: Pitt, as also that to himself.

Factors provissions what we can spare comes on this Ship as alsoe what we have by us fit for presents as y^e Invoice & Bill of Loading inclosed.

Wee also hear inclose y^e. Duplicate of the Letter for the Gov^r: formerly sent on the Charles & Betty Sloop with a Translate thereof, which wee leave to your direction to deliver or detain since it is of so Long a Date.

M^r. Hollcomb & c^o. has Advised us from Vizagapatam that he is Suspicious of some Trouble from Nabob Rustundell Cawne so have sent him to his Assistance Twelve Portuguez Soldiers, & order you to put your six on Board.

Wee have Considerd of the Paper deliverd you by the Portuguez who is so Charitable inclined as to give all that he has at his Death to Pious uses, & in y^e. mean time desires to Lodge his money in the Companys Cash, att 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent now you may Acquaint him that wee think our Church the properest Repossetory for money Given to such uses, wth. it may be, he may be deterred from on Account of his Religion, if so, the Govern^r. & Councill will take it into y^e. Companys Cash. Wee are

Y^r. Affectionate Friends

THOM^s: PITT.

FRAN: ELLIS.

THOM^s: WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON.

THOM^s: MARSHAL.

JOHN MEYRELL.

No. 38. y^e Briggantine Endeavour

To THE HON^{ble}. JN^o. BEARD ESQ^r.

PRESID^t. FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^e. R^o. HON^{ble}. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^y.
IN BENGALL AND GOV^r. OF FORT WILLIAM & C^o. COUNCILL.

FORT S^t. GEORGE PRIMO JULY 1703.

HON^{ble}. S^r. & C^o.

Yours of the 17th: 19th: & 20th: of Aprill wth. S^r. Edwards Raveing Letter, wee Recd y^e. 18th past month & defer the Answering of it till y^e. next oppertunity presents by reason wee are Looking for an Account wherein Woolston Charges

Sallary, for some time before wee turn'd him out, for that as soon as wee found him falce to our Masters Intrest, wee desisted from makeing him Consignements, Cobby of w^{ch} Account wee'll be sure to send you

This incloses Invoice & Bill of loading for Copper Amounting to 3556 ^{Pa} 10 ^{Fa} Shipt on the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Account on y^e Endeavor Brigganteen Cap^t Hart Commander

Wee lately received a great deall of good & bad News, of w^{ch} the Presid^t. saies he has sent you a full Account to which wee Refer you & y^e last hopes wee have that of the Bedford is Falce is that she winterd att S^t Laurence & is gone thence directly for S^t Hellina, which God grant may prove true

Our Masters Ship the Glouster is Arrived att the West Coast, & wee believe will be over here wth what Pepper she can gett y^e Latter end of next month, in expectation of a Considerable quantity of Peke & Redwood, for that y^e Company has now Order'd that stores of Those Commodities should lye ready at Bancoolin for Kintilage for theire Ships Dispatched from y^t Coast so hope youll Supply us wth a quantity of y^e Former

Wee Rēcd by a Vessell thence Two Pacquetts one for your selves y^e other for S^r Edward Littleton & Councill w^{ch} are here inclosed wth a Cobby of our Last to you dated y^e 8th past with Second Bill of Loading for w^t Laden on the Expedition Sloope Wee are

Y^r Affectionate Friends
& humble Servants

THOM^s PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVEREIL

LIST OF THE PACQUETT

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| N ^o | 1 | Fort S ^t George Gen ^l Letter to Fort William dated p ^{mo} July 1703. |
| | 2 | Invoice of w ^t Laden on Brigganteen Endeavour |
| | 3 | Bill of Loading of Ditto |
| Cobby of | 4 | Fort S ^t George Gen ^l to Fort William dated y ^e 8 th June 1703 |
| | 5 | 2d Bill of Loading for w ^t Laden on Expedition Sloope |
| | 16 | A Packquett from the R ^t Hon ^{ble} Company to the Presid ^t & Councill of Fort William in Bengall |
| | 18 | The New Companys Pacquett directed Viz ^t
To S ^r Edward Littleton K ^t President and the Rest of y ^e Councill for Affairs of y ^e English Company, Tradeing to y ^e East Indies in y ^e Bay of Bengall |

No 39

FORT S^r GEORGE 5TH JULY 1703

To M^r STEPHEN FREWEN,
CHIEFE & C^o COUNCILL ATT METCHLEPATAN

S^{rs}

Our Last to you was Dated y^e 18th past month since which wee have Rēcd Yours of y^e 8th 11th & 19th D^o & wth Yours of the 8th wee Rēcd y^e Bengall Pacquett Adviseing y^e Arrivall there of y^e Charles & Betty Sloop, wth yours of y^e 11th wee Rēcd you Generall Books D & your reasons for & Adjusting Accounts wth our Books, M^r Faucetts remarks upon y^e Journall Parcels, wee sent you, will be perused by our Accomptant & an answer given you thereto With y^r of the 19th wee Rēcd the West Coast Pacquett in which wee had Coppys

of former Letters from our Masters, w^{ch} were Brought thither by y^e Gloucester Friggott, we also rec^d a Pacquett from the new Company w^{ch} wee here inclose and desire you to send it as Directed

Wee here inclose y^e news wee had from Persia being an Account of y^e great Success of ours and the Dutch Fleett mett wth at Vigoe having taken & destroyed all y^e Gallions & French men of Warr y^e Convoyed them all w^{ch} is Confirmed by Irisher advices from England, whither the Fleets returned wth their Booty for w^h the Queen attended by both houses of Parliament went to Saint Pauls Church & returned God Allmighty Thanks for the same, Wee are

Y^r Affectionate Friends

THO^s PITT
FRAN^c ELLIS
THO^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THO^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEYERELL

P S — Inclosed is a Pacquett for Vizagapatam w^h doe you Immediately forward thither

No 40.

FORT ST GEORGE 5th JULY 1703

TO M^r SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHIEFE & C^a COCNCILL OF VIZAGAPATAN

S^r

Y^e of y^e 11th past month wee Rec^d y^e 30th Ditto

Y^r Generall Books are to be ballanced in Aprill as Accustomary & then to be Ballance[d] againe the 22d July 1703 & new Books begun from that time for the United Trade & Management wherein you are to enter y^e Charges w^{ch} doe directly relate to y^e Forts, Castles, & other y^e Dead stock, but y^e Charges of each Comp^{ny} Factory relating to their Seperate Trade are to be Bourne by each Company Respectively, you must also mind that both Companys have mutually Covenanted that they have not Since y^e 2d of Jan^{ry} 170 $\frac{1}{2}$ nor Since given or sent any orders or Directions for selling or demnishing of any of y^e Ammunition Stores, household Stuff, Goods or other the Dead Stock expence Warr onely excepted & such Books for y^e United Trade and Management are likewise to be Ballanced in Aprill with y^e other Books

Wee Rec^d your Warehousekeepers Account of goods & hope you Remember to keep a Proportion browne of Longcloth & Sallumpores as formerly Advised, & shall send you a Further Supply for y^e Carrying on an Investment so soon as y^e China or Europe Ships Arrive

Wee Rec^d y^e West Coast Pacquett & c^a you forwarded to Metchlepatam, Wee are

Y^r Affectionate Friends

THOM^s PITT
FRAN^c ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEYERELL

No 41

FORT ST GEORGE Y^R 19TH JULY 1703

TO GABRIELL ROBERTS ESQ^R
DEPUTY GOVERN^R & C^A COUNCILL OF FORT ST DAVID

S^{rs}

Our Last to you was y^o 12th of past month since wee Rēcd yours of y^o 11th Ditto

Wee Observe what you write y^t M^r Games had a good Reception from y^o. Nabob by y^o means of Abdull Lebby who by Experience has allwayes been our friend, w^{ch} we would have Acknowledged when he past by here, in a present, but he then Refused it, as he has done yours [now] y^o meaning of it is a Mistery, be sure you dont trust him, & y^o Nabob himsef knows wee will not him, wee are glad to hear you are Rid of him & y^t he came not near us

The men Shipt on y^o President sent to your Assistance were sailed, but being gott no further then near Sadrass wee orderd y^o Ship to return into y^o road with them

Wee Desire you in your Next to send us a Particular Account of y^o Presents you gave y^o Nabob & his Officers

Our Merchants here are very earnest to have all there goods brought into your Port washt, Sorted, & Packed & sent hither by y^o first Oppertunity, wee desire of you y^o same, & likewise that you will allow them for there Packing stuff as you do your owne Merchants

Wee shiped on y^o Presid^t a Parcell of packing stuff Amounting to Pag^o 317 22 3 Invoice & bill of Loading for w^{ch} comes inclosed & hope by this she may be Arrived with you

The Union Sailed this day for China

'Tis not Improbable but y^t y^o French Ships at Goa may come upon this Coast Therefore would have you be Cautious what ships you keep in your Road

Inclosed wee have sent you a Printed Charter of Union between y^o Two Companys and the Conveighance of y^o Dead Stock, wee are

Y^r Affectionate Friends and
humble Servants

THOM^s PITT
FRAN ELLIS
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHAL
JN^o MEVERELL

No 42 Sent by Ship May

TO THE HON^{BLE} JN^o BEARD ESQ^R
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T HON^{BLE} ENGLISH EAST INDIA
[COMPANY] IN BENGALL & GOVERN^R OF FORT WILLIAM & C^A COUNCILL

FORT ST GEORGE 12 JULY 1703

HON^{BLE} S^r & C^A

Our Last to you was dated y^o 3^{mo} Ins^t 3^o Brigganteene Endeavour since which wee have Rēcd Yours of y^o 6th May to which wee now Answer as allso to those of y^o 17th 19 & 20th April

Wee are not willing to enter into any further disputes of what has passed relating to the Pepper Ship, or y^o bales sent hither, but think it best to look forward, & heartily unite in Carrying on our Masters Buisness to there best

Advantage wth. will be more pleaseing to them, & not a little Tending to our owne Credit & Intrest.

Wee approve of your Proposall of sending Bengall & Coast goods in one & y^e. Same Ship Durring y^e. Warr but then you must call here to Fill up, for y^e. wee believe y^e. Company will not like of sending goods hence to Bengall whereby they run a double Resgue thereof.

The Chamber Friggott wee expect not here till December or Jan^y. of wth. Doubtless you have had an Account from Mess^{rs}. Fleetwood & Whistler who mett with y^e. new Companys Ship the Hallifax at Metchlepatam, who give an Account of Two French Ships they mett in the Streights of Mallacca for a Relation of which wee shall Refer you to them, the Colchester wee expect will be here next month, Cap^t. Rouse and his Purser wee hear are Dead & severall of his Ships Company & 'tis said y^e. Surviveing are but in a weak Condition, when She Arrives wee will Dispatch her to you for that wee intend her for the Sep^r. Ship but if it should so happen y^e. you cannot gett petre you had best detain her till December, when pray send her early to us.

The Gloucester Friggott as advised in our former Letter being arrived at y^e. West Coast & expected here, when wee will Immediately return her with Petre & Redwood & Five hundred bales in Case y^e. your Letters discourage our expecting y^e. Colchester here in Sep^r.

Wee are Glad to hear y^e. Charles and Betty Sloope is Safe Arrived with you her missing Metchlepatam was a great Di-appointment to us & severall people who sent things on her, what belongs to y^e. Company wee Desire you to send thither by y^e. first Oppertunity, unless you have Occasion for it, The Character wee gave of y^e. Sloope is no other then what wee had from your Bengall People and those that Sailed in her, wth. Renderd her useless to the Company in these Parts, wee will order M^r. Holcombe to send you M^r. Addams's Bill of Loading.

Wee have Considerd of S^r. Edwards Letter to you about Woolston & think it hardly worth our while to Answer but hope now y^e. Unions Completed y^e. there will be Scruteing into each Companys Servants good or bad services to their Masters, as well as Justice to their Neighbours, when wee Doubt not butt will be Found that our Services are as Justifyable as those Empty title Gentlemen who call themselves Embassadors & Consulls, but regarded as Such, by none but those of their owne Gang.

Wee know not who S^r. Edward means escaped hence wth. onely the skin of his Teeth who Doubtless had some other about him Fitt for S^r. Edward or he that wrote that Foolish Paper, but if wee guess aright att what he means, Woolston came hither with no skin att all & had Remained so till this day, but for y^e. Favour & Charity of the President & Councill of this Place, who for want of Honest Principles betrayed his Masters in Divulging their Secretts to those who Some called Embassadors & Consulls besides Falce in his Trust in y^e. Merca[n]tile Part 'Tis true y^e. M^r. Lovell was chiefe in the Commission, who when sent for came hither, whom wee Charged with many things of Severall Natures whose defence in Generall was y^e. M^r. Woolston Did it, or that he could give no Answer to it, unless Woolston was Present, which made us use those endeavours we have Done to gett Woolston hither without wee saw there was no Adjusting their Accounts, for which end Lovell waited here Severall Months, but never under Confinement & when he went to China gave an obligation to return to this Port againe, 'Tis as S^r. Edward Sais that they both went Downe Factors but at y^e. Same time twas understood by them & us, that they were to be Recalled att our Pleasure & to come hither to Adjust their Accounts, but youll see by Woolstons Account sent us, of which wee hear inclose a Coppy, that he makes himself a serv^t., for After that wee found they betrayed us in every thing wee Imparted to them, wee desisted from makeing them any Consignment durring wth. time he has Charged Sallary so that that part of the Argument of S^r. Edwards is out of Doors, you will find on the C^r. Side of his Account has given Credit for 2 Corge of fine Longcloth Amounting 204 Pag^s. which he took out of the Companys Bales in the Warehouse of which being Detected he Brought it to Account, & wee can

likewise Prove against them that they sold Severall of the Companys Necessarys of the Factory & never C^r the Company for it, besides on y^e new Companys Servants coming there they gave them all manner of Assistance in their Investments of w^{ch} they were Ignorant the Particulars of which wee advised in our Letter of y^e 29th of March so Desire your utmost Endeavours that he may be Brought hither to Adjust his Acco^{ts} which you may Engage will be done without any of those hurricans suggested by S^r Edward, for wee think him not worth our Notice further then to see that y^e Company has Right done them & y^t in the Proper place, and wee likewise Promise y^t he shall escape with what skin properly belongs to him without being put into a Cock house or Dungeon as he deserves

Wee hear send you a Cobby of what Leases wee give for houses & Gardens here & w^t y^e Companys write relateing Thereto

Wee'll Procure as soon as Possible the Black stone you Desire for the Chappell, but y^e account y^t you have sent for Those for stairs is Imperfect in not mentioning how broad you intend your staircase nor w^t height you intend each step

By y^e Munsoon wee had Letters from Agent Owen & inclosed a Letter of news from Aleppo Cobby of which comes herewith & y^e 11th Ins^t wee had Severall Letters from Surratt from y^e Generall & Council their, Dated y^e 28th Aprill, 15th, 18th & 26th May last in which they Advise y^e Arrivall of the Regard y^e 19th May att Bombay on which Ship they Received a Letter from the Manugers Dated the 24th Sep^r Cobby of which as Directed by y^e Same wee herewith send you, w^{ch} you are to Communicate to those at Fort England

Here was a Report said to be Dutch News sent from Fort S^t David, That three French Ships were arrived att Goa, & that the beginning of May which news they say S^r John Gayer advised the Dutch thereof haveing it from Bombay, but in their letters theres not a word of it so wee believe theres Nothing in it

We have had a Complaint from Cap^t Hayes Commander of the Howland, that his Carpenter Mate Ambrose Addams (whose servis is of great use to his Ships) has Deserted him and tis said gone downe to your Port on Cap^t Hart, & as he believes seduced by Cap^t Harnett & y^e Owners of Ship Good hope, to Discourage such Practises which may be of very bad Consequence to the Company some time or other, wee desire you to seize the aforesaid Person & send him up by y^e Sep^r Ship when wee shall have a Conveniency to send him to Surratt to serve in the Ship he belonged to, & if wee can Discover y^e Persons that Seduced him they shall be severely fined for y^e same

Cobby of our Last Letter by Cap^t Hart Dated the primo Ins^t with Second Bill of Loading for what Laden on him comes inclosed

Wee formerly wrote you Concerning The Effects of John Rozario Deceased, to which you gave answer in yours of the 3d of Aprill that the said Persons Effects was in the hands of M^r Russell who would Take care of the same, There is in his Chest or screwtore an Obligation of one Casma Dei for 150 Pag^s Lent him by said Rozario who Denys not the Debt & will Pay it to those who deliver him up his Obligation, he being now in Bengall, wee desire the same be Done & Rec^d by M^r Russell as allso all other Debts shall be found due to him, & y^e Ballance paid (after his Creditors are satisfied) to M^r Curkanvill whom M^r Empson has given order about it, M^r Empson Further Informs us that he has heard Rozario Complain that one Henry Moore was Indebted to him to y^e best of his Remembrance 170 Rupees which he could not gett from him, so was the Reason of Rozarios goeing to Bengall, Wee are

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a
Y^r Affectionate Friends
& humble Servants

THOM^s PITT

FRAN ELLIS

THOM^s WRIGHT

MATT EMPSON

THOM^s MARSHALL

JOHN MEYFELL

LIST OF Y^r PACQUETT TO BENGALL ꝑ SHIP MARY

- N^o 1 Fort S^t George Gen^l to Bengall Dated 12 July 1703
- 2 Cobby of D^r Dated the Primo July 1703
- 3 Cobby of M^r Sam^l Woollstons Accoⁿ Curr^a
- 4 Cobby of the forme of a Lease given by y^e Presid^t. and Councill of Fort S^t George to Inhabitants there
- 5 Cobby of a Letter from Aleppo dated [11th] Feb^r 1703 rec^d ꝑ Ship Munsoon from Persia
- 6 2d Bill of Loading for Copper Loaden on Brigganteen Endeavour
- 7 Cobby of the Twenty four Managers of y^e United Trade to the East Indies, Letter to y^e. Gov^r of Bombay or Presid^t. & Councill att Surratt dated y^e 24th Sep^r 1703
- 8 Cobby of a Paragraph of y^e R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as}. Instructions to Thom^s Pitt Esq^r & C^a Councill at Madrass

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FORT S^t GEORGE 20th JULY 1703

TO THE HON^{ble} S^r. JN^o GAYER

GEN^l. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HON^{ble} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{as}.
& C^a. COUNCILL ATT SURRATT.

HON^{ble}. S^r. & C^a

Our Last to you was Dated y^e 30th Aprill & 18 May Cobby of which comes inclosed by Cossetts sent Via Anjangoe, Since which wee have Rec^d Yours of y^e 20th Feb^r 23th Aprill, 15th, 18th, 21st & 26 May with all Papers According to List

Our Trade here is but very little at presant but what there is goes on as formerly, You advise that the Kings Hosbul[h]okum for Takeing of y^e Restraint was arrived in your Parts, & they write the same from Bengall, but say that the Prince will have a Considerable Present before they have the Fruits of itt, The new Comp^{as} people tis said have given him about 15000 Rupees & ours have Deferrd it, till the Arrivall of our Masters Shiping, Wee hear of no Hosbulhokum come to these Parts, though wee Believe there is, & this has been hinted to us that wee must expect None without a Considerable Present, which wee shall not agree to unless compelld by Urgent Necessitys

Wee are apt to believe that the Unaccountable behaviour of Cap^t Lambert has very much prejudiced the Comp^{as} Intrest as to the Freighting of their Ships in these parts & by w^h you write wee had it has Effected your Shiping Likewise.

If S^r Nicholas has been Tampering with the great men for a Phirmaund he will find it difficult to come off, of that matter without a Considerable Charge

Wee Received M^r Forbes Account wth M^r Du Bois's & shall Debt your Presidency for the Ballance thereof as allso for y^e Amount of his Outcry, the produce of his Effects are in M^r Broomes hands you say was sent to England to satisfie the R^t Hon^{ble} Companys first Demands according to Contract wth them, wth wee allwayes thought had been Discharged before he Left England, he has Nothing left here now but the house his Widdow lives in, which wee wait the Comp^{as} orders for the disposall thereof, for that he will still be Considerable Indebted to them

Wee Observe w^h you write about the Dutch, who have sufficient Force to Oblige the Government to doe them Rite, Notwithstanding which they Truckled to them, & doe the same in these parts giving them large Presents & bear with there Insolence^s, from which we can make no other Inference but that tis to

Involve us (wee mean all other Europe Nations) hoping twill oblige us to break with them, when they can Ballance their Account at their Leisure

Wee wish y^e Loyall Bliss & Nathaniell safe to Arrive in England whose Cargoes are Considerable to y^e Burthen of the Ships

The Expedition Sloop was run away with from Bencoolin by the Surgeon their M^r Davis & one that he Carryed of Shoar with him, they came from Atchien directly hither, & Complain of hard Usage which obliged them to so desperate an undertakeing wee Confined them here for a Considerable Time intending to bring them upon their Tryall, when undoubtedly they must have sufferd, but instead of Witnesses *Vive Voce* they have sent us Affidavids from Bencoolin, so that the Docter is att Liberty giving security and the othe[1] still in Prison

M^r Thom^s Wright has paid into the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Cash 511 Pag^s 24 Fanams on Account of M^r Edward North Deceased, for which wee have given him our Bill as you direct

Yours of y^e 18th May your drawing of 2 Bills on us for five Thousand 440 Pagodaes 3^{Q^{rs}} w^{ch} shall be Complied with, but Desire for y^e Future youll mention w^t Rupees or after what Rate to pay it in Pag^s

Wee thank you for y^e news inclosed in Yours of the 21st May & your other Letters

The Munsoon Arrived here y^e 2d July & wee expect the Colchester here Next month y^e former brought us y^e good & great News of our Fleet having Taken & Destroyed all the Galloons & y^e French Convoy with them att Vigoe, which wee Doubt not but you have had a p^{ar}ticular Account thereof Long Since

Wee think M^r Bruces answer very insufficient Concerning his Detaining Cap^t Lamberts Effects & wee hear intends to doe the Same with Cap^t Rouse's w^{ch} if so, his Widdows undone, M^r Bruce by the Phoenix never Advised us that he had a Penny of Cap^t Lamberts in his hands, nor could wee tell where to Fix it, till wee Perused his Papers, amongst which wee found a Foule Cobby of the Sale of his Goods, from which wee drew out an Account, & Chaiged M^r Bruce with it, for that y^e Cap^t Purser, & Cap^t Lamberts servant[s] gave it here upon oath that they knew of no more of Cap^t Lamberts Effects then w^t they then Delverd us, Wee know it is the Companys Orders which is Stricktly Complied with here, that the Effects of these Covenanted Servants deceased shall be paid into their Cash, but this is a Commander of a Ship, who Generally Take up money att Bottomrey so that if y^e Effects are not returned on the same Ship his Widdow or Children if any be, must not onely pay the Bottomrey on that Ship that it came on but Likewise run the Resgoe on what Ship it shall Returne & this will be the Poor Widdow Rouse's case, if M^r Bruce should be so Imprudent as to detain his Effects, Wee refer the Consideration of this matter to your Hon^r & C^o Council, & if it Quadrates with your Judgment, wee desire you will be pleased to give your orders to the Gentlemen in Persia, to return the Effects of any Commander, Purser, & any other Officer, that shall Dye there belonging to the Ships of this Coast, on y^e Same Ship they belong to

Wee Thank you for your orders to y^m to supply us wth what Procureable wee wrote for

Wee Observe the meanness of y^e New Comp^{as} Ships Cargoes sent for England, which will hardly pay Freight, Custome, & Demorage

Wee Doubt not but before this you have heard that the Orenzeb called att Angango in Aprill last, & it was believed that she would winter at Carwarr or Tutecareen y^e Commander & Supra Cargoes of her was so unkind as [not] to write us one line, nor doe we hear when wee may expect the Chamber Friggott nor the Blessing belonging to this Port, but on y^e 23^d last month there arrived the Halifax a new Companys Ship at Metchlepatam who left Canton 25th Maich who in the Straits before she came to Mallacca mett wth French Ships Supposed to be about 30 Gunns each & full of men, they hoisting English Colours, when they Took them for Ship from this Port w^{ch} Induced them to send their boat on Board whose Crew they Examined Stricktly about y^e Warr of which the Halli-

fax's people knew Nothing of itt so they discharged their Boat & made the best of their way through the Straits being bound to Canton where they was expected last Year, but Looseing their passage believe they have lain at Brasell or Thereabouts, & know Nothing of the Warr with England, The Hallifax tells us that the Chamber Friggott Canterbury & Blessing belonging to this Port lay all the Year in China, for that the Merchants with whom they had to doe with is gone up in the Countrey to Buy their Goods, but when or Ever he will Return is uncertain, & that another Ship the Blessing belonging to Surratt or Bombay Cap^t. Gainey Commander was att Mallacca with half her Stock bound for this Port & went back to China but not Fetching itt wee suppose shes gone to Atchien.

We Thought Cap^t. Sayes Ship had hardly been in Being, wee long since hearing that he designed her for Pegue, but our shipping thence brought no news of her Arrivall.

Wee were formerly Desireous of Surratt wheat, which now wee doe not Covett unless it will come at the same Price as Bengall w^{ch}. wee find fall out as good & much Cheaper, The Shallocs & Garden Seeds would have been Wellcome to us, of which wee desire a Yearly Supply as oppertunity Offers.

Wee heartily Congratulate y^r. Arrivall of y^r. Regard & believe y^r. French Ships that Chast her were those mett in y^r. Straits of Mallaca by y^r. Hallifax, The Mary, Cap^t. Lyell is att Zelone but wee Dont hear of y^r. Katharine.

Coppy of the Manugers Letter wee have sent to Metchlepatam & Bengall & Thank you for the news that Accompanied it.

Wee have likewise had News from the Cape & Marautius that they much feared the Loss of y^r. Bedford for that peices of a Wreck Variously reported Came Ashoar att Marautius, If True (w^{ch}. God Forbid) She must have mett with the Misfortune of being blowne up, For had she been Lost on the Marautius, Some of her People would have been saved, & all that wee Comfort our selves with, is, that either She gott to S^t. Hellina After the Fleet was Gone or so near y^r. Cape that she returned to Augusteen Bay to winter haveing been there Last Voyage Outward Bound.

The Presid^t. Acquaints us he wrote y^r. Gen^l. Some time agoe w^t. News the Pembrook Friggott bro[:] us Relateing to the Pyratts, A relation of w^{ch}. wee hear Againe Enclose, Which News hindred Severall Ships Proceeding from this Port Through the Straits of Mallacca, Which proves not onely Detrimentall to the Proprietors, but very much to y^r. Comp^{rs}. in their Customes, The Pembrook Friggott Proceeds hence to your Port Under the Convoy of The Howland Mess^{rs}. Fenwick and Bennitt Supra Cargoes whom wee recommend to your Favour & protection.

The 11th Day of Last month here Arrived the Union Cap^t. Goodsoule, and Mess^{rs}. Cliffe & Bebbington Supra Cargoes, Designed from England to China but Looseing their Passage Loaded Pepper att Bencoolin to Amount of w^{ch}. y^r. Company Orderd us to supply Them wth. silver, but they had disposed of the Rest of their Cargoes att Battavia for Gold, Soe that they wanted in silver near the Amount of their whole Stock On their Arrivall wee Acquainted them of the News of the Pyratts & laid before them the Danger of their Proceeding to China, yett Nevertheless they Resolved to Procicute their Voyage & prayed our best Assistance, & if possible a good Ship to Accompany them in order thereto wee made Proposals to the London, who wanted Silver for their Stock as did also y^r. proprietors of the Sedgwick whose Stock [y^r.] was intended for China was not Sufficient to bear the Charge of so great a Ship to obviate w^{ch}. Difficulty wee Resolved to Take out the Silver of the Howland, which wee could have disposed off att 76 Dollers weight for Ten Pag^s. & w^o^d. have sent you the full Amount Thereof in Vinetians & Chuckeens, but Cap^t. Matthews being Jealous that if he went for China he should not returne soon enough to save his passage for England, wee could not prevaile with him, to come under any obligation to stay in China longer then the 22^d. of December, w^{ch}. the Supra Cargoes not thinking

Sufficient time to doe their busieness, made them desist from any further treaty about itt, so that the Union Saild the 9th Ins^t alone for China

By a Sloop from the West Coast who arrivd att Vizagapatam, wee were advisd that the Gloster Friggatt, was arriv'd att Bencoolen who brought us Cobby of the 24 maneigers Letters with Pacquetts for Metchlap^m and Bengall w^{ch} were forwarded Accordingly

The Dutch report on this Coast that they had receiv'd advices from Surratt, which S^r John Gayer acquainted their Directore he had just then rec^d Letters from Bombay adviseing that three french Ships were arrivd att Goa on w^{ch} was a new Directore to relieve Mon^s Polyboine and that he was gone overland to Surratt this news was Dated the 18 May new Style, but your Letters mention nothing of itt wee give no Credit to itt

The 10th Instant here ar^d from the N^oward a Deans Long boat, w^{ch} came from a Europe Ship of theirs who fetch in ab^t 5 Leagues to the N^oward of Pollicatt, they left Denmark in October and came from the Cape the begining of [May] where they mett with a Sepreate Stock ship bound for the South Seas who told them they came out of England with a great fleet of Merch^t men bound to all parts, so that wee hourly Expect our Ships, when shall be sure to advise you what news they bring, this Ship allsoe Confirms the Victory att Vigo

Cap^t Lambert carry'd hence with him M^r Thom^s Bowyer who had Severall goods upon the Ship, w^{ch} the ffreighters, on her returne Charg'd Cap^t Lambert with, w^{ch} he Suspecting in Gombroon, took a note from M^r Bowyer to make itt good if he paid itt, Cobby of w^{ch} comes inclos'd the freight for w^{ch} goods wee likewise here send the Acc^t which wee desire you will recover of M^r Bowyer that wee may Credit Cap^t Lamberts Acc^t for the same

The Company sent you but five soldiers on the Howland, of w^{ch} one prov'd a female with whom one of the mates lay with on board and married here, who wee made pay fifty Six Pagodas to defray the Companys Charges w^{ch} wee will bring to y^e Credit of your Presidency, The souldiers came hither in a weak Condition and without any manner of Cloathing, so we took them ashoar and refresht them, and bought them Cloths as w^{ch} the Paymasters Acc^t thereof comes inclosd, desireing you'l Credit us for the same

Wee hope this Ship will gain her Passage to you, and if itt should fall out otherwise it is the Cap^{ts} fault, and must lye att his door, for he was advis'd here to goe Sooner hence

Cap^t John Wyatt who formerly serv'd att Bombay dyed here the 9 Instant indebted to one of the Companys Factors M^r W^m Finch one hundred Pagodas and not haveing left here wherewithall to pay him and there being a report that he has houses and Gardens and other Effects in Bombay w^{ch} wee desire you'l be pleas'd to order your Paymaster to inquire into, and sell what he can find belonging to him and remitt the produce to us by Bill that so his Debt may be Satisfi'd here

In yours of the 28th Aprill you Acknowledge the receipt of severall of ours but neither the originall nor Cobby of that of the 28th Aprill 1702 w^{ch} wee now inclose a Cobby, and desire you will be pleas'd to send by the first safe Conveyance, the originall Jentue Phirmaund of this Place as mention'd therein Wee are

Hon^{ble} S^{rs} &cⁿ
Your Assured Freind & Hum^{ble} Servants

THOMAS PITT
FRANCIS ELLIS
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO SCRATT & SHIP HOWLAND FRIGGATT VIZT.

