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PREFATORY NOTE.

THIS volume contains all letters and papers received from England during the period 1713-1714. The documents are printed in the order in which they are found in the manuscript Volumes 18 and 19 of "Despatches from England."

The one noteworthy feature is that some interesting information is given on page 91, paragraphs 59-61, about the library in Fort St. George.

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(1) When any day from 1st January to 24th March (inclusive) is followed by figures denoting a single year, add one to them—

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GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED JANUARY 13, 1713, PER BOUVERIE.
[*Public Despatches from England, Vol. 18, pp. 1-51.*]

LONDON, 13TH JANUARY 1713.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

1. By the Ships King William Hannover and Frederick which were dispatcht from hence last year We wrote you at large in the General Letter of the 2d February 1712 wherein We find many particulars as well as general directions for the better management of our affairs which will serve as an answer to several of the Paras. in the Letters receiv'd by the last Shipping from you and for so far will shorten what We are now to say thereunto not doubting but you always keep in mind That our General Orders are to be esteem'd as so many standing Rules for what is to be done or forborn on all other the like occasions. On the 24th of April last We wrote you a short Letter as We also did to the Bay Bombay and Bencoolen (it's Copy enclos'd) to advise you of the Peace between England Holland and other of the Allies and France concluded at Utrecht the 11th of that Month S. N. these Letters were sent by an Advice Vessel which the Dutch Company were then dispatching away to the East Indies and Duplicates thereof by another which was to follow speedily after. We had the Bewinthebbers assurance that due care shou'd be taken to forward them as superscrib'd so that We may hope you have before this receiv'd the Account of the Peace and thereby are put out of fear of further disturbance to your Countrey Trade or the interruption of our Affairs under your Mannagement.

2. Since that time We have receiv'd the following Letters from you Vizt. your large Letter of the 14th of October 1712 and a short one of the 15th by the Dartmouth an Additional Letter of the 27th of that Month by the John and Elizabeth together with an Abstract of part of the said larger Letter it had been better if you had sent Duplicate of the whole because she came directly from St. Helena to England and arriv'd here above Six weeks before ye Dartmouth. We have also yours of the 11th of January by the Mary and Derby and 4th of February last by the Howland by which Ship We receiv'd a Letter from Fort St. Davids of the 13th of that Month and particular Letters from Mr. Raworth and Mr. Farmer. To all these We are now to give answers and to add what further occurs under our establishd general heads, Vizt.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURN'D.

3. Since our aforesaid Letters It has pleas'd God That the following Ships have arriv'd with Us in safety Vizt. The Dartmouth from the Coast—The Derby from the Bay, the Mary from the Bay & Coast The Todington and Success from Bencoolen The Stringer Galley and Nathanael from Mocha but last from Bombay came in company with the Dutch North abt. and got into the River of Thames most of them the 18th of August the rest a few after occasion'd by the Sickness of their Men. The Howland frō the Fort The Kent from the Bay The

Mountague and Heathcote from Bombay and the Herne from China came directly from St. Helena and arriv'd in the Downes the last of August and beginning of September.

4. The Ships sent and sending out to all Parts of the East Indies this Season are, Vizt.

	Tons.		
The Eagle Galley ...	200	Capt. Daniel Beeckman ...	} For Borneo.
The Borneo ...	180	Capt. Thomas Lewis ...	

to attempt the re-establishing a Trade thither because Pepper of late bears a good price here and in case they cant get a Lading of Pepper there they are then to go to Bencoolen. Mr. Becher Supra Cargo of the Eagle and Mr. Swartz of the Borneo with the Captains and John Gerrard Writer they Sail'd in October last the Borneo the 2d day & the Eagle the 18th from Plymouth.

	Tons.		
The Hester ...	250	Capt. Charles Kesar ...	For Canton & home.

Messrs. Philip Middleton James Naish & Richd. Hollond Supra Cargo's and Richard Bull Writer She was by Charter party to depart ye Downes the 25th December and did Sail the 5th Instant.

	Tons.		
The Des Bouverie ...	450	Capt. Thomas Wotton	} For the Coast and Bay.
The Aurengzebe ...	425	Capt. Nicholas Luhorne	
The St. George ...	450	Capt. Samuel Goodman.	For the Bay.
The Averilla ...	250	Capt. Robert Hurst	For Bencoolen.
The Rochester ...	350	Capt. William Brown	For St. Helena & Bencoolen.
The Catherine ...	450	Capt. Edward Godfrey	} For Bombay.
The Thistleworth ...	250	Capt. Daniel Small	
The Arabella ...	140	Capt. Alexander Reid For	{ Madagascar Bencoolen, &c.

5. The Coast and Bay Ships and Averilla by Charter Party are to be in the Downes by the 30th of December, the Arabella by the 25th January, the Rochester by the 25th February and the Bombay Ships We intend shall be there in March next.

6. The Averilla We design shall touch at the Maderas and take in a hundred Pipes of Wine which are order'd to lie ready against her arrivall these are to be deliver'd you and to that end the Captain has orders to Sail from thence directly for Fort St. George which is conformable to what you propose. We wou'd have you send her away for the West Coast as soon as you shall judge it necessary with such Supplys as the Advices from thence and your own Judgment shall direct.

7. Send a suitable Supply of the Madera Wine thither and the like Supply to the Bay keeping so much for your Selves and the Subordinate Factorys on the Coast as you think convenient the rest Sell for our most advantage.

8. The principal design of taking up the Arabella is on Account of Madagascar Slaves for Bencoolen. We have agreed with Capt. Reid who is the principal Owner that he shall come into a Bencoolen Charterparty as other Ships do with these further Covenants That he lay in at his own Charge a proper Cargo to purchase Slaves at Madagascar as far as Two hundred to be two thirds Males and one third Females and from Sixteen to Six and twenty years old That the Deputy Governour and Council pay him for what he delivers them which he hopes will be above a hundred, Twenty Pounds a head by Bills of Exchange drawn on Us payable at Forty days sight to the Owners order but he is to have no Demorage for going to or stay at Madagascar or on any other Account till four Months after arrival at Bencoolen That when he has deliver'd the Slaves at Bencoolen the Deputy Governour and Council are to put on board him Three thous^d. Pounds Value in Mexico Peices of $\frac{2}{3}$ which will be sent them

apart in particular Chests and he is therewith to endeavour purchasing a Lading of Pepper at Borneo or any other place or places excepting only such as We or our Factors usually trade to for Pepper and is to have Five per Cent Commission on the Gross Sale of what he so purchases if he is disappointed in part or in whole of a Pepper Lading he is to repair to Bencoolen and our Deputy Governour and Council are to receive back so much of the Three thousand Pounds as remains uninvested in Pepper and to fill him up for our Account for which he is to demand no Commission but to leave it to the Court of Directors to give him what compensation they think fit.

9. The Cargos for the Coast and Bay on all y^e. Three Ships We intend shall be about Two hundred and Forty-five thousand Pounds in the whole whereof for your Coast Ninety-five thousand Pounds and the rest for the Bay and that you may the better know what the St. George has as well for sorts and Quantities of Goods as the Value of the whole. You have herewith Abstract of her Invoice and in each Ship's Packet are her Invoice Bill of Lading and Copy of her Charterparty.

10. We approve your diligence in hastening away our Ships for Europe and endeavouring to provide for such part of the Tonnage in the Bay which our People there were apprehensive they cou'd not dispatch home and the Account given of the times of our Ships arrival at & departure from Madrass the News you had of others from divers parts of the East Indies the Account of Moneys supply'd the Captains or Petre above their Kintlage of the sums paid the Surgeons for head money the News of the Separate Stock Ships Dutch Danes and French's Proceedings and of the French Successes in their Privateering Voyages tho We are heartily sorry they met with so much encouragement which might have prov'd a dangerous temptation to divers others to have infested the East Indies the next Season had not the Peace put a Stop to all designs of that kind.

11. By the few Ships sent out last year and this to the Coast Bay & Bombay you will see We were apprehensive the Tonnage remaining in or on the way to India was too great and that We wou'd lessen the same gradually.

12. We are sorry the Stretham was not arriv'd with you the beginning of February but by the Herne We have an account that She was not dispatcht till the 15th January occasion'd partly by the Chineeses crafty manngement especially Leanqua and Anqua of whom they grievously complain & partly for fear of a large French Ship then in the River for which reason and for that they write they had Intelligence from Mr. Trenchfield at Mallacca to Mr. Jones by way of Tonqueen of several French Ships which as was fear'd wou'd lie in the Streights of Mallacca they resolved to sail to Madrass by way of Batavia.

13. The Howland's tedious Voyage & stay at Mallacca can't now [bee] helpt and for so far as it was really occasion'd to prevent falling into [the] hands of the French We can't blame the Conduct but the Error be [. . .] in being so long before she got to the head of Atcheen so as not to be [. . .] to weather it which will be enquired into in due time however the [war] between France & this nation being now at an end We have this com[for]table Prospect that the damage occasion'd by delays of this nature [will] not be repeated.

The Howland tedious stay at Malacca can't now be helpt some part of their conduct approv'd.

14. Cap^t. Goodman's unwarrantable calling in at the Maderas [. . .] delays in the Voyage getting so late to & staying so long at Point de [. . .] and taking out our treasure We have justly animadverted upon and [. . .] ourselves some Justice in not allowing the Demorage his Owners de[man]ded. We also refused to continue him in the Command of the ship for sometime till his earnest intreatys & promises of future amendment together with several friends hearty solicitations on his behalf & to prese[rve] his Family from ruin and his giving Us a special Bond in One thousand Pounds for this good behaviour did at length prevail on Us to re-admit [him] into our Service. But We must at the same time tell you that on the Owners complaint of the damage they sustain'd by the fitting of y^e. [St. George] for a Persia Voyage of which she was afterwards disappointed and that backt by his Protest which they Represented in

Capt. Goodman's unwarrantable proceedings last year no way approv'd and wou'd have been turn'd out but yt. he has given a bond of 1000 £ for his future good behaviour.

Disappoints the St. George of a Persia Voyage complain'd of.

a very warm manner [. . .] urged that it was done purely for the sake of a favourite ship w^{ch}. ind[uced] our Committee to give over some just demands they wou'd otherwise have insisted on. This We mention, that there may be no more such [. . .] given for complaint. Cap^t. Staines of the Rochester We have entirely d[is]carded for his mismannagem^{ts}. in the last Voyage to Chusan & back.

Capt. Staines of ye. Rochester Discarded.

care in speedily gets in the Dartmo. freight taken notice of.

