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19 Packet directed to the Hon'ble the President and Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Bombay ꝑ Norfolk.

To be forwarded in like manner, but not by the Conveyance which take the packets now sent ꝑ Boscawen and Tavistock.

20 Samples of 6 Chests of Paper for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. Geroge ꝑ Norfolk in the Box apart.

MEMO. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Walker and Sandys should there be occasion are to produce the following papers to the Board.

Copy Norfolks Charterparty Cap<sup>t</sup>. Bonhams Instructions Cap<sup>t</sup>. Bonhams Commission to seize Unlicensed persons.

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  - 16 Delineation of an Iron Ram for Driving Piles sent ꝓ Princess Augusta.
- MEM<sup>o</sup>. Copies of the Princess Augusta's Charterparty Cap<sup>o</sup>. Baddisons Instructions and Commission for seizing Unlicensed Persons being wanted Mess<sup>rs</sup> Forriano and Fead in whose hands they lay are to produce them.

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LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE BY THE  
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2. Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Hon'ble the Governour for the time being of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George ꝓ Tavistock.

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3. Invoice of the Tavistock for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George amounting to £ 42,819-18-0.

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9 The Companys Indulgence.

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15 Invoice of Medicines for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George & Tavistock the value whereof is included in the General Invoice.

16 Packet directed to the Hon'ble the President and Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Bombay & Tavistock.

To be forwarded by the first safe Conveyance either which carry the packets sent & Boscawen and Norfolk excepted.

17 Patterns of 65 Bales of Broad Cloth, 10 Bales of Long Ells and 7 Chests of Paper for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George & Tavistock on the Boxa part.

MEM<sup>o</sup>. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Garland and Smith being furnish'd with the following Copies are to produce the same if it should be requisite.

The Tavistock's Charterparty Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jenkins's Instructions and His Commission for Seizing Unlicensed Persons.

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LIST OF THE COMPANY'S PACKET TO FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE BY THE  
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3. Duplicate of the Companys General Letter to Fort Marlborough Sent  $\text{p}$  Grantham, dated the said 25<sup>th</sup> March—to be forwarded by any other Conveyance than that by which M<sup>r</sup>. Carter goes.

4. Duplicate of the Company's General Letter to Fort Marlborough sent  $\text{p}$  Falmouth, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1756 to be sent in like manner if that Ship should have miscarried.

5. Copy of the Companys Commission constituting Roger Carter Esqr. Deputy Governour and Others of Council of Fort Marlborough on the West Coast of Sumatra.

6. List of Goods to be Provided on the Coast of Choromandel for the Ships taken into the Companys Service in the Year 1756, dated the said 25<sup>th</sup> March.

7. Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Honble the Governour and the rest of the Select Committee at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George  $\text{p}$  Ilchester, To be received from Cap<sup>t</sup>. Tedd it being enclosed in the Companys Packet to him.

8. Invoice of the Ilchester for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George amounting to £ 13,608-9-2.

9. Bill of Loading of D<sup>o</sup>.

10. Invoice of the Ilchester for Bengal amounting to £ 53,028-13.

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12. Abstract of the Elizabeths Invoice for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George.

13. Second Bill of Loading of D<sup>o</sup>.

14. Account of Coral Beads and Emeralds licensed to be shipp'd on board the Ilchester for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George to purchase Diamonds.

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16. List of Persons proceeding to the East Indies under the Companys License distinguishing such as have given Security

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20. List of 31 Soldiers on board the Ilchester for Bengal with an Account of their Country, Age and Occupation to be set with the Men.

21. List of 8 Recruits taken out of the Ships Warwick and Princess Augusta as Deserters from His Majestys Troops.

22. Copy of D<sup>r</sup>. Bettesworths Opinion on the Proceedings of the Court of Admiralty held at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1755.

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LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE  
BY THE SHIP WORCESTER.

1. The Companys General Letter to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, dated the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1757.

2. Copy of the Companys General Letter to d<sup>o</sup>. dated the 1<sup>st</sup> Febry. 1757 sent to Boscawen, Norfolk and Tavistock.

3. List of Goods to be provided on the Coast of Choromandel for the ships taken into the Companys Service in 1756, dated the said 25<sup>th</sup> March.

4. Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Honble the Governour and the rest of the Select Committee at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George to Worcester, To be received from Cap<sup>t</sup>. Tiddeman it being enclosed in the companys Packet to him.

5. Invoice of the Worcester for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George am<sup>o</sup>. to £ 12,591-..-8

6. Bill of Loading of d<sup>o</sup>.

7. Invoice of the Worcester for Bengal am<sup>o</sup>. to £ 41,698-6-9.

8. Bill of Loading of D<sup>o</sup>. both to be forwarded with the Goods.

9. Abstract of the Fox's Invoice for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George.

10. Second Bill of Loading of D<sup>o</sup>.

11. List of Ships departed for and arrived from the East Indies since the Caernarvon Sailed.

12. List of Persons proceeding to India with the Companys License noting those under Security both Signed by the Secretary.
13. Copy Companys Commission constituting Roger Carter Esq' Deputy Governour and others of the Council of Fort Marlborough on the West Coast of Sumatra.
14. Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipp'd on board the Worcester for the Coast and Bay.
15. Copy of the Worcester's Victualling Bill, both to be forwarded with the Ship.
16. List of Officers and Cadets for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George ꝑ Worcester &c<sup>a</sup> Ships.
17. List of 33 Soldiers on board the Ilchester for Bengal with an account of their Country, Age and Occupation, To be sent with the Men.
18. List of 8 Recruits taken out of the Ships Warwick and Princess Augusta as Deserters from His Majestys Troops.
19. Copy of D<sup>r</sup>. Bettesworth's Opinion on the Proceedings of the Court of Admiralty held at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1755.
20. Copy of His Majestys Most Gracious Pardon to Matthew Keys and Benjamin Jenkins attested by the Secretary.
21. Assays of Coins received from Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George in 1757.
22. The Auditors Remarks on the Fort S<sup>t</sup>. David Adjustments.
23. Plan for adjusting the Presidency's Books with its Subordinates
24. Account of Goods Over and Wanting by the Hardwicke and East-court arrived from Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George in 1756.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT S<sup>T</sup>. GEORGE BY  
THE SHIP FOX.

1. The Companys General Letter to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, dated the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1757.
2. Copy Companys General Letter to D<sup>r</sup> dated 29<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1756 sent ꝑ the Coast and China ships.
3. List of Goods to be provided on the Coast of Choromandel for the Ships taken up in 1756, dated the said 25<sup>th</sup> March.
4. Invoice of the Fox for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George amounting to £ 1,004-16-9.

5. Bill of Loading of D°.
  6. Invoice of the Fox for Bengal amounting to £ 62,939—9—3.
  7. Bill of Loading of D°. Both to be sent with the Goods.
  8. Abstract of the Granthams Invoice for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George.
  9. Second Bill of Loading of D°.
  10. Account of Transparent Glass and False Pearls licensed to be Shipp'd on board the Fox for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George to purchase Diamonds.
  11. List of Ships departed for and arrived for the East Indies since the Caernarvon Sail'd.
  12. List of Persons permitted to proceed to India noting such as have given Security—The three last signed by the Secretary.
  13. Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipp'd on the Fox for the Coast and Bay.
  14. Copy of the Fox's victualling Bill.
  15. List of Officers and Cadets for Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George & Fox & c<sup>a</sup> Ships.
  16. List of 29 Soldiers on board the Fox for Bengal with an account of their Country, Age and Occupation to be sent with the men.
  17. Copy of His Majesty's Most Gracious Pardon to Matthew Keys and Benjamin Jenkins attested by the Secretary.
- Mem<sup>o</sup> The Auditors Remarks mentioned in the 81<sup>st</sup> Para are sent & Ilchester, Worcester Grantham.

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OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL AT FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE.

1. Our last Letter was dated the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1756 and went in Duplicates by the Ships Chesterfield and Walpole a Triplicate now comes by this Conveyance.

2 On the 24<sup>th</sup> of April last We received by the way of Pondicherry and France your Letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1755. Your General Advices by the Hardwicke are not yet come to hand occasioned by that Ship's Detention at S<sup>t</sup>. Helena for Convoy.

3. We have purchased and fitted out this Ship the Prince Henry Packet of the Burthen of 167 Tons Captain John Mumford Commander, on purpose to carry the necessary Directions to the Governour of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George on the important Event of the French War being declared both by his Majesty and by the French King, it being first proclaimed in London on t(he) 18<sup>th</sup> of May last.

4. What we have thought proper to load on this ship will appear by the accompanying Invoice and Bill of Lading; as to her Destination homeward, and other particulars, the Governour will be informed by the Committee of Secrecy.

5. The Committee of Secrecy for this Season is composed of Peter Godfrey, John Payne, Christopher Burrow, Roger Drake, William Mabbott and Jones Raymond Esquires, whose Orders and Directions are to be punctually observed by whomsoever they are addressed to.

6. As many inconveniences have arisen and must naturally arise from the Office of Export Warehouse Keeper being fluctuating; we therefore direct that M<sup>r</sup>. Orme do fill that Post, and continue therein until you hear further from Us, if he finds he is able to transact the Business, consistently with his other Employments in the Company's Service.

WE ARE,

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS,

LONDON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1756.

P. GODFREY.  
 JOHN PAYNE.  
 J. RAYMOND  
 W. MABBOTT.  
 M. IMPEY,  
 MAXIM W. WESTERN.  
 L. SUSIWAN.  
 HENY SAVAGE.  
 HENRY PLANT.  
 WILLI BARWELL.  
 JOHN DORRIEN.  
 JOHN BOYD.  
 CHARLES CHAMBERS.  
 CHORS. GOUGH.  
 TIMOTHY TULLIE.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL AT FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE.

1. We writ to you last Season by the Conveyances and under the Dates as follow, Viz<sup>t</sup>, the 10th October 1755 by the Delawar, the 3<sup>rd</sup> December by the Malbro', the 19<sup>th</sup> December by the Ships Caernarvon, Stormont, Suffolk, and Godolphin, and the 11<sup>th</sup> February following by the Chesterfield and Walpole Our Secretary likewise sent a short Letter to the Governour, by the Chesterfield of the 15<sup>th</sup> February, serving only as a Cover to three Letters which the Earl of Holderness desired might be forwarded to Fort St. George.

2. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of April last, We received a short Letter from you by a French Ship under date of the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1755, and after a long detention at S<sup>t</sup>. Helena We received from the Hardwicke on the 28<sup>th</sup> August the following Letters Viz<sup>t</sup>. Your General Letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> October 1755, the Select Committee's Letter to the Secret Committee of the same date, also a Letter, dated the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceeding July from the Commissioners of a Court of Admiralty. There were likewise received by this Conveyance a Letter from Our President and another from Colonel Lawrence, both dated the 27<sup>th</sup> October and address'd to the Secret Committee, and a Letter from Cap<sup>t</sup> Brohier to us of the 24<sup>th</sup> of the same month.

3. On the 7<sup>th</sup> October We received from the Eastcourt, a General Letter dated the 2<sup>d</sup> March, a Letter from the Mayors Court of Madras, and one from Captain Brohier, each of them bearing date the 1<sup>st</sup> March; the Secret Committee likewise received the select Committee's Letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Presidents Letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> of that Month and Col<sup>l</sup> Lawrence's of the 27<sup>th</sup> February.

4. From the Accounts We gave you in Our Letters last season, of the situation of Publick affairs, an open War between the British and French nations might easily be foreseen, it has proved so in the Event. His Majesty having proclaimed War against France on the 18<sup>th</sup> May last, which was returned in a very short time after on the part of the French King; some of His Majesty's Declarations are now sent for your Information.

5. That very Evening War was declared, Advices were sent to Aleppo, to be forwarded from thence by the way of Persia to Bombay, to give the earliest Notice of this important Event; the Ministry a few days after sent Letters by the same Channel for Admiral Watson and Colonel Adlercron, to give the same notice, and We have the pleasure to hear from M<sup>r</sup> Drummond at Aleppo, that both his Majestys and Our packets were forwarded from thence to Bussorah on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July following. His Majestys Ship the Triton sail'd from Portsmouth on the 17<sup>th</sup> July for the Mallabar Coast, and Our own ship called the Prince Henry Packet, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the Month following consigned to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, both charged with the like advices. We are in great hopes that by some of these Conveyances you have, long before this comes to your hand, been informed of this Event, and that in consequence you will have concerted every necessary measure for the Defence of Our Settlements, the Security of Our Commerce, and the annoying the Enemy whenever and wherever it can be done with prudence.

6. We enclose for your Information a List of the Arrival and Departure of the Companys shipping. you will there observe how late in general Our several Ships arrived, occasion'd by unavoidable and tedious detentions at S<sup>t</sup>. Helena, Lisbon, Ireland and elsewhere; besides the many difficulties. We labour under on this occasion, the late arrival of your Despatches and those from all the other parts of India is not one of the least We intended to have wrote you by this Conveyance very fully upon the affairs of your Presidency, but We are under the necessity for the reasons beforementioned, to give you only some Informations and Directions more immediately necessary, and of deferring the rest to Our General Letter by the Coast and Bay Ships.



7. Upon the dispatch of every ship, you must give positive Orders to the Commander, that immediately upon his arrival at any port in Great Britain or Ireland; he is to send his Packets to us under the Care of a Trusty Person, we mean all the Packets he is entrusted with, the Book Packets excepted which may be kept on board as usual until his arrival in the River of Thames, if their Bulk is such as will render the bringing them up very inconvenient. The Packets which contain your advices and the usual and necessary Papers, must for the conveniency of Carriage be made up by themselves, or at least be as little encumber'd as possible by the Addition of private Letters, or any thing else which may too much encrease their Bulk.

8. The Committee of Secrecy are empower'd by Us, to give Orders and Directions for conducting the Companys Military and Naval Affairs, and to provide for the safety of their Trading Ships, as also to give Instructions for such Treaties and Alliances with the Indian Powers, as may be thought proper to be enter'd into; the Orders and Directions therefore of that Committee, or any three of them, are to have the same regard paid to them, as if they were signed by the Court of Directors. The Select Committee at your Presidency and the Governour, will be the principal Persons they will correspond with, but if they think it necessary to write to any other person or persons, all due obedience must be paid to their Commands. The Gentleman who compose the Secret Committee under the present Direction are Peter Godfrey, John Payne, Christopher Burrow, Roger Drake & Jones Raymond Esq<sup>r</sup>.

9. The names and Destination of the Several Ships taken into the Companys Service this Season, are as follow, Viz<sup>t</sup>.

<i>Ships.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Commanders.</i>	<i>Consignment.</i>
Onslow ..	499	Thomas Hinde ..	St. Helena & China
Sandwich ..	499	John Purling ..	China directly
Triton ..	499	Francis Harris ..	
Boscawen ..	499	Benjamin Braund ..	Fort St. George and China.
Norfolk ..	499	Pinson Bonham ..	
Tavistock ..	499	Benjamin Jenkins ..	
Princess Augusta.	499	Thomas Baddison ..	
Falmouth ..	499	James Dale ..	St. Helena & Ben- coolen.
Warwick ..	499	Nicholas Webb ..	Madeira & Coast & Bay.
Ilchester ..	499	John Tedd ..	Coast & Bay.
Worcester ..	499	Edward Tiddeman ..	
Grantham ..	499	John Oliver ..	
Fox ..	499	Alexander Hume ..	
Elizabeth ..	499	Robert Burdett ..	
Prince Edward ..	499	James Haldane ..	Persia & Bombay.
Hawke ..	499	Richard Drake ..	Bombay.
New Ship ..	499	John Foot ..	
York ..	499	Peter Lascelles ..	
Lord Anson ..	499	Edw <sup>d</sup> . Lord Chick ..	

10. Besides which Ships, upon the occasion of the present War with France, We purchased a Vessell which we have called the Prince Henry Packet, and given the Command of it to Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Mumford, on purpose to give you Notice of that Event, and to be returned with Advices, she sail'd from the Downes as was mentioned before on the 5<sup>th</sup> of last August.

11. The Ship Onslow for St. Helena and Limpo in China, sail'd on her Voyage from Spithead the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

12. The Sandwich and Triton for Canton directly, with the whole consignment of Woollen Goods intended for that Market this Season, are now upon Dispatch.

13. As are also the Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock and Princess Augusta, bound first to you and then to Canton, the Warwick for Madeira and the Coast and Bay, and the Falmouth for S<sup>t</sup>. Helena and Bencoolen.

14. The Ships Ilchester, Worcester, Grantham, Fox and Elizabeth for the Coast and Bay, will be dispatched about the 26<sup>th</sup> February, as will at the same time the Prince Edward for Persia and Bombay.

15. The Hawke, New Ship, Yorke and Lord Anson for Bombay, will be dispatched about the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

16. The Gentlemen whom We have appointed to transact the Companys Affairs in China, for the beforementioned Ships, are formed into Setts in the following manner Viz<sup>t</sup>.

For the Ships Sandwich and Triton; Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Liett. Henry Revell, Mann Horner and Robert John Harrison.

For the Boscawen and Princess Augusta, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Thomson, Hillary Torriano, John Mapletoft & William Fead.

For the Norfolk and Tavistock, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mordecai Walker, Nathaniel Garland, Thomas Sandys and Thomas Smith.

For the Royal Duke expected at Canton from the Mallabar Coast, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Liett, Thomson, Walker Torriano and Garland.

For the Onslow, M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel Blount who proceeds in her from England and M<sup>r</sup>. James Flint now in China.

For Such Ship or Ships as shall or may arrive at Canton in the year 1757, from any of the Companys Settlements in India, other than those beforementioned, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Liell, Thomson, Walker and Smith.

17. The Freighters of Silver Coral and other Licensed Trade have executed the usual Agreement, that if any Ship or Ships on which such articles are laden shall proceed to Bengal without touching at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, or on the other hand arrive at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George and do not proceed to Bengal, that the President and Council at either place may forward the same agreeable (to) the Original Consignment on any of Our European Ships, at the Risque of the said Freighters but without any further Charge to them although this is only a Repetition of the Annual and Customary Clause on this Head, yet, under the present Circumstance of a French War, it may require your more particular Notice.

18. Upon some late Disputes with the Owners of Our Shipping, We have thought it highly necessary to make a small but very material Alteration in the Charterparty, to which we particularly refer, wherein you will find, that instead of the Word *Monsoon* that of *Passage* is substituted, with the Addition of *the ships making all reasonable attempts to get about the Cape of Good Hope, so as to gain her Passage home the same season* : We had always look'd upon the Words saving the Monsoon, and getting the Passage about the Cape of Good Hope the same season, to be sinonimous Terms and meaning the same thing, until a late verdict given in the Court of Kings Bench in the Case of the Ship Scarborough has shewn to Our Cost, that the Law determines otherways, for according to this verdict, a Ship may lose her Monsoon, that is the north East Wind may be actually spent, and yet, she may gain her passage, notwithstanding which the Owners would be entitled by law to the four months Demorage, if she was not dispatched on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

19. Although by this Alteration We are put on a more equitable footing, as you may deliver Dispatches to the Commanders whenever, you are ready, We do not mean thereby to distress the Owners, and We most earnestly recommend it to you for the future, to use your best endeavours to give as early Dispatches as possible, to every ship that comes from your Presidency, that even the Hazard of losing a Passage may be avoided, as well as the Damage the Cargoes often receive from bad Weather in rounding the Cape, the Consequence of late Dispatches.

20. You were advised in Our Letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> December last, that we had revived the Encouragement therein mentioned, for the Commanders to endeavour to get about the Cape, if dispatched from Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George or Bengal after the 3<sup>d</sup> March ; upon the abovementioned alteration in the Charterparty it has been again laid aside, and consequently the Clause is left out of the Instructions.

21. You will observe We have inserted a New Clause in all our Commanders Instructions, to prevent their making use of their Letters of Marque otherwise than for their Defence, in case they are first attacked, to prevent as much as possible enterprizing People endangering Our Property, and embroiling us with the Country Governments in India ; this Instruction however is not by any means meant to invalidate the stipulations in the Charterparty, as to the Right the Company have to employ the Ship, as well in a Warlike manner as in affairs of Commerce, and you are accordingly to insist upon such Right, notwithstanding any Objections which may be raised to the contrary.

22. We have advised you in a separate Letter by the Ship Warwick, that We had given Directions to Our Correspondents at Madeira for the Consignment of One hundred and fifty Pipes of Wine to you, and One hundred pipes to Our Presidency at Fort William, for what further relates thereto We refer to that Letter.

23. We leave it to your Discretion, either to detain the Warwick for an early Dispatch from Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, or to forward her to Bengal according to Circumstances, observing however, that if the first is determined upon as the properest measure, the Wine and other Consignments are to be sent by the earliest and safest Conveyances that offer, and in particular as large a Proportion of her Treasure as can be spared.

24. You must use the greatest Expedition in the unloading the Ships Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock, and Princess Augusta now consigned to you, with the several particulars contained in the accompanying Invoices and Bills of Lading; you are to be equally expeditious in sending aboard such Redwood as you may have provided in consequence of Our Former Orders for the Canton Market, and then, without loss of time, give the Commanders their sailing Orders for that place; We are the more pressing on this occasion, as their early Arrival in China is at all times advantageous to the Company, but it will be more particularly so under the present unhappy Circumstance of a War, which must unavoidably be attended with Impediments and Detentions, notwithstanding the utmost care.

25. Should any Redwood be laden on the said Ships, you must receive the amount of the Supra Cargos of such respective ships, which they are to pay out of the Treasure consigned to them; but you are not to detain the Ships an Hour extraordinary for loading the Redwood, as the profit thereon, will not bear a Comparison with the Difficulties a late Arrival in China will certainly produce.

26. You must give all the Intelligence, Advice and Assistance to the Supra Cargos and Commanders of these Ships, which may be necessary for the safety of their Passage to China, and the good of the Voyage in general.

27. We refer you in general for the particulars and amount of the Treasure Merchandize and stores consigned to you on these Ships, to the respective Invoices, you will observe therein that We have laden about one hundred and forty Bales of Cloth and twenty Bales of Long Ells, to be disposed of at your Presidency; and as it may be of Service to inform you of the Quantities intended for Bengal and Bombay, you are to know them that We are providing for Bengal, about six hundred and sixty Bales of Cloth, three hundred and sixteen Bales of Long Ells, together with seven hundred and ninety pieces of Long Ells Yard and half wide in seventy nine Bales; and for Bombay, about fourteen hundred Bales of Cloth, but no long Ells, exclusive of a very considerable Consignment to Persia on the Prince Edward.

28. We still insist upon your selling the Woollen Goods at Publick Outcry, and if it is found absolutely necessary to make use of the Indulgence We have allowed for two Years past, of dispensing with Our former Orders, for putting the Old Remains up with fifteen  $\frac{1}{2}$  Cent advance upon the Invoice Price, you must continue it this season with respect to what remains in Warehouse only, for the most they will fetch, provided you do not put them up under the Invoice Prices, it being our meaning, that the Consignment by these Ships, be not put up to sale under the usual advance of fifteen  $\frac{1}{2}$  Cent on the Invoice.

29. As we are advised both from Bengal and Bombay, that their Warehouses are entirely clear of Woollen Goods it is probable they may give some assistance in the disposal of those consigned to you, if you find Encouragement from both or either of Our said Presidencies, and proper Conveyances offer, you may consign such part of your Woollen Goods to them, as the Presidents and Councils shall advise you, may be disposed of to greater advantage than at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George.

30. The Treasure by these Ships is consigned to you, but it is Our Intention and Orders, that as large a proportion of it as you can possibly spare, be forwarded by the earliest and safest Conveyances to Our President and Council in Bengal, of which you are not to fail on any pretence whatsoever.

31. There are and will be laden on these and the Coast and Bay ships, several Quantities of Stores, Cloathing and other particulars for the use of His Majestys Sea and Land Forces in the East Indies, for which the Commanders have and will sign Bills of Lading, which will be transmitted from the respective Officers belonging to his Majesty to their Agents in India. We have only to recommend it to your Care, to give the necessary Information thereof, and see, that they are properly deliver'd on the Arrival of those Ships.

32. When any of His Majesty's Ships leave India, they will We imagine touch either at Madagascar or the Cape of Good Hope, perhaps at both, We would have you inform from time to time the Admiral or Commander in Chief, that he can have little dependence upon being supplied with Fresh provisions at St. Helena, as We are assured by the Governour, the Island is so much exhausted, they cannot afford to kill more than One small Bullock a Week to supply their Market, you must therefore most earnestly recommend it to them to refresh their People at one or both the beforementioned places, and likewise take on board as much Live Provisions as they can, for the rest of the Voyage home, also as much Fuel as may be necessary, as the Island is almost exhausted of Wood.

33. The very late Arrival of Our Shipping this Season, puts it out of Our power to send you Lists of Investment by these ships, or make the necessary Remarks upon the Goods received from your Presidency, that must be deferr'd therefore to go by the Coast and Bay ships, and We can now only recommend it to you to make an investment upon the best Terms, and in the best manner you are able, upon the Plan directed by us last season.

34. We are desirous of having as large a Quantity of Saltpetre, brought home by Our several Ships which are to be retruned to us in the Year 1757, from the respective Presidencies, as they can take in, without interfering with the more valuable parts of the Investments, you are therefore to take care to be provided in time from Bengal, with a sufficient Quantity of Saltpetre for such Ships as are to be dispatched from your Presidency.

35. About One hundred . . . Recruits for His Majestys Regiment, take their passage on the Ships Boscawen and Norfolk, upon their Arrival you are to make an Enquiry as to the Usage they met with in the passage, and if it appears they had any reasonable Cause for Complaint against the Commander or his officers, you must report the same to us. If the surgeon has taken a proper Care of them, you are to make him the same allowance as for Our Own Recruits.

36. It is Our Intention to send as many Recruits, as the several Ships now bound to Fort St. George can conveniently carry, We shall likewise do the same on the Coast and Bay Ships which are to follow them, part of which will be destined for the Service of Bengal Presidency. The great Demand for men to be enlisted in His Majestys Troops here, renders the raising men for Our service extremely difficult, and as We cannot inform you in this Letter with any preciseness, how far We have succeeded, We must refer you to Lists which are sent by the respective Ships on which they take their passage for the number as well as names.

37. We shall not in this Letter, say anything further of Colonel Heron's Affair than, that his Behaviour has Been extremely bad, and evidently appear unworthy of any station whatsoever in the Company's Service. You did right therefore in suspending him from a Seat at the Board, and it would have been equally right to have divested him of his Military Commission.

38. You acquaint us some Doubts have arisen, whether since the Act of Parliament for Punishing Mutiny and Desertion in India, Our Representatives or even Ourselves, have any power to divest an Officer of a Commission once granted, without breaking him by a Court Martial. If the said Act had laid us under any such Hardship, there would have been an End to Our and consequently Your Authority over the Military, but happily it is otherways, the Act makes no alteration in this respect, and for the future, whenever you find any Officer misbehave, in such a manner as to be unfit to be employed longer in Our service, you are to divest him of his Commission, although he has not been tried by a Court Martial, but We must at the same time recommend it to you, to make use of this authority with the utmost Equity and Lenity, and upon the clearest Conviction of such officer's misbehaviour and Demerit.

39. Being satisfied that in the present situation of Affairs, it will be necessary to have a well regulated Troop of Horse upon the Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George Establishment, We do accordingly direct. That a Troop be established on the following Plan, Viz<sup>t</sup>., That the same do consist of the Captain, a Quarter Master, Sergeant, three Corporals, a Drummer, Farrier and Thrity Private Men.

That David Baron de Vasserot who takes his Passage on the Princess Augusta, be the Captain of the said Troop, at the pay of Two hundred and seventy Pounds a Year, and to be paid him at the usual times with the rest of the Garrison, to commence on his arrival at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George.

The said Baron de Vasserot on his Arrival at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, is to have a Captains Commission, which you are accordingly to deliver to him, and should there be any Lieutenants his Seniors, they are to rank before him on their being appointed to the Command of Companies, but, if any Junior Lieutenants should be made Captains before his arrival, his Commission is to bear Date before the said Junior Lieutenants.

No advantage is to arise to the Captain in the purchase of the Horses, which are to be brought by him under your Direction, and the Price for no one Horse is to exceed Four hundred Rupees (except those for the Captain and Quarter Master) but they are to be procured for as much less as possible.

The Allowance for the maintenance of the Horses as well in Garrison as in the Field, is to be settled by you.

The Captain is to have the preference of maintaining the Horses, at the Rates you shall so fix upon.

The Captain is to have the Cloathing of the Troop, on the same terms as the Captains of the other Companies on the Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George Establishment.

40. If a Troop of Horse should be established before Baron de Vasserot's Arrival, he is notwithstanding to take the Command thereof, and the Officer who has the Command of such Troop, is to be provided for, as you the Governour and Council shall think proper.

41. We have entertained Frederick William Elerson on the footing of a Volunteer but upon his Arrival at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George you are to appoint him Quarter Master to the said Troop, he takes his passage on the Princess Augusta.

42. We leave it to you to settle the pay of the said Quarter Master, the Sergeant Corporals, Drummer, Farrier and private Men upon the most equitable and reasonable terms you can, as well for the Company as the people themselves.

43. We now send you in the Princess Augusta, all the necessary Accoutrements for the said Troop, and you are Annually to indent for what may be wanting from time to time, as you may be supplied much better, as well as greatly cheaper from hence, than by providing them upon your Coast.

44. When the former Troop subsisted, the Prices given for the Horses, and the charge of maintaining them, together with the great Allowances to and the pecuniary Advantages the Commander had at our Expense, were very exorbitant, and were the principal Inducements for our Ordering it to be laid aside, all which it is proposed by this plan shall be regulated and settled in this Troop upon the most reasonable terms possible, especially with respect to the maintenance of the Horses in the Garrison, and the Field, as We are well assured, that a Horse may be well maintained for Four Pagodas a Month in Garrison, if not less, you are accordingly to regulate and settle the Troop in all these particulars, agreeable to our Directions and Intentions ; another thing We have been assured has greatly enhanced the Expenses of the Troop, and that is, the maintaining a Number of Horses at times belonging to the Officers of Our other Forces, this is a practice We greatly disapprove of, and absolutely forbid in future. The Pay We have agreed to allow Cap<sup>t</sup>. Vasserot as before directed, seems large, but We were induced to allow it in some measure, to make up for the Emoluments it is supposed Our Captains of Foot have, by Cloathing a greater number of Men than Captain Vasserot will have under his Command, and considering that little if any Profit, is to arise to him out of the Buying or Maintenance of the Horses.

45. Paul Philip Polier de Bottens Esq<sup>t</sup> being an Able and Experienced Officer, and having served the Company during his Residence on the Coast of Choromandel to Our entire satisfaction, We have entertained him to be Major of Our Garrison at Our Presidency of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, and of all Our Forces employed at and under Our said Presidency, in the room of the late unworthy Colonel Heron ; who has render'd himself for ever incapable of the Companys service ; Major Polier is not to have a constant seat at the Council Board at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, but is to be always called thereto when Military Affairs are to be taken under consideration, and likewise be admitted at all times when he has any thing to propose in the Military way ; at which times he is to have a Vote, and take his seat therein next below the second, as he is thus to be only of Council occasionally, he is in Course to have no succession therein, Major Polier is also to have the Command and Cloathing of one of the Companies agreeable to the 22<sup>d</sup> Paragraph of the Military Regulations, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1748, for all which stations, his salary is to be Two hundred and fifty pounds a year, with the appointments for Diet, Servants and Pallankeen usually annexed to the post of the third in Council, to commence upon the Receipt of this Letter, which Salary and Appointments are to be in lieu of all other allowances whatsoever for the said several stations of Major, occasional Councillour as before mentioned,

and Captain of a Company ; and to prevent any Misunderstandings, We do declare it to be Our meaning, that he is not to have any additional pay for any service or Duty in regulating or commanding any of Our Artillery Companies, in case of a Vacancy in the Command of them.

46. In case of the Death or absence of Major Polier, you are to appoint an Officer who you shall judge to be the best qualified to succeed him provisionally, until Our further pleasure is known, as We are determined to reserve the filling up the post of Major to Ourselves.

47. Colonel Lawrence is at all times a Member of the Select Committee, and We can depend upon his Abilities and Inclination to serve the Company, but in case of his Death or Absence, or if the Select Committee shall have occasion for the Advice and Assistance of Major Polier, they are at liberty to call upon him for the same.

48. Finding it extremely difficult to raise Recruits for Our Forces in England, We have since writing the before-going sent Baron de Vasserot and Frederick William Elerson, to raise about Two hundred men in and about Hamburgh, Lubeck and Bremen, to be ready to proceed on the Coast and Bay Ships, the said Gentlemen therefore will take their Passage on the Fox instead of the Princess Augusta as mention'd before and the Accoutrements for the Troop will likewise be sent in the Fox.

49. We have at last met with the Book you requested in your Letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1754, entitled Thesaurus Linguarum Orientalium by Meninski, and now send it by the Boscawen We hope it will prove of good Assistance to such of our Servants as have or shall apply themselves to the Oriental Languages the Persic in particular, agreeable to Our former Recommendations.

50. We have entertained Duke Butler ; Stephen Villaret Joseph Wynn, Abraham Faizan, Abraham Bonjour, Daniel Anthony, Moutach and Abraham Dupasquier to serve in Our Forces upon the Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George Establishment as Cadets, upon the usual terms, if they behave well, they are to have Ensigns Commissions as Vacancies happen in the Order We have named them, after those We sent out last and the preceeding Seasons ; and you are to observe it as a Rule, that all the Persons We entertain as Cadets, are to be preferr'd (if deserving) before any that are or shall be entered on that List by you.

51. The said Persons will take their Passage upon different as will appear more particularly by the List of the Military on ea[ch].

52. The French are making great Preparations at L'Orient for an Expedition to the East Indies. according to best Information We can at present get, it consists of six (Men) of War of the Line, Two Frigates and Eight Company's Ship fitted in a Warlike manner, on which are to embark about thousand five hundred Land Forces ; to what paticular part of India this Force is destined We cannot learn, We must then recommend it to you in the strongest manner, to be well—to your Guard to defend Our Presidency of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George any attempts that may be made upon it by this Force ; We have the satisfaction of being further able to inform you, the Squadron of his Majestys Ships will be soon ready to proceed to the East Indies, to continue there for a time, in the room,—that under Vice Admiral Watson, and although We —[...] at present fully apprized of its Force, We have good reason to believe it will be sufficient to cope with the French Squadron.



53. What further occurs to us on this interesting [.....] will be communicated to the Governour and Select Committee will have directions to give all necessary Intelligence. re [.....] thereto to the Select Committees at Our other Presiden [cies].

54. As We have not time by these Conveyance [.....] enter into the Affairs of the West Coast so far as to [.....] Our Sentiments and Directions upon them in a particular manner, We must defer them until We write by the Coast and Bay Ships, in the mean time you will receive by the Boscawen and Norfolk Copies of the Letter We send by the Falmouth to Our Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Marlborough, every part whereof so far as is in any respect necessary for your Information Conduct and Execution is to be as punctually observed and complied with, as if it was inserted in the Body of this Letter. Mr Roger Carter whom We have appointed Deputy Governour of Fort Marlborough could not get ready soon enough to proceed on the Falmouth, he will therefore take his passage on one of the Coast and Bay Ships to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, from whence he is to go to the West Coast by the first Good Conveyance that offers.

LONDON THE [29<sup>th</sup>] DECEMBER 1756.

WE ARE,  
YOUR LOVING FRIENDS,

P. GODFREY.  
JOHN PAYNE.  
R. DRAKE.  
J. RAYMOND.  
N. NEWNHAM JUNR.  
M. IMPEY.  
HENRY PLANT.  
L. SULWAN.  
JOHN DORRIEN.  
BOB JONES.  
HEN<sup>r</sup>. SAVAGE.  
THOS BONS.  
CHA GOUGH.  
TIMOTHY TULLIE.  
H. CRABB BOULTON.  
STEPHEN LAW.  
CHRIST BURROW.  
CHARLES CHAMBERS.  
JOHN MANSHIP.  
M. WESTERN.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

1. This Ship the Warwick Cap<sup>t</sup>. Nicholas Webb Commander, being consigned to the Island Madeira to take in the Annual Supply of Wine for the use of Our Presidencies of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George and Fort William, and as there is a probability of her proceeding singly from thence, as well as that some or all of the Coast and China Ships will arrive at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George before her, We shall confine this Letter principally to what relates to the Warwick, and write Our General advices by the beforesaid Ships which are now upon their Dispatch, being the Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock and Princess Augusta.

2. The accompanying List of the Arrival and Departure of Shipping will give you a general Account of the late Arrival of the several Ships this season; those from your Presdiency brought the several Packets the Commanders were entrusted with.

3. In Our Letters last Year you were in general apprized of the Situation of Affairs between the British and French Nations, which was such as in all probability would draw on an open War, the Event has proved so, as you will observe by the accompanying Declarations, his Majesty having proclaimed War against France on the 18<sup>th</sup> May last, which was likewise done soon after by the French King against his Majesty.

4. We make no doubt of your having Information of this important Event, long before this reaches your hands, as advices were immediately sent by the way of Aleppo as well by the Government as Ourselves, to give notice of it to Admiral Watson and the Companys servants in general, for the same purpose His Majesty Ship Triton sail'd from Portsmouth on the 17<sup>th</sup> July last, and Our own Ship the Prince Henry Packet the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month following from the Downes.

5. The several Articles consigned to you by this ship will appear by the enclosed Invoice and Bill of Lading to which therefore We refer, only observing, that as We know Our Presidency in Bengal will be in immediate want of Treasure for their Investment, you must lose no opportunity of forwarding as large a proportion of it as possible by the earliest and safest Conveyances that offer; either by this Ship or others at your discretion.

6. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Chambers, Hiccox and Chambers at the Island Madeira, have Our directions to consign to you on the Warwick One hundred and fifty pipes of Wine, and to Our President and Council at Fort William One hundred and fifty pipes, out of which last named Quantity you may, agreeable to the liberty We have for some time past indulged you in, detain so far as Fifty Pipes, but no more on any account whatsoever, and not even that Quantity or any part of it without a real necessity.

7. In consequence of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Paragraphs of your General Letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> October 1755, relative to the Leakage of Madeira Wine and short Gauge of the Casks, and of some Complaints of the like kind from Our Presidency at Fort William. We have made the strongest Representations thereon to Our Correspondents at Madeira, and We have reason to beleive with good effect, but in order to prevent as much as possible any furture Complaints, We have concerted and agreed with them that the Wines shall be upwards of a year Old before they are shipped, by which they will be better assured of the Quality, and as the Fermentation by that time will be in a great measure over, it will in some degree prevent the Leakage so much complain'd of. They are likewise to take particular care that the Casks are made up to hold completely One hundred and fifteen Gallons each, and before shipping them, they are to call upon the Captain either to see every Cask gauged and full himself, or depute one of his officers for that purpose, they are to draw out certificates of the particulars of such Gauge to be signed by themselves and the Captain or his Officers aforesaid one of which is to be sent to us. One delivered to the Captain, and the others forwarded to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George and Fort William, all the Companies Wines for the future, are to have Our Mark burnt on each Cask; as it has been intimated that some of Our Commanders have had their Pipes made up to gauge considerably less than the Companys

Standard of the One hundred and fifteen Gallons, and as it is possible that such Casks may have been delivered in lieu of some of the Company it may in some measure account for the short Gauge so frequently complained of, to prevent which in future, the marking the Companys Casks only as beforementioned will be very useful, and We have further given positive directions as you will observe by Captain Webb's Instructions, that he does not Ship or suffer to be Shipped upon his own account, or that of any of his ships Company, any Pipe or Pipes of Wine but what shall contain the full Quantity of One hundred and fifteen Gallons each, these precautions will be continued every season, and We desire you will let us know what effect they have, by sending to us a very particular Account from Year to Year of the Condition of the Wines consigned to you, for Our Information and having Justice done us if there appears reason to apply for it.

8. The Commander and Ships Company have the usual Indulgence of Twenty Pipes of Wine.

LONDON THE 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 1756.

WE ARE,

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS,

P. GODFREY.  
 JOHN PAYNE.  
 R. DRAKE.  
 J. RAYMOND.  
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 HY. CRABB BOULTON.  
 STEPHEN LAW.  
 CHRISTO BURROW.  
 CHARLES CHAMBERS.  
 JOHN MANSHIP.  
 M. WESTERN.

GENTLEMEN,

As the Accompanying Packet for the Governour and Council of Bombay could not be closed the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant when the Packet for that Island by the Norfolk was made up, I am to desire you would forward the former to them by the Conveyance whereon the latter shall be sent, and am,

EAST INDIA H<sup>o</sup>, LOND<sup>o</sup>.  
 THE 3<sup>d</sup> JAN<sup>r</sup>. 1757.

GENTLEMEN,

YOUR MOST OBED<sup>t</sup>. HUMBLE  
 SERVANT,  
 ROB<sup>t</sup> JAMES,  
 Sec<sup>ry</sup>.

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**OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL AT FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE.**

1. These Ships having been long Detained by contrary Winds gives us the Opportunity of Informing you, that having laid before the Administration Extracts from your Letters and papers relative to your Transactions with Colonel Adlercron, it plainly appeared to His Majestys Ministry, that the Regiment in the present Situation could be of little if [.....] Service to the Company, His Majesty therefore has Ordered the Right Honble. M<sup>r</sup>. Pitt, one of His Principal Secretary of State and the Right Hon'ble Lord Barrington Secretary at War, to signify His Royal pleasure to Colonel Adlercron to return forthwith to England with the Regiment under his Command on board such of the Companys Ships as he shall be able to find a passage in, But it is at the same time Signified to Colonel Adlercron, That as it will be necessary for the Company to keep up a considerable Force for the Security of their Settlement it is His Majestys further pleasure that as many of the Commissioned Officers of his Regiment under the Rank of Field Officers, and also such of the Non Commissioned Officers and private Men, as shall be willing to engage in the Service of the Company be permitted to remain in the East Indies, and tho' the King would not have the least Compulsion used to prevail on any of the Officers or men, yet that his Majesty most gracious Intention will be best answered by the Colonels exerting himself by encouraging the Officers and Private men in general to engage in the Companys Service for the time and on the terms of the Companys Forces there.

2. Though no Field Officer will be permitted to enter into the Companys Service, Colonel Adlercron is desired by Lord Barringtons Letter to acquaint all such Commission Officers (below the Rank of a Field Officer) as shall be willing to engage in the service of the Company, That from the time of their so engaging That they have his Majestys Permission for so doing, That from the time of their so engaging, they shall be deemed His Majestys reduced Officers according to their respective Ranks, and that when they shall have fulfilled their Engagement with, and shall leave the Service of the Company, they shall, bringing with them a Certificate of their Good Behaviour during their continuance therein, be entitled to the receipt of Half Pay from the time of their respective return to Great Britain, according to the Rank they held in His Majesty's Service.

3. The beforegoing being as We are well informed the purport of the Letters to Colonel Adlercron, it is hoped that many of the Commission and non-Commission Officers and most of the Private Men will Choose or be persuaded to stay in India the necessary Instructions for treating and agreeing with them on this occasion, are now forwarded from the Secret Committee to the Select Committee at your Presidency, to whom you are to give all the assistance that so important a measure for the Companys Service requires.