- N^o. 1 Fort S^t. George Gen^l. to Surratt dated 20 July 1703.
 N^o. 2 Cobby of Ditto to Surratt dated 30 April & 18th. May 1703.
 3 Cobby of D^r. to Surratt dated 28 April 1703.
 4 Paymast^r. Acc^t. Charges for Clothing souldiers on board Ship Howland.
 5 Cobby of M^r. Bowyers receipt to Cap^t. Lambert to bare him harmless for what he loaded on his Ship.
 N^o. 6 Cobby of an Acc^t. Tonnage of M^r. Bowyers Goods carried with him on the Phoenix for Persia.
 N^o. 7 Cobby of M^r. Edward Fenick &c^s. Narrative relateing to the Pyrata.

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FORT S^t. GEORGE 26th JULY 1703.

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^r.

DEPUTY GOVERN^r. &c^s. COUNCILL ATT FORT S^t. DAVID.

S^r.

Yours of the 8th. Ins^t. wee rec^d. the 14th. and that of the 20th. the 24th. They have not as yett adjusted that busieness of Somiahs amongst them w^{ch}. when done shall advise you thereof till when lett the mony remain as itt is.

M^r. Bawgus is not in the Compa^s. Service but suspended long since upon Acc^t. of his Debt with the Company *ab officio ett beneficio* and when he has paid that tis our order that he be discharg^d.

As Paddy grows Cheap rents will most certainly fall, and therefore we cant but approve the letting out of your bounds, but how you will come to know whether Trimmelau looses upon his tenth part theres the difficully.

Wee sent home on the last Ship your monthly Acc^t. of your Beetle and Tobacco and Ganjee therefore pray in your next send us an Acc^t. of the yearly am^t. of y^r. same, and wee are intirely of opinion that tis the Companys Interest to farm out such revenues, but you must see such Farmers doe not oppress the inhabitants, and make such orders therein as to prevent the same, therefore if you can lett that revenue for more than itt made their's no reason you should continue itt in your hands.

Wee observe what you write about Mollem, that he Acts as if he intended to leave our Town of Caddalore, the Companys debt must be demanded of him, but with that tenderness due to one who has been so Serviceable to the Company on severall occassions.

Our Cash att present is very low therefore desire you to desist drawing bills on us on Acc^t. of your Merch^{ts}. wee daily Expect^s. our Europe Shipping, who if not arrives speedily shall by some means or other make a provission to Supply you.

You have not Exceeded our orders nor expectation in your present to Dowd Cawn being well assur'd the Dutch and French gave more.

Wee observe what you about the demands of M^r. Cracow the Dutch resident in behalf of one of their Merch^{ts}. who by no means we must suffer to gett any footing in the Town of Cuddalore, the Conquest of the Morattoes extinguishes all manner of right, and more especially that of Woddana Chittees, who deserted his habitation upon Acc^t. of the forementioned Conquest besides the inquiry of M^r. Hatsell, (is very remarkable) what houses and possession belong'd to the Duan, because those particular devolv'd upon the English, of w^{ch}. a List was given in, and that included, therefore if M^r. Cracow presses this matter farther, you tell him he has neither reason, Justice nor y^r. Law of nations, or Armes to

Justifie his demands, besides itt must be observ'd that Widdana Chitte did not purchase this ground but was given him, by him, that was then in possession, w^{ch} the Successors may Choose whether he will ratifie

Inclod is Cobby Paragraph of our Consultation on the 15th Instant relating to y^e keeping of Books from the 22^d July 1703 w^{ch} our Accomptant does now observe and wee order you to doe the same We are

S^{rs}

Your Affectionate Freinds
and Humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
FRANCIS ELLIS
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

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FORT ST GEORGE 26TH JULY 1703

To M^r STEPHEN FREWEN
CHIEF & C^a COUNCILL ATT METCH^m

S^{rs}

Our last to you was dated the 5th Instant, since w^{ch} wee have rec^d yours of the 3^d D^e

In Letters you formerly wrote us you advis'd that your Merch^{ts} had brought in the full quantity of Chay goods agreed for in their Contracts w^{ch} are those we Wrote about and no other therefore examin your Contracts, and if you find any wanting oblige them to bring them in

Wee paid your Bill for one hundred and Ninety Pagodas, unless the Merch^{ts} make a Considerable Abatem^t we cant think of an Investment

Wee'l send a Bond hence to y^e Porteguez for the 750 Pagodas he has paid in

Your Affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT
FRANCIS ELLIS
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 46

To WILLIAM TILLARD Esq^r
PRESID^t FOR AFFAIRS OF THE NEW EAST INDIA COMPANY
& C^a COUNCILL ATT METOHLAP^m

S^{rs}.

Wee receiv'd a Letter from your Presid^t the 13 Instant dated the 4th, and with itt a Cobby of a Letter from the Hon^{ble} Managers for the united trade dated the 24th Septemb^r 1702, which we shall strictly observe and act accordingly, and on the 11th Instant we rec^d the same Cobby from S^r John Gayer & c att Surratt, w^{ch} wee were sending to you, but prevented by yours before mentioned, the receipt of w^{ch} wee had sooner Acknowledg'd but defer'd itt upon our expectation of the arrivall of our Europe Shipping

There is arriv'd 5 or 10 Leagues to the N^oward of Pollicatt a Danes Ship, who left Denmark in October, and Confirms to us the Victory att Vigo, was att the Cape the latter end of Aprill where he mett with a Ship belonging to y^e. Seperate Stock bound to the Coast of Java, who told him that he came out wth. a great Fleet of Merch^t. men bound to all parts, wee have not to add but are

S^r.

Your Most Humble Servants,

FORT S^t. GEORGE,
26th JULY 1703.

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

No. 47.

FORT S^t. GEORGE 28th. JULY 1703.

To M^r. SIMON HOLCOMB
CHIEF &c^t. COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAP^m.

Our last to you was dated the 5th. ins^t. Cobby whereof comes inclos'd since wth. wee have rec^d. none from you, so that wee nothing more to add, then wee desire you to send by the first oppertunity to Bengall, Cap^t. Adams Bill of loading indorsd, for sundrys you rec^d. from hence by the Mary Bowyer, the Presid^t. and Councill there in their Generall to us desireing the same, then to forward the inclosed paper wth. do you observe being an order of the Councill here, that all Accomptants under this Presidency do follow the instructions therein mentioned, for the better methodizeing y^e. Acc^t. from the 22^d. July 1703, as orderd by the Company and the 24 Mannagers for the united Trade. Wee are

Your Affectionate Freinds

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

No. 48.

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^r.
DEPUTY GOV^r. OF FORT S^t. DAVID &c^t. COUNCILL.

S^r.

Wee have none of yours unanswer'd so that this to advise that the Colchester arriv'd here from Persia y^e. 17th. Instant which enables us to pay your Merchants part of what remains due to them for wth. Acc^t. you may draw on us a Bill for Six thousand Pagodas, what news they bring from Persia comes here inclos'd.

You are very remiss in sending us your Consultations, and Diary Acc^t. Cash and expence of Dyett monthly, wth. is the Companys possitive orders, wee desire for the future may be duely compli'd with all, and what in arrears to be forthwith sent, and in your next let us have an Acc^t. how many Bales, all the goods in your hands of ours, and your Merch^t. will Am^t. to, and what abatement

your Merchts will make on a new Investment, for that Cotton in your parts is very Cheap so that unless wee can send y^e Company goods much Cheaper then what sent last year the best service we can do them is to sett still

Wee hear the Howland was att your Port w^{ch} wee much wonder att, considering she went late hence, we desire you to write us wth busieness she had there and whether she landed or shipt off any goods with the particulars thereof. Wee are

FORT S^T GEORGE,
20TH AUGUST 1703

S^{rs}
Your Affectionate Freinds &
Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

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

No 49

FORT S^T GEORGE 20 AUG^R 1703

To M^r SIMON HOLCOMB
CHIEF & C^A COUNCILL OF VIZAGAPATAM

S^{rs}

Yours of the 12th past wee receiv'd not till the 18th Instant occasiond as they advise from Metchlap^m by the troubles between that place and yours

You may send the Buff Coat to Metchlapatam or returne itt hither as you please

Wee observe what you Write of Rustumdell and how you intend to deal with him if he comes to your place, w^{ch} we doubt not but will be to our satisfaction

The Books wee wrote you for we have rec^d with your warehousekeepers Acc^t and hope in a little time shall hear, that the Goods you have provided in the Aska Country are arriv'd with you

Wee have no Shipping yett arriv'd tho' by way of Batavia, wee here that the Tavestock, Dutchess, and Sommers are design'd for the Coast and Bay

Your bills for three thousand five hundred rupees, and 888 ^a/₄, and 500 Pag^s shall be paid, but for the future you must advise what rupees are paid into the Companys Cash, what weight & wth matt, that so they may be repaid here in rupees sutable thereunto or a computation made in P^{ag}^s and what difference there is between our Madrass Rupees, and the rupees of your country att your place

The President tells us he has mony due this month in your parts w^{ch} he will order to be paid into the Companys Cash w^{ch} you are to receive and give bills on us for the same which wee order to be appropriated to the increasing of your Investment according to our former orders and remember alsoe you paid up a proportion of Long Cloth and Sallampores brown Wee are

S^{rs}

Your Affectionate Freinds

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

No. 50.

FORT S^t. GEORGE 25 AUG^r. 1703.

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

PRESID^t. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^y. HON^{ble}. ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPANY AND GOV^r. OF FORT WILLIAM & C^t. COUNCIL.

HON^{ble}. S^r. & C^t.

Our last to you was dated y^e. 12th. of past month cobby of w^{ch}. comes inclosd, since w^{ch}. on the 17th. Instant here arriv'd y^e. Colchester from Persia on whom comes severall Armenians, who complain of Injustice done by Cap^t. Rouse w^{ch}. we are about adjusting with them, and shall acquaint you in the Sequall of this Letter, what conclusion wee make.

M^r. Bruce has most unaccountable kept all the Effects of Cap^t. Rouse, which must tend to y^e. ruin of y^e. Widdow, more especially if he has taken up all or most part of itt att Bottomrie.

Here was a rumour that the Ship was leaky w^{ch}. occasioned the orderring a Surveigh upon her, the report of which is here inclos'd, yett after all wee can't but think she requires cleaning and good Caulking and that leak stopt in her Stern, before she be laden Home.

The Companys orders hither are possitively to send them yearly a September Ship w^{ch}. was an advantage to them in Selling the Cargoe the begining of the Summer, ships going out then to all parts whatever, but itt being now a Warr and all their ships orderd to stay att S^t. Helena for Convoy, they cant reap that advantage, but then cutts off about four months demorage, the owners in Charterparty being obliged to Stay where they shall order to join others of their ships, or wait for Convoy att y^e. own Charge, itt being for the mutuall preservation of ship and Cargoe, but we fear this ship late returne from Persia, will hardly give you an oppertunity to load her for this place before the munsoon, which if you can do we shall be ready to give her a quick dispatch on her arrivall here, and itt would be a great direction to us to know the certainty which we hope to hear by your next letters overland, for if your Petre be not come down, we cant expect her, so that if the Gloster arrives from the west Coast with Pepper, we will return her thither again with 1000 or 1200 Baggs of this Petre by us, some redwood and four or five hundred Bales which wee cant doe if wee are to dispatch the Colchester.

Wee have inclosd a List of stores we desire you to send for this Garrison and that you will oblige those that have the Charge to provide them to send us the best of their sorts, and wish you could rather increase then diminish the quantity of Salt Petre, not only that it is Warr time, but the Company have now orderd that we should supply the West Coast with Salt petre for Kentlage for their shipping.

We wrote to Persia about M^r. Harbins mony wee attacht in Presid^t. Beards hands, y^e. Answer thereto comes inclosd to w^{ch}. we referr you.

Here being none as yett of our Ships arrivd from Europe and beleive if they come late near this Coast, they will goe directly to your Port, where arriving late may not find you in a Condition to returne them laden in January, which may put you upon Freightting one of them for Persia if so we desire you to reserve a priviledge of bringing six Horses for the Company and stores for this Garrison as y^e List inclos'd.

Wee have by us att this time here and att Fort S^t. David, near about fifteen hundred Bales, but no stock for a new Investment, tho design if meet with encouragement either here or att Fort S^t. David by goods being Cheaper then formerly shall goe about procureing Seven or eight hundred Bales more for that the Colchester must be dispatch't as allso the Chambers Friggatt if she arrives in Jan^y.

Since writing the foregoing we have with much difficulty satisfied the demands of the Armenians, Cobby of which comes inclos'd, and have agreed thus that Cap^t. Ro[use and t]hose that had goods on board are to pay freight for 20 Tonn att 84 rupees p Tonn, wth the Cap^t and M^r Walker are to adjust in their Passage down, and what is Cap^t Rouse proportion wee desire you to pay and by first oppertunity write to Gombroon that they make good the same Amount out of his Effects, and pay itt into the Companys Cash, and wee will allsoe write thither by the first oppertunity by way of Surratt, and altho the Voyage is att an end according to y^e strictness of the Contract, wee have permitted them to Carry wh^t Persia Goods remains on board, with what measure brought thence and their Persons freight free to your port, in Consideration the Ship did not proceed to Busserah and that they have paid Considerable custom here, besides to Sweeten them up a little who we find have been Sowerd in the Voyage

Wee have putt on board redwood according to Charterparty, and have sent you two hundred Candy more, and six hundred Black stone as p Invoice and bill of loading inclosd, likewise the Ships Charterparty wth wee desire you will returne with her

And if the Colchester should not return for a Sept^r Ship we doubt not but you will send the Expedition Sloop to us as formerly desired

Cap^t Reid took up in Persia Six Thousand Shahee Am^{ts} to Dollars 363 $\frac{5}{8}$ for which we have taken his receipt and he is to be Answerable for the same to y^e Company after the rate of what she took up according to Charterparty Wee are

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a Your Affectionate
Freinds & Humble Serv^{ts}[s]

THOMAS PITT
FRANCIS ELLIS
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
JN^o MELVERELL

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO BENGALL p SHIP COLCHESTER

- No 1 Fort S^t George Gen^l Letter to Bengall dated 25 August 1703
- 2 Cobby dittos Gen^l to Bengall dated 12th July 1703
- 3 Invoice of Ship Colchester
- 4 Bill of loading o^f Ditto
- 5 Ship Colchester Charterparty to be return'd wth the Ship
- 6 Cobby of Cap^t Reids dispatch to Bengall
- 7 Cobby of the report of the surveigh of ship Colchester
- 8 Cobby of a Paragraph of Gombroon Generall to Fort S^t George about M^r Harbins mony
- 9 List of stores wanting in this Garrison from Bengall
- 10 List of stores &c^a wanting in this Garrison from Persia
- 11 Cobby of the Freighters of ship Colchester petition and chaige against the Commander of said Ship

No 51

To CAP^t ALEXANDER REID
COMMANDEE OF SHIP COLCHESTER

Upon receipt of this you are to repair on board your ship wind and weathe[r] permitt^s to weigh you^r Anchor and shape your course for the speedy attaining the road of Ballasore when on your arrivall by the first oppertunity you are to send our Pacquett to Fort Wilham directed to the Honble Presid^t Beard and Councill who[s^e] orders you are to follow for your future disposall and in regard wee have a Warr you are to keep your ship in a posture

of defence, and avoid what possible you can speaking with any ship att sea and be sure not only keep good looking out in your passage down, but likewise when you draw nigh the road for fear of french ships lying there which if you should discover, we doubt not you'll doe [your best] part to preserve your Ship, by returning hither or some other means

Here was a rumour as if your Ship was defective but upon the surveigh here ordered, itt is otherways reported but Generally beleiv'd she extreamly wants Caulking, within and wth out board, w^{ch} you must be sure to do before you take in any of the Companys Goods, and likewise stop your leak in your Stern, we enjoyn you to be Civill to your passengers of all sorts more especially Mr. Walker the Companys Factor who you are to treat Accordingly, we wish you a good Voyage and safe arrivall att your Port Dated in Fort S^t George 26 August 1703

FORT S^t. GEORGE 25th AUGUST 1703

THOMAS PITT
FRANCIS ELLIS
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEYERFLL

LIST OF STORES WANTING FROM BENGALL VIZT

Gunnys for wrappers Two thousand p ^s .	2000
Wax Cloth four hundred p ^s . . .	400
Gunnys Ten thousand peices . . .	10000
Ropes Ten Candy . . .	10 Candy
Twine six Candy . . .	6 D ^o .
Wax Ten Candy . . .	10 D ^o
Salt Petre four thous ^d Bags . . .	4000 Bags
Oyl fifty Jarrs . . .	50 Jarrs
Rice very good five hundred bags . . .	500 bags
Wheat Rundypore new & good four hundred . . .	400 D ^o
Fine twine one Candy . . .	1 Candy
Butter 20 Jarrs . . .	20 Jarrs

LIST OF WHAT WANTING FROM PERSIA.

Shyrash Wine one hundred Chests . . .	100 Chests
Rosewater twenty Chests . . .	20 D ^o
Vineagar four Chests . . .	4 D ^o .
Almonds, Pistahes, Kissmases and Raisons one hundred & fifty Mds Taberre	150 Maunds.
Carpets Carminia large about 24 or 25 foot Long breadths proportionable one p ^r	
Horses six young, sound and beautifull with such marks upon them as makes them esteem'd by the Persians	
Some Garden Seeds the newest that can be gott putt up in bottles well stop't	

No 52

FORT ST GEORGE 30TH AUGUST 1703

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^R
DEPUTY GOVERN^R & COUNCILL OF FORT ST DAVID

S^{rs}

Our last to you was the 20th of this month since w^{ch} we have rec^d yours of the 18th

Somahs Partner is not here present att the Writeing of this Letter, so att this time can give you no farther direction therein

When M^r Bawgus has adjusted his Acc^{ts} and paid the ballance he is to be then att his leberty to reside att that place or here but as to the Companys Service, he was discharg'd long since and Considering what is past twould be no small dishonour to readmitt him w^{ch} we shall not doe

Wee rec^d your last yeais Acc^{ts} of the tobacco Beteele and Ganjee att Cuddalore and Tavenapatam, about which wee wrote you fully in our letter of the 20th past month

Wee approve your [leasing the] arrack Farms

Wee in some measure answerd the Complaints of your Merchants in our last when gave you leave to draw on us to the Am^t of six thousand Pagodas

Herewith comes an Answer to M^r Haynes querys Wee rec^d the fou'le Consultation Books, w^{ch} shall be compared with the fair one and when signed by M^r Fraser returned you

In our last we wrote you to try what abatement, your Merchants will make upon an Investment, and since we hear cloth is so Cheap in your parts that they are buying Cotton to bring hither and good long cloth to be bought for twenty four Pagodas & Corge, we allsoe wrote you about your ommission in remitting your monthly Acc^{ts} and this is to add the Companys orders thereupon which is whoever in their Service in any place of trust shall monthly pass their Acc^{ts} in Consultation of the proceeding month, and whoever omitts doing the same for the first offence he is to forfeit a quarter Sallary for y^e second, half a yeais, and for the third to be suspended of the Companys Service, and these are their orders which we desire you to put in Execution for the future, the same allsoe relates to the Gen^l Books whose Journall & Cells are to be read monthly in Consultation

Wee hear nothing of Dowd Cawns comeing to Conimeer, nor of Sileman Cawn haveing an Employ in y^e Country.

Since writeing the foregoing wee have entertan'd M^r Charles Attkins in the Room of Doctor Royer deceas'd and now dispatch him to you with such Medicines as he could conveniently carry with him, hoping you [will use] his abilitys and behaviour such as to deserve continuance of him in that Employ Wee are

S^{rs}Your Affectionate Freinds & Hum^{ble} ServantsTHOM^S PITT[*Lacuna*]THOM^S WRIGHT

MATT EMPSON

THOM^S MARSHALL

JOHN MEVEBELL

No. 53.

FORT S^t. GEORGE 10th. SEPTEMBER 1703.

To GABRIEL ROBERTS Esq^r.

DEP^{ty}. GOV^r. & C^o. COUNCILL OF FORT S^t. DAVID.

S^r.

Yours of the second Instant wee rec^d. the 4th. your Bill for six thousand Pagodas is not yett presented us, but when itt is shall be duely comply'd with.

You say you shall speedily gett made up eighty or Ninety Bales which will compleat your Contract, which by the Acc^t. you long since sent us, we thought itt had then been done, In your next lett us know the Exact Number of Bales by you supposeing you had some before.

Wee long to hear the event of wh^{ch}. we wrote you about a new Investment, for wee must provide for the loading of the Chambers Friggatt.

The Howlands pretence for calling att your port was very frivolous, for we believe not a man knew any thing of itt here.

There must of necessity be conveniences [ma]de for the silk w[orms which] can itt be expected they will answer the end.

Upon a Boat this day wee send you a Chest of Physick and factors provisions as ¶ Invoice and Tandells receipt inclos'd. Wee are

S^r.

Your Affectionate Freinds & Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS PITT.

[*Lacuna*].

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATTHEW EMPSON.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEYERELL.

No. 54.

FORT S^t. GEORGE 14th. SEPT^r. 1703.

To GABRIEL ROBERTS Esq^r.

DEP^{ty}. GOV^r. & C^o. COUNCILL OF FORT S^t. DAVID.

S^r.

Our last to you was by Boat dated the 10 Instant copy of which comes inclos'd, on w^{ch}. Boat wee sent you a Chest of Physick and Factor provisions w^{ch}. wee hope are or soon will arrive w^{ch}. you since which your bill for six thousand Pag^s. was presented and paid att sight.

Yours of the 10th. we rec^d. the 13th. and observe what progress you have made wth. your Merch^{ts}. relating to a new Investment, but hope you will be able to bring them to a better abatement, then fifteen ¶ C^t. att least, in regard that Cotton is Cheap, and no Europeans but ourselves make but little if any Investment, the Amount we would have you Contract for is fifty thous^d. Pagodas and the sorts of goods to bear in proportion to your last Investment, and if any sort be increase'd lett [itt be Chay] Longcloth and Sa[llam]pores wee hope this may be compleated by y^e. 10th. of January and in fifteen days after you have agreed with them, wee will pay them Ten thousand Pag^s. and on the first of December ten thousand more and by the last of Feb^r. the remainder, and sooner if the Chambers Friggatt arrives, for whom their goods are prepared.

Wee expect the six thousand Pagodas last paid will near compleat the Ballance with your Merch^{ts}. which co^d. not be sooner done for that in a late Letter from you, you advise you were then Embaling goods that wo^d. Compleat

your Contract so that lett your Accomptant state the Account with your Merch^{ts} and send itt us by your next and we will forthwith take care to clear y^e Ball^o

The mony for these Contracts must be taken up att Interest w^{ch} we hope will be done att eight p C^t and if you can procure the first ten thousand Pagodas att your place att those terms you may take itt up att three months certain

Wee desire you to procure the Cobby of that order of the Presidents, that sent Mollem to Dowd Cawn and send itt us in your next

Wee have perus'd your paper Cont^s the many charges on the trade of your place Am^{ts} to considerable, which att your first settling, wee beleive most part if not all might have been laid aside but since custome haveing revetted their pretentions, we must well consider before we give any directions therein for fear y^e Consequences prove worse then the present evill you are upon the spott, who we would advise you to Consult some of your uninterest, and Antient Inhabitants, and write us their opinions there on

Wee shall [peruse the diaries] & Consultations Cash &c^a and Speedily give our opinions thereon, but att first sight your cash seems to be filled with many Charges that properly belongs to the Paymasters Acc^{ts}

Wee would have you haisten what you can to conclude the Contract

M^r Bullteel wrote the Presid^t a Letter which was imparted to us wherein he desires to be discharg'd the Companys Service intending to goe a Voyage w^{ch} he hopes may contribute to his health which wee agree to

M^r Farmers Acc^t of Tobacco & Betteele and Ganjee for the month of July did not come in the Pacquett as mention'd We are

S^{rs}

Your Affectionate Freinds & Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

THOM^s PITT

[*Lacuna*]

THOM^s WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

THOM^s MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL

No 55

FORT ST GEORGE 16TH SEPT^R 1703

TO THE HON^{BLE} JOHN BEARD ESQ^a

PRESID^T FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T HO^{NBLE} ENGLISH EAST INDIA

COMPANY IN BENGALL AND GOV^R OF FORT WILLIAM & C^A COUNCILL

HON^{BLE} S^R & C^A

Our last to you was 26th past p Ship Colchester, cobby of which comes inclos'd, who we hope arrivd safe with you but considering how she must be Caulkt and cleand, before she will be in a Condition to take in the Companys Goods wee beleive you will be hardly able [to haste]n her to us till aft[er the Munsoon] and if so wee desire you to give the Cap^t orders to call att Vizagap^m and Metchlapatam to take in what goods of the Companys ready, which wee beleive will not exceed above one hundred and fifty Bales

Paddy has risen here within these ten days upwards of twenty five p C^t and if we have not rain itt will again be very deari, so desire you will send us, what rice you can on the Comp^{ys} Ships bound to this Port but lett itt be very good

By last letters from the West Coast wee expected by this time the Gloucester would have bun here whose Cap^t Perhaps may chance to loose his way, and arrive att your port instead of this, when we desire you will open the Pacquett and send us Coppies thereof by the first Pattamars, reserveing the Originalls to come by the first ship, and if she comes loaden with Pepper wee desire you will unload itt and send us what you can spare thereof by the Colchester, beleiveing itt more the Companys Interest to send all y^e Pepper to England, than sell any

of itt in the Country, and if the Dep^y Gov^r and Council of Bencoolen should desire the return of the ship, advising they are makeing preparation for her Cargoe so as to dispatch her thence in Season, then we request that you'l lade on her Kentlage of salt Petre and red wood, and something more of each if you can spare itt, to lye ready there for other ships and return her to them so soon as possible to which if itt should happen they give no encouragement in their Letters, then as fearing we shall have no Shipping this year, you may load her home with what goods you have by you and fill her up with pepper requesting as before you'l send us the remain[der later] if you dispatch her so early as she can call here she may chance to join the Colchester and Chambers Friggatt

Brimstone is here att present about thereteen Pag^a a Candy which by reason of a great quantity we know is gone to your Port wee beleive itt will be much cheaper if so we desire you will buy for the Companys Acc^t one hundred maund Bengall and send itt us by the first oppertunity

By mistake the Cap^t of the Colchester carry'd hence thirteen Chests of Rosewater, consigd to this place belonging to the R^t Hon^{ble}. Comp^a w^{ch} we desire you to returne with the ship unless you have occassion for some part of them

You would doe us a kindness if you could send us such a quantity of Oyl and white lead as you did last year but the Oyl happened to be putt into a Butter Jarr which did itt a prejudice so desire you will order care to be taken of this to prevent the like Wee are

27 SEPTEMBER

Hon^{ble} S^r
Your Affectionate Friends & Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}

P S

Yours of the 21st past month we rec^d ♡ the Abednego Ketch who arriv'd here yesterday to w^{ch} we shall give answer by Cossed^s, who we design to dispatch hence to you in Few days

Idem

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

LIST OF THE PACQUET VIZ^t

- N^o 1 Fort S^t George Gen^l to Bengall dated 16th. and 27 Sept^r. 1703.
- 2 Ccopy of D^o dated 25th August 1703
- 3 List of stores wanting in this Garrison from Bengall.
- 4 List of D^o wanted from Persia.