15. We observe your care in getting in the freight due for y^e. Da[rtmouth] Voyage to the Bay Persia & back within four days after her return [to] Madrass.

Continue the Tappys between y^e. place and ye. bay now ye. peace is concluded left to our discretion.

16. We leave it to your consideration how far the charge of Tappy Peons [be]tween Fort S^t. George & the Bay is necessary to be continued now [that]. War with France is ended and whether the service of early advice [is] worth the Expen^{ce} and when you have weigh'd all circumstances continue or take them off as you shall judge mos^t for [. . .] selves and the Merchants of Madrass who as you wr [. . .] Charge for the same reason your just complaint of the Cap^{ts}. separating in the Voyage is now at an end * * * *

[. . .] of ye. Capts. Separate.

[. . .] voyage is at an end [Peace] being concluded [. . .] are to associate to as formerly from [St. He] lens.

[. . .] tions given for ye. disp^s. of ye. Ships.

[. . .] to be given all com [. . .] to be on y^e. Guard [. . .] of Pyrates.

[Reasons] given why Pyrat [. . .] be expected in these [. . .] us [. . .]

* * * * The Clause of associating together in their return from S^t. Helena homeward is continued in the Cap^{ts}. Instructions according to the Covenant in Charterparty so that you[r] Dispatches to the Captains returning homeward must be as in the last & former times of Peace that they make the best of their way for the River Thames touching only at S^t. Helena for refreshing their men however [. . .] the several Captains caution as We also now do to be on their guard to prevent being surpriz'd by an Enemy for We are afraid of Pyrates infesti[ng] the Indian Seas and have a very credible report that a small Vessel com[mitt]ed acts of Pyracy in our Seas & the People on board did impudently declar[e] they wou'd proceed to Madagascar on the free booting Account & sho[uld] have other Consorts. We must further tell you that notwithstanding th[is] [. . .] separate Trader's liberty of being on the other side the Cape of Good Hope determines the 29th. of September next yet We have had some Ships ma[de] [. . .] Entrys with Us as wth the Copys in the Packet and among others the Ship Delicia formerly the Milford Galley Man of War built for War & Sailing. She is above Four hundred Tons Burden Theophilus Gregory Master th^o We are told Cap^t. Woodes Rogers who commanded one of the Bristol Privateer[s] that took the Lesser Accapulco Ship is to be her Commander She carry'd o[n her] no more than Seven hundred Pounds Cargo and pretends to go to Madagas[car] for Slaves & carry them to the East Indies but the Old Company having suffer'd so severely by Pyracys in India makes us very apprehensive [lest] She shou'd by surprize or otherwise get into the Pyrates hands for We can conceive so small a stock can ever be improv'd to pay so much as the Seamen's wages for she has about Eighty men aboard wherefore do y[ou] give intelligence to all our Ships & Factorys that they may use all possi[ble] caution to prevent being surpriz'd by any Pyrates whatsoever.

[. . .] tions with all Capts. to obey our ordrs. [. . .] in writing and [. . .]

17. We dont think the 14th. Par^a. of the General Letter by the Dartmou[th] a sufficient answer to our 17th. by the Marlborough for you may therein observe the reason of our directing to put in writing the Transactions [with] the Captains who refuse to observe your Orders as Cap^t. Newnam did about the Rupees you wou'd have sent by him to the Bay was to make y^e. charge more home against the Ships for th^o your Informations may be [. . .] to Us to blame the Captains yet if they stily deny the Fact or put a [. . .] or plausible Colour on the reasons of their refusal We shall find it v[er]y difficult to charge the Ship with the Dañage and if the Commander [. . .] the Voyage to be sure We can't as was the Case of Cap^t. Newnam, so that the practice to transact by Writing has not been customary formerly as the captain's refusal also has not yet if so good an effect may be produc'd there it will sufficiently warrant it for time to come.

18. Whether the Captains sitting in Consultation during the Deb[ates] for letting their Ships to freight either in th[e Bay] at Surratt or Gombro[on] will answer our ends in directing it or be defeated for the reasons men[tion'd] in your 15th. Par^a. We can't be assured, the Event must shew it, however We resolv'd upon it to try an experiment & expect some good from it, [. . .] Complaints of our President or President & Council in the Bay his or th[eir] engrossing of Freights by the Broker We complain'd of last year & s[hould] again in warmer Terms of what you write now of their continuing [the] same practice their sending up the London empty when you gave [. . .] early notice of the advantage it wou'd be to Us to fill her up wth. Rice wh[ich] you write wou'd be Pag^a. Five thousand of their detaining the Derby [. . .] and yet not sending her up above two thirds full and the Marys bringing up but Five hundred Bags instead of Two thousand she cou'd have [. . .] in We are well satisfied the Broker has sufficient Granarys to load [Seve]ral Ships with Grain which are annually exported from Fort William [. . .] of their sending for our account on the President the refuse & sweeping of the Wheat & Rice thô same Ship brought up excellent good for priv[ate] Persons, of their sending you up so trifling a parcel of Gurrahs for Wrap[. . .] and those full of holes, of their rash unwarrantable expedition to the Maldives and other the Complaints mention'd in your Letters now before Us and to make our expostulations the more sensible We h[ave] resolv'd to lay aside M^r. Russell who as he is at the head of our Affairs there ought to have taken better care or if he had been over-ruled ough[t to] have given Us an acco^t. thereof but of this wee may enlarge in a [succeeding] Paragraph.

The Capt^s. will in Consultt. during the Debates for letting their Ships.

ingrossing of Freight in Bengall last year complain'd of and will y^s. in warmer terms as will as of other very great mismanagm^{ts}. for wh. Mr. Russell is laid aside.

19. What you mention in your 17th. Par^a. concerning the lett[er . . .] ships to China We take notice of & think it much better for [. . .] our ships lie a few months in harbour waiting for an early [. . .] the next season or rather employ'd in short trips to be earning something than to hire them out to China if by their unseasonably long detention there they can't return to be dispatcht for Europe in the next February or beginning of March at furthest and yet We must bear all the Damage put the Case [. . .] the Howland had been so let & shou'd have stay'd on the Freighter's acc[ount] as she has on ours you will easily observe there wou'd be above Twenty Months Demorage for Us to pay and it is very likely the Money y^e. Freight wou'd have paid for her hire wou'd not have amounted to above a third part of that Value but when there are no such Interruptions as the fear of the French &c^a. to detard a Ship's return and the Freighters will covenant to dispatch her from China so early as that She may have a fair chance to get time enô to Madrass to be return'd for England without loosing h[er] Passage then the Case alters and as such it is our Interest to let her on a good Freight for a China Voyage especially if you have much Tonnage on your hands.

Orders given about Shipp^s. yt. can't be dis- [. . .]

20. We hope the continuance of the Peace will prevent our choosing another Secret Committee for directing the sailing of our ships out or home or any other the like occasions.

[Peace] being concluded so [Secret] committee for shipp^s. Chosen. Comp^a.

21. You will see in our last years Letters We were not unsensible how our ships came to want several of their Complement of men by o[ur] unfaithful People in the Bay seducing them away for their private service yet you have done well to give Us the acco^t. as mention'd in the Letter before Us as you also did in advising the Captain's of the Mary's reasons for touching at Madrass when consign'd directly to the Bay and not giving him Dispatches to make a handle to ask Demorage althô you did lade some Rupees on her for Fort William.

a[. . .]nsible ye. yt. in their ships com- [plem]ent of men was occa- 'son'd] by their Serv^{ts}. in ye. [. . .]seduceg them away [. . .] yr. private interest.

22. You have follow'd our Orders in part in giving Us the acco^t. of the employ- ment of our own Countrey Vessels but on reviewing the 15th Par^a. of our General Letter by the Marlborough &c^a. you will find We desired an annual acco^t. of 'beir' Charge & the gross amount of every Item and [. . .] last year explain'd the reasons this is omitted but shou'd not and We hope will not for the future had you sent Us in a paper apart the acco^t. of the Sloop's charges which you sent

an annual acco^t. of ye [char]ge of all Ves^sels. [. . .]ps charge y^t. wont should have [. . .]

directions concerning Country Vessell belongs to ye. Company.

to Batavia & the returns of her small Cargo which as you write wou'd defray the same We shou'd have know[n] it now whereas She returning the 27.th May and your [Books . . .] of April the entry of it which you say shall be [. . .] hands till next year: We find in the Consultation of the [. . .] Two hundred & fortyseven Pag.^s for her hire We have [. . .] have no more Country Vessels than absolutely necessary [. . .] standing charge but what are so We acquiesce in [. . .] will take care their constant expence be strictly [. . .] frugally mannaged & no more charged than re [. . .] you that such Sloops or other Vessels as are numb[. . .] the fewest hands so as they burden tollerably we [. . .] Us as they perform their Voyages sooner & with les[s . . .] der well and do as you think best for Us in all [. . .] Vessels you shall have occasion for on the Coast or a [. . .].

when the Capt. Registers goods to express every Specie it's value and Quantity in words at Length.

23. We have receiv'd in our Packets from You, the [. . .] Captain's Registers of their Private Trade as deliver'd [. . .]. That Given in by Cap.^s Holden of the Mary in the Bay [. . .] contains the Sorts & Quantitys of Goods in words at len[gth . . .] each article the Cap.^s Beckford, Wotton & Blow's Register [. . .] are not so satisfactory for thô the species are exprest yet the [. . .] only in figures & no acco.^s of the Values Cap.^s Lewis of the Howland is very blameworthy for most of the Parcels only mention the marks without specifying either the sorts or Quantitys of Goods or Values therein. It seems part of those parcels do belong to Cap.^s Cooke deceased & Cap.^s Lewis [may] not know the Contents but then he shou'd have exprest it so in y^o Register and for the rest whose Owners were living & belong'd to^o the ship they shou'd have incerted the Species Quantitys & Values of each parcel. This We mention to shew the fault & at the same time to point at the Remedy.

Capt. Martins good Conduct in extricating himself from y french [. . .] ded and encouragement pro[mised] him and his [men].

24. We were extreamly pleas'd to read the acco.^s of Cap.^s Martin's good Conduct in extricating himself from the French in his way down to Ballasore as well for the general benefit of all concerned in the ship as for our own large stock aboard & the disappointment of the Enemy when it pleases God he returns to Us We shall not be wanting in a suitable Encouragement to him & his Men which you did well in letting him know you wou'd leave to Us as you also did in sending him in company of the Dartmouth &c.^s ships dispatcht by you till they were out of the Ponticherry track.