4. As Colonel Adlercron and the Field Officers of his Regiment are to return to England in any of our Ships on which they are able to find a passage, you are to give the necessary orders to the Commanders of such Ships for their accommodation as you are likewise, for those Commission and non-Commission Officers and private men who do not make it their choice to engage in the Companys Service.

5. Colonel Adlercron being directed to leave with you all the arms, Firelocks and Halberts of such men as shall take on in the Companys Service you are to settle with him an account and Estimate thereof as We are to pay the value of them here to His Majestys Board of Ordnance.

LONDON, 1 FEBR., 1757.

WE ARE

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS

P. GODFREY.  
 JOHN PAYNE.  
 R. DRAKE.  
 NATH. NEWNHAM JUNR..  
 LAU SULWAN.  
 STEPHEN LAW.  
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 MAXIM WESTERN.  
 TIMOTHY TULLIE.  
 JOHN DORRIEN.  
 CHARLES CHAMBERS.  
 CHA. GOUGH.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

1. The Ships Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock, Princess Augusta and Warwick carried Our General Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of December last, and a short Letter of the same date was sent in Triplicates by the Boscawen, Norfolk and Warwick which related only to the last named Ship and particularly the Wine intended to be laden on her at the Island of Madeira, as those Letters went by so many conveyances it is unnecessary to send copies of them.

2. The said ships having been long detained by contrary Winds, we had the opportunity of writing again a short Letter in Triplicates by the Boscawen, Norfolk and Tavistock under date of the 1<sup>st</sup> February to advise you of the Orders sent to Colonel Adlercron by His Majesty's Ministry.

3. The Dispatches for all the beforementioned Ships as likewise those for the Sandwich, Triton and Falmouth the two first for China and the other to the West Coast were delivered on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, the times of their final Departure on their respective voyages will appear by the accompanying Lists of Shipping.

4. We now proceed in the usual Method to give you the necessary Informations and Directions and to make some Observations upon your Proceedings, But the many difficulties and Embarrassments attending the late arrival of our Shipping in general, together with those arising from the present situation of Public Affairs unavoidably prevent Our being so full in this Letter as we could Wish, the greater therefore must be Our confidence in and Dependance upon your Conduct and Management of the Company's Affairs in general and in particular what relate to the Charges and Expenses of your Presidency, to which the greatest attention must be had, as well to keep them within the most reasonable Bounds as that the greatest Economy be used to prevent as much as possible all misapplications and abuses.

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**FIRST OF SHIPPING.**

5. The Ships now under Dispatch and by which you will receive this Letter are the Ilchester, Worcester, Grantham, Fox and Elizabeth, The Prince Edward for Persia and Bombay likewise proceeds on her voyage at the same time.

6 Having sent by the Ships Warwick, Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock and Princess Augusta the Consignments intended this season for your Presidency you will receive but little by these Ships, as soon therefore as they have sent ashore, what we have laden for your account, and such part of the Treasure is coined as Our President and Council at Fort William shall have given you notice may be necessary, They are then to be Dispatched thither without loss of time where their early arrival cannot but be of the greatest importance.

7. As there were but Four Ships consigned to the Coast and Bay last season, We cannot but suppose they will be all returned to Europe, and in such case, you and Our Servants in Bengal will have the less Difficulty to provide Cargoes for the six Ships proceeding thither this Season, But as in the Present unhappy situation of a French War many circumstances may frustrate your best Intentions We can only recommend it to you in concert with Our other Presidencies to use your best endeavours that they may be all returned to Us as early in the same season they arrive as possible. The Places from whence they are to be Laden and the times of their Dispatch must likewise be left to your Prudence and Determined upon according to circumstances.

8. Should through any unforeseen Events one or more of our Ships be prevented from returning home the same season, you are in concert with Our other Presidencies to employ them in such a manner as will be best for the Company's Interest having a particular regard to their earning as much towards defraying the charge of their Demorage as possible, the rate of which you will observe by the Charterpartys to be extremely heavy in time of War.

9. The foregoing Directions and Recommendations are to be extended to the Assistance of Our Presidency of Bombay with respect to the Ships consigned thither, so as that their return likewise the same season may so far as depends upon you be facilitated, or those detained in India employed to the best advantage.

10. With the assistance of Salt Petre, We are in hopes every Ship will have her Charterparty Tonnage laden, and rather than any should be detained in India for another season, We would have them dispatched accordingly with the Charterparty Tonnage only, but if you can load a further Quantity of Goods on each Ship it will be more acceptable provided it does not prevent the Dispatch of any other, and that such surplus Tonnage does not render the Ship unfit in any degree from defending herself properly in case of being attacked by the Enemy.

11. You will observe in Our General Letter to the West Coast of Sumatra by the Falmouth, copies of which are transmitted to you, that the Deputy Governour and Council are directed in all Events to give that Ship her Charterparty Tonnage with the usual additional Quantity for Wastage, and with regard to surplus Tonnage, she is to have as large a quantity as can be spared consistently with the reserve to be made for a Ship either from you or Bengal, which reserve is not to exceed Two hundred and fifty Tons, but if they shall have certain advice that no Ship will be sent to them as aforesaid, in such case they are to

give the Falmouth as full a Loading as she can take in without being pestered, and any way rendered incapable of Defence in case of being attacked. As the Deputy Governour and Council are in a great measure to be guided by the advices they receive from Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George or Bengal, and that they are in the mean time to give you an account of the Pepper they have reason to expect every season; you are to concert the necessary measures with the Presidency of Bengal for a Ship's proceeding accordingly from one or the other Settlement to the West Coast, or if one of our Europe Ships does not go thither, that as early advice be given thereof as may be, that the Falmouth may have a Loading accordingly.

12. The Quantity of Salt Petre to be laden on every Ship is to be as much as can be taken in consistently with the beforementioned circumstances of not preventing thereby the dispatch of others, or being rendered incapable of a proper defence in case of an attack.

13. In order to prevent as much as lies in our Power Illicit Trade, you are strictly to observe our Former Orders on this Head, and We direct that you do seize and Dispose of on the Companys account all Goods in Private Trade landed from any of our Europe ships which have not been Licenced by Us, and you are to transmit to Us a particular account of the said Goods and what they sell for together with an Exact Detail of the whole Transaction:

14. Upon settling accounts with the Owners of the Triton we find that six slabs of the Companys Lead were lost in the surf as they were carrying ashore from that Ship, but it does not appear that any attempt was made to recover them, this we mention that in case of any such accidents in future you do immediately send Divers and use all necessary measures to prevent the entire loss of the Goods so cast away.

15. Every Bag of Salt Petre laden in Bengal contains exactly Two of their Factory Maunds, by this equality of weight we are enabled to adjust with ease any short Deliveries in England, by comparing such Bags as have an apparent Deficiency with others that come in a good condition, although these last will fall short of their Invoice weight by the natural wastage of that article, upon settling the Ship Winchelsea's account we find the Bags of Salt Petre laden on her at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George were not equal in weight and consequently prevented our adjusting the Deficiency in the usual method; you must therefore for the future give Directions that every Bag of Salt Petre put on board any Ship for England at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George do weigh exactly Two Bengal Factory Maunds.

16. In adjusting the same Ships account there appearing some want of regularity in the surveying the Madeira Wine, it is necessary for Us to direct and you are accordingly hereby directed to take particular care that all sorts of Goods are Housed immediately after landing and proper surveys made as soon as possible after Housing.

17. You have in general given Us Satisfaction with respect to the Disposition of Our shipping by concerting the necessary measures with Our other Presidencies for the sending home all the Ships on your respective Hands in consequence of which every Ship we expected is arrived. The great advantage of returning all Our shipping the season of their arrival and that as early as possible, is so obvious, and has been so frequently inculcated that it is unnecessary to say anything further thereon than that it is an Object you must never lose

ight of if circumstances will permit. We must add we observe with Pleasure by your General Letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> March that your further disposition we had reason to expect you dispatched a Ship for England early in the following September.

18. We approve of your Conduct with respect to the Prussian Ship called the Prince Henry, as she belonged to a Nation in strict Amity with Great Britain you did well in granting her the liberty of being supplied with the necessary Refreshments, Wood and Water, you were right likewise in using the Precautions mentioned in your Letter by the Hardwicke to prevent her carrying on any Traffick at Fort St. George; on any similar occasion we recommend it to you to observe the like conduct and Behaviour.

19. All our expected Ships being arrived from the several parts of India without bringing any news of the Dodington makes Us almost give her over for lost, and a Report prevailing at Bombay that some parts of the Wreck of a large Ship had been seen near Ceylon in the month of December, it adds to our apprehensions; We make no doubt you have been informed of this Report and that in consequence, if this should really be the Wreck of the Dodington you have made Enquiries after the People and given the necessary Assistance to such of them as may have been so happy to escape to the said Island.

20 In Our Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of December last you were informed of the great scarcity of Fresh Provisions and Fuel at our Island St. Helena, in order for your recommending it to the Admiral or Commander-in-Chief of any of His Majesty's ships on their leaving India to supply their Ships in the manner therein mentioned, We are now to inform you that We have introduced a New Clause into Our Commanders Instructions by which they are directed to supply themselves before their departure from India with as much Fuel as will serve for their homeward bound Voyage, allowing for an extraordinary stay at St. Helena or elsewhere, that they may not be under the necessity of distressing the Island in this particular, they are also directed for the same reason to stock themselves with Live Provisions, We recommend it to you therefore to remind every Commander dispatched from Fort St. George of his carefully complying with his said Instructions.

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SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FROM ONE PART OF INDIA  
TO ANOTHER.

21. In general the consignments for your Presidency this Season were laden on the Warwick and the Four Coast and China Ships, what are now sent by these Ships the Ilchester, Worcester, Grantham, Fox and Elizabeth are only such as could not be got ready in time or that the first mentioned Ships were not able to take in, for the particulars you are referred to the respective Invoices.

22. The Bulk of the Cargoes therefore on these Ships being consigned to Bengal as likewise the Treasure, you are to detain them as little as possible and no longer than may be necessary for coining or Exchanging such part of the said Treasure into Rupees as you shall be advised by Our President and Council of Fort William may be proper for the carrying on their Investment and the other current Expenses of that Settlement.



23. With respect to the Treasure on these Ships it is principally intended as we have consigned it for Bengal and therefore you are not to detain a Dollar of it more than is really and absolutely necessary for our service upon the Coast of Choromandel and whatever you shall so detain must be evinced to be unavoidable by an Account to be stated and transmitted to us for that purpose.

24. Upon the presumption that you will be desired to Exchange or Coin part of the Treasure into Rupees We have sent the several Invoices for Bengal in the Packets Directed to you which are to be forwarded upon each respective Ship as you dispatch them together with an account of what you detain if any, and what alterations are made by shipping Rupees in Lieu of Bullion taken out.

25. Assays having been made of the Musters of Pagodas and Rupees received from you by the Ships Hardwicke and Eastcourt, an account is now sent of the same together with our Accountant's Remarks thereon, to which you are to give particular attention as the least Deviation from the Established standards for weight and Fineness must not be admitted.

26. Notwithstanding what you represent with respect to your and our Presidencies being Overburthened with Woollen Goods; The last Advices both from Bombay and Bengal assure Us they have cleared their Godowns and that too by Public Outcry, it is matter of much surprize therefore you have not in a great measure done the same, and seems the more extraordinary as you are pleased to say it was in the Power of the President to have sold the whole Quantity then on hand at as good a Price by Private Contract as you could obtain for very small Quantities sold at Public Outcry, which for any reasons assigned we can only account for on Principles founded on suspicions which would do little Honour to you in a Branch of our Affairs the success of which we have so much at heart, We shall not therefore deviate from our Repeated Orders for having our Woollen as well as all other Goods whatsoever sold by Public Sales, and if you do your Duty we think you may clear your Warehouses as well as our other Presidencies, especially when it is considered We sent you none last year and the consignments this season consisted only of about One hundred and forty Bales of Cloth and Twenty Bales of Long Ells (as you were informed in our last Letter) and that we Indulged you in dispensing with Our Orders for putting up the Old remains at Fifteen  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cent advance on the Invoice Price.

27. As you represent Lead to have been a bad Article in the year 1755 none has been sent you this season.

28. We have consigned to Bengal by the Ships Worcester, Grantham, Ilchester and Elizabeth about thirty Tons of Copper in small Bars in imitation of Japan Copper, notwithstanding which Consignment, you may take out all or any part thereof if you judge it will come to a good market at Fort St. George taking care to advise our President and Council at Fort William of what you shall so take out.

29. We shall depend upon your making it a constant rule to have a stock of the proper sortment of Redwood on Hand annually against the arrival of the China ships it being the only article you advise us for the Canton Market which can be provided by you, at the same time we must let you know that the value is so inconsiderable we would never have a Ship detained to take any aboard especially if it is in the least degree late in the season.

30. We are well pleased to find the West Coast Sugar and Arrack fetch as good Prices at your Market as those Articles from Batavia, We shall depend upon your frequently inculcating to Our servants at Fort Marlborough the advantage that will attend their care in keeping the Manufacturers steady with regard to the Quality and at the same time you are to encourage them to prosecute this understanding in the best manner they can for the Benefit of the Company as well as the Undertakers.

31. If upon a careful Tryal you find John De Roos fully answers your Expectations by delivering good Gunpowder upon more reasonable Terms than it has yet been made for the Companys account we shall not disapprove of your continuing him in this employ as long as he does so.

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### THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS.

32. The reasons you give for the debasement in the Quality as well as the Dearness of your Investments for a considerable time past have certainly weight in them, and we can only say that we must depend upon your utmost attention for taking every favourable occasion for rectifying the quality and reducing the Prices by such ways and means as you shall judge to be most expedient for these salutary purposes you observe if the quantity alone was to be considered very little difficulty would attend the encrease of your Investment. But the Quality must be your Principal as it is the most eligible Object especially in the present situation of the Trade of Europe, and Particularly in Germany where the Troubles have occasioned such a general stagnation and the Demand for Callicoes is so inconsiderable in consequence thereof, that We have severely felt the Ill Effects by the reduction of the Prices of your Goods at our late sales.

33. In the Detail of your Proceedings on the Investment it is represented that the insufficiency of the several Persons who made Proposals obliged you to recur to your Old Merchants with whom you contracted after some reluctance on their side, as we must suppose you did your utmost to encourage a competition, we cannot disapprove of this Engagement. But we must insist upon your still endeavouring to introduce as many new Merchants into the Investment as possible by giving timely and the most public notice for receiving Proposals and Contracting with those whose terms are most reasonable and advantageous to the Company, provided you are satisfied of their ability to perform their Engagements.

34. We cannot but approve of your endeavours for breaking the combination of the Old Merchants at Fort St. David by entering into an Engagement with Nella Chitty, the Transactions at that Place likewise evidently shew the necessity of getting out of the Old Track of dealing with the same Sett of People each after season. The Directions you gave to the Deputy Governour and Council to be less strict in sorting their Goods must be of Force only in very extraordinary cases and that but in a small degree the Quality of the Goods being as before observed the object principally to be attended to.

35. It is with satisfaction we observe the northern Settlements have produced a more considerable Investment than for sometime past and that Mr. Boddam has, by exerting himself principally contributed to this success; We cannot avoid informing you that the Quality of the Northern Investment in general although not so good as formerly is better than that we received the season before.

36. What with the Debasement of the Quality and the advance in the Price of your Goods, you have difficulties enough to contend with in carrying on the Investment, without the Combinations of the Merchants, and the several Arts they use to drive you into their measures as well in regard to the acceptance of the Goods they tender, as the Prices thereof. The same Arts were so long practised by the Merchants in Bengal that Our Servants there were under a necessity of attempting a new Method for carrying on the Investment by sending Gomastahs to the Aurungs in which they have succeeded even beyond our expectations. We do therefore desire you will take into your most serious consideration and give us by the very first opportunity, your Thoughts whether something of this method may not be attempted by you, and though it should not, the Threatening the Merchants with taking such a step may possibly have some weight, and induce them to act in a different manner than they appear of late to have done.

37. What further relates to your Investment is contained in the accompanying List dated and signed by us this day to which the strictest attention must be had and the Directions punctually obeyed.

38. You must take care to have a sufficient and timely supply of Salt Petre from Bengal to answer the purposes of Loading home our Ships in the Manner mentioned under the First Head.

FOURTHLY OF THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT AND TRANSACTIONS  
WITH THE FRENCH AND OTHER EUROPEAN NATIONS.

39. You have given us by the Hardwicke and Eastcourt a very clear state of the Settlement at the Negrais, and it is so far satisfactory as to convince us that even supposing that Settlement is not entirely to be withdrawn, it will not be for the Interest of the Company to be at any further Expence upon it than merely to prevent giving the French a pretence for taking Possession by our totally deserting it, These being our Sentiments, we shall leave it to you to determine upon withdrawing entirely, or Barely to keep Possession at the least possible Expence; If you judge the First to be considering all circumstances the best measure, you are to cause all the Buildings, Erections and Works to be demolished and destroyed, and all the People to be brought away, But if very good reasons appear to induce you to think it really for the Interest of the Company to keep the Bare Possession of it. The People to be employed for this service must never exceed Twenty or Thirty in the whole, of which there are to save Expences to be as few Europeans as possible, and for the same reason there is to be no more money laid out in Buildings or Works of any kind than will merely serve for the Habitation and the necessary Defence of the said People, as the Utmost Frugality is to be observed Captain Howes must be recalled and the Person you shall, think fit to appoint to preside over and Command these People must be one of an Inferior Rank and Consequently at

a moderate allowance, you must take care to supply them at proper times with the Necessaries of Life, But none of our European Ships or any of our own vessels are to be detained or continue there any longer than is absolutely necessary for this service, The Expences and Disappointments already incurred on this occasion having been excessive and great.

40. The General Situation of affairs and the necessary Directions in this time of danger as well with respect to the French as your connections and concerns with the Country Powers will be communicated to the Select Committee at Fort St. George by the Gentlemen of our Secret Committee in a separate Letter, We shall only add, that now is the time for shewing your Zeal, Diligence and Integrity in conducting the Companys affairs, and We hope not only to see your earnest endeavours to serve Us as far as circumstances will admit, but also experience the Good Effects thereof, Two great objects of your attention are the keeping the Military Expences within as reasonable Bounds as the Nature of your Present situation will allow of, and the recovering as much of the Nabobs Debt as possible, in both which you must most Heartily join your endeavours with the Select Committee.

41. Your care and vigilance is not to be confined to the affairs of your Presidency only, but must in this dangerous Juncture extend to the general Interest of the Company wherever and whenever it is in your power to be of service, for this purpose a good Harmony must, agreeable to our repeated Directions be kept up with our other Presidencies that you may mutually assist each other and here we must remind you of the present Defenceless condition of our valuable Settlement in Bengal and recommend your giving such assistance as may tend as far as lies in your power to its Preservation whenever there appears a necessity for it.

#### FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

42. The Irregularities in carrying on the Fortifications and Works at your Presidency and the excessive Expences in consequence thereof gave occasion for the many and frequent Complaints we were under the necessity of making and particularly those which seem to give you so much concern in our Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1754, the best reply to all which is the convincing us by your conduct and Behaviour that you have our Interest sincerely at heart, which the Enquiries you have lately made and the Regulations they have produced for the conducting the several Departments of Affairs with better Economy, give Us reason to expect.

43. We are very sensible that Independent Powers unless in very extraordinary cases are productive of Difficulties and Embarrassments, Mr. Brohier therefore as our Chief Engineer of Fort St. George Presidency is by his Commission transmitted last season by the Carnarvon subject to all such Orders and Directions as he shall from time to time receive from you, as well as those we may think proper to give him, which as we have observed in former Advices will generally be conveyed through the channel of our General Letters, at the same time you are to take notice that by the said Commission all Inferior Officers and others employed in our service under the Direction of the Chief Engineer are to yield him all due Obedience We are so well satisfied with Captain Brohier that we except your Behaviour to and confidence in him will be such as will encourage him to serve the Company cheerfully, and you must take particular care to support him in carrying a Proper Command in his Station, without which, confusion must be the necessary consequence, in both these respects we are afraid he has had some reason to think he has not been kindly used, but we hope from hence forward to hear he is perfectly easy.

44. For the future all Letters addressed to Us from the Engineer must be previously laid before you in time that the necessary Remarks may be made thereon for our Information and they are to be transmitted in your Packets of Papers, and you are to acquaint him that it will be much more convenient to have his Letters wrote on the same sized Paper as your General Letters.

45. It is with much concern we observe the very small Progress made in the Fortifications for want of Materials and Workmen, what can be the reason of this Delay is not clear to us, and We are satisfied had you exerted yourselves the Regulations in our Letters of the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1754 would not have proved such Embarrassments as you are pleased to represent; however to remove all Impediments, although those Regulations are as much as possible to be observed yet We shall leave it to you to provide Materials by which we mean principally Bricks and Chunam in any method that shall appear to be most advantageous whether by contracts with the Black People or by making and importing them under your Direction, and herein we shall depend upon your making such Regulations which will as much as lies in your power, Prevent all Abuses and Impositions whatsoever the better to effect which the Committee for Fortifications and Buildings is to have the whole under their Inspection and to Report their Proceedings to you from time to time, We must give you likewise this caution that neither Paymaster, storekeeper or any other of our servants are to have any Pecuniary concern in providing such materials; With respect to Workmen we think it cannot be difficult to find a sufficient number, if proper encouragement is given to draw them from the many districts at present Dependant upon Fort St. George and we must leave it to your Discretion to concert the necessary measures accordingly.

46. In Captain Brohier's letter to Us of the 1<sup>st</sup> of March last, he describes his Project for carrying on the Fortifications at the White Town, by which he says the Place will be rendered defensible against any force which can be expected at so great a distance from Europe at the same time it will be much sooner finished, be far short of the Expence and require a less Garrison than the old Plan, you cannot but be the most competent judges of the Facts and therefore if you are of opinion it will be best to proceed upon this Project, We shall have no objection thereto. Neither shall We to that of Throwing up Works about the Pettah or Black Town in the manner mentioned in the said Letter, provided you are likewise of Opinion it is such an improvement upon Mr. Robins's system as will answer what Mr. Brohier lays down, That the most considerable Buildings of the Black People will be hereby enclosed, the Inhabitants more collected together, That it will require a less Garrison to defend it. and the Expence will be considerably lessened, add to which its being capable of Improvements hereafter.

47. By His Majesty's Ship the Triton the Secret Committee informed Our President, that Captain Brohier was to proceed to Bengal for the purposes then mentioned if the works carrying on upon the Coast of Choromandel did not indispensably require his Presence, if he should be absent upon that service you are nevertheless to take care that his Plans be proceeded on without loss of time, we mean such as you approve of, under the care of his Assistants.

48. The Eridge and the Barracks are Buildings of such Public Utility that they could not be avoided but you were certainly right in letting the Thoughts of a new Town Hall give Place to more important Works and Indeed this you must observe as a General Rule, for the Necessary Works will be too expensive as well as tedious to admit of further Charge and Loss of time.

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49. You are to pay a particular attention to the Works carrying on at Fort S. David as well as at Fort St. George and as we are well satisfied Mr. Brohier means to put the Company to as little expence as possible, we are the more ready to adopt his Projects ; What are going forward therefore at the first named Place we must suppose are useful and necessary and that you approve them, and that consequently you take care no time is lost in carrying them into Execution.

50. As you represent the Ill consequences that at this time may attend your levying a Tax upon the Inhabitants towards defraying the Expence of the Works, we do agree that you do defer it until a more seasonable time and as we expressed ourselves in the General Letter last season, We shall leave you to carry our Orders on this subject into Execution whenever you find it may be done without discouraging Circumstances.

51. In our Letter last Season you were authorized to abolish if you thought proper the collections made for several Pagodas which were represented as very grievous Burthens upon the Inhabitants among which was Chindadre Pettah Pagoda with this Proviso upon the last if you could find any expedient for securing the Debt due from the late Cuddam Narrain, By your Letter received this season we find you have anticipated our said Commands so far as to abolish entirely the Collections for Chindadre Pettah Pagoda for reasons therein mentioned, which we cannot but approve of, but we could have wished you had endeavoured to procure in some way or other an equivalent for Narrain's Debt, and if it can still be done for all or any part thereof it will be acceptable. You are also desired to transmit to Us the several accounts and Papers directed in our Letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1755 for the satisfaction of Mr. Tullie one of the Creditors of Narrain for the reasons therein mentioned.

52. We find your reluctance for letting Our Farms at Public Outery still continues, which we are at a loss to account for in any other manner than is mentioned under the second Head with respect to Public sales of Goods and as no good reason has hitherto appeared (notwithstanding the alleged private offer to the President for that of Deve (Cottah) to make Us alter Our Opinion we shall not deviate from Our former Orders. With respect to the Terms for which they might be lett, a Latitude was given in our Letter last year for disposing of the Old Farms for the term of five years if you thought it most for the Companys Interest. But we shall wait for an explicit answer to that part of our Letter requiring your Opinion whether it may be best to lett the Poonamallee Country and the rest of the new Districts for more than One year, before we give our Definitive Commands thereon.

53. The Trade of your Coast both with respect to the Consignments to and from you is in such a low and declining state, that the utmost Diligence must be exerted for extending and improving the different Branches of Our Revenue as what they Produce must be the principal resource for supporting the at present burthensome and still encreasing Military Expences, on your good Conduct therefore we must repose the greatest Confidence and we hope you will give Us sufficient Proofs to shew we have not misplaced it.

54. The Pretensions of Padre Severini to the Church at Viparee the Circumstances of the late Portuguese Church in the White Town demolished by our Directions, as likewise what relates to the claims for Restitution of the Confiscated Houses at Fort St. George mentioned in your General Letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> October 1755 cannot in the present situation of Affairs be taken under consideration, our Directions thereupon must therefore necessarily be deferred until more favourable Times and Circumstances of the Company.

SIXTHLY AND SEVENTHLY OF COVENANT AND  
MILITARY SERVANTS AND ACCOUNTS.

55. Having supplied you for some time past with a sufficient number of Young Gentlemen in the station of Writers we have not chosen any for the service of your Presidency this season.

56. Mr. Henry Eustace Johnson a writer on your Establishment who had your Permission to come to England on the Winchelsea for the recovery of his Health now returns to his station on the Grantham his absence is not in any respect to Prejudice his Rank and Standing in the Service.

57. We now transmit to you as usual Lists of all such Persons as have our Permission to proceed to and reside under our Protection in the East Indies.

58. As you assure us that Mr. Thomas Heath may make an useful servant in the Civil Employment, but never can do us any service as an Engineer, We do agree to his being continued upon the List of Covenant Servants upon the same footing with the rest of our covenant servants, and agreeable to his present standing upon the said List, and that for the future his being employed in the Engineering way be dispensed with.

59. Although no agreement was made with Mr. Edwards when he was appointed our Assay Master for teaching his art to any other Person yet it was certainly understood by the Court at that time That he would have no objection thereto which occasioned the Direction in the General Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> March 1749. It is matter of concern therefore to see the Altercation which has happened between you and Mr. Edwards on the occasion, but we hope before this comes to hand it is entirely subsided; It is not meant that his Teaching the Art of Assaying to one of Our Covenant servants should in any respect be a Prejudice to him, the only intention being to prevent the great Disappointment which would certainly be the consequence in case of his Decease as we have a regard for Mr. Edwards and would not have him uneasy in his situation he is to have the choice (if not already done) of the Person to be instructed, as we would not have any Person fixed in that station who is not quite agreeable to him, and at the same time that it should be such an One as Our Governour and Council have no reasonable Objection to.

60. We are very sensible of Mr. Vansittarts Merit and shall in a more convenient time shew him further Marks of our Favour, for the present therefore he must rest satisfied with his late advancement and the assurance of Our regard for him.

61. It is with Pleasure we observe that your Secretary Mr. Du Pre' still continues to merit our Esteem, although in this particular Instance, we do not disapprove of the addition, you have made to his salary, yet it is not to be made a precedent of, as we expect no additions be made to the Established salaries without our previous Consent.

62. It always gives Us concern to find any of Our Servants behaviour such as to render their Integrity suspected, Mr. Hopkins seems by your Letter by the Eastcourt to fall under this Description, but we shall forbear saying anything further with respect to his conduct until we have the result of your Enquiry after giving him a full opportunity of justifying it if he is able.

63. In answer to the 131<sup>st</sup> Paragraph of your General Letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> October 1755 with respect to the Thirty Pagodas or Twelve Pounds Permission money payable according to custom by such Persons who have your leave to take Passage for England on the Companys ships; We expect and Direct that you continue to receive it of every Person who is in Circumstance to pay it, But we give you leave to remit it according to your Discretion in every Instance where it shall appear to be an Hardship upon the party applying.

64. It being represented to Us that Mr. Robert Wark who came with the Bombay Detachment, and is now employed by you in the Camp as a Surgeon, is well qualified in his Profession, if you find him to be so, and approve of his Behaviour we recommend him to you to succeed as an Established Surgeon at your Presidency on any Vacancy after all such are provided for who have been already recommended by Us.

65. Although we have great reason to find fault with the management in the Export Warehouse at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. David with regard to Packing up the Bales on which Mr. Thomas Cooke was charged for a considerable Damage yet at the same time the Export Warehouse Keeper at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George was much to Blame in suffering them to lie after they came under his care in the Godown several months unopened, considering therefore, all Circumstances and especially what is said in your General Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1755, that where the Damage happened is a Circumstance you could not form any Judgment of by the appearance of it. We have discharged Mr. Cooke from the same, and you are accordingly to deliver up the Bond which Mr. Wynch entered into for the Payment of the difference between the first Cost and the sale of the said Damage.

66. The said Mr. Cooke applied to be reinstated in the Companys service but his Behaviour has been such that not thinking him a proper Person to be any further employed therein we have not complied with his Request.

67. As Mr. Achilles Preston who was appointed by the late Mr. Robins one of the young Engineers quitted that employ soon after his Death to engage in our Military service at a time you were in want of officers where you inform us he has behaved well we do consent, especially as it is also his own desire that he do continue to serve the Company in the Military. At the same time We must let you know, that his Pretensions to the Civil Employ upon the supposition of his being Originally appointed an Assistant Engineer are entirely  
at an end.



68. We observe it is entered upon your Dairy on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1755 that it having been customary before the loss of Madras for the President to have Six Chaise and Two saddle Horses at the Companys Expence and you then agree to purchase them accordingly We cannot approve of this Transaction, and We insist upon your keeping no more on the Companys account than are absolutely necessary.

69. In the flourishing condition Madras was before its Capture by the French many kinds of Expence might be connived at and some even allowed, which cannot be admitted under its present Circumstances, The Companys Capital lies Bleeding almost to Death upon the Coast of Choromandel, and one of the most immediate Remedies for its relief must be the Cutting of every superfluous Expence, this We expect and require of you wherever it can be done in every Branch of our affairs Civil and Military, and here we cannot but observe that the notion of carrying many extraordinary Expences to the Nabobs account has made you run into Excesses which you possibly might not otherwise have allowed of not considering that the consequences of encreasing his Debt might ultimately be very fatal to the Company.

70. It is with pleasure however we observe your attempts for and Progress in regulating many of the Branches of the Companys Affairs as well Military as Civil and we shall hope to find by your next advices that the Savings will evidently point out your Zeal and Diligence.

71. The Ships Boscawen and Norfolk carried about One hundred Recruits for Colonel Adlercron's Regiment and we sent you as many Recruits for our own Forces by the Warwick, Tavistock and Princess Augusta as they could possibly accommodate, the number and names of which will appear by the Lists sent in the respective Ships, but we must observe to you that several of them have been challenged and taken out of the said Ships as Deserters from his Majesty's Troops, the names of whom we now transmit for your information.

72. As we must attend to the Security of our Settlement in Bengal as well as to your Presidency, We cannot comply with your Proposal for having all the Military sent out in the Coast and Bay Ships enlisted for Fort St. George to be afterwards draughted as you can spare them for Bengal in such number as the President and Council may desire you to send them because when once they are incorporated with our other Forces upon the Coast we are very apprehensive you will not easily part with them, The recruits therefore now sent in the Ships Ilchester, Worcester, Grantham, Fox and Elizabeth are destined for our Presidency at Fort William, and as Our Garrison there is extremely weak we must earnestly recommend it to you to lett them all proceed thither accordingly if possible, But if the service on your coast shall be distressed without some of them, we shall leave it to your Discretion (as we have done for some time past) to detain as many as are unavoidably necessary only, which Recruits so to be detained are to be esteemed as belonging to the Fort St. George Establishment, and this must be observed as a Rule in future seasons, But still you must be very attentive to assist our Presidency at Fort William whenever there appears a necessity for it by Draughts to be made from your Troops or such a manner as will most effectually answer the purpose.

73. The settling the Rank of Our Military Officers as mentioned in the 63<sup>d</sup> Paragraph of your Letter of the 2d March 1756 by the Eastcourt, we have had under serious Consideration, and as many difficulties and inconveniences will arise from giving Rank to the Officers according to the Dates of their Brevets, We direct that the Rank of all Military Officers on your Coast be according to the Dates of their respective Commission and not otherways.

74. In our Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of December last you were informed Baron Vasserot went to Hamburgh to endeavour to raise some German Recruits but the lateness of the season and some unavoidable Impediments have obliged him to return without success, however we are not without hopes that we shall be able to raise some Men there and in the neighbouring Country next year if the Difficulties in raising men in England so long continue.

75. We shall make no further Remark on your settling the same allowance on Major Kilpatrick as is usual in the Kings service being Fifteen shillings a day, than that the same ceases by his appointment last season to proceed to Bengal in the Quality of our Major there, the terms for which service are particularly settled, to which we must add for the reasons which have been already given that no Expence be incurred without a real necessity for it.

76. The Flight of Colonel Heron confirms his Guilt and justifies your Proceedings against him, We think it some Happiness however that a Man of so bad a turn of Mind had not time to do us further mischief.

77. The suspicions that Captain Schaub has wronged us in drawing for the Payment of his Detachment whilst Prisoners at Pondicherry are very strong and the method you have taken to examine into the same by the assistance of your Committee of accounts will we make no doubt not only set this affair in a clear Light but it will be the means of preventing Impositions by any other of our Military Officers when they find your vigilance and Care so properly exerted Some other parts of Captain Schaub's Behaviour are very exceptionable, but as the Enquiries and Proceedings were not completed upon the coming away of the Eastcourt we shall suspend our opinion upon the whole until the arrival of your next advices.

78. In our Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of December last you were informed of the Plan and Establishment of a Troop of Horse at your Presidency to be commanded by David Baron De Vasserot who it was then intended should take his passage on the Princess Augusta but was prevented for the reasons mentioned in one of the preceding Paragraphs ; he now proceeds together with Frederick William Elerson Quarter Master to the said Troop in the Fox on which Ship likewise the accoutrements are laden ; although we cannot but suppose you will be in possession of our said Letter long before this comes to your Hands yet for fear of the worst we now send you a Copy of it that you may not upon the arrival of Baron Vasserot be ignorant of our Intentions and Directions with respect to the said Troop.

79. As we have been assured that a Horse may be maintained in Garrison for Four Pagodas a month and as by our said Letter the Captain Baron De Vasserot is to be agreed with for the maintenance of the Troop Horses, We must depend upon your settling it with him as therein recommended upon the most reasonable terms, if we are right in our Information before mentioned, The Rate which you agreed in consultation 8<sup>th</sup> December 1755 to allow the President for providing the Troop Horses with all necessaries Viz<sup>t</sup> Six Pagodas

3 month each is greatly too high a Price and must not be made a Precedent in the Engagement with the Baron De Vasserot and although it is said in the said Consultation that a saving will be made by the Contract with the President instead of defraying the Expence as usual by the Paymaster ; An Explanation is necessary for our satisfaction on this seeming overcharge and We shall expect it accordingly.

80. In this time of great Expence, that useless Piece of Pageantry the Noubit should be entirely laid aside and the Revenue settled by the Nabob for the maintenance of it appropriated to more useful purposes, We think as he will have the benefit of that Revenue being applied in a different manner as well as the Company he will readily acquiesce and we shall expect to hear you have accordingly agreed with him if you are not at liberty to come to a determination without his Consent.

81. The Books of your Presidency with those of Fort St. David and their subordinates have for these many years been kept in the most irregular and loose manner, to instance only the omitting to Charge Fort Marlborough for Five years with our Consignments, or crediting them their Returns, is such a neglect as can no where be equalled, but to Mr. Ormes great praise most of the errors are now rectified ; though We must observe that his adjustments are far from perfect, owing, we imagine to the want of Papers. Our Auditors Remarks number point out those mistakes Now in order to prevent such Evils, We transmit you a method, number which will shew that on the close of every year the subordinates are made to square with their Heads on the Presidency's Books ; this is what We have long established at Bombay and we positively order you to do the same in future.

82. When Madras was taken Our Forts and Buildings stood valued at  
Pag<sup>s</sup>—244869.  
Metchelepataam Factory, their stock —13188  
Dive Island—6603  
Madapollam Factory—23027  
Pags—287687.

83. On your present Books no Valuation has been brought, nor any reasons assigned for omitting the stocks of those Factories, In like manner the several Debts owing Us at that Period (see Your Books ending the 30th April 1746) have been entirely neglected, to wit.

Tomby Chitty & Merchants—Pag<sup>s</sup> 5672.  
Molinga Kistna—7236.  
Ponapah Chitty—5570.  
Chintomby & Farmers of Egmore Villages—1208.  
Chindadre Pettah—3000.  
Pandaram & c Farmers of Chindadre Pettah—10065.  
Trivigantim— Comrapah—13872.  
Gongadara Eye and Sombyah & c Farmers of the Measuring Duties—1000.  
Manawacum Chintomby & c Farmers of the Companys Old Garden—163.  
John Graham—2195.  
Caulete, Painter .. .. . 362  
Berry Tunapah and Gunapah, Farmers of the Paddy Fields,  
etc. .. .. . 650

Batica and Shroffs Duty .. .. .	102
Rangamar, Rangapah and Allipully Comrapah Chitty.. ..	816
Sunca Vencatty and Uambutady .. .. .	15,648
Gundavedy Vencaty Rama and Nilla Chitty .. .. .	9,054
Maree Gruappa and Ca Washers .. .. .	867
Ravenepah, Farmer of the Companys Old Garden .. ..	291
Tellesinga Chitty and Moota Comrapah Chitty account Callicoos .. .. .	6,042
William Monson Import Warehouse Keeper .. .. .	1,088
Thomas Eyre Sea Custom Master .. .. .	10,397
Nicholas Morse Esquire Mint Master.. .. .	1,913
William Johnson, Land Custom Master.. .. .	218
Peter Dencker and James Calvineir .. .. .	1,000
Permaul Kelloway and Pellour Vencaty Kistna, Farmers of the measuring Duty .. .. .	83
Perumal Kelloway and Pellour Vencaty Kitna, Farmers of the Town Brokerage .. .. .	66
Nabob's Expenses** .. .. .	22,650
Expedition to Nizam .. .. .	18,257
**Supposed Bad, but this ought to be explained.	
William Martin .. .. .	5,366
Pag <sup>a</sup> ..	1,44,851

84. Now it is probable some of these Debtors may have discharged the whole or part of their Debts before the loss of Madras and all such can and should produce their Vouchers. Therefore We order that you take an Inventory of all Buildings, Fortifications, Cannon or other Articles that may have been omitted and bring them upon your Books at a moderate Estimation; and that you settle and adjust every account as before mentioned transmitting to Us your Inventory and adjustments.

85. Our Military Expenses being blended with other articles, it prevents our seeing them in one view, We direct that you open a Head of Military Charges debting it for all Pay and Allowances whatsoever, ordinary, or extraordinary, all Warlike Stores Expended and lost in and out of Garrison and on close of the year carry off the whole to charges General; and now we are on this subject we shall observe to you that many Heads may be curtailed on your Books, by substituting the Office instead of the Person, the former never alters and when a Trust is delivered over from one servant to another, it may be expressed in the Journal.

86. We are well satisfied with the Progress your Committee of Accounts have already made in their Enquiries to discover the abuses and Irregularities which have passed unobserved or Unnoticed in the accounts and the several Departments of affairs under your management. The many proper Regulations made thereupon shew your attention has been as much engaged herein as the other Business would reasonably admit; instead therefore of making any further Remarks under this Head than those preceeding this Paragraph, We shall depend upon your pursuing your Plan with Integrity and Diligence, that we may see the good Effects and have the Pleasure of applauding your Conduct, instead of Finding Faults and Chiding, which are at all times disagreeable Tasks to Us, We cannot in justice omit taking notice in this Place, that Mr. Orme's great application in the Course of these Regulations is very apparent and consequently agreeable to Us.

87. As we have now all the Information before Us that can be procured with respect to the late John Gray's Demand, We shall settle this account here, which we mention that you may not pay any part thereof at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George in case any Person should lay a Claim thereto.

88. The Certificate mentioned in the 123<sup>d</sup> Paragraph of your Letter by the Hardwicke, dated the 2<sup>d</sup> of November 1746 for Two thousand Arcot Rupees received into the Companys Cash by Mr. Morse the then Governour and his Council is one of those you were directed by Our Letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1753 to pay with simple Interest thereon; and as it has not been discharged here in England, you are hereby authorized to pay the same to such Person or Persons as can give a Legal Discharge, but the Interest is to cease at the time you received our said Orders when the said Certificate would have been paid had it been demanded.

89. Upon the Consultation Books for the year 1741 it appears that the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, Mr. Benyon who was then President acquainted the Board, that he and Mr. Robert Douglas being appointed Assignees for collecting in the Effects of Captain John Byers, they had accordingly received seven thousand ninety seven Pagodas, five Fanams and Eight Cash, but disputes arising amongst the Creditors touching the division of the same, he and Mr. Douglas requested leave to deposit the money in the Companys Cash till the Creditors should either agree amongst themselves or their differences were otherwise adjusted, to which the Board agreeing, that sum was accordingly paid into Cash.

90. Upon the Consultation Books for the year 1742 it appears that the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, Mr. Benyon tendered to the Board Pagodas 37-Fa. 18 as a further Ballance in his hands belonging to the Creditors of Captain John Byers, which at his request it was agreed to receive into Cash on the same terms with what he paid in on that account the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 1741.

91. Both these sums together amounting to Pagodas 7134-Fa.23-Ca.8 was placed to the Credit of the Creditors of Captain John Byers, but ought more properly to have been placed to the Credit of Richard Benyon and Robert Douglas as Assignees. By the General Books ending the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 1746 we find this sum still remained to the Credit of the Creditors of Captain John Byers. And Application having been made to Us here concerning the same, we have thought fit to defer a positive answer, till we have acquainted you therewith, and We direct you to enquire, and inform us whether it appears to you that any part of this sum has been repaid out of our cash abroad and if so to whom, and if the whole remains due and unpaid we are advised that the proper Persons for us to pay it to, and to give Us a proper discharge for the same would be the said Assignees. But as Mr. Robert Douglas is dead, Mr. Benyon has requested of us that we would direct you, and we do accordingly order that you fix up at the Sea gate and such other Public Places as you think proper notice in writing that all the Creditors of the said Captain John Byers do either by themselves or their Attorneys send an account to the said Richard Benyon of their several Claims and Demands upon the Effects of the said Captain John Byers, that they may receive a just and equal dividend of the same, you are likewise to write to our servants at Fort William to give the same Public notice there.