No 56

FORT S^t. GEORGE 21ST SEPT^R. 1703

To GABRIEL [ROBERTS] ESQ^r

DEP^y Gov^r OF FORT S^t DAVID & C^a COUNCILL

The Presid^t produced to us the Ccopy of a letter in Dutch from the Gen^l and Council of Batavia, in answer to a Gen^l Letter we wrote them concerning affurs of our R^t Hon^{ble} Company, and read to us what your Dep^y Govern^r wrote him concerning the same which was not a little surpriseng in sev^l respects, and we cannot but resent his opening of itt, for alltho' his name was upon y^r superscription yett he could not but know twas not for him, there being added to itt Gov^r and Council of Fort S^t George and then afterwards his sending us a ccopy of itt here instead of the originall, to answer itt, is very Extraordinary, and not such treatment as wee expected from any of our Companys settlem^{ts} much less from a Subordination, so to make no more reflection on this matter att

present, we enjoyn you on receipt of this to send us the Letter and cover to itt, as itt came to the Dep^{ty} Governour, with that, that came allsoe from Negapatam, who could not but know who was Gov^r of Fort S^t George, and when we returne our answer, wee shall take notice to them of their Error, both att Negapatam and Batavia

Wee are impatient to hear what you have done about the Contract with your Merch^{ts} if your Sec^{ry} can write Dutch so very well surely he can translate itt which we order him to do and send it with the originall

The Presid^t shew'd a letter from M^r Samuell Nelthorpe wherein he writes that he has not enjoy'd his health since he came to the country in des[iring leave] to returne to England by the first ship which is granted him, as allsoe y^t you permitt to come hither by the first oppertunity Wee are

Your Affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL-
JOHN MEVERELL

No 57

FORT S^T GEORGE 23RD SEPT^R 1703

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICH^D WATIS ESQ^R
DEP^{TY} GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCILL OF YORK FORT
S^{RS}

1 Our last to you was by Ship Hampshire and few days after by Ketch S^t. George both which being arrivd with you we send no copy thereof, and since that time we have had no oppertunity of writing to you

2 On y^e 8th of Sept^r 1702 we are advis'd from Bengall that the John and Mary was arriv'd there Laden with round Pepper but whether Loaden in part or wholly was uncertain to us till we rec^d yours of the 6th July by Ship Phoenix y^e 15th Jan^{ry} last with the Accompanying Papers according to List

3 Wee observe your haveing made Copper cash curr^t to the N^o ward with which we could have supplyd you att this time but for the uncertainty of this Vessell calling there or att your Port

4 Wee very well approve of your ladeing the John Mary with Pepper, and dispatching her for this Port, but the Cap^t was pleasd [to] mistake his Way and goe for Bengall, att the very time the Hampshire came thence hither [and] he immediately run up the river of his own head & risgoe and unloaded his Pepper and was dispatch't thence for England of which we have complaind to the Company not only again[st] the Commander (who wrote us not one line) but allsoe against the Presid^t and Councill for meddling with a ship they had nothing [to] doe with, besides rather then we should have any of the Pepper they sold itt so that we had not one come to lade on the Phoenix

5 Wee hope by the good use you'l make of itt the Company will find itt to their advantage, their reduceing the Penny in the Pound on Pepper to a half penny, by the encouragem^t given to the Planting of itt, and Vessells trading to your port for that Commodity which must increase their revenues

6 Wee know the Company is averst giving their Serv^{ts} dyett mony where there is conveniencys to keep a Generall Table which you are enjoy'd to mannage Fruggally and send your monthly Acc^{ts} hither of the Expencc thereof

7 What enter'd in your Diarys of the 6th of June 1702 relateing to what you did then att a Bitchar in obtaining the consent of the Rajahs to make fanams Curr^t and their large promises of encreaseing their Pepper Plantations which will

be both acceptable services to the Company and for fanams wee will send you a plentiful supply as soon as we receive silver from England, and you must be sure to severely punish those you find counterfitting the same

8. Wee have perus'd your Letter from Bantall dated 1st of July, which seems to prognosticate troubles in those parts, which we hope you timely prevented, hearing nothing thereof since that time and hope you have had to make good success agst Rajah] Quassa Dagon's att Coras

9 Wee observe the frequent differences that happen between the Sultans Rajahs, &c, which your prudence must reconcile or widen as itt tends to our masters interest and Security of their Affairs, but, remember lett itt be your greatest care to keep matters in a Ballance between them, so that upon any suddain revolution, you may make advantages thereof

10 We want to hear of your finishing the Pagar att Sillabar and to know whether itt answers y^e end expected

11 Wee are glad to hear your men keep so well in health and hope the good provision you have made for their Lodging &c will much contribute the continuance of itt

12 Wee approve your entertaining Mr John Manning a Factor and Thomas Upton a Writer and wish wee may see the good fruits thereof, for to us itt seems very surprisening that since the arrivall of the Deputy Governour and Mr Shaw there, we not had as much as one pair of books, notwithstanding the good assistance we have sent you hence, and to be plain with you without terming itt majesteriall, we are inform'd that when the Union came away there was not one line begun in the Generall Books to w^{ch}. we expect as punctuall an Answer as you were upon your oaths

13 The encomium you give of Priaman is enducement enough to erect a settlement, but that can't be done without the Companys possitive orders, besides before any such thing be attempted we must be well informed of the Dutch pretention thereto.

14 Wee shall by all oppertunitys send you what slaves procureable which you must train up to such Trades you want them for, for tis impossible to perswade those handicrafts you desire to goe from hence

15 Wee beleive the Company [d]o's hardly allow the Commander and officers their Charterparty Tonnage from Port to Port in India who we doubt not but will dispute that Pepper them to Ship off

16 Wee wish the Company may see their prime cost for that Benjamin you bought of Capⁿ Renox, w^{ch} should be a good Bargain by your allowing 15^p C^t Interest, wee paid Cap^t Phrip on that Acc^t as follows

6 th Feb ^r	170 ¹ / ₂ Dollars	1776	3	01
16 Ditto	170 ² / ₃ Dollars	1011	3	01

both which sums being the am^t. you mention of 2788 3 but we left the interest to be adjusted with him by your Selves, conceiving we cannot answer to the Company paying such extravagant Interest and order you never to doe the like for the future

17 Wee observe what you write of Mr John Davis your Surgeon, who came thither with the expedition Sloop on 21st of December, having call'd att Atcheen where he sold Pepper am^t to Pag^e 258 34 3 which is paid into the Companys Cash here, and since has deliver'd us a Petition cobby of which comes inclos'd, setting forth the reasons, for his being forced to take such a dangerous course to procure his Liberty, and you yourselves say he was discharg'd the service, if so why did you not permitt him to come away as he desired, which you not only refused him, but forbid all people to Dyett him, this and a great deal more is not only said by him, but confirm'd to us by all people that come from your parts, oppression and tyranny Generally makes men desperate and the ill Consequences of itt are to be imputed to those who give occasion for the same, which if Common [fa]me is to be credited, [is never] practiced in your Government

18 Wee paid your Bills amounting to Dollars 1669 as advised in yours of y^e 6th July 1702 and shall creditt your place for what you paid Cap^t Kenton his Charterparty Account

19 Yours Dated 13th January 170 $\frac{2}{3}$ ^{pp} Sloop Sumatra wee rec^d the 9th of May last, with all pap^{rs} according to List

20 Wee shall as before mention'd send you the rupees and fanams desired as soon as the Company Supplys us with Silver, and Pillar Doll^{rs} if Mexico are not procureable

21 Wee have perus'd Cap^t Phrips Papers in relation to Treebanng which we will remitt to the Company who can only give answer to itt for we shall not encrease their Settlements without their possitive order

22 Wee were glad to hear you gave so seasonable a dispatch to the Hampshire and that she went a full ship, w^{ch} God send to arrive in safty.

23 Wee dont well understand your removeing Cap^t John Vernon who haveng been brought up to writeing busieness might have assisted att his leisure time in the Books, but we beleive his removeing was more to gratifie some private end then promote the Comp^{ys} Interest, besides where you have so few private Sentinells you Should have fewer officers and we should think a Leivtenant with a serjeant or two wo^d be sufficient without being att y^e Charge of an Ensign Your Answer about the age of Pepper is Satisfactory to us, and suppose twill be to y^e Company who orderd the same

24 Wee agree that M^r Thom^s Graves have the same encouragement, as accustomary to writers who goe from this Place

25 A Rich Soyl must of course produce good grass and some of that must run to Seed, but if itt [is] as you say not procu[rea]ble wee must get itt some where else, as allsoe the Java Horses which we are told are to be bought Cheap att Bantall and those parts

26 Wee are still of the same opinion that two or three monopolize the Trade of your place, w^{ch} is by all oppertunitys confirm'd to us

27 Notwithstanding theris no likelyhood of Warr with Portugall with the think fifty Buggesses will be of service here and Fort S^t David, but of this wee will consider and write you our further resolution thereon hereafter

28 Wee take notice of what you write for your Vindication in drawing of Bills, which wee think does not carry that weight with itt as you seem to lay on itt, The Company is desirous the Trade of the place should be encourag'd but not by the Dep^{ty} Gov^r and Council of Bencoolen to take to themselves what they please out of their Cash att Fort S^t George and we are sure their intention is, that you should draw no more bills on this place then what is absolutely necessary for the carrying on their affairs for suppose you meet with any Dutch Bargains or others to the amount of twenty or thirty thousand Dollars and they want bills hither to be paid for the same which you draw, and when they come hither wee are out of Cash, must the Company take up that mony att interest to carry on other peoples Trade, we think not, and therefore for the tuture enjoin to draw no bills on us but what are absolutely necessary as before directed, and before such bills are given lett the mony be Actually paid into the Companys Cash

29 Tis very Strange you should receive for goods sold only fanams and Copper Cash, and that the Country people should not in all this time be brought to Barter [their Pep]per for such goods as are vendible in the country and they want, thô you are please to observe that the Company has not hitherto prohibited the drawing of Bills yett wee must tell you that they very much admire to see such Legeons come from you yearly for some time past, considering the great supply you have had from them

30 Wee observe yo[ur Bu]tchar with the many duppatys and Proateens about the promoteing the Pepper Plantations concerning which wee see you have wrote fully to the Company as allsoe about the White Pepper.

31 Wee wish carcop may answer your Expectation as to the produce of Pepper

32. Wee beleive the Mallays a lazy people and will not trouble themselves further then just to provide themselves from hand to mouth, we should be glad to hear that our own people are not infected by them who we think in such a Country should easily be able to raise sufficient for their own Subsistence, and not labour under such difficultys for provision for their own Table which we find in your Paymasters Acc^{ts}. stands the Company in more then itt does in this place, were there's hardly a blade of grass to be seen.

33. Wee order that you remitt y^e. Effects of M^r. John Davis to us by bill the first oppertunity and his Acc^{ts}. with itt.

34. Wee have paid your severall Bills advised of yours of the 20th January 1703 amount^g. to Doll^{rs}. 8741 : 3 : 1.

35. Wee observe what Course you took in supplying the Bencoolen Merchant with Pepper who to this day we hear nothing off.

36. Padre Fre Antonio shall be sure to have our Countenance to encourage single and married people to transport themselves to your place on the terms desired and accordingly wee have wrote to y^e. President and Councill of Bengall and when he arrives shall [pay] his Bill.

37. Yours dated the 6th March last wee rec^d. ꝑ Ship Union who arriv'd here the 11th June laden wth. Pepper which was so very fou'l that when it was garbled, itt made but 300 Candy, which wee paid them for According to the Companys order, who Contrary to all advice saild hence the 10th. July for China notwithstanding the news we had Pyratts which a ship of this Port calld the Pembrook Friggatt brought from Mayotta, where they mett them as ꝑ M^r. Fenwick &c. Narrative inclos'd, for which reason wee laid by all our Ships of this Port bound through the Straits of Mallacca.

38. Your Bills advised of by the aforesaid Ship Am^{ts}. to Dollars 2654 : 1 are Accordingly paid.

39. Wee hear from all People that come from Bantall of the insolent behaviour of Scott and Kingsley towards their Cheif M^r. Eyton besides in all other respects they lived more like beasts then Christians so that upon receipt of this wee order them to be turn'd out of the Companys service and sent hither by the first shipping or if there be no inconveniences by itt, you make them serve as souldiers upon your place.

40. Wee have perus'd M^r. Eytons Letter to you of the 20th Feb^r. last, and your Generall Letter ꝑ M^r. Bugden when went to Bantall, and since you had such large experience of M^r. Eytons ability and fidelity in those parts, where he was allways so well receiv'd and esteemd by the Country people you should have continued him in his Employ and removed those who [disturbed] his quiett and y^e. Comp^{ys}. affairs, Tho' we hope M^r. Bugden will apply himself to the understanding the customs of the Country, and the humour of the people and whereby to prosecute the Company's Interest.

41. Yours of the 30th of March with all papers according to List wee receiv'd ꝑ Queen Ann Ketch the 30th of June who fell in with Vizagapatam and is there to this day.

42. Wee have perus'd your orders to Cap^t. Collier on the Sarum, which ship for want of pepper you have sent to Nayas in which we hope he'l meet good success and wish you had Employ'd M^r. Frith whose long experience in the Country might have much contributed thereto tho' Cap^t. Collier we take to be a very Sensible and industrious man who wee hope will give a good Acc^{ts}. on his returne on that affair.

43. Wee approve of your takeing in John Harris a Writer, but can't tell what you mean by takeing in Mr. Robert Coast to fill up your Vacancy in the Councill when you never had but Four and have now that number without him, besides his deportment here was such that we could not send him over to you in any Employ, nor can we think itt consists with y^e. Companys interest or Honour

to have such a person of Councill in any of y^r Settlements his crimes here was that he was very lavish of what he had gott in your parts, besides he liv'd so Sottish a life more like a Beast then a man, of this perhaps he may be reclaim'd, if so you may give him incouragement according to his meritt

44 By the ship or Vessell of the Companys wee shall supply you with gun Powder and what else we can spare you of the List you formerly sent thô we hope in a great measure your necessitys for the p sent have been Supply'd by the John and Mary and Glocester [. . . w^{ch}] wee rec^d and forwarded [the] other three as directed and doubt not but you will follow the Companys orders advert- ing to their affairs and particularly the mannagers orders relateing to your Acc^{ts} &c as therein Directed, w^{ch} have been sent to our Subordinations, who have Stated some querys thereon which have been answer'd as p Coppy thereof inclos'd and may some Direction to you in that matter

45 'Twas good news to hear that y^e Loyall Cook was well att the Cape thô very sad news y^t of the report of the Bedford which we give no great Credit to, hoping that she winter'd att S^t Lawrence, or gott about the Cape to S^b Helena, and there lye for the next Convoy

46 Wee did hope by this y^e Glocester would have bin here, who we would have returned to you with some Petre Bales and redwood, but wee beleive now wee may give over expecting her

47 Tis very strange y^e Company sent you no more Souldiers on this Ship, knowing they have so few here, by the first Ship or Vessell of the Companys wee shall send you what Porteguez are willing to come but shall not be able to spare any Europeans

48 Your Bills advised of in this Letter Amounting to Dollars 631 2 are paid

49 We rec^d severall Letters from Bantall which we have now answerd and here send you a Coppy thereof

50 Your being so unaccountable behind hand in your Acc^{ts} still sticks in our Stomacks, your excuse for which is Mr Shaws indisposition but then why does not the Dep^{ty} Gov^r take care of them or see that some other of the Council doe itt and if M^r Shaw be so sickly pray who Acts as Storekeeper for him which Employ we heever knew before belong'd to a second where there was others [in] Councill, [the Dep^{ty} Gov^r & others] of Counc ll here knows that the second of all Factorys keeps the Books, the third the warehousekeeper, the fourth Paymaster and the fifth and eldest Factor of Stores, and a carefull sober young man Steward, and wee would have y^e same practis'd by you and all their Acc^{ts} read in Consultation monthly, which wee find frequently omitted and some times four five and six months read together which for y^e future pray lett those faults be mended

51 M^r Marshall who was then Paymast^r and his assistant avers that more care could not be taken in putting up those Stores p Hampshire and beleives if there was any wanting, they were taken out aboard a Ship, or by some Servants in your Godowns, one of the two Slaves mention'd in the aforesaid Invoice was sent upon the S^t George Ketch and y^e other was return'd to the Choultry just upon going off and some time after was releas'd, and the Error in y^e Fort S^t David Goods was rectifi'd in our Generall Books

52 Finding in your Consultation Books sixty Dollars paid out of Cash, for false fanams calls to our memory a Souldier that was dedected here for makeing of false fanams who after being punish't for the same was sent to your place, his name Barnadus Farce, as we remember him an Italian, who is not unlikely to be the same person that makes those false fanams, so that on receipt of this, you will on the Acc^t we now give you of him mannage matters, so that if he be guilty to detect him therein

53 Since writeng the foregoing we have consider'd the uncertainty of this Warr ending dureing which time wee can expect our masters to send us out but

few Souldiers, so that if Buggesses are procureable and the Sarum be with you or any other ship to transport them hither wee would have you send us fifty besides their officers, who shall have the Command of them, and would have you agree with them to stay here five years certain, when if n[eeding to] returne itt shall be [at the] Companys charge Lett both the officers and souldiers be of the best sort, young brisk fellows, and us sightly men as you can procure amongst them, and not one old or Decriped, and send with them as full a relation as you can of their temper and Constitution of their Government amongst them so that here may be nothing done that may justly disgust them

54 This comes by the Adventure Briggantine Henry Wyatt Master, who has taken in part of her Cargoe att S^t Thoma and Pollicatt and wee not knowing what it is cannot distinguish itt from what he has taken in here, which paid the Companys Custom, so that if he lands any part thereof att Bencoolen or Bantall that matter must be decided by Oath or else he must pay the Companys Dutie^s, and accordingly we have wrote the Chief and Council att Bantall

30 SEPTEMBER

Since writeing the foregoing wee have reinstated M^r. Nathanⁿ Eyton in the Cheifship of Bantall as Ψ the inclos'd Duplicate of our letter to them this day

55 Wee are advis'd from Bengall of the arrivall of the Bencoolen there, who was in a very miserable condition so that the ship and Pepper were Sold there, Cap^t Dixon y^e Padre and Sevⁿ others Dyed in the passage Wee are

Your Affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSH^{ll}
JOHN MEVERELL

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO FORT S^t GEORGE

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 6 A relation of Ship Pembroke Fuggats being taken by y^e Pyrats *

No 59 *

To M^r. EDMUND BUCKEN

CHIEF & C COUNCIL ATT BANTALL

FORT S^t GEORGE 23^d SEP^r 1703

S^{rs}

Yours of 5th Aprill with Cobby of 25th Feb^r last wee rec^d Ψ Ship Union who arrivd here the 11th June but to this day we hear nothing of the Bencoolen Wee observe how troubles have threatned, and your deligence in diverting them, such small mortars as you write for we have none to Spare out of this Garrison, but we see the Deputy Governour & Co att Bencoolen have wrote for them to the Company by Ship Hampshire

Wee hope and desire you will persist in encourageing the Pepper Plantations, and discourage the Cotton trade since tis so prejudiciall to the planting of pepper

* Letter No. 57 appears after Letter No. 57 in the original volume.

Wee hope Cap^t Collier will succeed in this Voyage to Nayas, and thereby supply you with Slaves, which are not procureable on this Coast nor Bengall

Your Bills advised of in y^e foremention'd Letter Amounting to Dollars 3300, are paid Except that of Padre Fre Ant^o of 350

Wee have been advis'd from York Fort the Occassion of Mr Bugdens being sent to your place and cannot but resent the insolences of Kingsly and Scott to their Chief who wee possitively order you to send to Bencoolen or this place as an oppertunity for w^{ch} shall happen first

Wee are glad to hear the Country continues in peace about you but for making any new Settlement it is not to be done without the Companys Possitive order

Wee Expect you performe your promise in improveing your new Settlement and you see the Company is willing to be att Charge to make commodious Building for their People but you must take care not to be Extravagant therein

The Pepper you laded on the Union was Excessive foul in so much that they Lost Ten p^{c} here therefore pray take care what you lade for England or send hither be well garbled with such an Engine as they have at York Fort

Wee wish M^r Frith had been sent on the Sarum to Nayas, but for takeing him into the Service we must deferr the Consideration thereof till the arrivall of the Ships we daily Expect, we all look upon him to be well quallifi'd and have a regard for him

Wee have paid your Bill for Doll^{rs} 1660 s but order for y^e future you draw no Bills upon us but such as are absolutely necessary for Carrying on the Companys affairs and in your next lett us know what peices of s are paid into the Companys Cash or what other coin for Acc^t of these Bills drawn

Yours of 15 Aprill p^{c} Queen Ann Ketch we rec^d the 30th June from Vizagapatam where she fell in

Wee have perus'd the Letters and affidavids relateing to Kingsly and Scotts behaviour towards their Cheife [by which they] Appear to be [such] vile Persons, that wee chuse rather to confirm then alienate our orders for their being turn'd out of the Companys Service and sent to Bencoolen or hither, for itt Consists neither with the Companys Hon^r nor Interest to continue such misceants in their Employ

Your two Bills for 268 Ryalls advis'd in the foremention'd Letter where accordingly paid

Wee here send you what few medicines we could spare out of this Garrison and recommend to you to putt in execution our following directions

First that you daily apply your selves to y^e bringing up and settling all Acc^{ts} in your Factory and y^e adjacent Paggars under you

2^{dly} that you give all incouragement and importune y^e Rajahs, &c^a to encrease their pepper plantations in your parts

3^{dly} that you are very frugall in all your Expences, putting y^e Company to no unnecessary charge

4^{thly} that you take all immagenable care of y^e health of your People, and raise provissions may contribute thereto, we allsoe Strictly enjoin you to keep a good decorum amongst the civill and Millitary, and not only to prevent, but that you allsoe severely punish such who shall be guilty of the like intollerable disorders, as Scott and Kingsly

5^{thly} By all oppertunitys send us your monthly Acct of Expences that wee may the better Judge of your mannagem^t and never be behind hand doing the Same to York Fort your Consultations Diarys &c^a

Wee hear that there is very good and serviceable Horses to be procur^d at your place if so lett no oppertunity Slip of sending us what possible you can lett them be young Strong Sound and as beautifull as the Country affords

This comes by the Adventure Briggantine Henry Wyatt Master who has taken in part of her Cargoe att S^t Thoma and Pollicatt and we not knowing what it is cannot distinguish it from what [he] has taken here which paid the Companys Custome so that if he lands any part thereof att your place that matter must be decided by his oath or else [he] must pay the Company Duties Wee are

Your Affectionate Freinds

THOMAS PITT
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No. 60

FORT S^t GEORGE 27th SEPT^r 1703

TO THE S^r JOHN GAYER

GENFRALL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HON^{ble}

ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY & C^a COUNCILL IN SURBATT

HON^{ble} S^r & C^a

Since wee wrote you last which was 20 July Ψ Ship Howland wee rec^d yours of the 19th June y^e 10th of past month, and yours of the 7th the primo Instant, Via Metchlapatam under Covert of the new Companys Pacquett, with all papers According to List

Wee shall observe the Contents of the R^t Hon^{ble} Companys Letter, and from the Court of Mannagers and shall in all respects Act accordingly

Wee rec^d the Europe News by the Regard and thank you for itt

As you [wrote S^r Nicholas] Waite & C^a Council so we did here their Presid^t and Council at Metchlapatam who return'd the answer as S^r Nicholas.

By that time this can come to you we suppose the Katherin Cap^t Jenifer Commander will be arriv'd wth you from Bengall and your Ship Prosperous from China from whom you will have all the news of Amoy for we have none nor have Wee had any Letter from M^r Dolbin or any one in the Ship since they were outward bound from Malacca

The Howland after she went from hence call'd att Fort S^t David where she staid four dayes but for what we know not

This comes by Cap^t Gostlin Commander of Ship Charlton who has taken in part of his Cargoe att S^t Thoma and we not knowing what it is, cannot distinguish itt from what he has taken here which paid the Companys Custom, so that if he lands any part thereof att Bombay, that matter must be decided by his oath or else he must pay the Companys Duties and accordingly we have wrote the Dep^y Gov^r and Council att Bombay

By a Seperate Stock Ship that's arriv'd att Batavia, tis reported that when they left England there was designed for this Coast & Bay the Tavestock, Dutchess and Sommers, but to this day we hear nothing off them, nor is there any news since we wrote you last

The Colchester arriv'd here from Persia y^e 17th August and brought us the Horses, we wrote for, one of which dyed aboard, but whereas we wrote for one hundred Chests of wine they sent us but thirty five, which is a little hard considering M^r. Bruce sold some Hundred Chests to p^ticular persons and itt is a great ease to the Companys Chugo to have wine thence att Thirty abasses a Chest, w^h if bought here stands them in Nine and Ten Pag^r so that we desire

your Hon^r &c will be pleas'd to give your [] place is subordinate to y^e Agent &c there, to supply us with what we write for on the Companys Account and that itt be the best of their sorts

What wee fear'd is come to pass for th[em] M^r Bruce has kept Cap^t Rouse's effects and sent by the Ship no manner of Account thereof

And however itt happens y^e wine from Persia is not near so good as formerly, the bottles much smaller and very often come out one or two Bottles short in tale in a Chest Wee are

S^{rs}Your Affectionate Freinds and
Humble ServantsP^a

Since writing the foregoing the Presid^t has paid into the R^t Hon^{ble} Companys Cash Pag^s 109 9 and has taken Bills of Exchange on your Presidency for Rupees 366 14 ^{ans} 7 ^{ps} computing 335 Rupees Ψ 100 Pag^s being payable to M^r Timothy Evens or order to which wee desire your Compliance

We desire you will be pleas'd to forward the Accompanying Pacquett for Persia

THOMAS PITT
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 61

TO THE WORSHIP^{LL} JOHN BURNISTON
DEP^{TY} GOV^R OF BOMBAY & C^{OUNCILL}

S^r

We rec^d yours y^e 18th March last, with the Acc^t of sales of M^r Daniel Du Bois Effects

This comes by Cap^t Gostlin in y^e Charlton to whose care we have committed a Pacquett for the Gen^{ll} and Councill att Surratt w^{ch} we desire of you to receive of him and forward if he staves any time att your Port

For what Goods he has laden here he has a certificate, to excuse him from paying the Duties att your Port, but he has some Goods on board that he took in att S^t Thoma as to w^{ch} we know not y^e quallty nor quantity w^{ch} must be decided by his oath if he lands them att B bay or otherwise he must pay Custome Wee have no Europe Ships arriv'd yett, tho' we have news from Batavia that there were designd for this Coast and Bay Wee are

S^{rs}Your most Hum^{ble} Seiv^{ts}

THOMAS PITT
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JN^O MEVERELLI

No 62

TO THE R^t WORSHIPFUL [EDW^d O]WEN ESQ^r
 AGENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HON^{ble}
 ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY & COUNCIL IN ISPAHAWN

S^r

Our last to you was the 4th and 5th of December 1702 since which wee have rec^d yours of the 23 of Aprill last from Ispahawn by Ship Colchester who arriv'd here the 17th of last month, the answer M^r Bruce &c att Gombroon Justifies the said Bruce in detaining Cap^t Lamberts mony as we advised, and to show us that they think themselves in y^r right they have done the same by Cap^t Rouse, so that we shall only advise the Persons prejudiced thereby and lett them take their remedy which may chance to convince them of their Error and unfair dealing

The Stores &c wee rec^d by Ship Colchester except our quantity of wine for that we wrote for one hundred Chests, and but thirty five sent, which cannot be computed to the want of wine, for that M^r Bruce sold some hundred's of Chests to particular persons, besides of late there's not only great Complaint of the Badness of your Persia wine, but alsoe against the smallness of the bottles to what they were formerly, and many of them want one or two bottles in a Chest, one of the Horses dyed in y^r passage by receiveing some mischief in Shipping off

It tends much to the Compnys advantage by lessening their charge here, to have Horses Wine &c sent as oppertunity presents on their own Ships hither, therefore desire you'l yearly send to this place what we desire as y^r List inclos'd, and we have made the same request to y^e Generall and Council at Surratt to confirm the same, but since we have no Ships arriv'd yett from Europe, we are afraid there will be hardly any from Bengall to your Port, so Can't expect Wine &c without you procure freight for the sa[me] We ad]visd in that of y^e 4th of Dec^r of our drawing on you a Bill for ten thousand three hundred and five Rupees, which we rec^d here of the Kings Buxie, for which wee gave him first and second bills, one of which he dispatch'd by his Servant overland to Surratt, intending thence for Persia to bring the bill, and receive the mony but he hearing nothing of him, he's affiaid he's miscarry'd in the Way so sent to us for a third bill which we have given him, which wee desire you to Comply wth and redraw itt on us by Ships bound to this Port as formerly advis'd