[25]. You acted prudently in resolving to leave the Cap.^s of the [. . .] to his Bengall Dispatches for the reasons mention'd in your Consultation of the 30.th December as it gives his Owners no handle to demand Demorage for that stay.

[26]. You will see by these ships Charterpartys that their Freight and demorage is lower than last year wherefore if any of our Ships now [. . .] road shou'd remain in the Country when these arrive take care they [. . .]st dispatcht.

[27]. We find in the Dartmouth's Packet N^o. 33. a Petition of the Owners of the satisfaction referr'd to in the 231st Par.^s of the Letter by that ship and agree with you as the Case is stated it is very hard & should willingly afford them our assistance as you desire but neither M^r Fras[er] or M^r. Martin who by the Petition appear concerned therein & are both here have said one word to Us thereupon nor have We heard anything of that Mackdowall you mention to come on the Dartmouth to prosecute [the] Dutch in behalf of the Owners so that We have no proper handle to lay hold of to endeavour to do them service.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE.

What goods sent referr'd to ye. Severall Invoices.

28. What Woollen Goods of all Sorts Lead Iron Factors Provisions Naval or Ordnance stores Medicines & all other Commoditys now sent you will have a particular acco.^s in the respective Invoices whereto We referr you.

29. Our Committee have had a due regard to your List of Wollen Manufacture & wou'd have exactly comply'd with the several articles but that as it is our usual Custom to begin providing Cloth in May [or] June for the general sorts demanded from all parts of India they [. . .] they had made an over provision because our Letters from Bombay [ad]vise that the General & Council had not been able to dispose of the Quantitys sent them the Persia Market being shut up by the [. . .] trouble there & therefore desir'd We wou'd send them none at [. . .] year for which reason chiefly We have been obliged to enlarge in Quantity & to alter in the following particulars Viz^t. Besides the Three h[undred] and Fifty Bales of Broad cloath ordinary Popinjays We have [. . .] Thirty four Bales more from [. . .] Nine Pounds Ten Shillings the [. . .] of the Quantity desired for the next [. . .] following articles, none of these are [. . .] Bales of fine Popinjays Salisburys of [. . .] Cloth of the Patterns sent by the Des Bou [verie] about Nine Pounds fifteen Shillings a Cloth but [. . .] Patterns Instead of the One hundred & fifty Bales [. . .] Lists & One hundred & twenty Bales of Reds desir [. . .] hundred & fifty Bales of auroras from Twelve Po[unds] [. . .] Fourteen Pounds twelve Shillings & six pence a [. . .] Three hundred sixty three Cloths of stript & white [. . .] Lists We have sent the Quantity of Scarlets you des[ired] [. . .] Bales from Eighteen Pounds five to Twenty Pounds [. . .] Cloth all stript & white Lists and of good bright Co[LOURS] [. . .] Five Bales of Salisburys Scarlets of about Thirty Pounds [. . .] one Bale of Salisburys Scarlet of Thirty Pounds Ten Shillings [. . .] Bales of fine Long Glocesters of about Thirty five Pounds Ten [. . .] a Cloth all stript & white Lists, Instead of the one Bale of fine Sky [. . .] Mazarine We have provided but one Cloth Sky value Twenty Five Pounds ten shillings You write for Fifteen Bales of fine Perpetua[nos] scarlet all Colchesters We have sent Eight Bales of Exeter Long Ell[s] sandford & Seven Bales of Colchesters all Scarlets & One Bale of fine [. . .] sandford Long Ells yellow instead of Colchesters, & Five Bales of Long Ells Kirton Reds ordinary instead of Five Bales of Perpetuanos ordinary red desired and but sixty five Tons of Lead instead of One hundred wrote for the rest are all according to the List from you.

The Committee have had a due regard to ye List of Wollen goods but as they had provided but part before, they could not keep up to ye List.

30. Our Committee of buying found fault last year with the List you sent as not being sufficiently plain & full they find as you advise th[at] you have done better this & in the General Letter have given the reasons more largely for your several demands.

[. . .] Committee observe have been exacter in [. . .] than in ye Last.

31. The accot. now receiv'd to what uses our Woollen Manufactures are apply'd & where & how dispos'd is acceptable as is also the reason yo[u] give why you are not so very particular in every species as We wrote you to be because you sell all in the Lump by Invoice & if the Merch^{ts}. shou'd [. . .] nicely to distinguish the several sorts & [. . .] goodness it wou'd give them occasion for cavilling [. . .] you find which sorts as to the Cloth & Colours & Price [. . .] please the Merchants most it wou'd be an useful hint to [. . .] accot. with Patterns & the number of the Bales & by wha[t . . .]

Accot. yo. give us how [woollen] Manufactures are [apply'd] and where and [how] Dispos'd is accept[ed].

[32]. You did well to send Us back the Patterns of Taylors Reds received by the Marlborough & shou'd have done the same in the Scarlets and Auroras whose Dyes you complain are worse & the Cloth courser than usual as also Patterns to shew the difference in the Popinjays certifying therewith the Number of the Bale & Peice by this means We shou'd fi[nd] out by whom & how much We are abused for it is impossible for our Committee to see every Peice or Bale after it has gone thro' all the Workmen's hands & fit for Packing. The Paper of Patterns N^o. B. mentioned in your 52^d. Par^a. was put in by the Packer's mistake for the Bale to which those Patterns belonged went on the Mary for the Bay.

33. Touching the larger vend of our Woollen Manufactures by supplying the Merchants at Madrass & those at S^t. Davids too We have wrote last year so need only refer you thereto for We take it for granted it is best for Us to have two

[. . .] larg^t: vend [. . .] w[ool]len Manu- factures.

Buyers rather than one and though the merch^{ts}. at Fort S^t. Davids are not yet able to dispose of as large a parcel in a season as those at Madrass they may in time at least if [. . .] between them both larger quantities could be annually vendd it wou'd be our advantage & a great help to our own manufactures which is for the Common Good of our Countrey & give Us a Reputation here.

no gold and silver Thread came out ye: year from ye. Compa: or private people in hopes what remaining will [sell] ye: better.

[Se]lling of ye: old rem . . .] Ware house com- ended and Seve: direc- tions relat: thereto.

34. We are sorry to find the Gold & Silver Thread will not go off. We have therefore sent you none this season nor wou'd we [permit] others that have apply'd to Us to send out parcels which makes [us] think it will be a Commodity in time or else We shou'd not have be[en] solicited so earnestly to allow it's going out now nor have We [sent] you any Embost Callimanco's or Glass Ware & not all the Emb[ost] Cloth you told us might vend that it might not be deprettiated.

35. You did well to sell off all your old Remains and [. . .] some of them were so much worm eaten as to yield very litt[le we] expect you will hereafter take care annually to overhawl the Ware[house] and know what Remains are left and Sell them to the merch^{ts}. if possible or else by outcry before a new Supply arrives for the first Loss in these cases is always the least. Were your Warehousekeeper careful en^d in his acco^{ts}. and the accomptant did but do his duty in his Station it were impossible to have such Remains lie rotting & forgotten in y^e. Warehouse or at least you might know which of the Warehousekeepers was chargeable with the neglect especially if this matter was annually or oftner examin'd in Consultation as We hope & expect it shall in all time to come. Touching Indian Goods lying neglected and spoiling in the Godowns We told you our minds last year & only hint it here for your remembrance.

57 Anchors and 50 Guns sent by ye: Ships.

36. Our Committee who provide the naval Ordnance and Garison Stores have on considering your several Lists of what desired taken care to send you by these Ships Fifty seven anchors from two to twenty four hundred weight & fifty Guns from one to Six hundred weight w^{ch}. they reckon will be sufficient till the next season including those sent last year & not arriv'd when the Dartmouth who brought the Lists departed Madrass. They reckon among the Guns then & now sent you will find twenty long en^d for Field Peices. They apprehend You have been misinformed in the Field Peices you write for to carry a two pound shott, the bore of a Gun carrying a two pound shott being too Small for a Field Peice.

bris: no list of stores from West coast we suppose they depend on y^e: [. . .] a Supply.

37. The last Packets from Bencoolen bring no List of Stores wanting there from whence the Com^{tee}. concluded that place wholly depends on you for supplies therefore do you send them by y^e. Averilla what shall be necessary.

more Iron yo: Lead [. . .] being it turns to better accot.

38. The Invoices will shew you that the Bouverie & Aurengebe bring more Iron than Lead because it turns to better acco^t.

[. . .] of stores for use [. . .] be sent apart and [. . .] so for sale, what they sell for at ye. time [. . .] is sign'd.

39. It would be more satisfactory to the Com^{tee}. to send the Lists of Garrison & c^{ts}. Stores for Use apart from those for sale and in the Lists of what desired for Sale to mention the prices of each sort they are worth at the time of signing the List that all lists be well consider'd in Council that so nothing superfluous may be wrote for nor what is not likely [to] vend.

40. The best directions possible have been given in putting [. . .] stationary wares this year the Persons who furnish Us are positive ye Paper was good when sent from hence & suppose the Damage must be occasion'd by the ship & that this may be cured the Captains have a Cla[use] in their Instructions to put it all in the Bread room or other dry place in the Ship & the Packets in the Round house & free from Damp how[ever] if you shou'd hereafter find any of the Paper to be bad send a sheet or [two] of each Sort in the Box containing our Packet with an acco^t. by wh[ich] ship it came & in what Rheam or any other acco^t. of distinction me[n]tioned] in the Invoice so as to ascertain where to fix the blame.