## EIGHTHLY CONCERNING THE WEST COAST.

92. The Falmouth carried our Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of December last to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlborough but that you might be fully apprized of Our Sentiments and Directions with respect to the West Coast affairs, We sent you a Duplicate of that Letter by the Boscawen and a Copy by the Norfolk, and we now transmit a Triplicate of the same by the Grantham on which Mr. Carter takes his passage in order to be carried by him to the West Coast, should by any accident the Letters by the Falmouth or the Ship before mentioned on which Mr. Carter takes his passage miscarry the Duplicate by the Boscawen or the Copy by the Norfolk must be forwarded thither.

93. Although the beforementioned Letter is addressed to the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Marlborough it is equally meant for your guidance and Instruction so far as relates to the part you are entrusted with in the affairs of that settlement you are to have recourse therefore to those transmitted to you and comply with the same accordingly as fully as if we gave you the most particular Directions in this Letter, some few particulars we shall however now take notice of.

94. And in the first place we must inform you that it was never our intention that either of the persons sent from Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George as Supervisors should succeed to the Government for this reason that no distant view of advantage should ever have the least Influence upon Supravisors in their Enquiries into and proceedings upon the Conduct of those they are to Supravis, We cannot therefore approve of your appointment of Mr. Pybus to the Deputy Government of Fort Marlborough and We do declare the said appointment to be null and void and if he has not already left the west Coast he is immediately to do it.

95. We have appointed the following persons to Transact our affairs upon the West Coast viz<sup>t</sup>.,

Roger Carter Esq <sup>o</sup> .	..	..	Deputy Governour.
Mr. Randolph Marriott	..	..	Second in Council.
Mr. Richard Wyatt	..	..	Third.
Mr. Joseph Darvall	..	..	Fourth.
Mr. Joseph Gunn	..	..	Fifth.
Mr. John Goodwin	..	..	Sixth.
Mr. Samuel Dutton	..	..	Seventh.
Mr. William Morris	..	..	Eighth.
Mr. Richard Preston	..	..	Ninth.

96. Although Nine Persons are appointed of Council it is our intention that no person shall be admitted thereto until it is reduced under the number of Eight when the next in turn are to be taken in excepting such as are excepted in the before mentioned Letter.

97. Mr. Carter carries the Commission under the Companys seal Confirming the appointment of the Council as before mentioned, Copies whereof are now transmitted to you for your Information.

98. Our Servants upon the West Coast are to be strictly dependant upon you, but in case of Misbehaviour you are to proceed no further than to suspend them from the Companys service and leave their final Dismission (after the necessary Representations of their Misbehaviour) to us.

99. You are constantly to superintend all the affair of those Settlements agreeable to our former Orders and the better to assist you therein the Standing Committee for the West Coast must examine into all their Proceedings in the most careful manner and digest their Remarks and Sentiments thereon in Reports for your Information.

100. Although we think it extremely necessary that you should have a constant Eye upon the Conduct and Behaviour of Our servants upon the West Coast, yet we would have you make use of your authority with the greatest Equity and Mildness and never suffer Private Pique or Resentment to have any influence upon you.

101. As our servants upon the West Coast have not hitherto been in any Degree of equality upon a footing in respect to Trade and other Emoluments with those in the other Parts of India we have by our beforementioned Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of December last agreed to give them the Encouragements therein mentioned which we here repeat Word for Word for your Information, and we strictly charge you to observe and comply with the same in the most exact manner for their Benefit and Advantage viz<sup>t</sup>.

“Having maturely considered the situation” of Our Servants upon the West Coast Establishment “with respect to the Hardships they lye under in their Trade and being very desirous that they should carry on the same as much to their advantage as” any other of Our Servants whatsoever, and at the same time having a view by a reasonable Encouragement to encrease the Company’s Revenues rather by promoting an extensive Trade than levying heavy Duties, We have thought proper to direct, that the Regilations made by the President and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George in their Letter to you under date of the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1754 be annulled and they are accordingly hereby declared void, and in lieu of them the following Regulations are hereby ordered and directed to take place and to be observed upon the Receipt of this Letter and that they may take effect in the other parts of India, We shall communicate them with the necessary Injunctions to Our Presidencies at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, Bombay and Fort William.

The Companys Servants upon the Establishment of the West Coast of Sumatra and all persons there under the protection of the Company are to have the liberty of resorting to and trading at all and any of the Companys Settlements in the East Indies and at all other places within the Companys Limits on as full, free and extensive a manner as the rest of the Companys Servants and others residing under their protection at their Presidencies and other Settlements do at present they paying the companys Duties at all such places according to the usual and customary methods and Rates established at such places.

The Trade upon the West Coast is to be reciprocally and in like manner Open and Free to all the rest of the Companys Servants in the East Indies and all such persons as trade under the Companys Protection.

That all the persons described above residing upon the West Coast of Sumatra who shall resort or trade either by themselves or their agents to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, Fort William, Bombay and their respective Dependances, are to buy and sell publickly or privately as they themselves shall chuse, to deal freely and without restraint with whoever they shall think proper, and if contrary to this article they shall be oppressed or injured by any person or persons whatsoever such person or persons let their Rank be what it may, will incur Our highest Displeasure and shall certainly feel the weight of our Resentment.

All persons trading to the West Coast of Sumatra are reciprocally to have the like freedom of Trading as described in the preceding Article. That with Respect to the Trade upon the West Coast the following Regulations be observed viz<sup>t</sup>.

That a Duty of two  $\text{₹}$  cent be advalorem levied and paid on all Goods imported from any parts of the East Indies of what kind soever except as hereafter other ways provided for, and in order to ascertain the said Duty, the Goods so imported are to be rated at ten  $\text{₹}$  cent under the Market Price.

No Duties are to be levied on Europe Commodities manifested in England and indulged by us as they principally consist of Necessaries and Provisions for the use of Our servants.

That instead of a Prohibition of Buggese Java Bally, atcheen padang and such kinds of Clouting or Piece Goods, a Duty of Fifteen  $\text{₹}$  cent advalorem be laid on them rating the same at Ten  $\text{₹}$  cent under the Market Price.

That all other Imports as Benjamin, Camphire, Swallow Tobacco Gongs &c. pay a Duty of Five  $\text{₹}$  Cent advalorem, except Gold, Silver, Rice, Paddy and Provisions of all kinds, that the value of such Goods be estimated ten  $\text{₹}$  cent under the Market Price. That Goods meant by the preceding article when re-exported from the West Coast within the year having the Package entire to any of the Companys Settlements in India shall have a Drawback of Three  $\text{₹}$  cent in consideration of the Fresh Customs they are to pay to the Company.

That the above Duties be collected at all the Settlements upon the West Coast subordinate to Fort Marlborough.

That for the better securing the Companys Duties all Goods laden on the West Coast for any Parts of India or on the contrary from any parts of India to the West Coast shall be regularly manifested at the several and respective Places they are laden at and Certificates thereof signed by the Companys Governours, Chiefs or other proper Person or Persons.

That whosoever shall land Goods without making a proper Entry of them, shall forfeit the Goods so landed, one half to the Informer and the other half to the Company.

That all Private Merchandize laden on board the Companys sloops or other Vessels be regularly manifested and pay a Freight to be collected by the Sea Customer viz<sup>t</sup>, Two  $\text{₹}$  cent to and from Batavia and One  $\text{₹}$  cent to and from any of the Companys Settlements on the West Coast.



That Private Merchandize shipped on board Companys Vessels for Fort St. George or any other of the Companys Presidencies or their Subordinates be likewise manifested to pay Freight there, and that the Captains or Masters of such Vessels receive no Goods on board without a permit signed by the Secretary and the said Freight shall be ascertained before such Merchandize is shipped and a regular Certificate thereof signed by the Companys Governours, Chiefs, or other proper Person or Persons.

It being our Intention that Our Servants upon the West Coast should have the liberty of importing Goods from any parts of India, and the beforegoing Regulations being made in consequence thereof, the Order therefore contained in the Letter from the Presidency of Fort St. George of the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1754 by which all Piece Goods imported on the West Coast are prohibited except such as were manifested at Fort St. George is at an End.

In the said Letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1754 Opium, Iron and Salt are entirely reserved to the Company, and all other Persons are prohibited from trading therein, with respect to Opium and Iron the Prohibition is from hence forward to cease and you are at liberty to trade therein as formerly as to the Sale of Salt it is still to be reserved to the Company, but Our Servants are to be at Liberty to purchase any Quantities that can be spared for Exportation, they paying for the same after the rate of Forty Dollars for a Coyan.

102. The beforegoing Regulations are not calculated solely for the Benefit of our Servants upon the West Coast, but that the Trade there shall be open to all other Persons therein mentioned, in as full a manner as at all our other Settlements, you are to take care therefore that they are carried into Execution accordingly, so as may best answer Our Intentions.

103. We find it is necessary that our Settlements upon the West Coast should have Two Sloops of the Burthen of about Eighty Tons each to carry on the Navigation from One Place to another, the Crew of each of which is to consist of about Twenty Men and as such Vessels may be Built at Bombay you are to acquaint the President and Council there that it is our Direction they do accordingly immediately set about the same, They are not to be constructed with Rabbit Work as we are informed that kind of Work cannot be repaired there, They are to be Sheathed and filled, and they are to be furnished with Guns to render them defensible as well as in some degree respectable in proportion to their Burthen, if any other Instructions are necessary to be given you are to communicate them to Our said President and Council and desire when the said Sloops are compleated they may be sent to the West Coast with such Cargoes for the Company as shall be judged will turn to the best account.

104. When the said Sloops get to the West Coast the Swallow and the Mary Sloops now in the Service of those Settlements being but in very indifferent condition are to be sent either to You or Bengal to be disposed of for the most they will fetch, and you are to give the necessary Directions accordingly.

105. As Our Settlements upon the West Coast are frequently under great Difficulties for want of Rice and Salt you must be particularly careful that they may have regular and sufficient Supplies either from you or Our Presidency of Fort William, you must take the same care likewise that they are supplied with whatever else they may be in need of either of Goods for Trade or Stores of every kind with which they are not furnished by the annual Store Ship from hence.

106. We are very sensible the Fortifications and Works at Fort Marlborough are in a very indifferent and defenceless condition but as we cannot give any proper Orders on this Head until they are Surveyed by an able Engineer, you are therefore if such an one can be possibly spared from the Presidency to send him thither and give him Directions to Form a Plan of Works necessary for rendering the Place defensible against an attack of the Natives principally with a view also to make it in some degree tenable against an European Force, and the same is to be transmitted to Us with proper Estimates of the time and Expences such Works require together with what Cannon and Military Stores are wanting, and the Deputy Governour and Council are to wait for Our Orders before they begin upon them, as the Companys Property upon the West Coast is very inconsiderable in comparison with most of Our Settlements in India, the Projected Works must be accordingly upon the most frugal Plan the nature of them will admit of.

107. You will observe by our Letter to the West Coast what our Sentiments are with respect to the number of Settlements there and in what case any of them are to be withdrawn, where Our Servants are in any doubts they are to state them to Us or you and wait for Our or your Directions thereon, if any such therefore shall be stated to you, and you shall be of Opinion that the withdrawing of any of the Settlements will be evidently for the Interest of the Company you are empowered to give Definitive Orders accordingly.

108. We shall give your Select Committee Our Sentiments upon the Settlement of Natal and Tappanouly who are to communicate them to you when they shall see fit.

#### NINETEENLY CONCERNING THE CHARTER.

109. The Mayors Court at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George by their Letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1756 having proposed several matters for our consideration and we having given repeated Orders that they should in the first instance make their applications to you and that you should transmit the same to Us to the end we might be assisted with your advice and observations upon their representations and which method we again desire may for the future be observed, and that they deliver the same to you early enough for you to send us your observations thereon by the same shipping and that the Mayors Court may be satisfied we will have no correspondence with them directly. We return to you our answer to their Letter and direct you to communicate the same to the Mayors Court.

110. In answer therefore to the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of their said Letter and to the minutes of that Court of the 24<sup>th</sup> June and the Paper No. 1 therein referred to in relation to the compelling the Indian Natives upon their being examined as witnesses, to give their Evidence upon Oath-We observe.

111. That by the former Charter the Mayors Court was directed to proceed to the examination of the matter and cause of complaint either upon the Oath or Oaths of any Witness or Witnesses in Writing to be by him subscribed or taken in the most solemn manner or by the voluntary confession of such Defendant or Defendants

112. Under this Direction our Courts of Justice at our Several Settlements insisted to examine the Indian Natives as well as others upon a Oath taken upon the Holy Evangelists or upon some other Oath that was disagreeable to them and refused to receive their evidence in any other manner. This occasioned great difficulties among the Indian Natives, many of them refusing to take any oaths at all, others would submit to take the Book Oath, but would not swear upon a cow alledging that the taking of Oaths was a pollution threw them our of their casts and put them under many disabilities and that they could not be restored without many Penances, expence and trouble and the imposition of an Oath was considered by the Indian Natives as so great a grievance that many (and particularly at Bombay all in general) desired to withdraw from that Settlement unless their taking of Oaths was dispensed with and there have been instances of Indians suing for a just Debt and upon the Defendants filing a Bill even upon false allegations and the Plaintiff in such Suit not being able according to his Cast to answer upon Oath he has been thrown into Prison and died there and the Defendant escaped from payment of a just Debt. When the present Charter was applied for this particular case was represented to His Majesty's then Attorney and Solicitor General who after the most mature consideration and in order to avoid for the future all objections that might arise with regard to this particular have worded the direction in the present Charter viz<sup>t</sup>., To proceed to the examination of the matter and cause of complaint either upon the Oath or Oaths or solemn affirmation of any Witness or Witnesses to be taken in the most solemn manner, that is to say the Oath or Oaths of such witness or Witnesses who shall profess the Christian Religion to be taken upon the Holy Evangelists unless such Witness or Witnesses shall be of the persuasion of the People called Quakers in which case a solemn Affirmation shall be sufficient and upon the Oath or solemn Affirmation of any of the Natives of India in such manner as they according to their several casts shall esteem to be most binding on their Consciences to oblige them to speak the Truth."

113. The method thus prescribed by the Charter is very plain and express A Quakers affirmation cannot be refused in England but must be taken upon his own simple declaration that he is of that persuasion neither ought the solemn affirmation of an Indian Native given or offered in such manner as according to his cast he esteems most binding on his conscience be refused and though by compulsion (as in the instance of Ransom Vencatachilum mentioned in the Mayor's Court Letter whom they committed to Prison for refusing to take an Oath to which in Order to be released he afterwards submitted ) persons may be forced to do things the Law does not require of them yet all such methods are unjustifiable and should be avoided and therefore we shall conclude this head as we did our 29<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of our Letter of 24<sup>th</sup> January 1753 (viz<sup>t</sup>. what weight evidence so given upon affirmation ought to have must in a great measure depend upon the credit of the Witness and the probability of his Evidence of which the Court and Jury must form the best judgment they can.

114. In the 111<sup>th</sup> and 114<sup>th</sup> Paragraphs of our General Letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1755 we there in acquaint you that in case an Alderman desires to resign his Office he must by writing under his Hand and Seal resign it to you Our President and Council and in case of your acceptance of such resignation and not otherwise you are to proceed to the Election of another in his place in the manner directed by the present Charter.

115. The Mayors Court in the 6<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of their beforementioned Letter make a doubt whether the directions we gave in our aforesaid paragraphs should be looked upon as containing an absolute Order or only delivered as a matter of opinion and seem to think that all resignations of the place of an Alderman must be made to the Mayors Court and be accepted by them before our President and Council can proceed to the Election of another, and in support of this claim they cite several precedents of resignations of Aldermen to the Mayor's Court under a Charter granted by James 2<sup>d</sup> and that of his late Majesty George 1<sup>st</sup>.

116. As to the Charter Granted by James the 2<sup>d</sup> the Mayors Court say, that by that Charter the Election of an Alderman upon any vacancy was made by the Burgesses and therefore it might be proper that the resignation should be made to that Court as they were to declare the vacancy and direct the Choice of another.

117. By the Charter 13<sup>th</sup> George 1<sup>st</sup> It is directed that as often as an alderman shall die or be removed, the Mayor and Alderman should assemble and chuse another out of the principal Inhabitants and while this charter subsisted the resignation of an Alderman was necessarily made to the Mayors Court as they were to chuse a successor.

118. Thus it continued during the existence of this Charter but that and all other Charters being determined by the taking of Madras by the French and it being necessary to apply to His Majesty for a new one and as all Grants of this kind are Acts of Grace from the Crown and are calculated to promote the interest of the Company and as many inconveniencies had arisen to the prejudice of the Interest of the Company by continuing the election of Aldermen in the Mayors Court. The present Charter of the 26<sup>th</sup> of George 2<sup>d</sup> and which is the only one now in being directs That as often as any of the Aldermen shall die or be removed or their Places avoided the Governour and Council shall assemble and chuse another into his place and the Governour and Council upon reasonable cause may remove any of the Aldermen and elect another.

119. Hence it follows that all resignations of Aldermen must be made to our Governour and Council and accepted by them to the end that they may not only elect another but also that they may judge whether the causes assigned for such resignation are reasonable or not and accept or refuse such resignation accordingly.

120. We think this matter is sufficiently provided for by the Charter and we do therefore direct that all resignations made by Aldermen shall be made to and accepted by you Our Governour and Council and not to the Mayors Court at the same time we approve of your prudence in complying with the expedient mentioned in the 91<sup>st</sup> Paragraph of your Letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> March 1756 and the Mayors Court having in the 8<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of their aforesaid Letter desired that a time may be limited for filling the vacancies of Aldermen within a few days and as circumstances may happen which may make such a limitation inconvenient, we therefore leave this matter open with this recommendation that you always supply such vacancies as soon as you conveniently can.

121. In the 9<sup>th</sup> Paragraph the Mayors Court desired to receive particular information with regard to Debts owing upon Bond from One Native of India to another how far the same may be transferred to Europeans or others capable of prosecuting in the Mayors Court without eluding the intent and meaning of the Charter and they mention some instances where'n such transfers have been made to elude the Charter.

122. By the Charter of George 1<sup>st</sup>, the Mayors Court thereby erected had power to hear, try and determine all Civil Suits Actions and Pleas between party and party arising within the Town of Madraspatnam or any of the Factories subordinate thereto.

123. Under this power the Mayors Court held Plea of Actions and Suits brought before them between Indian Native and Indian Native.

124. This occasioned representations from the Indian Natives who had rules and methods of their own for determining differences among themselves according to their own Laws and Customs and the former Mayors Court insisting to subject them to their jurisdiction it occasioned frequent altercations between the Mayors Court and them to the interruption of the Companys Trade.

125. To avoid therefore the like causes of Complaint for the future the Mayors Court erected by the Charter of 26<sup>th</sup> George 2<sup>nd</sup> have power to try, hear and determine all Civil Suits Actions and Pleas between party and party "except such Suits or Action" shall be between the Indian Natives of Madraspatnam "only in which case we will that the same be determined among themselves unless both parties shall by consent submit the same to the determination of the said Mayors Court".

126. By the law of England Bonds are not assignable at law and all actions upon Bonds must be brought in the name of the Obligee or of his Executor or Administrator and cannot be assigned so as to enable an Assignee or third person to bring on action in his own name upon such bond and if the Mayors Court will keep to this rule and not permit actions to be brought under transfers real or collusive they will act agreeable to the express direction of the Charter and thereby avoid all the inconveniencies the exception in it intended to prevent and will not be attended with any hardship whatsoever in as much as if such transfer is collusive it ought not to be countenanced and if it should be as a security or in satisfaction for a real debt the person accepting of such a Transfer knows the disability he is under of not putting of it in suit in his own Name in the Mayors Court but must have recourse to the same method to recover such Debt as the Indian Native would himself have had if such Debt had still continued to be his own, and the rule we have herein laid down must be observed in actions between natives though the resident at any of the factories subordinate to Madraspatnam.

127. As to the 19<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of their letter in relation to insolvent debtors and to the case of Solomon Solomons particularly referred to in the account of their Proceedings N<sup>o</sup>. 5, We think the whole of them are unwarrantable illegal and dangerous The Court had no right to receive Mr. Solomons application to deliver up his effects to them nor to appoint Commissioners or Trustees for the creditors nor to do any one act they have done, the Bankrupt Laws of England are not in force in India and for the future the Mayors Court must not interpose but leave the insolvent Person to settle with his Creditors in such manner as he and they can agree.

128. Having now given our Answer to the several parts of the letter from the Mayors Court as require any we shall now proceed to consider of the Letter from the Court of Admiralty of the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1755 and such parts of your General Letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1756 as relate to the Administration of Justice.

129. And with regard to the Letter from the Court of Admiralty we have caused your Proceedings and Tryal of Matthew Keys and Benjamin Jenkins to be revised by Dr. Bettesworth who is the Advocate for the Lords of the Admiralty and is an eminent Civilian and well acquainted with proceedings in a Court of Admiralty and we send you copy of his opinion thereon, by which you will find that your proceedings as to the matter and form of them were regular but that there was no evidence of any pyratival intention in Keys and Jenkins to support a capital Conviction you must therefore respite the execution of the Sentence but continue to keep them in custody till you receive His Majesty's Pardon which we will endeavour to procure and send to you the first opportunity.

130. In answer to the 91<sup>st</sup> Paragraph of your Letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1756 we refer you to what we have before said in answer to the 6<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of the letter from the Mayors Court.

131. In your 93<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph you state the case of one Charles Trimmer who was tried and Condemned for a murder committed at Arcot which you say is out of the Realm by which we understand you mean it to be out of any jurisdiction granted by the Charter of His Present Majesty and desire our opinion with respect to the legality of that Tryal we have looked into the Cases you refer to in Hawkins and particularly the 11<sup>th</sup> section of the 31<sup>st</sup> Chapter and we think the tryal was illegal for the reason given in that authority viz<sup>t</sup>., because it could not be tried by a Jury of the neighbourhood where the fact was done you can have no jurisdiction but such as is granted by the Charter and however desirable an extension of it may be it is a matter not in our power and the putting Garrisons into Forts in the Country cannot give you a right to take conizance of Offences committed there the case may be different with regard to new acquisitions which we may hereafter have in full Sovereignty and whenever that happens and under such a circumstance and a like case shall then be proposed to Us we will then return a precise answer to it.

132. The other Two Cases you mention in the 94<sup>th</sup> Paragraph which you got to be tryed by the Martial Law were certainly irregular. The Act of Parliament of the 27<sup>th</sup>, George 2<sup>nd</sup> in the first Section specifies all the offences that are to be punished with Death by that Law and in the 9<sup>th</sup> Section says no punishment shall extend to Life or Limb except for crimes punishable by that Act Murder is not punishable by that Act but is so by the known Law of the Land and in the 8<sup>th</sup> Section of the Articles of War it is expressly directed that the commanding officer shall deliver to the Civil Magistrate persons who are accused of crimes punishable by the Known Laws of the Land We are therefore of opinion the whole of these proceedings were illegal we hope you will therefore avoid doing any thing of this kind for the future.

#### TENTHLY OF HIS MAJESTY'S LAND AND SEA FORCES.

133. The remainder of the stores for the service of His Majesty's Land and Sea Forces are laden on these Ships and consigned to the proper Agents and officers in the East Indies to whom it must be your care to see that they are properly delivered.

134. You were advised in a short Letter under date of the 1<sup>st</sup> of February which went in Triplicates by the Ships Boscawen, Norfolk and Tavistock That having laid before His Majesty's Ministers extracts from your Letters and papers relative to your transactions with Colonel Adlercron it plainly appeared to them that the regiment in the present situation could be of little if any service to the Company and had therefore signified His Majesty's Pleasure to Colonel Adlercron to return with his regiment, but at the same time it was signified to him that it was his Majesty's further Pleasure that as many of the commissioned Officers under the rank of Field Officers, and also such of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Private Men as shall be willing to engage in the service of the Company be permitted to remain in the East-Indies and the Colonel was informed that His Majesty's most gracious Intentions will be best answered by His exerting himself in encouraging the Officers and Private Men in general to engage for the times and on the terms of the Company's Forces, in our said Letter some further Informations and the necessary Directions were given to which we particularly refer but least through any accidents the Ships on which it was sent should be prevented from arriving before those now under Dispatch we forward to you on.

135. You will observe by that Letter none of the Field Officers were permitted to enter into the Companys Service but as all the rest together with the Private Men had His Majesty's Leave We hope to hear that most of them have been prevailed upon to stay in India, The Secret Committee having given the necessary Instructions on this Head to your Select Committee.

136. You were acquainted in that Letter that as Colonel Adlercron and the Field Officers of His Regiment are to return to England in any of our Ships on which they are able to find a passage you were to give the necessary orders to the Commanders of such Ships for their accommodation as you were likewise for those commission and Non-Commission Officers and Private Men who do not make it their Choice to engage in the Companys Service, We are now further to acquaint you that since the Date of Our last a Letter was sent on board the Boscawen from Lord Barrington which we are informed was to acquaint Colonel Adlercron that in case he should not be able to bring home the Officers and Men of His Regiment who shall refuse to enter into the Companys Service, in the India (that is our) Ships he was to apply to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Fleet for his Help.

137. The more immediate management of this Affair both with respect to the engaging as many of the Officers and Men to serve Us as can be prevailed on, as to accommodate such as return home with a Passage who do not proceed on His Majesty's Ships will fall under the care of the Select Committee who have and will be instructed on the occasion by the Secret Committee but however as our Governour and Council you are to give all the necessary Assistance in every Circumstance that may require it.

138. Such of His Majesty's Officers as shall be appointed to the Command of Companies in our Service are to have the advantage of Cloathing the same, and to be thence forward in all other respects exactly upon the same Footing with all the rest of our Captains, As this We hope will be an inducement to encourage the said Officers to take on in the Companys Service you are to give the necessary Information thereof accordingly.

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SUPPLEMENT.

139. Under the Second and Fourth Heads we only hinted our suspicions of the reasons which induced you to be so very reluctant to encourage the Sale of Our Woollen Goods at Publick Outcry, and the Publick Sale of our Farms, We must tell you plainly that from circumstances which have occurred in the course of compiling this Letter and which to Our Private Judgements amount almost to a Conviction that private Views have more than counter ballanced the real Interests of the Company in the strong recommendations We have received for altering those Methods which have upon the whole appeared to Us the most conducive to prevent Monopolies and extend the Company's Trade in the first Instance, and their Interest in the last, in regard to the Farms We are even assured that great Emoluments have arisen, and by practice of former times, are expected to arise from Private contracts to some of our Superior Servants, the Situation of the Companys Affairs will not permit our suffering such Proceedings from passing unnoticed, nor shall those who are the highest in our confidence and Esteem escape those marks of our Resentment to which such a Conduct when proved on them will most justly expose them.

140. We observe that under very frivolous Pretences our Scrvants of Station are permitted to proceed from your Presidency to the other parts of India on their own Private Concerns when at the same time you complain of the Want of Assistance, This is a Practice we can by no means allow of unless very good reasons offer for such an Indulgence, and must therefore be discontinued, and we expect you will fully explain to Us such reasons whenever any instances happen of Our Servants being under a Necessity of leaving their Stations for a time on account of Health or on any other Motives whatsoever.

141. Besides the several Persons mentioned in Our Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of December last we have entertained the following Persons to serve in Our Forces upon the Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George Establishment as Cadets upon the usual terms and Conditions, viz<sup>t</sup>., S<sup>t</sup>. William Hope. Bar<sup>t</sup>. Louis De Dardagny, Lewis Braun, Pierre Anthony Veillon, Etienne D' In, John Bourne, William Phillips and John Desplan, if they behave well they are to be promoted in the Order they are named after all those have succeeded who have had our previous Recommendations. The Ships they proceed on will appear by the Lists in the respective Packets.

142. We have also entertained John Parley who is recommended to Us for a skilful Farrier to be employed in that Station in the Service of the Troop of Horse to be commanded by Captain Valserot, his whole Salary or Pay is to be at the rate of Sixty pounds a year to commence upon his arrival at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George.

143. The President and Council at Fort William having applied to Us to dispense with our directions for Prohibiting the Importation of their Ships and Vessels at Foreign Ports upon the coast of Choromandel, We have not at present thought fit to comply with their Request, but if the difficulties they alledge to meet with in their Trade at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George and Fort. S<sup>t</sup>. David and in particular that great one the want of Boats should continue we must think of giving different Orders, and if it shall appear that Obstructions Difficulties and Hardships are purposely thrown in the way to Cramp their Trade by any Person or Persons whatsoever it will be highly resented by Us.



144. It appears by the Fort S<sup>t</sup>. David Journal BB Page 162 that 106 Corge 10 Ps. of Long Cloths and 44 Corge of Salam pores part of those damaged in the Ship Colchester when she was drove out of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George Road in the storm which happened the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1752 are wrote off to the Account of Wrappers being said to be torn in rewashing the particulars of which were reported to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. David by M<sup>r</sup>. Cooke the Export Warehouse Keeper on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 1753 when he was directed to sell a part of the Old Torn Cloth then remaining in their Warehouses but not to put up the Colchesters until further Orders, Upon examining the Consultations and General Books since received from that Settlement, it appears that although there have been Sales made of Callico Wrappers yet it does not appear whether the Colchester's were sold or not, at least they are not distinguished from the others. This want of Care has been attended with great difficulty in our stating that Ship's Account and in the course of Proceeding to an Adjustment with the Owners as we cannot for want of a separate account of Sales get to the knowledge of the loss on the said Damaged Callicoës. You are to inform the Deputy Governour and Council of this irregular Proceeding and let them know we expect they will send Us by the return of the next Shipping a particular Account of the Invoice Price and the amount of the Sales of the said Damaged Callicoës to which must be added all Charges, that we may thereby the certified of the real loss, and we expect they will at the same time give their reasons for not sending such an Account before.

145. Under the Eighth Head we mention Mr. Carter, Our Deputy Governour of Marlborough taking Passage on the Grantham to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George in order to proceed from thence by the first good conveyance to the West Coast, the Reverend Mr. Henry Butler whom we have appointed our Chaplain upon the West Coast Establishment accompanys M<sup>r</sup>. Carter.

146. In the 129<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of this Letter you were acquainted we should endeavour to procure and send to you His Majesty's Pardon for Matthew Keys and Benjamin Jenkins under Sentence of Death at Fort. S<sup>t</sup>. George as therein mentioned. We are to inform you that we have accordingly procured His Majesty's most Gracious free Pardon for the said two Persons, the original remains in our Possession but Copies thereof attested by our Secretary are sent by these Ships, upon the Receipt of the first of which Copies you are hereby directed immediately to discharge the said Matthew Keys and Benjamin Jenkins out of Custody in consequence of His Majestys most Gracious Free Pardon aforesaid.

147. Great Preparations are making for carrying on the War between the British and French Nations with the utmost Vigour and the French have been very industrious in fitting out the Armament at Port L'Orient for the East Indies mentioned in Our General Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of December last, which we have since been informed is more considerable than at that time advised, We shall avoid entering into Particulars here as agreeable to Our desire the Secret Committe will from time to time communicate to your Select Committee whatever occurs on so interesting Subject.

148. His Majesty has been graciously pleased to Order a Squadron to proceed to the East Indies under the Command of Commodore Charles Stevens consisting of the following Ships viz<sup>t</sup>.—

<i>Rate.</i>	<i>Ships.</i>	<i>Men.</i>	<i>Guns.</i>	<i>Captains.</i>
3	Elizabeth ..	480	70	Richard Kempenfelt.
..	Yarmouth ..	520	70	Robert Frankland.
4	Weymouth ..	420	60	Nicholas Vincent.
..	Newcastle ..	350	50	Thomas Howard Huchenson.
6	Queenborough ..	160	24	George Legge.

Which Squadron Sailed the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant, what further relates to this Squadron will come from the Gentlemen of the Secret Committee to your Select Committee.

149. Should the Admirals Watson and Pocock have left India then Commodore Steevens or the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron for the time being is to have the Allowance of Forty shillings a day paid to him to defray the Expence of House Rent and for keeping a Table in the like manner as was directed with respect to M<sup>r</sup>. Watson and in general the Directions then given as well with regard to the civilities to be shown to Admiral Watson and the Officers of his Squadron as the Transactions with them on Business are to be your Guide in all Affairs with Commodore Steevens and the Squadron under his command.

150. You are to give Us an Exact and compleat Account of the Names of such of the Commission officers belonging to the Regiment under the command of Colonel Adlercron as shall engage in the Companys Service as likewise of the Non Commission Officers and Private Men, You are also to inform Us how they are disposed of whether by being formed into distinct Companies or incorporated among our other Companies and of the Pay and Allowances made them and in general you are to send Us all such other Particulars as may be necessary for the information of His Majesty's Ministry, Ourselves or the Friends and Relations of such Officers and Soldiers.

151. For the Benefit of Stowage we have directed all Coils of Cordage from Five Inches inclusive and upwards belonging to Us to be uncoiled. But as some of the Owners have objected to this from an Apprehension of their being charged with the Short Weight that may happen on Delivery. We have agreed not to make such charge on them, provided each Rope has Two fagg ends and a White Thread in one Strand of every Rope, but do you however apprise Us of the Deficiencies in Weight for Our Information.

152. The small Train of Artillery which was sent out at the same time with Colonel Adlercron's Regiment being under the direction of that Gentleman, We were apprehensive that as the Regiment is recalled he might possibly order it to be sent to England, but upon the Secret Committees Application for its continuance. The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mr. Pitt one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State has been pleased to acquaint Us. The King's Pleasure is signified to Colonel Adlercron in a Duplicate Letter sent by the Ships *Ichester* and *Worcester*, that the Request of the Secret Committee be complied with, and that the said Train be continued in India to be employed in the Companys Service as the Commander in Chief of Our Forces shall judge proper so long as

His Majestys Artillery Companys may remain there, Although it is necessary you should have this Information. We cannot Suppose any Difficulties will arise on the occasion, as We apprehend Colonel Adlercron will most readily comply with His Majesty's Directions. We are.

LONDON, 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1757.

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS,

P. GODFREY.  
 JOHN PAYNE  
 R. DRAKE.  
 M. IMPEY.  
 CHRIST<sup>B</sup>. BURROW.  
 M. WESTERN.  
 CHA. GOUGH.  
 THO. BONS.  
 L. SULLIVAN.  
 HEN<sup>R</sup>. SAVAGE.  
 JOHN DORRIEN.  
 STEPHEN LAW.  
 WILL BARVELL.  
 CHARLES CHAMBERS.  
 JOHN MANSHIP.  
 HYCRABB BOULTIN.  
 N. NEWNHAM JUN<sup>R</sup>.  
 J. RAYMOND.

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OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL AT FORT S<sup>T</sup>. GEORGE.

1. The King has been graciously pleased to grant Us an artillery Company to replace that which there [.....] too much reason to believe is lost with the Dodington, but as this favour could not be obtained soon enough for its Embarking on the Ships bound to Fort S<sup>T</sup>. George, it proceeds on the Bombay Ships Hawke and York consisting of Six Commission Officers and One hundred Non Commission Officers and Private Men, Captain Hislop who was to have Commanded the Company on the Dodington, is to be the Captain of this, the manner of employing this Company will fall under the Department of the Select Committees at yours and Bombay Presidency, who are to concert the necessary measures accordingly.

2. Since Our General Letter was dispatched there has been a new Election of Directors of whom the following Gentlemen are appointed the Secret Committee with the same Powers as the last viz<sup>t</sup>., John Payne, Laurence Sullivan, Christopher Burrow, Peter Godfrey and Jones Raymond [.....] the two first named Gentlemen being the present Chairman Deputy Chairman to the Court.

We are

LONDON 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1757.

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS,

JOHN PAYNE.  
LAW SULLIVAN.  
P. GODFREY.  
J. RAYMOND.  
THO. BONS.  
THO<sup>S</sup>. PHIPPS.  
HENRY PLA[NT].  
HEN<sup>Y</sup>. SAVAGE.  
TIMOTHY TULLIE.  
JOHN DORRIEN.  
MAXIM<sup>N</sup>. WESTERN.  
JOHN RAYMOND.  
HEN. HADLEY.  
GEO. DUDLEY.  
JOHN BROWN.  
CHARLES CHAMBERS.  
CHA. GOUGH.  
G. STEVENES.  
CHRISTO BURROW.

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OUR DEPUTY GOVERNOUR AND  
COUNCIL AT FORT MARLBOROUGH

1. Our last Letter to you went by the Oxford under date of the 3<sup>d</sup> December 1755 since when the following Letters from the West Coast of Sumatra are come to hand, viz<sup>t</sup>., On the 25<sup>th</sup> August last by the Ship Anson a General Letter, dated the 31<sup>st</sup> Janry 1756 and a Letter from Mr. Joseph Darvall the Resident at Manna of the 13th February following, but to Our very great disappointment the Packet by the Exeter in which was your Letter of the 4th April was not brought to Us until the 8<sup>th</sup> December altho' that Ship arrived at Limerick in Ireland on the 27<sup>th</sup> October, the Commander alledging that he had no Orders for forwarding it to Us before the Ships arrival in England.

2. To prevent such a disappointment in future, upon the Dispatch of every Ship you must give positive Orders to the Commander that immediately upon his arrival at any Port in Great Britain or Ireland, he is to send his Packets to Us under the Care of a trusty Person. We mean all the Packets [he] is entrusted with, the Book Packets excepted, which may be kept on board as usual until his Arrival in the River Thame if their Bulk is such as will render the bringing them up very inconvenient. The packets which contain your advices and the usual and necessary Papers must for the Conveniency of carriage be made up be themselves, or at least be as little encumbered as possible, by the Addition of private Letters or any thing else which may too much encrease their Bulk.

3. All due Obedience must be paid to the Orders and Directions of the Secret Committee, or any three of them, by the Deputy Governour or any other Person or Persons to whom they shall think proper to issue them, in as full and ample a manner as if they were signed by the Court of Directors. The Gentlemen who compose that Committee under the present Direction are Peter Godfrey, John Payne, Christopher Burrow, Roger Drake and Jones Raymond Esqrs.

4. From the Account We gave you last Season of the then Situation of Publick Affairs, an open War between the British and French Nations might easily be foreseen, it has proved so in the Event, His Majesty having proclaimed War against France on the 18<sup>th</sup> May last which was returned in a very short time after on the part of the French King, some of His Majestys Declarations are now sent for your Information, not but. . . . . We have reason to believe the News of this Event will have reached you long before this come to hand, by the way of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George or elsewhere, as Dispatches were sent immediately Over land by the way of Persia, by His Majestys Ministers and Ourselves to carry it, and the like Informations were sent by His Majesty's Ship the Triton, and one of Our own called the Prince Henry Packet, the first of which left England for the Mallabar Coast on the 17<sup>th</sup> July, and the other for the Coast of Choromandel on the 5<sup>th</sup> August last.

5. The French are making great preparations at Port and L' Orient for an Expedition to the East Indies, according to the best Information We can get at present, it consists of Six men of War of the Line, Two Frigates and Eight Companys Ships fitted in a Warlike manner, in which are to embark about Two thousand five hundred Land Forces, to what particular part of India this Force is destined We cannot learn, We must therefore recommend it to you to be as well upon your Guard as the Nature of your Settlement will admit of at the same time We have the satisfaction of being able further to inform you that a Squadron of His Majestys Ships will be soon ready to proceed to the East Indies to continue there for a time in the room of that under Vice Admiral Watson, and although We are not at present fully apprized, of it's Force, We have good reason to believe it will be sufficient to cope with the French Squadron. What further occurs to us on this interesting Subject will be communicated to the Presidency from whence you will have all necessary Intelligence.

6. The Dependency of the West Coast Settlements upon the Presidency of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George must be strictly observed agreeable to the several Orders you have from time to time received from Us altho' this Dependency is necessary for the Service of the Company We do not mean it should in any way operate to the Prejudice of Our Servants, and as you will observe in the Sequel of this Letter what Care We have taken for your Encouragement with respect to Commerce, so We shall recommend it to the Governour and Council to use their Authority with that Equity and Moderation as will give no one Person upon the West Coast any just Reasons for Complaint.

7. We proceed to give you Our Sentiments and the necessary Informations and Directions in the usual Method first promising that We shall in a short Letter by the Way of Madras take the necessary Notice of such matters as are not mentioned in this for want of time to digest them properly.

## FIRST OF SHIPPING.

8. All the Ships expected from the East Indies this Season are happily arrived excepting the Earl of Holderness from Limpo and the Denham from Bengal the first by the Advices received by the China Ships We had reason to believe would have late Dispatch as well as be obliged to touch at Batavia, the other We know could not be dispatched for want of men and other Inabilities, time enough to save her Passage home the same Season.

9. For the particular times of the Arrival of Our Several Ships as well as for the Departure of those from hence We refer to the accompanying List, by which you will observe how late in general Our Shipping arrived, occasioned by unavoidable and tedious detentions at St. Helena, Lisbon, Ireland and elsewhere, besides the many difficulties We labour under on this occasion the late Arrival of your Dispatches and those from all the other parts of India is not one of the least.

10. The names and Destination of the several Ships taken into the Companys Service this Season are as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>.,

<i>Ships.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Commanders.</i>	<i>Consignment.</i>
Onslow .. ..	499	Thomas Hinde ..	St. Helena and China.
Sandwich .. ..	499	John Purling ..	} China directly.
Triton .. ..	499	Francis Harris ..	
Boscawen .. ..	499	Benjamin Braund ..	} Fort St. George and China.
Norfolk .. ..	499	Pinson Bonham ..	
Tavistock .. ..	499	Benjamin Jenkins ..	
Princess Augusta ..	499	Thomas Baddison ..	
Falmouth .. ..	499	James Dale .. ..	St. Helena and Ben- coolen.
Warwick .. ..	499	Nicholas Webb ..	Madeira & Coast & Bay.
Ilchester .. ..	499	John Tedd .. ..	} Coast and Bay.
Worcester .. ..	499	Edward Tiddeman ..	
Grantham .. ..	499	John Oliver .. ..	
Fox .. ..	499	Alexander Hume ..	
Elizabeth .. ..	499	Robert Burdett ..	
Prince Edward .. ..	499	James Haldane ..	Persia and Bombay.
Hawke .. ..	499	Richard Drake ..	} Bombay.
New Ship .. ..	499	John Foot .. ..	
York .. ..	499	Peter Lascelles ..	
Lord Anson .. ..	499	Edward Lord Chick ..	

11. Besides which Ships upon occasion of the present War with France We purchased a Vessel which We have called the Prince Henry Packet, and given the Command of it to Captain John Mumford on purpose to give Notice of that Event, and to be returned with Advices, She sailed from the Downes as was before mentioned on the 5<sup>th</sup> of last August.

12. The Ships Onslow for S<sup>t</sup>. Helena and Limpo in China sailed on her Voyage from Spithead on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

13. The Sandwich and Triton for Canton directly with a considerable and the whole Consignment of Woollen Goods intended for that market this Season are now upon Dispatch.

14. As are also the Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock and Princess Augusta bound first to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George and then to Canton the Warwick for the Island of Madeira and the Coast and Bay, and the Falmouth for S<sup>t</sup>. Helena and your Coast.