They wrote us from Gombroon y^e M^r Harbins Acc^t was remitted to Surratt which they knew not whether he had cleard it, the clause of their Letter concerning that matter wee sent to Bengall, Poor man dyed in his Voyage hither on the London

S^r Wee heartly thank you for the good news you sent us, and desire your continuance itt, remitting to us what Europe news you hear

There will be this year from Bengall a Ship called the Humphry and Charles 200 Tonn whereof Mess^{rs} Fleetwood and Whistler are Supra Cargoes, belonging Chiefly to the Presid^t & Council of this place to whom we request your particular favour, and assistance which shall on all occasions be acknowledged by us who wish you health and prosperity and are

PORT S^t GEORGE 27 SEPT^r 1703

The inclosed Pacquett is from the Buxie wherein is one of our Bills of Exchange w^{ch} we desire you will be pleas'd to take care of itt's delivery the translation of w^{ch} is tyed about the bagg

Worship^l S^r
 Your Humble Serv^{ts}
 THOMAS PITT
 [Lucina]
 THOMAS WRIGHT
 MATTHEW EMPSON
 THOMAS MARSHALL
 JOHN MEYRELL

LIST OF THE PACQUETT [10] ISPAHAWN

- N^o 1 Fort S^t George Generall Letter dat^d 27th Sep^r 1703
- 2 Copy of D^o y^e 14th December 1702
- 3 Copy of D^o y^e 5th December 1702
- 4 List of Stores wanting from Persia
- 5 Pacquett from the Kings Buxie here which is desired to be Deliver'd as directed

No 63

To M^r JAMES BRUCE
 CHIEF FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T HON^{BLE} COMPANY & COUNCILL ATT GOMBRON
 S^{rs}

Yours of the 10 April last we rec^d y^e Ship London who arriv'd here the 22^d of May and yours of the 30th June wee rec^d y^e Ship Colchester who arrivd here the 17th August

The two Horses y^e Phoenix were and doe continue as we represented them to you, and whereas wee shall allways desire six Horses yearly when any of our Companys Ships come to your Port, so itt would not be amiss to buy up two or three good Horses as oppertunity presents, tho' the Company be att the Charge of keeping of them till a conveniency offers of freighting them hither

As to what you write about Cap^t Lamberts busieness wee can say no more than what allready wrote you, and are still in the opinion that M^r Bruce ought to have retained Cap^t Lamberts and Cap^t Rouses upon the particular Ships they belonged to and whereas he has done otherwise we think itt very unfair for that ill consequences will attend itt, on Acco^t of those that have a right to itt, or M^r Bruce who has detain'd itt, and for Cap^t Rouses widdow we beleive she's undon by itt

The [*a few words lost*] of for ten thousand three hundred and five Rupees, we beleive is not come to your hands for that few days past the Kings Buxie desired of us a thurd bill haveing given but two before one of w^{ch} he had sent overland to Surratt, but hearing nothing of itt's arrivall he's affraid itt has miscarry'd, so when either of the three Bills is presented to you we desire you make due paym^t and redraw itt as formerly advisd, concerning w^{ch} wee have allsoe wrote Agent Owen

Wee thank you for the news papers and desire you will Continue sending the same to us as oppertunity offers

When you proceed so rigorously against a Person as to send him a prisoner on board ship we mean Charles Attkins, without so much as letting him gett necessarys or collect what small Effects he had in, you Should have drawn up the Charge against him upon oath, we beleive him to be a wild young fellow but upon his promising great amendment we have made him Surgeon at Fort S^t David

Wee rec^d the Carpets sent by y^e London

M^r Harbin dyed in the Voyage hither and the clause in your Letter relateing to him we have remitted to Bengall

Wee here inclose a List of what we desire yearly to be sent to this Presidency on the Companys Acc^t if any Company Ship presents but if not all or as much as you can gett freight for itt, on any private Ship bound hither

Wee rec^d. what you sent on y^e Colchester, except one of the Horses that dyed on board w^{ch} was the pacing Horse which the Commander says rec^d some prejudice in Shipping off. and hope the others will prove tollerable good, tho' much gall'd and abus'd in the Voyage, and 13 Chests of Rosewater omitted to be taken ashoar, which hope remain'd on board [*a few words lost*] Bengall about itt, not haveing the quantity of wine wrote for, is a disappointment to us and a great Charge to y^e Company for y^e we must buy itt before the year comes about and itt is very surprising to us that the Comp^y can't have their quantity when particular persons can be Supplyd with whatever they want wee hope they will fare better for the future and that you will send us every thing y^e best of their Sorts, and wee must not omitt Acquainting you of the great complaints, not only against the badness of the wine but allsoe the Smallness of your Bottles to what they where formerly, and in some of your Chests for one two to three bottles wanting, your Rosewater likewise is very ordinary.

We are Sorry to hear there is no probability of releasing those poor & unfortunate Captives at Rustock but hope by the first Ship there will be some care taken thereof from England

The Six thousand Shahees Cap^t Reid rec^d of you on his owners Acco^t he has made itt good here Wee are

FORT ST GEORGE 27TH SEPTEMBER 1703

S^r
Your Humble Serv^{ts}

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL

No 64.

FORT ST GEORGE 30TH [SEP^R] 1703

TO M^r NATHAN^l EYTON
CHIEF & COUNCILL ATT BANTALL

S^r

Since the concluding our Generall letter dated 23^d Ins^t directed to M^r Bugden & C Council, we have maturely considered that whereas your Port is Situated in a part of the Country that produces great quantitys Pepper and capable of great improvement by encreasing their plantations, so consequently [they de]sire wellfare of itt, being of the greatest concern to our masters, and therefore itt requires an experient prudent man to be att the head of their affairs, who is well vers'd in the customs of the Country and humour of the people and we not only takeing from our own experience which is allsoe confirmd to us by all persons that come from thence That M^r Nathaniell Eyton has the qualifications before mention'd, by his long residing in that place who has laid done his Employ by reason of the insolences of two of his councill Scott and Kingsly and att present remains S^ccond with an intention speedily to leave the place which we are under some apprehension that the Company will Suffer in their affairs in those parts, to prevent which we hereby reinstate the aforesaid Nathan^l Eyton in the Chiefship of Bantall requiring all persons both Civill and Military to regard him Accordingly & by vertue of this Letter we null and revoke all Commissions orders or Powers there has been formerly granted by the Dep^y Gov^r and Council of Bencoolen, that tends to the makeing any other person whatever Chief of that place unless itt be by the R^e Honble Comp^y possitive order, wee allsoe appoint M^r Bugden to remain S^ccond, of which if he dislike we permitt him to return to his former post

att Bencoolen, and then M^r Vernon to be second in Council otherwise M^r Vernon to be third, and in case M^r Bugden does return to Bencoolen we then desire the Dep^{ty} Gov^r and Council of that place to send a prudent and Sober man to be third att Bantall

Wee would not have M^r Bugden resent any thing of this alteration for whom we have a very good Esteem assuring him that nothing in our opinion makes M^r Eyton preferable to him but his large Experience

What [*a few words lost*] att all in the least Lessen your Subordination to Bencoolen therefore charge you by all opportunity rem[itt] to y^m your Consultation[s] and Diarys to that very time Acc^t Cash, Paymast^{rs} Acc^t, Warehouse-keeper and Storekeeper which Acc^{ts} by the Companys order (which wee enjoyn you to follow) are to be read monthly in Council and may lett us hear by your next that your Bookes are all made up and sent to Bencoolen

It is our reiterated request and order that you heartily apply your Selves to y^e encreasing the Pepper Plantations, and retrenching all superfluous expences, and that you are very frugall in those that are unavoidable

Wee observe you are about forty men in the Civill and Military, so that we dont see the urgent necessity there is of haveing distinct Principall officers for the latter, therefore itt wo^d save something if the Cheif be Lieutenant and M^r Vernon Ensign, and the principall officers otherways to be but Serjeants, This we recommend to you to put in Execution as you find itt for the Companys Service

A Duplicate of these Letters we have sent to Bencoolen for the Dep^{ty} Gov^r and Council there to observe what therein containd

Wee hourly expect the Expedition Sloop from Bengall, when we shall immediately dispatch her to you wth Salt Petre Stores &c Wee are

Your Affection^t Freinds

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 65

FORT S^t GEORGE 2^d OCTO^{br} 1703.

To GABRIEL ROBERTS Esq^r
DEP^{ty} GOV^r & COUNCILL AT FORT S^t DAVID

S^{rs}

Wee have rec^d yours of the 24th 27, 29 of last month, If you please to take another review of your Consultations and Letters in 1701 you'l find that Mollem was permitted to goe to Dowd Cawns Camp by The Presid^t and Council here, att the intercession of the Dep^{ty} Gov^r and Council of your place, who was to work matters so, as to keep Freindship between us and Dowd Cawn att the Expencc of about 200 Pag^s but how comes this after clap is best known amongst your Selves, we being wholly ignorant thereof but of this we will write you more att large and the President will send Mollem his answer

Wee Shall consider on y^e Acc^t of the Duties collected on Trade and then give you our Answer thereon

Serjeant Trumball had leave to goe hence, but forgott to take his Certificate.

Wee find that the Letter from the Generall and Council of Batavia is not directed to the Gov^r and Council as itt ought to have been, so that there is nothing more to be said of that matter, only that the orriginall ought to have ben att first sent us, seeing itt related to the Companys business

Wee positively orderd att the making the last Contract that the Contract brought in over and above the Contract before, should be inserted in that which now again confirm, and will not recede from itt Therefore if they will abate twelve $\frac{1}{2}$ C^t and you see you can bring them no more, wee would have you close with them and we [*a few words lost*] as you mention, lett them be oblig'd to bring in their Cloth by the last of January or sooner if possible upon the Madrass musters and the Species of goods to be in proportion to the last years Contract and if any augmented lett it be long Cloth and Sallampores, to this lett them give their yea or Nay immediatly, and with all expedition return us their answer If the Danes bring in their Cloth within your bounds purely for washing sake we think $2\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ C^t sufficient for the Custom Wee are

S^r

Your Affection^t Friends

THOMAS PITT

[*Lacuna*]

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

THOMAS MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL

No. 66.

TO THE HON^{ble} JOHN BEARD Esq^r

PRESID^t FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{oy} HON^{ble} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{ny}

IN BENGALL AND GOV^r OF FORT WILLIAM & COUNCILL

HON^{ble} S^r. & c^a

Since our of the 16th & 27th of past month we have rec^d yours of 30th Aug^t. by Sloop Greyhound who arrivd here the 27, with Bill of load^e for what laden on her

Att the time of M^r Peaches decease which was in M^r Dubois's house, who we then thought was Sufficient enough to answer what Effects left by M^r Peachie being recommended to us by the Company to any Place of trust in or next the Council besides as we wrote you before nobody did care to concern themselves with M^r Peaches Effects nor doe we hear with any bodys but Companys Servants and had we designd to have taken care of them beleive we Should have found but little worth and as for what you say you have done about his Effects was not to be avoided you having long before Seiz^d [*two lines lost*]

Wee doubt not but we Shall have good enough for the Tonnage that is att present on our hands, but every Ship requires more of Petre then her Charter party proportion, so that had there been no other reason we must have sent the Colchester for Salt Petre and Stores, for of our 1600 bags, she would not require less then 1400, and the other must have remaind in Store for the Garrison so that what we wanted more Petre for was Cheifly for the Chambers Friggat, who when arr^t must be immediatly dispatch'd

Wee perceive the Expedition Sloop narrowly escaped being lost, we thought y^e Pilots who are the Companys Servants had been obligd in the first place to take care of their Vessells for if itt be true what the Cap^t writes Cobby of which we here inclose we think the Pilot lvable to make good the damage, and did he serve any other nation he would be fined to Boote we all took her here to be a good

Vessell and that she wanted only some Strengthening in her upper works we never expected she would Carry above five or Six hundred bags, and when she comes we intend her forthwith to the West Coast where a Vessell of her burthen is very necessary for the Comp^{as} Service

Wee rec^d the Petre by both Vessells According to Invoice and Bill of loading y^e freight of which might have been saved, since you know we resolved to send the Colchester

The Dutch manangement of their Affairs is very unaccountable at this time for they stick att no manner of writeing nor money to gain their present ends

The Copper Sent by Cap^t Harton on the Endeavour Briggantine was deliverd him by English weight 131 to the bagg and whatever itt comes out by [*one lme lost*] [y]ou say the Bill of loading [Com]putes itt to the Candy and four of those bags makes a Candy

You say you wish you had sent the 1000 Chests of Copper when you requested it, which long before was sold to a Merchant here who was to pay for itt as he fetch'd itt away but not Complying, was the occassion of our sending itt, nor had we then nor since any Allumger Pagⁿ or other coin to Spare you, for what allready sent has so lessend the Stock of this place that we are now about taking up mony att interest to Carry on the Companys affairs

Wee cant but admire att y^e Delatory proceedings of S^r Edward Littleton

Here has as yett been none of the new Companys People from Metchlapatam as directed by the mannagers orders to take Acc^t of the dead Stock nor doe we hear they intend to come, our Acc^{ts} are agoing on in the method yo^r are and hope they will be finisht to goe by the Jan^{ry} Shipping

The Gloucester is not arrivd from the West Coast thô they possitively wrote us they would send her, The Stock the Comp^a sent on her was twice what would purchase her a Cargoe of Pepper

Wee think itt very unreasonable as well as ungratefull that Commanders of the Ships will not pay the Charge of getting the run away men, The order you have made to prevent those practices is very necessary espetially in this time of Warr

Wee think itt not adviseable to freight any Salt Petre to the West Coast from your place by reason that we must once or twice a year send Vessells hence with men and Stores which we intend shall be the Companys and load on them Redwood and Salt Petre for that place

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Since writeing the above we rec^d yours of the [*a few words lost*] the 9th Instant ☉ Expedition Sloop who we dispatch'd to the West Coast on the 14th Instant with 150 bags of Petre and what stores else she could Carry, we rec^d your Invoice Bill of loading &c Papers according to List

The Sloop went hence with as much Copper as She Could carry and returned with salt Petre to that Amount in Tonnage

Wee rec^d no Bill of loading of Cap^t Rouses nor is it mentioind in the List, when wee doe, we w^{ill} Acc^t with the Present Commander for what redwood wanting

Wee think the Pilot that ought to have taken Charge of the Sloop should pay for the Chest of Copper, but you are the best Judges of that matter.

Tis very Strange S^r Edward Littleton &c should be so delatory in negoti-ating their masters affairs, for as you say had that summ of mony been Coind and Invested to that advantage they might, none others making Investment, would have been a very good Article of Proffitt in their Acc^{ts} if they have any, which their masters would have better approved off then Spending their time in Studying and writeing Scurrilous and Scandilous Letters

Wee observe what you write about the Stones for the Chappell which we will procure for you as soon as possible

Wee are Sorry for M^r Lytton whose Concerns on the Sloop the Goor has taken care of till he gives orders about itt, and if he does any otherwaies than well, the Am^t shall be paid into the Companys Cash here

S^r Edward Littleton &c Council Letter was, as you say itt was to you, very surprising to us, and we cant immagin what should be the Occassion of itt, unless he be now run Stark mad for that we have taken him to be crasie from his arrivall, for the truth of itt is they [*a few words lost*] disappointments expecting to have been the Conquerers, and now to be conquered and hardly yett see their doom, wee have return'd them an Answer to their impious and Scandilous Letter, which desire you will be pleas'd to send them, copy of which comes inclos'd for your perusall and wee thank you for y^e Letter you wrote them in our Vindication

No news yett of our Europe Shipping nor do we expect any since the Cap^t of the Trumbull Gally says they were but fitting out in Feb^r

M^r Poircer has addressed himself to us in behalf of the Orphans of M^r Crook Complaining of great injustice done them by Harry Moor, who for some time has had the Towns of M^r Crooks and will render no Acc^t thereof, nor deliver them up with the Substantiall papers belonging thereto, which has been procur'd from y^e Government att the Charge of the Orphans, haveing paid no rent f[o]r many years past, we therefore think itt reasonable that you seize the aforesaid Harry Moor and send him hither by the first Ship to adjust his Acc^t provided that you are not any ways Apprehensive of creating trouble to the Company affairs thereby, our last to you was the 16 and 27th of Sept^r ʒ Ship Dolphin, Copy of which comes inclos'd, Wee are

Hon^{ble} S^r &c
Your Most Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEYERELL

No 67

FORT S^r GEORGE 13 Oct^r 1703

TO THE WORS^{hipps} RICHARD] WATTS Esq^r
DEP^{ty} Gov^r &c COUNCIL OF YORK FORT.

S^r

Our last to you was by the briggantine Adventure of which we here send you Coppys as allsoe ours to Bantall since which time here's arrivd the Expedition sloop from Bengall who wee now dispatch to you with one hundred and fifty bags of Salt Petre as ʒ Invoice and bill of loading inclos'd, and some stores, we allso send you six Porteguez soldiers, and three slaves paid as ʒ Paymasters list inclos d

The sloop came from Bengall with a serang and seven lascars, unto which we have added six Lascars more here, who are all paid as ʒ Paymasters list

You'll see we have sent you good store of gunpowder for which you should never write the Company, for that we can supply hence much cheaper and you should lett us know what quantity yearly will supply your necessitys, we allsoe

sent you casks of Fish and Pork which was stores putt up for this Garrison, are well salted and hope will be Acceptable to you

The Vessell is but small otherwaies would have sent you Twenty Candy of redwood, which shall doe by all oppertunitys as allsoe Salt Petre for Tonnage and Kentlage of your Europe Ships

Wee have Sent the Cobby of the Invoice to Bantall for them to take out what they want, for that we have orderd the Vessell to call there

M^r Stone the Master of this Vessell was entertaing here, who we have promised you Shall discharge him att his request and we desire [*one line lost*] few Bales on freight the Sea Customers Acc^t comes herewith

Wee again confirm our request of sending us a good Company of Buggesses by the first Convenient oppertunity

The Vessell was well fitted under water att Fort S^t David, and Since her upper works refitted att Bengall she's well stor'd as ^{pp} List inclos'd, and if you'l but see that the master looks after her well, she may be a Serviceable Vessell to the Company many years, but pray buy again no such Chargeable ones

Wee have sent on her Supernumary Lascars, by reason you say you want them on that Coast Wee are

S^{rs}

Your Affectionate Freinds
& Humble Serv^{ts}

THOMAS PITT

[*Lacuna*]

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

THOMAS MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO YORK FORT ^{pp} SLOOP EXPEDITION

- N^o 1 Fort S^t George Gen^l Lre to York Fort dat^d 13th Octr 1703
- 2 Cobby of Fort S^t George Gen^l to Ditto dated 23 & 30 Sept^r 1703 ^{pp} Briggantine Adventure
- 3 Cobby of D^{os} Gen^l to Bantall dated 23^d Sept^r 1703 ^{pp} Briggantine Adventure
- 4 Cobby of D^{os} Gen^l to D^o Dat^d 30th D^o ^{pp} D^o
- 5 Invoice of Sloop Expedition
- 6 Bill of Loading of Ditto
- 7 [*A few words lost*] for Stateing Gen^l Books with answer to said querys
- 8 List of Medicines for York Fort
- 9 List of Stores on Board Expedition Sloop
- 10 Acc^t Impress mony paid the Masters &c on board D^o
- 11 Acc^t mony advanced to Six Souldiers on y^e Sloop
- 12 Stewards List of provissions sent to Bencoolen
- 13 List of Freight Goods on board the Expedition

No 68

To M^r NATHAN^{ll} EYTON
CHIEF & COUNCILL ATT BANTALL

Wee here send you Authentick Coppys of what wrote you by the Briggantine Adventure, who sauld hence 6th Instant, and inclose to you Cobby of the Invoice of what Laden, on this Vessell, that so you may take out what you want

thereof, there are all on board Six Souldiers and three Slaves of which if you want any you may take them ashore, the Medicines, intended on the adventure Briggantine come on this Sloop Wee have not att present to add but are

S^r
Your Affection^d Freinds

FORT S^r GEORGE 13th OCTOBER 1703

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

LIST OF [PACQUETT SENT TO] BANTALL Ψ SLOOP EXPEDITION VIZ^t

- N^o 1 Fort S^r George Generall to Bantall dated 13th Oct^r 1703
- 2 Ccopy of D^r Gen^l to Bantall dated 23 Sept^r 1703
 Ψ Briggantine Adventure
- 3 Ccopy of D^r Gen^l to D^r dated 30th Sept^r 1703 Ψ D^r
- 4 List of Medicines for Bantall
- 5 Ccopy of Sloop Expeditions Invoice

No 69

TO WILLIAM STONE
MASTER OF SLOOP EXPEDITION

Wee haveing laden on your Vessell Goods and Stores She's capable of takeing in wee hereby order you, on receipt of this to repair on board, and with all Expedition weigh your Anchor (wind and weather permitting) and putt to sea shaping your course for the Speedyest attaining the West Coast, where be sure to make the Land to windward of Bantall where you are to call in and deliver our Pacquett to the Cheif and Council of that place M^r Nathan^l Eyton & C^o whose orders you are to follow for unloading any of the Companys Stores, and take their dispatch to Bencoolen

Wee have putt on board six Portugez Sculdiers and three Slaves, and provissions Accordingly for them, & a List of which wee here deliver you, which you are to take care of and order some person to deliver itt out daily, and keep an Acc^t of the Expence thereof, you must be hourly mindfull of the great quantity of Powder you have on board, therefore take great care of any thing takeing fire and suffer none to goe down into your hold without putting the Candle in a lanthorne, the Vessell is extraordinary well Stord, wherefore wee strictly enjoin you to be a good husband thereof not only to see that it is not Embazld, but to keep an Exact Acc^t of what Expended

[Wee have not] only a Warr with France but have great reason to think that there are Pyrats abroad, therefore we require you to avoid if possible Speaking with any Ship or Vessell att Sea, wee wish you a good Voyage and Date these in Fort S^r George this 14th Day of October 1703

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSH^l
JOHN MEVERELL.

No 70

To S^r EDWARD LITTLETON
 PRESIDENT & C^l COUNCILL FOR THE
 NEW COMPANYS AFFAIRS ATT HUGLY

S^r

Wee Sufficiently Shew'd our resolution and inclinations to the due observing our Companys and y^e Mannagers Commands of laying aside all Feuds and heats arising from the oppositeness of the interest wee Servd, by not taking notice of your raving and scur[r]illous Expressions of us in your Letter dated the 18th April 1703, to our Companys Gov^r and Council of Fort William who have lately remitted us the Cobby of another Letter of yours dated 8th past month, which we cannot omitt answering finding itt stuffed throughout, wth so many impious and notorious fallsitys, wee know not what new matter occurd to you, that inculcated such base Suggestions of us, who here averr that M^r Lovells and Woolstons Acc^{ts} were never allowd of nor can they be ended till they are both together, and att this place from whence they were employed

[The Government of myself] and likewise jointly with the Council doe challenge all mankind to produce any order Particular or Generall that they ever gave that can be Construed or thought they designed the Blood of Woolstone and further averr we never heard of that bloody Expression here

Then that twice there has been assassines hired, from w^{ch} he once narrowly Escaped to which we here delcare that we never gave our orders to any for the Seizing of Woolston but to our Cheifs att Metchlapatam M^r Focquett and after his death to M^r Frewen, on the former you took the liberty in past Letters to make your unjust reflections, tho' from our Experince and knowledge of them both, wee are Confident he that is dead and the other liveing, were and are men of such Hon^{ble} principles as to detest such Vile practices whilst those that pen'd and signed those infernall Suggestions, we beleive will Stuck att nothing

You likewise say that tis nothing of Wollstons Acc^t occasions our furious heat (as you call itt) but his not Consenting to the perpetateing a fram'd designe as horrible and wicked as ever was Contrivd, w^{ch} he over threw, to produce any particular or Generall orders from us unfitting to give or him or they to Execute had he been a person of Nicest Hon^r and Integrity, from whom we found the quite contrary and therefore 'tis very probable that not only one of us, but all have wished that our orders had been Executed

If your beleif went with your pen why doe you Charge us so att random, as fools shoot their bolts (and desend to Particulars besides Fort W^m is not so farr from you) and wee beleive will be nearer to you in a little time whither you might have sent Woolston with [*a few words lost*] English or Other evidence you had prepar'd and there to have proved before the Gov^r and Council, but a probability of one word of truth, in your Scandalous Letter, w^{ch} if Credited by those Gentlemen there itt would have carried some weight with itt, whereas now by all good men wherever seen, as 'tis pend twill be looked upon as the spurious Issue of mallicious brains (If any) and Contrivd by men of the Vilest principles

Wee Commend your Tenderness in matter of blood, (tho' you have no Power to Shed any) which we hope proceeds from the dread you have of the ill consequences of itt, and the regard you have for the sixth Commandment, but had you had the like for the tenth you would not have seduced your neighbours Servant to betray your Masters Secrets, or have employd him till he cleared his Acc^{ts} whose guilt is what scares him from comeing hither to doe the same and not the dreadfull apprehention he has inculcated into you, who giveing credit thereto Share in his baseness

And whereas you have presum'd to Arreign this Government not only in this Letter but allsoe in former with the worst of practices wee give you this

answer for a truth, and dare you to produce one man that has Sufferd here unjustly, in person or Estates or that Since this Gov^r came who you term so bloody minded, that th^{ere} has been a drop of blood Shed by y^e Governour but on the Contrary mercyfull to a fault, and endangering our own welfare

Wee can't imagine the Occassion of your President [*a few words lost*] att us here, from the first time he hon^d himself with a white Feather as weighty full out as the reason he can give for itt and att the Generall concern you were all under to see us wade through our troubles, when beseiged by the Governm^t w^{ch} was occasion'd doubtless, you know how, and if common fame may be credited, wished our distruction, or your Imps would never have dared to declare with that alacrity att Atcheen and Mallacca, that this place was destroyed, besides we are inform'd that itt has been your Presid^{ts} Accustomary hopes and wishes to see the Old Comp^{ts} and their servants brought out and hewn to peices as King Agag was

Wee must confess wee beleive your disapointments have been great, and that you have fallen very Short of makeing great Conquests you Expected, but Should that drive Such great Souls as yours to despair, and putt you by your reason, for other wayes you would never have Charged the most innocent so unjustly with assassin blood thirsting, horrible, and wicked designs as ever was contrivd, which was very Surprizing to us and the more to see your hands to itt, otherways we should have guessed that itt had been pened by a Caball, in Newgate, Bridewell or Bedlam, and wee flatter ourselves your Masters will be of the same opinion

Wee think itt not worth our while to insist longer on the Subject, but to lett you know that wee Lxpect M^r Woolston to come hither and settle his Acc^{ts} for itt can be done no where else, being in joint Commission with one that denies all who will likewise bee here in January [*a few words lost*] Duty but their obligation in regard to their promise when first entertaind and if you Convey him away or permitt him to goe home on your Shipping, before he has Cleard Acc^{ts} with us, lett itt be to your Perrill and the ill consequences of itt, for as we have said before, wee cant beleive he is Scar'd from comeing hither by any apprehention, y^t he is under, from hericanes Cockhouses or looseing his blood without redemption, but from a guilty conscience, which Charges them wth the worst of crimes, but how can that be otherwise then justifi'd by you, when some sitt att your board guilty of the like We are

S^r

Your Most Injured & abused Friends

FORT S^r GEORGE
Ocr^r 1st 18th 1703

THOM^s PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOM^s WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVEREIL

No 71

To M^r SIMON H LCOMB
CHIEF & C^{ts} COUNCILL OF VIZAG^r

S^r

Yours of the 13th August wee rec^d the 9th of past month and, that on the 22nd D^y 18 Instant as allsoe yours of p^{mo} Ins^t rec^d the 9th Φ Sloop Expedition

Wee rely on your promise of your speedy sending us your books in the Method wee directed

[A few words lost] in y^e Aska County will come in soon enough to be sent us on the Colchester, who will be early with you, and desire you will give her a quick dispatch to Metchlep^m and not detain her on any Acc^t whatever

Wee observe the Approaches of Rustumdell, who when arrivd att your place doubt not but you'l mannage affairs the best you can for the Hon^r and Interest of the Company, and whereas you write, that the Duan Mootesardell[ah] and Surdars are come on your side y^e river Chicacull to whom presents must be given but desire your frugality therein

That Ship att Battavia left England in Feb^{ry} when three Ships was making ready for this Coast and the Bay, but to this day here nothing of them

Your Bill for fourteen Thousand Rupees shall be paid, for which as well as for what fermerly sent, wee hope you'l makes full returnes in Longcloth and Sallampores, as allsoe what owing from your Merchants on your former Contracts Wee are

Your Affection^t Friends

THOMAS PITT

[Lacuna]

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

THOMAS MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELLI

No 72

FORT ST GEORGE 19TH OCT^R 1703

To M^r [STEPHEN FREWEN]
CHIEF & C^A COUNCILL ATT METCHLAP^m

S^{rs}

Yours of the 21st of August wee rec^d 1st last month that 16th Ditto the 26th and yours of the 6th Instant y^e 17th

Wee cant call to mind nor find itt in the peruseing our former Letters that we prohibited your takeing in of Chay Goods but rather to the Contrary that your Meicht^s Should bring in what they were in arrears for Proportions to last Contracts

