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EGMORE, }
14th July 1934. }

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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

LETTERS FROM TELLICHERRY

1749

(Volume No. 7)

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N^o. 68

Cand^s.

weight by drying seeping and rotting on so large a quantity as 18562 purchas[ed] these five Years past and as nothing has been wrote of on this Account it will not [be more] we imagine than about 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ C^t. so that our Nett quantity in Warehouse
Ca^s. m^d. lb

will be only 1979. 12. 2 or Tons 622, 8136 dec^s. after their dispatch and is something less than [is] required of us, but we shall be able to make up this small difference, with part of the New Crop. And here we must beg leave to observe that soon after the Colchester arrived, we rec^d. a Letter from the President and Council of Fort S^t. David, advising that she had 80 Tons of Salt Petre on board, more, than her Charter Party Tonnage, desiring us to land the same and Reserve it for others Ships or to Send it on half Freight, and as most part of her Cargoes was then on board it was impossible to comply with the former, therefore we took a Declaration from Captain Wood for the Latter and have reckoned that in part of the 100 Tons allowed him on those terms as before mentioned. The Commanders likewise apply'd to us for an Advance of 5000 R^s. each [to] provide necessary's for their Ships agreeable to the terms of Charter Party, Esq^r. which being Agreed to, and the sum Advanced out of your Hon^{rs}. Treasury we now enclose their respective Bonds, as they have executed, three of the same tenours and date. Both the Ships bein [sic] in want of Men they have been obliged to Ship Lascars on this Side of India the Oxfords were sent from the Presidency, and the Colchesters entered at this Place, a List of whose names we now transmit your Hon^{rs}. with Copy of the engagement entered into between them, and the Commander in behalf of his Owners.

In our last we acquainted your Hon^{rs}. that Ship Stretham should be returned to Bombay with the utmost expedition, but as Cap^t. Pawlet was to Sail so soon as the 17th. following, we judged it a more prudent step to send her under his Convooy than risque her up a single Ship, as in all probability she might meet and have an engagement with the Enemy and thereby loose or damage a [Mast] by which her passage home this Season might be rendered precarious therefore we Ordered the Commander to weigh with the Fleet consisting of his Majestys Ships Exeter, Harwich, and Eltham, Royal Duke Elizabeth and Brilliant Snow belonging to the Hon^{ble} Company on the day appointed and they are arrived safe at Bombay the 2^d. Ultimo. In the latitude of Mount Dilly they fell in with seven Angrias Grabs and the like Number of Galliv[ats] at whom they fired several Shot but doing no damage the [Enemy] continued there Course to the Southward quite down to Cochin, but we have the Satisfaction to acquaint your Hon^{rs}. they are now returned to the Northward again without haveing taken any thing of Value several Letters of intelligence haveing been immediately lodged at all the Southern Ports and boats Stationed when we heard of their being this way (as we imagined the Oxford might bear on her passage) hither and one reaching Captain Wood before he got the lenght of Anjengo he put in there and joined the Oxford, on board of whom your Honours Serv^{ts}. Ordered a strong Detachment of Soldiers under the Command of Lieu^t. Roderick Forbes to proceed hither, but as the Ships had, and were likely to have a tedious passage by the strong N Westly Winds that blew and haveing been in sight some days Lie^t. Bilderbeck was ordered from hence with a Detachment of our Garrison to relievè him least by so long an absence some accident might happen to that Settlement, and he returned thither the 23^d. U[lti]mo.

Our Superiours in the Commands dated the 17th. Instant are pleased to write us, that the Stretham will take in her full loading at Bombay and be [dis]patched from thence directing us at the same time to provide for Ship Durrington that was to Sail for this Place shortly, 300 Ca^s. of Pepper 15 Candies of Cardamoms 30 Candy's of Ginger 30 Ca^s. Turmerick and 20 Candies Sapan Wood in part of her Mocha Cargoe. The former will be supplied out of the quantity we have now in Warehouse as before taken notice of, and it being impossible to provide any of the Head sort of Cardamoms that quantity of the Second has been purchased, and as all the other Articles are to be bought much Cheaper at Callicut than here we have given Orders to the Resident there; for making the Investment, and we hope to have every thing in readiness upon that Ships arrival.

On the 21st. Ultimo the Chief rec^d. a Letter from Cap^t. Philip Sodrett Commander of Ship Orford dated at Anjengo the 8th. acquainting him of his being obliged to return thither by the Ships making much Water in[...] of Wind he met with off Cape Comereen the 26th. December and the [R]atts [...] such large hols at the bottom of the Well that his Pumps were Cheack [...] in such a manner that he could not free her, but we have lately heard [the] damages were soon repaired and that and he Sailed again the [...].

Only one small Ship has arrived at Myhie since our last [...] she Anchored under Portuguese Colours tho' we are credibly informed she belongs to their Directore at Surat and is bound into the Gulph of Persia.

The Dutch have had three Ships at Cochin this Season from Batavia one of 40 Guns and 200 Men another 30 Guns and 150 Men and the last 20 Guns and about 120 Men but so much lumber'd that by report they seem'd much alarm'd when Angria appeared upon the Coast and have lately put off shore as we hear bound to Surat.

The New Crop of Pepper is but gathering now and but small parcells brought into the Island Buzzars for Sale so that as yet we have made no publick enquiry in respect, either to the quantity, or price, least by our seeming eager to purchase extravi[gan]t [sic] prices would be asked for it, tho we take due care to have private intelligence thereof and shall be sure to embrace the first opportunity that offers, and Contract on the [m]ost reasonable terms possible, The French at Myhie haveing rec^d. Orders to purchas[e] again this Season we judged it prudent to prevail upon them if possible to join with us in opening the price and not to advance money at either place without the mutual consent and previously adviseing each other which they have Agreed to, and we hope it will be approved of by your Honours. For want of Mallabar Goods this Season several Northern Vessells have bought a large quantity of Pepper at Callicut and the Merchants there were we hear endeavouring to make an Agreement for the New Crop with those at Burgorah Chumbay and other Southern Ports so that we have in conjunction with the French Ordered out Cruizing boats to prevent the exportation of it, for if such proceedings were not put a stop to and the private Traders prevented purchasing this Article as much as possible they would be attended with very ill consequences in respect to make^g. our Investments.

Our utmost diligence has been used to provide the quantity of Cardamoms Indented for, but there being so many buyers Inland this Season, we have not been able as Yet to purchase more than 12 Candies which are now sent on these Ships equally divided and Invoiced at the last years price, the Merchants (tho' frequently summoned) not haveing yet attended to fix one for what they have delivered, in which should there be any difference, we shall duley advise your Honours by the latter Shipping, and before there arrival do what lays in our power to get the remainder required of us, or at least to the amount of what the Merchants have been Advanced in this Acco^t. which is Rup^s. 2400.

We acquainted your Honours in our last, the prospect there was then of settling every thing to satisfaction with the Prince, and we have now the pleasure to acquaint you, our expectations were fully Answered at a Conference the Chief had with him and his Brother the 16th. Ultimo which being fully set forth in our Diary now transmitted we shall beg leave to referr you thereto for the particulars

and only that his behaviour since [*sic*] an inclination in him to preserve the friendship that formerly subsisted between his Ancestors and the Hoñble Company so that we can now say, no difference at present exists between us and the Country powers, being upon good terms with all the others rounds us, and infringements are meid [*sic*] on our Hoñble Employers property, we make no doubt but it will be of a long continuance.

By Order of our Superiours the Monthly diet allowed upon Durmapatam to each Garrison there has been taken off, which with the discharge of about eighty Malitia is the only reduction we have been able to make of our expences, but if a Peace is concluded, your Honours may be assured, we shall soon retrench them very considerably.

Agreeable to what wrote your Hon^{rs}. in our last William West Esq^r. proceeded to Bombay on his Majestys Ship Exeter and is the only alteration amongst your Servants here since that time.

Our Storekeeper haveing been very ill for some time past, his [*sic*] occasioned the Books of his Office to be backward, and our Accomptant, only waites for them to close the General ones for last Year, we are in hopes they will be in readiness to send your Honours by the Shipping expected shortly from Fort St. David, and by that time an accurate Calculate of our Quick Stock, which cannot be drawn out with exactness till the Accounts are brought up, and when once they are so we shall take due care to have the journal Enterys made monthly and laid before the board agreeable to your standing Orders, that there may be no backwardness of the business in future.

The 26th. of December Domingos Rodrigues Your Honour[']s] Linguist Departed this Life and as you have been pleased in your former Commands to this Factory to distinguish him in a particular manner we have promised therefore to Continue our protection and Countenance to the Family as formerly his Actions we think meriting that favour: his son who Succeeded him behaving with great Diligence and Integrity recommend him to Your Hon^{rs}.

We have drawn on Y^r. Hon^{rs}. the following Certificates the Exchange of which we have referred to be adjusted by you Vizt.

- 1 Set being three Certificates all of this Tenour and date being for Rupees 298
2. 75. rec^d. of Thomas Byfeld Esq^r. on Account the Estate of Timothy FEBRU-
ARY 6
- Mathews deceased.
- 1 Ditto.....Ditto in fav^r. of Captain [*sic*] William Stevens for Rup^s.
260.....rec^d. of Cap^t. Thomas Stevens.
- 1 Ditto..... Ditto on Account the E[sta]te of Baker Townsend Deceased
for Rupees 125..... rec^d. of Cap^t. Thomas Steevens.
- 1 Ditto..... Ditto on Account of the Estate of Christopher Smith De-
ceas'd for Rupees 810. 3. 68. rec^d. of Cap^t. Richard Wood.
- 1 Ditto..... Ditto in favour of Captain Ric^d. Wood being for Rupees 7
2000..... rec^d. of him on Account of his Indulgence.

By this Conveyance we forward a Manifest of private Trade laden on Ships Oxford and Colchester Invoice and Bill of Lading and Report a Survey made on said Ships. all other necessary papers as ^{is} List of the Packet.

As our Diary and Consultations which are brought up to the date of there Advices fully sets forth all Transactions at this Settlement we have nothing further to add than to advise y^r. Honours every Thing was well at the Presidency the 17th. Ult^o. being the date of their last are to us, and that We are with the Greatest Defference and Respect.

TELL^{RY}.

FEBRUARY 7TH. 1748. 9.

☞ SHIP COLCHESTER.

MAY IT PLEASE Y^R. HONOURS

Your most Faithfull & Obed^t. Serv^{ts}.

THOMAS BYFELD & C^A.

N^o. 69

TO THE HONBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED COMPANY
OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING
TO THE EAST INDIES.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS

In our Address of Yesterday date we acquainted [yo]ur Honours Ships Oxford and Colchester were dispatched from hence but the Diary not being fair transcribed till [ear]ly this morning we have not, been able till now to deliver our P[aq]uets to the Commanders and which gives us an opportunity to acquaint your Hono^{rs}. with the safe arrival of Ship Durrington from Bombay on board of whom we shall send such Goods as are provided for her Mocha Ma[ke] with the utmost expedition and give the Commander all the assistance in our power but when she will be able to Sail we cannot pretend to say as She has [her] Main Mast to take on board, before any Goods can be Shipped off. We have by this Ship rec^d. the agreeable News that the troubles at Surat in respect to the Governour (Suffdar Khan) is over, about whom Meachand and the Heads of the City were so importunate with the Chief for carrying him to Scindy on one of your Honours Grabbs, as he could not refuse them but a violent Gale of Wind happening in the passage the Commander was obliged to bear away for Bombay where the Khan remains till such time as a Conveyance offers to Scindy meets with great civility and respect. The Stretham fore Mast will we are informed be got in before the end of this month, and then She will be loaded with all possible expedition for England, but as She may call us for advices we shall prepare the same on readiness for her and then address you again, till when we beg leave to conclude with the utmost respect.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HON^{RS}.Your most faithfull & obed^t. Serv^{ts}.THOMAS BYFELD & C^A.TELL^{RY}.FEBRUARY 8TH. 1748/9.P^R. SHIP OXFORD.

[Letters 70, 71 and 72 are missing in the original.]....

N^o. 73

TO M^R. ALEX^R. DOUGLAS
RESIDENT AT CALLICUT.

SIR

There being but very few Masts for embalging Pepper remaining in Warehouse and Shipping daily the Chief has desired me to Advise you to send up as many of that Article as you lais [sic] and as soon as possible giving them the Preference to all the Men Stores intended for.

By this Munchua I rec^d. in to the Companys Warehouse 41400 Billets.

We are

SIR

TELL^{RY}. FEBRUARY 16TH. 1748.9.

MUNCHUA.

Y^r. Loving Friends,
THOMAS BYFELD & C^A.

No. 74

TO M^R. ALEX^R. DOUGLAS
RESIDENT AT CALLICUT.

SIR

We have duely rec^d. your Letter by the Drake Sloop with the Several Goods for the Durringtons Mocha Voyage, and now Dispatch her to you for bringing up such part of the Bombay Indents as may be in readiness when return her to us with all Expedition.

We are,

SIR

Your Loving Friends

TELLICHERRY,
THE 12TH. FEBRUARY 1748. 9.
☞ DRAKE SLOOP.

TH: BYFELD.
C. WATERS.
R^D. SECKER

No. 75

TO JOHN SEWELL ESQ^R. CAP^T. RICH^D. CRAB
AND M^R. WILLIAM MACKENSIE
SUPRA CARGOES OF SHIP DURRINGTON.