15. The Ships Ilchester, Worcester Grantham, Fox and Elizabeth for the Coast and Bay will be dispatched about the 26<sup>th</sup> February as will at the same time the Prince Edward for Persia and Bombay.

16. The Hawke, New Ship, York and Lord Anson for Bombay will be dispatched about the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.

17. We have appointed several Setts of Supra Cargos for transacting Our Affairs in China, only one of which it may happen you can have a Connection with and that is for such Ship or Ships as shall or may arrive at Canton in the year 1757 from any of the Companys Settlements in India other those We have particularly provided for, viz., Messrs. Thomas Liell. Thomas Thomson, Mordecai Walker, and Thomas Smith.

18. Upon some late Disputes with the Owners of Our Shipping We have thought it highly necessary to make a small but very material Alteration in the Charterparty to which We particularly refer, wherein you will find that instead of the word Monsoon that of Passage is substituted with the Addition of the Ships making all reasonable Attempts to get about the Cape of good hope so as to gain her Passage home the same Season. We had always looked upon the Words saving the Monsoon and getting the Passage about the Cape of Good Hope the same Season to be sinonimous terms, and meaning the same thing, until a late Verdict given in the Court of Kings Bench in the case of the Ship Scarborough has shewn to Our Coast that the Law determines otherways, for according to this Verdict a Ship may lose her Monsoon, that is, the North-East Wind may be actually spent and yet she may gain her Passage notwithstanding which the owners would be entitled by Law to the four Months Demorage if she was not dispatched on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> January. You are to observe that although this mere particularly relates to the Ships dispatched from the Bay of Bengal and the Coast of Choromandal yet, the Alteration in the Charterparty is general being of equal use from whatever part a Ship receives her final Dispatches for Europe.

19. Although by this Alteration We are put on a more equitable footing as you may deliver Dispatches to the Commanders whenever you are ready, We do not mean thereby to distress the Owners, and We most earnestly recommend it to you for the future, to use your best endeavours to give as early Dispatches as possible to every Ship that comes from the West Coast, that even the hazard of losing a passage may be avoided as well as the Damage the Cargoes often receive from bad Weather in rounding the Cape the Consequence of late Dispatches.

20. You will observe We have inserted a New Clause in all Our Commanders Instructions to prevent their making use of their Letters of Marque other ways than for their Defence in case they are first attacked, to prevent as much as possible enterprizing People endangering Our property, and embroiling us with the Country Government in India this Instruction however is not by any means meant to invalidate the Stiplulations in the Charterparty as to the Right the Company have to employ the Ship as well in a Warlike manner as in Affairs of Commerce & you are accordingly to insist upon such right notwithstanding any Objections which may be raised to the contrary.

21. In order to prevent as much as lyes in Our power Illicit Trade. We have given general Directions to all our other Settlements in India as We now do to you That you are to Seize and Dispose of on our Account all Goods in Private Trade landed from any of Our Europe Ships which have not been Licensed by us, and you are to transmit to Us a particular Account of the said Goods and what they sell for together with an exact Detail of the whole Transaction.

22. We have given the most pressing Orders to the Governour and Council at S<sup>t</sup>. Helena to forward the Falmouth to you without Loss of time and We are in hopes she will arrive to do us good Service on the West Coast without incurring any Demorage the Preventing which as much as possible must always be in your thoughts.

23. You must in a great measure be guided by the Advices you receive from the Presidency of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George and Fort William with regard to the Quantity of Pepper you are to lade for England on the Falmouth. In all Events She must have her Charterparty Tonnage with the usual Additional Quantity for Wastage, and with regard to Surplus Tonnage She is to have as large a Quantity for Wastage, and with regard to Surplus Tonnage She is to have as large a Quantity as can be spared consistently with the reserve to be made for a Ship from one of our said Presidencys which reserve is not to Exceed Two hundred and Fifty Tons, But if you have certain Advice that no Ship will be sent to you as aforesaid, in such case You are to give the Falmouth as full a Loading as she can take in without being pestered and in any way rendered incapable of Defence in case of being Attacked by the Enemy which at this time must be particularly attended to.

24. You will observe by the list of Shipping That Six are Destined for the Coast and Bay which We apprehend are more than sufficiently for the Investments of those Places, it is likely therefore one of them may be ordered to fill on the West Coast but this We mention only by way of Hint for your Guidance in case of your receiving no Advices from thence.

25. We recommend it to you to lose no opportunitys of giving the most early Notice to the Two Presidencys of the Quantity of Pepper you have reason to expect every Season and how much thereof may be appropriated for the Ship to be sent you from the Coast and Bay that Our Presidents and Councils there may proportion her Cargo accordingly and forward her to you in time.

26. When We are upon adjusting Accounts with the Owners of the Ship Exeter, Capt. Fernell's Behaviour and Conduct with respect to the Difficulties Delays and alledged Deviation from his Orders on his Voyage to Nattal together with the Disputes which arose upon your Orders for sending his Pepper ashore will fall particularly under Our Consideration, in the mean time We must acquaint



you that you have done right in giving us a full detail of your Proceedings, as you have likewise in Protesting against Captain Fernell on the several Occasions, as We shall thereby be better enabled to form Our Judgement thereon and pass our Censure on such Parts of his Conduct as shall be found to deserve it. In all future Altercations with the commanders of any our Ships You are in like manner to Protest whenever it is necessary and give us a very explicit Account of your proceedings.

27. We are concerned to see how slenderly you are provided with proper vessels for carrying on the necessary Business and Intercourse of our Settlements, the only ones you have are as We are informed the Swallow of about Forty Tons and the Mary Sloop of Twenty-five Tons and although the first has been lately repaired they are both in very indifferent Condition, We find that each of them are Navigated, by Twenty Men as number sufficient for managng vessels of a larger Size, We shall therefore give Directions to Bombay to supply you with Two Sloops Burthen of about Eighty Tons each and send them to you as soon as they can be got ready but it will be necessary you should describe to the President and Council of Fort St. George the particular and most convenient Construction of them for the Service of your Coast that they may communicate the same to the Presidency of Bombay, Rabbit work We are informed cannot be repaired at the West Coast and therefore We shall give Orders that the Sloops shall not be built in that manner, when these arrive the Old Ones are to be disposed of for the most they will fetch and for that purpose they may be sent to Fort St. George or Bengal if it shall be thought fit and most advantagious to the Company.

#### SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE FORT ST. GEORGE & Co.

28. We have Consigned to you by this Ship Twenty Chests of Treasure but We have as usual given permission to Our Governour and Council and S<sup>t</sup>. Helena to detain any part thereof not exceeding One Chest you will be advised in what Degree they have made use of this liberty.

29. We have consigned to you likewise by this Ship sundry Goods and Stores agreeable to the accompanying Invoice and Bill of Lading, upon comparing the Particulars therein with your Indents you will see how far We have complied with your requests and in particular in the Article of floor for which you have so earnestly pressed to be supplied.

30. Sugar the Produce of your Manufacture is of good use at S<sup>t</sup>. Helena, We have directed the Governor and Council to Indent for what they shall think necessary and you are accordingly to comply with their Demands from time to time.

31. It is with concern We observe the Difficultys you struggled with for want of a sufficient Quantity of Rice until the Anson brought you a Supply, We shall give Directions to our Presidencys of Fort St. George and Bengal to be attentive to your wants both of that Article and Salt you must take every and the earliest opportunities to let them know what Quantitys are necessary for the use of our Settlements upon the West coast and to press them to supply you as often as Conveyances offer; You must do the same also with respect to Cloth and whatever else you stand in need of.

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**THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS AND FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.**

32. The many Observations and Directions made and given for some time Past as well by Ourselves as the Presidency together with the late Regulations and Proceedings of the Supravisors with respect to the Pepper Investment renders it unnecessary for us at this time to do more than to referthereto as very sufficient Instructions for encreasing the Growth of Pepper to the utmost extent it can be carried to at our several Settlements upon the West Coast. But these cannot be carried into execution at least effectually without great Care and Application in all Ranks and degrees of Our Servants We therefore most earnestly recommend it to you Our Deputy Governor and Council in particular to see that well Qualified and proper persons be appointed to the several Residencys and continued in their respective posts so long as you shall judge it for the Companys Interest without removing them into [other] Employments, and although Seniority in the Service should [also] have its due Weight, yet We recommend it to you to have principal regard to the most fit and best qualified persons and appoint them accordingly but this must be done with the utmost impartiality and the Reasons for your proceedings laid before us. You must keep a constant and steady Eye upon the Conduct and Behaviour of the Chiefs of the several Settlements and take care that they apply themselves with the utmost Diligence to increase the Growth of pepper in their respective Districts and for that purpose that they conduct themselves with Prudence in all their Concerns with the Natives as well with regard to their Pepper Plantations as any other Connections this is at all times extremely necessary and will be the means of Preventing or adjusting without much Difficultys all Dis [.] and Disturbances, in making this Reflection We have an Eye to some Instances in your Letter by the Anson at Manna, Cattewn and Other Places, and indeed to the Accounts We annually receive.

33. We informed you in our Letter of the 27th November 1754 that We had lost by our Settlements upon the West Coast in Ten years no less a Sum than Thirty Two Thousand Pounds, and referred you to an Account for the Particular loss in each Year, which Account by some mistake We find was not sent, it now accompanys this Letter, and is well worth your Attention, as it Points out in a very strong light the necessity of the greatest application to turn the Balance in our Favour.

34. We are in hopes to find that your causing Surveys to be regularly taken of the Pepper Plantations upon the whole Coast as mentioned in your Letter by the Anson will be attended with the desired Effect in all human Probability if strictly and constantly kept to, as it is highly necessary that the Negligent should meet with a suitable Mark of your Resentment, so on the other Hand it is just as well as Politick to reward all such who contribute to the Encrease of the Pepper Investment and for these reasons We cannot but approve of your making the Small presents you mention to the Old and Young Sultans of Moco Moco, as likewise to one Nebbee an Industrious Planter at Bantall.

35. You must constantly send the like Accounts as we have received this Season of the Produce of Pepper at the several Settlements, it is a satisfaction to have some Information of the reasons for the Annual Increase or decrease but at the same time We cannot but observe with much concern the number of Districts named therein and how inconsiderable a Quantity of Pepper is raised in the most of such Districts, and what appears very striking is that the Country

under your immediate Eye We mean about Fort Marlborough should not Produce more than Ten Tons Annually, it may be urged the people thereabout are employed in cultivating their Grounds in a different manner, but surely it is right that such an attention should be had to raising Pepper at or near our Principal Settlement as might set an Example to all the rest.

36. We are perfectly well satisfied with your not settling at Massang upon the Invitation of the Sultan of Manancabon and we should have been extremely glad had the like Caution been constantly observed, a number of Settlements certainly run us into Expenses and what they produce to answer them appears in too melancholy a light in your before mentioned Accounts, and here We cannot avoid recommending in the strongest manner your making a strict Enquiry whether it will not be most for our Interest to throw up some of them We mean such as you shall find neither do at Present or are likely to produce a sufficient Quantity of Pepper to answer the Expence of maintaining them and where the Case is evidently clear you are empowered to withdraw such Settlement immediately, but if you have any doubts you must state them to Us or the Presidency and wait for our or their Directions thereon.

37. We are pleased to find that the Sugar and Arrack Works improve, and we shall depend upon your giving the Undertakers all fitting encouragement and assistance therein.

#### FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

38. We are very sensible the Fortifications at Fort Marlborough are but in a very indifferent Condition and which is in a great measure owing to the Difficultys of getting an Engineer and well Qualified Superintendents to project and carry them on, It is impossible for us in the present Situation of a French War to send you such from hence and We are affraid it will be equally difficult to have any spared from Fort St. George however We shall repeat Our Orders to the Presidency to send you an able Engineer if possible and if such an one comes to the West Coast he is to form a Plan of Works necessary for rendering the Place defensible against an attack of the Natives principally, but with a view also to make it in some degree tenable against an European Force, and the same is to be transmitted to us with the proper Estimates of the time and Expences such Works require together with what Cannon and Military Stores are Wanting, and you are to wait for our Directions before you begin upon them, as the property of the Company to be Defended on the West Coast is very inconsiderable in comparison with most of our Settlements in India, the Projected Works must be accordingly upon the most Frugal plan the nature of them will admit of. However if there is a real necessity for rendering the Fort somewhat more Defensible than it is at present against an Attack of the Natives by digging of Trenches or other ways We do permit you to set about such Work immediately with the best assistance you have, provided such present Work do not exceed in the whole the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds.

39. With respect to Buildings and Repairs for Store houses Lodgings for Our Servants and other as necessary purposes you have already had our leave to set about and complete them provided they are not attended with the great expence, as expensive Works are not to be set about without express leave from us or the Presidency.

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40. The slight and improper manner of your Building has been and still continues a matter of Complaint and is the occasion of so many Repairs being continually necessary, We therefore earnestly recommend a more substantial manner of Building and in particular that you generally make use of Bricks.

41. We also recommend it to you to Indent to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, Bengal or both Places for such Wood as may be necessary for your Buildings and particularly for Gun Carriages which We find as much wanted and We are told may be made up at Fort Marlborough, you are likewise empowered to send Directions to some Person or Persons at Batavia to provide a Quantity of Wood for the same purposes, to be brought you by any Conveyances that offer, and you may lodge Orders from time to time for the Commanders of the Store Ships to take in what their Ships will conveniently carry.

42. Having maturely considered the Situation of our Servants upon the West Coast Establishment with respect to the Hardships they lye under in their Trade and being very desirous that they should carry on the same as much to their Advantage as any other of our Servants whatsoever, and at the same time having a view by a reasonable Encouragement to encrease the Companys Revenues rather by promoting an Extensive Trade than levying Heavy Dutys. We have thought proper to direct that the Regulations made by the President and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George in their Letter to you under date of the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1754 be annulled and they are accordingly hereby declared void, and in lieu of them the following Regulations are hereby ordered and directed to take place and to be observed upon the Receipt of this Letter and that they may make effect in the other parts of India We shall communicate them with the necessary injunctions to Our Presidencys at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, Bombay and Fort William.

43. The Companys Servants upon the establishments of the West Coast of Sumatra and all Persons there under the Protection of the Company are to have the Liberty of resorting to and Trading at all and any of the Companys settlements in the East Indies and at all other places within the Companys Limits in as full Free and extensive a manner as the rest of the Companys Servants and others residing under their protection at their Presidencys and other Settlements do at Present. They paying the Companys Dutys at all such places according to the usual and Customary methods and Rates Established at such places.

44. The trade upon the West Coast is to be reciprocally and in like manner Open and Free to all the rest of the Companys Servants in the East Indies and all such persons as Trade under the Companys Protection.

45. That all the Persons described above residing upon the West Coast of Sumatra who shall resort or Trade either by themselves or their agents to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, Fort William, Bombay and their respective Dependancys are to buy and Sell Publicly or privately as they themselves shall chose, to deal freely and without restraint with whoever they shall think proper, and if contrary to this Article they shall be oppressed or injured by any Person or Persons whatsoever such Person or Persons let their rank be what it may will incur Our highest Displeasure and shall certainly feel the Weight of Our Resentment.

46. All Persons Trading to the West Coast of Sumatra are reciprocally to have the like freedom of Trade as described in the preceeding Article.

47. That with respect to the Trade upon the West Coast the following Regulations be observed, viz<sup>t</sup>.

48. That a Duty of Two Per Cent ad Valorem be levied and paid on all Goods imported from any parts of the East Indies of what kind soever except as hereafter otherways provided for and in order to ascertain the said Duty the Goods so imported are to be rated at Ten per cent under the Market Price.

49. No Dutys are to be levied on Europe Commoditys Manifested in England and Indulged by us as they principally consist of Necessary and Provisions for the use of our Servants.

50. That instead of a Prohibition of Buggese, Java, Bally, Atcheen, Padang and such kinds of Clouting or Piece Goods a Duty of Fifteen per cent ad Valorem be laid on them rating the same at Ten per cent under the Market Price.

51. That all other Imports as Benjamin, Camphire, Swallow, Tobacco, Gongs and pay a Duty of Five Per Cent ad Valorem except Gold, Silver, Rice, Paddy and Provisions of all kinds that the value of such Goods be Estimated Ten per cent under the Market Price.

52. That Goods meant by the preceeding Article when Re-exported from the West Coast within the Year (having the Package entire) to any of the Companys Settlements in India shall have a Drawback of Three Per Cent in consideration of the Fresh customs they are to pay to the Company.

53. That the above Dutys be collected at all the Settlements upon the West Coast Subordinate to Fort Marlborough.

54. That for the better securing the Companys Dutys all Goods laden on the West Coast for any Parts of India or on the contrary from any parts of India to the West Coast shall be regularly Manifested at the several and respective Places they are laden at and Certificates thereof signed by the Companys Governours Chiefs or other proper Person or Persons.

55. That whosoever shall land Goods without making a proper Entry of them, shall Forfeit the Goods so landed, One half to the Informer and the other half to the Company.

56. That all Private Merchandize laden on board the Companys Sloops or other Vessels be regularly Manifested and Pay a Freight to be Collected by the Sea Customer, viz<sup>t</sup>, Two per cent to and from Batavia and One Per Cent to and from any of the Companys Settlements on the West Coast.

57. That private Merchandize shipped on board Company Vessels for Fort St. George or any other of the Companys Presidencys or their Subordinates be likewise Manifested to pay Freight there, and that the Captains or Masters of such Vessels receive no Goods on board without a Permit Signed by the Secretary and the said Freights shall be ascertained before such Merchandize is shipped and a regular Certificate thereof signed by the Companys Governour or other proper person or persons.

58. It being our Intention that our Servants upon the West Coast should have the liberty of Importing Goods from any parts of India, and the before-going Regulations being made in consequence thereof, the Order therefore contained in the Letter from the Presidency of Fort St. George of the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1754 by which all Piece Goods imported on the West Coast are Prohibited except such as were manifested at Fort St. George is at an End.

59. In the said Letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1754 Opium Iron and Salt are entirely reserved to the Company and all other Persons are Prohibited from Trading therein. With respect to Opium and Iron the Prohibition is from henceforward to cease and you are at liberty to Trade therein as formerly as to the Sale of Salt it is still to be reserved to the Company, but our Servants are to be at liberty to purchase any Quantities that can be spared for Exportation they paying for the same after the rate of Forty Dollars for a Coyan.

SIXTHLY OF COVENANT SERVANTS, THE MILITARY AND OTHER ACCOUNTS.

60. It was never Our Intention that either of the Persons sent from Fort St. George to supravise Affairs on the West Coast should succeed to the Government there, and for this invariable reason, that no distant View of Advantage should ever have the least Influence upon Supravisors in their Enquiries into and Proceedings upon the Conduct of those they are to supravise, We cannot therefore approve of the Appointment of Mr. Pybus to the Deputy Government of Fort Marlborough by the Presidency of Fort St. George, and We do hereby declare the said Appointment to be Null and Void.

61. And We do hereby further declare that it is our Pleasure and accordingly do order and direct that Roger Carter, Esq<sup>r</sup>., be Deputy Governour of Fort Marlborough on the West Coast of Sumatra in the East Indies, and Chiefs of all the Companys Affairs on that coast and that

Mr. Randolph Marriott	be	Second	in	Council.
Mr. Richard Wyatt	..	..	..	Third.
Mr. Joseph Darvall	..	..	..	Fourth.
Mr. Joseph Gunn	..	..	..	Fifth.
Mr. John Goodwin	..	..	..	Sixth.
Mr. Samuel Dutton	..	..	..	Seventh.
Mr. William Morris	..	..	..	Eighth.
Mr. Richard Preston	..	..	..	Nineth and last.

62. Although We have as above named Nine Persons to from the present Council, it is Our Intention that for the future it shall consist of Eight only, it is Our direction therefore that no Person is to be admitted thereto, until it is reduced by Death or otherways until the said Number of Eight.

63. In consequence of Our Orders last Season we must suppose that upon the coming away of Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Combes and Carter the Chair at Fort Marlborough was immediately filled by Mr. Marriott as Provisional Deputy Governour; We do hereby order and direct that he do continue to act in that Station until the Arrival of Mr. Carter who will take Passage on one of the Fort St. George Ships which will be dispatched about the 26<sup>th</sup> February from whence he is to proceed to Fort Marlborough by the first Conveyance that offers.

64. Mr. Goodwin who takes his Passage on this Ship is immediately to take his Seat in Council as before directed.

65. And We must here recommend it to Mr. Marriott and the rest of the Council to conduct Our Affairs on the West Coast with Integrity, Diligence and to the best of their Judgment that Mr. Carter may upon his arrival find every thing in good Order.

66. Notwithstanding We have not thought proper to continue Mr. Jack in the Council, he may do us good service and he is accordingly to be employed in such Station as you shall think will be most for the companys Interest, but neither He or such other Persons as have been formerly superseded are to succeed to the Council without Our further Orders, the next in turn below them being to succeed thereto as Vacancies happen when it is reduced under the number of eight as before-mentioned, We mean such against whose abilities, Character and Circumstances there lay no reasonable Objections.

67. As you must be the best Judges of the Abilities Character and Circumstances of all Our Servants, We mean as well those in Council as below it, We shall leave it to you to station and employ them in such a manner as will in general best conduce to the Companys Interest, and although a due regard must be paid to Seniority in the Service, yet no Stress is to be laid upon it, where any reasonable Objections lay against the Character of the Person to be employed.

68. In Our Letter last Year by the Oxford, We directed that if Mr. Combes succeeded to the Deputy Government, the Salary of One hundred Pounds a year as commander of the companys Forces was to be re-annexed to the other usual Salary and Appointments, it is our Pleasure that Mr. Carter do enjoy it in the same manner as directed with respect to Mr. Combes.

69. And as We are satisfied the present Allowance of Three Hundred Pounds a year to the Deputy Governour for Diet money is not sufficient to maintain a Table suitable to the Station, We direct that for the future an Addition be made thereto of One hundred and fifty pounds a year to commence upon Mr. Carter's Arrival, but no further allowance is to be made on any pretence whatsoever this addition being agreed to in consideration only of the few Emoluments the Deputy can enjoy on this Establishment.

70. From the Account of the Behaviour of Mr. Beach given us in you last Letters, as well as what has been before represented to us with respect to other parts of his Conduct we are satisfied he is not a fit person to be continued any longer in the Companys Service, We therefore Confirm his Dismission, and direct that he be sent home, or if he chooses it he may proceed to any other part of India to get his living in the best manner he can, but we must here observe you should only have suspended him and waited for ours or the Presidency Orders for his Dismission.

71. We must suppose that in consequence of Our Orders last Year Mr. Tottie has left Fort Marlborough on his return to England, but if contrary to Our expectations he has not, he must be sent home by the first Conveyance and his allowance of Fifteen Spanish Dollars a Month is to cease upon the Receipt of this.

72. In our last Letter We left it to you to send home Bastian Smith, Samuel King(ston) John Ogier and Thomas Bright as to Smith and Bright We have but a very indifferent Character of them, Kingston is come home but Ogier We think from what We have heard has no material Objection against his being restored to his former standing and We recommend him accordingly to you.

73. You were acquainted in Our Letter of last Season by the Oxford that John Ambrose Kelly One of the Factors chosen for the Service of Our West Coast Settlements was prevented by Sickness from proceeding on that Ship he now takes his Passage on the Falmouth and upon his arrival he is to take Rank next below Henry Russell agreeable to the Station We then appointed.

74. You was likewise acquainted by that Letter that We had appointed Hallett Saunders then a Free Merchant at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George to be a Factor and Assigned his Station next below Willam King that is to say the last Person on the list at that Period.

75. After the Dispatch of the Oxford We chose another Factor for Our Service on the West Coast, viz<sup>t</sup>., Charles Frederick Noble and Ranked him next below Hallett Saunders he went a Passenger from hence to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George on the Chesterfield from whence he was to be accommodated with a pasage at his own Expence by the first Conveyance that offered, We gave directions to the President and Council to inform you of this Appointment which We suppose has been done and that Mr. Noble will have been arrived long before this reaches you.

76. We have this year appointed Six more Factors on the West Coast Establishment viz<sup>t</sup>., Stokeham Donston, Lewis Jones, John White, John Darvall, William Keir and Mathew Blaquiere who are to be Ranked in the List in the Order they are here named, observing that Stokeham Donston's Name is to be placed next below that of Charles Frederick Noble.

77. It is with pleasure We can say that among the Factors appointed the last and this Season many of them have been well recommended and are as well Qualified to serve the Company as any We remember to have been sent out, and We have the greatest reason to believe they will answer yours as well as our Expectations.

78. Upon the Arrival of the Falmouth you must make as usual a particular Enquiry as to the Usage our said Factors who take their Passage on that Ship met with in their Voyage and give us an Account thereof in your next Letter.

79. In compliance with your Recommendation of Olle Tobison the Son of Lieutenant Tobison, We have appointed him to be a Writer upon the Fort Marlborough Establishment to serve the Company Five years from the day he completes the Seventeenth Year of his Age and not before, he is to be allowed the usual Salary and Appointments of a Writer to commence from that time and is to Execute the accompanying Covenants which are to be returned to us by the next Conveyance following, from the time he commence a Covenant Servant as before directed his Pay as a monthly Writer is to cease.

80. We have permitted James D.W. Bois to proceed to the West Coast on this Ship free of any Charge to the company, as he served with Reputation upwards of Six Years as Surgeons mate at St. Helena. We recommend him to succeed as Surgeon to the first vacancy that Shall happen on the West Coast of Sumatra after his Arrival.



81. The present demand for the National Recruits make it extremely difficult for us to raise near the Number We want for the Companys several Garrisons in India, however some will proceed to you on this Ship for the Number and their Names We must refer you to the Accompanying List.

82. Should these [recruits] together with those sent on the Prince George be more than sufficient for the Service of the West Coast, you must follow the directions of the Presidency for forwarding as many of the latter to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George as can be spared according to their Original Destination if you have not already done it.

83. We have entertained Jeffry Trus to serve the Company as a Carpenter upon the West Coast for the term of Five Years and as he has the Character of a Sober and capable man We have given him here a Gratuity of Five Pounds to buy Necessaries for the Voyage, and We direct that upon his Arrival you pay him the further Sum of Ten Pounds and that he commence Wages at the same time at the Rate of Nine Pounds a Month which is to be in full consideration for Salary, Diet Money and all other Allowances from the Company. We have likewise entertained Joseph Gray of whom We have a good Character, to be the Companys Bricklayer on the West Coast for the term of Five Years his Pay is to be at the Rate of Seven Pounds ten shillings a Month to commence on his Arrival, in full consideration for Salary, Diet Money and all other Allowances from the Company, We gave him a Gratuity of Ten Pounds to buy Necessaries for the Voyage.

84. In Our Letter by the Oxford We informed you that We had paid to Mrs. Mary Dumbleton Attorney to Mr. Richard Wyatt the Husband of Elizabeth Wyatt late Greenhall the amount of the Certificate drawn from Fort Marlborough the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1751 made payable to the said Elizabeth, the reasons that induced us to make that Payment and the Authoritys Produced on the behalf of Mr<sup>s</sup>. Dumbleton will particularly appear by the Copy of a Report from Our Committee of Law Suits now sent for your Information, you cannot but suppose then We must be [g]reatly surprize on reading that part of your General [letter] by the Anson wherein you say you had paid that certificate [. . .] Wyatt on receiving a Joint Bond from him and his wife to be accountable for the amount in case the Money should have been already paid by us, for it is evident Mr. Wyatt was fully satisfied in his own mind that the said Certificate would certainly be paid here from the circumstance of his drawing a Bill for one hundred and Six Pounds Nine shillings and Eleven Pence farthing upon Mr. James our Secretary in favour of Captian Fowler, a Bill which could be only Discharged with part of the amount of the said Certificate as Mr. James never had any Money or Effects of Mr. Wyatts in his Hands, you must let Mr. Wyatt know We are much displeased at his Conduct in concealing those Circumstances you will observe in the Report, which had you been informed of would have prevented your Discharging the said Certificate, you must therefore immediately demand and receive of Mr. Wyatt re-payment of the said Sum of Three hundred and fifty Six pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six pence together with Interest thereon after the rate of Five percent annum from the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 1755 being the day We paid that sum to Mrs. Dumbleton, we must add that unless Mr. Wyatt gives us a reasonable and satisfactory Justification of his conduct in this transaction We shall deem him unworthy of the Companys favour.

85. A dispute We find arose between Mr. Pybus Mr. Combes and Mr. Preston upon a Letter sent to the President and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George wherein mentioned is made of the extreme want you were in of Covenant Servants owing to the not receiving a supply by the Exeter and the departure of Messrs. Combes and Carter, with regard to your want of Covenant Servants the List you refer to is a sufficient Evidence and therefore needs no comment, what strikes is the not reading and agreeing to that Letter at the board a measure extremely Irregular and which Mr. Pybus himself does not bring one reason to justify, and for the future We hope We shall never have occasion to make such another remark as you cannot but know all Letters whatsoever which are to be Signed by the Council are to be regularly and previously read and considered before Signing.

86. We have received the collection of Standing Orders from 1702 to 1754 as delivered in by Mr. Combes it is a Work well performed and will be of great use to us as well as to you, we shall depend upon your making the necessary additions from time to time and punctually producing it at every meeting of Council, Mr. Combes's Observation is true that there are many inconsistencies therein in consequence of the different Periods the Orders were made in, it will in the nature of things be always so and therefore is no objection to the utility of such a collection as from the whole every Person in our Service may have a general idea of his Duty and in many cases such particular Directions as must always exist unless repealed by Subsequent Orders.

87. You must observe with the greatest punctuality the Orders We gave in Our Letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 1753 with regard to the time of Signing your Consultations as We shall always expect that the Minutes of every Consultation are read and approved at the next, in very extraordinary cases excepted, This method We find has not been attended to so well as it ought agreeable to our said Orders.

88. We observe You have settled the greatest parts of the several Lists of Deficiencies and charged to the respective persons Accounts concerned what you judged they ought reasonably to Account for, if any favourable circumstances shall be offered or appear to you for making any further Allowances therein We shall agreeable to what We wrote you last year leave them to be adjusted by you in the most equitable manner.

89. We cannot acquiesce with your encreasing the Allowance to your Accountant from Fifty Pounds to One hundred Pounds a year because the last named sum is the utmost allowed to the Persons who keep the General Books at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George and the other Presidencies where the Business is without comparison more than on the West Coast, although there may be some excuse for your allowing it under the Difficulties you mention to Mr. Darvall, yet the Case being particular to him it must be discontinued, But in order to give all reasonable and fitting Encouragement to the person who shall act in the Station of Accountant, We do agree and direct, that for the future, the Sum of Seventy five Pounds a Year be the stated Allowance for that Employ and no more on any pretence whatsoever We mean that the said Seventy five Pounds a Year is to be over and above the usual Salary and Allowance for Diet of a Covenant Servant either in or below the Council.

LOND<sup>o</sup>. THE 29<sup>th</sup> DECEM. 1756.

WE ARE.

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS.

P. GODFREY.  
 JOHN PAYNE.  
 R. DRAKE.  
 J. RAYMOND.  
 N. NEWN HAM JUN<sup>r</sup>.  
 M. IMPEY.  
 HENRY CLANT.  
 L. SULLIVAN.  
 JOHN DORRIEN.  
 ROB. JONES.  
 HENY. SAVAGE.  
 THEO<sup>s</sup>. BONS.  
 CHA. GOUGH.  
 TIMOTHY TULLIE.  
 H. KRABB BOULTON.  
 STEPHEN LAW.  
 CERISTO BURROW.  
 CHARLES CHAMBERS.  
 JOHN MANSHIP.  
 M. WESTERN.

OUR DEPUTY GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL AT FORT MARLBOROUGH.

1. Our last letter went by the Falmouth under date of the 29<sup>th</sup> December last, a copy whereof we now send by Mr. Carter, who was by that letter appointed our Deputy Governour.

2. Mr. Carter's Arrival in England so near the time of the dispatch of the Falmouth, would not admit of his proceeding to the West Coast on that Ship, he therefore takes his Passage on the Grantham to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George from whence he will get to his station by the first good Conveyance that offers.

3. We have chosen and appointed the Reverend Mr. Henry Butler a Gentleman extremely well recommended to us to be the Company's chaplain at Fort Marlborough, he is accordingly to have the usual Salary, Gratuity, Allowance for Diet, and such other Appointments as are annexed to that Station to commence from the day of his Arrival.

4. Mr. Butler likewise takes his Passage in the same Ship with Mr. Carter to Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George and will accompany him from thence to the West Coast.

5. We have advanced and lent to Mr. Butler the sum of Fifty Pounds on his Bond, to repay the same out of the Salary that shall grow due to him, We now forward the said Bond for your receiving the said Money accordingly in such a manner as may not any way distress him.

6. You were advised in our Letter by the Falmouth, that We had appointed Mr. John White to be a Factor on your Establishment, We are now to inform you that he has declined our Service, his Name therefore must be struck off the List of Covenant Servants.

7. In our Letter by the Falmouth, you were particularly informed of the Names and Rank of the Several Persons We therein appointed to be the Council for managing the Company's Affairs upon the West Coast of Sumatra, We now confirm the same by a Commission under the Company's Seal, which will be brought to you by the Deputy Governour Mr. Carter, by which you will observe, that Mr. Randolph Marriott is appointed Second in Council and is to remain so without succeeding to the Deputy Government in case of the Death or Absence of Mr. Carter, It being our meaning and consequently our Orders, that whenever there shall be a vacancy in the Deputy Government by Death or Otherwise, that the next Person in the Council below Mr. Marriott do succeed there to and continue in it Provisionally, until Our further pleasure is signified to you.

8. We expect shortly to have an explicit Answer to the Paragraph, of Our Letter to the Presidency of the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1756 which was to be transmitted to you as the Affair of Mr. Hurlock's Certificate for Five thousand two hundred Dollars must remain in suspense until We receive an Account upon Oath of the Refund therein mentioned relative to the Arrack licence.

WE ARE.

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS.

LONDON, 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 1757.

P. GODFREY.  
JOHN PAYNE.  
R. DRAKE.  
M. IMPEY.  
CHRISTO BURROW.  
M. WESTERN.  
CHA. GOUGH.  
THO. ROUS.  
LAU. SULIVAN.  
HENY. SAVAGE.  
JOHN DORRIEN.  
STEPHEN LAW.  
WILL. BARWELL.  
CRABLES CHAMBERS.  
JOHN MANSHIP.  
H. CRABB BOULTON.  
N. NEWN HAM JUN<sup>r</sup>.

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## OUR DEPUTY GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL AT FORT MARLBOROUGH.

This Letter, you will observe by the Direction, is to be opened by Our Deputy Governour and the Second and Third in Council only who are hereby authorized to carry the direction herein contained into Execution, by such ways and means as they shall, according to the best of their Judgement, think will most effectually answer our Intentions, If they call upon you for your Assistance and Advice at any time you are to give it them to the best of your power and whenever our said Deputy Governour and the second and Third in Council shall lay the Letter before you, it is then to be deemed, what we intend it, a General Letter.

2. The Reason given by our Deputy Governour and Council, for making a Settlement at Nattal in the year 1751 upon the Invitation of the Inhabitants, was, that it would greatly conduce to the Companys Interest, by encreasing the Investment as the inhabitants were numerous and signified they were well inclined to promote the produce of Pepper, a Settlement was accordingly made, but without our orders or Approbation, or those of the Governour and Council of Fort St. George, had the Inhabitants in any degree made good their professions and Promises, we might possibly have been induced to give our sanction to this settlement, but to this day not a Grain of Pepper has been procured there, and it is on all hand allowed, that from the nature and turn of the People none is to be expected, as we have often acquainted you so we now Repeat it, That the Principal, if not the only object the Company have in view, by being at the Expence of maintaining settlements upon the west Coast, is the raising of Pepper, if any one therefore does not answer that purpose, no distant Prospect of the Profits arising from Monopolys of Opium, Iron and Salt, or the Customs upon private trade can induce the Company to continue it, this being the case of Nattal, to which add the extraordinary Expences which have already attended that Settlement, the Moral certainty of their being greatly encreased, by the Disputes with the Dutch and others, and our being now fully convinced, that the first settling it was with no other view than to serve private purposes only, for these Reasons we positively Order and direct, that the said Settlement at Nattal be withdrawn as soon as after your Receipt of this as possible, or can be done conveniently, so as to secure the Lives and Properties of our people there, in order to which secrecy being necessary, we leave it to the prudence of Our Deputy Governour and the Second and Third in Council as beforementioned to take such measures as will best answer the purpose, to whom likewise we recommend it, to save the Honour and Reputation of the Company with the Inhabitants of Nattal and all the People of the West Coast, by apprizing them of the true Reasons of our withdrawing from that Settlement, that they may not imagine it proceeds from fear of the Dutch, or that we in any degree admit their Pretensions to be just or have any Foundation.

3. Tappanouly, which we are advised by the last Letters was settled, as necessary only for carrying on, in a more effectual manner, the Commerce of Nattal, being liable to the same Objections must also in like manner be withdrawn, And we further direct that all the Works and Buildings made and Erected for the Defence of both places be entirely demolished.

4. Although we did not signify these Orders by the Falmouth, we were then determined upon withdrawing from Nattal, and it was upon this Principle we laid open the Trade in Opium and Iron, as mentioned in our Letter by that Ship, as well by way of Encouragement to you, as to leave no pretence for keeping that Settlement any longer.

LONDON, 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 1757.

WE ARE,  
YOUR LOVING FRIENDS

P. GODFREY.  
JOHN PAYNE.  
R. DRAKE.  
M. IMPEY.  
CHRISTO BURROW.  
M. WESTERN.  
CHA GOUGH.  
THO BOUS.  
LAU SULIVAN.  
HENY SAVAGE.  
JOHN DORRIEN.  
STEPHEN LAW.  
WILL BARWELL.  
CHARLES CHAMBERS.  
JOHN MANSHIP.  
M. KRABB BOULTON.  
N. NEWNHAM JUN<sup>r</sup>.  
J. RAYMOND.

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THE HON'BLE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL AT FORT  
ST. GEORGE ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

[MADEIRA], 30TH APRIL 1757.

GENTLEMEN,

This God Willing you will receive by the Warwick Capt. Nicolas Webb Commander, On whom according to the orders received from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> United Company of Merchants of England Trading [to] East Indies, we have ship<sup>d</sup> to your address One hundred and fifty [Pipes] Wine and the like Quantity to the Address of the President & Council [at] Fort William, In Bengal.

You have here Inclosed Bill of Lading for the One hundred [& fifty] Pipes consigned to you, as also Invoice of their Cost & Charges amounting to £ 11,484 & 695. You have likewise Invoice of the Hundred & Fifty Pipes consigned to the President & Council at Fort William, Amounting also to £ 11,484 & 695. In these Sums are Included the proportion of the Cost & Charges of the Staves and hoops for each parcell, and annexed to the Invoices you have the Companys Account Current for your Government in Carrying to their Credit the full value of the Wines now Shipt to your address. At foot of the Account current you have the Account of Staves & hoops received & expended for your Government In that article.

Besides the above mentioned Documents you will herewith receive as account of the mark Numbers & Contents of the whole Three hundred pipes of Wine now shipt on the Warwick together with a Certificate signed by the purser of the Ship & ourselves, of their having been [jointly] gauged by us, & of their containing as there sett down, this [we transmitt] you by order of the Court of Directors, to clear any doubts that may arise in respect either to the gauge or quality of the Casks & to [.....] we beg leave to refer you.

Our last vintage having proved the Shortest ever known, has occasioned the Wines to start greatly in Price, however, as we have been particularly carefull in procuring these parcells from the very best growth [of] the Island we flatter ourselves that their quality will make amends for their dearness and give entire satisfaction.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Webb is ready to Sail this evening, having been dispatched within the Limited time, but we fear he will be detained yett some days by [....] When he does depart we hope will have a safe & quick [..] to you, and are with the utmost Respect.

GENTLEMEN.

YOUR MOST OBED<sup>t</sup>. HUNBLE SERV<sup>ts</sup>.  
GAMBERS HICCOX & CHAMBERS.

..... a longer detention should cause the loss of his passage, so will accordingly sail this evening. We heartily wish him a safe & good voyage & are

GENTLEMEN.

YOUR MOST OBED<sup>t</sup>. HBLE SERV<sup>ts</sup>.  
GAMBERS HICCOX & CHAMBERS

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED ON THE COAST OF  
CHOROMANDEL FOR THE SHIPS TAKEN UP  
INTO THE COMPANY'S SERVICE IN  
THE YEAR 1756.

ALLEJAES, None

Pieces.

BETTELLEES, of 25 and 26 One thousand and Nos. 28 and 29,  
One thousand, but most of the Head Sorts, Two thousand. 2,000

Some reason should be assigned why we have not received  
One Piece this Year.

DITTO ORIGINAL, fine, see that both Selvages are of equal  
goodness and take great care to keep up the Quality. Two  
thousand .. .. . 2,000

DITTO PULLICAT the very best Sort you can procure, Eighteen hundred Pieces of Two Covids broad, Five hundred Pieces of Three Covids, and Two hundred Pieces of Four Covids, and take particular Care the Quality be exceeding good, Two Thousand five hundred .. .. . 2,500

What we have received this year of the two foregoing Articles are much the same in Quality as we received the preceding one, but much inferior to what we have had formerly. We shall not regard a small Advance in price, to have them of a Superior Quality.

CAMBRICK BETELLEES THIN } Pieces.  
DITTO.....THICK } None at any rate.

By Ships Hardwicke and East Court we received a few Bales of Bettellees plain, Flowered, and a few Pieces-Bordered, part of which came from Vizagapatam and part from Ingeram, the latter were much Superior in Quality to the former and you may encourage the making of more at the latter place but not at the Former, unless the Quality is amended, of the Sort F I Two Covids broad you may send five hundred Pieces of those of Four Covids One hundred Pieces of the Flowered Sort Two Covids broad five hundred Pieces, but None of Four Covids broad, One thousand one hundred .. .. . 1,100

If any Plain Bettellees of the Quality of those procured of Two Covids wide could be made into Handkerchiefs, and bordered so as to be exactly Square, if the Breadth was a Small matter under Two Covids wide and the Borders a little Varied you may send Us Three hundred Pieces .. 300

CHINTS MOORES, Ordinary, they must be full Twenty eight Covids long One thousand .. .. . 1,000

In what we have received this year there are not more than Two or Three New Patterns, the Grounds much tinged and ill cleared, and sold without any Profit, if they are not to be procured of better condition as well in respect to Cloth as painting they may be entirely omitted.

DITTO FINE ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED .. .. . 1,500

In the Assortment of Patterns, there must be a few more of the larger Sort, and rather a greater proportion of Coloured Grounds in each Bale, be very careful that they be not packed up Damp, and that the Grounds be well cleared.

By the Hardwicke we received a Bale of Chints No. 1 from Vizagapatam, Fourteen Covids long which were quite agreeable to Us. You must take every method to encourage that Manufacture there, the patterns were good and a great variety, which is of great advantage in the Sale, of those, if possible you must procure One thousand Pieces, and if not to be had immediately you must endeavour to procure a greater Quantity to be painted there, and if there were a few Coloured Grounds among them they would be more agreeable.