There was but twelve Swords sent in all Wee are glad to hear you have recoverd the Dustore due in Mess^{rs} Lovell and Woolstons time

Wee rec^d the Pacquett from Vizagapat^m and have paid your Bill for three hundred & fifty Pagodas

The Presid^t Acquaints us that M^r Frewen wrote him in a P^ticular Letter that he belev'd the Madapollam Merch^{ts} wo^d make a contract at this time for Ord^r Longcloth and Sallampores att the old prizes, if so, and that your Merchants will engage to bring them in full lenghts and breadths close well struck and Substantiall Cloth, wee would have you agree for Ten thousand Pag^s Two thirds of itt Longcloth and one Sallampores, and be as expeditious as you can, hoping that so small an Investment will be gott ready for the Colchester, who we beleve will be early with you, and you must not detain her as you did the Phoenix, therefore provide every thing to be put on board so soon [] y^e road, if you agree for the aforesaid Contract you may draw Bills on us for that sum att ten days sight, that hour these Peons arrive with you

dispatch very good Peons with y^e Pacquett for Vizagap^m there being inclos'd in one for Bengall Wee are

S^r
Your
Affection^d Friends,
THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 73

FORT S^r GEORGE 1st Nov^r. 1703

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^r
DEP^{ty} GOV^r & C^o COUNCILL OF FORT S^r. DAVID

Yours of the 8th and 14th past month wee have rec^d

Wee here inclose you Cobby of Mollems Letter to the Presid^t and his answer thereto and the same was sent you att that time with a Letter dated 28th April 1701 whereby you will find that there was no orders from hence for Mollems going to Dowd Cawn, and therein we only gave our opinion that if the difference could be made up att so easy a rate as before mentiond, itt would be much better than come to a breach with him but still left itt to your discretion, Cobby of Mollems letter lately wrote the President with his answer comes inclosd, w^{ch} desire may be delivrd him, when we would have you ask him [*a few words lost*] mentiond in our Consultation of the 7th Instant about that matter and send us his Answer and your opinion thereon Cobby of which Consultation comes inclos'd, and lett us know the just sum^m he's in arrears for Custom

Wee perceive you have not lately perus'd the letters that past between us relateing to the Goods brought in by your Merchants over and above a former contract orderd hence to be part of the last, the Clauses relateing to that matter wee here inclose, therefore we Cannott without doing the Comp^a Injustice alter what then agreed upon, so desire that the Acc^t be made up Accordingly, and we shall then pay the ballance w^{ch} you may draw, on us att six days Sight

Your Contract we have perus'd & approve thereof, and have paid your Bill of Ten Thousand Pagodas and likewise that of one thousand three hundred, so desire you'll take great care to see that your Merch^t bring in good Cloth, which we would have well washed, evenly sorted and much better Packt y^e formerly

The Gov^r tells us that he advis'd you by M^r Addison's Sloop of three Ships that past by on Sunday the 24th of past m^o two of which we hear since are French ships arrivd att Pollicherry, and have taken in their way a Moors Ship belonging to your Port bound to Atcheen, of which we wonder we have had no Acc^t from you thereof

Wee have seen the Paper of news they have brought Calculated for these parts of w^{ch} we here send you a Cobby of the translate, and [*a few words lost*] that our nations affairs in Europe are in a good Condition

In these parts we are in Extream want of rain which we Expected to have fall'n this new moon, but have had none itt seeming as fair weather was sett in and cool mornings and evenings, as if the Munsoon was over, if so we shall have a miserable time of itt, and itt would be prudent in us to make early provision

for Stores therefore if you have had rain, and that Paddy is reasonable with you we would desire you forthwith to secure two hundred Garse for this Garrison, to be sent hither by the first oppertunity after the Munsoon is tun'd

Wee are under Speedy Apprehention of troubles about our Towns, therefore caution your Peons that comes with Letters to avoid falling into their hands if any party lyes between this and Pullamelle

3^d NOVEMBER

Wee advise you by all means to keep very looking out and spies abroad to prevent surprize to this time we have not rec^d one line from you Since the arrivall of y^e French Ships, the delaying of which may be of y^e woist of Consequences to y^e Companys affairs, and the Private shipp^s of this place, for that we wait your news to dispatch notice thereof to all parts of India Wee are

Yo^r Affection^t Friends and
Hum^{ble} Ser^{vs}

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELI

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO FORT S^t DAVID

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No 74

FORT S^t GEORGE 3^d Nov^r 1703

To CAP^t MOCDUM NINO

I rec^d your letter which was no small Surprize to mee I remember you wrote me as therein mention'd in May 1701, and the Answer I gave you thereto the Purport of which was, referring you to the then Deputy Gov^r M^r Frasier who thought itt adviseable your going to the Camp as you did, who limited the Present to y^e Nabob Duan &c According to y^e tenour of your Letter to me, which as you now write was Strangly Exceeded, if on your arrivall att the Camp you saw you was frustrated, why did you not write the Dep^{ty} Gov^r for fresh Orders, or have made your demand immediatly upon your return, as you now do, I beleive you to be a freind to the Comp^a and a well wisher to their affairs, for which I have taken all occassions from my comeing to y^e Government to make you Suitable returns but this is [*a few words lost*] from you nor doe I see we can consider you any thing without Apparent injustice to the Company about which we have now wrote the Dep^{ty} Governour and Council to discourse you thereon, I wish you health and prosperity and am

Your assured Freind
THOMAS PITT

No 75

FORT S^r GEORGE 4 NOV^r 1703

To THE HON^{ble} JN^o BEARD ESQ^r

PRESID^t FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^o. HON^{ble} ENGLISH EAST INDIA

COMPANY IN BENGALL & GOV^r. OF FORT WILLIAM & C^a. COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

Our last to you was dated the 5th and 20th past month Copy of which comes inclos'd, and this is Chiefly to advise you that on the 24th last month past by this road to y^e S^o ward three Sail which we guessed to be French Ships, when few days after 'twas Confirmd to us they were arrivd att Pollicherry, two of them being Ships from France who departed thence the first of Aprill and y^e other a Moors Ship from Cuddalore bound to Atcheen with our pass which they took att Sea

The news they give out which is Calculated for these parts comes inclos'd and likewise what we have Collected from Private Letters to w^{ch} we give most Credit

Wee had sooner dispatch'd these advises to you, but that their arrivall att Pollicherry was not Confirmd to us from Fort S^r David till last night Copy of w^{ch} Clauses relateing thereto likewise comes inclos'd

'Tis reported they are haistening away from [Pollicherry, and have] taken in two Pilots, giveing out for Murga, for which reason we beleive they are not bound thither but design to Cruize somewhere or other for Purchase and according as they have advises after y^e Munsoon to Clap in att Pollicherry and take in their Cargoe Tho' 'tis not improbable that their Chief designs are for Cruizers in these Seas, one of them is a great Ship 6 or 700 Tons, and the other about 400, and 'tis said they are both full of men, we hope they'l meet with no Small trouble for takeing y^e Moors Ship

Wee know it is needless for us to mind you to impart this news, to the Company when we hope their Ships will join with ours to come up the Coast for the Security of each other

Wee advised you in a former letter that we feared a Scarsity of grain in this place since which time we have had no rain nor no great proba[bil]ity of itt, timely enough to preser[v]e the crop on the ground, besides there is att this time no water in the Tanks so pray if you can freight hither five or six thousand Mds of rice for Acco^t of the Company and encourage what Ships or Vessells you can to come hither with grain, for we are not a little afraid of a Famine

Wee desire if you have any to spare or procureable that you would send us one hundred weight of Steel Europe by first oppertunity Wee are

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a Your Affectionate
Freinds & Hum^{ble} Servants

THOMAS PITT

[*Lacuna*]

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATT EMPSON

THOM^s MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL

No 76.

FORT S^r. GEORGE NOV^r 4th 1703

To M^r STEPHEN FREWEN,

CHIEF & COUNCILL ATT METCHLAPATAN

Our last to you was the 19th past Copy of which comes inclos'd, and this is Chiefly to advise you that on the 24th last month past by this road to y^e

S^o ward three Sail which we guess't to be French Ships when few days after 'twas Confirm'd to us that they were arrivd att Pollicherry two of them being Ships from France who departed thence the first of Aprill and the other a Moors Ship from Cuddalore bound to Atcheen with our pass which they took att Sea

The news they give out w^{ch} is Calculated for these parts comes inclos'd, and likewise what we have Collected from private Letters to which we give most Credit

Wee had sooner dispatchd these advises to you but that their arrivall att Pollicherry was not Confirmd to us from Fort S^t David till last night Copy of w^{ch} clauses relateing thereto likewise comes inclosd

'Tis reported they are haistning away from Pollicherry, and have taken in two Pilots, giveing out for Murga, for which reason wee beleive they are not bound thither but design to Cruze somewhere or other for purchase, and According as they have advises after the Munsoon to Clap in att Pollicherry and take in their Cargoe thô it is not improbable that their Cheif designs are for Crusers in these Seas, one of them is a great Ship 6 or 700 Tons and the other about 400 and 'tis said they are both full of men, Wee hope they'l meet with no Small trouble for taking the Moors Ship

Wee desire you to dispatch the inclosd Pacquett immediatly for Vizagapatam with fresh Peons, and that you will be Sure to send us good [*a few words lost*] gett if possible some carefull fellow to see that it is good and large for those last year were but Small

Wee are under great apprehention of Scarsity of grain haveing had but little rain and no water in the Tanks, therefore if itt be plenty att your Port we would have you if possible freight up hither two hundred Garse You must advise all Ships and Vessells of this news, and caution them not to speak with any Ship att Sea Import this news to y^e new Companys Cheif.

Your Affection^t Friends

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 77

FORT S^t GEORGE 4 NOV 1703

To M^r SIMON HOLCOMB
CHEIF & COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM

Our last to you was the 19th past Copy of which comes inclos'd and this is Cheifly to advise you that on the 24th last month past by this road to the South ward three Sail w^{ch} we guess to be French Ships, when few days after, twas Confirm'd to us that they were arrivd att Pollicherry two of them being Ships from France who departed thence the first of Aprill and the others a Moors Ship from Cuddalore bound to Atcheen with our pass which they took att Sea

The News they gave out which is Calculated for these parts comes inclos'd & like[wise what we have col]lected from Private letters to which wee 'give most Credit

Wee had sooner dispatch'd, these advices to you but that their arrivall att Pollicherry was not Confirmd to us from Fort S^t David till last night Copy of which Clauses relateing thereto likewise comes inclos'd

'Tis reported they are haistning away from Pollicherry and have taken in two Pilots giveing out for Murga for which reason wee beleive they are not bound thither, but design to Cruze somewhere or other for purchase, and According as they have advises after y^e Munsoon to clap in att Pollicherry, and take in

their Cargo thò it is not improbable that their Cheif designs are for Cruzers in these Seas, one of them is a great Ship 6 or 700 Tons: the other about 400 and 'tis said they are both full of men we hope they'l meet with no small trouble for takeing the Moors Ship.

Wee desire you to forward this Pacquett to Bengall by the nimblest Peons you can procure itt being advice of importance to the Companys affairs, and private Ships out of that place.

Wee are under great Apprehention of Scarsity of grain haveing had but little rain and no water in the Tanks therefore if it be plenty att your Port wee would have you if possible to freight up hither f'our hundred Garse of Paddy or two hundred Garse of rice, Wee are

Your aff^t. Freinds

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

No. 78.

To THE HON^{ble}. [S^r.] JOHN GAYER
GENERAL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t. HON^{ble}. ENGLISH
EAST INDIA COMP^y. & C. COUNCILL ATT SURATT.

HON^{ble}. S^r. & C.

Our last to you was 27th Sept^r. by Cap^t. Gostlin Copy of which comes inclosd, and this is Cheifly to advise you, that on the 24 last month past by this road to the s^{ward} three Sail which wee guess to [be] French Ships when few days after it was confirm'd to us y^e. they were arrivd att Pollicherry, two of them being Ships from France, who departed thence the first of Aprill and the other a Moors Ship from Cuddalore bound to Atcheen with our pass which they took att Sea.

The news they give out which is Calculated for these parts comes inclos'd and likewise what we have Collected from private Letters to which we give most Credit.

Wee had Sooner dispatched these advises to you, but that their arrivall att Pollicherry was not Confirmed to us from Fort S^t. David till last night Copy of w^{ch}. Clauses, relateing thereto likewise comes inclosd.

'Tis reported they are hastning away from Pollicherry and have taken in two Pilots giveing out for Murga, for w^{ch}. reason we beleive they are not bound thither but design to Cruze somewhere or other for Purchase, and According as they have advises after the Munsoon to Clap in att Pollicherry and take in their Cargo thò it is not improbable that their Cheif designs [are for Cruzers in these Seas,] one of them is a great Ship 6 or 700 Tons and the other about 400 and tis Said they are both full of men we hope they'l me[e]t with no Small trouble for takeing y^e. Moors Ship.

Wee are under great Apprehention here of Scarsity of grain haveing had very little rain at this time and no water in the Tanks for Store for y^e. year ensuing, God prevent a Famine.

Wee desire you will be pleas'd to forward y^e inclos'd Pacquett to y^e Company by way of Persia and the letter to y^e Chief of Gombroon itt being Chiefly to advise them of these Ships that so our Ships from Bengall may be informed thereof to prevent Surprize, as any thing more of moment offers, we will not fail to write you Wee are

Hon^{ble} S^{rs} &c
Your Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

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

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No 79

FORT S^T GEORGE 6TH NOV^R 1703

TO M^R JAMES BRUCE
CHIEF & C^A COUNCILL ATT GOMBROON
S^{rs}

Our last to you was dated 27th Sept^r last Coppy of w^{ch} comes inclosd and this is Chiefly to advise you of the arrivall of two French Ships att Pollicherry who left France the first of Apriill last and have taken near this Coast a Moors Ship with our Pass bound to Atcheen, they have taken in Pylots for these Seas, and are hastning out again for fear of [*a few words lost*] beleive allsoe for feai of Booty what news they brought with them comes here inclos'd, we would desire you to advise all English Ships of this news, that they may the better provide for their Security, and avoid speaking with any Ship at Sea Wee are

S^{rs}
Yo^r Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

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

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No 80

FORT S^T GEORGE NOV^R 6TH 1703.

TO THE WORSHIP^{LL} JN^O BRABOURNE ESQ^R
COMODORE & COUNCILL ATT ANJENGO
S^{rs}

This is Chiefly to advise you that on the 24th last month past by this road to the S^O ward three Sail w^{ch} we guesst to be French Ships [when few days] after 'twas Confirmd to us that they where arrivd att Pollicherry two of y^m being Ships from France who departed thence the first of Apriill and the other a Moors Ship from Cuddalore bound to Atcheen with our Pass which they took att Sea

The news they give out is Calculated for these parts comes inclos'd and likewise w^t wee have Collected from private Letters to w^{ch} we give most Credit

Wee had Sooner dispatchd these advises to you but that then arrivall att Pollicherry was not Confirmd to us from Fort S^t David till last night Coppy of w^{ch} Clauses relateing thereto [likewise comes inclos'd]

'Tis reported they are hastning away from Pollicherry and have taken in two Pilots giveing out for Murga for w^{ch} reason wee beleive they are not bound thither but design to Cruze somewhere or other for Purchase and According as they have advises after the Munsoon to Clap in att Pollicherry and take in their Cargoe, tho it is not improbable that their Chief designs are for Cruzers in these Seas one of them is a great Ship 6 or 700 Ton the other about 400, and 'tis Said they are both full of men wee hope they'l meet with no small trouble for taking the Moors Ship

Wee would desire you to advise the foregoing news to all Europe Ships, that so they may the better provide against all dangers and order them to Speak with no Ship att Sea

The inclosd Pacquett fer Surratt we desire you to forward by the first Safe conveyance either by Sea or land, itt containing busieness of great importance to y^e Companys affairs Wee are

S^r

Your affection^t Freinds
and Hum^{ble} Servants

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

No 81.

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS Esq^r

DEP^{ty} GOV^r & C^o COUNCILL OF FORT S^t DAVID

Wee rec^d yours of the 9th and in a day or two shall give answer thereto, this is sent to advise you of the news we rec^d last night from M^r Tillard at Metchlapatam to which wee referr you to the Paper inclosd, and would advise you upon y^e arrivall of this to make all necessary preparations for a Seige without making any great Show of itt, and lett your Merch^{ts} make what hast they can with their Investment, letting as little as they can remain in the Country for that we would not hazzard more of y^e Companys att a time then Ten thousand Pagodas

Remember to buy us what Pady wee wrote you for being Cheaper with you then here

Wee Extreemly want some English steel and if you can send four or five Pound weight by every Peon, in your next lett us know what Lead you have and Spare none till you hear from us Wee

S^r.

Yo^r Affection^t Freinds
& Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS PITT.
[L. una]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL.
Jⁿ MEVERELL.

FORT S^t GEORGE 16 Nov^r.

No 82

TO THE HON^{BLE} S^R JN^O GAYERGENERAL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T HON^{BLE} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^AHON^{BLE} S^R &C^A

Wee were just now advised the Armenians were dispatching a Cossett to your Port, so here inclose copy of ours dated 4th Instant wrote you by way of Anjengo since which on the 15th wee rec^d a Letter from M^r Tillard att Metchlap^m and Inclosed a Paper of severall Paragraphs of a Letter of S^r Nicholas Waits &c dated 20th Sept^r adviseing of y^e troubles you were under, by the Pyrats takeing two Ships of the Mocho Fleet which we heartly Condole, and wish you well deliverd out of the Clutches of those tyrants which wee hope may be Effectually done if you join with y^e Dutch who we hear are resolv'd to make them hearken to reison, we hope soon after the date of S^r Nicholas Letter, the Howland, Oure[ng]zeb, and new Companys Ships will be arriv'd to your assistance

Wee are not a little jealous that these troubles may Effect us, against which we are makeing Preparation, but could wish our Masters promis'd Supplys, were arrivd, which would be wellcome to us, as allsoe to all their Settlements on this Side

Wee are in daily expectation of a Letter from your Selves with a full relation of all matters relating here that those Pyrats are the Same that mett with, the Pembroke Friggatt, who we wish may arrive safe with you

Hon^{ble} S^r &c
Yo^r most Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

FORT S^R GEORGE 17 [Nov^r] 1703

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MAIT EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

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Wee have paid your bill for one thousand Rupees to Mahomud Bussett who has farther rec^d 500 rupees According to your request for w^{ch} he has given three bills on his Masters Mahomud Kisacce w^{ch} we will send with his Letter of advice in our next

No 83

FORT S^R GEORGE 26 Nov^r 1703.TO THE HON^{BLE} JOHN BEARD ESQ^RPRESID^T FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T HON^{BLE} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^AIN BENGALL & GOV^R OF FORT WILLIAM &C COUNCILL

Our last to you was dated y^e 4th ins^t Copy of w^{ch} comes inclosd, soon after which those two French Ships put out to Sea and Some beleive they are gone to Bengall, and others a C[r]uzeing till the Munsoon is over

The 15 Ins^t wee rec^d the sad news from Metchlapatam of the Pyrats haveing taken off Suratt Two rich Ships, which we Suppose M^r Tillard forwarded to you, Copy of which comes Inclosd, with a Letter and Translate of y^e Dutch

Gov^r. of Quilonas Letter to Mr. Brabourne which Confirms the news from Surratt from all w^h we inferr that our Freinds there are in great trouble and that the united Stock will very much Suffer thereby.

Wee had here but little rain this season nor no great matter more doe we expect so that wee fear grain will be very dear, besides if itt be not we may [*a few words lost*] Surratt news will cause fresh troubles, and prevent grain and other provissions coming out of the Country Wee are

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a
Your affection^t Freinds & Hum^{ble} Servants

THOMAS PITT.
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MALSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 84

FORT ST. GEORGE 26 NOV^r 1703

To M^r STEPHEN FRELWEN
CHIEF &c^a COUNCILL AT METCHIAPATAM

Yours of the 11th Ins^t we rec^d the 22^d with the Cobby of the Maddapollam Merch^{ts} Letter to you in which they Should have been more particular as to the Proportion of the fine Cloth with the Course, and the Exact price of each Sort, and then wee 'would have given our Punctuall answer thereto

Wee have perus'd y^e List of your Goods in the Godown none of which must be Sent the Company w^{ch} they have prohibited and for the Gulcondah Betteelas unless they were the Remains of former Contracts they must be taken in att the Present prizes and Still as that wee beleive little or nothing is to be gott by their[]

[We hope] M^r Tillard forwarded the Surratt news to Bengall of which we have this day an Acc^t from Anjengo Coppys of w^{ch} Letters comes inclosd which we have likewise remitted to Vizagapatam and Bengall by Cossetts this day dispatched

Our last to you was the 4 Instant Cobby of which comes inclosd

Your Affection^t Freinds

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 85

To M^r SIMON HOLCOMB
CHIEF &c^a COUNCIL OF VIZAGAP^m

Yours of 28th past month we rec^d the 20th Instant with your books Letter &c but not one word how your Investment goes forward or what number of Bales we may Expect from you

When your books that are behind are brought up wee give leave to M^r. Stables to come hither but not before for 'tis very probable that upon our Expected Ships from Europe, there may come Comissioners or Supravisors, so that tis very fitting all Acc^{ts} be ready for their Veiw

[*A few words lost*] M^r Tillard sent us from Metchlep^m y^e new[s wee] had from Surratt of the Pyratts which we hope M^r Frewen sent you, but fearing he

has omitted wee here inclose a Cobby thereof with what wee have rec^d this day from Anjengo, so earnestly press you to gett in your Investment with all Speed and the Companys Debts Wee are

P S

We find in the Acc^t remains in your Books you have ninty Candy of Lead by you, of which send us Sixty by the Comp^a Ship, receiving enough for your own Occassion or by any other Ship that will bring itt freight free

Your Affection Friends

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

No. 86

TO WILLIAM TILLARD ESQ^r

PRESID^t & C^a COUNCIL FOR Y^r. NEW COMP^{as} AFFAIRS ATT METCHLAP^m

S^{rs}

Yours of the 27th of Sept^r and 19^{mo} Instant wee have rec^d

'Tis the Mannagers orders to us to Direct our Letters to the New Comp^{as}. President and Council att Metchlapatam and since the Presid^t and Council are all dead but yourself 'tis our opinion that you take in some Sen^r Factors to your Council till the Mannagers or your Directores give orders therein for Should you doe oth[er] from whom must they Expect an Acc^t of their affairs in this matter or in any other, if you want our advice or assistance we are ready att all times to give itt

With your Last Letters we rec^d Cobby of the Paragraph of Sr Nicholas Waites Letter concerning the Pyrats, and what Mischeif they have done, which wee fear has brought our Country men into great troubles, and occasion^d no Small Loss to our United Comp^a which we heartly Condole and wish our Ships were arrivd there to their assistance

This day wee rec^d Letter from Anjengo Cobby of which comes inclosd, and Translate of the Dutch Gov^{rs} Letter from Qulone, which wee have forward[ed] to Vizagap^m and Bengall and hope you did the Same by Sr Nicholas Wait's, for 'tis necessary all our settlements Should be advised to prevent surprize

If any Ships arrive or wee receive any news of importance we will be sure to remitt itt to you Wee are

FORT S^r GEORGE 26th NOV^r 1703

S^{rs}

Your hum^{ble} Servants

THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

No 87

TO THE WORSHIP^{ll} JOHN BRABOURN ESQ^r

COMODORE & C^a COUNCILL ATT ANJENGO

S^r

Yours of the 2[4] past month wee rec^d the 26th Instant with translate of the Dutch Commanders Letter before which we had advises from Surratt by means

of the new Comp^{ty} Presid^t att Metchlapatam who sent us some Parag^{rs} of S^r Nicholas Wait's Letter Coppy of w^{ch} comes inclos'd, and beleive upon taking the Second Ship the Moors were Strangly enrag'd, which has prevented our friend from writing to us, if there be four Ships as the Dutch advise, we know no force can withstand them on that Coast, unless their Ships will join with ours, we thank you for dispatching this advice to us, and desire you will continue to doe the same on all occassions whatever Wee are

FORT S^r GEORGE 29th Nov^r 1703

S^r
Your Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}
THOMAS PITT
[*Lacuna*]
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVEREII

No 88

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^r
DEP^{ty}. GOV^r & COUNCILL OF FORT S^r DAVID

S^r

Both yours of y^e 15 & 23 Instant wee have rec^d and paid your bill of Exchange For Ten Thousand Pagodas advised of [*a few words lost*] Boat under the care of Narrain send you eight thousand Pag^s not leaveing above one thousand Pagodas in Cash here, and for the remaining Two thousand you must draw on us.

The news Papers from Ponticherry are Calculated for these parts, and Accordingly wee have a regard to them

As soon as you have an oppertunity send us the fifty Garse of Paddy you have Securd for us

If the Government of Surrat extorted Six Lack of rupees for the Pyrats taking the first Ship we Can't guess what they will doe upon hearing another is taken, besides there is two Ships missing which God knows whats become of them

Wee have not any Europe men to Spare for that we want them very much for this Garrison, besides 'twould not be convenient to send them till we see what the Nabob intends to doe, for if he should come hither, wee Should find wee have few enough to defend the Place and if they give you trouble and not us we can send you assistance by boat att any time, for two months to come

Pray send us an Acc^t what goods your Merchants have brought in and what number of Bales we may Depend on from you as allsoe lett us know what Goods our Merch^{ts} here have delivered you, and send for their Conicopy to know what more they have in their Godowns, and remitt us a particular Acc^t thereof

Saterday last we had great hopes of rain, but none fell which makes Grain Rise here, [*about two lines lost*] and desire you to send what more you can spare [and] allsoe forbear disposing of your Lead

For the future the Worriar of Worriar Pollem must have nothing to doe with your Watchman nor must you make one that has any dependance upon him

Wee here inclose Coppy of our Letter Rec^d. from Anjengo, and a Translate of y^e Govern^r of Quilonas to M^r Brabourn

Wee here Send you Two Chest of Persia Wine which is all the boat will take
 12 Wee are

Your Affection^t Freinds
 & Hum^{ble} Servants

THOMAS PITT
 [Lacuna]
 THOMAS WRIGHT
 MATTHEW EMPSON
 THOM^s MARSHALL
 JOHN MEVERELL

P S

The Chest of treasure comes
 with a bereej and rope w^{ch} pray
 receive with y^e Chest

No 89

FORT ST GEORGE DEC^r 10TH 1703

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^r
 DEP^{TY} GOV^r & C^A COUNCILL OF FORT ST DAVID

S^{rs}

Our last to you was the 30th of November w^{ch} the Presid^t tells us you have rec^d Since which we have great complaints from Surrupée &c Merch^{ts} that Narra Redde detains of theirs Ten thousand five hundred Pag^s for Acc^t of mony due to him and some of his inhabitants, from yours, concerning which wee have [*a few words lost*] nevertheless find there is little or nothing done in itt, by which the Company is likely to be great Sufferers, so have resolv'd that if on receipt of this your Inhabitants concerned do not forthwith clear that matter, so that the Companys mony in y^e Countiy be released, wee require that you send the Persons hither, as ^{is} List inclosa for that wee'l admitt of no Excuse to the Contrary and wee'l see and adjust itt here if Possible to the Sattisfaction of both Parties

Letts hear in your next the number of Bales we may depend on from you

Wee want your Generall Books or we shall close ours without them
 Wee are

Your Affection^t Freinds
 & Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

THOMAS PITT
 [Lacuna]
 THOMAS WRIGHT
 MATTHEW EMPSON
 THOMAS MARSHALL
 JOHN MEVERELL

No 90

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 & GOV^R OF FORT WILLIAM & C^A COUNCILL

HON^{BLE} S^r & C^A

Coppy of yours of th 9th Octobei with that of the 24 Novemb^r wee rec^d the 5th Instant ^{is} the Restoration, but admire what should become of the originall of that of the former

M^r Bruc's detention of deceas'd Cap^l's Estates is very unaccountable Tho' people now [*a few words lost*] not the Conduct as you may see by the arrivall of those Goods of Cap^t Grantoms whose administrators, wee beleive grudged the Insurance, but had that Ship mett with any misfortune, then the Insurance wo^d have been prudent manangement and your Presid^t wo^d have had thanks for the same and if the Wentworth arrived Safe you'l hear Cap^t Saxes Adminstr[] had much rather you had sent Goods then Bills, tho' we think Security prefferrable to uncertain Gratitude

Wee observe what you write about the difficulty of getting Salt Petre and if itt still continues, wee know not what we shall doe for the Ships now come out, who Cheifly are sent for that Commodity

Wee must own itt a great ommission wee did not advice of the receipt of the Armenians mony, for the freight of y^e Ship which was duly paid by M^r Affleck after the Ship Saidd hence the sum being 10857 ^{Pa} ^{fa} 5

Wee perceive the price of Copper is Extraord^r fallen, but hope you'l make some Shift to provide sufficient quantity of Salt Petre for the Colchester, without Bartering yours for so low a rate

Some time past as we advised you wee heard of the troubles att Suratt, by means of the Pyrats, which Suites with y^e Account M^r Redshaw &c^s gives you from w^{ch}. we infer that 'tis very probable that 'twill not be long before we meet with fresh troubles from the Government

[*A few words lost*] Colchester were [.] batterd in the Voyage in so much that they are not yett recoverd besides they are so heavy, dull, ill-Shap'd monsters not fit for what you intend them, or otherwaies you may be sure, wee would have sent them you

Wee have not yett mett with any Person desirous of sending mony into Bengall to lye att Interest, but as soon as wee doe shall advise thereof

Wee have perus'd S^r Edward Littletons &c Letter to you and cant but admire att their weakness as well as baseness in asserting such notorious falsitys, we here send a short answer thereto with a flying for your perusall

On the 14^h Instant here arrivd the Tavestock who left England in May last in the Company with the Dutchess and Severall other Ships bound to China The Tavestock and Dutchess were at Atcheen and departed thence the latter end of last month the Dutchess bound to your Port who hope before this will be Safely arrivd.