SIR

In Consequence of the Orders rec^d. from the Presidency we have laden on board the Durrington the Several Goods provided here and at Callicut in part of her Mocha Cargoe Invoice of which is enclosed, the Pepper has been delivered out of the Company's Wareh^o. and in respect to the Cardamoms we [ha]ve to observe to you that both the 1st. and 2^d. Sort of that Article had been Contracted for and bought up by private Merchants sometime before we rec^d. [...] Directions in regard to your Ship and as we were disappointed in getting the 1st. Sort and the quantity ordered offering for Sale of the 2^d. we thought proper to buy the same at the Th[ere] Market price which we hope will prove agreeable.

M^r. Douglas in a Letter under the 19th. Instant writes that his falling short in the provision of Ginger and Turmerick is owing to the Produce of those Articles not being so much this Year, and the Large Demands for them.

We wish you a Speedy and Successfull Voyage being

GENTLEMEN

Your very Humble Servants,

THOMAS BYFELD & C^A.

TELL^R.
FEBRY 22^D. 1748/9.

No. 76

TO THE HON^{BLE} WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL ON BOMBAY.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Since our last Address under the 16th. Instant the D[oddington] Captain Mason arrived us from Cochin the 18th. which Ship now proceeds to your Honour & c^a. in Company with the Drake Sloop and two Armenian Ships from Bengall. M^r. Douglas, at Callicut haveing laden on the Drake Several Timbers and Coils of Cordage, but Cap^t. Dicks [sic] acquainting us that he Could not possibly Carry the former So as to keep his Vessell Clear the same has been accordingly taken out so that there is only the Cordage and part of the Plank as ☞ Inv^o. and Bill of Lading enclosed.

Agreeable to your Honour &c^a. Orders we have put on board the Durrington such Goods as were provided here and at Callicut for the Mocha Voyage as ^{the} Copy of the Inv^o. enclosed the Pepper was delivered out of the Hon^{ble} Companys W[ar]ehouse and as the Cardamoms, had been Contracted for and bought up by private Mer[c]hants, sometime before we rec^d. your Directions for the Provision of that Article we were unable to get any of the 1st. Sort so were obliged (that there might be no Disappointment) to purchase the quantity ordered of the 2^d. at the there [M]arket Price, which we hope will be approved of. It is to be observed there [i]s wanting to Compleat the quantity ordered of Ginger the reasons Mr. Dougla[s] assigns for it are the Scarcity of that Article inland and the great Demand there has been for it this Season She Sailed hence for Mocha last Night.

The True Briton Captain Bradley arrived here the [...] Inst^t. with [...] Tons of Salt Petre and about [...] of Redwood, and agreeable to the Directions rec^d. from the Gentlemen at Fort S^t. David we shall take Care to put on board her Charterparty Tonnage with such Surplus as the Comm^d. may request give her the quickest dispatch possible.

By private advices from Callicut we learn of a Danes Ship being arrived there from Tranquebar and that she is designed for Surat.

The 18th. we had a Meeting with our Pepper Merchants with whom we did Contracts with much difficulty for 1500 Candys and at no less a price than 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rup^s. the Candy for the reasons already Assigned y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. in our last Address Yesterday the Chief rec^d. a Letter from Monsieur Louet advising that Pepper was then from 19 to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ the Inland Maund and that he Could not prevail with the Merchants at Mahie to Contract even at 88 R^s. the Candy as the Apollo has brought them about 20 Chests of Treasure it will give them are [*sic*] opportunity to advancing largely and Occasion this Article raise Considerably more especially as there is Still a large Demand made for it both at Callicut Burgorah and the Ports to the Southward We have now advanced them for 1000 Candies but it was with the Greatest Difficulty We Could keep them to their engagements all pleading, that they shall be very Great Sufferers, and desired therefore we would recommend their Case to your Honours &c^a. which we promised should be done so soon as they had performed their Contract, till when we Could not be Certain whether they would be such Losers as they imagined On the whole we can only Assure Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. that no Endeavours nor means were o[m]itted by us to reduce the Price of this Article, but as we, found the Same impossible and our delaying longer might be attended [w]ith bad Consequences as Pepper was daily rising and small parce[ls] Exporting to the Southward it induced us to Close with our Merchants at Rup^s. 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ the Candy which we hope will not be disapproved of by Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. especially as the largeing to Contract last Season was found detremertail [*sic*] to the Investment of this Article.

As Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. were pleased in your Commands under the January 1745/6 to permit the then Chief & Factors to open the Packets of such Ships as arrived here outward bound for taking out the Private Letters for this Place, we have therefore taken the Liberty to open the Doddingtons reserving entire the small one directed to y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. It has been redelivered to Cap^t. Mason and enclosed is a Report of such Letters as are in the Box, and those taken out here with him Receipt for the same.

Mahomed Servant to the late Mr. Rawdon having been detected [*sic*] of Several Thefts the Chief therefore now Sends him by the Drake in order to take his Tryal enclosed therefore the Several Depositions taken on the occasion and he the most material Evidences who now go up in Company with him the others not being able as they are Women & Children.

Cap^t. Mason Requesting by letter to send such of the Hon^{ble} Companys Soldier as are ill with the Scurvy and have other in the room, it has been Granted and the Chief has put on board 20 Men being 2 Serjeants 3 Corporals 11 European Centinells 1 Q^r. Gunner and 3 Europeans Montrosses.

By the Dr[a]ke we also send up 1 Chest of Ambergrease belonging to Ally Rajah who in a Letter to the Chief advises that the same Coit [*sic*] him at the rate of 3. Rup^s.

for 1 Rupee weight but however desires the same may be sold for the most it will fetch and its produce taken in part of his Debt to the Honble Company one of his people goes with Cap^t. Dick [*sic*] who has been desired to entertain him Civilly.

On Application from Cap^t. Crab We have advanced him out of the Honble Companys Treasury the Sum of Rup^s. 7500 on Charterparty Terms We have [3] Bonds for the same one of which will be transmitted to the Honble Company by the True Briton Cap^t. Bradley who will be dispatched hence [in] about 5 days more.

The General Books [en]ding the 31st. Ju[1]y 1748 are Closed but every body fully employed in Copy that the Consultation and other Necessaries [*sic*] papers to send home by the True Briton We Cannot send you its Copy by this Conveyance which will endeavour to do by the next.

By the Conveyance Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. will receive our Cash Account to this Time Pay M^{rs}. Acco^t. for the Month Cap^t. Dick his reasons for not taking more [*sic*] Stores his Acco^t. of Provisions supplied that Military sent down by him &c^a. Papers as ^o list of the Packet.

We are the Greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

THO^s. BYFELD & C^A.

TELL^{RY}.

FEBRY 24TH. 1748/9.

N^o. 77

TO M^R. ALEX^R. DOUGLAS
RESIDENT AT CALLICUT.

SIR

Agreeable to your Letter of the 22^d. Inst^t. we now send you four thousand Rupees for purchasing Stores and defraying the Factory Charges.

We are

SIR,

Your Loving Friends

[...]

TELL^{RY}.

FEBRY 27TH. 1748. 9

^o TONEY.

N^o. 78

TO M^R. ALEX^R. DOUGLAS
RESIDENT AT CALLICUT.

SIR

We wrote you yesterday and there sent you the Sum of four thousand Rupees for purchasing Stores and Carrying on the Factory Charges.

This Morning arrived here from Bombay the Stretham Cap^t. Pinnell and Restoration Grab Cap^t. Leeke the latter we now dispatch to Cochin to give Convoy to such Bengall Ships or other Vessells as may be ready to embrace it, and the Commander has our Orders on his return to call at Callicut on hi[s] Arrival therefore you are to put on board him such Stores for the P[r]esidency as may be in readiness Wⁿ. dispatch her to us with all Exp[édition].

Enclosed is an Indent of Timber for the Presidency, which let be Complied with.

We are

SIR,

Your Loving Friends

THO^s. BYFELD & C^A.

TELL^{RY}.

FEBRY 28TH. 1748,9.

^o TONEY.

N^o. 79

To RIC^d. BOURCHIER ESQ^r.
CHIEF &C^a. FACTORS AT ANJ^o.

SIR & SIRs

We have none of your Letters Unanswered, and this is purposely to Give Cover to enclosed Pacquet rec^d. Yesterday from the Presidency by the Stretham Cap^t. Pinnel in whose Company Came also the Restoration Grab. The former has rec^d. her dispatched [*sic*] from Bombay & believe will Sail to morrow Evening with the true Briton Cap^t. Broadley [*sic*].

We are

SIRs & SIRs

Your most humble Servants,
[...]

TELL^{BY}.

MARCH THE 1ST. 1748,9.

☞ TONEY.

N^o. 80

To M^r. ALEX^r. DOUGLAS
RESIDENT AT CALLICUT.

SIR

Your present Standing in the Service being Second of the Factory we have therefore thought proper to appoint M^r. Thomas Benton to relieve you in consequence of which you are to deliver over to him all Books papers Cash &c^a. anyways relatene [*sic*] to the Hoñble Companys affairs on or before the first of April next mutually signing receipt for the same and during your Stay the [...] are to be jointly transacted by you both. Yo[u] are also carefully to observe to Adv[ise] M^r. Benton of all Indents rec^d. other [*sic*] from this place or the Presidency, what have been provided in consequence thereof and what remains to compleat the [s]ame together with all Contracts outstanding and the proper time [for] providing such [Ar]ticles as are generall[y] Indented for Annually.

The Hoñble Presid^t. and Council in their Letter By the Restor[ation] Grab observe to us that the Poon Masts lately sent them turn out much dearer than formerly and us they require your reasons for the same you are therefore to transmit them to us as soon as possible that they may be forwarded by the first opportunity.

We are

SIR

Your Loving Friends

THO^s. BYFELD &C^a.

TELL^{BY}. MARCH 8TH. 1749,

☞ TONEY.

P.S.

M^r. Benton proceeds in the Cudalore Sloop and she must be returned immediately with Such parts of the Indents as are in readiness unless you come upon her when who may be detained two or three days.

N^o. 81

TO MESS^{rs}. ALEX^s. DOUGLAS
AND THOMAS BENTON
AT CALLICUT.

GENTLEMEN,

As our Hon^{ble} Masters Ship Prince [William is] with you and can in all probability take in a Great part of the Stores lying at your Place provided for the Presidency, we therefore Direct that on Receipt of this Letter you do immediately make a tender to Cap^t. Webber of the large Timbers especially those intended for Dock Gates acquainting him at the same Time that the Presidency are greatly in want of them should he refuse taking them his reasons are to be taking [sic] in Writing and transmitted to us accordingly. We shall shortly answer your Several Letters and are in the Interim.

GENTLEMEN

Your Loving Friends
THO^s. BYFELD & C^a.

TELL^{try}.

MARCH 15TH. 1748,9.

☞ Toney.

N^o. 82

TO THE HON^{ble} WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^{rs}. & C^a. COUNCIL
ON BOMBAY.

HON^{ble} SIR & SIRS

Our last Adress waited on Your Hon^r. & c^a. by the Doddington Cap^t. Mason Since when we have rec^d. Your Commands under the 14th. by the Restoration Grab, the Treasure rec^d. by her turned out right and we immediately sent a Copy of the Indent for Timber and Candles to the Resident at Callicut with Orders to provide them as soon as possible and hold the same in readiness for such Conveyance as you may be pleased to send for them.

As your Hon^r. & c^a. were pleased to recommend to us to return the Restoration Grab as Convoy to such Vessells as were bound to the Northward and being advised that there were Bengall Ships daily expected on the Coast we Came to a Resolution to send her so low as Cochin, lest by their being ignorant of such a Convoys offering should put off from thence, and thereby run the rique [sic] of falling in with the Enemy's Fleet Cap^t. Leeke however had our Orders not to stay there longer than 48 hours and on his return to call at Callicut for such Stores as might be in readiness the Resident according[ly] put on board him 80 Large Plank as also the rum [sic] of the Cordage and on [his] Arrival we made a Tender to him of the Timbers lying here which he absolutely declared he Could not take in as ☞ Copy of his Letter under N^o. [lacuna].

The Prince William Cap^t. Webber arrived here from Bengall the 17th. Instant to whom we duely tendered the Stores lying here but in a Letter under the 18th. (Copy of which is enclosed) he acquainted us that he was already quite filled up and Unable to take any more than 25 Plank Inv^o. of which with w^t. Shipped on board the Restoration and Mamoody we now forward under N^o. [lacuna].

In a Letter under the 25th. the Hon^{ble} President and Council at Fort St. David a[dvi]se us of their Intentions to send hither the Winchelsea Cap^t. Baron to take in w^t. Pepper we may be able to spars [sic] with the Plank provided for Madrass when she is to be dispatched to them as soon as possible, as they intend sending her to England in [. . .] next. On her Arrival Your Honour & c^a. may be assured of our Comp[ly]ing Strictly with [th]eir Orders.

In our last we advised your Hon^r. & c^a. of the True Britons Arrival here from Fort St. David who Sailed hence in Company with the Pelham the 2^d. Instant for England with a full Loading besides [lacuna] Tons Surplus Tonnage the Stretham

Cap^t. Pinnell went in Company with her and as the latter was in want of a Mast and none here fit for his Service a Toney was accordingly Dispatched to Mr. Douglas to provide one against she Called there.

We shall duely regard what you have been pleased to write in respect to sending the Cuddalore Sloop with a Loading of Pepper to Fort St. David at the proper Season Since her being here we have employed her to Callicut in bringing up the Several Stores provided for Bombay.