	<i>Piece.</i>
CALLOWAPORES, they must be of a bright Red, unless they can be reduced in Price, we would not have any, but if they can send five hundred .. .. .	500
DIMMITIES, FORT St. DAVID, None.	
GINGHAMS small, White, None.	
Ditto Blue, Striped with variety of stripe and about One Third of each Bale Checked, Two hundred .. .. .	200
DITTO, Red, Striped with Variety of Stripes and about one third part of each Bale Checked, Two hundred .. .. .	200
DITTO, Clouded None.	
DITTO Checked on a Red Ground, None.	
IZZAREES fine F 1 and 2 None.	
DITTO Superfine None.	

Notwithstanding our having ordered Eight hundred pieces only of all Sorts of Izzarees Anno 1754 by the Hardwicke and East Court, We have received upwards of Three thousands Pieces, they sell for great loss and you are on no pretence to send One piece.

LONGCLOTH ordinary, Sixty thousand .. .. .	60,000
DITTO middling, Twenty thousand .. .. .	20,000
DITTO fine, Ten thousand .. .. .	10,000

All the Vizagapatam and Ingeram Cloth must be washed at Fort St. David or Madras.

The middling Madras Cloth we find in general the best but if they could be procured of a more Substantial Quality they would sell much better, The Salem Cloth were good, the Quantity of them must be increased, by the Two Ships we have received only Two Bales, though they are a kind much in demand. The D, C, Cloth will not answer the same purpose, being very ill made. The Worriapollam Cloth are also much debased. We have mentioned the Vizagapatam Cloth in our General Letter. The Ingeram Cloth still prove bad, as do the Madapollam Cloth and now sell at great loss.

We observe in the East Court's Invoice a considerable charge for Unconjeering of Cloth; were no Conjee put in, a double expence would be avoided, besides the Damage done to the Cloth by taking it out. We would still have you to continue Sending us a few Bales from each Factory without any Conjee being put in when they first come from washing and such Bales distinguished as we have before directed.

We still continue to find Pieces with Holes in them in most Bales. We are sensible that they are not always to be avoided as those Injuries will happen in the bleaching, all we insist upon is that they are carefully examined before Embaled, and that such pieces as have Holes in them or any other Damage by Tears or otherwise be kept apart and packed by themselves, the Trouble and Expense as well as the Allowances we are obliged to make are to great that we can no longer bear it and shall not fail to shew Strong Marks of our Resentment on such Persons whose names shall be found in the packing Bills of Bales wherein damaged Pieces shall be found.

	PIECES.
LONGCLOTH Superfine about Six Pagodas, let them be as thick as possible you can procure, they must be made up Square as formerly Ordered Eight Hundred .. .. .	800
The Bale we received of East Court from Ingeram was very good, and should desire to have a larger Quantity of them.	
DITTO Blue, deep dye ordinary and middling One thousand five hundred .. .. .	1,500
LAMPASSES Five hundred .. .. .	500
MOOREES, fine, Two thousand five hundred .. .. .	2,500
DITTO Superfine, Eight hundred .. .. .	800
DITTO Ordinary, Five thousand .. .. .	5,000
You must still continue to make them Fourteen yards long Romals Soot, Red of a bright clear Colour, Three thousand	3,000
DITTO, Blue, Seven thousand .. .. .	7,000
You must endeavour to procure as much as you can of this article.	
ROMALS PULLICAT, None.	
DITTO METCHLEPATAM OR SASTRACUNDY ROMALS WITHOUT GLAZING, Two thousand.	2,000
SASTRACUNDIES OF a bright Red, Two thousand five hundred.	2,500
SALLAMPORES Ordinary, Thirty thousand .. .. .	30,000
DITTO Middling, Twenty five thousand .. .. .	25,000
DITTO Fine, Six thousand .. .. .	6,000

You are not to send any, Brown Sallampores or Longcloths on any Account None.

#### SARRASSES,

SUCCATUMS fine Twenty Yards long, Two hundred .. .. . 200

The Article of Percalles will not sell, you must therefore send no more of them.

You may send Three or Four Bales of Dungarees.

You may still continue to take care that the Bales and Tickets of the Ingeram, Cloth answer as to the Sortiment, and the Ticket put into all the Bales must be laid under the first piece; that they may be easily found.

We shall Order Our Servants in the Bay to supply you with a few fine Jugdea Baftaes which must be printed with a variety of beautiful patterns but not in the Expensive manner of Madras Chints, you must send Three Quarters white Grounds One Quarter Coloured Grounds and the Colours more lively with as much variety as you can.

REDWOOD as usual.

SALT PETRE, as per General Letter.

Put the Commanders in mind that they lay sufficient Dunnage on the Salt petre before they Stow the Bales, it being of that penetrating nature it often Damages the Cloth as it has formerly happened.

We are,

London,

25th March 1757.

Your Loving Friends,

P. GODFREY  
 JOHN PAYNE  
 R. DRAKE  
 M. IMPEY  
 CHRISTO BURROW  
 M. WESTERN  
 CHA GOUGH  
 JHO BOUS  
 LAU SULIVAN  
 HENY. SAVAGE  
 JOHN DOBRIEN  
 STEPHEN LAW  
 WILL BARWELL  
 CHARLES CHAMBERS  
 JOHN MANSHIP  
 H. KRABB BOULTON  
 N. NEWNHAM JUN<sup>R</sup>  
 J. RAYMOND.

ACCOUNT OF GOODS OVER AND WANTING BY THE FOLLOWING  
 SHIP ARRIVED ANNO 1756.

PHARDWICKE.

No Ticket in either of these Bales.	{	Longcloth 2 V .. Wanting.
		V 2 .. D°.
		Sallampores 3 M .. D°.
embaled ¶ ab. Browne Chints Moorees N°. 1 .. .. D°.		

¶ EASTCOURT.

Longcloth	V 2 over B° 5	
No. Ticket in the Bale	VO 2 wanting .. 5 wanting	
	M 2 D° .. 1	

MO 3 Over 2  
 M2M D° 1  
 FI 2 Wanting 1  
 FI 3 Over 1  
 FM 2 Wanting 1

Meas<sup>d</sup> & Embaled

George Dawson.

} ROMALS SOOTBLUE. D....Over

No Appearance of Plunder in the above Bales where pieces are wanting each of the fine Bales wanting should contain 40 pieces which makes on the whole one of them Short and instead of it received a Bale of midling containing 30 pi(eces).

EAST INDIA H°,

7 March 1757.

JOB WILLIAMS.

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANDIZE AND FORREIGN SILVER LICENSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP BOSCAWEN CAPTAIN BENJAMIN BRAUND, COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, VIZ:—

*Captain Benjamin Braund.*

	£
BB No. 1a 12 Twelve Sheets Lead..... 4 Tons .. ..	70
One hundred and sixty Half Faggotts Steel 4 D° .. ..	120
1a 10 Ten Casks Glass Beads .. ..	300
1a 4 Four Cases Glass Lanthorns .. ..	50
1a 5 Five Cases Looking Glasses .. ..	240
1 One Cask	
} Cutlery .. ..	200
1 & 2 Two cases	
1 One Case q <sup>o</sup> . Six Remnants of Cloth each six yards .. ..	30
1 & 2 Two Bales sherds of Cloth .. ..	150
Five cases clocks .. ..	180
1a 7 Seven Bales Canvas .. ..	280
1a 4 Four Chests Glass Shades .. ..	40
1a 10 Ten Casks nails .. ..	
11 & 12 Two Casks Padlocks, Door Locks, Hinges and Tiles.	
13a 20 Eight Anchors from 2 to 2½ } .. .. 6 Tons ..	180
21a 28 Eight Anchors 2½--2½	
29a 44 Sixteen Anchors 2 —3	

On His Indulgence .. 1,840

Also Thirty Tons Hints in lieu of the like Quantity of Ballast for Sale at China.

In Forreign Silver for the Ships stock .. .. . £ 499

MR. RICHARD PARRY CHIEFMATE.

RP 1 & 2 Two cases Glass ware with Tin work for Lanthorns. 20  
 la 3 Three Casks q<sup>t</sup> Eighteen hundred weight Red and White 25  
 Lead.  
 On his Indulgence.

MR. JOHN COTTON 2<sup>d</sup> MATE.

IC Two Cases glass Lanthorns .. .. . 10  
 L A C 1 & 2 Two cases looking glasses } .. .. . 105  
 IC 1 & 2 Two cases glass Plates .. .. .

MR. JOHN BOWLAND 3<sup>d</sup> MATE.

IB One case glass shades and Drinking glasses .. .. . 4  
 One case glass Lanthorns .. .. . 5  
 I One chest Beer .. .. . 5  
 One Box Gold Thread .. .. . 50

MR. EVEN EVANS PURSER.

EE 1 & 2, 1 & 2 Four cases looking glasses .. .. . 99  
 One case glass globes and a box with Brass Ribs & c<sup>a</sup> for the same. 15

MR. DAVID WELCH FOURTH MATE.

DW One Bale Canvas .. .. . 30  
 One Cask Beads .. .. . 20  
 One Cask glass Ware .. .. . 9  
 W One Case Lanthorns .. .. . 10  
 DW One Chest Cutlery .. .. . 15

MR. ROBERT GIBBS 5<sup>TH</sup> MATE.

RG One Chest Wine .. .. . 18  
 One case cutlery .. .. . 20

MR. WILLIAM JONES SURGEON.

Directed One Case looking glass .. .. . 25  
 One case cutlery .. .. . 15  
 One case Hatts .. .. . 15

EDWARD GEORGE GUNNER.

	£
EG One chest Crown Glass .. .. .	8
1 One Case cutlery and Spectacles .. .. .	18
1 One case Looking Glasses .. .. .	6

JOHN STUART MIDSHIPMAN.

DW 1 & 2 Two Half Chests Wine .. .. .	25
On their Indulgences.	
Joseph Fowke Esquire to Messrs. Walsh and Vansittart at Fort St. George.	
Directed One Box Wearing Apparell .. . . .	
Freight Free being for the use of the above Persons .. .. .	

FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE.

Mr. William Downes to Mr. Andrew Newton Factor.

- Directed 1 One Box q<sup>b</sup> Remnants of Cloth & Trimmings for two suits, shoes stockings and other necessaries.
- 2 One small Cask Tongues.
- 3 One Case Pickles.
- 4 One Half chest Wine

M<sup>r</sup>. RICHARD CLIVE TO COLLONEL CLIVE.

RC 1a 3 Three Chests Wine.....

M<sup>r</sup>. WILLIAM WYNCH TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ<sup>r</sup>.

Directed 1 & 2 Two chests Wine .. .. .  
Messrs. Fetherstonhaugh and Browner to M<sup>r</sup>. Edward.

EDWARDS.

Directed One Chest Wine.....

MRS. WYVILL TO GEORGE PIGOT ESQUIRE.

Directed 1a 4 Four chests Wine.....

Freight free being for the use of the above Persons Thomas Godfrey Esquire to the Governour and Robert Arme Esq<sup>r</sup>. absent M<sup>r</sup>. Orme to the Governour and Mr. Henry Vansittart Absent M<sup>r</sup>. Vansittart to the Governour and M<sup>r</sup>. John Walsh.

Da.G N<sup>o</sup>. 13 One case coral Beads.....£ 357.

F Mess<sup>rs</sup> Abraham and Jacob Franco to M<sup>r</sup>. Solomon France.

F D N°. 55 One chest coral Beads £ 610 0 0.

LFL 13	One Ditto Rough Coral	..	..	..	..	144
14	One Ditto....Ditto	..	..	..	..	210
15	One Ditto....Ditto	..	..	..	..	210
16	One Ditto....Ditto	..	..	..	..	210
17	One Ditto....Ditto	..	..	..	..	210
	Ditto.....To Nicholas Morse Esquire.					
-I x D 56	One Chest Rough Coral	..	..	..	..	147
						£ 1,741

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Moses and David Montriere, to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. David Lopez Fernandez Samuel deCastro and Daniel deCastro.

M F R 17 One chest rough Coral .. .. . 200

One which they have paid Freight and Permission into the Company's Treasury, and given Bond pursuant to Order of Court.

FORT ST. GEORGE.

Mr. David DeCastro to Mess<sup>rs</sup> David Lopez Fernandez and Samuel and David D'Castro.

*B N°.	2	One chest coral Beads	..	..	..	£ 540
B	2	One chest D°.	..	..	..	300
B*B	2	One chest D°.	..	..	..	410
FC	1	One Box Inwells value £ 950 viz <sup>a</sup> .				
		FDC N°. 1a Packet	..	Val	..	150
		*A 1a D°.	..	..	..	470
		LC 1a Packet Val	..	..	..	100
		NI 3a Do.	..	..	..	100
		SAL 1a D°.	..	..	..	100
		M 1a D°.	..	..	..	30
				950	..	2,200

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Isaac Mendez Da Costa and Isaac Fernandes Nunes to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Walsh and Vansittart.

IN N°.	1	One chest Rough Coral	..	..	£	235
MDCNI	2	One chest D°.	..	..		220
						455

Mr. Eptraim de Agwilar to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. David Lopez Fernandes Samuel de Castro and Daniel deCastro.

E°. N°. 1 One chest Rough Coral .. .. . 80

On which they have paid Freight and Permission into the Company's Treasury, and given Bond pursuant to order of Court.

EAST INDIA H°.

LONDON, THE

1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY, 1757.

(IN ABSENCE OF M<sup>r</sup>. GEORGE HIGGINSON)

SWIFT FLEET.

1756

## A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANDIZE AND FORREIGN SILVER.

LICENSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP NORFOLK CAPT<sup>n</sup>. PINSON BONHAM COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZ<sup>t</sup>,

## CAPTAIN PINSON BONHAM.

PB N <sup>o</sup> .	1a	9	Nine Casks Red Lead 4 Tons .. .. .	£	70	
	1a	13	Thirteen Sheets Lead 4 do. .. .. .		70	
	1a	3	Three Casks q <sup>t</sup> . Sundry Locks & Iron } monger's Ware. } 5 tons		150	
			Forty Seven Small anchors from $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3. }			
		1 & 2	Two Boxes Gold Thread Lace and Buttons ..		600	
	1a	13	Thirteen Casks Glass Beads .. .. .		370	
	1a	5	Five Bales Bulgia Hides .. .. .		120	
	1a	8	Eight Bales Canvas .. .. .		200	
		1&2	Two Cases Looking Glass Plates .. .. .		50	
		1	One Trunk Hosiery .. .. .		80	
	1a	4	Four Cases Glass Plates .. .. .		170	
		9&10	Two Cases Looking Glasses in Red Frames .. }			
		1&2	Two Cases Shreds of Cloth .. .. .		100	
		5 & 8	Four Cases Glass Lanthorns .. .. .		60	
		1&2	Two Cases Sadlery .. .. .		40	
		1&3	Three Chests Wine .. .. .		30	
			One Box q <sup>t</sup> . Six Remnants of Cloth each 6 yards.		30	
		1&2	Two Cases Rabbit Skins .. .. .		50	
	1.5a	8	Five Casks .. .. .	} cutlery	300	
	2a	4.9	Four Cases .. .. .			
Directed	1a	6	Six Cases Clocks .. .. .		30	
PB	1a	7	Seven Cases Window Glass .. .. .		45	
	1a	4	Four Cases Glass Ware .. .. .		40	
On his Indulgence .. .. .					£	2605

Also Two Hundred Deals for the better Storage of his Water & Provisions.  
And Thirty Two Flints in lieu of the like Quantity of Ballast for sale at China.  
In Foreign Silver for the Ships Stocks .. .. . £ 499

M<sup>r</sup>. ROB<sup>t</sup>. SHAW CHIEF MATE.

RS	1a	5	Five Casks Glass Beads .. .. .	£	197
		1	One Chest Wine .. .. .		25
			One Bale Canvas .. .. .		18
			One Case Shreds of Cloth .. .. .		35



MR. ALEX<sup>R</sup>. HAY 2<sup>D</sup> MATE.

AH		One Case Stationary	..	..	..	..	£	30
	1	One Chest Wine	..	..	..	..		25
1a	4	Four Cases Plate Glass	..	..	..	..		120

MR. RICH<sup>D</sup> DOBBIE 3<sup>D</sup> MATE.

RD	1& 2	Two Thirds	} Glass Ware	..	..	..		50
	3	One Case						

MR. W<sup>M</sup>. FOGO PURSER.

WF	1	One Cask Glass Beads	..	..	..	..		20
	1	One Chest Wine	..	..	..	..		12
	1	One Box Gold Thread & Lace	..	..	..	..		100
	1&2	Two Chests Beer	..	..	..	..		10

MR. W<sup>M</sup>. YERBURY 4<sup>TH</sup> MATE.

Directed		One Chest Cutlery	..	..	..	..		15
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MR. STEPH<sup>H</sup>. PEARCE SURGEON.

		One Chest Cutlery	..	..	..	..		30
		One Case Glass Ware	..	..	..	..		20
		One Case Hosiery	..	..	..	..		10

DAVID GOODLET GUNNER.

DG } RB }	1&2	Two Chests Wine	..	..	..	..		20
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JAMES HAY CARPENTER.

IH } RB }	3&4	Two Chests Wine	..	..	..	..		20
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JAMES SCOTT BOATSWAINE.

IS } RB }	5&6	Two Chests Wine	..	..	..	..		20
		On their indulgences.						

MR. GEO. HIGGINSON TO MR. JOSIAS DUPRE AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Directed	1	One Chest Wine.						
		One Box Books.						

TIM<sup>O</sup>. TULLIE ESQ<sup>R</sup>. TO NICHOLAS MORSE ESQ<sup>R</sup>. AT DITTO.

NM	1	One Chest Wine.						
Directed		One Box Wearing Apparel.						

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*Public Despatches from England, 1756-57*

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MRS. MORSE TO DITTO.

Directed. Two Jars and one Case Pickles and two Cases  
Necessaries.  
Freight free being for the use of the above  
persons.

FOR FORT. ST. GEORGE.

JOSEPH FOWKE ESQ<sup>R</sup>. TO MESS<sup>RS</sup>. WALSH & VANSITTART.

W & V Ia 3 Three Chests Wine.

MR. RICH<sup>D</sup>. BRIDGE TO D<sup>R</sup>. MASSEY.

Directed One case q<sup>t</sup>. 72 Cheese and a Remnant Cloth

MR. ROB<sup>T</sup>. SMITH TO MR. JOHN LEWEN SMITH FACTOR.

Directed One Chest Beer. . .  
One Box Sweet Herbs and other necessaries.

MR. W<sup>M</sup>. COTSFORD TO CHA<sup>S</sup> BOURCHIER ESQ<sup>R</sup>.

Directed One Box q<sup>t</sup>. Hatts. Wiggs and other necessaries.  
One Box Sweet Meat and Sweet Herbs  
1 & 2 Two Chests Wine.

MR. ALEX<sup>S</sup>. HAY TO MR. JAMES HAY WRITER.

Directed 1 One Half Chest Wine.  
Freight free being for the use of the above Persons.

MR. ABR<sup>M</sup>. FERNANDES NUNES TO MESS<sup>RS</sup>. DAVID LOPES  
FERNANDES & SAMUEL DE CASTRO.

M.S.F. N<sup>o</sup>. 4 One Chest Rough Coral. . . £ 85

MES<sup>RS</sup>. HENRY & PETER MUILMAN & JOSEPH SALOMONS TO  
MES<sup>RS</sup>. PETER MARIETTE & ANDREW ROSS IN THEIR  
ABSENCE TO ROBERT ORME ESQ<sup>R</sup>.

M.S.N<sup>o</sup>. 12 One Chest Coral Beads .. .. £ 980 9 4

MR. JUDAH SUPINO TO GEA. PIGOT ESQ<sup>R</sup>. GOV<sup>R</sup>. MESS<sup>RS</sup>. WALSH &  
VANSITTART OR TO THEIR ASSIGNS.

R.E. N<sup>o</sup>. 13 One Chest Coral Beads .. .. 275—

MESS<sup>RS</sup>. ABRM. & JACOB FRANCO TO MR. SOLOMON FRANCO.

F. No.	37	One Chest Coral Beads .. ..	£ 500	
	38	One Ditto .. ..	505	
				1005

On which they have paid Freight & Permission into the Company's Treasury and given bond pursuant to Order of Court.

Mr. Joseph.

## FOR FORT ST. GEORGE.

MR. JOSEPH SALVADOR TO MESS<sup>RS</sup>. WALSH & VANSITTART,  
IN THEIR ABSENCE TO NICHOLAS MORSE ES<sup>QA</sup>.

R.E. No.	1	One Chest Rough Coral .. ..	£ 140	
	2	One Chest Ditto .. ..	165	
Ditto		to Mess <sup>RS</sup> . Walsh & Vansittart or their assigns.		
S.B.	4	One Chest Coral Beads .. ..	500	
Ditto		to Mess <sup>RS</sup> . Walsh & Vansittart in their absence to the Governour & Nicholas Morse Esq <sup>r</sup> .		
S.B.F.	1	One Chest Coral Beads .. ..	650	
				1455

On which he has paid Freight and Permission into the Company's Treasury and given Bond pursuant to Order of Court.

East India House,  
London the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1757.  
(In absence of Mr. Geo. Higginson).  
Swift Fleet.

## 1756

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANDISE AND FORBEIGN SILVER LICENSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP PRINCESS AUGUSTA CAPTAIN THOMAS BADDISON COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, VIZT.

## CAPTAIN THOMAS BADDISON.

TB

	1a1A	Fourteen Casks Red Lead ..	6 tons	105
	1a13	Thirteen Sheets Lead .. ..	4 do.	70
		One Hundred and Sixty Half Faggots Steel .. .. .	4 do.	112
	1a 10	Ten Caks Nails .. .. .	} 6 do.	180
	11 & 12	Two Casks Padlocks Door Locks. Hinges and Files .. ..		
	13a 44	Thirty two anchors from 2 to 3		
	1a4 1a6	Ten Casks Glass Beads .. ..		450
	1a3	Three Cases Glass Lanthorns ..		26
	1a4	Four Cases	} Plate Glass.	185
		One Case		
	1	One Box Gold Thread .. ..		260
	1	One Cask	} Cutlery.	300
	2 & 3	Two Chests		
	1 & 2	Two Chests Cutlery and Spectacles		
	4 & 5	Two Cases Spectacles		
TB PA	1a3	Three Puncheons qt. shreds cloth.		120
TB	1 & 2	Two Cases Small Looking Glasses.		40
	1 & 2	Two Cases Glass Ware .. ..		60
	1	One Case qt. Six Remnants of Cloth each Six yards On his Indulgence.		30
		Also Thirty Tons Flints in lieu of the like quantity of Ballast for sale at China.		
		In Forreign Silver for the ships stock.		499

M<sup>r</sup>. JOHN HAYES CHIEF MATE.

I. H.	1 a	3	Three Cases Looking Glasses and Glass Plates.	90
		1	One Case Glass ware ..	20
			One Oase Glass Lanthorns	20
			On his Indulgence	

M<sup>r</sup>. WM. MERCER SECOND MATE

WM		1	One Chest Cutlery ..	£ 25
			One Box Hatts	20
	1 a 3		Three Cases Looking Glasses	40
			One Hhd. glass shades and wine glasses.	15
			One Case qt. two Lanthorns	10

MR. SAM <sup>L</sup> . VAUX THIRD MATE.				
S V			One Chest Cutlery.. ..	30
			One Case Pictures .. ..	9
	1 &	2	Two Cases Looking Glasses .. ..	40
	1 &	2	Two Cases Hatts .. ..	12
		1	One Box Gold Thread .. ..	20

## MR. THOMAS HINDMAN FOURTH MATE.

T H	1 &	2	Two Cases Crown Glass .. ..	30
		3	One Case Plate Glass .. ..	30

## MR. WM. ROGER PURSER.

W R	1 &	2	One Chest and One Case Cutlery	60
		1	One Box Gold Thread .. ..	30
	1a	3	Three Bales Canvas .. ..	58

## MR. ARCHIBALD MURRAY SURGEON.

A M			One Chest Glass Ware .. ..	29
			One Box Hatts' .. ..	9
	1		One Box Gold Thread and Lace..	30
			One Box Telescopes .. ..	6

RICHD. REYNELL SURG<sup>S</sup>. MATE.

R R M	1		One Chest Cutlery .. ..	30
			On their Indulgences ..	

## FOR FORT ST. GEORGE.

## MR. THOMAS PALMER TO MR. ARCHDALE PALMER.

	Writer.		
Directed	2		One Box Books.
		3	Half a Chest Beer.

## MR. THOMAS PYNE TO MR. GEORGE PYNE.

	Writer.		
Directed.			One Cask qt. Cider in Bottles.
			One Case qt. Matts, Wiggs and other necessaries.
			Freight free being for the use of the above Persons.

THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTG. CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE TO THE PROTESTANT  
MISSIONARIES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDAL.

D M	3 & A	} Four Chests Beer.	
E M	9 & 10		
D M	1 & 2	Two Chests Stationary, Pasteboards Glew and Spectacles.	
	5 & 6	Two Cheeses in Lead.	
M E	7 & 8	Two Chests Stationary, Sage, Barley, Hungary Water, Bibles, Testaments, etc.	
	11 & 12	Two cheeses covered with Lead. Freight free being for the use of the above Mission. Messrs. Abrm. & Jacob Franco to Messrs. Nicho & Dane Morse at Fort St. George.	
M No. 1		One Chest Coral Beads .. .. £	560
Ditto.		Do. to Mr. Solomon Franco	
A I F	22	One Chest Rough Coral .. ..	172
	23	One Ditto .. ..	173
	24	One Ditto .. ..	173
	25	One Ditto .. ..	172
			1250

On which they have paid Freight  
& Permission into the Companys  
Treasury and given Bond pur-  
suant to Order of Court.

EAST INDIA H<sup>o</sup>,  
LONDON the 31ST DECR. 1756  
(In the absence of MR. GEORGE  
HIGGINSON.  
SWIFT FLEET.

1756

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANTIZE AND FORREIGN SILVER LICENSED BY  
THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP TAVI-  
STOCK CAPTN. BENJAMIN JENKINS COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING  
PERSONS, VIZ.†,

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN JENKINS.

B 1	1a 12	Twelve Sheets Lead .. ..	4 Tons £ 70
		One shroud Houser of 7½ .. ..	
		One shroud Houser 5½ .. ..	5 Do. 200
		Thirty Coils Houser from 1½ to 3½	
		Twelve of 6, 9, & 12 Thread ..	
		Ratline	
	1 a 3	Three Casks nails q <sup>t</sup> . 2 <sup>o</sup> . each	
	45 a	Thirty two anepors from 2 to 3 ..	4 Do. 100

	1 a 7	Seven Bales Canvas .. ..	300
	1	One Box Gold Thread .. ..	300
	1 a 6	Six Cask Bugles .. ..	270
	1	One Cask	} Cutlery .. .. } 430
	2 a 4	Three Chests	
	5 & 6	Two Cases Spectacles .. ..	
	7 & 8	Two Cases small looking glasses..	
	1 a 10	Ten Chests	
	11 & 12	Two Cases	} Glass Ware .. } 450
	1 a 9	Nine Cases Looking Glasses ..	
B I	1 & 2	Two Cases Hatts .. ..	40
M W	1	One Chest Wine .. ..	25
		On his Indulgence	
		Also Thirty Tons Flints in lieu	
		of the like quantity Ballast for	
		sale at China.	
		In Forreign Silver for the ship's	499
		stock.	
		M <sup>r</sup> . LAZARUS RICH CHIEF MATE.	
L R	1	One Chest Cutlery.. ..	40
Directed		Two Chests Shreads Cloth ..	70
		Two cases Looking Glasses ..	20
LR	1 & 2	3 One Case Glass Plates .. ..	10
		M <sup>r</sup> . THOMAS REDDALL SECOND MATE.	
T R	3 a 8	Six cases plate Glass .. ..	60
	1 a 2	Two cases window Glass .. ..	15
		One Case Cutlery .. ..	15
	1 & 2	Two Casks Bugles .. ..	40
	1	One case qt. Shreds cloth ..	15
		On their Indulgence.	
		M <sup>r</sup> . GEORGE THOMPSON 3 <sup>d</sup> MATE.	
GT	1	One Chest Glass Ware .. ..	30
		One Bale Canvas .. ..	30
	1	One Chest Wine .. ..	25
	5	One Chest Cutlery .. ..	20
		M <sup>r</sup> . RICHARD HARRISON PURSER.	
R H	1 a 5	Five Cases Looking Glasses .. ..	100
		One Cases Clockins .. ..	28

M<sup>r</sup>. PHILIP ELLIOT FOURTH MATE.

PE		One Chest Cutlery .. ..	45	-	-
	1	One Chest Glass Ware .. ..	36	-	-
		One cask Bugles .. ..	18	-	-

M<sup>r</sup>. PROWS BROAD 5<sup>th</sup> MATE.

PB		One Box Hatts & Hosiery .. ..	20	-	-
	1	Chest Cutlery .. ..	20	-	-

M<sup>r</sup>. JAMES RUTHERFORD SURGEON.

FR	3	One Case Crown Glass .. ..	5	-	-
	@ 2	Two cases Looking Glass plates ..	30	-	-
	1	One Chest Cutlery .. ..	20	-	-

## JOHN MIDDLETON BOATSWAIN.

FM	1	One Cask qt. Shreds of Cloth .. ..	30	-	-
		On their Indulgence.			

FOR FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGEM<sup>r</sup>. KILLSALL TO CAPTAIN MASKELYNE.

Directed		One Box Books.			
		One small Box q <sup>t</sup> . Hatts, Wiggs, and Shoes.			

M<sup>r</sup>. ALEXANDER & TO M<sup>r</sup>. JAMES ALEXANDER FACTOR.

Directed		One Box q <sup>t</sup> . Hatts and Wiggs.			
		One Chest Beer and Rum.			

M<sup>r</sup>. RICHARD CLIVE TO COLONEL CLIVE.

Directed 1 & 2		Two chests Wine.			
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MR. WILLIAM FERGUSON & C<sup>o</sup>. TO M<sup>r</sup>. ANDREW.

## MUNBO SURGEON.

Directed 1 & 2		Two Cases Medicines.			
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MESS<sup>rs</sup>. FETHERSTONHAUGH AND BROWNE TO

## CAPTAIN WILLIAM SIN.

Directed	1	One Chest Wins.			
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M<sup>r</sup>. WILLIAM WYNCH TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQUIRE.

Directed 1 One Chest Wine  
One Small box necessaries.

CHARLES FLOYER ESQUIRE TO ROBERT SLOPER ESQUIRE.

Directed 1 & 2 Two Chests Wine.  
Freight Free being for the use of the above persons.

MESS<sup>rs</sup>. HENRY AND PETER MULLMAN AND JOSEPH SALOMONS  
TO MESS<sup>rs</sup>. PETER MARRITTE AND ANDREW ROSS.

MS No. 11 One Chest Coral Beads. £ 409 15 0

MESS<sup>rs</sup>. ABRAHAM AND JACOB FRANCO TO M<sup>r</sup>. SALOMON FRANCO.

No. 18	One chest Rough Coral	..	£.	162	-	-
19	One D <sup>o</sup> .	D <sup>o</sup> .	..	163	-	-
20	One D <sup>o</sup> .	D <sup>o</sup> .	..	172	-	-
21	One D <sup>o</sup> .	D <sup>o</sup> .	..	174	-	-
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				671	-	-

M<sup>r</sup>. JOSEPH SALVADOR TO MESS<sup>rs</sup>. WALSH AND VANSITTART,  
IN THEIR ABSENCE TO THE GOV<sup>r</sup>. AND NICHOLAS MORSE ESQ<sup>r</sup>.

No. 2 One Chest Coral Beads 440

D<sup>o</sup>. TO THE GOVERNOUR AND MESS<sup>rs</sup>. WALSH & VANSITTART.

RE 12 One Chest Coral Beads 725

FB 1 One Chest D<sup>o</sup>. 530

————— 1695

ON WHICH THEY HAVE PAID FREIGHT AND PERMISSION INTO  
THE COMPANY'S TREASURY AND GIVEN BOND, PURSUANT  
TO ORDER OF COURT.

EAST INDIA & H<sup>o</sup>.

LONDON THE 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 1756 (IN THE ABSENCE OF  
M<sup>r</sup>. GEORGE HIGGINSON) SWIFT FLEET.

MESS<sup>rs</sup>. FETHERSTONHAUGH & BROWNE TO M<sup>r</sup>. ABRAHAM  
BROWNE WRITER.

Directed One half Chest Wine.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE SILVER & GOLD LICENSED TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE PRINCESS AUGUSTA FOR FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZ<sup>t</sup>.

For M <sup>t</sup> . Archdale Palmer Writer One Chest Marked AP N <sup>o</sup> . 1 .. q <sup>t</sup> .	Oz. D. Wt.
	573 - -
Cap <sup>t</sup> . Ford of Col <sup>t</sup> . Aldercrons Regiment or the Paymaster for the time being of the said Regiment One Chest of Gold marked IA N <sup>o</sup> . 1.	709 18 -
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	Oz. 1282 18 -

BULLION OFFICE,  
EAST INDIA HOUSE,  
21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 1756.  
SEDGEWICK.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE SILVER LICENSED TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE GRANTHAM FOR FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, VIZ<sup>t</sup>.

For the Missionaries on the Coast One Chest mark'd EMF N <sup>o</sup> . 2 q <sup>t</sup> .	2217 16 -
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BULLION OFFICE,  
EAST INDIA HOUSE,  
25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 1757  
SEDGEWICK.

ACCOUNT OF THE WEIGHTS & TOWER ASSAYS OF THE FOLLOWING RUPEES & PAGODAS REC<sup>d</sup>. FROM F<sup>t</sup>. S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE.

REC<sup>d</sup>. 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1756.

Hardwicke .. .. oz	dwt.
Madras Rupees 20 wt.	7 9 each 7·10·4/5

Oz. Dwt.  
For Assay 2 each B<sup>t</sup>. dut. 12½

4 .....	13
3.....	13½
..1.. ..	14....

Arcot Rupees .. 50 .. ..	18. 7. 12....	7.8 1,25
1.....	3	
4.....	3½	
5.....	4	
Madras Pagodas 5.....	11	2.4 4/5
	car gs	
1.....	W <sup>o</sup> 1 1¼	
3.....	1 1½	
Current Pagodas 5	10 21	2.4 15
3.....	2.3	
1.....	2 3¼	
Rec <sup>d</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> Octob <sup>r</sup> 1756		

East Court

		oz	
Madras Rupees 10		3. 14½.....	7.9 65/100
1		B <sup>r</sup> 14	
3		13	
5		12½	
1		13½	
Arcot Rupees 50	18 7 6	.....	7.8. 20/100
3.....	3		
1.....	4		
1.....	2½		
5.....	3¼		
Madras Pagodas 10	1 2 2		2.5
2.....	W <sup>o</sup> 1.2¼		
1.....	1.2		
1—	1.1¾		
1—	1.2¼		
		dwt	
Current Pagodas 7	15 8		2.4 4/7
1.....	2.3		
1.....	2.3¼		
1—	3¼		
1—	3¼		

LONDON 22 MARCH 1757

EDW<sup>D</sup>

1756

A LIST OF MILITARY ON BOARD THE SHIP PRINCESS AUGUSTA CAPTAIN THOS  
BADDISON, COMMANDER FOR FORT SAINT GEORGE.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Quality.</i>	<i>Country.</i>	<i>Trade.</i>	<i>Age.</i>
(1)	(2)	( )	(4)	(5)
Stephen Villarett	.. Cadett.	Geneva ..	Gentleman ..	33
Abraham Faizan	.. ..	Do. ..	Do. ..	29
Henry Moseton ..	.. Soldier.	Bedfordshire ..	Labourer..	18
John Coleman ..	.. ..	Ireland ..	Ditto. ..	17
5 Thomas Willingham	.. ..	Middlesex ..	Glass Grinder ..	36
Peter Egan ..	.. ..	Ireland ..	Labourer ..	28
Robert Fleet ..	.. ..	London ..	Chimny Sweeper.	18
James Gray ..	.. ..	Hertfordshire ..	Labourer ..	20
Mathias Rivers	.. ..	Essex ..	Farrier ..	22
10 John M <sup>c</sup> Henry ..	.. ..	Scotland ..	Barber ..	26
John Merrall ..	.. ..	Yorkshire ..	White Smith ..	23
William Spicer ..	.. ..	Do. ..	Labourer ..	16
Thomas Parker ..	.. ..	Lincolnshire ..	Shoe maker ..	26
Dixon Tho <sup>s</sup> . Gilling	.. ..	London ..	Labourer ..	28
15 Thomas Hill ..	.. ..	Hampstead ..	Shoe maker ..	18
William Smith ..	.. ..	Berks ..	Labourer ..	22
William Russell	.. ..	London ..	Plaistexer ..	21
Francis Fleintham	.. ..	Newark upon Trent.	Edge Tool Maker.	17
Jonathan Roberts	.. ..	West Chester ..	Joyner ..	32
20 William Monro ..	.. ..	Scotland ..	Labourer ..	36
William Cloves	.. ..	Shropshire ..	Hatter ..	24
Thomas Harding	.. ..	Hant ..	Labourer ..	38
Thomas Moore ..	.. ..	Devenshire ..	Do. ..	30
Thomas Kenslock	.. ..	Dublin ..	Do. ..	35
25 George Walton ..	.. ..	London ..	Brazier ..	24
Joseph Pollard ..	.. ..	Ditto. ..	Ring Maker ..	20
William Moreton	.. ..	Derby ..	Shoe Maker ..	25
William Blakeney	.. ..	Galway ..	Labourer ..	26
John Richards ..	.. ..	Gloucestershire ..	Do. ..	25
30 Peter Rich ..	.. ..	Switzerland ..	Soldier. ..	22
William Lester ..	.. ..	Wiltshire ..	Labourer. ..	17
Joshwa Thornhill	.. ..	Lancashire ..	D.tto. ..	29
John Mohun ..	.. ..	London ..	Ditto. ..	19
Richard Dalton ..	.. ..	Dublin ..	Ditto. ..	31
35 John Evanc ..	.. ..	Derbyshire ..	Iron founder ..	26
Richard Francis	.. ..	Surry ..	Sawyer ..	20
John Baker ..	.. ..	London ..	Labourer ..	19

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BADDISON, COMMANDER FOR FORT SAINT GEORGE.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Quality.</i>	<i>Country.</i>	<i>Trade.</i>	<i>Age.</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Thomas Teems	.. Soldier	Middlesex	.. Basket Maker	.. 35
Henry Holland	.. ..	Hampshire	.. Labourer	.. 31
40 Alexander Lilly	.. ..	Uxbridge	.. Skinner	.. 25.
John Groves	.. ..	Sussex	.. Labourer	.. 22
Mathew Maddin	.. ..	Ireland	.. Taylor	.. 22
Samuel Yemley	.. ..	Darbyshire	.. Labourer	.. 36.
George Manners	.. ..	Scotland	.. Marine	.. 35.
45 James Bookcock	.. ..	London	.. Twine Spinner	.. 23
John Cotterell	.. ..	Kensington	.. Labourer	.. 19.
Eltena Beverley	.. ..	Yorkshire	.. Do.	.. 22.
John Poocke	.. ..	Harron on the Hill.	.. Do.	.. 20
Job. Williams	.. ..	Hexeford	.. Do.	.. 31
50 John Ravenhill	.. ..	London	.. Brushmaker	.. 26.
Charles Ravenhill	.. ..	Do.	.. Do.	.. 19.

28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1756.

G. HIGGINSON.

1756

A LIST OF MILITARY ON BOARD THE SHIP TAVISTOCK CAPTAIN BENJAMIN  
JENKINS, COMMANDER FOR FORT SAINT GEORGE.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Quality.</i>	<i>Country.</i>	<i>Trade.</i>	<i>Age.</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Abraham Bonjour	.. Cadett.	Bern	.. Gentleman	.. 26
Dav <sup>d</sup> . Ant <sup>v</sup> Montach	.. Cadet.	Bern	.. Do.	.. 26
John James	.. Soldier.	Monmouthshire	Goldsmith	.. 25.
James Bishop	.. ..	London	.. Weaver	.. 17
5 John Pratt	.. ..	Do.	.. Labourer	.. 30.
William Hankins	.. ..	Gloucestershire	.. Do.	.. 57
Benjamin Giddins	.. ..	Berkshire	.. Weaver	.. 18
Joseph Hilton	.. ..	Middlesex	.. Glass Maker	.. 18
George Spaldon	.. ..	Essex	.. Labourer	.. 16
10 William Hybeard	.. ..	Salisbury	.. Do.	.. 19.
Thomas Guy	.. ..	Sussex	.. Do.	.. 20.

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A LIST OF MILITARY ON BOARD THE SHIP TAVISTOK CAPTAIN  
BENJAMIN JENKINS BADDISON, COMMANDER FOR FORT SAINT GEORGE.

	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Quality.</i>	<i>Country.</i>	<i>Trade.</i>	<i>Age.</i>
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Edward Wensbourne ..	Soldier.	Bucks ..	Basket Maker ..	33
	Nathaniel Wright ..	"	Cirencester ..	Gardener ..	40
	Joshua Oldham ..	"	Lincolnshire ..	Soldier ..	35
15	John Slaving ..	"	Ireland ..	Labourer ..	24
	John Badderly ..	"	Shropshire ..	Blacksmith ..	23
	John Gordon ..	"	London ..	Watch Maker ..	22
	William Griffiths ..	"	Monmouthshire ..	Labourer ..	21
	William Blackwell ..	"	London ..	Weaver ..	26
20	William Delforce ..	"	Do. ..	Do. ..	21
	Francis Packer ..	"	Do. ..	Shoe Maker ..	21
	William Mason ..	"	Westminster ..	Butcher ..	21
	John Thomson ..	"	Scotland ..	Scotch Hollander.	30
	Thomas Lake ..	"	Somersetshire ..	Labourer ..	21
25	Charles Carteret ..	"	Nottinghamshire.	Stocking Weaver.	21
	Thomas Smith ..	"	Worcester ..	Labourer ..	21
	Edward Timson ..	"	Barnett ..	Do. ..	20
	Robert Jones ..	"	New Castle ..	Do ..	19
	Richard Frost ..	"	London ..	Shoemaker ..	24
30	Daniel Sheppard ..	"	Middlesex ..	Labourer ..	28
	Edward Miller ..	"	Staffordshire ..	Do. ..	19
	Edward Simpson ..	"	London ..	Do. ..	19
	Francis M <sup>c</sup> . Donnagh ..	"	Ireland ..	Do. ..	19
	David Dunn ..	"	Scotland ..	Do. ..	24
35	William Moore ..	"	Essex ..	Do. ..	24
	Thomas Thompson ..	"	London ..	Pipemaker ..	26
	George Spradborough ..	"	Essex ..	Labourer ..	40
	Lake Silvester ..	"	Staffordshire ..	Carpenter ..	21
	Timothy Carle ..	"	Kent ..	Bricklayer ..	23
40	John Kale ..	"	London ..	Labourer ..	26
	George Hankin ..	"	Ditto ..	Baker ..	21
	William Cotton ..	"	Norfolk ..	Labourer ..	33
	George Rink ..	"	Franch Fort ..	Glazier ..	23
	John Morris ..	"	London ..	Cabinet Maker ..	18
45	John Mills ..	"	Ireland ..	Labourer ..	27
	Lewis Mallett ..	"	London ..	Weaver ..	31
	James Ross ..	"	Cambridge ..	Labourer ..	20
	Edward Gormon ..	"	Dublin ..	Do. ..	21
	Thomas Allerton ..	"	Kensington ..	Gardner ..	30
50	William Downing ..	"	Lancashire ..	Do. ..	34

27TH DECEMBER 1756.