Wee here inclose [a] Pacquett for you from our old Masters, a Cobby of the sale of Goods which we are orderd to send you with a Cobby of Letter from both Sec^{ry} adviseing the arrivall att Barbadoes the Ships that winterd att Marritius which Cap^t Martin Says arrivd in the Downs few days before he Saidd

[*One line lost*] advised you now y^e [Comp^s .] Settled their Servants on this [Coast so] shall not trouble you with itt in this

Our Masters Expect that M^r Woolston comes hither to Settle his Acc^{ts} and hope that y^e Councill that manage the United Trade will order the Same who may assurance to Woolston that his life is in no manner Jeoperryd Wee are

Hon^{ble} S^r. &c^s.

Your Affection^t Freinds &
Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

THOMAS PITT

[*Lacuna*]

THOMAS WRIGHT

[*Lacuna*]

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN M^r VERELL.

LIST OF THE PACQUETTS TO FORT WILLIAM IN BENGALL

- N^o. 1 Fort S^t George Gen^l to Bengall dated 18 Dec^r
 2 Copy of D^o Dated 26 Nov^r
 3 Presid^t & Councils Letter to S^r Edward Littleton &c^a att Hugly
 under a flying Seal
 4 Pacquett from y^e R^t Hon^{ble} Company to Bengall
 5 Copy of Letter from y^e R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a 23^d March
 6 Copy of the Sec^{rys} Letter to Fort S^t George dated 24th March

No 91

[To M^r SIMON HOLCOMB]
 CHIEF & COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM

Our last to you was 26th past month Cobby of which comes inclos'd, and wish you haistin to us youi Rooks ending in Aprill with the p^{ar}ticular Acc^t of your Dead Stock and the Condition it is in, surely you will [be] able to send upon the Colchester the amount of youi Investment itt being So small

W en your Cheif's Ship departs hence we Shall send what wee can procure here fitt for Presents, and hope you'l be Successfull in your treatment with the Nabob as well as frugall in your Expences on that occassion

Wee wish you would or could Comply with our request of sending us grain fearing that the same will be Scarse this year in these parts

Wee earnestly press the getting in our Old Masters debts, being Strictly order'd y^e expiating itt on winding up the bottom

You will receive with this Letter from the President and Council for the manangement of the united Trade, so that you must Write them for mony for y^e Expences of y^e Garrison &c^a draw Bills on y^m for what you take up upon that Acc^t, We shall write to our Masters in England to stop the 500 rupees owing by M^r Owen to your Merch^{ts}, Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds

FORT S^t GEORGE DEC^r Y^r 18TH 1703

THOMAS PIIT
 [Lacuna]
 THOMAS WRIGHT
 MATHEW EMPSON
 THOMAS MARSHALL
 JN^o MEVFREILL

No 92

To S^r EDWARD LITT[LETON]
 PRESID^t & COUNCILL FOR THE SEPEBATE AFFAIRS BELONGING TO Y^r
 NEW EAST INDIA COMPANY IN BENGALL

S^{rs}.

Presid^t Beard &c^a Council remitted us a Cobby of your Letter to them dated 18 Sep^r att which wee were Surprized finding an the first clause that whereas our friends y^e Presid^t and Council att Fort William were resolved to

Say no more relating to Woolston you agreed to be Silent therein, but yett upon peruseing your Letter we perceive the Same Spirit of baseness in you as formerly

The Monstrous designs you Charge us with, wee observe are to be proved by that Rapitable Person Woolston and doubtless he was to be Active in some & y^e Object of other designs, is as Credible a Person as y^e other

Our Deportment to your Embassadors and Consulls was Suitable to their meritt and the Interest we were in, against w^{ch} they made their uttmmost afford to ruin & distroy, & what wee did therein to Support itt wee Shall in any place and att all times Justifi

Your Consull as you mention M^r John Pitt for he was none in these parts his corps was not denyed buriall in this Place but the President would no[t] pay any Complem^t to itt in regard that he came into this road in a most Saucy insolent manner, without paying any [*a few words lost*] Flagg or his old masters [] from whence he had his first bread besides the President could not forgett his unparrelled ungratitude to himself and the frequent ill Treatments of him in discourse wth the Vilest of Language att his Generall Table This is all att present worth our whiles to answer wee remain

Your Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

FORT S^t GEORGE 21st DEC^r 1703

THOMAS PITT

[*Licina*]

THOMAS WRIGHT

THOMAS MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELI

No 93.

To S^r JOHN GAYER

GENERALL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE GOV^r & COMP^a OF M^rCH^{rs} OF LONDON
TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES & C^a COUNCILL ATT SUBRATT

S^{rs}

Our last you was the 17th past month Copy of which comes inclos'd

This Pattamar we have detain[d] here a long time to send you the news of the arrivall of our Europe Ships

On the 14th Instant here arriv'd the Tavestock who left England the begining of May and came in Company with y^e Dutchess to Atcheen where they arrivd the begining of November and Suld thence the latter end, the Dutchess going for Bengall

Wee rec^d Letters from our old Masters dated the 5th March 170³ wherein they acknow[ledge] [*a few words lost*] no manner [of] who] that advised them of our being besieg'd and our ill Circumstances wth the Government throughout India

They sent on this Ship Sixteen men whereof nine are allready dead and two a dying

The mannagers Letter dated 9th May 170³ have appointed their Factors Employs on thi[s] Coast Viz^t

FORT S^t GEORGE

Thomas Pitt Esq^r President and Governour

M^r Gabriel Roberts Second

M^r Francis Ellis Third

M^r William Frasier Fourth

M^r Thomas Wright Fifth

M^r Thomas Marshall Sixth

M^r Din^{ie} Dubois Seventh

FORT S^r DAVID

M^r John Pitt Governour Independant on this place excepting Investments
 M^r Matthew Empson Second
 M^r Edm^d Mountague Third
 M^r Vicessimus Griffith Fourth
 M^r Ralph Ingram Fifth
 M^r John Berlu Sixth
 M^r Trevor Games Seventh

but as M^r John Pitt is dead M^r Roberts remain[s] there and itt reverts to itt Subordination to this place as in the old Companys time

In Bengall they have laid asside both the Presid^{ts} from being concern'd in the united Trade and have elected four of each Councill to negotiate that affair, the Chief of each to take y^e Chair alteratively but [*one line lost*]

The Stock brought out in this Ship Goods and mony is thirty one Thousand Pounds Ten of which is to be sent to y^e Bay where we beleive their Stock is not much more and by what they write these two Ships seem to be sent out Chiefly for Salt Petre

Her Majesties Ship the Severn and Scarborough which came with them as farr as S^{ts} Auga and 'tis said they are bound to your Coast, tho our Masters nor the mannagers mention one word of them, there is comeing out to you the Josiah and Abington on the united Acc^t and 'tis reported that some more men of Warr will come out with them

Wee hear from Anjengo that the Pyrat lyes off of Cochin where we fear hee'l do mischief to our Persia Ships, Cap^t Gostlin who has a Pacquett for you as allsoe the Pembroke Friggatt, we are advised from them that they lye att Columbo to waite an oppertunity to escape the Pyrate

Wee have rec^d not a line from you since your misfortunes, w^{ch} we should be glad to hear was over and that y^e Howland, Orenzeb &c were arrivd with you

Wee here inclose Mahomud Bussetts bill of Exchange for five hundred Rupees drawn on his master Mahomud Isaakee with his letter of advice Wee are

Your Most Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

THOM^s PITT
 THOM^s WRIGHT
 THOM^s MARSHALL
 JOHN MEVEBELL

No 94

TO THE WORSHIP^{PLE} [JOHN] BRABOURNE ESQ^s
 COMODORE & C^A COUNCILL ATT ANJENGO

Here arriv'd on the 14th Instant the Tavestock Cap^t Matt Martin Comander from England who came in Company with y^e Dutchess bound for Bengall and as farr as S^{ts} Auga w^{ch} with two of her Majesties Ships bound for the Coast of India, and the mannagers write us that the Josiah and Abington are following on y^e united Trade and that some more men of Warr will [be] with them

Wee have not heard from S^r John Gayer Since their misfortunes w^{ch} makes us fear y^e Government is severe with them, wee desire that you will forward this

Pacquet to Surratt by the first and Safest Conveyance knowing that you have
att this time of year Vessells going up the Coast Wee are

S^r

Your Humble Serv^{ts}

THOMAS PITT
THOMAS WRIGHT
THOM^s MARSHALL
[*Lacuna*]
JOHN MEYERFELL

No 95.

To GABRIEL ROBERTS Esq^r
DEP^{ty} Gov^r & COUNCIL OF FORT S^r DAVID

S^{rs}

Yours of the 7th and 16th Instant wee have rec^d and be the Shorter in our
answer thereto, by reason itt containes many things that are to be answerd by the
Gov^r & Council for the united Trade to which we referr you and Shall only write
you what appertains to our Old masters affairs, w^{ch} for the future you must Write
distinctly

Wee observe you have a Considerable quantity of goods brought in on your
last Investment, as allsoe what belongs to our Merchants here which gives us
hope we shall have Sufficient for Loading the Chambers Friggatt

Here will goe hence to morrow Twenty washers to whom we have paid twenty
five Pagodas for which you must deduct itt out of their Coolee

Wee have rec^d y^e 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ pound of Steel

The troubles att Anjengo are occassion'd by a Rebellion against the
Government with whom M^r. Brabourne sides

By the first Vessell we will send you the fowle and the fair Consultation
Book the latter being now Signd by M^r Frasier, w^{ch} hope will be a precaution
to you to keep up your Consultations &c^a and lett them run behind hand [*a line
and a half lost*]

[] more to say to Somiahs busieness only [.] they doe not
agree matters there that you will send them hither

The indisposition of M^r Haynes is no reason why your books should be
behind hand for in Such Cases the Rest of the Council ought to assist him and
we assure you the Company expects the Same, you were cautioned of this last year
when your bookes came so late that they could not [be] brought into ours

Wee Shall this day pay your Bill for three thousand Pagodas

For the future in all affairs that relate to our old masters you must direct
your[selves] to the President and Council for the Seperate aff[airs] of y^e
Governour and Company of Merch^{ts} of London trading to the East Indies att
Fort S^r George, and we here send you the Paragraphs of their Generall Letter
relateing thereto

Here is a report as if y^e. French were Cruzeing for our China Ships w^{ch} God
Divert falling into their hands, but if so great a misfortune shall befall our
masters and us too, how must we pay the mony taken up att interest, for our
last Investment for which the Presid^t. & Council have given their bonds, there-
fore whereas wee would not put such a slurr upon our Masters reputation or
discouragement on the Merchants with whom you have Contracted as to down-
right forbid them proceed therein, yet you may use Such discreationary ways, as

to [*a few words lost*] what you can in value, [*a few words lost*] brought in their quantity of [*a few words lost*] w^{ch} we depend upon to fill up the Tonnage Wee are

Yours Affection^t Friends
& Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}
THOM^s PITT
T^[Lacuna]
THOM^s WRIGHT
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVEBELL

No 96

TO THE WORSHIP^{ll} GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^r & C
COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE GOV^r & COMP^a OF MFRCH^{ts} OF LONDON TRADEING
TO Y^r EAST INDIES AT FORT S^t DAVID

The President has Acquainted us of the death of M^r Haynes as likewise Show'd us the Letter signed by M^r Roberts and M^r Mountague as allsoe the dying words of M^r Haynes, In the first part of which he seems to have perfectly his Sences and when he bequeaths his Estate to be divided in Equall Shares between his Sister and Children, and his Trustee for the same he appoints M^r Edmund Mountague, but after that what he says seems to be incoherent, just as if he was expiring, so haveing considerd of itt, we have thought fitt to appoint and request M^r Mountague to be his Trustee, and if he pleases, whereas M^{rs} Isabella Haynes his Sister is to have an Equall [share] he may [] him when he peruses [] when done we desire M^r Mountague to lay before us a particular Acc^t of his Estate when we will give him fa[r]ther orders therein Wee are

FORTS^t GEORGE, 29 DEC^r 1703

Your Affection^t Friends
and Hum^{ble} Servants
THOM^s PITT
[Lacuna]
THOM^s WRIGHT
THOM^s MARSHALL
JOHN MEVEBELL

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29	To Fort S ^t David	D ^o 21	May 1703
30	To Metchlapatam	D ^o D ^o	
31	To y ^e new Comp ^{ny} Chief & C ^o Council att Metchlap ^m	D ^o 21	May 1703
32	To Fort S ^t David	D ^o 27	Ditto 1703
33	To Fort William in Bengall	D ^o 8	June 1703
34	M ^r George Littons dispatch	D ^o 9	Ditto 1703
35	To Fort S ^t David	D ^o 12	Ditto 1703
36	To Vizagapatam	D ^o 16	Ditto 1703
37	To Metchlapatam	D ^o D ^o	D ^o D ^o
38	To Fort William in Bengall	D ^o 1 st	July 1703
* { 39	To Vizagapatam	D ^o 5	D ^o 1703
{ 40	Metchlapatam	D ^o D ^o	D ^o D ^o
41	To Fort S ^t David	D ^o 9	Ditto 1703
42	To Fort William in Bengall	D ^o 12	Ditto 1703
43	To Surratt	D ^o 20	Ditto 1703
44	To Fort S ^t David	D ^o 26	Ditto 1703
45	To Metchlapatam	D ^o D ^o	D ^o D ^o
46	To the New Comp ^{ny} Presid ^t & Council att Metchlap ^m	D ^o D ^o	D ^o D ^o
47	To Vizagapatam	D ^o 28	Ditto 1703
48	To Fort S ^t David	D ^o 20	Aug st 1703
49	To Vizagapatam	[D ^o D ^o	[D ^o D ^o]
† 50	To Vizagapatam	[]	[]
51	To Fort William in Bengall	D ^o 25	Ditto 1703
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53	To Fort S ^t David	D ^o 30	Ditto 1703
54	To Ditto	D ^o 10	Sept ^r 1703
55	To Ditto	D ^o 14	Ditto 1703
56	To Fort William in Bengall	D ^o 16	Ditto 1703
57	To Fort S ^t David	D ^o 21	Ditto 1703
58	To York Fort	D ^o 23	Ditto 1703
59	To Bantall	D ^o D ^o	D ^o D ^o
60	To Surratt	D ^o 27	Ditto 1703
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63	To Gombroon	D ^o D ^o	D ^o D ^o

* In the body of the volume Letters Nos 39 & 40 are found to be in the reverse order

† This Letter is not to be found in the body of the volume where Letters Nos. 51-59 are numbered 50-57

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65	To Fort S ^t . David	D ^o . 2 ^d Octob ^r .	1703
66	To Fort William in Bengall	D ^o . 5 Ditto	1703
67	To York Fort	...	...	...	D ^o . 13 Ditto	1703
68	To Bantall	...	...	...	D ^o . D ^o . D ^o . D ^o .	
69	William Stones dispatch	...	...	...	D ^o . 14 Ditto	1703
70	To S ^r . Edward Littleton & Council att Hugly.	D ^o . 18 Ditto	1703
71	To Vizagapatam	D ^o . 19 Ditto	1703
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73	To Fort S ^t . David	D ^o . 1 st Nov ^r .	1703
74	To Cap ^t . Mockdum Nina	D ^o . 3 Ditto	1703
75	To Fort William in Bengall	D ^o . 4 Ditto	1703
76	To Metchlapatam	...	...	...	D ^o . D ^o . Ditto	1703
77	To Vizagapatam	...	...	...	D ^o . D ^o . Ditto	1703
78	To Surratt	...	...	...	D ^o . D ^o . Ditto	1703
79	To Gombroon	D ^o . 6 Ditto	1703
80	To Anjengo	D ^o . D ^o Ditto.	1703
81	To Fort S ^t . David	D ^o . 16 Ditto	1703
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85	[To Vizagapatam.]	D ^o . D ^o . D ^o . D ^o .	
86	[To the] Presid ^t . & Council att Metchlap ^m	D ^o . D ^o . D ^o . D ^o .	
87	To Anjengo	...	...	...	D ^o . 29 Ditto	1703
88	To Fort S ^t . David	...	...	...	D ^o . 30 Ditto	1703
89	To Ditto	...	...	...	D ^o . 10 Decemb ^r	1703
90	To Fort William in Bengall	...	...	...	D ^o . 18 D ^o .	1703
91	To Vizagapatam	...	...	...	D ^o . D ^o . D ^o . D ^o .	
92	To S ^r . Edward Littleton & Coun ^l . Hugly.	...	...	...	D ^o . 21 Ditto	1703
93	To Surratt	D ^o . 23 Ditto	1703
94	To Anjengo	D ^o . 24 Ditto	1703
95	To Fort S ^t . David	D ^o . D ^o . D ^o . D ^o .	
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LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE, 1704.

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No. 52.

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Wee shall not be able to send you above twenty Soldiers, on the two small Vessells, and a very able Serjeant to Comānd them, whom wee have promised preferment when he returns, His orders shall be to follow yours or such of your Council as you shall send to the wreck, beleiveing you to be the properest Judges what is to be done, so wee desire that upon receipt of this to send your orders to meet them at Tuticareen, where wee will order the two small Vessells to call for them, wherein you must appoint them what place to goe directly to Wee are

Your humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
W^r FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 53

TO THE WOR^{sh} GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^r
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R^t HONO^{ble} UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a
& C^a COUNCIL AT FORT S^t DAVID

S^{rs}

Yours of the 16th Instant wee received the 20th adviseing the receipt of the 6000 Pagodas

The destination that is to be between N^o 26 & 25 Betteelas 40⁰⁰, N^o 26 is the head, of which wee sent you a muster, w^{ch} is Thirty two Pag^s a Corge, the 2^d sort w^{ch} is to be N^o 25 Pag^s 30 ^{ij} Corge N^o 29 50 Cov^d Betteelas, Pag^s 40 ^{ij} Corge, & N^o 28 Pag^s 37 ^{ij} Corge, and wee wo^d not advise you to take in any Lower then the second Number

Wee wait for the answer of your Merchants, who ever did Complain of their Contracts, tho' gained ever so Considerable, and will still do y^e same

Wee will do what [wee] can to perswade washers to come to your assistance but doubt much of the Success

The Hono^{ble} Mannagers have ordered no blew Cloth, and what wee send brown must be what wee have not time to wash, you may also take in Sallampores at 2^½ broad at a proportionable abatement

Pray hasten y^e muster of Neckcloths

Wee don't dislike your Letting the Comp^{ts} bounds but take it to be an incumbant duty upon you to advise us thereof before you do it.

Pray hasten hither your Books as you promise

Lett Somiahs money be remitted hither in your next by a Bill upon the President and Council here for the United Trade, and then in few days wee expect to see that long depending business ended

Wee but lately sent you a considerable quantity of Packing Stuff, and have now but little by us, but as soon as wee are supplied from Vizagapatam, or Bengall wee'l send you more, and for Factors provisions they shall come by the next boat

Wee resolve on the 26th at night to dispatch hence twenty Peons with Ten Thousand Pagodas therefore wo^d have some of yours meet them at Conimeer as formerly, and these remises wee make by Peons by reason the rains are approaching, when 'tis not Convenient to send mony by land, and therefore what you want, you must take opportunityes to draw Bills upon us

Wee request that you will hasten your Merchants not only to Conclude this last Investment, but also to bring in their goods with all speed on their former, We are

FORT S^T GEORGE 24TH
AUG^R 1704

Your Affectionate freinds
and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
WILL^M FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^T RAWORTH

No 54

TO THE WOR^{SH} GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^S DEPUTY
GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE UNITED TRADE AT FORT S^T DAVID

S^{RS}

Our last to you was the 24th which doubt not but is come to hand, this comes chiefly to advise you that under the conduct of Kinnadaus and Twenty Peons, wee have sent you Ten Thousand Pag^s not questioning but your Peons will meet them at Conimeer as formerly advised, so that 'twill be brought conducted to you Wee are

Your Affectionate freinds
and humble Servants

FORT S^T GEORGE 26TH
AUG^R 1704

THOMAS PITT
WILL^M FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^T RAWORTH

No 55

TO THE HONO^{BLE} COUNCIL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T HONO^{BLE}
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A
AT FORT WILLIAM IN THE BAY OF BENGALL

S^{RS}

Our last to you was dated the 8th Ins^t copy of which comes Inclosed

This ship Martha had sooner been dispatcht to you, but that she was delatory in delivering her goods and her men very weak, many of which wee fear will drop off in Bengall

Wee here send you Redwood for her Charterparty Kentilage, and what stores were ordered for you out of England, except four small warps, which wee have taken out for the service of the Vessells wee intend to send to the Neptunes wreck Invoice amo^s to Pag^s 872 24 4 & Bill of Loading comes inclosed

Wee wrote you by the Tavistock when sent you a List of stores that wee want for this Garrison, copy of which comes inclosed unto which wee now make this addition,

Seven Thousand peices Gunnys	7000 Peices
Three Candy of Twine	3 Candy
Two hundred Bengall maund of wheat if new & good	200 Maund

and desire that all our stores may be the best of their Sorts, and whereas wee doubt not but you will fill up those Ships with Rice that call here, which wee desire may be finer then what usually sent by reason it keeps best, and wee desire if you can to send us five Bengall maund of white Lead and about 30 Gallons Linseed oyle, wee finding by experience that paint is the best preservative of the Companys buildings both to wood and Iron

Wee here inclose the Ships Charterparty which wee desire you will return with the Ship Wee are

FORT ST GEORGE 31st AUGst 1704

S^r
Your Affectionate friends
and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
WILL^m FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

LIST OF THE PACKET  SHIP MARTHA

- N^o 1 Fort St George Generall Letter dated 31st Augst 1704
- 2 Copy Dittos dated 8th Ditto
- 3 Invoice of Ship Martha to Bengall
- 4 Bill of Loading of Ditto
- 5 Copy List of stores to be provided for ship Tavistock
- 6 Charterparty of Ship Martha to be returned wth y^e Ship

No 56

To CAP^{tn}. SAMUEL GOODMAN
COM^{mdr} OF SHIP MARTHA

Upon receipt of this you are to repair on board your Ship, wind and weather permitting to weigh your Anchor and shape your Course for the speedy attaining the Road of Ballasore, where on your arrivall by the first opportunity you are to send our Packet to ffort Wilham directed, To the Hono^{ble}. Council for Affairs of the R^{oy} Hono^{ble} United English East India Company at ffort Wilham in the Bay of Bengall, whose orders you are to follow for your future disposall, and in regard wee have a War you are to keep your Ship always in a posture of defence, and avoid what possible you can speaking with any Ship at Sea

You are not unacquainted of the arrivall of a small Ship at Pollicherry from france who advise of four more coming out of considerable force bound thither, which wee fear is to true, so that it requires you not only to keep a good look out in your passage down, but likewise when you draw near the Road of Ballasore, for fear of french Ships lying there, w^{ch} if you should discover, & you think they

are superior to you in force wee doubt not then but you'l use the prudent part to preserve the Ship & the Comp^{as} effects on board you, Wee wish you a good voyage and date these in ffort S^t George this 31st of August 1704

THOMAS PITT
WILL^m FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 57

FORT S^t GEORGE, 19th SEPT^{BR} 1704.

TO THE HONO^{BLE} COUNCIL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HON^{BLE}
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^y
AT FFORT WILLIAM IN THE BAY OF BENGALL

S^{rs}.

Yesterday wee dispatcht the Martha who intended to have sailed early this morning, but last night late came in Peons from Metchlepatam which brought us yours of the 9th and the 23^d March 7th April & 19th May, and the Ship being still in the Road, wee have just time to return this answer w^{ch} wee'l do more fully in our overland Letters the latter end of this month

The Letter you intended us by the Dutches requires little or no answer, only wee are sorry she had not the Good luck to proceed to us

The Managers ordered the Sallary of none here but their Governour & Council, as also at ffort S^t David, copy of which wee here Inclose, and whereas the New Companys ffactors and writers Salary were more then the Old Companys, they order that what of the new Companys Servants were taken into the United Service their salary agreed for in England should be Continued to them till the Expiration of their Covenants, and then to be reduced to the Old Companys accustomed salary, and all salary to be paid in the Country, to such as were in their service from the 22^d July 1702, as also to those that serve them for the future

Your original Letter by the Armenian Cossid never came to hand the purport of the Copy of which wee observe, and find that Cap^m Raymond had boisterous weather to encounter with, who if he had happened to got out in the Condition the two Dutch Ships were, without an anchor as reported he would have found it very difficult to have dealt with this Coast at that time of year, you doubtless did well to protest, which his owners and him must answer at home

The Gold sent on the Tavistock was weighed in the presence of severall ^{dwt} here and 15 may be in the difference of the scales, Silver was not procureable here but at extraordinary rates, besides by our last years accounts of the sale of Gold, more especially Allumgeer Pagodas turned to a better acco^t then at the price wee must have bought Silver or Rupees here, which was the reason wee sent you Gold

Wee are in expectation of the small vessells you mention, who can run so near the Shore as to avoid the danger of an enemy more particularly the vessell wee lately wrote for to send to the Neptunes wreck

The Mannagers writt us that we are to Lade 200 Tons of Goods on the Tavistock and that the Dutches is to be dispatched from Bengall

Wee doubt not but the Scipio has brought you out some Physick, which is the reason wee send you none, but if it should so happen that they have not, there is a Chest Doct^r Bulkly acquaints us that the Doctors matte of this Ship has, to whom he has wrote, if you should have occasion for one, to offer you the refusall

You say you design to Dispatch the Tavistock in November which is Generally a Tempesteous month, and whereas the Mannagers have given no directions to the Contrary, wee think it emplys that they leave it to discretion to dispatch their ships so that they may be a security one to another

Wee are heartily glad to hear that your Government is so quiet, as ours also is, and wish they may both Continue so, and all other places where the Company have Settlements We are

Your affectionate friends
and Humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
WILL^m FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVEBELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 58.

FORT ST GEORGE 4th SEP^r 1704.

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^r

DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^a COUNCIL

FOR THE UNITED TRADE AT FORT ST DAVID

S^r

Yesterday wee recd both yours of y^e Ult^o past month and 2^d Instant, with the Latter the Generall Books, as mentioned, and desire you to send the Duplicate of Letter B as you promise

'Twas a poor thing that Cap^{tn} Gostlin refused to bring those Prisoners, and they would esteem it very unkind should any of them be refused so inconsiderable a thing on any of the Companys Ships, you may send them by boat as you desire

You advise of the receipt of the 10000 Pagodas, and the 7th at night wee are resolved to send you Ten Thousand Pagodas more, and accordingly wee wo^d have you send your Peons to meet them at Conimeer.

Wee observe what you write of your Merchants that you are not able to prevail wth. them to bring in Goods at the same prizes as the last Contract time Runs away, and delays on this account may be of the worst of Consequence, not only in bringing our Masters Ships on Demorage but deprive them of their expected returns, which is of the greatest advantage to them, considering which wee have this day come to the following result, to leave it wholly to you to conclude the Contract on the best terms you can, remembering not only the Companys Interest, is concerned but likewise your Credit, and you must hasten them the bringing in the Goods with all expedition, and what you advance above what wee formerly ordered, wee hope you will do as you say, regain it in the exact sorting thereof

You well know what Tonnage wee have upon our hands to dispatch in January, and that the Loss of the Neptune has, very much disabled us from providing that quantity, therefore wee must lessen the proportion ordered of fine Goods and Increase the Course, besides the Company have ordered that the Longcloth should be midling fine which wee take to be abo^t 50 Pag^e p^r Corge, and are resolved not to exceed sixty, and for the muster of Sallampores, send it us with all expedition as formerly wrote you

We will send you what washers wee can procure very speedily

Wee have recd your Bill payable to Somiah for Pagodas 491 18 which wee shall duely comply with, but for the two notes mentioned for 56 Pagodas wee have not recd

Wee wait for your muster of Neckcloths

In Mahomud Tyres Ship (who stays two or three days at Covelong for salt) wee sent you two Chests of Medicines and a Chest of Factors Provisions, for w^{ch} Invoice and receipt comes Inclosed Wee are

Your Affectionate freinds
and humble Servants,

THOMAS PITT
WILL^m FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 59

FORT S^t GEORGE SEP^{BR} 7TH 1704

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^p
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
FOR THE UNITED TRADE AT FORT S^t DAVID

S^{rs}

Our last to you was the 4th Instant when wee advised you of sending Tene Thousand Pagodas on the Seventh in the Evening which wee now do under the care of Kishnadaus and Twenty Peons, which wee can't doubt but will be mett with by yours at Conimeer, as desired, wee wish the money safe to you and are

S^{rs}

Your Humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
WILL^m FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 60

FORT S^t GEORGE 14TH SEP^{BR} 1704.