41. The Medicines are put up in two Chests as you desire.
42. No Seacole is sent this year finding you had a great Qua[n]tity remaining and that We sent One & thirty Chaldron by the Hanno [ver] the last Season. No Seacole sent.
43. Our Com^{rs}. on perusing the Lists of Stores remaining [. . .] what desired apprehend there has not been a due consideration [in] drawing out the Lists of Demands and therefore did not send [as] wrote for. the Comittee for provide stores thinking ye lists were not duely considered have not sent every thing demandd. We approve of yr using Pegu Lead for ye Garrison but wou'd have you consider whether it will not beat our own out of use in time.
44. We find in your Consultation of the 14th. Feb^r. you [order'd] Pegu Lead to be bought for the Use of your Garrison and other [your] Settlem^{ts}. as being cheaper than Europe Lead & every way as serviceable for ammunition which as it is a mark of good husbandry[. . .] approve but wou'd have you consider also whether this mayn't be [a] Precedent to others & if it shou'd whether it will not thereby fur[ther] contribute to the beating our own Lead out of use if it will not [. . .] Gance otherwise don't.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS IN INDIA GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

45. You will find in the Packet our Orders for Investments [. . .] you must have the same regard to as if repeated herein Verbatim [. . .], the Peace is concluded you will be better able to get in the go[ods] from S^t. Davids & Vizagapatam & to send down as opportunity [. . .] Coast Goods to the Bay which as you mention you have a time [. . .]sion for to repart the Cargos of our Ships as formerly directed [. . .] still continuing We observe our goods generally sell best when We h[ave] a good sortment in every ship's Cargo or at least at every Sale whereas [. . .] overdoing in any one or more species of Goods rather hurts as it gluts the Markett. Instructions for Investments.
46. By the great Quantity of Tonnage from the Coast and Bay importing here just at a time We have been streightned for Warehouse room & therefore have not been able to inspect some part of our late returned Goods so as to advise you anything about them at least particularly what We shall now take notice of is principally on those sorts w^{ch}. have been lately sold wherein as you will find We shall tell you where the Goods appear to have come up to muster on comparing them with the sorts sent in the Bale apart. the Comps^{rs}. have been Streightend for Ware house room have not been able to view all ye goods lately recd.
47. Our Buyers find fault with the thinness & poorness of the Longcloth ordinary especially that from Fort S^t. Davids which came by the Dartmouth. The thread is not well spun but too raw & spongy The quantity of thread laid in the Warp is too little nor is the woof so well struck as it shou'd so that the Cloth is more like a Gawse than a well made sort of Goods whereas if due care was taken in all these particulars the Cloth wou'd be as good as heretofore used to come from your side of India. The Buyers find fault wth. ye. Thinness & poorness of ye. Long cloth and ye. Threads are not w[ell] spun.
48. The Goods of this sort from Vizagapatam N^o. 1 & 2. which came on the Derby are generally well made & good they are of different lengths and colour from what usually comes from thence. But the Cost from Pag^a. Thirty three to Thirty one $\frac{3}{4}$ Corge & under is dearer than usual at least than the Longcloth Ordinary Madrass N^o. 1. which sells here at the same price & yet is invoic'd about Eight pence a peice cheaper. Goods from Visagap^m. well made but 3 a p^a [dear]er yⁿ. at Madrass.
49. The Longcloth N^o. 1 W. 2 W. & 3 W. come home this year is charged dearer than ever the same sorts were before since the first coming of the two first Sorts Anno 1706 by the Sommers and by its being thinner than usual the Drapers esteem it Five $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent worse than if it were made substantial & well struck. The Drapers say this was a very good sort of Cloth at First but it has annually degenerated, the Prices till this year never exceeded Viz^t. the 1 W. Thirty three Pag^a. a Corge, the 2. W. Thirty one Pag^a. 27^{Pen}. and the 3 W. Thirty Pag^a. 18^{Pen}. whereas this year the Invoice prices are [1 W. at Thirt]y three Pag^a. 18^{Pen}. a Corge the 2. W. at Thirty Two Pag^a. 9^{Pen}. [and the 3 W. at] Thirty one Pag^a. a Corge. Cloth No. 1 W, 2 W and dearer yⁿ. usual Thinner made.

Longcloth fine
and midling
good.
Madrass & Fort
St. David
Sallampores
complain'd of.

those of
Visagam :
good but
fall short in
Length.

Small Gingham
being out of use
none to be sent.

Fort St : David
Succatoons very
dear.

Morees fine
very poor thin
Cloth greatly
complain'd of.

Bettelees both
Madrass and
Fort St. David
complain'd of.

Bettelees
Oringall : No. 1
& 2 both fort St.
David and
Madrass found
fault with :

stript Bettelees
of Dartmo &
Mary are ill
sorted.

50. The Sorts of Longcloth fine & midling prove generally good.

51. The Sallampores of Madrass & Fort S^t. Davids in generall are complain'd of as being too thin & wanting thread in the first laying the warp and not well struck.

52. Those of Vizagapatam are well made but fall short in Length being but fifteen yards & a half generally whereas they shou'd be sixteen yards & also were seventeen nails wide or better but now are no more sixteen nails which you must take special care to prevent or else to [get] a proportionable abatem^t. in the price.

53. The Ginghams small are very much out of use and therefore fallen in price what have sold at eight & thirty shillings a peice [now] go off at about twenty shillings. We have Ten thousand Peices in Warehouse therefore send none.

54. The S^t. David's Succatums of Dartmouth are invoic'd [. . .] N^o. 1. at Sixty Pag^a. a Corge, the N^o. 2 at Five & Fifty which is very [. . .] because they sell but at eight & forty shillings a peice & used to sell above three Pounds therefore send no more than what mention'd [in] the Investment.

55. The Morees fine & ordinary this year prove very poo[r] Cloth & are greatly complain'd of the thread is too raw wants [. . .] Twisting the Cloth not well struck nor fine enô so that x x the [. . .] the fine at eight & twenty shillings which used to sell at about [. . .] shillings, the ordinary at five & twenty shillings to six & Twenty [shillings] now at two & twenty shillings which you see is a poor rate to [what] they used & wou'd now sell at were it not for these causes.

56. We have yet further reason to add to our former Com[plaint] about Bettellees those receiv'd this year from Madrass & put [. . .] forty shillings the short sort & the long at fifty sell but at the [. . .] advance, but those from Fort S^t. Davids will not sell whi[le . . .] sufficient Justification of what you mention in your 217th. Par^a. refusing the surplus Bettellees contracted for there against yo[ur . . .]. We have a great quantity in Warehouse from both places bu[t] from S^t. David [. . .] will not go off & are out of time. We [. . .] anno 17 [. . .] sorts were invoiced from Madrass than fr[om . . . b]ut of late they are charged as dea[. . .];

57. The Madrass Oringall Bettellees N^o. 1 & 2. by the Dartmouth are much worse than they used to be being poor & raw in their make & not of that delicate small wiry even thread & well made sorts they formerly were. But those from Fort S^t. Davids are far worse & extreamly ill sorted, many of the Peices in the same Bale being five to ten shillings each worse than others by the Tankerville these sorts were invoiced from Madrass [at] Five Pag^a. a Corge Less than now & yet sold at above double the price of these occasion'd as the Buyers say by the badness of the make & those at S^t. David of which sold but thirteen Bales are invoiced as high as ever and yet sell but at fifty seven to fifty eight shillings a peice and Three thousand four hundred peices will not sell.

58. The stript Bettelees of Dartmouth & Mary are complain'd of because they are ill sorted the Cloth between the stripes is very poor and has not substance enô to support it in the wearing & the stripes by not being wrought truly do in many of the Peices run together especially of those by the Dartmouth. The fine Sorts N^o. A & B by the Mary were ill fancy'd as to their stripes the chiefest part of the quantity being nine small stripes and a large single one which made them unfit for use in wearing apparel & only proper for Window Curtains they ought to have been the greatest part of them of the one & two sort of stripes well made & even good cloth between the stripes & shou'd have been yard wide but the N^o. A was only fifteen nails wide and the N^o. B wanted four Inches of a yard they are Invoiced from Fifty five Pag^a. to a little more than seven & fifty Pag^a. a Corge and sold here but from Fifty to one & fifty Shillings a peice.

59. The Neckcloths generally speaking prov'd well but y^e quantity made them sell cheap the sort A. by the Mary were unsizeable wanting an inch of yard & half including the Fringe whereas they shou'd be full yard & half besides the fringe & ought to have been 10 to 11. nails broad whereas they were but nine nails they were fine but frayed & cost Sixty Pag^a. a Corge which is very dear but on the whole they will not do therefore send none.

Neckcloths prov'd good but y^e quantity made ym. sell cheap but y^e. Lengths and breadths full short.

60. The Chints done on Sallampores & Moorees did not sell so well as was to be wisht for occasion'd by the following reasons Viz^t. The works were generally of too large a Pattern for Clothing and fitt only for furniture The ground very much sully'd & stain'd The Green & yellow colours in many of them were not bright but dirty if these faults were remedy'd and the Colours all lively the works well fancy'd the Patterns not large the ground kept fair & clean and the Cloth good & fine they wou'd be ve[ry] acceptable. We must further observe the Mooree Chints were complain'd of for the badness of the Cloth.

Chints the reason why they did not sell so well as we cou'd wish.

61. The Chay Goods sent home this year are very dear to what the[y] used to be as you will see by comparing lengths breadths & Cos[t] of what receiv'd by the Martha as contain'd in her Invoice dated March 1704-5 and the Invoice of these. The Martha's Invoice is as follows

Chay goods very dear to what they us'd to be.

	Yards.	Yard.		Cost	23 Pag ^a .	a Corge.
Allejaes	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	Long & 1 Broad.				
Callaway poose . . .	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 D ^o .		29	30	D ^o .
Sacerguntees	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 D ^o .		30	30	D ^o .
Goaconcherulaes... ..	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 D ^o .		26	30	D ^o .
Romalls Sacergun-tees	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$ D ^o .		28	30	D ^o .
Ditto Bengall	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$ D ^o .		27	30	D ^o .

The Invoice of the same species of Goods by the Mary & Dartmouth is as follows Viz^t.

	Yards.	Yard.		Cost	Pags.	
Allejaes	8	Long & 1 want 2 In: broad.		25	30	Corge.
Callaway poose	8	D ^o . same breadth		27	30	D ^o .
Saurunchera's same as Sacerguntees.	8	D ^o . same breadth		27	30	D ^o .
Goaconcherulaes	8	D ^o . same breadth		25	30	D ^o .
Romalls Bengall	6	D ^o . { N ^o . 1 12 wide N ^o . 2 11 D ^o . wide		21.9 20	30 30	D ^o . D ^o .

By this you see the vast difference in price so that these yield but little more than the Prime Cost & Charges therefore send none unless [. . .] be bought about the same price with the Martha's & then don't send [above] five or six hundred Peices of each of the Sorts a year.

62. The Sauruncheras when came to be opened prov'd full of s[pots] and stains caused by the running of the Colours & want of being well [dried] or cured before Packing as is suppos'd.

The Sauruncheras full of spots and Stains.

63. The two hundred Izzarees by the Mary are invoiced at Sixty Pag^a. a Corge or seven & twenty shillings a peice & sold here but at [twenty] and thirty shillings they are well made but so excessive dear. We must have no more of them and being Gingham's th^o not so fine answer to the same purposes they will always beat the Izzarees out of use unless y^e. [. . .] were less in proportion.

Izzarees are good but so dear that we must have no more of them.

64. We can now tell you That by the View & Sale of y^e. Averilla's Cargo in March last it appears the Longcloth & Sallampores of Madrass were something better than those receiv'd this year Those from Fort S^t. Davids much the same as now But the Bettellees from Fort S^t. Davids then were rather worse than those before in this Letter complain'd of & it is self evident for that very few of them wou'd then sell.