G. HIGGINSON.

A LIST OF RECRUITS TAKEN OUT OF THE SHIPS WARWICK AND  
PRINCESS AUGUSTA AS DESERTERS FROM HIS MAJESTY'S  
TROOPS.

WARWICK.

John Macpherson.  
Paul Cannon.  
Charles Fox.

PRINCESS AUGUSTA.

George Manners.  
Richard Francis.  
John Evans.  
John Richards.  
Thomas Teems.

Mem<sup>o</sup> Gabriel de Pasquier a Cadett in the Warwick had Liberty to go on shore at Portsmouth, but did not return.

EAST INDIA H<sup>o</sup>

LONDON, THE 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1757.

G. HIGGINSON.

A LIST OF OFFICERS AND CADETTs FOR FORT S<sup>t</sup>. GEORGE.

NAMES.	QUALITY.	COUNTRY.	AGE.	ON WHAT SHIPS TO TAKE PASSAGE.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
David. Baron de Vasserot ..	Captn. of Troop of Horse.	Geneva ..	31	} Fox.
Fred <sup>k</sup> . Will <sup>m</sup> . Elersen ..	2 <sup>d</sup> Master do.	Egerstoff ..	50	
St. Will <sup>m</sup> . Hope Bar <sup>t</sup> . ..	Cadett	Edinburgh ..	28	Grantham.
Louis de Dardagny ..	Ditto	Geneva ..	28	Fox.
Louis Brawn ..	Ditto	Berne ..	37	Grantham.
Pierre Antho. Veillion ..	Ditto	Ditto ..	20	Worcester.
Etienne D'Jn. ..	Cadett	Berne ..	22	Hechester.
John Bourne ..	Ditto	Somersetshire ..	24	Worcester.
William Phillips ..	Ditto	Staffordshire ..	22	} Elizabeth.
John Desplans ..	Ditto	Laucenne ..	19	

N.B.—John Parley (Farrier to the Troop of Horse) Nottinghamshire 33 Takes Passa  
on the Fox.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,

LONDON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1757.

G. HIGGINSON.

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**EXTRACT OF THE COMPANYS INSTRUCTIONS TO CAP<sup>T</sup>. WEBB OF THE  
WARWICK, DATED 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 1756.**

In order as much as lay in our power to prevent the Complaints made by our Presidents and Councils of Fort S<sup>T</sup>. George and Fort William of the short Gauge and Deficiency of the Wines consigned to them, We have given directions to Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Chambers & C<sup>o</sup>., at Madeira to take particular Care that the Casks are made up to hold compleatly 115 Gallons each, and before shipping them they are to call upon you either to see every Cask gauged and full yourself or depute one of your Officers for that purpose, they are to draw out Certificates of the particulars of such Gauge, to be signed by them, and you or your Officers, one of which is to be sent to the Court of Directors for the time being one delivered to you, and the other forwarded to the Settlements to which the Wines are consigned, they are further directed to mark all our Wines with the Companys Mark burnt on each Cask with an Iron, which is to be made use of for the Companys Wine only, you are accordingly hereby ordered and directed to see or cause a proper Officer to see that the Casks of Wine contain each 115 Gallons by the Gauge, and are full and sign the before mentioned accounts, and you are further directed not to ship or suffer to be shipped upon your own account or that of any of the Ships Company any Pipe or Pipes of Wine but what shall contain the full quantity of 115 Gallons each, nor are you to suffer the Companys Mark to be burnt on any other pipes than those belonging to the Company.

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**EXTRACT OF THE COMPANYS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE COMMANDERS OF  
THEIR SHIPS GOING OUT IN THE YEAR 1756.**

Whereas some of the Captains in our Service having Letters of Marque have been induced to go in search of or lay in wait for ships to make prizes of them, for the particular advantage of themselves and their Owners, whereby the Companys Cargoes on board such ships have been exposed to great hazard, and their Trade has been in danger of being lost or interrupted by the Indian Governments, and the Company have been obliged to make satisfaction for the Injuries so committed, for preventing whereof for the future, We do expressly forbid you to make any use of your Letters of Margue otherwise than for your defence in case you are first attack'd and that you do not upon any pretence whatsoever either in your Outward or Homeward Voyage or in India, China or elsewhere within the Companys Limits, attack or attempt to make prize of any ship or vessell of or belonging to any Prince, State, People or Country whatsoever, and whether His Majesty or the Company shall be at War or Variance with them or not.

**THIS INDENTURE** made the Thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Fifty Six and in the Thirtieth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith and so forth **BETWEEN** the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies of the One part and John Mumford of London Mariner of the other Part, **WHEREAS** the Court of Directors of the said United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies have Elected and Entertained the abovenamed John Mumford to be Master of the Ship Prince Henry Packet belonging to the said United Company outward bound, to be Employed for the said United Company at such Ports and Places as the Said Court of Directors shall appoint **AND** have Entrusted him with the Command of the said Ship, and have laden or intend to lade thereon several Naval Ordnance and other Stores for her use, and also Treasure and Merchandize to be consigned into such Ports and Places as the said Court of Directors shall judge Convenient, **AND WHEREAS** the said Court of Directors have also Entrusted the said John Mumford with the said Ship's Hull, and all her Boats, Cars, Masts, Sails, Sail Yards, Anchors, Cables, Ropes, Cords, Ordnance, Powder, Shott, Tackle, Apparel, Furniture, and other Naval Ordnance and all other Stores, together with the Provisions of, and belonging to the said Ship, and already have Imprested unto him Sums of Money to be disbursed on account of the said Ship, and the Mariners thereunto belonging, and may hereafter Impress unto him divers Sums on the like account, **AND** that it is also probable he the said John Mumford may receive moneys on account of Freight or otherwise, as he is master and commander of the said Ship, **NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH** and the said John Mumford for himself his Executors and Administrators Both Covenant promise and agree to and with the said United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies that he the said John Mumford his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, shall and will from time to time and at all times during his having the Command of the said Ship when thereunto required well and truly Deliver or cause to be delivered to the said United Company their Factors, Agents, or Assigns, or to their Presidents and Councils in India respectively, as they shall appoint to receive the same, All such Treasure Stores Goods and Merchandize as now are or hereafter

shall or may be laden on board the said ship either in England or at any ports or Places whatsoever, which during his Employment he shall arrive at for Account of or which shall be consigned unto the said United Company their Factors, Agents or Assigns, or to their Presidents and Councils respectively in India according to such Orders and Instructions as he shall from time to time receive in Writing from the said Court of Directors or from the Court of Directors for the time being of the said United Company, or any Thirteen or more of them or from the Secret Committee of the said Company for the time being, or from their said Presidents and Councils respectively, and that he the said John Mumford his Executors Administrators or Assigns shall and will from time to time during his having the Command of the said Ship, Keep a just Plain and Perfect account in Writing and render the same account and accounts from time to time and at all times when thereunto required by the Court of Directors of the said United Company for the time being or their Agents or Presidents and Councils respectively abroad in the East Indies during his continuance in India to them or to any other Person or Persons whatsoever by them to be appointed for that purpose of all such Stores, Boats, Oars, Masts Sails, Sail yards, Anchors, Cables, Ropes, Cords, Ordnance, Powder, Shott, Tackle, Apparel, Furniture and all other Naval, Ordnance and other stores, and of all Provisions that do or shall belong to the said Ship Prince Henry Packet and of all moneys that shall have been, or shall be Imprested unto him to account, for, or which he may receive on account of Freight or otherwise in respect of his being Master or Commander of the said Ship, and of the Dispositions thereof, and shall and will pay to the Cashier of the said United Company in London or to their Agents or Presidents and Councils respectively abroad in the East Indies for the Use of the said Company the Balance that shall be due from him the said John Mumford to the said United Company, And that he the said John Mumford shall and will at all times during his continuing in the said Employment use his utmost endeavours and Care in the Preservation of all and every the Premises from Waste Embezzlement and decay, and also that the said John Mumford will behave himself Faithfully, Justly and truly in all matters and things whatsoever that shall be committed to his Care and management for and in respect of his said Employment, and during his continuance therein, And also that he the said John Mumford shall and will from time to time, and at all times during his being in the said Employment well and truly Observe, perform and keep all Such Orders, Instructions and Directions, as are or shall be given him in Writing under the Seal of the said United Company, or under the hands of Thirteen or more of the Court of Directors, or from the Secret Committee for the time being, or under the hands of their Agents or Presidents and Councils respectively abroad, to whom he shall be consigned, and likewise that he the said John Mumford his Executors or Administrators shall and will when thereunto required by the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Company or by their said Agents or Presidents and Councils respectively, Peaceably and Quietly Surrender and Deliver up to such Person or Persons as shall be appointed to receive the Command of the said Ship, and also her Body and Hull, and all the Boats, Oars, Masts, Sails, Sail Yards, Anchors, Cables, Ropes, Cords, Ordnance, Powder, Shott, Tackle, Apparel, Furniture and all Naval, Ordnance or other Stores and all Provisions that then shall appertain, or belong unto the said Ship Prince Henry Packet or which ought or should have appertained or belonged to her, IN WITNESS Whereof the said United Company have to one part of these Indentures Set their Common Seal, and the said John Mumford hath to the other part of the said Indentures Set his hand and Seal the day and Year first above written.

O ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents shall come, The United Company of Merchants of England, Trading to the East-Indies, Send GREETING. WHEREAS in and by an Act of Parliament made in the Fifth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, It is (AMONGST OTHER THINGS) ENACTED. That if any of his majesty's Subjects should, from and after the twentieth Day of FEBRUARY, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighteen, sail, go, or repair to, or be in the EAST-INDIES, in the Countries and Parts of ASIA and AFRICA, or in such Places of ASIA, AFRICA and AMERICA, or any of them, beyond the Cape of BONA ESPERANZA to the Streights of MAGELLAN, Where any Trade or Traffick of Merchandize is or may be used or had, contrary to the Laws then in being, or the Tenor of the said Act; such Persons, so offending, should be liable to such Punishment as by any Law in being might be inflicted for such Offence; and that it should and might be lawful to and for the UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND, TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES, and their Successors, to take, arrest and seize, or cause to be taken, arrested and seized, such Person or Persons, being a Subject or Subject of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, at any Place or Places where he or they shall be found, within the Limits or Places aforesaid; and the Person and Persons so taken, arrested and seized, to send and remit to ENGLAND, there to answer for the Offence aforesaid, according to due Course of Law. AND IT WAS IN AND BY THE SAID ACT PROVIDED AND ENACTED, THAT THE SAID ACT SHOULD CONTINUE IN FORCE FOR FIVE YEARS, AND FROM THENCE TO THE END OF THE THEN NEXT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT, AND NO LONGER. AND WHEREAS IN AND BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT MADE IN THE NINTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS LATE MAJESTY KING GEORGE, THE SAID ACT OF THE FIFTH YEAR OF HIS SAID LATE MAJESTY WAS FURTHER CONTINUED IN FORCE FOR SEVEN YEARS, FROM THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE, AND FROM THENCE TO THE END OF THE THEN NEXT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT. AND WHEREAS BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT MADE IN THE FIFTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY THE SAID FIRST MENTIONED ACT IS REVIVED, AND FURTHER CONTINUED IN FORCE FOR SEVEN YEARS, FROM THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO, AND FROM THENCE TO THE END OF THE THEN NEXT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT. AND WHEREAS BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT MADE IN THE THIRTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY, THE LAST RECITED ACT OF THE FIFTH YEAR OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY IS CONTINUED TILL THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN. AND BY ANOTHER ACT OF PARLIAMENT, MADE IN THE TWENTIETH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY, THE SAME ACT IS FURTHER CONTINUED FROM THE EXPIRATION THEREOF UNTIL THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF MARCH, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY; AS IN AND BY THE SAID ACTS, RELATION BEING THEREUNTO HAD, MAY MORE FULLY APPEAR. NOW KNOW YE, THAT WE THE SAID UNITED COMPANY DO (BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER GRANTED TO US BY THE ABOVEMENTIONED ACT, AND ACTS OF PARLIAMENT) HEREBY AUTHORISE AND EMPOWER Captain Nicholas Webb Commander of the Ship Warwick and the Commander for the time being PURSUANT TO THE POWERS OF THE SAID ACTS TO TAKE ARREST, AND SEIZE, ALL AND EVERY PERSON AND PERSONS, BEING A SUBJECT OR SUBJECTS OF HIS MAJESTY, HIS HEIRS OR SUCCESSORS, OFFENDING AGAINST THE LAWS AFORESAID, WITHIN THE PLACES AFORESAID; AND THE PERSON, AND PERSONS SO TAKEN, ARRESTED AND SEIZED, TO SEND AND REMIT TO ENGLAND, TO ANSWER FOR HIS OR THEIR OFFENCE, ACCORDING TO DUE COURSE OF LAWS. IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE SAID UNITED COMPANY HAVE HEREUNTO CAUSED THEIR COMMON SEAL TO BE AFFIXED, THIS TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF December IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY SIX.

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**AT A COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND, TRADING TO THE EAST-INDIES, HOLDEN THE 29TH OF NOVEMBER 1752.**

WHEREAS We the SAID COURT OF DIRECTORS being willing to give all fitting Encouragement to the Commanders, Officers and Seamen, on Board the Ships which shall, from Time to Time, be Employed to and from the EAST-INDIES, and within the Limits of the COMPANY'S Charter, we do hereby Declare as follows, VIZ.,

That the Commanders, Officers, and Seamen, may export in Bullion, or such Goods as shall be allowed by the COURT OF DIRECTORS, or any Committee appointed by them, each of them the Sums or Values hereunder-mentioned, so as the same be for their own proper Use and Account, and not for the Account of any other Person or Persons whatsoever, and so as the same be invested in the Goods and Merchandizes hereby declared to be allowed, and not in any of the Goods or Merchandizes reserved for the Trade of the said COMPANY, except as hereunder-mentioned. PROVIDED, That each Person, Exporting all or Part of the said Sums or Values, or importing the Produce of them, do not take up more of the Ship's Tonnage, than the limited Proportion allowed to such Person, as his Part or Share of the CHARTER-PARTY Allowance. PROVIDED ALSO, That the Commanders, Officers or Seamen, shall not be allowed to dispose of their Privilege to any other Person or Persons whatsoever, or to make Use of the Privilege allowed to any other, viz.

The Commander Three Hundred Pounds, Chief Mate Sixty Pounds, Second Mate Forty Pounds, Third Mate Thirty Pounds, Purser Thirty Pounds, Fourth Mate Twenty Pounds, and to all other Chief Officers, as Surgeon, Boatswain, Gunner, Carpenter, Steward, and Quarter-Master, each Fifteen Pounds, the Midshipmen Ten pounds upon every Hundred Tons, the Ship they serve in shall be Lett for; and to all other Seamen the Value of Ten Pounds only each man, be the ships more or less in Burthen.

And as a further Encouragement to the Commanders, they are each of them hereby allowed to export or carry out in Bullion, or such Goods as the Company do not Trade in, the Value of so much further, as with the before-mentioned Privilege will make their Outward-bound Adventure amount to Three Thousand Pounds.

And We do hereby allow each Commander to invest in INDIA the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds, and no more, under the following Limitations, and to pay the Remainder of the Produce of the said Outward-bound Adventure, into the Company's Cash, at the same Rates of Exchange as their Covenant Servants are at present allowed.

GOODS HEREBY ALLOWED TO BE IMPORTED BY THE COMMANDERS,  
OFFICERS, AND SEAMEN, VIZ.

AGATES,	CHINA WARE not in CHINA	RATTANS, Two Hundred	
AMBERGREASE,	Ships, to the gross	Bundles for each One	
AMMONIACUM,	Amount of Two	Hundred Tons the	
ARRACK, Four Leaguers,	Hundred Pounds at	Ship is lett for, but	
for each One Hund-	the Company's Candle,	upon all Exceedings	
red Tons the Ship is	CIVET,	to pay Ten Shillings	
Lett for, paying upon	CORDIVANTS AND ALL	each Bundle, as far as	
what exceeds that	SORTS OF Leather,	One Hundred Bundles,	
Quantity One Shilling	CORNELIAN RINGS,	and all farther Exceed-	
and Six Pence per	CUBEBS,	ings to be forfeited,	
Gallon, over and above	DIAMONDS, PEARLS, and	RHUBARB,	
all other Duties,	all precious Stones,		
ASSA-FÆTIDA,	EBONY WOOD,	RICE,	
BENJAMIN,	GALLINGAL,	ROMAN VITRIOL,	
BEZOAR STONES,	GOA STONES,	SAFFLOWER,	
CABINETS, not in CHINA	GOLD,	SAGOE,	
Ships,			
CAMBOGIUM,	JAPAN WARE, not in	SAL ARMONIACK,	
	CHINA Ships.	SANGUIS DURACONIS,	
		SCAMONY,	
CAMPHIRE,	(lacks of all sorts)	SEALING WAX.	
CANES,	LACQUER'D WARE, not	SENNA,	
	in CHINA Ships,		
CARDEMOMS,	LAPIS LAZULI,	SKREENS, NOT in CHINA	
		Ships,	
CASSIA FISTULA,	LAPIS TUTIÆ,	SPICES, viz., CINNAMON	
		CLOVES, MACE, NUT,	
		Megs and their Oils.	
CASSIA LIGNEA,	LONG PEPPER,		
CHINA FANS and PIC-	MIRABOLANS,	SPIKENARD,	
TUBES, not in CHINA	MUSK,	SUGAR CANDY,	
Ships,			
CHINA IMAGES AND	MYRRH,	TAMARINDS,	
PICTURES, ditto			
China Roots,	NUX VOMICA,	TEA in CHINA Ships, and	
		in them only, Two	
		hundred Weight for	
		each Hundred Ton	
		the Ship is Lett for,	
CHINA WARE,	} In CHINA Ships and in	OLIBANUM,	
CABINETS,		them only Four Tons,	OPIUM,
CHINA FANS and PICTU-		for each One Hundred	OPPOPONAX,
RES,		Tons the Ship is Lett	ORPIMENT,
CHINA IMAGES AND		for, and on all Exceed-	OSTRICH'S FEATHERS,
PICTURES,		ings to pay Thirty	RANGOES,
JAPAN WARE,	Pounds for each Ton,	TORTOISE-SHELLS,	
LACQUER'D WARE,	and so in proportion	TUTENAGUE,	
SKREENS,	for a greater or lesser	WORMSEEDS,	
	Quantity.		

And any other Goods which are not reserved, as hereunder-mentioned.

And We do hereby Declare, That upon all the above-mentioned Goods there shall be charged and paid the Customs, the Company's Duty of Five PER CENT. (except ARRACK, on which SIX Pence PER GALLON shall be paid instead of the Five PER CENT) and the customary Charge of Two PER CENT for Warehouse-room, on all Goods excepting CHINA WARE AND LACQUER'D WARE, whereon Four PER CENT. shall be paid.

GOODS RESERVED FOR THE TRADE OF THE SAID COMPANY, VIZ.

MUSLINS, CALLICOES, and all Sorts of Goods and Merchandizes made or mixed with COTTON or SILK OR HERBA, of what Denomination soever,

CARMENIA WOOL;	PEPPER, Black or White,	REDWOOD,
COFFEE,	RAW SILK, of all Sorts,	TEA, of all Sorts except as before mentioned.
COTTON WOOL,	DITTO Thrown,	TURMERICK.
COTTON YARN ,	SALTPETRE,	
COWRIES,		

But notwithstanding the above Reservation, the COURT OF DIRECTORS do hereby, as a further Encouragement, allow each Commander to lay out and invest in INDIA to the Amount of two Thousand Pounds (Part of the abovementioned Three Thousand Pounds) reckoning the Pagoda at Eight Shillings, and the Rupee at Two Shillings and Six Pence, in any of the Commodities so reserved, excepting only such as may be limited or Prohibited in their instructions, and provided each Commander bring no more than Five Hundred Pieces of any particular Species of Piece-Goods, nor the CHINA Captains more than half their Three PER CENT. Privilege in Tea, upon paying the Five PER CENT. DUTY, Fifteen PER CENT. Indulgence, and the useful Warehouse-room, upon the gross Sale thereof at the Candle.

And upon all Exceedings of the before-mentioned Allowances, an additional Duty of Thirty PER CENT. on the gross Sale shall be paid for the use of the said Company, except on CHINA WARE CABINETS, CHINA FANS and PICTURES, CHINA IMAGES and PICTURES, JAPAN WARE, LACQUER'D WARE and SKREENS in CHINA SHIPS, and in them only, and also on ARRACK and RATTONS, which are to remain on the Terms above stated.

GRANTHAM 499 TONS

FOR COAST AND BAY.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

THIS CHARTER-PARTY Indented, of a Freightment made the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of December in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six BETWEEN Samuel Braund and Charles Pole of London Merchants Part-Owners of the good Ship called the Grantham of London, which the said Part-Owners affirm to be of the Burthen of 499 Tons or upwards, now riding at Anchor in the River of THAMES, and Captain John Oliver of LONDON, Mariner, Master of the said Ship, of the one Part; and the UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND, TRADING TO THE EAST-INDIES, of the other Part; WITNESSETH, That the said Part-Owners for themselves, and the rest of the Owners of the said Ship, and the said Master for himself, his Executors and Administrators, have Granted and Letten to Freight all the said Ship unto the said UNITED COMPANY; and that the said UNITED COMPANY have hired and taken to Freight all the said Ship, for a Voyage with her to be made (by God's Blessing) as hereafter mentioned, in Trade, and also in Warfare, as the said COMPANY, or any their Governors, Presidents or Agents, authorized thereunto by the COURT OF DIRECTORS, for the time being, of the said COMPANY, or any COMMITTEE thereof, shall require or direct: Whereupon the said Part-Owners for themselves, jointly and severally, and for the rest of the Part-Owners of the said Ship, and for their respective Heirs, Executors and Administrators, and the said Master for himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, Do in Consideration of the Sum of £. 1746-10 of lawful Money of GREAT BRITAIN, by the said UNITED COMPANY, to be Imprest or Paid, to them at the Ship's Arrival at GRAVESEND Outwards, in Part of the Freight and Demorage to grow due in respect of the said intended Voyage, and of the further Sum of £. 37-8-6 to be then likewise paid by the said COMPANY to the said Master, in full Satisfaction of and for all Primage and Average, which might otherwise become due or payable to the said Master, or for or on Account of the said Ship's intended Voyage, and for and in Consideration of the Concessions and Covenants herein after, on the Part of the said COMPANY, contained, and every of them, doth covenant, grant and agree, to and with the said UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND, TRADING TO THE EAST-INDIES, their Successors and Assigns, by these Presents, in Manner and Form following; that is to say That the said Ship, is of the Burthen of 499 Tons at the least and capable of taking in stowing and holding, over and above her Tackle, Apparel, Furniture and Provisions, at least 499, Tons, of the Goods and Commodities of the EAST-INDIES, and other the Places comprehended within the

Part-Owners.

Ship's Burthen.

Master.

Let to Freight.

Imprest.

Primage and Average.

Covenant that the ship will carry Tons.

Limits granted or allowed to the said COMPANY to trade in, reckoning and accounting the Tonnage of Goods and Commodities, as herein after is mentioned: and further, That the said Ship, on the 3rd Day of January next shall be ready fitted and manned, with so many Men as shall be sufficient to take in and preserve all such Bullion, Goods, and Merchandizes, as the said UNITED COMPANY shall send on Board; and shall before the said Ship's Departure from GRAVESEND be manned with the said Master, and 99 Men and a Boy; whereof the said Master, and at least three fourths of the said Men, or Mariners, shall be ENGLISH, and shall so continue manned during the Voyage; and that the said Ship shall, during the Voyage, both Abroad, and also Outward and Homeward bound, keep at least 30 Tons of BALLAST under her Pal- lating, and carry out and bring home Tons of IRON KINTLAGE, which is to be reckoned as and for in Goods, and no more: And that the said Ship shall from and after the 5th Day of SAID JANUARY be afloat in the River of THAMES at or on this side of LONG-REACH, in the said River, and there be ready to take in and shall take in there, and at GRAVESEND, and in the HOPE, and in and at every other Port in the Kingdom of GREAT BRITAIN, or elsewhere, in her Outward bound Voyage all such Goods, Merchandizes, Bullion and Passengers, as the said UNITED COMPANY shall send on Board, not exceeding in the whole 333 Tons, out of which agreed tonnage is to be deducted One Ton for every Passenger or Soldier that shall be carried in the said Ship, for the said UNITED COMPANY'S Account, or Service; And for such Part of the said 333 Tons as shall be tendered to be laden on Board the said Ship, and shall not be taken in, the said Part-Owners for themselves, jointly and severally, and for the rest of the Part-Owners of the said Ship do, and the said master for himself doth covenant promise and agree to pay; or if the said UNITED COMPANY shall so elect, to allow to the said COMPANY, out of the Freight and Demorage hereby payable, after the Rate of £10-10 a Ton for the same. AND the said Part-Owners, and Master, do, in a manner aforesaid, covenant that the said Ship shall on the 20th Day of January aforesaid proceed to GRAVESEND, Wind and Weather permitting: And on her Arrival there, the said Master shall give Notice thereof in Writing to the SECRETARY for the Time being, of the said UNITED COMPANY; after which Notice is received, the said UNITED COMPANY may keep the said Ship at GRAVESEND, or in the HOPE, 20 Days longer, to take in such further Goods, Merchandizes, Bullion and Passengers, as they shall think fit to order or send on Board her: And that after the said 20 days stay at GRAVESEND, or in the HOPE, the Master of the said Ship for the time being, shall send to the said SECRETARY Notice thereof in Writing, which Notice when received, shall be deemed and taken as a Dispatch for the said Ship from thence to the DOWNS, unless the said UNITED COMPANY shall detain her longer there, which the said COMPANY may do, by Order in Writing within Two Days after such Notice received; In which Case the said Ship shall be allowed

When to be ready fitted.

Men.

Where of three fourths English.

Tons of Ballast.

Tons of Iron kintlage.

When the ship to afloat.

Tonnage outward reserved to the Company.

Penalty for not taking it in.

When to sail to GRAVESEND.

Notice to be given of her arrival.

How long to stay at GRAVESEND, or in the said HOPE.

When to be dispatched, from the Downs.



Demorage for Detention.	<p>Demorage after the Rate of £. 18-3 a Day, for and during such Detention : And that the said Ship shall not only before her Departure from GRAVESEND Outwards, but also at the time and times of her Departure from Port to Port abroad, and also at her last Departure from the EAST-INDIES, or elsewhere within the Limits aforesaid, be strong and tight, and well and sufficiently Victualled, Tackled, and Apparellled; and also well and sufficeintly furnished with all necessary Stores, 26 Pieces of Ordnance mounted, whereof 6 on the Quarter deck 50 Barrels of Gun powder, Shot Thirty Rounds, Ammunition and Furniture equal to and sufficient for such a Ship and Voyage. AND that the said COMPANY, their Surveyors, Agents, Officers, Waiters and Servants in ENGLAND, and Abroad, shall have free Liberty from time to time, and upon all Occasions, during this whole intended Voyage, and until finally unladen, to repair and remain on Board the said Ship, as they shall be thereunto appointed : And to this end and purpose the said Ship, upon proper, usual and known Signals, made to or for her shall lie by if Sailing, and shall stay till such Person or persons shall and do come on Board ; And the Said Master shall Civilly treat and entertain the said person or persons with reasonable and convenient Food and Lodging during their Stay, at the Charge of the said Part-Owners and Master ; And it shall be lawful to and for all and every such Persons to put Locks on the Hold, or seal the Hatches of the said Ship, if they please ; and to take a Survey of the said Ship, and every part thereof, and of the Ship's Cargo, Ammunition. Furniture, Provision and Stores. AND if the said Ship shall not be sufficiently Fitted, Victualled and Manned ; or if any thing shall be dificient, wanting or amiss, the said Part Owners, or Master, shall from time to time, upon reasonable Notice given by such Officer or Officers Person or Persons, cause them to be furnished, provided amended and supplied, according to the Directions of such Persons as shall be appointed thereunto as aforesaid ; And if upon such Survey it shall be found that there is a greater Quantity of Goods in the said Ship, than what she can reasonably carry in her so as to be free between Decks, and jocund and fit to sail through the Seas, and capable to defend herself ; and that all her Guns be clear and at least two-thirds close within Bulk-heads : In such Case, It shall be lawful for the said COMPANY, their Presidents, Agents, or Chief Factors , to lighten the said Ship, so as to reduce the Cargo to such a degree, as that the said Ship can reasonably carry the same in manner as aforesaid. And that the said Ship so furnished, provided, supplied, fitted, victualled and manned, Wind and Weather permitting, the Restraint of his Majesty His Heirs or Successors, and Detention by the said COMPANY as aforesaid excepted, shall sail to and arrive in the DOWNS by the 16th Day of February next and shall immediately after her Dispatch at the DOWNS, sail from thence on her intended Voyage, as hereafter is mentioned : BUT if the said UNITED COMPANY shall not give the said Ship her Dispatches within 10 days after such her Arrival in the DOWNS : the said Ship-</p>
Ship to be strong and sufficiently filled and etc.	
Pieces of Ordnance. Barrels of Powder.	
Company to have liberty to surveyor the Ship and etc., at any time.	
To lay by for waitice, etc.	
The Hatches to be sealed and, etc., if required.	
If Ship and etc., defective, the part Owners to amend and supply.	
Ship if over laden to be lightened.	
Guns to be kept clear.	
Arrival in the DOWNS and Dispatch from thence.	

being so fully fitted, victualled, manned, furnished and provided, as aforesaid, and ready to sail, then they shall pay or allow unto the said Part Owners, and Master, Demorage after the Rate of £. 18-3 Day, from the end of the said 10 Days unto the time the Said Ship shall be so dispatched; the Time for which dispatch is hereby agreed not to exceed the 18th Day of March next. But if the said Ship shall not at the Times appointed for that purpose, as aforesaid, sail unto LONG-REACH And GRAVESEND, and from thence, Wind and Weather permitting, and the Restraint and Detention aforesaid excepted, at the Time before mentioned, arrive in the DOWNS, and from thence directly sail on her intended Voyage: In all and each of the said Failures, the said Part-Owners and the rest of the Owners, and the said Master shall pay, or, at the choice of the said UNITED COMPANY, allow to them out of the Freight and Demorage hereby payable, after the rate of £. 18-3 a Day, for every Day that shall intervene between the Times before appointed for the said Ships' Arrival at the respective Places aforesaid, and her actual Arrival there and Sailing from thence, as aforesaid. AND it is hereby further covenanted, as aforesaid, That the said Master, and the Master for the Time being, together with the Ship-Officers and Ship's Company, shall in and during the said intended Voyage with the said Ship at Sea, and with the said Ship and her Skiff and Boats in Port, together with such part of the Ship's Company as shall be necessary, not exceeding at any one time 30 Men, unto, from and upon the Land, in a Defensive and Offensive manner, in Trade and also in Warfare, if so required, as aforesaid; and otherwise at all Times, as Occasion shall require by ready to serve, and shall accordingly honestly, faithfully, and manfully serve the said COMPANY, their Factors and Assigns. AND the said Part-Owners, and Master, do, as aforesaid, jointly and severally covenant and agree, to and with the said UNITED COMPANY, That the said Master, and the Master of the said Ship for the time being, during this whole intended Voyage, shall observe such Commands, Orders, Directions, and Instructions, as shall from time to time be given by the said UNITED COMPANY, or their COURT OF DIRECTORS for the time being, or by any COMMITTEE to be appointed by them, or by their Governors, Presidents, Agents, Chiefs, Factors, or Assigns. AND the said Part-Owners and Master do, as aforesaid, hereby covenant and agree, That it shall be lawful to and for the said UNITED COMPANY, their Presidents, Agents, and Chief Factors, authorized thereunto by the said COURT OF DIRECTORS, or a COMMITTEE thereof, from time to time (if they see Cause) to restore or continue, to displace or remove out of the said Ship, the said Master or the Master for the time being, or any other Officer or Officers belonging thereto: AND FURTHER, That no Officer shall at any time, during this Voyage, be taken or employed on Board the said Ship, who shall be disliked or disapproved of by the said COMPANY, or their COURT OF DIRECTORS, or any COMMITTEE thereof, or by the said COMPANY'S Governors, Presidents, Factors, or Agents; and that neither the said Master, nor the Master

If not dispatched the company to pay Demorage.

If the ship does not arrive at Gravesend, and the Downs and sail at the Time above the Part Owners to pay Demorage.

Master and Ship's Company with Boats and ships to serve the company at sea or on shore.

With Men at time.

Masters to observe the COMPANY'S ORDERS.

And their Agents and Factors.

None to be employed if disapproved.

No place to be sold  
in the ship.

for the time being, or Part-Owners, or any other Part-Owners of the said Ship, shall or will Sell, or wittingly or willingly permit or suffer any other Person to Sell to the Master, or any other Officer of the said Ship, his or their Place or Places, Office or Offices ; nor shall nor will take, exact, have or receive, or wittingly or willingly permit any other person to take exact have or receive any Money or Gratuity, or any Promise, Agreement, Service, or Reward whatsoever, directly or indirectly, for or in respect of any Place or Office, in or belonging to the said Ship ; or for admitting any Officer or Officers, or other Person or Persons, to go in the said Ship ; and in Case the said Part-Owners, or any of them, or the Master for the time being, shall offend against the true Tenor and Meaning hereof, the said Part-Owners and Master shall pay, or, as aforesaid, allow, to the said UNITED COMPANY, double the Sum for which any such Place or Places, Office or Offices, Admission or Admissions, shall be sold or disposed of ; one half or Moiety whereof shall be to the Use of the said COMPANY, and the other Moiety to be paid or returned to such Person or Persons, who shall give the COMPANY a due and true Information thereof, and make proof of the same. AND WHEREAS It is convenient that all Ships Freightied by the said UNITED COMPANY should carry his Majesty's Commission, or a Commission from the Lord High Admiral of GREAT BRITAIN, or the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for the time being, or both of them ; It is hereby agreed, by and between the Parties to these Presents, That the said Ship shall carry such Commission or Commissions, in case the same can be had or procured, according as the said COMPANY shall judge proper, and direct ; and such Commission or Commissions shall be procured and paid for by the said Part-Owners: And the said Part-Owners and Master do in manner aforesaid further covenant, That the said Master and the Master for the time being, of the said Ship shall, before the said Ships' Departure from the HOPE, put up in the most visible Place thereof, for the Information and Encouragement of all the Mariners, an Order in the words, or to the Effect following, That is to say,

Ship to carry and  
pay for commis-  
sions.

Order of Encourage-  
ment to be put up  
in the ship.

“ THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND, TRADING TO THE EAST-INDIES being willing to encourage the Mariners of all their Ships to be just to the said COMPANY, and careful of their Effects and Trade, and observant of all Injuries done, or doing thereto ; as also to animate them to defend their said Ships, and their Estates on Board. in case they should be assualted by an Enemy, Do hereby declare, That they will allow and pay the following Rewards, at the return of the Ship from the EAST INDIES, into the River of THAMES, and finishing this present intended Voyage : That is to say, To every Seaman that shall present any wilful and malicious Damage to any Part of the said COMPANY's Effects shall or shall save the same from being lost, a Reward suitable to, their merit herein, To the Widow, Children, Father or Mother,

of every Seaman that shall lose his Life in defence of the Ship as aforesaid, Thirty Pounds. To every Seaman that shall lose a leg, or Arm, or both, in such Defence, Thirty Pounds. To every Seaman that shall receive any other Wound, such Sum of Money as the said COURT OF DIRECTORS shall think fit, upon producing a Certificate from their Commander, or Superior Officer, touching their Merits. That every Seaman so wounded in defence of his Ship, shall be cured of his Wounds, at the Charge of the said Company and Owners. AND it is hereby agreed, That the Charges and Sums of Money, mentioned in the said Order to be payable for or in respect of the Defence of the Ship and Cargo, shall be borne in the proportion following ; that is to say, Two Thirds by the said COMPANY, and One third by the Owners of the Ship. AND it is hereby agreed, That the said Order, or others of the same Tenor in the room thereof, shall be in large legible Characters, and continue in the Place aforesaid, during all the said Voyage. AND it is hereby further agreed that the said Ship, after her Departure from the DOWNS, shall, as aforesaid, Wind and Weather permitting, and the Restraint aforesaid excepted, directly sail to such Ports and Places in the EAST INDIES or other the Limits aforesaid, or elsewhere, as the said COMPANY, or their COURT OF DIRECTORS for the time being, or a COMMITTEE appointed by the said COURT, to that Purpose, or the major Part of them., shall direct in Writing, and shall there, according to such Direction, fully duly, and in safety, discharge and deliver in manner accustomed all such Bullion, Goods, Merchandizes and Passengers, as shall be laden or put on Board the said Ship; and shall also receive and take on Board the said Ship, and well and securely stow and place therein, all such other Bullion, Goods, Merchandizes and Passengers, as shall be laden or put on Board, or tender'd to be laden or put on Board for or on Account of the said UNITED COMPANY, or by their Order or by the Order of any of their Presidents, Agents, Chiefs and Council or other their Servants, and afterwards shall sail therewith directly to such other Ports, Rivers and Places, to which the said Ship shall be appointed by the said UNITED COMPANY, or the said COURT OF DIRECTORS, or a COMMITTEE thereof, or the said COMPANY'S Presidents, Factors or Assigns ; and shall at all or any of those other Ports or Places whereunto she shall be so ordered, not only duly and in safety discharge and deliver, in manner accustomed, all such Bullion, Goods, Merchandizes and Passengers, as shall be carried in her thither, for the Account of the said UNITED COMPANY, there appointed to be landed ; but also receive and take in her all such other Bullion, Goods, Merchandizes and Passengers, as the said UNITED COMPANY, their Presidents, Factors, or Assigns, shall lade or put on Board her or tender to be laden or put on Board her for ENGLAND, or elsewhere, leaving so much Room as that therein she may (over and above the same) reasonably stow and carry her Victuals, Naval and other Stores, Tackle and Apparel. AND it is hereby further agreed, by and between the Parties to these Presents, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said COMPANY, or the said COURT OF

And to continue during the voyage

From the Downs. to sail directly to the places appointed.

And deliver out and take in Goods required.

Ship to touch at any places Outward bound if required: And be allowed for deviation.

Ship not to touch at the WESTERN ISLANDS canaries Madras, etc., without order.

What Penalty if she doth.

Goods to be stowed in the Hold.

And not between Decks without leave.

No Goods except Pepper to be shot loose in the Hold, or Package alter'd.

DIRECTORS, or a COMMITTEE thereof, to order, direct or appoint, the said Ship, in her Outward bound Voyage, to touch at. and receive in, and deliver out, any Goods or Merchandizes, at any Island, Port or Place in EUROPE OR AFRICA, or any other Ports or Places on this Side of her consigned Port or Ports ; for which Deviation, if any be, the said Part-Owners and Master shall be allowed as such Deviation reasonably deserves, unless it shall be otherwise agreed on before the said Ship's Departure from ENGLAND. But it is the Meaning of the Parties hereto, and the said Part-Owners and Master do, as aforesaid, covenant that the said Master, or the Master of the Ship for the time being, shall not Outward bound stop or stay, or take in any Foreign Coin or Bullion, Goods or Provisions, at any of the WESTERN MADERA, or CANARY Islands, or at any other Place on this side her consigned Port, without an especial Order or Licence in Writing from the said Company's COURT OF DIRECTORS or a COMMITTEE thereof. AND in case the said Master, or the said Ship, shall stop, stay, or take in any Goods or Provisions, at any of the said Places, without such especial Order or Licence, the said Part-Owners and Master shall pay, or, at the Choice of the said UNITED COMPANY, out of the Freight or Demorage, which shall or may grow due, by Virtue of this Contract, allow to the said COMPANY, One Hundred Pounds STERLING a Day, for every Day the said Ship shall so stop or stay, out all or any of the said places or islands and the Foreign Coin or Bullion, and Goods so to be taken in, unless the same be Wine, shall be deemed and accounted to be unlicenced Goods ; and if the same be Wine, then the said Part Owners and Master shall (over and above the said One Hundred Pounds a Day) pay, or at the Choice of the said COMPANY allow out of the said Freight and Demorage, upto the said UNITED COMPANY, Twenty Pounds STERLING for every Pipe or Butt of such Wines as shall be so taken on Board the said Ship, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity. AND the said Part-Owners and Master do as aforesaid covenant, that the said Goods and Merchandizes received, or to be received into the said Ship, for Account or by Order of the said UNITED COMPANY, their Factors or Assigns, shall be in the best Manner stowed in the said Ship's Hold and Orlope, and no part thereof between Decks, or in any other Place or Places of the said Ship, without Leave in Writing by the said UNITED COMPANY or their President, Agent or Chief Factor, and the Council, where such Goods shall be taken on Board ; or without the like Leave given in Writing by the Supra-Cargoes of the said Ship; and that no kind or Sort of Goods whatsoever (Pepper only excepted) shall without such Leave, as aforesaid, be shot loose in the Hold ; nor any Bale or Package ; after its coming aboard, be altered by cutting off the Luggs of the Bales, or otherwise, And that if the Master or Mariners of the said Ship shall do anything in breach of this Covenant, that then and in such Case the said UNITED COMPANY shall pay or allow unto the said Part-Owners and Master, but One Half of the Freight otherwise agreed to be paid for the said

Goods so unduly stowed, shot or altered in the Package: And the said Part-Owners and Master, shall make good all other Damages that shall arise thereby. AND it is further agreed, That for every Bale of Cloth, or other Goods, that shall be Opened on Board the said Ship, and Repacked, during the Voyage, and whereof the said Part-Owners and Master shall not give Notice unto the said COMPANY or their respective Warehouse-keepers, within Ten Days after the Ship's Arrival in the River of THAMES, the said Part-Owners and Master shall forfeit and pay to the said COMPANY and their Successors, the sum of Ten Pounds STERLING AND it is further covenanted and agreed as aforesaid, That no CANES, or other Merchandizes, nor any Stores, Provisions or Things whatsoever, shall at any time during this whole Voyage be stowed, laden or carried to or from any Port or Place whatsoever, either in the Great Cabin or Steerage, or between the Decks abast the Main-mast thereof, or in the Ship's Limbers, without particular Leave in Writing first had and obtained from the said UNITED COMPANY AND if the said Master or any other Master of the said ship, during this Voyage, or any Officer or Mariner thereof, shall do any thing contrary to, or in Breach of this Agreement, and the true Meaning thereof, then the said Part-Owners and Master shall pay, or, as aforesaid, allow unto the said UNITED COMPANY, Sixty Pounds STERLING a Ton for all such Canes, Merchandizes, Stores, Provisions, Goods or Things whatsoever, as shall be so stowed or carried in the said Ship; and so after that Rate, for a greater or lesser Quantity than a Ton. AND it is also covenanted and agreed, by and between the Parties to these Presents, That if any of the Goods or Merchandizes that shall be laden aboard the said Ship in ENGLAND or at any other Place in her Outward-bound Voyage, shall be lost, or not delivered to the said COMPANY, their Presidents, Factors, Agents, or Servants, at the Ship's consigned Port or Ports abroad; In such case, the said Part-Owners and Master shall pay, or, at the Election of the said COMPANY as aforesaid allow to the said COMPANY, out of the Freight and Demorage to grow due by Virtue of these Presents, the full Prime Cost of such Goods so lost and undelivered, together with 30 Pounds for every One Hundred Pounds on such Prime Cost; Except nevertheless, and it is hereby agreed That no such Payment shall be made, if there happens to be an utter and inevitable Loss of the said Ship and Cargo, nor shall any other Payment be made, for such Goods as shall necessarily perish, or be cast into the Sea, in the Outward-bound Voyage, for the Preservation of the Ship and Cargo, than by an Average, to be borne by the said Ship, Freight, Demorage, and Cargo. AND it is further agreed, That if it shall happen, that any of the said Goods, laden on Board the said Ship, shall within 30 Days after the Delivery thereof be by the said COMPANY's Servants or any of them, declared to the Master for the time being to be wet or damaged, and accordingly found so to be, That then the said Part-Owners and Master shall pay at such consigned Ports, the Difference in Value between such wet or damaged Goods, and such as are found; which Difference shall be adjusted by

Penalty if they be

Goods not to be repacked without Notice.

