

# Records of Fort St. George

FORT ST. DAVID CONSULTATIONS

1704<sub>a</sub>



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### PREFATORY NOTE.

There are two sets of the proceedings of the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David for the year 1703-04, one being their proceedings and transactions for the affairs of the Right Honourable United East India Company from 28th December 1703 to 31st December 1704 and the other being their proceedings and transactions for the separate affairs of the Right Honourable Governor and Company of merchants trading into the East Indies from 4th January 1704 to 31st December 1704. This volume contains the latter set of the proceedings, the former set of the proceedings having been printed already as a separate volume in the year 1937. The East India Company was incorporated in 1600 under the title of the Governor and Merchants of London trading into the East Indies. In 1698, a rival Company was formed under the sanction of Parliament, entitled the English Company trading to the East Indies. In 1702, the two companies agreed to amalgamate in 7 years' time and the union was finally effected in 1709. On the 15th July 1703 it was ordered in the Fort St. George Consultations that two sets of proceedings should be made, one for the United trade and the other for the separate trade of the old company. This accounts for the two sets of Fort St. David Consultations sent by the India Office for 1704. Two separate sets are available in this office only for the Fort St. George Consultations of 1705.

The manuscript volumes corresponding to this year are not found among the records of this office. The matter contained in this book has therefore been entirely supplied by the courtesy of the India Office (now Commonwealth Relations Office) from their Factory Records.

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