L.Cloth & Sallampores better by y^e. Averilla y^e. this year: Fort S^t. David much the same as now but their Bettellees worse.

Dearness of
package at
Vizagapatam
much complain'd
of.

65. We observe in the general that our People at Vizagapatam don't at all mend notwithstanding our Complaints of the dearness of the Package which they charge as follows. The Longcloth ordinary & Sallampores at One Pag^a. & a quarter the Bale and the Bettellees at two Pag^a. a Bale whereas the Package from Madrass is charged the Longcloth and Sallampores at two & thirty fannams the Bale and the Battellees at a Pag^a. and a quarter & yet the Package of Vizagapatam is old worn out cloth for Wrappers & not half the value of that from Madrass and the stript Bettellees which are the finest cloth are generally worse Packt than the ordinary Longcloth, the answer from Vizagapatam in their Letter of the 9th. August refer'd to in your 62^a. Par^a. is not at all satisfactory to Us their pretence of using old stuff remaining in the Factory because beseiged & charging it as new, if there was any weight in it cou'd only be an excuse during the seige but it is the same since so that We have reason to suspect notwithstanding what they write you in their Letter of the 17th. Oct'. of their charging only the real cost there is a private Profit which We pay for at the Bottom, wherefore examine this strictly & make them refund the surplus above what they can make appear not what they pretend the Package really cost & to come at the better knowledge of their Package in future open here & there a Bale of each sort of Goods to see how it proves & whether it is rightly or extravagantly charged & take care Justice be done Us. The Vizagapatam Package wou'd not Sell here for four scarce for three shillings a Bale Gunny Wrapper & Cotton together & for them to charge from eleven shillings & three pence to eighteen shillings for the Package is intollerable, the Package from S^t. Davids is also swelled they charge forty three Fannams a Bale for their Longcloth which has only an additional wrapper of under three yards sorry stuff more than the Bales of Madrass and the Saile[1]oth is charged nine fannams Package that has only a Gunny which here will not yield ten pence, our people in the Warehouse say formerly that the sailcloth used to have a Wrapper of the same Cloth about it but of late it comes generally naked with only a Gunny. These thô not great articles in a Bale or two yet in so many hundred amount to a sum & is too much to be let alone unregarded. We expect you take care to put a stop to it for the future & in regard your Packing stuff comes chiefly from the Bay We hope you will take care that they deal well with Us as to the prime cost charged on it & if you sh[ould] find it necessary to keep to your own general rate of Package We doubt not but wherein it exceeds the true value of what invoiced from the Bay y^e. amount at the years end will be carried to our Acco^t. in the general Books. The method mention'd in the 62th. Par^a. to prevent pilfering the Surplises will we hope have the desired effect.

the bale of
musters recd
and Seril.
observations
made there-
upon.

66. We have receiv'd the Bale of Musters you mention to have sent and have bought in the White Cloth to lie by for our review when necessary. Our observations on those musters by comparing them with the Goods are Viz^t. The Longcloth ordinary N^o. 1. & 1. W. is a well made Cloth & good but the Goods sorted by it are of a raw thread many of them & not so well made The Muster N^o. 1 midling, the Cloth sorted by it answers well & [. . .] do the Sallampores of several numbers to their musters The Longcloth fine N^o. 1. is a much stouter Cloth than the Bales sorted by it.

further obser-
vations there-
upon.

67. The Moorees of both kinds answer the Musters but as before complain'd of are poor thin goods The small Gingham are well made as is the Muster but the Gingham large are not so well made as y^e. mus[ter]. The Bettellees N^o. 26 & 29 come up to the Muster the Complaints of the[m] are taken notice of before But as to the Originall Bettellees N^o. 1. The muster is very good in comparison of the sortment which neither ans[wer] in make nor truth of Sortment, the right Sort wanted We have mention'd before & also in our Letter last year.

Fort S^t. David
Cloth not being
so well wash'd
as the Madrass
it's recommen-
ded to be our'd
here.

68. The Fort S^t. Davids Cloth is not so well wash'd & whiten'd [as] those from Madrass and now there is Peace We shou'd be glad if you cou'd so order it that all or a good part of the S^t. Davids Cloth be brought up to Madrass & there

whiten'd & embaled by this means you wou'd [. . .] more certainly see how the Investments there are comply'd with and rectify mismanagements and when our People there know you insp[ect] their sorting it will we hope make them more cautious of taking in [. . .] below muster the Washermen also will be necessitated to do better or loose their employments for We wou'd have no Cloth come brown if to be avoided as We suppose it generally if not always may thô in case of absolute necessity it is better to load brown Cloth than send away a ship dead freighted. We hope now there is Peace you may find by our own Vessels or otherwise a cheaper way to bring up Goods from St. Davids than at the freight of three quarters of a Pagⁿ. a Bale as your Consultation of the 11th. August says was then the Custom.

69. As to the method of making Investments our chief design by all We have wrote is to have them cheap good & ready in Warehouse against the time our ships want dispatching. You seem absolutely of opinion That the Joynt Stock can do it best & cheapest & can only be depended on. We have some here who shou'd know are possitive that it wou'd be best to be buying up all the year of them that offer and if it was well known that you are really inclin'd so to do Merchants wou'd deal with you however while We tell you this We determine nothing peremptorily which method you shall take but leave to you to choose which will best answer our main designe of cheap good & early investments thô when We advis'd you of buying in Goods all the year We did not intend & by what We wrote We suppose you cou'd not imagine That We wou'd have you lay the Joynt Stock Merch^{ts}. aside but make use of one & the other as occasion requir'd & you seem in your 65th. Par^a. to hint that if the countrey were under a better Governm^t. an opportunity might be afforded you to try both ways.

particular directions as to ye. method of makg. investments.

70. Your 66th. Par^a. lays the reason for the rise of Goods on the larger Investm^{ts}. made by the English & Dutch since the year 1696 and the Moor's oppressions since the conquest of the countrey which was compleat about the year 1692 who thereupon sett up Juncans but by what before worte you will see some of our complaints on this head are by comparing the Prices of Goods provided many years after the last of these two periods with what now sent Us, thô at the same time it must be own'd that if you except thereout the three years or thereabouts of the competition between both Companys yet still the Investments have been as large nay larger many years past than ever since and since as your next Par^a. intimates the dearness of Cotton and Grain made merch^{ts}. insist on their prices demand'd & cou'd not be brought to contract for goods so cheap as you desired We must earnestly recommend to you to take care that when those reasons cease in part or in whole you will not forget to make use of the arguments of the cheapness of Rice and Cotton to get the contracts cheaper since y^e. Merch^{ts}. argued for the contrary reason to raise them higher for We lay it down [as] a fundamental rule to judge of the good or bad mannagem^t. of those at the head of all our settlem^{ts} by observing how our Investments are made w^{ch}. is what We think proper to answer to your 68th. & 69th. Par^{as}. ¶ Dartmouth and 20th. Par^a. by the Howland.

the reason for y^e. rise of goods on y^e. larger investment made by us and y^e. Dutch consider'd.

71. What is before written is an answer to your 70th. & 71th. Par^{as}, about the Chay goods & if what therein mention'd shall be remedy'd you will see that you need not turn away those Painters procur'd from Sadraspatam b[ut] you will find that the Romalls are not as cheap as the Metchlepatam [so] used to be considering Lengths & breadths by the Precedent before quoted for the reasons in a former Par^a. We have not yet been able to inspect the Dasheroon merchant's Goods provided at Ingeram if We can do it before dispatch of these Ships you shall have our opinion in an after Clause in the orders for Investm^{ts}.

[. . .] what before written relat^d to Chay goods be remedied the painters need not be turn'd away.

72. Our Complaints of the St. Davids Goods you have had in [. . .] before and We have perus'd your Consultation of the 25th June with sa[tis]faction as it shews your care to inspect & endeavour to remedy the ill [sort]ment of our Goods therein mention'd & more especially your Letter of the 6th July to the Dep^y. Governour & Council gives Us a reall pleasure as [it] shews your care

care in inspecting the Fort St. David sorting very satisfactory as well as in endeavouring to reduce their expences.

to examine the Expences of that place article by arti[cle] to complain of the abuses or extraordinary charges there wth. proper Ru [. . .] to retrench them wherein you express our minds fully & We can't doubt [. . .] you will continue a watchful Eye over them to reduce the several articles of Expence as low as the nature of the Case will require. This gives Us also promising indication that the same care will be taken at Madrass an[d] as it also appears you are about to do at Vizagapatam.

the bad Cloth y^e. mention y^e: would not suffer to be bro^d. into Madrass we for y^e. good reasons you give highly approve of what you order'd relating thereto.

73. Your care to prohibite the bad Cloth for the reasons you mention in the 75th. Par^a. being brought into Madrass seems to Us truly comm[en]dable & what We shall always approve of on the like acco^t. especially having seen the Peice you sent. We wou'd not in any degree hinder sea trade of Madrass unless when it is destructive to our own as in case it plainly appears to be & on that consideration nobody ought to [find] fault wth. your zeal for our service.

Since fort S^t. David has so many advantages over you in procuring good Cloth if they do not amend as you have the power expect y^e. to make them or find those that will.

74. Since as you mention in the 22th. Par^a. by the Howland & elsewhere to the same purpose that Fort S^t Davids has great advantages in y^e. Cott[on] Manu-facturys beyond Madrass & that it is our Peoples faults there if they take in goods worse than muster & it is very evident That Worriarpollum & other weaving Towns are so near them We wou'd make this inference That you have the power they being subordinate to you to take care they do get in goods well made and if they fail to employ such hands as will do better.

Observations on the Gentlemen of Fort S^t. Davids sorting and orders given y^e. if some of ym. do not amend to exert our authority.

75. We find in your Consultation of the 25th. June That on *examining the Fort S^t. Davids Bales then in Warehouse you observe M^r. Berlu[s] sorting was equall & pretty near the muster M^r. Weld's much inferiour thereto & unequal That M^r. Woodward's sortment of the Longcloth N^o. 2 was the worst that ever was seen & unfit to be taken in at any price without the greatest extreimity & as bad a character given of the neckcloths N^o. 1. sorted by M^r. Farmer & that the answer they returned to your Letter of the 6th. July which mentions these your observations is frivolous & dissatisfactory. We take notice of this that you may exert your Authority if such just reason for complaints continue to be repeated.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WTH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

We hope the peace [with] france and y^e. licence last year to open [trade] at the bay will [in some] measure [. . .] [com]plaints or the [de] cay of y^e. country, [trade]

76. We hope the Peace with France will in some measure remedy your complaints of the sad decay of your country Trade & that your own activity & industry will contribute further thereto together wth. the licence last year to open the Trade at the Bay provided it be done so as not to prejudice our own affairs there directly or in consequence for We wou'd never deny our servants any fair liberty to improve their Fortunes honestly in merchandizing If We don'd find them ungratefully abusing such liberty to our detriment.