Captain Pawlet in a Letter to the Chief desiring from 60 to 100 Bags of the Peas lying here for his Majesty's Ships might be sent up be [*sic*] the return of the Restoration Grab, we have accordingly put on board her 60 Bags giving Cap^t. Leeke Orders to deliver the same on his Arrival at Bombay to Cap^t. Pawlet we should have sent up an Invoice thereof had we rec^d. one from Bengall.

We are Extremely Sorry we Cannot Comply with your Hon^r. &c^a. Orders in respect to sending up 4000 Bales of Rice by the return of these Vessells. At the Time we wrote in Nov^r. we Certainly advanced the sum of 40000 R^s. for the Provision of this Article but finding afterwards that we should not be in want of so large a quantity we with drew 10000 Rup^s. so there remains now only an Advance of 30000 which is for 15000 Bales or thereabouts out of this quantity we have already spared 2000 Bales to the Durrington and as the Monthly Expence of this Garrison is from 1800 to 2000 Bales we have not more than will Serve us 7 Months and Should the Gentlemen at Anj^o. be in want, we shall scarcely have Sufficient to Supply them. The Cardamoms have been sent home by the True Briton, otherwise should have duely Complied with your Orders.

In our [1]ast Advices we duly advised Your Hon^r. &c^a. of our having Contracted with our Merchants for 1500 Candies at Rup^s. 74 $\frac{1}{4}$ the Candy and the Ex[tr]evagant [*sic*] Price this Article there bore it has sence [*sic*] rose to Rup^s. 10 [...] the Candy at which rate we are advised the French at Mahie [are] purchasing, being Commissioned to buy w^t. they Can for some of the Maccao Ships This with the Large Demands made by the Dams [*sic*] Ship for this Article (of whose Arrival We have already advised Your Hon^r. &c^a.) has Occasioned this Extraordinary Rise she has got we hear about 1000 Candies, and as the French Linguist at Callicut has been very buy [*sic*] in assisting her we have great reasons to think that the French are under hand Concerned, the Chief Complained to Monsieur Louet when he immediately sent two of his Council to Callicut to enquire into the Linguists Behaviour, and in Order to give Some Gloss to their proceedings they Sealed up his Papers and Confined him to his House but the Enquiry has Come to nothing more than sending him to Mahie notwithstanding it was plainly proved he had assisted them Pepper with weighing [. . .] off the—This Extraordinary Rise of Pepper has occasioned Our Merchants to Complain to us, and that they shall be Exceeding Great Sufferers by the Contract they have made us unless it falls and hope therefore we would recommend their Case to Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. which we now beg leave to do.

We have at length Settled the Price of last Years Cardamoms the Merchants at first asked 510 Rup^s. the Candy but after a great many Arguments we at last brought them to Accept of 460 Rup^s. but as the Sortment was not Extraordinary Good and those sent home before [Stroffed. . .]the whole turn out at the foregoing Price Rs. 480, the nett Candy at which rate we have made up their Several Accounts.

The Hoñble President and Council at Fort St. David have desired us to provide for the Pelhams Voyage to China 300 Candys of Sandall Wood but as it is now very late in the Season we are afraid the Same Cannot be Complied with however we have Summoned the Merchants and shall use our Utmost Endeavours to provide it.

On the 7th. Inst^t. we sent Mr. Benton to Callicut to relieve Mr. Douglas when we directed the latter to give his reasons for the Poon Masts being Dea[rr] this Season than those purchased formerly we now enclose your Hon^r &c^a. his Original Letter on this Head to which we beg leave to referr ourselves.

As the Restoration and Prince William were unable to take more of the Stores lying here we have theref[ore] put on board the Mamoody eight Plank the Freight

of which we [beg] leave to Referr to [Y^r.] Hon^r. &c^a. and the Owners of s^d. Ship and as we did not Receive any Account of its Cost from Callicut is the reason of the same not being included in the Invoice.

When the Hawke Sloop went for Bengall she landed one of her Cables which has been duely Surveyed by Cap^t. Leeke and found unserveciab^e as ☞ Copy of his Letter under N^o. [sic] by whom we now send up the Boat belong^s. to that Vessell which some of her Lascars run away with and left ashore, so that her Rudder and Oars are wanting.

The Gov^r. of Timore who Came here in one of the Macao Ships having requested the Chief to permit the Grab to see him safe into Goa we accordingly Gave Cap^t. Leeke Orders for that purpose which We hope Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. will not disapprove of.

The Gentlemen at Anj^o. having sent us up 4 Chests of unserviciab^e Stores as also 16 Barrells of Gunpowder Dust the same have been duly tendered to Cap^t. Leeke and as he Cant take them the former shall be forwarded by the next Conveyance that may offer, and the latter our Gunner offers to make up into new Powder if approved of by your Hon^r. &c^a.

Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. will receive by this Conveyance Copy of our General Letter to the Hon^{ble} Company Cash Account of this Time &c^a. [papers] as ☞ List of the Packet.

The General Books for 1747 and 1748 are Copy'd but every body haveing been closely employ'd in Copying the Books and Papers for England we have not vet been able to Examine nor get them compleatly finished, as also the respective Diary's which latter we hope to do by the last Ships dispatch and have every thing in readiness also the Paym^t. Accounts for January and February the backwardness of which has been Occasioned by M^r. Waters's Indisposition lately.

We are

With the Greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs

Your most obedient humble Servants

THOMAS BYFELD & C^A.

TELL^{RY}.

MARCH 19TH. 1748/9.

☞ RESTORATION GRAB.

N^o. 83

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL
ON BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have already paid our Respects to y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. under Yesterdays date but having had a very strong N. West Wind all day it has prevented the Restoration as also the Prince William their Sailing and given us an Opportunity of forwarding the enclosed Packet rec^d. this day from the Gentlemen at Anj^o.

We are with the Greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

[. . .]

TELL^{RY}.

MARCH 20TH. 1748, 9

☞ RESTORATION GRAB.

N^o. 84

TO THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS
OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS

Our last Adress waited on your Honour by the Colchester Captain Wood and its Duplicate by the Oxford Captain Steevens under date the 7th. and 8th. Ultimo, this you will receive by the True Briton Captain Henry Broadly [*sic*] who arrived here the 18th. from Fort St. David with about 80 Tons of Salt Petre and twenty four of Redwood as P Copy of the Calculate under N^o. 12. We have agreeable to the Directions rec^d. from thence Completed her Charterparty Tonnage with 6 Tons of Cloth sent us

Md^s. 15
by the [Gentlemen] at Anj^o. and Cha^s. 633. 13. 23 of Pepper besides which we have laden on board her Tons 90. 98 Surplus as P Inv^o. and Bill Lading enclosed your Honours will please to Observe from Copy Captain Broadleys [*sic*] Letter under the 27th. Ult^o. he requested the same might be Shipped on board him on Charterparty Tims [*sic*] without explaining what those Terms were, but as the Standing Orders from the Presidency expressly direct us not to Comply with requests of that kind without the Commanders to absolutely engage themselves to Carry the same at half Freight and the Mauncrypt [*sic*] annexed to the Charterparty saying "that if at the request of the Commander any Pepper Cowries or Turmerick shall be shott loose in the hold it shall be accounted and paid for at half Freight and no more" we acquainted him it was on there Conditions we were ready to load the same on board and not otherwise when he readily engaged to carry the same at half Freight as P Copy of his Letters under the 27th. Ult^o. and 1st. Inst^t. in which last he requested 30 Tons but has only taken Tons 20, 98.

In our last Adress under the 8th. Ult^o. we duely advised Your Honours of the Arrival of Ship Durrington from Bombay Mess^s. Sewell Crab and Mackensie Supra Cargoes, in her Company Came also the Drake Sloop whom we did intend immediately to dispatch to Callicut for bringing the Several Goods provided for her Mocha Voyage but was prevented just as [. . .] was ready to Sail. The Chief rec^d. Advices that the Doddingtons was arrived at Cochin in a very Weakly Condition the greatest part of her Crew down with the Scurvy and quite incapable of Duty so that we immediately put on board her a Detachment of 60 Military and Militia and Ordered the Master of her to proceed first to Cochin delivering the Men to Cap^t. Mason and in Case he Could not in any reasonable Time be in readiness to proceed hither we wrote him not to detain the Sloop but to return her, as she was to take in Goods which he Comply'd with and she returned from thence the 17th. when we transhipped the Same which with the Pepper and Cardamoms provided here amounts to Rup^s. [*lacuna*] as P Invoice Inclosed under N^o. [*lacuna*] and she Sailed from hence the 23^d. follow^g. at Callicut for the Durrington. The Doddington arrived here the 20th. Ult^o. and as the Hoñble President & Council in their Commands under the 2^d. Jañry 1746/7 gave a Lattitude to th[e] Chief and Factors to open the Packet of such Ships as might touch here in their Outward bound Passage we therefore ordered Cap^t. Mason to send h[er] ashore and after taking out such private Letters as were for this Place it was redelivered him and his receipt taken for the same which we enclosed in a Letter to the Hoñble Presid^t. and Council. The Commander requesting by a Letter to send ashore part of the recruits who were very ill it was Granted and in their Room we put on board 20 of our Military and Gunners and as he proceeded to Bombay the 24 follow^g. in Company with the Drake Sloop on whom we loaded such Stores for the President as the Master could take on board and two Armenian Vessells of pretty good Forts we think there is no Danger to be apprehended from Angria should he meet with him in his Passage up.

In a Letter from the Hoñble Presid^t. and Council of Fort St. David Came enclosed Duplicate of Y^r. Honours Commands to this Settlement dated the 27th. May 1748 rec^d. there by his Majestys Ship the Tartar and by private Advices from

thence under the 12th. Ult^o. we learn Your Hon^{rs}. Ship the Pelham arrived there the 3^d. and of her part^s. Comp^y. with the Somerset the 15th. Dec^r. last so that its Supposed [s]he is gone to the Bay.

The 28th. Ultimo imported from Bombay the Stretham Captain Pinnell the Restoration Grab and Cuddalore Sloop intended for [the] Service of Fort St. David Presidency the former has rec^d. his Dispatches from [the] Hoⁿble Presid^t. and Council and only touched here for a Top Mast, but there being none fit for that Purpose we imagine the Comm^r. will call at Callicut, as he has wrote to M^r. Douglas to provide one. The True Briton being them [sic] very nigh loaded Cap^t. Pinnell in a Letter to the Chief acquainted him that Cap^t. Broadley [sic] has requested him to s[t]ay in order to go in Company and as it would Certainly be for their mutual Defence should a Peace not be Settled in Europe desired the Chief would let him know when we should be ready to give the True Britton her Dispatches, and being told she would receive them As to night, it has induced him to stay. The Restoration Grab sailed Yesterday to Cochin in Order to Convoy up such Country Ships or Vessells as might be ready to embrace it The Comm^r. however having our Orders not to stay longer than 48 hours and we [sic] his return from thence to touch at Callicut for tak[ing] in such Stores as might be in readiness for the Presidency. This Step we were [in]duced to take as Bengall Ships were daily Expected especially Prince William a freight Ship belonging to your Hon^{rs}. who might by not knowing of such a Convoys offering put off Shore, and thereby run the risque of falling in with Angrias fleet The Cuddalore Sloop will in approp^r [sic] Time be sent to Fort St. David with a Loading of Pepper agreeable to the Directions rec^d. from our Superiors.

A Daws [sic] Ship is now at Callicut and has contracted we hear for about 1000 Cand^s. of Pepper at the rate of 90 to 100 Rup^s. the Candy being Supplied with that Article by the French Linguist who we imagine are assisting under hand, Should they Continue Coming to this Coast it will be of very ill Consequence to your Hon^{rs}. Investment at this Settlement as their giving such high and Extravagant Prices for Pepper will encourage the inland Merchants to Carry it to the Southw^d. and keep up the Price of this Article. We have advised the Hoⁿble Presid^t. and Council of this Affair and such Directions as they may please to give us on this Head we shall Strictly Observe.

In our adress Under the 7th. Ultimo we acquainted Your Hon^{rs}. of our having agreed with the French at Mahie Mutually to open the Price of the New Crop of Pepper but Y^r. Hon^{rs}. will please to observe from the Diary now transmitted that they broke through this Agreement by advanceing Money to their Merchants without even so much as Signifying to us their Intention. This Extraordinary proceeding of their immediately raised the Price from 19 Fan^s. to 19½ the Inland M^d. at which rate they have purchased, and as it Continued daily rising we Came to a resolution of having a Meeting with our Merchants which we had on the 18th. and then Contracted with them for 1500 Cand^s at Rup^s. 74½ the Candy and have advanced for 1000 Cand^s. the Consultation of that date to which we beg leave to referr will we hope Convince Your Hon^{rs}. that all Endeavours were used by us to get it on the most reasonable Terms possible, the large Demands there has been for it to the Southw^d. this Season rendering it impossible to get it Cheaper. Our remains in Pepper this day are [sic] Candies 2236. 2. 16. ½ but a Considerable Loss in weight must be allowed for as already advised your Hon^{rs}. in our last Address and which shall be adjusted so soon as this Dispatch Our Warehouse being near Clean.

We have not as yet been able to Settle the Price of Cardamoms though the Merchants have been frequently Summoned for that purpose, we are in hopes of bringing them to Rup^s. 480 the Candy though they ask 500 Rup^s. pleading the great Demand there has been for this Article Inland which they alledge has prevent-
C. M.
ed their getting us hitherto any more of that Article Since our last them [sic] 6. 2. which we send on this Ship.