To M^r SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHIEF FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HONO^{BLE}
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY & C^A
COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM

Wee recd both yours of the 4th & 13th past month, and with the Latter the Bengall Packets, which were speedily forwarded by M^r Tillard at Metchlep^m as you desired

Wee recd your musters of Longcloth and Sallampoies, with the prizes fixed thereto, but as you say they are the fagg end of the Cloth, and that you keep the better part for Musters by you, we cannot so well make a Judgement of it, but must leave it to you, so desire you'l make the Companys Investment this year in those sorts, chargeing you to take great care in the Sorting, Washing and Packing, and you must send us up the Musters by which you sort the Cloth, that they may goe home with ours here to y^e Comp^a

By the Musters the cloth appears to be something Course, which if the Merchants will help by bringing in of a little finer you may consider them accordingly

The Cloth you Pack up brown must be the best, and free from Spotts, and well dried, otherwise 'twill milldue in the Voyage

Wee recd your Generall Books w^{ch} as soon as overhalled by Mr Fraser the Accomptant wee shall acquaint you the Errors therein

Wee paid your Bill for Pag^s 300 and 800 Rupees to the President
Inclosed comes Copy of our last dated 15th and 26th past month wth Invoice
& 2^d Bill of Loading for what sent you on the S^t. George Friggat

Wee depend upon your promises of being thrifty in your expences which will
be very acceptable service to the Company

Wee wonder how you come to make that mistake of bringing the Old Comp^{ys}.
Lead which lay for sale into the Dead Stock, besides the Presid^t & Council say
that they ordered you above a twelve month agoe to send it up on the Old
Comp^{ys} Acco^t Wee are

Your Affection^d friends

THOMAS PITT.

W^m FRASER

THO WRIGHT

JN^o MEYERELL

THO FREDERICK

ROB^t RAWORTH

No. 61.

FORT S^t GEORGE 18th SEP^r 1704.

TO THE WOR^{sh} GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^s

DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^a COUNCIL

FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED TRADE AT FORT S^t DAVID

S^{rs}

Yours of y^e. 11th wee have rec^d

Wee are in daily expectation what conclusion you make with your merchants
relating to the Contract, and whereas wee before wrote you that our stock is
much Lessened by the Loss of the Neptune, so must Lessen the quantity of fine
Goods, and increase that of the course so desire you'l make the

30000 p^s. ord^r Longcloth 10000 p^s Forty Thousand peices

15000 p^s Sallampores ord^r 20000 p^s Twenty Thousand peices

abate 1000 p^s 40^{co} Betteelas—One Thousand peices

abate 1000 p^s 50 D^o —One Thousand peices.

abate 1000 p^s fine Longcloth—One Thousand peices

Abate 1000 p^s fine Sallampores, One Thousand peices

For Washers wee shall not be able to send you any, for of eighty that
went hence to you last year none of them are returned, and wee have here
but 200

Wee have received the two Bills for 56 Pag^s belonging to Somiah omitted
to be sent in a former Letter, as also your Bill for Pag^s 1327 23 3 which shall be
Complied with

Wee here inclose a Bill of Exchange on Poll Chittee for One Thousand Pag^s
given by Sunca Rama, which receive and Credit us for the same

19th DITTO

S^{rs}

The foregoing is what wee had wrote before wee received yours of the 16th
which was this morning, and observe the Conclusion you have made with your
Merchants, and since you could gett no better termes wee approve thereof, but
desire you to keep to the quantity of each sort as near as possible is mentioned
in the foregoing Letter, and hasten them what you can, to bring in all the Goods
for the Jan^r Shipping, for wee shall extreamly want them

The President says he advised you this day with the Letters that went for Trincombar that wee would dispatch to you on Thursday the 21st In the Evening, Ten Thousand Pagodas, which you may depend on, therefore send your Peons to meet ours at Conimeer to conduct it safe to you, and wee will not be wanting in sending you further supplies to the utmost of our power.

The Bales of Broad cloth wee knew nothing of, they belonging to our Merchants to whom wee sold them, of which the President says he advised you some days past when you sent him an express about them

Pray advise in your next how much goods, and the particulars, your Merchants have bro^t in on the former Contract of Twenty Thousand Pag^s Wee are

S^{rs}

Your Affection^t ffreinds and
Humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
WILL^x FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEYERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 62

FORT S^t GEORGE 21st SEPT^{BR} 1704

TO THE WORP^{LL} GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^R
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HONO^{BLE} UNITED ENGLISH
EAST INDIA COMPANY AT FORT S^t DAVID

S^{rs}.

As in our last^t advised wee now dispatch to you this evening Ten Thousand Pagodas under the care of Kismadaus and 20 Peons, which wee hope will meet yours at Conimeer and be safely conducted to you

By sloop come this noon from Pollicatt wee are advised by the master that the Saru[m] a great ship off Annore that stood into the Sea which wee [suspect] to be a french man therefore keep a good look out, and advise us as soon as ever a ship arrives at Pollicherry and pray hasten your merchants to bring in Goods Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds
and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
W^x FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEYERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 63

FORT S^t GEORGE 7th OCTO^{BR} 1704

TO THE WORP^{LL} GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^R
DEPUTY GOVERN^R & C^A COUNCIL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HONO^{BLE}
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY AT FORT S^t DAVID

S^{rs}

Wee have rec^d yours of y^e 24th & 27th past month, and with the former came the Prisoner that Murthered francisco de Pina, as also y^e Witnesses, who

wee much wondered to see in Irons, we shall speedily bring him to his Tryall and acquaint you with the event, Serjeant Brookes with the Corporall &c^e went hence a day or two agoe upon a Boat dureing their stay here the Paymaster Lent them Pag^e 1 18 acco^t of w^{ch}. comes inclosed, Wee have also sent you Serjeant Brannock, who wee desire you to entertain as so, and if you send a Serjeant hither he shall be in his roome, the occasion of his leaving this place was the frequent quarrels with his Wife, the Gov^r has also returned you Serjeant De bane, who he would not permitt to remain here, haveing to the last degree disoblged him, by cutting down some Trees, w^{ch} adjoined to the Comp^{ys} Garden thô he strictly charged him severall times to the Contrary, by w^{ch} y^e Garden is very much defaced.

We rec^d the Duplicate of the Generall Books Letter B and copy of those Letter L belonging to our Old Masters

You advise the 10000 Pagodas gott safe to you and before this month is out, shall send you such another supply or more if possible, thô at this time wee have not above 1000 Pag^e in Cash, wee here Inclose two Bills of Exchange of Sunca Ramas on Poll Chittee for 2000 Pag^e which pray receive and Credit us for the same

Wee have nothing more to say relateing to the Contract, but desire you to hasten the bringing of it in, and see that they are such goods in all respects as may be to the satisfaction of our Masters

Few or none of those washers that were sent hence, on the Companys or any other Acco^t ever returned, and those that remained here, for want of business of Late are dwindled to few in Number, so that wee fear there is no probability of sending you washers from hence, but hope you'l procure them at the adjacent places you mention

Wee think it not adviseable to make up any brown Cloth till at last, and then what can't be wash't must be sent brown, when you must take care that it be clean from spotts and well Packed

The Governour of Trincombar advised y^e Presid^t of y^e receipt of our Europe Packets, who has promised his care therein

Wee have Complied with y^e Paym^t of your Bill for 2500 Pag^e. to the President and Council for the Seperate Affairs of the Old Comp^{ys}.

Wee are glad to hear your Merchants have brought in so much of the Contract of Twenty Thousand Pagodas, and hope by this 'tis compleated

The Gov^r hears that the french Ship at Pollicherry is put to sea well mann'd, wee wish that none of our Atcheen and Mallacca Ships may meet with them

Wee have agreed here to fill up your Council with M^r Richard ffarmer who is to be Seventh, and hope he will deport himself so in all respects as to deserve to be continued therein, so that you may now appoint every one his particular station as wee directed before M^r Empson was dismissed the Service, which was done at his own request Wee are

S^r

Your Affectionate friends
and humble Servants,

THOMAS PITT
WILL^m FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEYBELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH.

No 64

TO THE WORP^{LL} GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^R
 DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^A COUNCIL OF FORT S^T DAVID
 FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T HON^{BLE}R UNITED COMPANY

This is to advise that by Kisnadaus and Twenty Peons from hence, with the Peons that came with Doctor Landon, wee send you Twelve Thousand Pagodas, two thousand of which is a Bill all which wee hope will come safe to you, when pray credit us for the same Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds &
 humble Servants

FORT S^T GEORGE 18TH OCTOBER 1704

THOMAS PITT
 WILLIAM FRASER
 THOMAS WRIGHT
 JOHN MEVERELL
 THOM^S FREDERICK
 ROB^T RAWORTH

No 65

FORT S^T GEORGE 24TH OCTO^{BR} 1704

TO GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^R
 DEPUTY GOV^R &C^A COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
 R^T HONO^{BLE}R UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY
 AT FFORT S^T DAVID

Our last to you was the 18th Instant by Peons, with whom wee sent you, Twelve Thousand Pag^s which hope before this are arrived with you, and on their departure wee rec^d yours of the 13th.

Wee shall be sure to supply you with mony as it comes in, hopeing that what already sent you and a supply of fiveteen Thousand Pagodas a month for the future will enable you to comply wth the Merchants and in January, whatever shall remain due to them shall be cleared off

Wee have done our utmost to procure washers here, but all to no purpose

Wee acquece in your Packing up Brown Cloth, which is clean and free from spotts, as it comes in, part of which may be washt at last, if we have time but be sure to see it well dried to prevent mildewing and Packed with the screws

The Sloop and small Ship sailed from Pollicherry is most certainly gone to look out for the Ships they expected, and the Ship is double manned

Wee observe what you write of M^r Vices^s Griffith, whose indisposition you say, will not permitt his attending the Warehouse as required, The Companys Affairs must not suffer for the disabilitys of any one, Lett it be of what nature it will, therefore you had best Continue M^r Harrison as his assistant

Pray in your next send us an Account of what cloth is come in, and the quantity of Bales Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds
 and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
 WILLIAM FRASER.
 THOMAS WRIGHT
 JOHN MEVERELL
 THO FREDERICK
 ROB^T RAWORTH

No. 66

TO THE HONO^{BLE} S^R. NICHOLAS WAIT
PRESIDENT & C^A COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R^T. HONO^{BLE} UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY AT SURAT

GENTLEMEN

Our last to you was dated the 18th. Aug^r copy of which comes Inclosed, since which wee have recd yours of the 28th July, wth all papers according to List on the 19th past month

Wee are sorry for the Great mortality in the Men of Warr, as well as for the severall Letters you mention, wrott the Government, the ill effects of which wee fear you all feel before this Time

Wee observe what demands are made by the Gov^{mt} on the Old Company, w^{ch} we are sorry to hear, but hope they are not spurr'd on thereto by their own country men, where that burthen will light at last a little time will show, wee can say little to the proceedings of the men of Warr, hoping he will not exceed his comission in his Actions, but whereas he was wrote bigg to the Government, and if at last should goe away without setting S^r John Gayer at Liberty, he will then Leave the English Interest in a much worse condition then he found it

Wee are likewise of your opinion that many opportunityes have been Lett slip, when advantagious adjustments might have been made of those demands

Wee wish the Lasckarree who was so near Bombay may not be ill neighbours to it, and for what you write about the two Messengers sent to Goa, concerning the two Arrab Ships, we hear nothing of it from thence

Your early advices to us of all matters of importance, will be great service to the Company and acceptable to us, and we shall be sure to do the like from hence

Your Packet to the Court of Managers shall be forwarded by the first ship from hence

Wee have had advices of the safe arrivall at Batavia of all the China Ships, and wish wee could hear of the same of the Westmoreland with you

We had sooner wrote you but that wee deferr'd it some days in expectation of the arrivall of the french Ships at Pollicherry, for want of which they seem to be under some consternation, yet nevertheless, wee are not a little jealous, that they are now at some port in India for they have lately sent out a Sloop and the small Ship that arrived from France double mann'd, which in all probability is gone to them

Wee wrote you in our last that we designed to send two small Vessells of the New Companys from Metchlepatam and one from Bengall to the Neptunes Wreck, the two former were detained so long that Lascars would not Venture on them, and the latter we hear nothing off, nor have had any Letters from thence since the 19th May last, so hope you have ordered the Abington to their Assistance, and what else you can spare from your Parts, tho' in September last from Anjengo they give little hopes of recovering any thing considerable

Wee send you this by the three Peons you sent to Metchlepatam, and the Duplicate of it Wee shall send Via Anjengo We are

Gentlemen,
Your Affectionate freinds
and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO FREDERICK.
ROB^t RAWORTH

FORT S^r GEORGE, 24th OCTOBER 1704

No 67

TO THE R^t WORPth JOHN BURNISTON ESQ^r
 DEPUTY GOVERNOUR FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE
 R^t HONO^{ble} UNITED COMPANY & C^a COUNCIL AT BOMBAY

S^{rs}

Wee reēd both yours of the 13th and 16th May ꝓ Cap^{tn} Gostlin who arrived not here till 3^d past month, and thank you for forwarding our Packets to Surat, and remitting those Letters you found in your Europe Packet for this Place, as also for sending us the Extract of the Mañagers Settlements in your parts

Here is no news yet of the four french Ships that have been so long expected, tho' we have reason to suspect they are at some Port in India, by their sending from Pollicherry a sloop and a small ship as we beleive with advices to them

Wee are disappointed of the Vessell we expected from Metchlepatam and Bengall to send to the Neptunes wreck, so hope the Generall has ordered the Abington and what other assistance he can spare to them

Wee have not heard from Bengall since May last, All the China Ships arrived safe at Batavia and hope to hear the same of the Westmorland with you Wee are

S^{rs}

Your most humble Servants

FORT S^t GEORGE, 24th OCTO^{ber} 1704

THOMAS PITT
 WILLIAM FRASER
 THOMAS WRIGHT
 JOHN MEVERELL
 THO FRFDERICK
 ROB^t RAWORTH

No 68

FORT S^t GEORGE, 24th OCT^{ber} 1704.

TO THE WORPth JOHN BRABOURN ESQ^r
 COMODORE FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
 R^t HONO^{ble} UNITED ENGLISH EAST
 INDIA COMPANY & C^a COUNCIL AT ANJENGO

S^{rs}

Our last to you was dated the 22^d Augst copy of which comes Inclosed, since which we reēd yours of the 9th of past month, the 2^d Instant when did hope long before this to have dispatht to you the Assistance we promised, of which we are most unaccountable disappointed, for that the New Comp^{as} Vessells at Maddapollam came so late out of that river that when they came to Metchlepatam no Lascars would adventure upon them hither, so that they now lye in that river till after the Monsoon is over, which we shall now deferr sending to you unless encouraged by your future Letters, and for the Bengall Vessell, which we expected the beginning of this month wee hear nothing off, nor have we from that Place since we wrote them on that subject

Your writing that the Ships bottom floated off, which afterwards was halled ashore by the natives, makes us very apprehensive that the Treasure and heavy goods are buryed in the sand and irrecoverable of which wee expect an Account from you in your next, if Cap^{tn} Lestly proceeded to the wreck, as you wrote us, as also whether the natives, had purchased anything considerable out of the sea

Wee much fear that all our friends at Surat are in great troubles of which we daily expect an Account

The Packet for the Court of Mannagers shall be forwarded by the first ship that sails from hence

Wee here send you Pickets for Surat wth pray forward by the first and safest conveyance, Remember us to Cap^l Lestly, whose Letter wee have recd, & hope he will meet with good success on the Expedition he was then going

Here is as yet no news of the four French Ships that have been so long expected, which has tired the Patience of those at Pollicherry, who have sent out a Sloop and the small Ship that arrived from France double Manned in search of them, which makes us Jealous, that they know to what Port they are to come, tho at Present they give out they are afraid they are fallen into their enemys hands, for of certain they came out of France

25th OCTOBER

Just as we were dispatching the foregoing to you wee recd yours of the 30th past month which gives us great hopes of saving all or most part of the Neptunes Treasure, and those Letters from Captain Lestly gives great probability thereof, wee are not a little concerned at the disappointments, wee have met wth in this Affair, of which you are advised in the foregoing Letter, wee shall hasten hither the two small Vessells from Metchlepatam, as soon as they can come with tolerable security, and on their arrivall dispatch them to you with what men they can carry, and stores of all sorts you desire, and doubt not but they will be with you by the latter end of December Wee are

Your most hum^{ble} Servants

THOMAS PITT
WILLIAM FRASER
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO FRED^{RICK}
ROB^r. RAWORTH.

No. 69

TO M^r RALPH SHELDON, M^r ROBERT HEDGES,
M^r JOHN RUSSELL,
M^r JONA^s WINDER, M^r GEORGE REDSHAW,
M^r ROB^t NIGHTINGALL,
M^r EDWARD PATTLE, M^r BENJ^s BOWCHER,
COUNCIL FOR THE UNITED TRADE IN THE BAY OF BENGAL

S^r

Our last to you was the 31st August and p^{mo} September 7th Martha copys of which comes Inclosed The latter was in answer to severall of yours after wee had dispatcht that Ship, and in now peruseing those Letters again wee find little omitted to be answer'd

In one of your Letters you mention of takeing in Old and New Comp^{ts} Servants into the United Service, which wee think not to be faely done, till they have cleared their Accounts with their former Masters

You write as if it was left to your Choice by the Managers to dispatch either of the Ships Tavistock or Dutchess from your Port to England, which is otherways in their Letter to us, who possitively direct the Dispatching of the Tavistock from hence

Wee deferr'd from day to day dispatching of this Cosset, expecting that wee should before this heard of the arrivall of the four French Ships wee formerly advised you off, which to the great trouble of those at Pollicherry are not yet heard off, who about Six weeks since sent out a sloop and a small ship double mann'd about twenty days past in search of them, so that reasonable to conjecture that they know where they are to come, Tis most certain they departed france,

and unless they are fallen into their Enemys hands, wee may be sure to hear of them at some Port in India, so hope all our ships will act wth that caution and Security as to prevent any misfortune from them

Wee did hope long ere this the Sloop wee wrote you for to send to the Neptunes wreck would have been arrived here, as also two small Vessells of the New Companys from Maddapollam, w^{ch} wee did design for that expedition, but are so unfortunate as to be frustrated in all, which as yet is undeterminable, whether 'twill be to the prejudice or advantage of the Company, for in our last Letters from Anjengo, which were dated the 9th September, they write that the bottom of the ship wth the working of the sea was floated off, notwithstanding the great weight that was upon it, which bottom the Natives had halled ashore, and found but Lead on it, so 'tis feared the heavy goods, with the treasure are sunck too deep in the sand to be recovered, at which time they were sending Cap^{tn} Lestly wth a Monchew to the place of the wreck to prevent the Natives working on it, an Account of which wee daily expect

They from Anjengo write us also that the troubles at Surat, were likely to swell to a greater bulk then ever, the Mogull haveing countermanded the delivery up of the security Paper, and ordered all Christians, the Armenians included, to be strictly confined to the Citty, till they paid for those two ships the Pirats took last year

The Hugliana Ketch is not yet arrived from the West Coast, which wee suppose will fall down to your Port, if so pray hasten all our Letters hither by the first good and safe conveyance

The Acco^t of the Charcole sent on board the Martha just as she was going to sail, was inclosed in a blanck, copy of which wee here send you

Wee have no material news from any part to write you, but when any offers shall not fail to send it you.

Your Letter dated 23^d March ☿ Armenian Cosset, came not to our hands till the 4th Instant We are

Your Assured friends & Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

FORT ST GEORGE, 24th OCTO^{BR} 1704

THOMAS PITT
WILLIAM FRASER
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^T RAWORTH

No 70

FORT ST. GEORGE, 24 OCTOBER 1704.

To M^r SIMON HOLCOMBE

CHIEF FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T HONO^{BLE}

UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY

& C^A COUNCIL AT VIZAGAP^M

Our last to you was the 14th of Sept^{br} copy of w^{ch} comes Inclosed since which wee have rec^d yours of the 11th D^o with the good news of the safe Arrivall of the S^t George ffriggot, and that you had rec^d the Treasure and Goods Loaden on her the freight for which we have paid here

Wee have perused your Contract with your Merchants, who you say could not be brought to bring in goods without impressing mony to them, which is contrary to the Mañagers orders to us, & ours to you, therefore pray take care there be no bad debt made, nor no arrears stand out, but that wee have full returns by the Ship wee have ordered to call on you from Bengall, wee much wonder you could not put off that small quantity of Europe Cloth to better advantage, wee haveing since sold the whole quantity which is to a great amount to double that profit

Wee recd your Consultations, and as for a seal of the United Companys, wee have none, they haveing not as yet sent any out to any of their settlements as wee know off

If you hear of any ffrench Ships on your Coast, be sure advise to Metchlepatam, and send us speedy Notice thereof

Wee desire you to forward the Bengall Packet by the best and nimblest Peons of your place

The Ship that shall call on you from Bengall to take in the United Companys Goods, dispatch to us immediately

Inclosed comes our Accomptants Remark upon your last books which pray observe, and rectifie it in your next Wee are

Your Affectionate firends

THOMAS PITT
WILLIAM FRASFE.
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN MEVEREIL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^r RAWORTH.

No. 71.

To M^r THOMAS FAUCET

S^r

Wee recd yours of the 20th and 25th last month, and 3^d Instant, and observe the hardships you mett with by a long passage, and at last forc'd to Vizagapatam, whence you advise you took out the Comp^{rs} Goods, and left them with M^r Holcombe to be put on board the Humphry and Charles bound for Metchlepatam which we approve of

Tis a great disappointment to us the not comeing of the Yatch and Fly, which we have so long expected, we well observe what you write relateing thereto, for which can lay no blame to your charge

When you have taken an Account of the Dead Stock at Maddapollam, wee expect your account thereof as you promise

Wee shall receive the Pallankeen of M^r Tillard of which you advise

M^r Wood the former Master of the Yatch has as yet made no demand of wages, which wee take not to be due from the United Trade, when Thomas Chapman arrives here with the Yatch, wee shall see and settle his pay and adjust all matters with him, The 12 Laskars Ship't in August when recd two months pay, since they refused to come up with the Vessells they ought to return the pay, or at least to have half pay dureing their lying in the River

Wee wo^d not have you refuse the New Companys Merchants Warehouse roome for their Goods, nor their Servants Accomodation in the fiactory

You advise the French Parr is ordered into Maddapollam River, pray if you hear of any French Ships that fall in upon the Coast near you advise hither immediately as also to Vizagapatam, which may prevent our Shipping falling into their hands

The Boat you sent M^r Tillard is in Kisanapatam River, which wee have ordered hither not being able to return to you

As soon as the Monsoon is well over wee would have you dispatch to us the Yatch and the Fly, and whereas we hear there is a new barge belonging to the New Company, wee wo^d have the Yatch Tow her up, and send every thing with her that belongs to her, and if there be a necessity for it, wee wo^d have all the Vessells, well Graved and cleaned, before they come out of Metchlepatam River, and pray see that they have good sails Anchors and Cables, & well caulkt, And

whereas wee have ordered Narrain to buy some Chay goods if to be got cheap, which we enjoyn you to keep a Secret, and not to impart it to any one what ever, neither White nor black, which goods when bought he is to deliver to you ready embaled, which wee order you to send up upon the Yatch if no better opportunity presents of Shipping at that time, and when you dispatch the Vessells to us, be sure you charge them not to speak with any vessell at Sea, if they can avoid it

Wee hear there is horse furniture belonging to the New Company, which pray send us, as also Six hides for that purpose, to make Bridles Stirrups &c^a. hearing that the Leather in your parts is much better then what we can get here, and never fail of sending speedy advices of all news of importance, more particularly if you here, of french Ships or news from Surat, Pray dispatch immediately the Inclosed Packets to Vizagapatam

Just as was dispatching the foregoing to you came in Letters from Anjengo, adviseing the great probabillity they had of Recovering all or most part of the Neptunes Treasure to effect which they extreamly want the two vessells at your place, w^{ch} we at first promised them, therefore hasten them to us as soon as possible, you can, but still have regard to their security, and not hazard them if you see a prospect of foul weather, we beleive the barge if well fitted wo^d be serviceable upon the wreck, but don't lett the vessells be detained for that, but send it afterwards by a Country boat that will tow her up Wee are

Your humble Servants

FORT S^t GEORGE 24th OCTO^{br} 1704

THOMAS PITT
WILLIAM FRASER
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 72

TO KITTEE NARRAIN AT MEIOHLEPATAM

Wee recd both yours of the 15th and 19th last moth the former from Vizagapatam and the other from Maddapollam, wee observe what hardships you underwent in your passage and were glad to hear of your safe arrivall at last

The President Acquainted us that in a Letter of yours to him, you much doubted, whether you should get, those Chay goods wee ordered under fifteen or Twenty $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent abatement, so being assured you'l do the best you can, we leave it wholly to you, desiring that you'l see the goods are the best of their sorts, full Lengths and breadths, well washed, sorted, and Packed, as for Sallampores and Longcloth, wee would not have you meddle with any unless it be on the terms wee formerly mentioned in our orders to you, and if the mony you carryed with you fall short one or two Thousand Pagodas of the amount of what you buy you must gett Bills upon us here, wee not being able to send it you from hence, by reason of the troubles in the way

When you have finisht your business and don what you can relateing to the affairs, you went about of the Companys, you may return hither, when wee would have you delver the Goods you buy for the Company unto M^r Thomas Faucet, who wee have ordered to Ship them on the first good vessell bound for this Port Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds

FORT S^t GEORGE, 24th OCTOBER 1704

THOMAS PITT
WILLIAM FRASER
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 73

To M^r THOMAS FAUCET.

S^r

Our last to you was the 21th past month copy of which comes Inclosed, since which have rec^d yours of the 22^d and 24th D^o

The boat is safe arrived and in the River

Wee observe what Chay goods Narrain has provided, and wish you had sent by Land a List of the Dead Stock at Metchlepatam and Maddapollam as formerly promised

Wee take notice what you have paid the Laskars and M^r Chapman, with whom wee shall account accordingly when they come hither

You must also pay your Peons monthly and wee charge you to keep no more then what is absolutely necessary, the Acco^t of which send us monthly, and as you want mony to defray the same, wee give you Leave to draw a Bill on us to the amount of your charges hitherto, and for the future wee will make provisions for it

Wee take notice that the weather prevented the vessells coming out of the River, and 'tis well it did for we have had it very blustering here with a great deal Rain, wee wish they may arrive safe at last as also that with you from Vizagapatam No news as yet of the French Ships

There is a probability that all Europeans will make a breach at Surat therefore we would have you Act cautiously and if can get an understanding in the Dutch ffactory so as to participate in their advices from thence Wee are

Your affectionate ffriends

FORT S^r GEORGL 14th NOVEMBER 1704

P.S

Pray forward the Inclosed Packet for Vizagapatam, & send us by the first opportunity of Boat or Vessell, all the Timbers remaining of the New Companys at Maddapollam as also the Crown there designed for the Top of their House

THOMAS PITT
WILLIAM FRASER
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No. 74

To M^r SIMON HOLCOMBE

CHIEF &^a COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE

R^t HONO^{ble} UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY AT VIZAGAPATAM

Our last to you was the 24th of last month copy of which comes Inclosed, since w^{ch} have rec^d none from you, and have little to add thereto, There is no news as yet of the ffrench Ships, nor whither the small Ship and Sloop are gone.

Wee have lately had great rains, such as has not been known for many years, and blustering whether with it, w^{ch} makes us uneasy till wee hear that the boat is safely arrived at Metchlepatam with the goods, delivered you by M^r Faucet

Pray forward the Packet to Bengall by such as will be most speedy therein, Wee are

Your Affectionate ffriends

FORT S^r GEORGE 14th NOV^r 1704

THOMAS PITT
WILLIAM FRASEB.
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO FREDERICK.
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 75

To M^r RALPH SHELDON, M^r ROB^t HEDGES,
 M^r JOHN RUSSELL, M^r JONATHAN WINDER,
 M^r GEORGE RFD^rSHAW, M^r ROB^t NIGHTINGALL,
 M^r EDWARD PATTLE, M^r BENJ^m BOWCHER
 COUNCIL FOR THE UNITED TRADE, IN THE BAY OF BENGALL

S^{rs}

Our last to you was dated the 24th of October past copy of which comes Inclosed, to which wee have little to add, but to advise the News we heard since from Suratt dated as 3 copys of the Letters Inclosed &c^a and that as yet wee hear nothing of the french Ships, nor whither the small Ship and Sloop are gone

Our last Letters from Anjengo give great hopes of saveing the Neptunes treasure, but we are incapacitated thereto, by the None arrivall of the Sloop from your Port, and the two small Vessells from Metchlepatam

Wee have lately had great Rains such as has not fallen these many years Wee are

S^r

Your Assured ffriends and
 Humble Servants

FORT S^t GEORGE, 14 NOV^r 1704

THOMAS PITT
 WILLIAM FRASER
 THOMAS WRIGHT
 JOHN MEVERELL
 THOMAS FREDERICK
 ROB^t RAWORTH

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGALL

- N^o 1 Fort S^t George Generall to the United Council in Bengall dated 14th Novem^r 1704
 2 Copy D^{os} dated 24th October 1704
 3 Copy of S^r John Gayer &c^a Council at Surat's Letter to Fort S^t George dated 24th August 1704
 4 Copy of D^{os} dated 13th Sep^r 1704
 5 Copy of a Perwaña from Assat han to the Gov^r of Surat

No 76

FORT S^t GEORGE, 14th NOV^r, 1704

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^r
 DEP^{ty} GOVERNOUR & C^o COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRS
 OF THE R^y HONO^{ble} UNITED ENGLISH EAST
 INDIA COMPANY AT FORT S^t DAVID

Wee rēcd yours of the 24th past acknowledgeing the receipt of the 12000 Pagodas

The Nabob is now at Arcott and 'tis at present reported here he designs for Tanjore, 'tis not unlikely that he may be troublesome to you at his going or returning, so that 'tis necessary to provide accordingly

Wee will very speedily send you a further Supply of mony

Wee have had very great rains here, so that it very much detards the washing the Cloth

Since writing the foregoing wee recd yours of the 11th Instant, which wee wil speedily answer, Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK
ROB^r RAWORTH.