[Mr. Bullock declares [Capt. Cook got not a [penny] from y^e. Manilha [Ship at] Malacca &ca.

77. M^r. Bullock is very possitive Cap^t. Cook did not get one penny from the Manila Ship at Mallacca but owns he did threaten the Captain who call'd himself a Kn^t. of Malta & sail'd under Maltese Colours had of all nations & contraband Goods on board but that he never atte[mpted] to sail out after him & says if Cap^t. Cooke had seiz'd him he had been a good Prize as he believes & that the Dutch were about to seize him at Mallacca. We mention this only for your Information. M^r. Bullock owns the Captain had a Letter of Marque notwithstanding our general Prohibition which had the War continued We shou'd have taken care to prevent in others.

We hope y^e. unhappy troubles in y^e.

78. As to the unhappy troubles in the Mogul's Dominions occasion[ed] by the Partys contending for the absolute Government of the whole We know not

what to say but to Submit to the present in hopes of better time which seem to be near at hand if Prince Furruck Seer shou'd gain the Throne as your Letters & those from the Bay & elsewhere give ground to believe.

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nions will soon
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to gain the
Throne.

79. Your reason for not meddling with the Five Villages especially during the unsettled condition of the country Governm^t. & of which there is a further acco^t. in the consultation of the 21th. Jan^{ry}. are satisfi[actory] but if the Mogull wou'd give you a grant of them or S^t. Thoma so that We might be secure of our tenure the case wou'd then alter for then [the] neighbouring Subahs Duans or other Gov^{rs}. wou'd not dare to wrest them out of your hands as they did in M^r. Frazer's Government, [our] business is not to encrease cur settle^{ts}, or Territorys but to be conte[n]t with the peaceable enjoyment of what We have unless a lucky hit[ting] afforded to obtain an addition at little charge or if more than what so obtain'd shou'd soon reimburse Us the expence in procuring it & [. . .] effectual method to remove the Moors further from you.

We approve of
your reasons for
not meddling wth.
the 5 Villages
&c^a.

80. We take notice of your reasons in the 86th. Par^a. by y^e. Dart[mouth] why you apprehend it wou'd be beneficial to Us to have Dieu Islands & [S^t. Thoma] and if it shall be found absolutely necessary to send the prevail[ing] Emperour a Present & you cou'd at making it obtain with th[. . .] Priviledges you want a Grant of the Island or both We shou'd [. . .] an acceptable service. But when it shall be considered what R[. . .] have been of late in that Empire & how uncertain it is whether [. . .] ascends the Throne shall long continue quiet. We hope neither [. . .] nor our People in the Bay or at Bombay will be very forward in making [. . .] till the last necessity and that you will remember the Dutch's [. . .] Embassy to the late Mogull seems to be entirely lost, the Ex[pence] of late & former times shews whatever Europeans go to Court do thereby open a way for a large Expence for none must approach the Face of the Prince without a suitable Present for himself & all his attendants must each shew their Duty with the like in proportion besides the avaritious Courtiers will be sure to find their acco^t. or spoil the best formed Projects by their Intrigues as your Consultation of the 21th. Jan^{ry}. mentions Zulphacar Caun did the Portugueez complaints th^o made to the Mogull himself & his order sent thereupon to the Phousdar¹ of S^t. Thoma to restore them to their rights. The best way as We apprehend is to engage the prevailing Favourite on your side with a Promise of a Reward to be paid on obtaining the proper Royal Phirmaunds and such an one if rightly apply'd to is likely to get more for Us for a Rupee than We shall be able to obtain for a Gold Mohur by any of our own English Servant's personal applications at Court. An Instance of this you may remember in S^r. William Norris whose splendid Equipage & pompous appearance cost a prodigious sum of Money & yet nothing more was obtain'd than good words & lately at Surratt our General had bargain'd wth. the Gov^r. there for seventy five thousand Rupees to obtain the Mogull's Phirmaund for granting Us equal priviledges with the Dutch which cost them a much greater Sum and to reduce our Customs there from Three & a half to Two & a half $\frac{2}{3}$ Cent but the Governour's Death happening soon after prevented his Endeavours. This We mention as the lesser evil for We shou'd be glad to sit down with the Enjoyment of our antient Priviledges without any application as being afraid if We are obliged to make a Present it will be drawn into precedent on every new accession to the Throne of India.

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81. If by any fortunate accident you shou'd get Dieu Island at a moderate charge & cou'd people it with the Manufacturers of Goods proper for Europe We might hope it wou'd turn to acco^t. and in that Case shall withdraw Vizagapatam where as We have always observ'd the charge is very great but the Investment not at all proportionable & the troubles by the Countrey Governm^t. never

If accidentally
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small charge &
it yields goods
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Europe we shall
then think of
withdrawing
Vizagapatam.

¹ An officer of the Mogul Government who was invested with the charge of the police, and jurisdiction in criminal matters.

likely to cease. Your endeavours to retrench the Expences there We hope will succeed, if not whenever you see fitt on due consideration & weighing all Circumstances to withdraw it We shall acquiesce therein especially if their Investments do not encrease in some proportion to their charge.

We think you did well in protecting Zulphaker Cauns Collector &ca.

82. Your protecting Zulphaker Caun's Collector & other considerable Moors who took sanctuary at Madrass during the troubles in the Countrey was well done by the like methods formerly Zulphaker Caun was made our friend & several other Great Officers under the Emperour Aurengzebe. We also approve of your answer to the Nabob why you co[uld] not stop the Pegu Embassadors and your accommodating the Differences between the Moors & Gentues about their Mosquito. Be always jealous [. . .] the Moors Inhabitants, carry it fair to them and justly, to prevent their applications to the Countrey Governm^t. but it do's not appear to Us Politi[c] to have too many among you.

We fear the troubles in Spahaun still Continue.

83. The troubles you advise our People are in at Spahaun We fe[ar] still continue for We have Letters from thence of the 23th June last which gives Us no likelyhood of their being soon at an end, the unhappy occasion was by our own servants there who as We are credibly informed grasp[ed] at the Engrossing of whole ship's Cargos of Goods brought to Gombroon in hopes of a market their Banyans & Brokers were concerned with the [. . .] therein deeply the Goods fell on their hands Twenty to Forty ^p Cent [. . .] has drain'd the Banyans of their cash & they can't pay their Persian Creditors who thereupon expect it of the English & insult their Serwa[nts] and Linguists & all the Merch^{ts}. that they dare not come nigh y^e Fac[tory] so that all Trade is at a full stop & our Woollen Goods lie unvended [. . .] spoiling. Agent Coppin arriv'd there last March & M^r. Lock continues [. . .] the Factory to answer the present objections made by the Persians. [We] hope agent Coppin for his own Credit (as it seems to Us he do's intend) will continue him there till this unfortunate Business is accommoda[ted] for as M^r. Lock's manngement occasion'd this trouble as We are told he ought to stay the ending it & not slip away as M^r. Roberts was suff[. . .] to do after he had kindled the fire at Fort S^t. Davids which cost Us so much the quenching. We hope the unhappy consequences of that affair and the troubles at Vizagapatam occasion'd by M^r. Holcombes wicked manngem^t. will remain so fresh in the memorys of all our Council that they will be doubly watchful to prevent any irregular [act] of our servants that may directly or in consequence embroil our aff[airs] in any our settlements under you.

Your reasons for not seizg. the Persian subjects and Effects approv'd &ca.

84. Your reasons for not seizing the Persian subjects and the Effects mention'd in your 92^d Par^a are just & well founded for it can never be accounted Political to drive away your Inhabitants or intimidate others from residing with you but We think this use you might have made of the News from Spahaun namely to have shew'd your concern of our People's ill usage there to the chief of the Armenians residing at Madrass and engaged them to have wrote to their Friends at Julpha or Ispahan to represent to the Persian Court the ill consequences of such treatment of the English and that the Company as they wou'd not be the aggressors neither wou'd they always bear oppression & had both resolution & power to right themselves by making Reprizals if they must be forced by a continued ill usage to do themselves justice at the same time letting them know that by the Law of Retaliation they ought not to complain if you seiz'd the effects and persons of all the Persian Subjects wherever you found them and that therefore since you did not they ought in gratitude to engage their friends to favour the English by hearty applications in their behalf to the Court of Persia.

Para. 94 to 106 relatg. to Fort St. Davids ye: warr there and ye. Concluding of the peace approv'd and

85. We have considered your Par^{as} from 94 to 106. relating to Fort S^t. Davids the War there and the terms of the Peace with your reasons for making it and

¹ Hindu traders, page 63, Hobson-Jobson.

that it cost Twelve thousand Pag^a. to Serop Sing & his Officers. We are glad it is well over at last for besides that money it has been a prodigious charge to Us as well in the continued Expence which you write was encreased to Five thousand Pag^a. a month as in the entire loss of the Revenues the hindrance of the Investm^t. the exposing our Soldiers lives & the driving away of our Inhabitants besides the dubious events of War. We believe you did yo^r. best in this whole affair & think your reasons in general good for setting on foot & concluding the negotiation but We have a Letter from M^r. Farmer of the 6th Oct^r. who is therein very positive had he had the manangement he cou'd have made the Peace with little or no charge to the Company. Whether the reasons he has for such an assertion are substantial We shall not determine. What now remains is that you exert yourselves to the utmost to reduce Expences, to encourage useful People to reside within our Bounds there, to look after our Revenues that they be mananged to the most advantage of which in an after Par^a. and most especially to look after our Investments there that they be enlarged the several Species of Cloth kept well up to muster & brought in in time the Contracts made as low as possible as before hinted under the head of Investm^t. & all other our affairs there mañaged wth. care fidelity & hearty application.

some directions given thereupon.