We are on the same good Terms with the Prince and the other Country Powers as when we addressed you last but there is equarrell [sic] between his Highness and

his Uncle who both have applied to us for Men money & Ammunition for the present. we have excused ourselves and shall do own [sic] Utmost to prevent a War and running Your Hon^{rs}. to any Expence on this Account.

Ally Rajah since our last Address has sent to Bombay 5 Maunds of Amber-grease the Produce of which is to be taken in port [sic] of his Debt, which we are hopes of recovering by Gradual payments the pres^t. Poverty of that Family rendering him Incapable to discharge the Same at once.

Cap^t. Thomas Fisher who has been on any [sic] Years in Y^r. Hon^{rs}. Service now takes his Passage on the Stretham.

By this Conveyance Your Hon^{rs}. will receive [the] General Books of this Factory ending the 31st. of July 1748 as also our [Acco^{ts}.] and Consultations brought up to the Date of these Dispatches the former have been closed without the Storekeepers the same being backward which has been occasioned from a long Illness he has been troubled with We are induced to do this that Your Hon^{rs}. might have an Insight into the Affairs at this Settlement.

Cap^t. Crab requesting by Letter to be advanced Rup^s. 7500 for providing Necessaries for his Ship, the same has been paid him out of Your Hon^{rs}. Treasury for which he has Executed 3 Bonds bearing date the 18th. Ult^o. one of which under N^o. 10 together with all other Necessary Papers as [⌘] List of the Packet goes now enclosed.

The Chief officer of the Stretham requesting by Letter to pay into the Treasury the Sum of Rup^s. 20[. . .] in part of his Indulgence the Same has been rec^d. and Certificates Granted him accordingly being 3 dated this day pay^a. to himself besides which which [sic] we drawn on Y^r. Honours the following Bills Pay^a. at 90 Days Sight Exch^a. 2/6 [⌘] Rupee.

TELLI -
CHERRY.

One Set being 3 Bills all of the same Tenour and Date for L^{res} 60 in fan^s. of Tho^s. Fisher being for Rup^s. 480 rec^d. of himself on his own Acco^t. 480. —. —. as also the undermentioned Certificates the Exc^{ts}. [sic] whereof is referred to Your Honours.

1748/9
TELLI-
CHERRY
JANUARY
3rd.

One Sett being 3 Certificates all of this Tenour and Date for Rup^s. 739. 1. 38 rec^d. here of M^r. John Sewell on Acco^t. the Estate of Nicholas Stores [sic] but dec^d. R^s. 739. 1. 38.

MARCH
1st.

One Ditto ... D^o. for Rup^s. 325. 2 rec^d. here of Thomas Byfeld Esq^r. on Acco^t. the Estate of W^m. Benson ... 325 2 —

We have the Hon^r. to be with the GREATEST RESPECT

TELLICHERRY
MARCH 2ND, 1748/9.
[⌘] SHIP TRUE BRITTON.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS
Your most Faithfull and Obedient Servants
THOMAS BYFELD & C^A.

N^o. 85

TO MESS^{RS}. ALLEX^R. DOUGLAS AND THO^S. BENTON
AT CALLICUT.

GENTLEMEN,

As there are no Mats for embalging Pepper in the Wareh^o. and Shipping daily Expected you are therefore to send up forty thousand (40000) as soon as possible.

TELL^{RY}.
MARCH THE 21ST. 1748,9.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Serv^t.
[lacuna]

N^o. 86

To RICH^d. BOURCHIER ESQ^d.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT ANJ^o.

SIR & SIRs

We have now before us your Letter of the 12th. Inst^t. and agreeable to your Request now send you by the Cuddalore Sloop 1000 Bales of Rice being as much as she could take and as she is intended to Fort St. David please to return her to us as soon as possible. In our former Letters we have already advised you that it is impossible to know w^t. the Rice will turn out Exactly a Bale that we have hitherto rec^d. this Season Comes out nearest Rup^s. 2. 20 but the Price of this Article rising at Mangalore therefore we have advanced for the Provision of the whole 2200 Bales on Acco^t. of your Factory and Acco^t. of which will be kept apart from our purchase and when the whole is delivered in, the Acco^t. adjusted we shall take Care to transmit the same accordingly for your Notice our Account Current with your Factory ending the 31st. July 1748 has been forwarded by the Chief to Mr. Bouchier by a Conveyance which occasionally offered by which you will be able to Settle the Rice sent you last Year.

The Prince William Cap^t. Webber with the Restoration Grab Sailed for Bombay the 20th. Inst^t. by the Latter we forwarded the Pacquett which Came enclosed to us for the Presidency.

By the Sloop you will receive a Pipe of Madeira Wine which Came hither by the Drake Sloop for the Service of your Factory Invoice of which is Enclosed.

On the Sloop goes a Coroporal and Six Men whom w[e have] Supplied with Provisions for the Trip amounting to Rup^s. 13. 2. —. which please to bring to the Credit of this Factory.

We are

SIR & SIRs

Your most humble Servants

THO^s. BYFELD & C^A.

TELL^{RY}.

MARCH 23^d. 1749.

N^o. 87

To MESS^{RS}. DOUGLAS
&
THOMAS BENTON

GENTLEMEN

Your s[everal] [Letters] of the 10th. [...] 14th. & 16th. Inst^t. have been duly rec^d. the former of which we have forwarded the Presidency, that the Hoñble President and Council may be duly advised of Mr. Douglas his reasons for the Dearness of the Poon Masts.

The Stores by the Restoration Grab have been rec^d. as also Mr. Douglas his Accounts for last Month and by the Cuddalore Sloop we send the 5000 Rup^s. requested Mr. Holland having Orders to call on you, but you must on no Acco^t. detain him longer than after the Money is landed. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Loving Friends

T. B. & C^A.

TELL^{RY}.

MARCH 23^d. 1748/9.

N^o. 88

To

MR. THO^s. BENTON
RESIDENT AT CALLICUT.

SIR

By the Chief and Factors Orders I now enclose you the Storek^{rs}. Indent which you are to Comply with as soon as possible.

I am

SIR

Your most humble Servant
C. WATERS.

TELL^{RY}.MARCH THE 28TH. 1749.N^o. 89

[To] MR. THO^s. BENTON
RESIDENT AT CALLICUT.

SIR

We have duely rec^d. your Letter of the 26th. Ultimo enclosing us Inventory of wt. deld: over to you by Mr. Douglas as also Francisco Dias his Acco^t. Currant, which will be Examined at a proper time and shall then write you in Respect to the Ballance due to him on Account the Plank provided for Fort St. David.

By this Conveyance you will receive the Sum of 2000 R^s. with which pay off what Mr. Douglas says is due for the Stores already provided and which with the Amount of three hundred Oyster Shells and one Maund of Nai[ls] bring to the Credit of this Settlement.

The Poon Masts being for the Service of his Majesty's Ships and if not delivered in Time (as you write they Cannot before June which will be too late) will fall on the Hoñble Companys hands, you are therefore to recover what has been advanced the Merchant on this Account being Rup^s. Eleven hundred.

Enclosed our Storekeepers Indent for Dammar and Twine which let be Complied with.

We are

SIR

Your Loving Friends
T. B. & C^A.

TELL^{RY}.APRIL 1ST. 1749.

P.S. On the Winchelseas Arrival with you at Callicut make a Tender to Cap^t. Baron of the Plank for Fort. St. Davids Presidency for whom we now Enclose you an order to receive the same.

N^o. 90

TO CAP^t. CHRIST^m. BARON
COMMANDER OF SHIP WINCHELSEA.

SIR

The Hon^{ble} Presid^t. and Council at Fort St. David having advised us that they intended sending you hither for taking in Pepper a[nd] Plank provided for that Presidency, and as there is a Quantity of the latter lying at Callicut you are therefore to receive on board w^t. may be tendered you by M^r. Thomas Benton.

We wish you a Speedy passage to this Place and are

SIR

TELL^{BY}.
APRIL THE 1ST. 1749.

Your Loving Friends
T. B. &c^a.

N^o. 91

TO M^r. THO^s. BENTON
RESIDENT AT CALLICUT.

SIR

I am directed by th[e] Chief and Factors to transmit the Enclosed Indent, which you are to Comply with [a]s soon as possible.

I am

SIR

TELL^{BY}.
APRIL 5TH. 1749.

Your most humble Servant
[...]

N^o. 92

TO THE HON^{BLE} WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT & GOV^r. &c^a. COUNCIL
ON BOMBAY.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

We last Adressed your Honour &c^a. under the 19th. and 20th. Ultimo by the Restauration [sic] Grab and shall now lay before you such Occurrances as have happened Since the date of those advices.

The Gentlemen at Anj^o. having requested us to supply them with 2200 Bales of Rice, we came to a resolution to send one thousand Bales on the Cuddalu[re] Sloop it being too early for her proceeding to the other Coast, and as We expect she will return from Anj^o. in a few days we shall take care to dispatch her to Fort St. Davids in due time, The Remainder of the Rice wanted for Anj^o. will be sent them so soon as we gett a Suff^t. Supply from Mangulore.

On the 25th. Ultimo imported the Dadaloy Cap^t. Thomas Purnell from Bengall and on the 27th. Ditto Sailed for Bombay.

The Apollo after having taken in some Pepper sailed from Mahie the 27th. Ultimo for the Islands, and on the 29th. Ditto Anchored there from Pondicherry a [Fr]ench Europe Ship which We learn has brought fourteen Chests of Treasure this Ship its said will return shortly to Pondicherry.

As the Winchelsea's arrival is daily expected We have directed the Resident at Callicut on her Arrival there to make a tender to Cap^t. Baron of all the Plank provided for Fort St. Davids and have lodged with the Resid^t. an order to the Comp^r. to receive the same on board.

The Merchant at Callicut who had agreed to Supply two Masts for the use of his Majestys Ships In all the M^o. of March having lately inform'd the Resid^t. there that he found it impossible to bring them before June which being too late for [the] Ships calling here to take them away we therefore have directed the Resid^t. to recover the Amo^t. the Mercht^t. has rec^d. on Acco^t. of said Contract.

We omitted in our last Advices to advise your Hon^r. &c^a. of our having discharged 300 Sepoys and shall make such a further Reduction as the safety [sic] of the Settlement will Admit of.

The French Still continue purchasing Pepper for the Maccaw Ships and there being a large Number of them this Year and but little Goods of other Sortments procurable the price of this article is raising considerably every day.

ca^s. Md^s.

We have rec^d. 454. 3. of the New Contract of Pepper and according to our

ca^s. Md^s. 15

Books the whole quantity of Pepper now remaining should be 2755. 16. 19 but as for some years past nothing has been wrote off for loss in weight We have therefore directed two of our Members to see the Old Pepper weighed (having kept it Sperate [sic] from the New Crop) which when done we shall be able to advise your Hon^r. &c^a. with more exactness.

We transmit your Honour &c^a. our Cash Acco^t. to this day Abstract of our Charges General for 1747.8 and as We deem this a precarious Conveyance is the reason of our not transmitting your Hon^r. &c^a. the Books and Consultations.

Nothing further at present offering worthy your Hon^r. &c^a. notice [we beg] leave to Subscribe our Selves with the greatest respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

TELL^{RY}.

Your Honour &c^a. most Obed^t. & most h^{ble} Servants

APRIL THE 7TH. 1749.

T. BYFELD & C^A.

SHYBAR S^R. JOSEPH.

N^o. 93

To RICH^D. BOURCHIER ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR & SIRs

We wrote you last under the 23^d. Ultimo by the Cuddalore Sloop in answer to your Letter of the 12th. of [the] same M^o. [the] Duplicate of which is now enclosed. And on the 11th. Instant came to hand your [a]dvices under the 19th. March which was sent us from Callicut the Master of the Sloop having met with Contrary Winds in his Passage hither put into that port from whence he informed us if he could not gain his passage hither by the 20th. he did not intend to beat up any longer but proceed back again to Anj^o. desiring Us at the Same time to send down Vessels with 800 Bales of Rice for your Factory and to take out the Cloth consigned hither as soon as possible, But we having had a violent Storm of Wind which has done much damage here and at other places on the Coast prevented our coming to a resolution concerning the above, And it is with much difficulty we

have now been able to prevail with the Inhabitants of this Place to let us freight the two Munchuas now sent you with these Advices on whom we have laden 800 Bales of Rice but cannot as yet send you an Account of the Cost our Contractors Agent at Mangalore not having as yet made up his Acco^{ts}. but you shall be advised as soon as we are able. This Supply is as much as we can send you for the present but if the Sloop arrives we will remit you the whole Quantity desired and we are in Expectation of her arriving with Us hourly as we hear she put into Quilandey before the Storm sett in and weighed from thence three days ago in Order to proceed hither. As to the Cuddalore Sloop we have not as yet any Notice off her.

We cannot comply with your request for Cloth and Perpetuanoes for Cloathing your military not having rec^d. near a sufficiency for our own Service as yet but will not be unmindfull of adding the Quantity you desire to our Indents.

Your Box with the General Books and Consultations for Bombay we have rec^d. and shall forward them with our own by Boat Express the 25th. Instant provided we do not see any Alteration of Weather in which case we shall not dispatch this Boat untill August next.

The Winchelsea whom we expected from Fort St. David to take in Pepper & c^a. here meeting with Contrary Winds and Currents was drove back to Negapatam and it is now much to be doubted whether we shall see her though the Commander is directed to make another Tryal to effect it.