No 77

* FORT S^r GEORGE, 18th. Nov^r 1704

To M^r. SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF & C^a COUNCIL
FOR THE UNITED AFFAIRS AT VIZAGAPATAM

S^r

Wee wrote you the 14th Instant since which wee are advised that M^r ffaucet and Narrain have provided at Metchlepatam fifty-five Bales of Chay goods which is to a considerable vallue, so that wee would not willingly have them left there the Year round this is therefore to desire you to order what Ship shall come from Bengall of the United Companys to call at Metchlepatam, for the aforesaid Goods, provided the Comand^r runs no Visiable risgoe from any french Ships you may hear of in those parts, or from any bad wheather that may happen at that time

Send the most expeditious advices you can to Metchlepatam of the Ships arrivall from Bengall or any thing elce of importance, which may be expedited from Maddapollam to Metchlepatam by fresh Peons of the Company Wee are

S^r

Your Affectionate ffreinds

THOMAS PITT
WILLIAM FRASER
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^r RAWORTH

No 78

To M^r THOMAS FFAUCET AND
KITIEE NARRAIN AT METCHLEPATAM

This day wee were informed by Narrains son, what chay goods his father had provided for the United Company being fifty five Bales, which wee fear are more then the two small Vessells are able to bring up with Tollerable safety, of which you are the best Judges, so that not knowing but you may be of the same opinion with us, wee have wrote to Vizagapatam to order the United Companys Ship that comes from Bengall to call at your port to take them in, as ^{is} our Letter Inclosed with a flying seal for your perusall, which Letter you are to forward to them, by the most expeditious manner, if you think the two small vessells can't take them in, but if they can you are to detain this Letter and return it to us, besides if the Ship should call to take in the bales you may Load on her what Lumber left remaining that you could not send on the Vessells, but if possible find some Conveyance or other for the Timbers of the New Companys to be sent

us, If you find it necessary you may settle Tappyes for a frequent and speedy Correspondence between you and Vizagapatam Wee are

FORT S^r GEORGE, 18th Nov^r 1704

Your Affectionate ffreinds

THOMAS PITT
WILLIAM FRASER
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN MEVBELL
THOMAS FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 79

To PATRICK DIXON

ENSIGN FOR THIS PRESENT EXPEDITION TO
SHIP NEPTUNES WRECK AT MANNACOREE

There being a necessity of sending some Soldiers to Mannacoree, near Cape Coimorine to assist at the Neptunes wreck, Tis hereby ordered that you goe and act as Ensign, dureing this Expedition, and that you keep your men in very good order dureing you Passage, where when you arrive you are to follow the orders of John Brabourne Esq^r Coñodors of Anjengo, if you find him there or any of his Council, or in their absence Cap^{tn} Lestlys, or such as M^r Brabourn and his Council have appointed to act as Chief, and if you are Coñanded on any Action I would have you advice with Ensign Hugonin that so you agree on best manner to effect what you goe about

You have here delivered you a List of the Amunition and Provisions, on board the Riseing Sun, of which you must take all imaginable care are not Embezled in your Passage, and what provisions is expended you must keep an Exact Account thereof, and deliver it with what remains, as also the Amunition to such as you shall find Coñand in Chief at the Place whither you are bound, I strictly charge you to take care of the health of your men, and keep them under good disapline, and punctuall obey all orders given you by the aforementioned Persons Dated in ffort S^t George the 30th November 1704

THOMAS PITT

No 80

To THE WORP^{ll} GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^r

FORT S^r GEORGE 30th Nov^r 1704

DEPUTY GOV^r & C^A COUNCIL FOR THE
UNITED AFFAIRS AT FFORT S^r DAVID

S^{rs}.

Yours of y^e 11th Ins^t wee rēcd the 14th Ditto

We have perused the List of goods already received, and what your Merchants say are upon the way coming to you, w^{ch} wee think very considerable, and to Incourage their going on briskly with the Investment, wee here send you on the Huglyana Ketch, Fifteen thousand Pagodas, Two thousand seven hundrd. of which comes in Bills, which are in one of the Chests wth the money, wee have likewise sent you Packing Stuff, and some boards, Nails &c^a for the Sheathing of this Vessell which arrived from the West Coast the 23^d Instant, therefore as soon as she arrives, wee desire you would hasten the getting her into the River, and if possible Expeditate the work so as to gett her out next spring, the Master haveing promised his utmost Industry therein, and afterwards wee Intend she shall bring what Bales ready hither, hopeing she will be able to make two or three trips

Wee know not whither the french sloop is gone, but their ship is arrived at Callicutt who in her way thither took the Tibby Ketch Cap^{tn} Weoly belonging to this Port

Wee have paid your Bill for four hundred Pagodas to M^r Hunt

Wee will furnish you with a state horse as soon as possible

Wee yesterday recd a Letter from M^r ffarmer, w^{ch} wee here Inclose for your perusal, wherein you'l find to say no worse of it, very unmannerly expressions, threatening that if wee dont comply with his Demands, he will then think of all just ways & means, for redress, If M^r ffarmer thought it an Injustice to him, that M^r Games should Continue Land Customer and Scavenger of Cuddaloor, how came he to sign that Letter without any objection, wherein M^r Games made it his request to us, for the Continuance thereof, besides wee thought that whereas wee had admitted M^r ffarmer, upon his frequent importunitys into the Council, as lowest, he might very well have been satisfied, with that Employ he found vacant, and lett his Superiors Choose before him, and not to have been so troublesome to sollicite that thats none of his right, and accordingly 'tis determined here that M^r Games Continue Land Customer and Scavenger at Cuddaloor, and that M^r ffarmer has such an employ as is vacant, and Generally officiated by one of the Council

Wee wrote you in a former Letter the reasons of our permitting Serjeant Brannin going hence to serve in your place, but forgott to desire you to stop two Pag^s a month out of his pay towards the Ssubsistance of his wife, which pray remitt by your Peons monthly

Invoice amounting to 15252 22 fanams for what Shipt on the Huglyana Ketch and Bill of Loading comes Inclosed Wee are

Your Affectionate freinds
and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
WILL^m FRASER.
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 81.

TO THE HONO^{ble} GOVERNOUR OF GALLE OR COLUMBO
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HONO^{ble} NETHERLANDS
EAST INDIA COMPANY & C^a COUNCIL

HONO^{ble} S^r & C^a

Our Company haveing had the misfortune to loose Lately one of their Ships near Cape Comorine, which obliges us to send some vessells to assist in saveing what possible of the wreck, whereof this is one of them, and few days past hearing that a small french Ship, that sailed the beginning of October from Pollicberry, had taken a Ketch of your Island belonging to this Port, not knowing but that she may be still cruseing thereabouts, wee have ordered our Ships and vessells, as they have Conveniency to call in at either of your Ports, of Collumbo or Gally, for news, when wee desire you would be pleased to favour them with your advice and assistance as they shall stand in necessity thereof, and wee shall on all occasions acknowledge it, by any service wee can do your R^t Hono^{ble} Company or your selves, so wish your Hono^r & C^a all health and prosperity Wee are

Hono^{ble} S^r & C^a.

FORT S^t. GEORGE P^{no} DEC^r 1704

Your most faithfull freinds
and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
WILL^m FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 82

FORT ST GEORGE, P^{mo} DEC^r 1704

TO TASSERRA MEER CAWN
 CHIEF MINISTER TO MANGAMAU

I doubt not but you have heard of the loss of one of our Companys Ships, near Cape Comorine, to which wreck wee are sending these vessells, which being too small to goe about the Island, wee have sent them to Pass your way, and desire you will not impeed them in the Least, nor detard them, for that they have no manner of Merchandize on board, and nothing in them but Amunition, and Provisions, and the same will be confirmed to you from your Servants here, who shall always be treated, according to your civility to us, I wish you all health and prosperity

THOMAS PITT

No 83

TO THOMAS HARRIS
 MASTER OF SMACK RISEING SUN

Wee have Laden considerable store of Provisions, and Amunition, on board the vessell of which you are Master, the Particulars of which wee here deliver, so order you upon receipt of this to repair on board your smack, and receive on board Ensign Dixon and the 29 Soldiers that he'l bring with him, as also a Surgeon, Armorer, and a Smith, who as soon as putt on board, you are to weigh your Anchor, and bend your Course for the speediest attaining Mannacorree near Cape Comorine, where the Neptune was lost, where when arrived, you are to follow the orders of Comodore Brabourne, or such as you find there that he and his Council have appointed to Command in Chief, to whom you are to deliver the Amunition and Provisions from time to time as they shall require them, as also the bagg of one thousand Pagodas now delivered you

You have been advised here of a small french Ship that went from Pollicherry has taken off Zellone a Ketch belonging to this Port and carried her to Callcutt, who wee are apprehensive will cruse on that Coast, and it may be will come down as farr as Cape Comorine and Zellone therefore it behoves you to be very vigilant in looking out for her, and do what possible to avoid her, and if you should be so unlucky as to meet her who has but 10 Guns and 50 Men, wee order you to Consult the Military on board you in makeing the best defence you can, and wee think it not amiss that if you fall in wth Gally or Collumbo to send, and can do it without loss of time, to send your boat ashore, to Enquire what news, and that you may have the Assistance of the Gov^r of either place, wee here deliver you a Letter to send ashore to them, Ensign Dixon has the Command of the Soldiers, so wee have given him a List of the Provisions and Amunition, that is on board you who wee have charged to keep an acco^t of the Expen^{ce} thereof, dureing your passage thither, so that you must permitt him to take what Provisions he thinks necessary for his men, and you to order your Lascars to Ruimage for the same, as he shall require

Wee have for this Expedition mounted on you Six Guns, and accordingly stowed you with Powder and shott, as also wth Ropes, blocks and other necessarys, that wee judge may be wanting for service on the wreck, all which as well as any thing else you have, must be sent ashore, or delivered to the ordere of him that Commands in Chief at the wreck whose directions you are to observe in every particular, and whereas you have store of Powder on board you, you must be very carefull that no misfortune happens thereby, wee therefore order that you never go into the Hold, or where any Powder is, with a Candle but in a very good Lanthorne

You are to make all imaginable conveniency on board your vessell, for the well Lodging of the Soldiers, which will Contribute very much to their health, and 'tis ordered that the Ensign keeps them under a good decorum to prevent all disputes and disturbances

Tis of great concern to the Companys Affairs, your speedy arrivall at the wreck which wee hope your Dilligence and ability will effect, so wish you a prosperous Voyage, and Date these in Fort S^t George this p^m Dec^r. 1701

THOMAS PITT
WILL^m FRASER.
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH.

No 84.

To FRANCIS HUGONIN

ENSIGN FOR THIS PRESENT EXPEDITION TO
SHIP NEPTUNUS WRECK AT MANACORREE

The Maddapollam Yatch and fly being Loaden with stores and Amunition for this Expedition to Mannacoree, on whom wee send Nineteen Soldiers & appoint you their officer to Coñand them, and keep them in good order dureing your Passage thither, where when you arrive you are to follow the orders of John Brabourn Esq^r Coñodore of Anjengo, or such as he shall appoint to Coñand in Cheif, but if no Person be so appointed, you are then to follow the orders of your Superior officer Ensign Dixon, who goes on the Rise[ing] Sun Smack, to the same Port

You are required to take all iñaginable care, of the Amunition, and Provisions put on board (of which you have a List here delivered you) and keep an account of the Expence of the Latter dureing your Passage, and on your arrivall deliver the same to the order of such, who shall Coñand in Cheif upon the wreck, and wherens the Yatch and fly, are vessells too small to goe about Zeilone, 'tis thought requisite, that you goe between the Island and the Main, for which wee have endevoured to gett a Pilot here, but could not meet with any one that would undertake it, so have ordered the Master of the Yatch, to stop at ffort S^t. David whither have wrote the Gov^r to provide one, against your arrivall, so hope you'l make no manner of stay there, When here deliver you a Letter for the Cheif Minister, Peddee Meercawn, who Coñands the Country, where the Place is that you must pass, I have assured him you have no manner of Merchandize and desire his assistance to expedate your Voyage, and also give you Letters from his Servants here, to that purposer, which you are to deliver The Master is to Touch at Tutacarreen, where in all probabillity you'l meet with advices from M^r Brabourne, which you are to observe and act accordingly

Tis necessary that you be very carefull, to prevent any misfortune, that may happen from your Powder, on board, and that you use all iñaginable means to preserve the health of your Men, Dated In ffort S^t George the p^m Dec^r 1704

THOMAS PITT

No 85

To THOMAS CHAPMAN

MASTER OF THE MADDAPOLLAM YATCH

Wee having Laden Considerable Stores of Provisions and Amunition on board the Vessell of which you are Master, the particulars of which we here deliver you, so order upon receipt of this, to repair on board your Yatch, when receive Ensign Hugonin and Sixteen Soldiers, who as soon as on board, you are to weigh your Anchor, and bend your Course for the speediest attaining Manna-corree near Cape Comorine, and in your way call at ffort S^t David, where will be sent on board you, a Pylot to carry you between Ceilone and the Main, there being none procureable here, You are allso required, to take hence with you under your care, the small vessell called the fly on which there is four Soldiers and stores a List of which is now delivered you, as also what is on board the Yatch,

which you must see is not Embezled nor spoilt, and in your Passage to the wreck, you must deliver out of your Hold, what Provisions Ensign Hugonin shall demand of which you yourself as well as him, are to keep an exact account of the expence thereof, and for what shall remain, as also Amunition, and Stores, you are to deliver to John Brabourne Esq^r or whoever elce Coñmands in Cheif at the wreck, whose orders you are to follow in every particular, not only in going any where, with your Vessell, but send ashore when ordered, your Guns, Powder, Ropes, blocks, or any thing elce that is in your Possession

Wee here deliver you a bagg containing five hundred Pagodas, w^{ch} you are likewise to deliver to John Brabourne Esq^r or his order, and if there shall be a necessity for any expence in the way to the wreck, wee permitt you to open it, but render an acco^t of what so expend, to M^r Brabourn, or order, and so likewise to us at your return

You must avoid speakeing with any vessell at Sea not knowing, but that the small french Ship may Cruse of Cape Coñorine, you are also ordered to touch at Tutacarreen, where if you meet with any orders from M^r Brabourne, or he that Coñmands at the wreck, you are to follow them and act accordingly

Tis of great importance to the Companys Interest, that you arrive at Mannaccoræ as soon as possible for that this month, and the next, are the propeere seasons of the Year, to save what can be expected of the wreck, therefore wee earnestly press you, to use your utmost endeavours for your speedy arrivall there, You are to take all imaginable care, that no misfortune attends you by y^e Powder on board you, not permitting any one to goe into the Hold, without first secureing the Candle in a good Lanthorne, Wee wish you a good voyage, and successfull in your undertakeing, Dated in ffort S^t George this primo December 1704

THOMAS PITT
WILL^m FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No. 86

To M^r CHARLES HOPKINS
MASTER OF THE HUGLYANA KETCH

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Vessell, and with the first opportunity of wind and weather permitting, weigh your anchor and sett sail, and make the best of your way, for your speedy attaining the Port of ffort S^t David, where when arrived send our Packet herewith delivered you ashore, as directed to the Deputy Gov^r and Council there, whose orders you are to follow for your future disposall, Wee have Loaded aboard you a Considerable quantity of Treasure, which you must keep always boy'd on board, and take care you speak with no Ship or Vessell if you can possible avoid it, Wee have ordered you into the River there to fitt and sheath yo^r Vessell, so that on your arrivall gett your self in a readiness, to goe over that barr, Wee wish you a good Voyage and date these in Fort S^t George p^{mo} Dec^r 1704

THOMAS PITT
WILL^m FRASER
THOM WRIGHT
JOHN MEVEREIL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 87

To GABRIEL ROBERTS ESQ^r

DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^r DAVID

Wee are dispatching Vessells to the Neptunes wreck, and the Yatch and fly being [so] small that they must goe between Zeilone and the main, and there being two Passages, one better then the other, for which wee want a Pylott, and hearing he is to be procured at your Place of Cuddalore I desire you to do it as soon as this Letter comes to your hands, and put him on board the Yatch as soon as ever comes into your road, which hope will be to morrow evening I am

S^r

Your most humble Serv^t

THOMAS PITT

FORT S^r GEORGE 2^d DEC^r 1704.

No 88

To JOHN BRABOURNE ESQ^r

COMODORE & C^a COUNCIL

FOR THE UNITED AFFAIRS AT ANJENGO

FORT S^r. GEORGE 30th NOV^r 1704

S^r.

Our last to you was the 24th and 25th past month, copy of which comes Inclosed, since which have recd none from you

The Smack Riseing Sun arrived not here from Bengall till the 23^d Instant, and the Maddapollam Yatch and fly arrived not here till the 25th all came Loaden which took up some time to Land, and fitt the Vessells for this Expedition, for all stores here were ready some time since

Wee send you Fifty men upon the three vessells as Ψ List Inclosed, who are commanded by Patrick Dixon and Francis Hugonin, who are made Ensigns *pro hac vice*, directed in their Comissions to follow your orders, or such as you shall appoint to Comand in Cheif at the wreck They are very good officers and doubt not, but if you come to action, that they will answer the end for which they were sent

Wee here likewise Inclose to you a Copy of the Gov^r Commissions to the Officers, and a List of all Amunition and Stores on board the severall Vessells, as also a copy of the Masters Dispatch's, with an Inventory of each vessells stores that so you may know where to send for every thing Wee have also sent you 1500 Pagodas to defray what necessary charges shall attend this Affair, not questioning but you will husband all to the best advantage, and use your utmost endeavours in what wee heartily wish, in saving the Treasure, for otherways this great expence will be a considerable addition to that heavy Loss, and in hopes of being successfull, wee must not omitt in giving orders, how to secure what may be found of the wreck Wee doubt not but long since you have heard of the french Ship thats arrived at Callicutt, who left this Coast the beginning of October, who took off Ceylone a Ketch belonging to this Port George W[e]joly Master, which Ship wee are Credibly informed is to return again to Pollicherry, so that you must be cautious when to order the return of these Vessells, more particularly that that is to come about Ceylone, Therefore wee think 'twill not be amiss, you keep the Smack with you, till wee advise the sending of her, upon which wee would have you send us the Treasure you save, unless a Ship of better force should present bound to this Port, to strengthen which you may send the Soldiers on board of her, Till the vessells arrive with you, wee have ordered the two Ensigns, to take great care of the Provisions and Amunition, to see nothing be embezled, and keep an account of the Expence of the forme

When the time is over that there is nothing more to be done upon the Wreck, wee do desire and enjoyn you to return us every man, for wee can spare none of them from this Garrison, but for any thing of the stores if you have

occasion you may detain them, and wee shall charge you with them, and if the ffly can be of any service to the Company, you may keep her

Wee have advanced the Masters and Lascars, three months pay, and to the Ensigns & Soldiers two months, the Particulars of which as p Paymasters List Inclosed

3^d DECEMBER

S^{rs}

After writing the foregoing wee recd yesterday yours of the 9th of Nov^r to which there is little to answer, only that wee are sorry to hear of the Distractions amongst the English at Surat, as also for the Misfortune of the Westmerland, who is said to have a great quantity of Europe Cloth on board her, and wee thank you for the good news, you write us of the Portuguez Expedition, so by all Probability, wee are likely to succeed there

Wee dispatch your Peons hence in Octo^{br} who wee fear were tedious in their Passage to you by reason of the Excessive great rains, Wee hope these Vessells will sail to day, and few days will send you cyps overland, of all what wee now write, when shall give full answer to your Letter Wee are

S^{rs}

Your Affectionate ffriends
and humble Servants

P S

If M^r Brabourne is not at the wreek, wee desire you to forward this Packet to him after perusall, or a Copy

THOMAS PITT.
WILL^m FRASEE
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWOETH

LIST OF THE PACKETT

- 1 Fort S^t George Generall to Anjengo, dated 30th 9^{br}
& 3^d 10^{br} 1704
- 2 Copy of D^{os} dated 24th and 25th October 1704
- 3 Copy of the Gov^{rs} Comission to Ensign Dixon
- 4 Copy of D^{os} to Ensign Hugonin
- 5 Copy of the Riseing Sun Smacks Dispatch
- 6 Copy of the Maddapollam Yatch's Dispatch
- 7 List of stores and Provisions on board the Vessells,
- 8 Paymasters List of Men sent
- 9 Invoice of 1000 Pag^s on board the Riseing Sun Smack
- 10 Bill of Loading for Ditto
- 11 Invoice of 500 Pagodas on board the Maddapollam Yatch
- 12 Bill of Loading for Ditto
- 13 M^r Woolmer Surgeons Obligation

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No. 89

TO THE WORPth JOHN BRABOURNE ESQ^r,
COMODORE & C^a COUNCIL AT ANJENGO

S^{rs}

Our la t to you was dated 30th Nov^r and 3^d Instant, by the Riseing Sun, and Maddapollam Yatch, which wee hope had a quick passage to you, Wee here send Cypes of what then wrote you, and hope those Vessells will answer the end and Charge for which they are sent

Here is a report that the Nabob, who lyes incampt about 3 or 4 days March from hence, is drawing down to S^t Thoma, which makes us apprehensive of some troubles, therefore pray return us the Men, as soon as you conveniently can, and that you see that nothing more of value can be gott from the wreck

The news of Surat is variously reported some say tis all accommodated, and others quite contrary, for wee have had no Letters thence, nor from Bombay, since the 13th of September.

Thomas Chapman Master of the Yatch through great carelessness, carried away in the Vessell belonging to the New Company 65 slabbs of Lead, which if a Comodity with you, wee desire you would dispose of it, and remitt us the Produce by Bill or other ways, that so wee may bring it to the New Company's acco^t Wee are

FORT S^t GEORGE 16th DEC^r 1704

Your Affectionate freinds

THOMAS PITT.
W^m FRASER
THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN MEYERELL
THOMAS FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

LIST OF THE PACKETT

- N^o 1 Fort S^t George Generall to Anjengo dated 16th Dec^r 1704
- 2 Copy of D^{os} dated 30th Nov^r & 3^d Dec^r 1704
- 3 Copy of the Govern^{rs} Commission to Ensign Dixon
- 4 Copy of D^{os} to Ensign Hugonin
- 5 Copy of the Riseing Sun Smacks Dispatch
- 6 Copy of the Maddapollam Yatch's Dispatch
- 7 Invoice of Meddicines sent on the Vessells
- 8 Storekeepers List of Stores &c^a on board the Vessells
- 9 Stewards List of Provisions

No 90

TO THE HONO^{ble} DIRECTOR COMANS
COUNCILLOUR IN ORDINARY OF INDIA,
DIRECTORE OF THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL
AND GOVERNOUR OF NEGAPATAM,
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HONO^{ble}
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY &c^a COUNCIL

HONO^{ble} S^r &c^a

Wee recd the Hono^r of yours of the 20th Instant S N with the Inclosed papers containing the News from the Mallabar Coast of the arrivall of four french Ships, which was confirmed to us from our factorys at Callicut and Anjengo, and th^o they give out the four Ships are sailed for Pollicherry, wee have reason to think they will fetch the streights of Mallacca if possible, or lurk about the Nicombar Islands, for our China Ships, which God protect, Wee never heard any thing of the arrivall of French Ships in Bengall, and much wonder at that Report, if any news of importance comes to our knowledge, wee shall be sure to dispatch it to you with all speed, wee earnestly desire that if any of our Shipping calls at your Port, that you will give them your best advice how to escape falling into the hands of our Enemies, Wee wish your Hono^r &c^a all health and Prosperity and are

FORT S^t GEORGE 22^d DEC^r 1704

Hono^{ble} S^r &c^a
Your faithfull freinds
and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT.
WILL^m FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEYERELL
THOM FREDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

No 91

To GABRIEL ROBERTS Esq^r,
 DEPUTY GOV^r & C^a COUNCIL
 FOR THE UNITED AFFAIRS AT FORT ST DAVID

S^{rs}

Wee rēcd yours of the 8th Instant, & since one without Date, by the next Conveyance wee'l send you, some fine broad Cloth and what elce wee have fitting for Presents, as for the Nabob he was lately at Conjeveron, and is returned again to Arcott, if he Marches thence your way, wee shall be sure to give you necessary advices relateing to that Affair

What wee sent you of Packing Stuff was good part of that we rēcd lately from Bengall, and as soon as more comes wee'l send you a further supply

Pray give Hopkins a strict charge to see that the Ketch is extraordinary well fitted, and lett there be done all thats imaginable to Contribute to her well sailing

Wee have few horses here that belong to the United Trade, that are fitt for state horses, or your occasions, so you must have patience till some arrive, from Persia

Wee are gladd you gott so able a Pilott for the Vessells bound to the Neptunes wreck

Wee have perused the List of stores you say is necessary to be bought for the United Trade, w^{ch} wee approve of, for the amo^t of which you must draw Bills on us, for that it must be paid with ready mony, two of the Grind stones with their winches pray send hither by the first opportunity, Wee rēcd the Dutch news from the Mallabar Coast, Translate of which is here Inclosed, by all Letters 'tis agreed the four french Ships sailed from Callicut the 20th November our Style, which makes us apprehensive, that they are gone to the Streights of Mallacca, or will endeavour to come upon this Coast, to Interupt our Bengall Shipping which God protect

You Surprize us in writing that you are already Indebted to your Merchants for what is Embaled, tho' not long agoe you wrote that you had but 189 Bales, so pray in your next lett us know, w^t is embaled and to what amount, Wee shall send you a further Supply as wee can procure mony, w^{ch} is so difficult at this time, that the like has not been known Wee are

Your Affectionate ffreinds
 and humble Servants

THOMAS PITT
 W^m FRASER
 THO WRIGHT
 JOHN MEVERELL
 THO FREDERICK
 ROB^t RAWORTH

FORT ST GEORGE, 22^d Dec^r 1704

Inclosed comes List of what freight Goods sent on the Huglyana Ketch for your Port, Williamson one of your Gunroome Crew desireing to be discharged, pray do you permitt him

No 92

To CAP^{tn} HUGH RAYMOND
 CO^mANDER OF SHIP DUTCHESS

S^r.

Wee rēcd your Letter of the 21st Instant wherein you desire our advice how to act for the Security of your Ship and Cargoe, in case that the four french Ships that wee lately heard were arrived at Callicut on the Mallabar Coast, and designed from thence to Pollicherry on this, who in all probabillity will Endeavour

to fall in to the N^o ward, and may chance to come thro' this road, when Ships that lye Att^y the great distance yours does, at this time, will be in no small Danger, 'Tis therefore our opinion and advise, that you bring your Ship in as near as Conveniently can (not doubting but that you have very good Anchors and Cables) that so wee may in some measure be able to Succour you by the cannon of this Garrison We are

S^r

Your Assured freinds
and humble Servants

FORT S^r GEORGE 27th X^{ra} 1704

THOMAS PITT
WILL^m FRASER
THO WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO FRIDERICK
ROB^t RAWORTH

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26	To Bencoolen	27 May & June	20	1704
27	To all Supra Cargoes & Comanders of Ships in the United Service bound from China or Malacca to the Coast of Chormandell	June	26.	1704
28	To the Supra Cargoes of the Sidney	Ditto		
29	To Pollicondore	Ditto		
30	To Metchlepatam	Ditto	27	1704
31	To Cap ^{tn} Charles Hopkins his Dispatch	Ditto	28	1704
32	To ffort S ^t David	Ditto	30	1704
33	To Bengall	July	15	1704
34	To ffort S ^t David	Ditto	24	1704
35	To Ditto	Ditto	27	1704
36	To S ^r N Wait & Co ^s at Surat	Ditto	29	1704
37	To Bombay	Ditto		
38	To Gombroon	Ditto	31	1704
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42	To Anjengo	Ditto		
43	To Cap ^{tn} Lestly	Ditto		
44	To ffort S ^t David	Ditto		
45	To Ditto	Ditto	9	1704
46	To Ditto	Ditto	11	1704
47	To Vizagapatam	Ditto	15	1704
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