Penalty.

No canes etc. to be stowed in the great cabin steerage and etc.

Or in the Limbers, without leave

Penalty

If goods laden in England are not delivered in India

Part-Owners to pay prime cost and

In what case to allow an average

If Goods are damaged how the damage shall be adjusted

and between the Master of the said Ship, for the time being, and the said COMPANY'S Presidents or Factors, at such consigned Ports, and in Default of such Adjustment and Payment, shall pay, or, as aforesaid, allow to the said COMPANY the Prime Cost thereof, and moreover the damaged Goods shall be and remain to the Use of the said COMPANY. AND if any of the Homeward bound Cargo shall be lost, or undelivered into the said COMPANY'S Warehouses, at the said Ship's Arrival in ENGLAND except as above excepted, The Part-Owners and Master shall pay, or allow to the COMPANY as aforesaid, the Prime Cost of such Goods, and 30 Pounds for every One Hundred Pounds on such Prime Cost as above ; But if any of such Homeward-bound Cargo, when delivered into the COMPANY'S Warehouses in ENGLAND shall be found to be injured by ASSA FAETIDA on Board the said Ship, or shall be found to be prejudiced, wet or damnify'd by any Occasion or Accident whatsoever, It shall and may be lawful to and for the said UNITED COMPANY, to refuse any such Goods or Merchandizes ; and in such case, the said Part-Owners and Master shall take and accept of the said Goods, so prejudiced, wet or damnify'd, or such Part thereof, as the said COMPANY, their Agents, Servants or Assigns, shall refuse, to the Use of the said Part-Owners and Master, and pay or as aforesaid, allow unto the said UNITED COMPANY for the same, after the Rate of Seven Shilling and Six pence for and upon every PIECE OF EIGHT, and after the Rate of Thirteen Shillings and six-pence for and upon every PAGOTHA, and after the Rate of Three Shillings and Nine-pence for and upon every RUPEE and so in proportion for any other Coins, or Values, on the respective Sums which the said Goods are Invoiced at, with Charges, and all Customs and Duties to be accounted and reckoned according to the Invoice ; And that in such case the said UNITED COMPANY shall pay no Charges of Freight or otherwise, for the said Goods so prejudiced, wet or damnify'd, unless in case of DAMAGED PEPPER which the said Part-Owners and Master are to allow the said UNITED COMPANY for at the current Price such PEPPER if found, would be sold for here in LONDON. And the said UNITED COMPANY are to pay the Freight and Charges on such Pepper, as if the same were not damnify'd. And the said Part-Owners and Master do, as aforesaid, covenant and agree, That the said Ship having received in her Lading, and the Master his Dispatches, shall depart from her last Lading Port, and (unavoidable Danger of the Seas excepted) shall, as Wind and Weather permit, sail directly and return without any Deviation into the said River of THAMES within the Port of the said City of LONDON, and as near to the said City as she may safely arrive and come, and shall there anchor and ride by herself, and make a right and due Discharge into the said COMPANY'S Warehouses and Possession, of all the Goods and Merchandizes that shall be laden and received into the said Ship, at any Port or Place in the EAST INDIES CHINA MOCHA, or elsewhere, within the Limits granted or allowed to the said UNITED COMPANY, or that the said Ship shall take in on her Homeward-bound Voyage, either beyond or on this side the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, or on the

If Home goods lost ward

What the part Owners are to pay

If any ways prejudiced

And the Company refuse them

What the Part-owners are to allow

Pepper excepted

The whole Cargo be delivered into the Company's warehouses on the ships Return to the THAMES

High Seas, or elsewhere, either for Account of the said UNITED COMPANY, or for the Account of any Person whatsoever, excepting only such Goods as shall be laden on Board, and consigned for the Island SAINT HELENA, as herein after is mentioned, and upon such Discharge the said ship shall finish her intended Voyage. AND it is further agreed That if the said Ship shall in her Homeward Bound Voyage touch at the Island of ASCENSION; or if the said Ship, touching at SAINT HELENA shall sail from thence in the Night-season, without Leave of the Governor and Council, attested under their Hands, the said Part-Owners and Master of the said Ship, for the time being, shall pay, or, at the Election of the said COMPANY, allow to the said COMPANY the sum of Two Hundred Pounds STERLING out of the Freight and Demorage to grow due by Virtue of these Presents; And if the said Ship shall in her Homeward-bound Voyage, without an inevitable Necessity, touch at the Island of BARBADOES, or at any other Island or Port in AMERICA, without particular Orders in Writing from the said COMPANY, or their Presidents, Agents, or Chiefs and Councils, from whom she shall receive her last Dispatch; then and in such case the said Part-Owners and Master shall pay, or allow as aforesaid unto the said COMPANY, after the Rate of Ten Pounds STERLING a Ton, for every Ton the said Ship is hereby Lett for. AND it is also covenanted and agreed, That (unavoidable Danger of the Seas excepted) the said ship shall not put into any of the WESTERN ISLANDS or PLYMOUTH, or any Port of ENGLAND or IRELAND or any other Port or Ports of EUROPE, unless the said Master be so directed by the said COMPANY, or their COURT OF DIRECTORS for the time being, or some COMMITTEE thereof, or by their Presidents, Agents or Factors., AND the said Part-Owners and Master do, as aforesaid, further covenant and agree, to and with the said UNITED COMPANY, That the Master and Chief Mate of the said Ship for the time being shall respectively keep true and exact Diaries and Journals of the Ship's daily Proceedings, from her first taking in of Goods in the River of THAMES to her return and discharge of her Cargo in ENGLAND, and of the Wind and Weather, and all remarkable Transactions, Accidents and Occurrences, during the whole Voyage: AND FURTHERMORE That the said Master, and the Master, Purser and Boatswain, for the time being, shall each of them daily, duly, fully, truly, and in due course of time, register and enter, into particular Books for the Purpose, true and perfect Accounts of all Private and other Trade, that shall be had or carried on, and of all the Goods, Bullion, Merchandizes and Passengers whatsoever, that shall be from time to time taken into, or delivered out of the said Ship, either in her Outward-bound or Homeward-bound Voyage, or in the EAST INDIES, CHINA, MOCHA, or elsewhere or in her Voyaging from Port to Port, until her return into the River of THAMES, with the Quantities, Qualities, Marks and Numbers, of each Parcel, for whole Account, and of whom received, and to whom delivered, or to be delivered, and the Names of the Passengers, and Places they were taken in at, and where landed or delivered: unto which books, Accounts, Journals, Registers

If the ship touch at ASCENSION Homeward bound or sail from SAINT HELENA in the Night without leave.

Penalty.

Or touch at Barbadoes or elsewhere in America without orders

Penalty.

Nor in any parts of Europ.

Master and Chief Mate to keep true Accounts and Journals of the ships Proceedings, etc.

And the Purser and Boatswain of whatsoever taken into or delivered out of the ship.

To whom these accounts are to be produced.



and Diaries, not only the Supra-Cargoes on board the said Ship if any shall belong thereunto, shall and may have free access and resort, to view and inspect the same, and take Copies thereof at their Pleasure; but also the said Master and Officers shall produce the same to be inspected, perused, and copied if necessary, or required by the President, Agent or Chief Factor of the said COMPANY in the said EAST INDIES CHINA, and other the Limits aforesaid, at each and every Port and Place respectively, where the said Goods, Bullion and Passengers shall be taken in, or laden or unladen, or landed, before the said Ship shall depart from such Port or Place; And in case there be none of the said COMPANY'S Presidents or Factors there, that then the said Registers, Journals, Diaries and Accounts shall be (for the Purposes aforesaid) produced at the next Port or Place to which the said Ship shall proceed, and where any such President, Agent or Chief Factor shall reside or be; and upon the return of the said Ship to ENGLAND the Books in which such Entries are made, or agreed to be made, as aforesaid, shall, together with the Journals and Diaries so to be kept by the Master or Mate, or Purser or Boatswain, of the said Ship for the time being, be delivered, unaltered, to the said COMPANY, upon the Oath of the said respective Persons so keeping the same, if required; and in case the said respective Persons shall not deliver the same, and, if required, make Oath before one of the Masters of the Court of CHANCERY, That such Books, Journals, Registers, Diaries and Accounts, do respectively contain a true, full and perfect Account of the Acts, Proceedings, Accidents and Occurrences aforesaid, and of all the Bullion, Goods, Merchandizes, and Passengers, taken in and delivered out of the said Ship, as aforesaid, and that such Books respectively have not been altered, That then it shall be deemed and construed, that the said Ship has deviated from her intended Voyage, and taken in, and traded with and for Unlicensed Goods; and in or towards Reparation of Damages to the said UNITED COMPANY, for and in respect thereof, the Goods and Merchandizes which otherwise would belong to the said Master and Officers, as an Indulgence and Encouragement to them, to perform the Covenants of this Charter-party, as herein after is mentioned, shall, for failure of performing this Covenant in particular, so far as concerns the Offenders or Defaulters respectively, be taken, retained, held and enjoyed by the said COMPANY, to and for the Use and Behoof of the said COMPANY; And moreover, and until such Delivery, It shall and may be lawful to and for the said UNITED COMPANY, to retain and keep to their own Use, the last Moiety or half part of all such Freight and Demorage as shall be due or payable to the said Part-Owners and Master, for the Hire of the said Ship, by Virtue of this Charter-party, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. AND the said Part-Owners and Master do, as aforesaid, covenant and agree, That there shall not be laden or taken on Board the said Ship, by the said Master, Officers or Seamen of the said Ship, or any of them, or any other person whatsoever, to be carried in the said Ship. for or towards the East Indies, or

And by whom  
copies taken

To be delivered  
to the Company  
upon Oath, if  
required.

Penalty for not  
doing it.

Ship not to take in  
or carry, unlicen-  
sed goods.

elsewhere within the Limits granted or allowed to the said COMPANY, or to be carried from one Port or Place to another there, or to be brought from thence, or elsewhere, to or towards ENGLAND any greater or other Quantities or Kinds of Goods, Merchandizes, Bullion or Effects, than what are for the said COMPANY'S Account, or expressly and particularly allowed by the said COMPANY in Writing, under their Common Seal; Nor shall they, or any of them, carry or transport in the said Ship to the EAST INDIES, or elsewhere within the said Limits, to stay there, or carry, or suffer to be carried or transported from one Port there to another or bring Home from thence, or from SAINT HELENA, any Person or Persons but the said Ship's Company, and such as are then actually in the said COMPANY'S Service, except by and with the especial Orders, or License, in Writing, of the said COMPANY, or their Governors, Presidents, Agents or Chiefs; And if it shall appear that any Goods, Merchandizes, or persons have been carried in the said ship Contrary to this agreement, such goods, merchandizes, Bullion and Effects, and every Part thereof, shall be deemed and accounted to be, and the same are hereby declared to be Unlicensed Goods, and the same shall be taken, held and enjoyed by the said UNITED COMPANY and their Successors, as their own Goods and Chattels, and to and for their own proper Use and Behoof for ever; And moreover, the Parties offending herein shall be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties, as any Law or Statute made in that behalf enacts or directs; and furthermore it shall be lawful to and for the said COMPANY, and their Successors, to retain to their own Use and Behoof, Fifty Pounds STERLING for every Passenger, or other Person, that shall be carried in the said Ship, contrary to this Covenant, or the true Meaning thereof. AND it is agreed, and the said Part-Owners and Master do hereby consent, That the said COMPANY shall and may do all or any such Acts as they shall think fit, for the preventing or discovering of all or any unlawful, unlicensed or clandestine Trade. AND it is hereby declared, covenanted and agreed, as aforesaid, That neither the Master of the said Ship for the time being, nor any of his Officers or Seamen shall, during the Voyage, have any Trade or Dealing with any Planter or other Persons, residing in the Island of SAINT HELENA on Board the said Ship, but may for such Things as shall be bought or sold in the open Market-place, or Buzar built and appointed for that Purpose, upon Pain of Forfeiture of Ten Pounds STERLING to the said UNITED COMPANY for Breach of this Covenant, to be paid, or, at the choice of the said COMPANY deducted out of such Freight and Demorage as shall grow due for the said Ship in this present Voyage; EXCEPT NEVERTHELESS, and it is further agreed, That for promoting the good Estate of that Island the Master of the said Ship for the time being shall, during this stay there, take and receive from the said UNITED COMPANY'S Governor and Council, and they shall accordingly deliver, for the Use of the Ship's Company 3 Hundred Weight of fresh Beef, alive or dead, for every Twenty Men the Ship is obliged to carry by this Charter-party; for which he shall pay after the Rate of 28 Shillings for every

Or any passengers  
not licensed.

Penalty.

Company to do  
what's necessary  
to prevent unlaw-  
ful Trade. Mas-  
ter and ship's  
Company not to  
Trade at Saint  
Helena on Board  
ship.

Ship shall take in  
Beef of the  
Council there.

Hundred Weight, of One Hundred and Twelve Pounds, in ARRACK, SUGAR, or other necessary Provisions which the said Island shall want, and the Ship can well spare, on reasonable Terms to be agreed on between the said Master, and the said Governor and Council; And in case of the non-observance, or Breach of this Covenant, the said Part-Owners and Master shall forfeit and pay to the said UNITED COMPANY the Sum of Twenty Pounds STERLING, to be paid to, or, at the Choice of the said COMPANY, deducted by them, out of the Freight and Demorage that shall grow due to the said Ship in this present Voyage, AND the said Part-Owners and Master do, as aforesaid, hereby covenant and agree, That the said Master, or the Master for the Time being, or any the Officers, Seamen, or Mariners of the said Ship, or Persons employed therein, during the said Voyage, shall not do or suffer to be done, any Act, Matter or Thing, against the Act commonly called the ACT OF NAVIGATION, or against any Law or Statute, Laws, or Statutes, of this Kingdom, whereby, or by means whereof, all or any the Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, laden or to be laden on Board the said Ship, shall or may in part or in all, be or become forfeited, or liable to be forfeited or seized AND to the intent that the Ship may be the better navigated and secured, and that Justice may be done by the Master, for the time being, to the Seamen of or belonging to the said Ship, and to the said COMPANY, It is agreed by the said Part-Owners and Master, That if any of the Seamen or others acting as such in the said ship, shall happen to die before her Arrival at, or during her Stay in, or before her setting sail from the EAST INDIES or elsewhere within the Limits aforesaid, or from SAINT HELENA, for ENGLAND, That then and in such case the whole Number, agreed to be carried out in her from ENGLAND, shall, if procurable, be supplied by the Master for the time being, at the Place where she shall take in her Lading, or elsewhere; or, in Default thereof, the said COMPANY's President, Agent or Chief, or the Governor of SAINT HELENA shall and may put on Board such Number of Seamen, or other Persons, as shall compleat, the said Number, to be brought for ENGLAND, at the Charge of the Owners, and the COMPANY shall not be obliged to pay for any such persons Passage or Diet. And it is further covenanted and agreed, as aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for the said Master or the Master of the Said Ship for the time being, or any other officer of the said Ship, during this present Voyage (directly or indirectly) to furnish any of the Seamen of the said Ship, with any Money, Liquors, Provisions or Necessaries, beyond the Value of one Quarter part of what the Wages of such Seamen shall amount unto, at the Time of furnishing the same (excepting what they shall take up for dead Mens Cloths bought at the Mast) nor for a higher Profit or Advantage on such Monies, Liquors or Provisions, or other Necessaries, then after the Rate of forty Pounds for every hundred Pounds Advance in Time of Peace, and seventy Pounds for every hundred Pounds in Time of War, upon their real Prime Cost; And in case any Money, Liquors, Provisions or Necessaries, shall be furnished above the said Quarter part, or charged

Penalty on Refusal.

Covenant not to do any thing against the Act of the Navigation.

The ship to have her complement of Seaman during the voyage,

How far, and at what Rates the Seaman, shall be furnished in the voyage

at a greater Price than as aforesaid, no Deduction shall be made for the same from the Pay of the said Seaman for the Excess; but contrariwise, it shall be lawfull for the said UNITED COMPANY to retain the Exceeding out of the Freight and Demorage hereby payable, and to render the same to the respective Seamen aforesaid. AND it is further agreed, as aforesaid, That it shall be lawful to and for the said COMPANY to provide such Pay master of the Wages of the Seamen as they shall think fit; by whose Hands the said Part Owners agree that they will, at the End of each Six Months after the Ship's Departure from GRAVESEND duly pay unto the Wives or Relations, of the Seamen serving in the said Ship, and duly authorised thereunto, One Month's Pay of their Wages during the whole Voyage, (for whose good Behaviour in that Particular, the said COMPANY agree to be security And in case of Default of such Payment, as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said UNITED COMPANY to make Payment thereof And the said Part-Owners and Master shall pay as aforesaid, allow unto the said UNITED COMPANY out of the Freight or Demorage of the said Ship, the Money so paid, and 40 Pounds for every hundred Pounds Advance on all such Money so disbursed by them, for and in Consideration of the Risque of the Ships' Return for ENGLAND. AND it is further agreed, That the said Master, or the Master for the time being, shall deliver to the said Pay-Master, a fair and just Account of the Wages due to the Officers and Seamen of the said Ship for this present Voyage, according to a Form in Writing, to be delivered upto the said Master by the said COMPANY's Pay-Master, for that Purpose, and the said Pay-Master shall pay the Wages due to the said Officers and Seamen in such Place and Manner as the COURT OF DIRECTORS of the said COMPANY for the time being shall appoint, and not elsewhere, or otherwise. AND the said COMPANY agree to be Security for the said Pay-master, that such Monies as shall be advanced and paid to him by the Part-Owners of the said Ship for Wages or Imprest-Money, shall be by him paid for those Purposes. AND to the Intent, That the Master, Officers and Mariners, of the said Ship, may have and receive, from the said COMPANY, all fitting Encouragement and Rewards for the due keeping and performing the Covenants in this Charter-Party, on their Part to be performed; and upon Condition of performing the same, It is agreed, that the Master of the said Ship may have the use of the great Cabin unless it be for the Accommodation of any of the Factors of the said UNITED COMPANY or such others as the said COMPANY, their Presidents, Agents or Factors shall appoint thereunto. And furthermore, that it shall be lawful to or for the said Part-Owners and Master of the said Ship, to send out, or carry in the said Ship, the Value of 499 Pounds STERLING in Foreign Coins or Bullion, to be made use of for the Supply of the said Ship's extraordinary Occasions in INDIA, over and above the Sum allowed by the Indulgence herein allowed to the masters officers, and ships Company, but the same is not to be employed in Trade. AND

Owners to pay Seamen Wives, and etc one Month's Wages in Six by the Pay-Master appointed by the COMPANY

OR THE COMPANY to pay the same.

What advance to be thereon

Master to deliver the PAY-MASTER an Account of what is due to the sea-man

Master to have the use of the great Cabin, unless for Accommodation of Factors and etc

What to carry out for Ships extraordinary Expenses in the Voyage

as a further Encouragement and Reward, and upon Condition of performing the Covenants herein, It is further covenanted and agreed, by and between the Parties to these Presents, that as a Part of the said 499 Tons, for which the said Ship is let, the said Master, Officers, and Ships' Company shall be allowed to carry in the said Ship, for their own Account only, and not for the Account or Accounts of any other Person whatsoever, the Quantity of 25 Tons outwards, and of 15 Tons, if the said Ship shall proceed from Port to Port in the said EAST INDIES, or elsewhere, within the Limits aforesaid, and no more, and also 15 Tons homewards, of such Goods, Effects, and Commodities only, and of such Values, as shall be allowed by Licence under the Seal of the said COMPANY, and no more, Provided nevertheless, that the Goods purchased with the said Sums or Values, so allowed as aforesaid, or with the Produce thereof be wholly and intirely delivered into the said COMPANY'S warehouses and Possession, to be viewed at the said Ship's Return, and to be sold by the said UNITED COMPANY publickly by Inch of Candle the Produce whereof (the Customs and Duties payable to the Crown, and the Duties and other Charges usually payable, on such respective Goods and Commodities, to the said UNITED COMPANY, being deducted) shall be paid to the Persons respectively, to whom the same shall of Right belong, upon their making due Proof (upon Oath if required) that the said Goods were the proper Goods, and brought over in the said Ship for the proper account of the Master, Officers and Seamen of the Said ship or some of them, according to such Licence or Allowance, as is or shall be given them by the said UNITED COMPANY, and not otherwise. And to the end the Tonnage of the said Ship, and the Freight here by payable, may be the better ascertained, It is hereby covenanted and agreed, by and between the Parties to these Presents, That no Claim shall be admitted, or Allowance made, by the said UNITED COMPANY, for short Tonnage or Deficiency in loading the said Ship, in or for her Homeward-bound Voyage, unless the same shall be certified by the said COMPANY'S Presidents, Agents, or Chiefs and Councils, or Supra-Cargoes, from whence she shall receive her last Dispatch which Certificate the said Presidents, Agents or Chiefs and Councils Supra-Cargoes, respectively shall give to the Master for the time being, if reasonably demanded; and also unless such short Tonnage be found and made to appear, on her arrival in the River of THAMES, upon a Survey to be taken by four Ship wrights or others to be indifferently named and chosen by the said UNITED COMPANY, and the said Part-Owners of the said Ship; but no such Survey shall be taken, or Allowance made, in case Bulk shall be found to have been broken before Demand for such short Tonnage is made. And it is hereby agreed, that 80 Tons of the said Ship's Loading shall be KINTLAGE Goods. And it is further agreed, That whatsoever Goods shall by the Direction of the said COMPANY'S Agents, President's or Factors, be shot loose in the Hold of the said Ship, the Tonnage thereof shall be reckoned in or after such Manner or Rate, as when the same are packed up, and that Eight Hundred

Allowance of Tonnage  
to Master and  
Ships Company  
out and home, and  
in the EAST INDIES

No Tonnage allowed  
unless certified.

And also appear on a  
survey before  
breaking Bulk.

Kintlage goods.

Weight nett of CHINA RAW SILK in Chests, be accounted Ton, and that ten Hundred Weight nett of BOBEA, and Eight Hundred weight nett of GREEN TEAS be accounted a Ton; That the Tonnage of all CHINA and LACQUERED WARE and of all other measurable goods, of which the tonnage is not herein before or hereafter settled, be computed at Fifty Cubical Feet to the Ton, measuring the Tubs, Chests, or other Package of such Goods from Outside to Outside; and reckoning and accounting. Twenty Hundred Weight of canvas to the Ton and all other the Tonnage of other Goods, according to the Computation of Tonnage, used by the late GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON, TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES, and not other ways; and the Tares according to the usual Allowance and Settlement made or practised by the said UNITED COMPANY. and it is agreed that the Tons of Iron KINTLAGE, and the aforesaid 15 Tons allowed to the Master, Officers and Ship's Company, is and shall be accounted and taken as part of the said 499 Tons, for which the said Ship is so let. as aforesaid. And it is also covenanted and agreed by and between the Parties to these Presents, that notwithstanding the said ship is let to Freight but for 499 Tons yet the said UNITED COMPANY, their Factors, or Assigns, and they only, may (if they think fit and not otherwise) lade what more they please, if the said Ship be capable to take it in, paying to the said Owners Freight for the same, according to the Tonnage :foresaid, and the Rates herein after mentioned And as touching the Freight to be paid or allowed by the said COMPANY It is agreed, and the said UNITED COMPANY for themselves and their Successors do covenant, to and with the said Part-Owners and Master, That they the said UNITED COMPANY and their Successors shall, and will, in case and upon condition that the Ship performs her voyage, and arrives at LONDON in Safety, and the said Part Owners and Master do perform the Covenants on their Part to be performed, and not otherwise, well and truly pay or allow, or cause to be paid or allowed, unto the said Part Owners in LONDON, at the Times hereafter mentioned and not before, or otherwise, Freight for and upon every Ton of Goods that shall be brought Home in the said Ship, for Account of the said COMPANY, to the said PORT OF LONDON, as followeth; that is to say, for SALTPETRE, SUGAR, COWRIES, CHINA and LACQUERED WARE TURMERICK, PEPPER AND all other Gross Goods whatsoever excepting for such Goods as are to be paid for at a Freight, the sum of £31-10 of lawful money of GREAT BRITAIN, for every Ton. And for CALLICOES, INDICO, SPICES (except PEPPER) and all other fine Goods whatsoever, the sum of £ 34-1. of like money for every Ton, and after the said respective rates for any greater or lesser Quantity than a Ton; and for any goods which the said COMPANY's factors shall shoot, or direct to be shot loose in the Hold of the said Ship, Half Freight only for the same, by the Ton, and after the said respective Rates, for every greater or lesser quantity than a Ton, excepting and reserving hereout, all such PEPPER as shall be so shot loose, either on the West Coast of SUMATRA, or at SURAT, BOMBAY, CARWAR or on the Coast of MALABAR, or at the Island BORNEO. Provided nevertheless and it is further covenanted and agreed; by and between the Parties to these Presents, That for every Ton of IRON.

Tonnage of goods shot loose in the Hold, how reckoned, Tonnage of China, RAW SILK and TEA, of China and LACQUERED ware and other unsettled measurable goods of CANVAS,

Description of other Tonnage

Iron Kintlage and Officers Allowance how reckoned.

Company has Liberty to load more than the ship is lett for.

Freight for Saltpetre etc.. Gross Goods.

For CALLICOES and Fine Goods.

Half Freight for Goods shot loose.

Except PEPPER at SUMATRA etc..

Freight for Iron Kintlage carried out and brought home. KINTLAGE, that the said Ship shall carry out or bring Home in her, by the Appointment of the said COMPANY the said COMPANY shall pay or allow only £ 10-10 for every Ton Freight

For Calliature wood and so far as to the amount of 30 Tons of CALLIATORE, or other heavy Wood laden by the said COMPANY, the said COMPANY shall pay or allow, but £ 15-15 for every Ton Freight. And for such single Bolts or Pieces of CANVAS, as shall be laden on Board the said Ship, and stowed between the Beams and other void Places in the Ship, where there is no room for Bale Goods, not exceeding 5 Tons there shall only be paid or allowed by the said COMPANY after the Rate of £ 8-15 a Ton, the said 5 Tons being not to be reckon'd as any Part of the Ship's Tonnage hereby letten to the said COMPANY. And it is further covenanted and agreed, That the 30 Tons of Ballast before-mentioned to be loaden in ENGLAND, under the Ship's Pallating, or any Part thereof, shall not be removed or taken from thence during this intended Voyage, except only, and it is hereby declared, That it shall be lawful to and for the said COMPANY, or their Presidents, Factors, Agents or Servants, to cause the said Ballast, or any Part thereof, to be thrown out, provided that in its stead they lade, or caused to be laden, the like Quantity of COPPER or TUTENAGUE under the Ship's Pallating, for which COPPER or TUTENAGUE the said COMPANY shall pay or allow to the said Part-Owners and Master only £ 10-10 for every Ton Freight, and no more; And it shall be lawful to and for the said COMPANY to lade, or cause to be laden, in the Hold of the said Ship 25 Tons more of COPPER or TUTENAGUE at the said Freight of £. 10-10; for every Ton. But if the said COMPANY shall not have laden the before-mention'd Quantity of 80 Tons of KINTLAGE goods, as would be otherwise wanting, shall be taken and esteemed as Part of the said KINTLAGE Goods, and Freight accordingly be paid and allowed for the same. AND it is hereby covenanted and agreed as aforesaid, That for all

For Canvas.

Ballast not to be removed.

The Freight for the same.

Unless copper or Tutenague be laden under the Pallating

And for the five thereof in the Hold

SALTPETRE Freight above the KINTLAGE proportion.

What Freight for Stones and etc. laden instead of KINTLAGE Goods.

IRON KINTLAGE wanting to be supplied and how.

SALTPETRE that the said COMPANY shall, at the Desire of the Master for the Time being lade in the EAST INDIES, or elsewhere, within the Limits aforesaid, to be brought for ENGLAND over and above the 80 Tons (which is the limited Proportion of Kintlage Goods hereby agreed for) the said COMPANY are to pay, or allow, only £. 19-5 for every Ton, and no more. And in case it shall so fall out, That the said COMPANY do not lade, or cause to be laden 80 Tons of KINTLAGE Goods, as Part of the Goods they are obliged to lade as aforesaid, and that by reason thereof, the said Ship shall not bring home, or stow in her, for the Account of the said COMPANY 484 Tons, that then, and in such Case, the said COMPANY shall by pay or allow one half Freight, for so many Tons of STONES, or other Ballast, as the Said Part-Owners and Master shall, for the necessary Preservation of the Ship, cause to be laden for want thereof; Provided that if it happens, that the said Ship shall not bring to her first consigned Port in INDIA, CHINA, or other the Limits aforesaid, the full Quantity of IRON KINTLAGE which by these Presents the said Ship is obliged to do, that then the Tonnage of IRON KINTLAGE so wanting, shall be first supplied; and then for so

much Stones and Ballast only as shall over and above such supply be loaden, by Virtue of this Covenant, The said COMPANY shall pay the aforesaid half Freight and no more, Provided also, and it is hereby agreed, That it shall not be lawful for the said Master to take in Sea-sand for Ballast unless the same be dry and put into Casks. And it is further covenanted and agreed as aforesaid, That one Third Part of the said Ship's Lading shall be in PEPPER in Case she be laden at SURAT, BOMBAY, CARWAR, or the Coast of MALABAR for which the said COMPANY shall pay the said Part-Owners and Master but £. 26-5 for every Ton Freight; and in Case of the want of one Third Part of PEPPER, that a just and reasonable Consideration shall be allowed for the same. And that it shall be lawful for the said UNITED COMPANY, their Presidents, Agents or Factors, to lade on this Ship, 5 Tons in ARRACK, SUGAR, RICE, CLOTH, or any other Provisions or Necessaries, for the Use of the Island of SAINT HELENA for which the said Part-Owners, and Master shall be allowed only one half Freight, which said Provisions and Necessaries (in Case the said Master shall think fit) shall be laden between Decks, or in the Lazaretto; or any other vacant Places in the Ship. And it is likewise covenanted and agreed, by and between the Parties to these Presents, That the before-mentioned Freights upon the said IRON KINTLAGE, and the said Goods and Merchandizes to be brought from the EAST INDIES or elsewhere, within the Limits granted or allowed to the said Company, as aforesaid, to ENGLAND, or to SAINT HELENA shall be in full Satisfaction and Payment to the said Part-Owners and Master, for the Freight of all or any Goods that shall be carried out and brought home, or carried in the said ship from Port to Port abroad; And all other the Freight, Hire, or Earnings of the said Ship, during this present intended Voyage, and every Part thereof, shall be to the use of the said COMPANY. Provided also, and it is hereby agreed, That it shall be lawful to and for the said COMPANY to send out and bring home, or to have carried out and brought home, to or from the said EAST-INDIES, or elsewhere within the Limits allowed, as aforesaid, in the said Ship 2 Factors, or other Persons who shall have the Use of the Great Cabin, and the said Ships' ordinary Diet, Lodging, and Accommodation, without any Allowance to be made to the Said Part-Owners for the same. And may likewise send, or cause to be sent out or brought home, any other Person or Persons, exceeding the 2 beforementioned, and the said COMPANY shall allow or pay unto the said Part-Owners and Master the Sum of 10 Pounds sterling, for the diet and accommodation of every person so carried out or brought home in the said Ship, to or from the EAST INDIES as aforesaid. And it is further agreed, that the Part-Owners and Master of the said Ship shall not demand or take of any Person, licensed by the said UNITED COMPANY to take Passage on the said Ship, to the EAST INDIES CHINA or elsewhere, above 30 Pounds STEELING, for fresh Provisions to be allowed such Person in the Outward-bound Voyage. And that the said Master, or

One third, of the Ships Lading to be PEPPER if the ship be laden at Surat and etc.

To lade ARRACK, etc., for SAINT HELENA at half Freight.

The above Freight to be in full for all goods and other Earnings of the Ship.

All other Freights, etc., to be to the use of the COMPANY.

Liberty to put Factors, etc., on Board out or home.

Free of charge what to pay for other passengers.

What to pay for fresh Provisions.



Liberty to put on Board Passengers from Port to Port. the Master of the said Ship for the time being, shall receive on board the said Ship, all such Passengers, Merchants or others, as the said COMPANY's Presidents, Agents, or Chief Factors and Council there, by Writing under their Hands, or the Hands of the Majority of them, shall appoint and direct to take their Passage from one Port to another, within the Limits aforesaid and transport them accordingly, providing them fitting Lodging, and Room for their Provision, during the Continuance on Board; Provided always; That all such Passengers, Merchants, and others, shall first contract and agree with the said President, Agent, or Chief Factor and Council, at the respective Places where they shall take Shipping, What they and each of them shall allow and pay for their said Transportations, Lodging, and Room for their Provisions: All which Sum and Sums of Money so agreed for, or which the said Passengers shall pay, wholly be made good, and applied to the Use of the said UNITED COMPANY, and no Part thereof to the Use of any others whomsoever. And the said Part-Owners and Master do, as aforesaid, covenant, That all and every the Passengers, that shall at any time be taken on board the said Ship, and carried from Port to Port within the Limits aforesaid, shall be civilly and kindly treated and used; And in case any of them shall be abused, assaulted, imprisoned or ill treated, the said Part Owners and Master shall, for every such Offence, forfeit to the said COMPANY the Sum of Fifty Pounds STERLING to be paid, or, at the Choice of the said COMPANY, allowed to the said COMPANY out of the Freight and Demorage hereby payable. AND in case any MONIES BULLION, DIAMONDS, or any other precious STONES MUSK, or AMBERGREASE, for Account of other Persons authorized or licensed hereunto by the said COMPANY, or their Servants, shall be carried from Port to Port in the EAST INDIES or elsewhere within the Limits of the said UNITED COMPANY's Charter, All the Freight due for the same shall be paid, for the Use and Account of the said COMPANY, unto the Presidents, Agents, or Chiefs and Councils there, out of which the said Master shall be allowed One Fourth Part, for his Care and Pains in looking after and preserving the same, So as he make a faithful and speedy Discovery, upon Oath if required, of the whole so put on Board the said ship, and carried from Port to Port as aforesaid, together with the Names of the Persons unto whom the same being, and to whom, and when, and where delivered. But if he conceals any Part thereof, in such Case no Allowance shall be made him. AND to the end that Justice may be done, both to the Said United Company and the Part owners and Master of the said Ship, in Case the Ship is stayed or detained, by any Restraint or Embargo, by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors It is agreed by and between the Parties to these Presents, That if by reason of any such Embargo, or Restraint from His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or His or Their Council, Secretaries, Ministers or Officers, the said Ship shall be stayed from proceeding on her intended outward bound Voyage, it shall be in the

Such Passengers first agreeing with the Presidents and etc., abroad.

Passengers to be civilly treated.

Under a penalty.

Freight of diamonds, etc, in India to be paid to the Company's use.

Allowing the Master one fourth Part for his care. If he discovers the whole shipped on Board.

In case of Embargo.

said UNITED COMPANY'S Power to annul this Agreement, and all the Covenants and Clauses therein contained, and to make and declare the same void, upon Notice given by the said COMPANY, their Agents or Servants, to the said Part Owners and Master, or any of them, for that Purpose; And that upon such Notice these Presents shall be null and void: But in such case the said COMPANY, or their Successors, shall allow or pay to the said Part Owners and Master, Two-thirds of the real Charge which the Owners of the said Ship shall be at, for Victuals and Wages, from the Time of such Embargo, to the Time of such Notice, given as aforesaid; And in case the said UNITED COMPANY shall not give any such Notice, but shall be willing that this Charter-party shall stand and remain in full Force, That then, and in such Case, the said COMPANY shall, at the Return of the said Ship, allow or pay to the said Part Owners, Two thirds of the real Charge which the Owners of the said Ship shall be at for Victuals and Wages, during the Time of her being so embargoed or detained; any thing aforesaid to the contrary, notwithstanding. AND to the end the said Ship's Detention and Stay in INDIA, and her Demorage for the same, if any shall happen, during her present intended Voyage, may be ascertained, It is covenanted and agreed, by and between the Parties to these Presents, That in case the said Ship shall within 8 Months after the Delivery of the said Ship's last Dispatches from ENGLAND, arrive at her first consigned Ports in the EAST INDIES, CHINA, MOCHA, or elsewhere within the Limits granted or allowed to the said COMPANY, and Notice be given thereof, in writing, of her Arrival, to the said COMPANY'S President, Agent or Chief Factor there, the Said COMPANY will, in such Case, in 4 Kalendar Months afterwards, or on or before the 11th Day of February which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty eight or at farthest so soon after as the said Ship, making all reasonable Attempts, may get about the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, so as to gain her Passage home the same Season, lade, or cause to be laden on board the said Ship, at some Ports or Places in the said EAST INDIES, CHINA, or elsewhere within the said Limits, for ENGLAND, so much Goods and Merchandizes (including therein the said Tons of IRON KINTLAGE) as the said Ship can conveniently stow and carrying her, in manner as aforesaid, as shall amount in the whole, and together, to the Quantity of 484 Tons: But in Default of loading the said Ship within the Space of 4 Kalendar Months after such Arrival, and Notice given, as aforesaid, the said Ship shall from thenceforth enter into Demorage of £ 18-3 a Day, for so long time as she shall be detained in INDIA, CHINA or elsewhere within the said Limits, in the Service and Employment of the said COMPANY. AND FURTHERMORE If the said Ship shall, within the said 8 Months after she shall be dispatched from ENGLAND, as aforesaid, arrive at such Port or Place to; which she shall be consigned, and give such Notice, as aforesaid and yet is not dispatched for ENGLAND within the said 4 Kalendar months or the said 11th day of February or so soon after the

The COMPANY may annul this charter Party.

On what condition.

What Allowance to make if they don't.

Demorage how ascertained

If the ship arrives in INDIA in Months after dispatched from England.

When to be laden home.

When the demorage is to Commence.

the said Ship, making all reasonable Attempts, may get about the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE so as to gain her Passage home the same Season, nor detained by Virtue of the next ensuing or following Proviso or Covenant, Then said UNITED COMPANY, or their Assigns, shall allow or pay unto the said Part Owners and Master 4 Months Demorage, commencing from the said 11th Day of February after the Rate of £ 18-3 a Day, for and in Consideration of the Passage so, lost, and her Stay in INDIA after the said 11th Day of February. But in such Case no other Demorage shall be paid, in respect of the said Ship's Stay after the said 11th Day of February. AND contrariwise, if the said Ship shall not arrive at her first consigned Port within the Space of 8 Months after such Dispatches delivered, as aforesaid, That the said COMPANY shall load the said Ship, as aforesaid, within 4 months after such her Arrival, and such Notice given thereof, as aforesaid ; Or, in Default thereof, the said Ship shall enter into the Demorage of £ 18-3 a Day, immediately after the Expiration of the said last mentioned 4 Kalendar Months, for and during such Time as she shall be detained by the said COMPANY's Presidents or Factors in the Service and Employment of the said COMPANY, within the Limits aforesaid : But then the said Ship shall not have any further or greater Allowance, though she be not dispatched so soon as to save her Passage that Season, than 2 Months Demorage only, in Consideration of the Passage so lost, and her Stay in INDIA or elsewhere Abroad on that Account : Nor shall such 2 Months Demorages, for the Loss of such Passage, be allowed, if the said Ship be, by Virtue of the said next ensuing Proviso, or Covenant, detained in the said COMPANY's Service, or if she be dispatched within the said last mentioned 4 Months unless it evidently be made appear, to the Satisfaction of the COURT OF DIRECTORS for the time being, of the said UNITED COMPANY, That the said Ship was hinder'd from her Arrival in Time, at her first consigned Port, by unavoidable Accidents only. PROVIDED always, and it is hereby covenanted and agreed, That the said COMPANY's Presidents, Factors and Agents, shall have Liberty to detain the said Ship after the said 11th Day of February in their Employment, in Trade, and also in Warfare ; and shall have Liberty to let out the said Ship to Freight for the said COMPANY's sole Benefit, for so long Time as they please ; so as such Detention be signified in Writing and doth not exceed 12 Months from the said 11th Day of February and so as the said Ship be dispatched in a proper season, to save her next Year's Passage : In which case the said COMPANY shall pay Demorage, for and during the Time of her Detention, after the afore-mentioned Rate of £ 18-3 a Day, till she shall afterwards be dispatched from her last lading Port, or the Expiration of the said 12 months, which shall first happen; But after the said 12 months are expired the said Ship may return for England and the said COMPANY shall not be liable for any further Demorage, or any Damage that may accrue by her detention after that Time : And in case all, or any Part of the said Ship's Lading shall, after the Expiration of the

What demorage to be allowed for loss of the passage.

If the ship doth not arrive in time.

Nor is dispatched in months then to have Demorage after wards for Detention.

But if she loses her Passage that year to have but months demorage. And no Demorage disor such loss if dispatched in months after arrival unless and etc.

Liberty to detain the Ship in INDIA and etc. for Months longer if signify in writing, and to let her out to Freight for the Companys sole Benefit.