We hourly expect the Doddington Cap^t. Mason from Bombay to receive his Dispatches from hence to China likewise the Men of War to touch here in their way to the other Coast.

We have nothing further to Communicate but are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants,

T.B.

A.D.

J.R.

C.W.

TELL^{RY}.

APRIL 20TH. 1749.

☞ MUNCHUA.

N^o. 94

TO MR. THO^s. BENTON
RESIDENT AT CALLICUT.

SIR

Yesterday Evening came to hand the Master of the Anj^o. Sloops Letter from Penany who advises in what manner he lost his Vessel and of the Samorines Seizing of Our Hoñble Masters Property in her which when you heard you did well in making application to the Samorine in behalf of the Hoñble Company for the Same and we now remit you an Ola from the Chief to Him on this Head, which forward to Him immediately on its Receipt.

We would likewise have you send Manoel Netto to Penany whom you are to recommend to use all persuasive Means in his Power with the Governing People there to get charge of our Hoñble Masters Property who must continue at that Place to see what is done with the Same should they not comply with his request sending you the Necessary Notice of what passes for your transmitting the Same to us.

You must dispatch Robert Baldwin the Master of her to Anj^o. from thence with all his People with the utmost Expedition remetting [*sic*] the Chief and Factors an Account of the Money and Provisions Supplied them with on this unfortunate Accident.

Enclosed we send you Abstract of the Sloops Invoice consigned to Us.

We are

SIR,

Your humble Servants

T.B.

A.D.

J.R.

C.W.

TELL^{BY}. APRIL 22^D. 1749.

P^R. TONEY.

P.S. Should Manuel Netto procure the Bales or a part of them let him get the Cloth therein washed.

N^o. 95

To RICH^D. BOURCHIER ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT ANJ^o.

SIR & SIRs

We wrote you the 20th. Instant by two Munchuas sending you on them 800 Bales of Rice and Yesterday we Rec^d. a Letter dated the 17th. at Penany from Mr. Baldwin advising the loss of the Sloop, who was run ashore through the treachery of the Inhabitants of that Place he having put in there for Security against the violent Gale which lately happened And the Goods in her are all seized by the Samorines People to whom application is now making by Us for recovering the Same if possible. And as the Master of her acquaints Us he has wrote you the particulars of this unfortunate Accident, we shall forbear entering into particulars more especially as We have Ordered Our Resident at Callicut to dispatch him with his People to you from thence with all Expedition.

We are

SIR AND SIRs

Your most humble Servants

T. BYFELD.

A. DOUGLAS.

J. ROBINSON.

C. WATERS.

TELL^{BY}.

APRIL 22^D. 1749.

P^R. TONEY.

N^o. 96

To M^R. ROBERT BALDWIN.

SIR

We rec^d. your Letter to us of the 17th. Instant from Penany advising the unfortunate Loss of the Anj^o. Sloop and of the Inhabitants there seizing Our Hon^{ble} Masters property, in Order to secure which in the best manner possible the Resident at Callicut has proper Orders from us who will send a Person to you with this

Letter, whom you are to inform particularly what goods were saved, and of all such Circumstances and Transactions as have happened during your being at Penany, and for our better information if any thing further has passed since your Letter to Us, inform Us in writing of the same which being done you must make the best of your way to Anj^o. with the People formerly belonging to the Sloop and deliver Your Packet to the Chief and Factors there.

We are
Your Loving Friends

TELL^{RY}.
APRIL 22^d. 1749.
J. TONEY.

T.B.
A.D.
J.R.
C.W.

N^o. 97

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM BARWELL ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Having great Occasion for two thousand double Gunney Bags of five Maunds each and thirty Pounds to the Maunds we take this Opportunity by a Private Vessel bound to your place to make application to you for the Same desiring you will send them hither or to Bombay by the first Opportunity that Offers on Account of the Honble Company.

We have this Season dispatched the following Shipping belonging to Our Honble Masters The De Lawar C[apt]ain Willia[m] Steveens for Benjar and China the 29th. of Nov^r. last, The Oxford Cap^t. Thomas Steevens and Colchester Cap^t. Rich^d. Wood to Great Britain on the 9th. of February The Durrington Cap^t. Rich^d. Grab to Mocha the 23^d. follow^g. and the True Briton Captain Henry Broadley [sic] to Great Britain the 3^d. Ult^o. who was joined by the Stretham Captain William Pinnell from Bombay, and the Oxford Cap^t. Philip Jodril rec^d. his dispatches from Anj^o. in the Month of Dec^r.

Cap^t. William Webber joined one of the Bombay Grabs here and Sailed in Company with her the 20th. Ult^o. on his intended Voyage.

The Doddington Cap^t. Mason is daily expected here from Bombay to be dispatched from hence to China as is likewise His Majestys Ships Exeter Harwich, and Eltham with our Honble Masters Ships Royal Duke and Elizabeth under the Command of Cap^t. Powlet who are to join Rear Admiral Boscawen.

We have nothing further to communicate but are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 22^d. 1749.
J. LOUISA KETCH.

T.B.
A.D.
J.R.
C.W.

No. 98

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE. SIR & SIRS

A Private Vessel being to Sail this day from hence for Fort St. David and the Bay gives us an Opportunity of replying to your Letters of the 25th. of February and 3^d. Inst^t. the former of which we rec^d. the 16th. of March and the latter the 20th. of this Month.

We were in daily Expectation of seeing the Winchelsea here and should [a]greeable to directions have laden on her what Pepper and Plank she could receive but the Season being for [sic] advanced we have given over all hopes of her appearing now, especially Since receipt of your last Advices.

We are in much doubt whether we shall be able to procure you the 300 Candies of Sandall Wood wrote for in March last as it is usual here to advance money for this Article in the Month of July which was accordingly done by Private-Merchants at this Place and sold to the Maccoa Shipping before Receipt of your Advices, besides which we have lately rec^d. Directions from Our Superiours at Bombay to procure two hundred Candies for the Doddingtons China Voyage but if there is any to be got after making this Provision so as to send Round by the expected Shipping we shall take proper Care to purchase the same.

The 28th. of February the Cuddalore Sloop arrived us from Bombay built for the Service of your Presidency whom we had Orders to keep untill such time as we thought it necessary to fill her up with Pepper and send her to You wherefore having asked advice of such Commanders of Ships as were then with Us they give it as their Opinion, that we ought not to dispatch her sooner than in all the Month of April, during which time the Gentlemen of Anjengo having made a strenuous Application to Us for Rice for the Service of their Garrison we dispatched her with the same to them the 23^d. Ultimo, but having Since ha[d] severe Gale of Wind which has drove several small Craft ashore up and down th[e] Coast we imagine the Same Storm has likewise reached her she not appearing [we] not having had any advices of her being put into any place of Security between this and Anjengo nor heard of her loss we are apt to imagine the Master of her has pushed Round to you as otherwise it is most probable we should have got some Notice of her.

The True Briton and Stretham sailed from hence the 2^d. Ult^o. the former having filled up at this port agreeable to your Directions and was joined here by the latter in her passage Home who was dispatched from Bombay.

Captain William Webber in the Prince William joined the Restoration Grab at this Port and sailed for Bombay and Surat the 20th. Ultimo the latter having been sent down as low as Cochin to look for Him and such other English Vessels as wanted Convoy.

We are in daily Expectation of the Do[d]dingtons Arrival with Us from Bombay to be dispatched from hence to China likewise of the Arrival of his Majestys Ships and our Honible Masters under Command of Captain Powlet to whom we shall tender the Timber and Plank for your Presidency which is all in readiness at this Place and Callicut for Shipping off at a Moments warning.

We have nothing further to Communicate but on being

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

THO^s. BYFELD & C^A.

TELLICHERRY

APRIL 22^D. 1749.

LOUISA KETCH.

No. 99

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ.
 PRESIDENT & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL
 OF BOMBAY.
 HONBLE. SIR & SIRs

We wrote your Honour &c^a. by a Shybar bound to Bombay under the 6th. Instant duplicate of which comes now enclosed and on the 11th. we rec^d. your commands by the Ramban Express Boat whom we intended to have dispatched sooner would the weather have permitted. But on the 14th. Instant we had a violent storm here which was felt likewise very far both to the Northward and Southw^d. and drove shore upwards of Seventy Munchuas Paderias and such like small craft in which were the Vessells belonging to this place loaded with Rice for our Garrison and private Persons coming from Mangullore out of whom there was not above two hundred Bales saved (200) and it is reckoned the inhabitants have lost upwards of Forty thousand Rup^s.

We are greatly concerned to acquaint you also of the loss of the Anj^o. Sloop at Penany as is particularly set forth in Mr. Robert Baldwins letter to us (Copy of which is now enclosed for your Honour &c^a. notice) She having been dispatched to us by the Chief and Factors under the [lacuna] with forty two Bales (42) of our Honble Masters Cloth on board amounting to Rupees. 11258. [...] 22. but the Master of her meeting with contrary Winds & currents in his way up wrote us a Letter from Penany under the [lacuna] desiring us to send down Boats for receiving the Cloth as he did not intend to pursue his passage to this place after the 20th. but the weather looking very black & threatening at that time prevented our acquiesing with his request as it would have been highly improper to have sent open boats at that time for receiving price [sic] Goods we therefore waited his Arrival or to hear of his return to Anjengo but when this unfortunate news was rec^d. the Chief immediately wrote a proper Ola to the Samorine informing him of the Treachery of his Subjects and that therefore the Loss of our Honble Masters property in His Kingdom could not be looked on as a Wreck, though were this the case we had great reason to think that he would not suffer any one to touch what belonged to them when he considered the great services he and his Ancesters had rec^d. from the Comp^y. But what effect this Letter will have with him we cannot as yet pretend to say though we hope as his Custom Master has seized the Goods to bring him to reason for which purpose we ordered Manoel Netto our Second Linguis[t] at Callicut to Penany to demand the same and not to remove from thence untill he receives orders from us. And this was the only method we were able to take with him it being to [sic] late in the Season to think of recovering them by force which otherwise we might have attempted we shall therefore now wait your Honour &c^a. directions how to act at the opening of the Season in the same should not be returned us, which we shall give you an Account of by th[e] Pattamars dispatched overland. The Resident at Callicut had our directions to send the Master and his People back to Anj^o. from Penany.

In our last we informed your Honour &c^a. of our having sent the Cuddalore Sloop to Anjengo with one thousand bales of Rice (1000) which Article the Chief and Factors there wrote us strenuously to supply them with and indeed we thought sending the Sloop down with the same was the most eligible as Captain Webber and Captain Leeke gave it us as their opinion that we ought not to send Her to Fort St^t. David untill the latter and [sic] of this Month and having a latitude from Your Hon^r. &c^a. to keep her untill such time as we thought proper to dispatch her hither rather than she should ly Idle in the Road and to save our Honble Masters the Expence of Freight we came to this resolution as she had time enough to perform this Service and return to us. But as yet we have neither heard or seen any thing of her, so that we imagine the Storm having reached her she has put into Mud Bay or push'd her passage to the other coast as had any accident happened to her between this place and Anj^o. we should certainly have heard of the same. And we are now to hope no Censure will fall on us from Your Hon^r. &c^a. from this unforeseen accidents happening.

After the Storm was abated we with much difficulty got two Munchuas on freight and sent the Chief & Factors of Anj^o. on them eight hundred Bales of Rice (800) writing them the particulars of the loss of the Sloop.

The Winchelsea Captain Baron whom we expected to load here with Pepper and return to the other coast by advices from Fort St. David rec^d. here [*lacuna*] we learn that meeting with contrary winds and currents put back to Negapatam where the Commander had fresh orders sent him to make another Tryal for the gaining his passage but we now have given over hopes of seeing his this Season.

The time being too far elapsed for to advance Money to our Sandall Wood Merchants we procured of a Private Merch^t. 200 Ca^s. agreeable to your Hon^r. &c^a. Directions which was Agreed to be taken at the same price [as] sold to the Maccoa Shipping and we hope the same will be delivered Us time enough to give the Dod-dington a quick dispatch on her Arrival here.

We have contracted since our last for Sixty Candies (60) of Pepper with Chatoo of Agar at 72 Rup^s. and a quarter $\frac{1}{4}$ Candy is two Rupees less, in the Candy than what our Buzar Merchants always receive though he made some difficulty at first of letting us have it at that price.

We are concerned to advise your Hon^r. &c^a. that our Prince has again flew off from all the fair and faithfull promises he so lately made the Chief having connived at one of his Ministers protecting three Soldiers who deserted from us with their Arms and had it not been by accident this step of his would not have been found out, as after his having himself taken their fire Arms from them he dispatched them in Country to one of his Forts, though upon repeated Letters the Chief got one of the Diserters, and a Slave boy delivered up and he promised to punish his Rajadore whom he pretended to say protected them without his knowledge but at the last advised him to depart his Country of whi[ch] we have a convincing Proof, he being attended by about one hundred of the Princes Nairs who left him in the Cotiotes Country after which he wrote the Chief he had flew without his knowledge In short his Subjects from seeing his treacherous behaviour to the Hoñble Company are got to such a Head that not one of the People of our Garrison can pass or repass near his place without receiving very gross and insolent usage besides he is so firmly attach'd to the Bayonore Interest that we are fully perswaded he will if possible deliver the Province of Irreavanaddu into his hands, which if not prevented must prove of the worst of consiquence [*sic*] to our Hoñble Masters as the same will be a sure means of our Neighbours, the French extending their trade in these parts from the Good Terms they seem to be on at present with the Boyanore what greatly embarrasses our Prince indeed from putting this his disstructive disign to himself as well as to the Company in execution is the strugglis [*sic*] Baddancallancores Nephew of the House of Capaut is now making against him to defend his just right to his part of the Dominions which our Prince wants to Usurp, and which he has so often applied to us for assistance to help him in but as keeping this Family in our Interest as a check upon Him when occasion requires was recommended by the Hoñble President at his leaving this place we have great reason to think he will shortly oblige us to show him we have still the Ballance of Power in our hands though we shall first use all perswasive [steps to] bring him to a just sense of his folley before we begin to act against him which [we] shall unavoidably be obliged to do if he continues to prosecute his distructive Schems against the Interest of our Hoñble Masters dear bought previledges.