86. We expect this good will at least ensue from that War That [the] natives there & elsewhere in India who have or shall hear of it will h[ave] a due Impression made upon their minds of the English Courage & Cond[ition] that were able to maintain a War against so potent a Prince as the Rajah of Chingee and M^r. Raworth ought to have this Justice done him by everybody that he defended the Place bravely & gain'd honour to his Native countrey. We are told by M^r. Bullock That whilst he was at Fort St^t. David a considerable number of Merch^{ts}. of the best reputation came to him in [a] body & assured him that since Experience shew'd them the English cou'd defend themselves & their bounds against so potent a Prince as Serop Sing they wou'd put themselves under the English Protection. M^r. Benyon also [in] his narrative you sent Us mentions something to the same effect. We hi[nt] this that you may give effectual orders to encourage Persons residing a[nd] continuing there & to that end removing whatever secret or open endeavours be made use of to hinder their resorting to or stay in our territorys & particularly that our own servants may not directly or in consequence fle[ece] them as has been done & to that end to be always ready to hear & remedy [. . .] just complaints for as useful People are the security so they are wth. go[od] managem^t. the Riches of every Place & Countrey.

We hope ye: following good will arise from ye: Fort St^t. David Warre.

87. Your care to supply Madrass & Fort St^t. Davids with Grain w[as] well done especially at that unhappy Juncture and we hope better care will be taken than has of late to keep sufficient stores of Provisions by you to be ready in Case of any other the like emergency. We are told that our President engross'd all the rice & other Provisions which occasion'd their being dearer than otherwise they needed. We woud hope this is a false representation for that We must by no means suffer any Person or Persons to enrich themselves by such a practice, on the same Principle that our Laws in England are so severe against Forestallers or Regraters & therefore We [. . .] Do you on our acco^t. take care to bring in from year to year the necessary quantitys of all sorts of Grain and sell them out again at a reasonable Profit and only in little Parcels to a Family at a time to prevent eng[rossing] & what that Profit shall be We leave to your judgm^t considering circumstances appointing some trusty Persons to have the overseeing [the] manangement thereof & taking care they don't act unjustly in the stations & whenever You find any others endeavouring to impose on necessitys of the Poor let this stock be mananged so as to prevent them. Keep in your Books an Acco^t. of these stores that We may see what We get annually thereby which We doubt not but with due care will render Us profit & yet be very beneficial to the Poor as supposing that Persons who act for others will be under less temptation to impose on the necessitous than if the whole gain thereby accrued to themselves.

Yor: care in timely supply: Fort St. David wth. grain and lays: in a store for Madrass we not approve but hope you'll keep sufficient stores of provisions in case of any other the like emergency.

If ever you see
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88. If ever you see it proper to complain of the Nabob Habid Caun's breaking into & breaking down part of our Factorys at Madapollam so as to get any benefit by such Complaint We hope you will not forget it, in the Interim you must sit down with Patience.

89. We highly approve of your fining Tellesinga chief cook of the Fort & expelling him the service for renting Ground under the Moors and holding Correspondence with the Countrey Governm^t as your Consultation of the 22th Jan^r. 1712 mentions wherein are the reasons for yo^r. proceedings. We hope this Precedent will prevent others attempting the like that you may have no occasion for making a second.

90. We have receiv'd this year no Copy of the Countrey Letter book of Letters receiv'd & sent which the Secretary shou'd not have omitted to send. It is sometimes necessary to peruse them & always proper to have them transmitted to Us as hitherto they have generally been.

91. We approve the Publication directed in your Consultation of the 18th Jan^r. which prohibites under a Penalty of Fifty Pag^{as} any stranger being entertain'd by the Inhabitants before the Captain of the Guard knows of his coming into Town in order to be carry'd before the Gov^r. occasion'd by a French Gunners being concealed eight days in the black town at a French man's house thò he came from the Duan's Camp.

92. Do all you can to prevent Europeans especially Her Majesty's subjects being or continuing in the Moor's Service lest they shou'd at one time or other be mischievous to Us either by exciting the Moors to attack Us or assisting them if they shou'd or both.

93. If as you mention there is no danger of Padre Milton's perverting any of Her Majes^{ties} subjects to the Popish Religion We have nothing further to object in particular against him and as to his case & that of the Theatine Order referr'd to Us Par^a. 157. by the Dartmouth We leave to you to direct what you think is just & expedient and for the quiet of our settlem^{ts} as well in his as all other Cases relating to the Religious Orders under your Jurisdiction.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING OUR FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

94. We are sorry to find you are necessitated to set about so much Building work and that so much more yet remains to be done and have seriously weigh'd & consider'd what you propose in the Letter by the Me [. . .] from Par^a 40 to 45 about the inner Fort and the Draughts you sent [by] her and the Howland relating thereto & on the whole are of opinion as follo[ws].

95. That you do pull down the inner Fort since one Bastion is fa[llen] down & the rest are so much decay'd That you do make the New Building to the purposes & according to the said Draughts or if you can improve [it] further that you may do so That whatsoever is done be well consider[ed] to the scituation and greatest usefulness That it be very substantial & [. . .] stone & Brick laid in Chinam That trusty & able persons be appointed [to] oversee the whole Work That before you begin you get all the materials ready That all the Timber be of the sort which comes from Pegu the be[st for] the purpose & as cheap as can be procured That in regard you complain of the bad foundation of the old buildings you make this intended Building with a very good one That the several persons employ'd in whatsoever relates to the whole Building be well look'd after that they be kept to their [full] time of working & constantly employ'd That all the old materials [w^{ch}. will] serve again be made use of & what will not be sold for the most they will yield That all new materials be bought at the best advantage by

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Many Directions
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the Governour & Council That [the] utmost frugality be used from the beginning to the end of the whole a[nd] every part of the expence be strictly examin'd for as this will cost a great deal of money & at this time a day We have no encouragem^t. to lay ou[t] more than needs must. We ought to be very thrifty and look well after every Item of the expence. Send Us an abstracted acco^t. of particulars[what] the whole costs Us, you shou'd have sent Us an Estimate of this which[you] omitted. For the future if ever you propose anything to Us of Expence[lett] Us have your opinion what it will amount to.

96. Last year We did for the reasons in your Letters allow[you to] sett about the Colledge if you hav so done We recommend to you to consider how far part of the above general liberty ought to be retrench'd and whether it can with convenience be brought about that the Colledge or place of your new Building for our Servants can be included in the square describ'd in the abovemention'd Draughts If it can't whether so many of the Lodgings design'd by the Draughts may not be appropriated for Godowns or other necessary Buildings and Act as you judge most for our general service.

Orders about ye Colledge.

97. We have a sad acco^t. of the ruinous Condition of our Buildings of all kinds at the West Coast & having considered the whole are come to this Resolution To leave it to you to give such Directions therein as you shall judge most for our service. You are near the Place, have frequent opportunitys of receiving Letters from thence & sending them advices & We shou'd be pleased if you sent one or more honest experienced Persons to direct & overlook the whole while doing or bringing you an acco^t. of what is done & at what charge that you may judge whether We are honestly dealt with & if not may take care that Justice be done Us. It's generally agreed on all hands that the Carrang is the best place for our Warehouses because of the Danger of the Bar which lies within it between that & the now Fort. If the Buildings at Bencoolen are in so bad case as that they must be rebuilt then by our best Informations We apprehend it wou'd be most convenient to build them at the Carrang in case it is as represented a more healthy spott of Ground being high land. We find in your Consultation of the 3^d. April notice is taken of serviceable Timber in Tangallo's Countrey w^{ch}. We here mention for your Remembrance; Do you take care that whatever is done be substantial. If you cou'd contrive to send some Pegu good Timber thither it wou'd be well if it be not too dear & you can't get as good cheaper on the Coast of Java or elsewhere. We hope you are so sensible of that monstrous wasting our Estates on pretence of buildings on the West Coast that We need not press you to take care. We lay out no more than what is truly necessary for our service and that whatever is done be substantially performed & with the utmost frugality & no fictitious articles be cover'd under pretence of Buildings. We having before told you that we shall by the Arabella send slaves thither from Madagascar do you direct that some of them be train'd up in manning the Boats that lade & unlade the ships and if they have not or can't procure the Java Guntings you directed or other proper boats or small Vessels for that purpose do you take care they be supply'd from Madrass or elsewhere for We observe they charge from six to ten Dollars for a Boats hire for one trip which may be by this method in g[ood] measure saved. We expect M^r. Collet will put all our affairs there on a better foot & bring them into a Regular method & under a frugal manangement according to the Instructions he had from hence of w^{ch}. you gave him Copy & your additional ones of the 16th. June however do you keep a watchful eye upon them to prevent even in the minutest as well as[. . .]er instances of everything that looks like renewing the old pernicious practice of squandering away our money there.

Leave to build at ye West Coast the Carrang [recom]mended to be ye [best] place.

98. We observe in your Consultation of the 3^d. April Cap^t. Bl[o . . .] Information that Mess^{rs}. Ettricke & Griffith by engrossing the sa[lt] selling it at an extravagant Price had forced the natives to endeavour making Salt for themselves & that they refusing to bring down G[oods] in exchange as usual for salt, Rice & other Provisions became excessive dear this account you had but in

Mess^{rs}. Ettrick & Griffith engrossing salt at ye. West Coast complain'd of and orders strictly to forbid the same

and when we
next write
there.

your Instructions of the 16th. June[. . .] mention'd where you take notice of the scarcity & unreasonable price of Grain as the reason for sending Six hundred Bags of Rice & also[T . . .] hundred Bags of Salt which wou'd turn to advantage you omitted[to] reprimand that evil Practice of Engrossing & the ill consequence of paying so much more for our Provisions or to forbid the like here [after]. We therefore remember you of it here that it may be supply'd in yo[ur] next & always kept in mind to enquire if anything of the like sor[t] be introduc'd in time to come.

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not being sent
tho' refer'd to
in our Letter
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99. In the 66th Par^a. of your Letter by the Mary you menti[on and] commend an Ingenious Letter from M^r. Collett but We can find no [copy] of it in your Copy book of Letters receiv'd which reach to the last Dec^{ber}. [. . .] come afterwards it's Copy shou'd have been sent in the Packet. We ta[ke] occasion to mention these things here being on the subject matter [. . .] Bencoolen tho' some of them shou'd have been rang'd under other [heads] that We may in one place give answer to the several Par^{as}. in your Letters relating to Bencoolen &c^a. proper to be taken notice of a[nd] reply'd unto by Us at his time.

Buildings at
Fort St. David
consider'd and
many proposalls
made thereon.