12 months, be wanting, yet the said COMPANY do agree, That the said Ship may then return for ENGLAND the Master having first made legal Demand, Thirty Days before his coming away, and due Protest, for want of the said Lading. AND FURTHERMORE it is agreed, that if the said Ship shall arrive at her consign- ed Port, within 8 Months after Delivery of the said Ship's Dispatches, as aforesaid, and shall not, on or before the said 11th Day of February which shall be in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty eight be dispatched for ENGLAND as aforesaid, Then the said UNITED COMPANY, their Presidents, Agents, Factors or Assigns, shall, over and above the Value of the said 49 Pounds STERLING before mentioned to be allowed to be carried out, supply unto the Master of the said Ship for the Time being, so many PAGOTHAS, RUPEES, OR MONIES to be supplied the Ship in INDIA  
PIECES of EIGHT DOLLARS, or other Coins, as Need shall require, for buying Victuals, or other necessary Provisions for the said Ship, not exceeding the Value of 300 Dollars for every One HUNDRED Tons the said Ship is let for, valuing the Money so supplied at Six Shillings and Six pence a PIECE OF EIGHT OR DOLLAR in Time of Peace, and Seven Shillings and Six Pence in Time of War, and in the same Proportion for PAGOTHAS RUPEES, and other Coins : And in case the said Ship shall not be dispatched by the said COMPANY's Presidents, Agents, or Chiefs and Councils aforesaid, on or before the 11th Day of February which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-nine. Then the said Persons, who shall so keep the said Ship, shall over and above the said sums of Money beforementioned, furnish and lend the Master, or the Master for the Time being, if he desires it, so many PAGOTHAS or RUPEES more, not exceeding the Value of Three Hundred Pounds STERLING for every hundred Tons the said Ship is let for, as upon a survey to be taken as before directed, shall appear necessary to enable the said Ship to proceed for ENGLAND, so as the whole of the Money so furnished be actually laid out in Necessaries for the said Ship, valuing each of the said PAGOTHAS at nine Shillings, and each of the said RUPEES at Two Shillings and Six pence ; Both which Monies so supplied, with the Advance of Forty Pounds for every Hundred Pounds on the last mentioned Supply of PAGOTHAS and RUPEES for and in Consideration of the Risque of the said Ship's Return for ENGLAND shall be paid or, at the COMPANY's Choice, allowed them out of the Freight and Demorage, payable by Virtue of these Presents. AND if the said Ship shall, by written Orders from the said COMPANY, be detained at SAINT HELENA or any other Port, to stay for Convoy, in such case the said COMPANY shall allow the said Part Owners and Master, two third Parts of the Demorage a Day, before agreed on, for every Day she shall be so detained ; But no Allowance shall be made to the said Part Owners or Master, on account of the said Ship's keeping Company with any others of the COMPANY returning ships. But the said COMPANY shall not allow or pay any Demorage, for the Time that the said ship shall take up in amending any Defects ; And furher, if by the Time taken up in repairing any  
At what rates.  
What more Monies to be supplied if kept months longer abroad.  
At what rates.  
To be allowed out of the Freight and Demorage what Demorage for Detention at SAINT Helena No Demorage to be paid for Time taken up in repairing the Ship.

Except and etc.

No Freight or Demorage to be paid till the ship's safe Arrival in the River.

But then to be paid in Moieties, viz.

Deduction for Hospital at Poplar.

Defects in the said Ship, she should exceed the Times respectively limited, for her Stay in the EAST INDIES CHINA, or other the Limits aforesaid, or should thereby happen to lose her Passage for ENGLAND, The said COMPANY shall, in such case, pay no Demorage, for such Time so lost, by repairing or amending any such Defects, or for the Passage lost thereby; Except and provided nevertheless, and it is hereby agreed, That if the said Ship be detained in the COMPANY'S SERVICE, longer than the said 11th Day of February which shall be in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-nine and by reason thereof shall have need of being repaired, That then the said COMPANY shall pay, or allow, Demorage after the Rate aforesaid, for every Day the said Ship shall be so repairing, so as the same do not exceed 30 Days. PROVIDED nevertheless, and it is hereby agreed, That in case the said Ship do not arrive in safety in the River THAMES, and there make a right Delivery of the whole and entire Cargo and Lading on board the said Ship as aforesaid, The said COMPANY shall not be liable to pay any of the Sums of Money herein before agreed to be paid for Freight or Demorage; Nor shall the said COMPANY be subject to any Demands of the said Part-Owners and Master, for or on account of the said ships earnings in freight voyages for the said COMPANY or on account of any other Employment, any Law, Usage, Practice or Custom, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. Howbeit it shall be lawful for the said Part Owners and Master, to detain to their own Use all the Imprest Money agreed to be paid them at GRAVESEND as aforesaid. But if the said Ship do arrive in Safety, and make such Delivery as aforesaid, Then it is hereby agreed, That all the Freight and Demorage, which shall grow due, according to the Terms and Conditions of this Charter Party as aforesaid, shall become due and payable and be paid in manner following, and not before or otherwise (that is to say) the whole in two equal Parts being divided, The one Moity, or half Part thereof, Ten Days next after the said right, full and true Discharge, into the said COMPANY'S Warehouses and Possession, of all the Goods and Merchandizes that have been laden aboard the said Ship, at any Port or Place in the said EAST INDIES CHINA or elsewhere, for ENGLAND, during this Voyage, for any Account whatsoever; And the other Moity, or half Part thereof, Sixty Days then next following or so soon after either of the said Times, as the said Owners shall demand the same. PROVIDED nevertheless, and it is hereby covenanted and agreed, by and between the Parties to this Charter Party, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said UNITED COMPANY, to deduct out of the Freight and Demorage which shall grow due to the said Part owners and Master, One Shilling and six pence a Ton, on the said 499 Tons and to apply the same to the Use of the said COMPANY'S Hospital at POPLAR: And the said Part-Owners and Master do hereby agree to allow the same accordingly. PROVIDED always and it is hereby agreed, That if the Part-Owners and Masier of the said Ship shall or do, by their own Neglect or Default, fail in the Performance of all, or any the Covenants on their Part to be

performed, before the Ship's last Departure from ENGLAND, on her Outward-bound Voyage, That then, and in such case, it shall be lawful to and for the said UNITED COMPANY, upon Notice in Writing given to the said Part-Owners and Master, or either, or any of them, to determine this present Charter-Party, and all and every the Clauses and Covenants therein (this Proviso, and the Clauses and Covenants herein after contained, for redelivering to the said COMPANY their Goods, and for making Satisfaction for their Damages sustained, and Money advanced, only excepted :) And it is hereby declared, That upon such Notice so given, these Presents (except as before excepted) shall be null and void : And in such case, the said Ship shall forthwith come, as near as it safely can to LONDON, and unlade and redeliver to the said COMPANY, all such Goods and Commodities as the said COMPANY, may or shall have laden on board, and restore, return and repay to the said COMPANY, all such Monies as shall have been Imprest or Paid to the said Part-Owners and Master, or on theirs, or the Ship's Account ; And shall moreover satisfy and answer to the said COMPANY, all such Damages as they shall or may sustain, by reason of their having laden the said Ship, or by reason of the Breach of all or any of the Covenants on the Part of the said Part-Owners and Master to be performed or otherwise howsoever. PROVIDED also, and it is hereby further agreed, That if the said COMPANY's Presidents, Agents, or Chief Factors abroad shall displace or remove (and it is hereby agreed, that it shall be lawful for them to displace or remove) the Master or Masters, or any Officer or Officers, of the said Ship, for the time being, that then and thereupon such other Master or Masters, Officer or Officers, shall succeed to him or them, so displaced or removed, as shall or may be thereunto appointed by the Part-Owners of the said Ship for the time being; provided such Appointment or Appointments be to the good liking of such Presidents, Agents, or Chief Factors ; But in Default of such Appointment or Appointments, with such good liking as aforesaid that then the next in Degree to such Master or Masters, or other Officer or Officers, so removed or displaced shall succeed to his or their Employments, and so, as often as any Master or Masters, Officer or Officers, shall be removed, the next in Quality shall succeed to, and take, and hold the Place or Places, Office or Offices of the Person or Persons so removed, till they shall also happen to be displaced, and others succeed to him or them ; And if such new constituted, Master or Masters, or other Officer or Officers shall not be received into, or shall be kept out of, such their Employments or Offices, or not readily, duly, and in all things submitted to, and obeyed, That then the said COMPANY shall be and they are hereby declared to be acquitted, exonerated, and discharged of, and from, all and every the Clauses, Covenants, Articles, Conditions, and Agreements, in these Presents contained, on the Part of the said COMPANY, to be performed, observed and fulfilled: and in such case the Money paid to the said Part Owners and Master, or for their or the Ship's Account, shall be restored. PROVIDED

Proviso to make Charter-Party void, if Covenants are broken by the Part owners and Master, before the ship leaves England.

On the Removal of the Master or any Officers.

Who to succeed them.

Penalty for not admitting the succeeding Officers.

Time limited for  
Dispatch from  
Bengal.

Freight for surplus  
Goods.

Advance on money  
supplied abroad.

Many to be re-  
paid [...] of Ex-  
change with rest  
thorough the ship  
lost.

that in case the said Ship shall be dispatched for Europe from the Bay of Bengal such Dispatches shall not be given to the within mentioned Captain John Oliver or to the Commander for the time being before the 21st day of November nor after the 11th day of March Provided also that if at the request or with the consent of the Commander of this Ship any Pepper cowries or Turmeric shall be shott loose in the Hold it shall be accounted and paid for at half Freight and no more in which case the said shott Goods shall not be reckoned as any part of this Ships charterparty Tonnage Provided further that for all Goods loaden on board this ship in the EAST INDIES or China over and above the charterparty Tonnage the said Company shall pay to the said Part Owners after the rate of £ 21 a Ton for such Exceeding so far as the ship carries Iron or Stones for Kintlage by order of the said Company their Agents and servants and for all further Exceedings of Tonnage to pay only half Freight. AND it is also agreed that on all sums of money which shall be advanced by the said Company's Agents or Servants abroad for this Ship's use during the voyage the same shall be valued only at the current Exchange allowed the Company's Covenant Servants together with an Advance of £ 40 for every £ 100 thereon. AND it is further covenanted and agreed that in case the Master of the said ship shall in the course of the said Outward or Homeward bound voyage draw any Bill or Bills of Exchange upon the said UNITED COMPANY for the payment of any Sum or Sums of money borrowed or taken up by the said Master at the Cape of Good Hope or at Batavia or elsewhere (other than and except such sums of money as shall be advanced by the said Company's Agents or Servants abroad for the said Ship's use and which shall continue to be valued in manner before mentioned that then and in such case and as often as the same shall happen they the said Part Owners upon notice of every such Bill and Bills shall and will from time to time and before every such Bill shall become due pay into the Treasury of the said UNITED COMPANY the full amount of every such Bill and Bills in order to enable the said UNITED COMPANY to pay and duly discharge the same and every of them and in default of the said Part Owners making such payment into the said UNITED COMPANY's Treasury as aforesaid it shall and may be lawful to and for the said UNITED COMPANY to pay and discharge every such Bill and Bills when and as the same shall become due and they the said Part Owners shall and will within Ten days after the payment of every such Bill and Bills well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said UNITED COMPANY the full amount of every such Bill and Bills together with Interest for the same after the rate of £ 5 for every £ 100 by the year to be computed from the day of the said Company's advancing and paying each and every such sum and sums of money as aforesaid and untill the same and every of them shall be fully paid unto the said UNITED COMPANY notwithstanding the said Ship shall or may happen to be losing the said voyage and shall not return to the Port of London.

AND it is likewise covenanted and agreed that for all Goods which shall appear to be damaged the Owners shall be charged with £ 30 for every £ 100 on the PRIME COST thereof valuing the same only at the Current Exchange allowed the Company's Covenanted Servants AND it is also hereby covenanted and agreed that in case this ship shall sail from England without having the full number of Guns herein before agreed to be carried out in this Ship the said Part Owners and Captain shall forfeit to the said Company £ 40 for each Gun wanting of the said number AND it is hereby further covenanted and agreed by and between the Parties to these Presents that in case any of the Guns herein before agreed to be carried out and brought home in this Ship shall be disposed of without leave of the Company's Servants abroad to whom this Ship is consigned the Owners and Captain shall forfeit double the value for which such Guns we [re]sold. AND that although this ship on her being loaden home from the Coast of Choromandel or the Bay of Bengal is Freightd upon the Terms and Conditions before mentioned [yet] in case she shall receive her Loading or any part thereof for Europe at Bombay, Surat, the Mallabar Coast, Bencoolen, Borneo, China or Mocha it is hereby agreed [that] this ship shall in regard to such Loading or part thereof be in all respects upon the Freights Terms and Conditions of Ship's which are consigned directly to and which receive their Loading at those parts any thing in this present Charterparty to the contrary notwithstanding. AND to the performances of all and singular the covenants Grants, Articles, Payments and Agreements above-written which as well on the Part and Behalf of the said UNITED COMPANY and their Successors as on the Part and Behalf of the said Part Owners and Master their Executors and Administrators respectively well and truly to be holden paid kept and perform[ed] in all Things as above the said Part Owners and Master bind themselves jointly and severally their joint and seven[sic] Theirs Executors and Administrators and the ship aforesaid with the Freight, Tackle, Boats, and Apparel of the same unto the said UNITED COMPANY and their Successors AND So nevertheless and provided, That the Company shall not be exact or receive from the said Part Owners by or from all or any of the aforesaid Penalties any sum or sums of money exceeding the value of the ship and Appurtenances her Freight Demorage and Earnings and the Master's Private Trade. AND the said UNITED COMPANY do also bind themselves their Successors and Assigns to the said Part Owners and Master their Executors and Administrators. IN WITNESS where of to the one Part of this Charterparty Indented remaining with the Said UNITED COMPANY the said, Part Owners and Masters have put their Hands and Seals AND to the other Part United with the said Part Owners and Master remaining the said thereof Company have caused their Common Seal to be put the Day and Year first above-written.

Damaged goods to be charged with 30 advance.

Penalty for Guns wanting outwards.

For such as shall be sold in India without leave.

Freight if the voyage is altered.

Mutual Covenant for the performance of this Charterparty.

By the Part Owners and Mastir.

And

By the Company.



COPY VICTUALLING BILL AND STORES OF THE SHIP NORFOLK CAPTAIN PINSON  
 RONHAM COMMANDER,, BURTHEN 499 TONS, 99 MEN, 26 GUNS, BOUND FOR  
 FORT St. GEORGE AND CHINA.

## VIZ.

ALE, Strong Beer, Syder or Mum, in Casks or Bottles, according to Bulk.	FIVE TONS.
Beef, Pork, Bacon, Sewit and Tongues.	TWENTY-FIVE TONS.
Beer Strong, in Casks (not Bottles) ..	SIX TONS.
Beer Small .. .. .	FORTY TONS.
Bread .. .. .	THIRTY THOUSAND WEIGHT.
Butter .. .. .	THIRTY FIRKINS.
Brandy and ENGLISH Spirits .. ..	TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY GALLONS.
Billet Wood .. .. .	TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND.
BRIMSTONE .. .. .	TWO HUNDRED WEIGHT.
Coals .. .. .	FIFTEEN CHALDRONS.
Candles .. .. .	FIFTY DOZEN.
Cheese .. .. .	FIFTY HUNDRED WEIGHT.
Chirurgery and Drugs .. ..	FIFTY POUNDS VALUE.
Canvass .. .. .	TWENTY BOLTS.
Flower .. .. .	SEVENTY HUNDRED WEIGHT.
Fish $\text{f}$ Tale .. .. .	SEVEN THOUSAND.
Fruit .. .. .	FIFTEEN HUNDRED WEIGHT.
Gunpowder .. .. .	FIFTY BARRELS.
Iron Shot .. .. .	FOUR TONS.
Iron for Store .. .. .	FOUR TONS.
Lime Juice .. .. .	ONE HUNDRED GALLONS.
Lead Shot of Sorts .. .. .	FIVE HUNDRED W <sup>t</sup> .
Mustard-seed .. .. .	TEN BUSHELS.
Catmeal .. .. .	FIFTY BUSHELS.
Oil, Sweet and Lamp .. .. .	THREE HUNDRED GALLONS.
Cats, Barley and Bran .. .. .	THREE HUNDRED BUSHELS.
Oranges and Lemons .. .. .	SIX CHESTS.
Pease .. .. .	ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY BUSHELS.
Pitch .. .. .	TWENTY BARRELS.
Red and White Herring and Salmon.	FIVE BARRELS.
Rosin .. .. .	SIX HUNDRED WEIGHT.
Spare Cordage .. .. .	FIVE TONS.
Sheet Lead For Store .. .. .	TWO TONS AND HALF.
Sauces of all Sorts. .... ..	FIVE CASES.

Salt, White and Bay .. .. .	FORTY BUSHELS.
Sugar and Spice .. .. .	FIFTEEN HUNDRED WEIGHT.
Slops .. .. .	TWO CHESTS.
Tobacco .. .. .	TWENTY HUNDRED WEIGHT.
Tobacco Pipes .. .. .	ONE HUNDRED GROCE.
Tar .. .. .	TWENTY BARRELS
Turpentine .. .. .	THREE BARRELS.
Vinegar .. .. .	SIX HOGSHEADS.
Wine in Cask and Bottles, according to Bulk, accounting thirty-six Dozen to a Ton.	SIX TONS.
Water, what shall be thought fit, but not less than.	FORTY TONS.
Also one Case or Cask of Brandy or Strong Waters for each Seaman, not exceeding.	SIX GALLONS.

BOATSWAIN'S, GUNNER'S, AND CARPENTER'S STORES AS USUAL, THAT ARE  
NOT PARTICULARLY BEFORE MENTIONED: SEEING THEM TO BE SUCH.

BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,

THE 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 1757.

(IN. ABSENCE OF MR. GEORGE HIGGINSON)

SWIF FLEET.

REMARKS.

Concerning the Fort S<sup>t</sup>. David Adjustments, received from Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George  
East Court November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1756.

The Adjustments settled at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George commence from April 1752 at  
which time.

The Balance of the Fort S <sup>t</sup> . David stock was.....	Pagodas	854187	15	-
by Fort S <sup>t</sup> . George books.. .. .	.. .. .	853706	33	6
	Difference ..	480	17	2

Which is adjusted the succeeding Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George Journal ending  
April 1753 page 13.

But it appears by the two sets of Books ending April 1753 and 1754 that there are the following differences not taken notice of in the above adjustments.

	Jouln. page.	FORT S <sup>c</sup> . DAVID			DEBITED. by their own books.			Jouln. page.
		by Fort St. George books.						
Stationary .. ..	37	276	3	15	419	27	75	62
Stores, Charming Fanny	45	1386	22	30	..	15	..	71
The Like .. ..	..	..	..	..	1366	17	60	74
The Like .. ..	..	..	..	..	62	17	30	78
Stores .. ..	48	143	24	60	..	..	..	..
The Like .. ..	64	42	25	20	..	..	..	..
Pagodas paid by Mr. Saunders	124	27	..	..	..	..	..	..
A Mast returned .. ..	..	..	..	..	170	..	..	209
		1876	3	45	2019	6	5	..
Short Debited by the Fort S <sup>c</sup> . George books.....						Pags. 143	2	40.

Jouln. FORT ST. DAVID CREDITED. Jouln.  
page. by Fort St. Geo. books  
by their own books.

Sent to Deve Cotah .. ..	..	..	891	7	25	..	..	..
The Like .. ..	..	..	949	15	41	..	..	..
The Like .. ..	..	124	1019	14	55	..	..	..
The Like.....in January	..	..	500	..	..	..	..	..
The Like....in May	..	..	..	..	500	..	..	28
The Like .. ..	..	..	..	..	159	..	25	28
The Like .. ..	..	..	..	..	15	2	10	28
The Like .. ..	..	..	..	..	9	18	60	25
The Like .. ..	..	..	..	..	5	2	30	120
The Like .. ..	..	..	..	..	87	8	..	124
The Like .. ..	..	..	..	..	857	5	11	126
The Like .. ..	..	..	..	..	857	5	11	176
The Like .. ..	..	..	..	..	162	9	44	198
Carried Over .. ..	..	3360	1	41	2652	15	31	..

	Jourl. page.	FORT St. DAVID CREDITED. by Fort St. Geo. by their books. own books.			Jourl. page.	
Brought Over	..	3360	1	41	2652 15 31	..
Kings stores received	.. ..	38	2219	20 20	....	..
Difference in valuation thereof	..	125	437	27 25	....	..
Stores supplied the Brillant Snow	..	124	66	14 38	....	..
Stores & Tools ꝑ Chellingas..part		9	217	13 66	....	..
Stores sent to Fort St. George	..	—	—	—	270 8 40	28
The Like	.. ..	—	—	—	11 15 ..	29
The Like	.. ..	—	—	—	236 14 38	36
The Like	.. ..	—	—	—	2950 24 1	198
Pd. Mt. Pybus's draught	.. ..	—	—	—	500 — —	144
			6351	5 30	6621 5 30	
Short credited by the Fort St. George books	.....Pag <sup>s</sup> .				270 — —	—
Short debited by the Fort St. George books	.....				143 2 40	—
Difference.....Pag <sup>s</sup> .	..				126 33 40	

Notwithstanding the Difference in the whole is but Pagodas 126 33 40 as there is so much variation in the several articles charged as above, it is necessary to enquire into the reasons thereof.

Page 2 of the adjustments, The Pagodas 0—2—40 for a Short Debit to Fort St. David on Charges ꝑ Delawar, and 100 Pagodas for a short Credit on supplies to Deve Cotah, do not appear by Fort St. David or Fort St. George Books for May 1752 Nor can the adjustments be readily examined for want of references to the Journals.

Page 3 The Bill to Capt. Gardiner Pags. 1052—22—59 said to be drawn at Fort St. David in Februray 1753 and afterwards paid at Fort St. George, is not brought to account in the Fort St. David cash for that month.

Another Bill to Capt. Gascoine for Pags. 1052—22—59 paid at Fort St. George in May 1753 is likewise omitted to be brought to account in the Fort St. David cash it is necessary to enquire into the causes of these omissions.

Page 4 Two Bills amounting to Pags. 2142—30—69 drawn at Fort St. David in March and April 1753 on Fort St. George, do not appear to have been paid by the Fort St. George books, notwithstanding Fort St. George charge themselves with Pagodas 90—8—10 for the Batta on one of these Bills.

The above Adjustments commence only from April 1752 the time when Fort. St. George was made the Head Settlement ; but as there are several differences between the Fort St. George and Fort St. David Books from the year 1749, during which time Fort St. David was the Head Settlement, it becomes necessary that those also should be adjusted, In the following State of those Differences the sums referred to in some places include only part of the Journal Entries, by reason the remainder is found to agree with the correspondent books ; it may also be noticed that those Articles which are brought into the succeeding Books are omitted in this state such as the Pagodas 300, advanced the Paymaster of the Artillery as per page 16 of the Fort St. George Journal ending April 1750 which is acknowledged in page 155 of the Fort St. David Journal ending April 1751. The like observation may be made throughout the whole.

Year ending April 1750.	Jour <sup>l</sup> .			FORT ST. DAVID. DEBITED.							
	page.	by Fort St. Geo.	books by	Jour <sup>l</sup>	their own boks. page.						
Disbursed by the Commis- saries.	2	3	..	8	} 237	18	34	---			
The Like .. .. .	235	15	34	23							
Disbursed by the Paymaster	54	9	--	28	} 197	3	70	....			
The Like .. .. .	142	30	70	55							
Package of Callicoos ..	71	16	66	32	} 94	28	23	---			
The Like .. .. .	23	11	37	44							
Year ending April 1751.											
Overpaid Capt. Richard's Company.	....			132	96	30	58	142	30	69	38
The Like .. .. .	....							49	34	69	51
Cordage ☿ Swallow.. ..				60	207	9	15	217	5	63	156
Household necessaries ☿ Don Carlos.				53	91	10	—	81	10	—	64
Difficiencies ☿ Prince Edward	6	13	60	35	} 10	4	—	---			
The Like .. .. .	3	26	20	38							
Supplies to the Bonetta .... part.				60	38	—	—	---			
Supplies to the Brilliant Snow part.	101	4	..	43	} 104	16	—	132	19	32	156
The Like .. .. .	3	12	—	60							
Packing Callicoos .. ..	15	33	52	24	} 113	4	51	202	13	33	156
The like .. .. .	59	26	74	55							
The like .. .. .	37	16	5	102							
Armoury Stores ☿ Don Carlos.				98	31	30	64	---			
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The like .. .. .	25	—	..	38			
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				242	35	..	....
Disbursed by the Commissary Subsistence & etc. paid Hadje Adde	—				434	22	24
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Stores sent to Fort Malborough part.	—	3174	34	70	3277	33	50
The like.....part.	—		20	14	—	—	—
Charges on Stores sent to Fort Malbro'.	—	—	—	8	—	—	—
		4704	3	30			
Year ending April 1752.							
Tar and Pitch run out in the Casar.	—	32	6	5	58	—	—
Paper Short Rec'd ꝑ Duke.	—	53	4	7	75	4	10
Stationary ꝑ Casar, replaced	—	—	....		335	35	20
Jonapah &c. Painters ..	—	..	—		1075	18	72
					4714	17	3
					6211	15	43
							—
Short Debited by the Fort St. George Books.....					Pags. 1496	34	40

Jourl. FORT. Sr. DAVID CREDITED. Jourl.  
page. by Fort. St. Geo. by page  
books their own books.

Year ending April 1750.							
Goods ꝑ Duke of Newcastle.	—	7	17958	17	20	17958	16
Charges on Cloth.....part.	—	7	9	28	—	13	—
Stores ꝑ Duke of Newcastle & Cuddalore.	—	8	4186	33	70	4160	8
Stores ꝑ Cuddalore ..	—	13	696	10	50	689	3
Stores over Land .. ..	—	35	1946	20	20	—	—
						70	76
						81	85

Stores ₤ Ship Fort St. George	—	—	—	—	98	27	4	84
Stores ₤ Montford .. ..	—	—	—	—	9	1	10	85
Stores ₤ Porto Bello .. ..	—	—	—	—	23	18	—	100
Supplies to the Train....part	—	—	—	—	2	31	22	129
Stores .. .. .	—	—	—	—	800	20	20	166
Stores .. .. .	—	—	—	—	1664	3	43	211
Copper Ladles & c. .. ..	—	—	—	—	45	20	20	203
Disbursed by the Paymaster.	—	—	—	—	666	27	40	87
The like .. .. .	—	—	—	—	191	3	20	103
The like .. .. .	—	—	—	—	158	—	—	131
The like .. .. .	—	—	—	—	7850	22	32	141
The like .. .. .	—	—	—	—	583	25	60	150
The like .. .. .	—	—	—	—	223	9	12	168

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Mortars &c. 1749 .. ..	128	35	3	43	—	—	—	—
Bayonets 1749 .. ..	130	83	—	—	—	—	—	—
Short Credit in Whip Saws 1749.	131	—	—	—10	—	—	—	—
Part of Peter Denker's Debt.	21	70	—	—	—	—	—	—
Goods Prince Edward ..	27	52	21	60	28536	23	20	34
The like.....part.					15	34	10	97
Stores ₤ Prince Edward ..	31	102	4	70	3577	21	30	40
The like .. .. .	34	17	12	30	—	—	—	—
The like .. .. .	37	50	11	50	—	—	—	—
Goods ₤ York .. ..	26	14852	6	60	14852	6	30	33
Stores ₤ York .. ..	30	2404	1	70	2405	18	60	38
The like.....part.	37	1275	23	50	908	13	10	155
The like .. .. .					365	33	—	40
Gunners Tools &c. ₤ Lisle	20	45	35	20	—	—	—	—
Shot, & c. ₤ Ship Fort St. George.	127	68	12	4	—	—	—	—
A Flag ₤ His Majesty's ship .....part.	45	30	15	—	—	—	—	—
Rec'd ₤ Cundapah Butcher	46	70	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charges Extra at Fort St. David.	130	9681	11	26	—	—	—	—

## Year ending April 1752.

Goods ₤ Casar .. ..	22	16704	16	10	20863	8	50	17
Stores for the West Coast ..	27	3740	16	70	—	—	—	—
Goods ₤ Triton .. ..	24	19157	31	10	22818	13	10	23





For instance,

The adjusting Entries for the year ending April 1753 ought to have been copied from the Journal of Adjustments sent home  $\text{¶}$  Eastcourt, with the following additional References. viz.<sup>t</sup>.

Fort St. David Dr., to Sundry accounts Pag<sup>s</sup>. 84196. 28. to adjust the Fort St. David Books B B ending April 1753 with the Fort St. George Books D D ending the same time

Fort St. David Jour<sup>l</sup>. B B page 230 Nett Stock is—Pag<sup>s</sup>. 795765 34 13

Fort St. George Jour<sup>l</sup>. D D Page 129 The stock at Fort St. David is  
 .. .. . 713343 34 41

Difference .. .. . Pag<sup>s</sup>. .. 82421 35 51

Of which this Entry of the Debit adjusts Pag<sup>s</sup> .. 84196 28 1 }  
 And the following Entry of the Credit .. .. 1774 28 30 } 82421 35 51

#### STOCK.

B. B page 190 Charges Garrison &c.	Pag <sup>s</sup> .	51682	21	38	
190 Charges Merchantdize &c.	--	11082	..	74	
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204 Stores &c.	.. ..	11685	..	76	
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204 Military Stores &c.	.. ..	347	34	2	
207 Military Stores &c.	.. ..	152	12	69	
					75805 5 46
Estate of Mathew Empson &c. B. B page 213	.. ..				6209 22 40

#### BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

B B page 175 Mar 17th One Set granted Tho <sup>s</sup> . Cooke &c.	1000	..	..		
189 Apr. 22d One Set granted Peter St. Paul &c.	1142	30	69		
Fort St Savid Dr, to Sundry Accounts					2142 30 69
					84157 22 75

#### PROFIT AND LOSS,

D D page 38 Stores $\text{¶}$ Brilliant	Pag <sup>s</sup> .	2267	34	--	
B B page 40 The like .. .. .		2267	6		
				..	28 ..
D D page 12 Charges $\text{¶}$ Brilliant	..		8	27	..
D D page 117 Teak Spear	.. ..		15	..	
( ) Charges $\text{¶}$ Delawar	.. ..		..	2	40
D D page 124 Sent to Deve Cotah	..	165	1		
B B page 161 The like	15	7	16		
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LIST OF PERSONS NOT IN THE COMPANY'S SERVICE WHO HAVE THEIR PERMISSION TO PROCEED TO OR REMAIN IN THE EAST INDIES SINCE THE LAST ADVICES.

<i>Persons names.</i>	<i>Capacity.</i>	<i>Place they go to.</i>	<i>On what ship.</i>
Mary Nairne ..	Passenger .. ..	Bencoolen .. ..	Falmouth.
Edward Cotsford ..	d° .. .. (to get his livelihood at)	Fort St. George (by way of Bombay).	Hawke.
Moses Barnett ..	d° (Mr. DeCastro's Servant)	d° .. ..	Boscawen.
Robert Hart ..	Mariner .. ..	Bengal (by way of Bombay)	
Richard Knightley ..	d° .. ..	d° .. ..	Grantham.
James Dundass ..	d° .. ..	d° .. ..	Ilchester.
Thomas Moore ..	d° .. ..	Bombay .. ..	York.
William Deals ..	Passenger (Mr. Carter's Serv <sup>t</sup> .)	Bencoolen .. ..	Grantham.
Winifred Dacres ..	Passenger (Mr. Carter's Serv <sup>t</sup> .)	Bombay .. ..	Lord Anson.
Christian Dick ..	d° .. ..	d° .. ..	d°
Margaret Denn ..	d° .. ..	d° .. ..	d°
Mary Halford ..	d° .. ..	Fort St. George .. ..	Elizabeth.

The above persons have each given the Company Security in £200 .. .. not to be chargeable to them in India.

Daniel DeCastro ..	Free Merchant .. ..	Fort St. George .. ..	Boscawen.
Joseph Gethin ..	d° .. ..	d° .. ..	d°
William Dundas ..	d° .. ..	Bengal .. ..	Abroad.
Matthew Jervis ..	d° .. ..	Bombay .. ..	York.
John Hatfield ..	d° .. ..	d° .. ..	Abroad.
James Dubois ..	Passenger, recom <sup>d</sup> . to be Surgeon at	Bencoolen .. ..	Falmouth.
Mary Goodwin ..	d° .. ..	d° .. ..	d°
Margaret Goodwin ..	d° .. ..	d° .. ..	d°
Samuel Hampton ..	Mariner .. ..	Bengal. .. ..	Grantham.
John Ashburner ..	Passenger (to reside at).	Bencoolen .. ..	d°.
Mary Campbell ..	d° .. ..	Fort St. George .. ..	Elizabeth.
Thos. Dugal Campbell ..	d° (her son) .. ..	d° .. ..	d°
Elizabeth Slater ..	d° .. ..	Bombay .. ..	Lord Anson.
Mary Slater ..	d° .. ..	d° .. ..	d°

EAST INDIA HOUSE, LONDON

THE 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1757.

ROB<sup>T</sup>. JAMES.

SECRETARY

LIST OF SHIPS DEPARTED FOR AND ARRIVED FROM THE EAST INDIES SINCE THE SAILING OF THE CAERNARVON & C.

DEPARTED.

<i>Ships.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Commanders.</i>	<i>Consignment.</i>	<i>Sailed from St. Hellens.</i>	<i>Sailed from Madeira.</i>
Marlborough	499	Alexander Macleod	Madeira & Coast & Bay.	30th Janry. 1756	20th March
Chesterfield	499	Edwin Carter	} Coast and Bay.	} 12th March	6th April
Walpole	499	Francis Fowler			
Hector ..	499	John Williams			
Royal Duke	499	George Cunning.			
Clinton ..	499	John Nanfan ..	Bombay ..		27th April
Portfield ..	400	Benjamin Godfrey			
Prince Henry Packet.	167	John Mumford	Fort St. George.	Downes 5th	Augt.
Onslow ..	499	Thomas Hinde ..	St. Helena &	St. Hellens	3rd Decr.
Sandwich ..	499	John Purling ..	} China directly.		
Triton	499	Francis Harries			
Boscawen	499	Benjamin Braund.	} Fort George and China.		Torbay 17th March 1757.
Norfolk	499	Pinson Bonham			
Tavistock	499	Benjamin Jenkins			
Princess Augusta	499	Thoas Baddison.	} Madeira & Coast & Bay		
Warwick	499	Nicholas Webb.			
Falmouth	499	James Dale ..	} St. Helena & Bencoolen.		

ARRIVED.

FROM WHENCE.

AT THE SEVERAL PORTS O

	<i>St. Helena.</i>	<i>Lisbon.</i>	<i>Kinsair.</i>	<i>Plymouth.</i>	<i>Spithead.</i>	<i>Downe (St.)</i>
Drake	26th Mar. 1756	10th June	..	14th Sept.	..	3rd Octr.
Rhoda	1st April	Do.	..	Do.	..	Do.
Britannia	29th March	Do.	..	Do.	..	Do.
Prince George	} China	3rd April	..	14th June	..	19th July
Prince of Wales.		1st ..	Do.	..	..	Do.
Kent	1st do.	14th June	..	..	..	19th July
Warren	7th May	17th Aug.	..	..	29th Aug.	9th Sept.
Anson Benga' & Bencoolen.	15th do.	Do.	..	..	Do.	Do.
Hardwicke Fort St. Geo. & Bengal.	25th Janr.	19th Aug.	..	..	29th Aug.	9th Sept.

		10th June	..	4th Sept.	..	22nd Oct.	4th Nov.
Eastcourt.	Fort St. George.						
London	.. Bengal.	10th March		5th Sept.	..	Do.	Do.
Bombay Castle.	China ..	18th May		7th Sept.	..	Do.	Do.
Pelham	} Bombay.	31st July'	..	27th Oct.	..	..	14th Jan. 1757
Stretham		28th do.	..	Do.	..	..	15th do.
Duke of Dorsett.	Bengal & Mallabar Coast.	8th Aug.	..	Do.	..	..	Do.
St. George.	Bengal	19th June	..	Do.	..	..	Do.
Exeter	Bencoolen	7th July	..	Do.	..	..	Do.
Denham	Bengal	24th Oct.	12th Jan. 1757	..	..	..	12th March.
Earl of Holdernes.	Limpo	6th Do.	Do.	..	..	..	Do.

EAST INDIA HOUSE, LONDON,

THE 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1757.

ROBERT JAMES,  
*Secretary.*

THE UNITED COMPANY, OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND, TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES. TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME. SEND GREETING KNOW YE, That the said United Company reposing especial Trust and Confidence in the Fidelity, Prudence, Justice and Circumspection of ROGER CARTER OF LONDON ESQUIRE, have made constituted and appointed and by these presents Do make constitute & appoint the said ROGER CARTER ESQ<sup>R</sup>. to be Our Deputy Governour of Fort Marlborough at Bencoolen on the West Coast of Sumatra in the East Indies, and Chief of all Our Affairs on that Coast, giving and hereby granting to him full Power and Authority to execute all and every the Powers and Authorities appertaining to the said Office and Place of Deputy Governour of Fort Marlborough aforesaid, and Chief of all our, Affairs on the said West Coast, by and according to such Orders and Directions as have been from time to time established by them, the said Company, and were formerly enjoyed by their late Deputy Governours, or as he the said ROGER CARTER ESQ<sup>R</sup>. shall from time to time receive, under the hands of the present Court of Directors of the said United Company or under the hands of the Court of Directors for the time being of the said Company or any Thirteen or more of them, or from their Governour and Council of Fort St. George on the Coast of Choromandel in the East Indies aforesaid, and to continue in the exercise of the same during pleasure, and until the contrary thereof shall be signified under the seal of the said United Company or under the hands of Thirteen or more of the Court of Directors of the said Company for the time being or under the Company's Seal at Fort. St. George, or under the hands of the said Governour and Council there for the time being, and the said United Company do hereby direct & appoint the said ROGER CARTER ESQ<sup>R</sup>. to a (sick) and act in all their Affairs by and with the Advice, Assistance and Concurrence of the Persons following, who are appointed of Council at Fort Marlborough aforesaid, viz., M. RANDOLPH MARRIOTT Second of the said Council at Fort Marlborough and to continue in that Station and not rise upon any Vacancy whatsoever to the said Office or place of Deputy Governour M<sup>r</sup>. RICHARD WYATT Third. MR. JOSEPH DARVALL Fourth, M<sup>r</sup>.

SAMUEL DUTTON Seventh, Mr. WILLIAM NORRIS Eighth, and Mr. RICHARD PRESTON Ninth and last of the said Council or the Major part of them, and do hereby also require all their Officers and Soldiers and other servants on the West Coast of Sumatra, to yield due Obedience and Submit to the said ROGER CARTER ESQ<sup>r</sup>. as our Deputy Governour as aforesaid, and the said United Company do further ordain and appoint that when and as soon as any of the beforementioned Nine Persons constituted Deputy Governour and Council as aforesaid shall decease, be absent or removed from the said Company's Service the Office, place and appoint of Ninth of the said Council shall cease determine and be absolutely void, and the said Council of Fort Marlborough shall thereafter and as heretofore consist only of the said ROGER CARTER or of the Deputy Governour for the time being and seven other persons only, and the said United Company Do by these presents hereby Revoke, Repeal, Annul, Determine and make void all former Commissions given and granted by them, or their Governour and Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, and all the Powers and Authorities given and granted thereby to any Person or Persons. IN WITNESS whereof the said United Company have caused their common seal to be affixed to these presents, this five and Twentieth day of March in the Thirtieth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so Forth, and in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Fifty Seven.

SIGNED BY ORDER OF THE  
COURT OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SAID  
UNITED COMPANY.  
ROB<sup>t</sup>. JAMES.  
Sec<sup>y</sup>

Having read over his Majesty's Commission for Trying Pirate at Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George, and considered the Proceedings at Court of Admiralty hold thereby virtue of such Commission in July 1755 so far as they relate to the Trials of Mathew Keys & Benjamin Jenkins having taken into consideration also the several Acts of Parliament concerning Piracy & poused the General Letter to the Hon'ble Court of Directors of the East India Company bearing date the 15 July 55, by which I apprehend it is expected of me to inform that Hon'ble Court whether the proceedings in such Court of admiralty were in my Judgment proper & according to Form; I am of opinion that the method and order observed in those Proceedings were entirely regular & in all respects conformable to the Rules prescribed in 11 and 12 Gul. 3.Cap. 7.

But if it be intended that my opinion should go further express my sentiments as to the propriety & Justice of the Sentence pronounced against the Prisoners, I must confess I think there was by no means sufficient Evidence to found a Capital Conviction. By the 9<sup>th</sup> Sec. of the above mentioned Act it is Enacted, " That if any Master Seaman or Mariner shall in any place where the Admiral has jurisdiction piractically & Feloniously run away with any Ship Barge Boat &c or consult combine or confidrate with any Master Mariner &c so to run away with any Ship &c or lay violent Hands on his Commander whereby to hinder him from Fighting in Defence of his Ship & Goods, or shall confine his Master, or make or endeavour to make any Revolt in the Ship, He shall be adjudged a Pirate and on conviction suffer Death &c as such. ". But I think though the Prisoners may have been guilty of such improper & mutinous Behaviour as should make them merit exemplary punishment, it is not such as the Law Deems worthy of Death. I think there is not legal proof

that they combined to run away with the Boat with a view & Intention of stealing selling or committing piracies with it, according to the intent or meaning of the above mentioned clause. That there is no proof that they endeavoured to make a Revolt in the Ship, nor sufficient Evidence of an Assault on the Gunner in such a manner & with such a design as should make them adjudged guilty of the Piracy & Felony, of which they were accused, & so as to subject them to the sentence of Death passed upon them. In a word, that the Form of Proceeding was right, but the Sentence Wrong. And as the Court of Admiralty there, has no power of pardoning after condemnation, the only way of now preserving the Prisoners from the Execution of the sentence thus passed upon them without proper Evidence, must be by an application to his Majesty, that He would be graciously pleased to grant them his pardon. And as the General Letter desires some information for the better Evidence of the Court, it will not be improper to recommend it to them to defer the Execution, which they have thought themselves empowered to Respite hitherto, till an answer can be received from the Crown, and to advise them when any similar case shall arise, to consider That it is necessary That there should be full Evidence of a Piratical & Felonious Intention of the persons accused, to bring them within the meaning & design of the Act, in which the present case is entirely defective.

JOHN BETTESWORTH

DOCTORS COMMONS

2 DECEMBER 1756.

GEORGE, R.

WHEREAS Mathew Keys & Benjamin Jenkins were, at a Court of Admiralty, held at Fort S.<sup>t</sup> George in the East Indies, on the Fifteenth July in the Twenty Ninth Year of Our Reign by virtue of Our Commission of the Twenty Third March in the fifth year of our Reign tried before the Commissioners appointed by our said Commission and convicted of certain Piracies and Felonies by them Committed on the High Seas, and had Sentence of Death passed upon them for the same, AND WHEREAS some favourable circumstances have been humbly represented unto us in their behalf inducing us to grant them Our Free pardon ; OUR WILL & PLEASURE therefore is, that you cause them the said Mathew Keys and Benjamin Jenkins to be inserted in our First and next general Pardon that shall come out for the poor Convicts in Newgate. And for so doing this shall be your Warrant GIVEN At Our Court at S.<sup>t</sup> James's the Fourteenth day of February 1757 In the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

To our Trusty & Welbeloved Sir William } By His Majesty's Command W.  
Moreton Kn<sup>t</sup>. Recorder of Our City of } Pitt.  
London & to all others whom it may }  
concern.

Attested on Examination thereof to be a True Copy of His Majesty's most Gracious Pardon under his Sign Manual granted to Mathew Keys and Benjamin Jenkins, The Original remaining in the possession of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies, WITNESS my hand at the East India House in London this Five and Twentieth day of March One Thousand seven hundred and FIFTY SEVEN.

ROBERT JAMES.  
Secy.

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