The Master of the Anjengo Sloop sent us from Callicut a Box wi[th] the Anjengo General Books and Diary, and a Packet which we now forw[^d] to Your Hon^r. &c^a. together with our General Books commencing August 1746 and ending July 1747 with the other set for the last Year our diary for 1747 and that for this Year brought up to the dispatch of the last Europe Ship from hence and the Weather being now cleared up we are in hopes the Boat will meet with a good passage but in case of an accident happening we beg we may have the earliest Notice sent us at the opening of the Season in order to transcrib[e] the same over again.

We have nothing further material to communicate at present but our being with the greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

TELL^{RY}.

APRIL 24TH. 1749.

☞ RAMBAN E. BOAT.

THOMAS BYFELD.

ALEX^R. DOUGLAS.

JOHN ROBINSON.

CHA^S. WATERS.

N^o. 100

TO RICH^D. BOURCHIER ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT ANJ^O.

SIR & SIRS

We wrote you last under the 22^d. Instant Duplicate of which comes now enclosed and Yesterday came to hand your Severals under the 31st. Ultimo 3^d. and 16th. of this Month, with the agreeable News of the Cudda[lore] Sloop (having after great danger) escaped the Storm and it being to [sic] late in the Season to send any Pepper down to you for her carrying it round to Fort [St.] David we have directed the Master of her to receive what Cloth you [may think] proper to tender him as the Honble President and Council of Bombay on theirs Commands to Us under the 15th. Inst^t. direct that we send round to Fort St. David by the Elizabeth what Bale Goods might have been sent Us by you, we therefore send you Notice of their intention leaving the same to your direction how to act when the Master is Ordered by Us to proceed to Fort St. David.

We are Surprized to find the 1000 Bales of Rice sent you on her should have turned out so bad being well informed that the Bales sent on board from hence was well packed however to clear up this Affair to you in the best Method possible and to be certain we were not imposed on Ourselves by our Contractors a Committee of Council was Appointed yesterday to take one hundred Bales promiscuously from the same Parcel yours was sent from the same was weighed and turned Out Pounds Nett 7994 which being measured likewise, produced 2551 Dungois and at 25 Dungois ☞ Bale (being the measure they ought to hold) gave 102 Bales in Measure which is Difference [in] our favour of 2 Bales 1 Measure so that we cannot help thinking but some of the Sloops Crew must have pilfered the same or that it was wasted on board from the Bales being broke; as to its price we cannot as yet ascertain the same for the reasons formerly given you.

The Account Current with your Factory shall be adjusted agreeable to the Notice sent Us.

The 24th. Instant at Night imported with us the Brilliant Brigantine who just toucht here for Advices, and sailed the next Morning for Fort St. David and the same day the Elizabeth Captain Lawrence Anchored here whom the Chief is loading with Pepper on our Honble Masters Account Plank for the Service of Fort St. David, and Pease for the use of his Majestys Squadron, when she is to be dispatched by Him to Callicut, to take in such part of the Plank, as is laying there, and proceed from thence to your Port for the Eight Cables, provided for his Majestys Ships, agreeable to Directions wrote the Chief by Cap^t. Powlet.

We shall send you on her the two hundred Fire Arms, wrote for, One hundred of which, are new, and the others used and have tender[ed] Cap^t. Lawrence the 4 Anchors, for your Settlement but whether he can take them all in we are at present unable to advise you.

The Military sent on the [Cud]alore Sloop belonging [to] [...] Garrison, we desire may be returned us on the Munchuas sent down to you with Rice the 20th. Instant and as you mention you are not now in any further want of that Article from the Ship Jennys having arrived you we shall not Send you the further Supply intended.

TELL^{BY}.
APRIL THE 27TH. 1749.
TONEY.

We are
SIR AND SIRs
Your most humble Servant
THOMAS BYFELD &C^A.

N^o. 101

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

The Cuddalore Sloop having been dispatched by Us to Anjengo with Rice for the Service of that Factory as advised you in a former Letter met with a Violent Gale of Wind on her proceeding back to Us which obliged her to Stand away again for that Place and it being too late in the Season to freight Vessels down to her with a Loading of Pepper we have given the Master Orders to receive such Bale Goods &c^a. as may be tendered him by the Chief and Factors there and make the best of his way to your Port.

We have now the Elizabeth Captain Lawrence under Dispatch, who arrived here the 25th. Instant, with Directions from Cap^t. Powlet to the Chief to lade on him the Pease, laying here for his Majestys Service, the Timber and Plank for your Presidency, and as much Pepper as he could take in And by this Evening or to Morrow we shall have put on board 600 Can^s. of Pepper with what Plank we have here and then dispatch him for the remainder to Callicut when he is to proceed to Anjengo for Cables for his Majest[ys] Ships and make the best of his way to join the Honble Rear Admiral.

We shall Address you again by him till when we remain

TELL^{BY}.
APRIL 27TH. 1749.
TONEY FORWARD TO ANJ^O.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Humble Servants
THOMAS BYFELD &C^A.

N^o. 102

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE. SIR & SIRs

We addressed your Hon^r. &c^a. last under Yesterday date via Anjengo Duplicate of which comes enclosed, and we now are to inform You of having laden on Our Honble Masters Ship the Elizabeth 400 Can^s. of Pepper and 168 Plank for the Service of your Settlement amounting to Rupees 31982. 3. 10. as Invoice enclosed the Commander of her having signified to the Chief in writing (as Copy

of his Lre enclosed) that he could not receive more of the former Article He is therefore going to Callicut and will take in the whole or such part of the Timber and Plank as is lying there for the use of your Presidency which our Resident has directions to Ship off with the utmost Expedition and send you a particular Account of the Same.

We are

HON^{BLE}. SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. Humble Servants

T. BYFELD & C^A.

TELL^{RY}.

APRIL 28TH. 1749.

P^B. SHIP ELIZABETH.

P.S. Enclosed is Account Charges on 395 Bags of Pease belonging to His Majesty now sent on the Elizabeth the Amount of which being R^s. 32. 2. 40. please to recover of the Ho^{BLE} Rear Admiral.

N^o. 103

To RICH^D. BOURCHIER ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR & SIRs

We wrote you under yesterdays date by the Toney sent us with your Sev^L. Advices of the 31st. Ultimo 3^d. & 16th. Inst^t. Duplicate of which comes enclosed and we now Send down to you on the Elizabeth two of the Anchors laying here for the Service of your Settlement which was the most the Commander could take in with four Chests of Small Arms Amounting as ^{an} Invoice Enclosed to Rupees.

We have nothing further to add but that we are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

THOMAS BYFELD & C^A.

TELLICHERRY

APRIL 28TH. 1749.

^{an} SHIP ELIZABETH.

N^o. 104

To M^R. THOMAS BENTON
RESIDENT AT CALLICUT.

SIR

The Elizabeth Cap^t. Ambrose Lawrence in the Service of his Majesty now proceeds to Callicut for receiving the whole or such a part of the Timber and Plank as lays in readiness there for the Service of Fort S^t. David Presidency which you are to consign to the Ho^{BLE} President and Council there on Account and Risque of the Ho^{BLE} Company particular [sic] specifying the Length Breadth and thickness of the Same with the Cost and Charges thereon remitting us Copy of said Accounts, hereafter and we recommend to you to use the utmost Expedition in putting these Orders in execution. We are

SIR,

Your humble servant

[lacuna]

TELL^{RY}.

APRIL 28TH. 1749.

^{an} SHIP ELIZABETH.

No. 105

TO THE GENTLEMEN SUPRA CARGOES APPOINTED BY THE
HONBLE UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPY.
TO TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR STOCK
ON BOARD SHIP DODDINGTON.

GENTLEMEN

The 1st. Instant arrived here our Hoñble Masters Ship Doddington from the Hoñble President and Council of Bombay to put on board her 200 Candies of Sandall Wood with some Putchuck. The former Article has not as yet been delivered, owing to its Scarceness and an Impediment lain on all Oxen in the Misure Country this Season but the Merchants advising us that a quantity of it was arrived at Irracure we immediately Came to a Resolution to order the Ship to lay off Maddacarra River [till] the 10th. Inst^t. and at the same time Sent Mr. Robinson one of the Covenanted Servants to Ship the Same off or Such part as he might be able and that in Case of bad Weather to dispatch the Ship Invoicing such Goods as she might have rec^d. to that time and Consign the Same to you at Canton. This we thought necessary to advise you of but hope however she well [*sic*] be able to Call here before She proceeds on her Voyage.

The Delawar Cap^t. William Steevens sailed hence for Benjar and China the 30th. of Nov^r. last with 100 Ca^s. of the 1st. and 200 of the Second Sort of Sandall Wood of which we advised her Supra Cargoes in a Letter under that date.

We have had this Season 5 Macão Ships upon the Coast whose returning Cargoes Consisted Chiefly of Pepper and a Small quantity of Sandall Wood. This being all the Material Advices we have to Communicate we shall only add that We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants
THOMAS BYFELD & C^A.

TELL^{BY}.

MAY THE 4TH. 1749.

SHIP DODDINGTON.

No. 106

TO CAP^T. BENJA. MASON
COMMANDER OF THE SHIP DODDINGTON.

SIR

The Weather being very fair at present and in great likelihood of its continuing so for some time longer, occasions our sending you this joint Letter, to acquaint you that as the whole Quantity of Sandall Wood Ordered to be provided for the Hoñble Company may not be rec^d. by the 10th. Inst^t. the time you was limited to Stay for the Same in our Letter we would therefore have you stay till such time as the whole quantity is rec^d. if the weather will permit. And as the Chief is now going up Maddacarra for negotiate^s. some affairs of the Hoñble Company he with Mess^{rs}. Robinson and Secker will dispatch you to China therefore apply to them in future for Orders. We are

SIR

Your Humble Servants
THOMAS BYFELD & C^A.

TELL^{BY}. MAY 4TH. 1749.

No. 107

To CAPT. BENJA. MASON
COMM^r. OF SHIP DODDINGTON.

SIR

The Sea running so high on the Bar this day prevented the accompanying Boats going off with upwards of Twenty five Candies of Sandall Wood which was in readiness this morning to have been sent off to you however all imaginable care shall be taken to watch all opportunitys to forward your dispatch and there is great reason to believe the whole quantity of Sandall Wood will be on board you by the time you are limited to stay off this Place.

The Chief has now directed me to acquaint you that proper Boas[t] shall be sent off every Night in Order for receiving and landing our People should the weather oblige you to run out (which though there is no appearance of at present or likelihood of the Same coming on again untill the full of the Moon) yet you are hereby desired to pay a proper regard to this Notice as it may be off very ill consequence to your Owners on your taking away any of our People as their Families must be supported in such Case at their Expence.

Whenever our Boats are not employed in bringing off Sandall they Shall be sent to you with Water or any other Necessaries you, may advise me to be in want off.

The Chief presents his Service to You and hopes to have the pleasure of seeing you ashore.

I am

SIR

Your most Obed^t. Humble Servant

JOHN ROBINSON
Sec^{ry}.

MADDACARRA
MAY 5TH. 1749.
P. M.

No. 108

To M^r. ALEX^s. DOUGLAS.

SIR

Captain Mason having applied to us in writing for Men to navigate his Vessell we were going to protest against him for not giving us more timely Notice but he has Since thought it more proper to with draw his Letter. The Chief therefore desires on receipt of this you would enlist ten Lascars which is all he requires for his Service, on the terms and in case they refuse others have entered on board to Europe Ships force them to it he likewise would have you apply to Ensign [B]euther who may possibly assist you therein among the Seepoys. M^r. Hog likewise knows a European Portugueze who you may enter likewise all which you are desired to effect with the utmost Expedition and Send them hither in Toney.

I am

SIR

Your most Humble Servant

JOHN ROBINSON.
Sec^{ry}].

MADDACARRA
MAY 7TH. 1749.

N^o. 109

TO RICH^d. BOURCHIER ESQ^r.
CHIEF & C^a. FACTORS AT ANJ^o.

SIR & SIRs

About two hours ago we rec^d. your Letter of the 2^d. Inst^t. the material parts of which we reply to now and shall write you more fully shortly overland.

We observe the great uneasiness you are in for fear of wanting Money for your Cloth and Pepper Investment but the Hoⁿble President and Council in their last Commands to this Place gave us Orders to supply you with what Money you might apply to us for we therefore now send you the thirty thousand Rup^s. required [u]nder the care of a Serjeant and 9 Men whom we desire you will return us Overland.

As to the loss in the Rice we cannot impute it to any thing but the difference in your Measures and that of ours no Mallabars as you seem to intemate [sic] having had it in their Power to pilfer the Same and there being no reason to suspect that our Contractor has imposed upon us we for a greater certainty after the Rains shall Send you One of Our Measures to compare with Yours tho if you had let us know the weight of the Same Rice we should have been better Judges we having as we advised you tried One hundred Bales which turned out more than the Quantity we ought to receive. We are

SIR AND SIRs

Your most humble Servants
THOMAS BYFELD & C^a.

TELL^{RY}. MAY 10TH. 1749.
TONEY.

N^o. 110

TO THE GENTLEMEN SUPRA CARGOES APPOINTED BY THE
HONBLE UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY
TO TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR STOCK
ON BOARD SHIP DODDINGTON AT CANTON.

SIR

Enclosed comes Invoice and Bill of Lad[ing] Putchuck and Sandall Wood Amounting to Rupees 16565. —. 76 laden on the Doddington Captain Benjamin Mason whom we are not willing to detain any longer being very late in the Season especially as we do not expect there will be a Sufficient quantity brought down to make up the two hundred Candies Ordered under five or Six days more by the late heavy rains they have had Inland.

This Ship has been surveyed and List of the Company is now transmitted you with Copy of His Sailing Orders. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants
THO^s. BYFELD & C^a.

MADDACARRA,
MAY 11TH. 1749.
SHIP DODDINGTON.

N^o. 111

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. & GOV^r. & C^a. JOUNCIL AT FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Letter of the 21st. April reached us the 11th. Ultimo with the Mellancholly Account of the General Loss by the hard Gale of Wind and Since these Advices to us, we hope you have had no further bad News.

This Pattamar is dispatched purposely to forward our Advices to Bombay as usual at this time of the Year, We are therefore to desire you will send them as soon as possible.

We are

TELL^{er}. JUNE THE 6TH. 1749.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

P^r. PATTAMAR.

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

THOMAS BYFELD & C^a.

N^o. 112

TO THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. AND GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL ON BOMBAY.

HONBLE. SIR & SIRS

We addressed your Honour & c^a. under the 24th. April last by the Ramban Express Boat to which time you were acquainted with all material Occurrences and had the necessary Papers and Accounts remitted with Our General Books and Diarys as mentioned then in our Letter (Duplicate of which now comes enclosed) and this being the usual time to forward Our Advices Overland we dispatch the same to the Gov^r. a[n]d Council of Fort St. David desiring them to send Our Packet with all possible expedition. And as we are now to lay before Your Hon^r. & c^a. a full Account of our proceedings since the date of those Advices we shall to be more particular State the Same under the accustomed heads and

FIRST OF SHIPPING

The Brilliant Snow arrived here the Evening the Ramban Express Boat was dispatched and the Elizabeth was then in sight At a great distance in the offing but it being very late in the Season it was thought improper to detain her till Such time as Captain Lawrence might arrive with your Honour & c^a. Advices, therefore the Tindal was Ordered to make the best of his way, the Chief having in a private Letter advised the Honble President of their appearance the next day in the Morning the Snow sailed for Fort St. David and the Elizabeth Imported by whom we rec^d. your Hon^r. & c^a. Letters under the 14th. and 15th. of April with the Medecines and Cloth which turned out right and agreeable to your Directions we loaded on our Honble Masters Account four hundred Candys of Pepper (being all the Commander could receive) with 168 Plank lying here provided for the S[.....] of Fort St. David when after Shipping off the Kings Pease he was [. . .] to proceed to Callicut the 20th. April for receiving as much more of [plank] for Fort St. David Presidency as he could take in reserving room for the 8 Cables lying at Anjengo Copy of her Invoice from hence comes enclosed under N^o. 16 as does likewise that from Callicut from whence She Sailed towards Anjengo the 3^d. May and we learn from thence under the 18th. May that She took in part of the Cables for Admiral Boscawens Squadron and is now commanded by Cap^t. Edward Wills Cap^t. Ambrose Lawrence having died the day after he left Callicut. By this Conveyance we likewise sent the Chief and Factors of Anjengo two hundred Small Arms which they

requested of Us, and two of the Anchors which have lain here ever Since the Month of September 1746 for the Service of that Factory we should the [sic] others but the Commander acquainted us in writing he could take in no more.

By Advices from Anjengo under the 16th. of April which arrived us the 26th. we had the agreeable News of the Cuddalores Sloop being Safe she having b[ee]n drove back on her passage hither by the late violent Storm in which she split all her Sails and Spring her Mast dangerously and the Master giving it as his Opinion that he could not be able to beat up here so as to gain his Passage to Fort St. David as he should not be able to repair his Damages in loss [sic] than ten days from the date of their Letter they desired us to send what Pepper we proposed for her down to them which on our advising was impracticable for us to do from the lateness of the Season we sent them Notice of your Hon^r. &c^a. Commands to us under the 15th. of April for Shipping on her what Bale Goods we might have rec^d. from thence leaving it to their discretion how to act in this particular and Sent an order from hence to the Master Mr. William Holland to receive the same advising the President and Council at Fort St. David there of but we learnt from Anjengo under the 18th. Ult^o. that they dispatched her the 2^d. to Fort St. David quite Empty not having any Pepper in Warehouse or Cloth ready packed up. The Chief on receiving Notice of her being Safe dispatched a Toney after the Express Boat with advice of the same to the Hoñble President in hopes of overtaking her as we had strong N. Westerly Winds here from the 24th. to the 26th. but she returned without being able to reach her.

Our Hoñble Masters Ship Royal Duke in His Majestys Service imported the 29th April the Commander of whom came on shore and acquainted the Chief he was ordered by Captain Powlet to call here for [the pease] remaining belonging to His Majesty which being all sent by the Elizabeth was tendered the Plank lying at Callicut for Fort St. David Presidency and likewise the Pepper in Warehouse neither of which he said could go by him, his Ship being already very full and deep with what had been shipt on board at Bombay for his Majestys Service and the other Coast when he went off and sailed immediately for Anjengo where we hear he likewise rec^d. some Cables for his Majestys Squadron and proceeded to Fort St. David.

On the 1st. May we rec^d. your Hon^r. &c^a. Commands of the 23^d. April and a Letter from your Secry of the 24th. ¶ Ship Doddington with the Treasure agreeable to Invoice and the Cloth we shall therefore now advise you in what manner we dispatched her to China and reply to the other parts of your Commands as they require under the proper Heads.

The whole quantity of Sandall Wood Ordered to be provided for her not being in readiness for the reasons that will be given here after we came to a resolution of Shipping off the Small quantity we had lying here and without further loss of time to send her to lay off Maddacarra River for the quicker Dispatch in receiving what more was daily expected there from our Merchant at Irrecure at which Place we limited her to lay untill the 10th. Instant and then to return to Us. For this Service Mr. Robinson was sent upon her with Directions to use the utmost Expedition in sending off the Quantity as rec^d. And in case the weather in the mean time should appear so threatning as to occasion the Commander to declare he could stay there no longer with safety he was then to dispatch him immediately to China Sending an Invoice of what Goods he might have laden on her to the Supra Cargoes appointed by the Hoñble Company to take Charge of her Stock. At this Place she accordingly lay untill the 11th. Instant and rec^d. in the whole 133. 9. 26 Ca^s. when there being no probability of a further quantitys Arriving very soon after and it being late in the Season She was dispatched by the Chief Mess^{rs}. Robinson and Secker (who were then at Maddacarra) to China with 16 Bales of Putchuck likewise Invoice of which and Copys of the Lrēs to her Supra Cargoes comes under their respective N^o. 18 and 23.

On the 8th. Ult^o. his Majestys Ships Exeter Warwick and Eltham passed to the Southward having lain off this Port about an Hour for a Boat to [send] two private Letters ashore from Capⁿ. Powlet to the Chief.

Before her Departure Captain Mason was assisted from hence wit[h . . .] People to help him work his Ship his own Men being very weakly and he Shipt here for the Voyage with the Chiefs Consent Seven Lascars and Topasses first giv[ing] a writing in behalf of his Owners usual that they should be maintained in Euro[p]e and provided with a passage out again at their expence.

The Gentlemen of Anjengo having applied to us for 2200 Bales of Rice we sent them 1000 Bales by the Cuddalore Sloop which they complain'd was in such bad Package that on weighing three hundred and thirty Six of the broken Ones by two hundred that were whole there arose a Loss of no less than Sixteen Bales and Six Pounds on receipt of there Advices we therefore appointed a Committee of Council to measure and weigh One hundred Bales from the same Warehouse and Parcel theirs was sent from and found on examination, we had 2 Bales 1 Measure more than what they ought to run (which is 25 Dungoys ³/₄ Bale) therefore having no reason to Suspect Our Contractor had imposed upon Us by trying this experiment, nor having complaints from those we Issue it to here, we wrote them this loss must certainly arise on board the Sloop by Pilferage or difference between their Measure and ours as so considerable a Quantity if started by bad Package must certainly have been found loose after taking out the Rice, but as by several Letters rec^d. from them since they seem to imagine the loss did not arise there we have therefore mentioned this particular to your Honour, as we took the likeliest means to find out if the difference arose here which not being able to do we are still to declare our Opinion first wrote them still holds good and hope the same will appear reasonable to Your Honour &c^a.

In like manner on their applying to us for two hundred Fire Arms we supplied them with the Same by the Elizabeth but in a Letter of the 18th. of May they advise us sixty nine of what Sent them will be returned being unfit for Service Upon which Our Storekeeper declare in Council he had sent One hundred New Arms to them in the Same Condition as they were rec^d. from your Honour &c^a. (being the most our own circumstances would allow us to Supply them with) and the other hundred which had been used was inspected by the [. . .] him And desiring his Assistants and those People to be called for [. . .] the same though we should not so much under at their differences [. . .] in respect to the Old Arms but by their Account they dont make so many [. . .] ones received which our Storekeeper is particularly positive were sent [there] by him.

In the Same Letter they desire us to give their Factory Credit [for] all the Cloth lost on the Anjengo Sloop likewise the value of the Sloop if there is any probability of her being recoverable but as the bringing of Goods to Account before they are rec^d. seems to us very irregular we propose wr[e]teing [sic] them that we think this transaction more properly belongs to their Settlement especially as the Investment was designed for the Europe Market But your Honour &c^a. may be assured we shall use all means in our power to recover such a part of this Loss we are able (to little hopes appea[r]s at present of our being successfull therein) and in such case as will give their Factory Credit for what comes into our possession.

Under the 21st. of April the Hoñble President and Council of Fort St. David transmittes [sic] us a melancholly Account of the lost sustaned [sic] by hard Gale of Wind that blew on the 13th. and 14th. of said Month in which our Hoñble Masters Ship Winchelsea designed for this place was drove on shore but as they were not certain if all this fatal Accident was then known to them, therefore as this Pattamar will call there we make no doubt your Honour &c^a. will have a more distinct Account thereof than what has hitherto been rec^d. by Us for which reason we shall desire adviseing you of the particulars that are come to our knowledge and proceed to our Second Head Namely

OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

Your Honour &c^a. having fully supplied us with Cloth and Perpets for the cloathing this Garrison by the Ship Elizabeth which being the most Material Articles consumed at this Settlement w[e] have only further to request your Compliance as far as possible with [the] Storekeepers Indents which goes under N^o. 11. 12. 13.

And we [are] to acquaint you that the Chief and Factors at Anjengo hav[e] [...] us for 2 Cloths of Coarse Red for compleating the Cloathing of [the] Garrison which we shall supply them with by the first Opp[ortunity] after the Rains.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENT.

Our Diary sent up by the [. . .] Express Boat for this year to the 2^d. of March fully sets forth [. . .] at the opening of the Season for securing a Quantity of Pe[pper for] our Hoñble Masters, which on your Honour &c^a. perusing we hope you will find that no means was left untried for the benefit of them towards joining with our Neighbours the French in fixing the Price of this Article from that it bore Inland on the most reasonable terms which at first by the Letters that passed between the Directore of Mahie and our Chief we had all the reason imaginable to believe would have been jointly acted in such m[a]nner as must have tended to the benefit of both our Companys though the Sequel proved quite contrary to our Expectations their Directore flying off from his Engagements which proceedings and the methods taken to prevent it we hope will appear so clear as to prevent any Censure falling on Us from your Honour &c^a. on this Head, and we cannot avoid doing so much Justice to our Merchants as to declare they have tied themselves down for the Quantity contracted with Us for this Season at the lowest

Ca^s. Md^s. Ib

rates possible of which we have rec^d. to this time Candies 624. 4. 29 in part of Ca^s.

the 1000 Advanced them for though we are afraid we shall not be able to get them to receive the remainder of the Money on that Account without some further Consideration or entirely laying too great a stress on them as the French are now purchaseing at the rate of One hundred Rupees ^{per} Candy however we have not given the least hopes of disengagin[g] them from their Agreement, and all reasonable Methods shall be taken to meke [sic] them Adhere thereto. As to their Old Debts the General Account Pepper fully sets forth the same which now comes enclosed under N^o. 7 and to whi[ch] we beg leave to referr assure^g. you no Application shall be wanting to bring them to discharge the Same on on [sic] before the time limited for paying it off.

After the Dispatch of [...]ing near clear a Committee of Council wa[...] the Remains of Old Pepper in Warehouse [...] weight on this Article which has not been do [...] near six Years) and no Allowance made thereon [...] Candies sold the Supra Cargoes of the Hardwicke and [...] dispatched from hence to China A Report of which as taken [by] Mess^{rs}. Robinson and Secker now comes enclosed with an Acco^t. Current of the Receipts and Issues of this Article from the time above specified to the 31st. Dec^r. 1749 by which there appears a loss of 1527:16:7½ on 18562:24½ rec^d. in that time, which is owing we imagine to the wastage in Garbling loss by Drying and from what is Worm eaten to confirm which last particular Musters thereof was produced in Council when the said Report was given in and w[h]ich the Warehousekeepers have noticed to the Chiefs for the time being and as there is no reason to suspect Pilferage we came to a Resolution of writing this Difference off on the close of this Years Books though should not the same appear satisfactory to your Honour &c^a. we have kept Musters of what is in this Condition and shall remit the same to Bombay at the opening of the Season for your Inspection.

In our last Letter we advised your Honour &c^a. of our having procured of a Merchant 200 Candies of Sandall Wood which we had advanced him 20000 Rupees for (which Quantity we were well assured before hand he had Inland) but some disturbances happening in the Misure Country before the Arrival of the Ship Dod-dington hindred [sic] his Sending down the whole quantity to Tellicherry so soon as was expected an impediment having been lain by the Misure Rajah on the Oxen carrying this Commodity out [of the] Country and before the same was taken off several heavy & howers [sic] [r]ains fell Inland and made it impracticable for them to travel so that of [the] whole quantity contracted for we rec^d. only 99. 18. 28 Candies of the 1st. [sort] and 33. 10. 28, Candies of the 2^d. And this Affair appearing clearly [to] be as [no fault of the] Contractors we agreed in Consultation to receive

[it] so soon as he could deliver it to [...] to But being scrupulous u[...] he [...] down so soon as the Company mig[ht ... dis]turbances Inland are not as yet accommodd[...] ort delivered of his Contract into the Honble [...] was Agreed to though to be left to your Honour &c^a. de[...] be required the ensuing Season therefore He is under en[...] it if required.

The Chief being at Maddacarra fo [r...] with the Prince and the Country Governments with Mess^{rs}. [Robins] [and] Secker as will be noticed here after rec^d. from hence [Pa]cket the 10th. [...] from the Chief and Factors at Anjengodated the [2^d]. expressing th[emselves] to be greatly alarmed at no Treasures being sent down for their [...] they had a Cloth Contract to make for 30000 Pieces and [might probably] have a Pepper one likewise in a short time intimating if they were not supplied with at least thirty thousand Rupees neither the One no[r] the other could be fulfilled a Resolution was therefore taken to send [away] immediately the Sum required under the care of a Sober Serjeant and [...] Men by whom they were acquainted of your Honour &c^a. having giv[en] us Orders to Supply them with any Sum they might apply for and w[e] have now the Pleasure to acquaint you that is by Advices rec^d. from the[m] under the 27th. Ult^o. it was safely landed the day preceeding.

The Putchuck laying at this Place and which was recommended by your Honour &c^a. to be [pur]chase in part of the Doddingtons Cargo was inspected by us but some part of it being touched by the Worms it was obliged to be Shroffd and what was then good we took at the Price you limited being Sixteen Rupees the Surat [...] and the Same was Sent from hence to Maddacarra and [shipt] on th[e] Doddington as Directed.

The reason of our not having [sent cal]culate for [...] lately is owing to our having [fully] set forth in th[e] Monthly Charges and making an Allowance for [...] Investments as we might rea[sonably] expect to [make] therefore judged your [...] Revenues to the utmost of our Abilit[ies].

We have at present no Buildings going forward or [any] material Repairs to any of our Fortifications and shall be careful to avoid any unnecessary charges on this Head.

SIXTHLY OF FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS SOLDIERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

The Paragraphs of our Honble Masters Commands by their Ship Doddington enclosed us by your Honour &c^a. we shall be sure to shew a proper obedience to.

The Notification relating to the Dutch Pretentions to an exclusive Right of Trade in Ophuim &c^a. was agreeable to your Orders affixed at the usual Places in our Settlement and published by beat of Drum.

Ensign George Harris and the Detachment under his Command that came from Fort St. David having informed us they have rec^d. no pay for the Months of Oct^r. Nov^r. and Dec^r. last we beg your Hon^r. &c^a. will inform us whether any Acco^{ts}. have come to your hands of the Same and whether we must discharge it or not and Debt Fort St. Davids Presidency for the Amount.

One Richard Stanton Corporal whom we exchanged from the Restoration Grab not having rec^d. his pay for January and February last at Bombay humbly requests your Honour &c^a. will order the same about to be payd him here.

We now enclose your Honour &c^a. a Packet addressed to you from hence the 6th. of April designed by a Merchant Shybar who having been obliged to put back to this Place we now forward the Same.

There being as yet no confirmed News of a Peace we have made no further discharge of People but so soon as the Advices thereof reaches us which we expect daily from Fort St. David we shall then reduce our Garrison to its Old Establishment and lessen all other expences occasioned by the Warr.

... We shall Address your Honour &c^a. again the 15th. Inst^t. and remit Duplicate of these advices by the way of Fort St. David And having nothing further to Communicate We beg leave to Subscribe ourselves.

With the greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient and most Hble Servants

TELLICHERRY,
JUNE THE 6TH. 1749.
PATTAMAR VIA FORT ST. DAVID.

THOMAS BYFELD.
ALEX^R. DOUGLAS.
JOHN ROBINSON.
CHARLES WATERS.
RICH^D. SECKER.

N^o. 113

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL ON BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We addressed your Honour &c^a. under the 6th. Instant P Pattamar Via Fort St. David transmitting the usual Papers And Accounts and now remit Duplicates of the Same in like manner.

Our last Letter fully sets forth the methods taken to bring the branch of the Oden Quilote Family to an Accommodation with our Prince which having proved ineffectual, to prevent the ruin of the Country, we were obliged to come to a Resolution to assist our Prince against them and He having deposited the Sum of 2500 Rupees for defraying such Expences as we might be at therein, we sent to his Assistance on the 12th. Instant 8 Gunners and 250 Seepoys Calliquiloners and Nairs properly Officered which joined to his own Forces we hope will be able to effect the reduction of a Fortress they hold at Puture a Place to the Northward of Maddacarra when they will soon after be able to disperse them: But in case he fails in his attempt we have promised him further Assistance on his bearing the Expence As should this [...] get further Advantages with all probability they would call in the Canarees to their Assistance and thereby again involve the Honble Company in an expensive War to defend their priviledges, therefore we hope our taking this early Step to reduce them before they get to such a heighth [sic] will meet with your Honour &c^a. Approbation.

Since our last the Samorine has wrote the Chief an Ola professing his great regard to the Honble Company and that He should on his part take care no differences arise between Us and intends in the Month of August to send One of his Rajahdores hither on some particular Business which being so different from his last to Us we are in hopes we shall bring him to deliver up what Cloth is saved out of the Anjengo Sloop.

We have kept these dispatches from the 16th. Instant in Order to advise your Honour &c^a. of the Princes Success against his Enemies who yesterday informed the Chief of his having taken the Pagoda of Puture and hopes every hour of being master of the Fortress there which has only fifty People in it when we imagine he will pursue them till such time as they accept the terms proposed in their behalf by the Chief. We have as yet lost only two of our People and have three or four wounded and the Princes have shared much the Same fate.

With are [sic] the greatest Respect

HONBLE. SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

THO^S. BYFELD & C^A.

TELL^R.
JUNE 23^D. 1749.
P^R. PATTAMAR VIA FORT ST. DAVID.

N^o. 114

To M^r. THO^s. BENTON
RESIDENT AT CALLICUT.

SIR

We now Send you by the M^r. William Gill Five hund[red] Rupees for defraying the Charges of the Factory untill such time as [other] Opportunitys offers for remitting you the remainder of the Sum requested.

TELLICHERRY,
JUNE THE 24TH. 1749.
P. PATTAMAR.

We are
SIR
Your Humble Servants
THO^s. BYFELD & C^a.

N^o. 115

To THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. & GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL AT FORT S^t. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

We addressed you under the 6th. Instant desiring you would forward an Accompanying Packet to the Honble President and Council of Bombay Duplicate of which we now enclose desiring in like manner the Same may be sent to them as soon as possible.

We are in daily expectation of hearing from you the News brought out by the present Years Shipping which if you have not dispatch'd before this arrives we request you will please to advise us whether the Peace is confirmed as in such case we may reduce Our Honble Masters Expences at this Settlement.

We have nothing material to communicate but being

TELLICHERRY,
JUNE 25TH. 1749.
P. PATTAMAR.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most humble Servants
THOMAS BYFELD & C^a.

N^o. 116

To CAP^t. THOMAS LECKE
COMMANDER OF THE RESTORATION GRAB.

SIR

This Pattamar is dispatched purposely to deliver the enclosed Packet to your Care which on your Arrival at Bombay please to deliver to the Honble President and Council.

TELLBY.
JULY 26TH. 1749.

We are.
SIR
Your most humble Servants
THO^s. BYFELD & C^a.

No. 117

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. & CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE. SIR & SIRs

We addressed your Honour &c^a. under the 23^d. Ultimo via Fort St. David sending Duplicates of the Papers transmitted annually at that time of the Year, and this we forward to Goa recommended to the Care of Cap^t. Tho^s. Leeke from whom the Chief rec^d. private Advices of his having lost his passage to Bombay when dispatched from hence and through the violence of a Storm he met with, was obliged to bear away for Goa where he has lain the Monsoon.

The Pagoda of Puture which in our last we informed your Honour &c^a. our Prince was against with a Party of our People held out obstinately from the 20th. to the 24th. June when being in want of Provision they abandoned the Fort and being surrounded by Ours and the Princes People were required to deliver up their Arms which they making [some] hesitation about and the Head Officer of them seeming [sic] desperately designed to aim at the Princes life He was obliged contrary to his inclination to Order his People to cut them off when he returned with our People to Tell^ry. and expressed the particular Obligations he lay under to the Hoñble Company for this Singular Instance of their Friendship: And we really believe he is now fully convinced of his late follies and will give us no cause for Complaint soon again: He is now at Cartanatu with the Boyanore whom he promised the Chief to make sensible of his partial Alliance to the French and slights to our Company and endeavour to bring him over to our Interest as much as lays in His Power, and strictly promised the Chief to give over the thoughts he had of introducing that Family to govern the Province of Erreavanaddu which proceeding he was plainly told would be making Us his Enemies.

The Achamars since the Agreement made in their behalf by the Chief with the Prince for to have the Settling of Differences between them when any may arise He complains, has occasioned their throwing of all Obedience duce [sic] from them to Him as their Sovereign, which the Chief has promised to enquire into and indeed we cant say but he possibly may have some cause for his Complaint they have^g. grown more untractable One of their People has of late And lately wounded One of ours who was employed as an Assistant in collecting in their Debt and evading given us any satisfaction as they at first promised we came to a Resolution to Send a Party of our People in conjunction with some of the Princes to cut down the Trees belonging to the Offender, which having been done His Uncle has given an Ola not to contenance [sic] or assist his Nephew hereafter with another to pay the Hoñble Company 1200 Fan^s. as an acknowledgement of his Error in not turning him out of the District of Randoterra which the rest of the Achamars had agreed upon with the Chief and he became security to do.

By advices from Fort St. David we learn that in June arrived them Our Hoñble Masters Ships Griffin Captain Tho^s. De Thick and the Sandwich Captain Petree who parted Company with the Montfort Augusta and Tavistock the 26th. January last in a hard Gale of Wind in the Channell and that the Dragon sailed thre[e] before them tho they have yet no News of her.

Mr. Thomas Benton Resident at Callicut died there the 25th. June and Mr. Richard Secker being particularly intimate with him, was sent the same Evening we rec^d. advice of his Death to take an Inventory of his Effects jointly with our Linguist there and Seal the same up and a Power is Agreed to be Granted by the Temporal Commissioners here to his Executors agreeable to the forms lain down by the Hoñble the Mayors Court and your Honour &c^a. Directions to Us thereon, And we are to desire you will send us another Companys Servant in his Room likewise a Writer if to be spared.

The Arrack Farm was put up to publick Sale yesterday at the Same Price given the last year but no One bidding upon it we Agreed to receive written Proposals for

the Same the 31st. Instant when we shall have due regard to your Honour &c^a Directions not to let the same fall into the Hands of any of the Military Officers or suffer any abuses whatever from other who may rent the same.

We have since writing you last discharged 300 Seepoys and Calliquiloners and propose reducing our Military to the Old Establishment as soon as we hear of a Peace being confirmed.

Our Pepper Merchants have delivered in no more than 697 Candies of the 1000 advanced them Money for which Quantity they have been obliged to pay most extravagant Prices for the French still keeping up this Commodity and we are greatly afraid they will not be near able to comply with their Contract which for us to insist on would be the ruining of them as they have little or no Stock of their own we are therefore induced to recommend this Affair to your Honour &c^a. consideration as we shall wait your Orders before we give them the least hopes of disengaging them from their Agreement. We have now in Warehouse of the Old and New Crop of Pepper nine hundred forty four Candies, Seventeen Maunds eight Pounds and half.

Enclosed comes Abstract of our Pay M^{rs}. Account for the Month of June and Cash Account from the date of our last Advices this time and having nothing else material to communicate We beg leave to subscribe ourselves with the greatest Respect.

HON^{BLE}. SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^t. Humble Servants

TELLICHEIRA [*sic*].
JULY 26TH. 1749.
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