100. We have consider'd your several Clauses relating to the Buildings at & under Fort St. Davids & M^r. Ways Survey which says That the Fort is unfinisht on the East & South sides all the Buildings of the main House, the Covenant servant's Lodgings, Powder Magazine, Gunroom armory, Doctor's Lodgings, Barracks, Prison Godowns & Outhouses are either fallen down or ready to fall & in a very bad condition That the Old & New Factory are not habitable at Cuddalore & the Wall there in part fallen down this is a very melancholy account. We thereupon inform'd ourselves of such as We have some reason to believe are proper Judges of the matter & have also perused the large map of the Bounds sent Us last year & are assured That the Passage up by water to Tevenapatam or Fort St. Davids is not capable of any ships of burden coming up to it directly by sea That the Fort protects only a sandhill & a very few houses & is no way serviceable to secure Cuddalore tho' that is the principal Town in our bounds & by good conduct may be much enlarged & if it cou'd be made secure Merch^{ts}. and others of considerable Estates wou'd willingly reside there which wou'd necessarily encrease our Revenues & encourage great numbers of Manufacturers to live under your Protection & be in many other Cases beneficial to Us That the Sea Passage to Cuddalore is now capable to receive a ship of 100 to 150 Tons & might easily be made Navigable for a ship of two hundred Tons and in the Cash Book receiv'd by the Howland the Revenues of Cuddalore are in all the Branches greatly superiour to Tevenapatam. If these things are so or pretty near what We are told We are inclin'd to have Fort St. Davids pull'd down & with the materials which are admirably good especially the stones to make a proper Fortification at Cuddalore. We are told that the House formerly M^r. Haines's is on a high Ground & commands the whole Town & will with the Ground belonging to it be a sufficient space for such a purpose or may be made so by a Proper Enlargem^t. & that there is or may be made sufficient room for all our Godowns & Warehouses of every kind whether for goods imported or to be exported or for stores, ammunition or Provisions of all sorts & therefore the best place for the Fortification. Having told you This We now add That it being Peace We wou'd have our President M^r. Harrison go thither & survey the whole & if he with such proper assistance as he shall take with him shall on mature Consideration think this Project for our service he communicate his observations thereon to the Council at Fort St. George & if y^e. Majority of them have no substantial reasons to the Contrary of which he can have an acco^t. in a very few days that then he direct what shall be done as well for the pulling down Fort St. Davids as the buildings at Cuddalore [of] all kinds leaving a plan behind him of what is to be done & laying out [y^e] ground for everything design'd with full directions for each particular in Case you shall be of opinion to proceed as beforemention'd. We wou'd have the pulling down b[e] done by degrees and the new works at Cuddalore advancing at the same time as fast as they can that when the materials are remov'd to

& near used at Cuddalore they may have constant fresh supplies by bringing more lest the Enemy observing the Fort [']s dismantling may be tempted to make an inroad upon you. We wou'd also have a proper small Fort continued at Tevenapatam of eight or ten Guns with a sufficient guard for Defence of the adjacent Town and Places & that they be reliev'd weekly or oftner as you think fit. If you go upon this work of pulling down the present Fort take care Cuddalore be first well secured by amending all the faulty parts of the Wall & making useful works for mounting Cannon for defence of the Town that the Enemy may not be encouraged to attack it. Remember also that the Inhabitants of the Black Town at Madrass were themselves at the charge of the Wall there thô We first disbursed some part of the money and do you take care by the best & most engaging ways you can to do as much for Us at Coddalore for the ground there & wha[t] you may apprehend needful to be taken in will much increase in va[lue] when it shall appear the Inhabitants will be protected & therefore [it] may be the more easily prevailed on to contribute & you may let [such] surplus Ground at a good rate. This is our mind in general, the pa[rticu]lar execution & in the most substantial & frugal manner We leav[e to] the care of you all & more especially to our P[re]sident as to the de[sign] & contrivance of the buildings & auditing the Expence.

101. We find some of our servants reside at Cuddalore if before [this] comes to your hands you shou'd have built any Lodgings for them [at] Tevenapatam they may be useful for such as shall be necessary to [be] continued there to look after our Revenues of which do you consider [and] do the best for Us.

If any lodgings are built at Tevenapatam they may be usefull for such as are to remain there.

102. We understand that M^r Cooke whom We sent some time since to the Bay as a Gunner is a good Engineer & that he will be serviceable to you at Fort S^t. George to direct in any the Buildings there or at S^t. Davids or Bencoolen that they having entertain'd Cap^t. Harnet first did not think fit to lay him aside so that M^r. Cooke is look'd on as a supernumerary at Fort William wherefore We wou'd have you send for him & if you find him qualify'd employ him at Madrass or either or both the other Places or at which of them he may be most serviceable & you most want him.

M^r: Cooke Gunner at Bengall recomended to be a good ingineer and we are ordered to send for him if wanted here.

103. Touching our Revenues you will easily perceive they are the subject matter of our frequent observation & what We have an eye upon to see how they are cultivated & improv'd and next to our Investm^{ts} deserve our greatest attention & care because by them We can only support the vast charge We are at. By the Dartmouth We receiv'd the acco^t of them till August & by the Mary to the end of Nov^{ber} but the accomptant was not so careful to examine the List as he ought for that by the Dartmouth in the particulars let out on farm was a Thousand Pag^s less than it shou'd as appear'd to our Officer here on casting it up afresh & was confirmed by the Mary's List where that Error was rectify'd. This We only remark to excite greater care hereafter. In the Sea Customer's accounts mention is made of a Duty for anchorage, Tonnage & Custom on Grain and the Land Customer's acco^t. for Ruby Brokers & Registering of slaves. But it do's not appear by what rule or rate that Duty is rais'd. We wou'd have you send Us the rates for all these & all other the Branches of our Revenues which are not farmed. We suppose the custom on Grain is Five P^{cent} but the rest do's not appear to Us which We wou'd be also fully informed of from the proper Officer's hand & your approbation of it that it is right We find in the Sea Customer's acco^t. there are memorand^{ms}. of Sunca Rama & Colloway Chitty for Cloth brought in on our account for the Custom of which they are accountable & the different Values are sett down of the Goods. Explain this to Us why it is so put what custom is chargeable thereon & on what condition.

Care of ye revennues particularly recomended.

Duty for anchorage Tonnage and Custom on grain also ruby Brokers & registers slaves do not appear by what rule or rate they are rais'd.

104. We observe what you say Par^a. 113 of the Rise & Progress of the Beetle & Tobacco Farmer's Debt of six thousand four hundred and thirty Pag^s. which hapned in Gov^r. Pitt's time & now you write is become desperate this is too great a sum to sit down easy under the Loss of and will at least as We hope have this good Effect to make our President & Council more watchful to prevent a

The rise and progres [. . .] beetle and tobacco far [mers] debt observ'd [and] more care recommended for ye futkra.

second precedent of the like nature. It is a very strange instance of our late President & all the then Councils carelessness which is mention'd in your 163 Par^a. That he shou'd put the paper mention'd in our 80th Par^a. of the acco^t. of Debts owing the Old Tobacco Farmers into the Packet just as it was shutting up and no Copy to be found of it nor cou'd he tell you the Particulars

thô the sum was Pag^a. Three thousand Sixhundred & Sixty two ^{Fan}18: & if it was recoverable wou'd have half discharg'd their debt nor that one word of it shou'd be mention'd in the General Letter however that you may try whether [that] also is not become by this time desperate We herewith send you by the Bouverie the Original Paper receiv'd in that ship's Packett & Copy of it by the other ship. We had also a Duplicate of it by the Frederick [so] that the pretence of putting it in just on the Packets dispatch is very slight & not probable because it came by two ships at differ^t. times.

The Duty laid on Toddy to be continued w^o: the scarcity of grain is over.

105. Your 117th. Par^a. gives Us the assurance you will cherish every branch of our Revenues & had laid a small Duty on Toddy & some other things but the scarcity of Grain prevented you. We take notice of it here to remember you that it may not be forgotten when that scarcity is over as your Latter Letters give us the Prospect of it wou'd soon be by the promising Crop on the Ground.

Yo^r: care for preventg: people going of shoar w^o:out pag: ye: Custom due on their goods commended.

106. The Care mention'd Par^a. 119 to prevent People going off the shore without paying the Customs due for their Goods by not Suffe[ring] the Goods to be remov'd till Custom paid or some Substantial In[habitant] answerable for it We approve thô We must observe by your Consultation [of] 29th April this good order was not made till We had suffer'd by Pe[ople] running off shore in debt to Us as appears by the List of Debts de[tail'd] in by M^r. Smart but there is no Entry who the Persons were or what amount which ought not to have been nor can We forbear remarking Entry made in Consultation of the 7th July 1712 where the Ballance Sea Customs due in July 1711

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amounting to Pag^a One thousand fo[ur] hundred sixty two. 3. 12. were then paid in by which it is evident the [. . .] standing out twelve Months and above one third of them paid in after [. . .] months time from the importation & not before. [* * *] a time certain to get in all arrears of Customs lest it might [* * *] cramp trade but hope you will take care to look after the gathering in of arrears and that you will consider & settle such a time certain & as short as the nature of the Case will allow of this will be one way to prevent Persons denying they are indebted what charged on them as the same Consultation mentions some did & the Remedy there prescrib'd of making them give notes is another & a very good one. We observe in that

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account Pag^a. Three hundred & thirty. 2. 52. is allow'd the most of it as overcharged for Customs the rest for Drawbacks it wou'd be very well if you cou'd settle a method to prevent such overcharges for We shou'd be glad to make this affair of Customs pleasing as far as consists with our benefit to the Traders & to run on in a smooth as well as regular Channel & for that reason approve your giving leave to Persons to bring Goods ashore for fear of the Monsoon & putting Locks upon them to secure the Customs if any were dispos'd of as your Consultation of the 12th April expresses it.

Rent Roll to be [sett]led at ye. beginng. [or] at least before ye. [end] of the year

107. On perusing your Consultations of what relates to this head We find among other things these that follow Viz^t. That it was the 18th. Jan^y. 1711-1712 before the Rent roll for the year ending August 1711 was settled & sign'd in Order for Collectioⁿ and the amount left in blank which ought not to have been so but fill'd up. Consider whether it can't be so brought about that the Rent roll be settled at the beginning or at least before the end of the year in which the Rent is due as is the constant Practice here in all the Parliamentary Taxes by which means there wou'd be fewer deficiencies. Let the Memorandum of this lie always on the Council board for your notice that there may be no more

such inexcusable Omissions as the same Consultations mentions of Two years Rent ungather'd under a former Governour for receiving of w^{ch}. you sign'd the Rent rolls.

the memorandum of this to lie onlye Council board.

108. We observe you generally enter in your Consultations the sums paid in by the several Farmers which you say is on acco^t. whereas it wou'd be better to make the Entry express to what time the money paid in reaches & if it shou'd not be in full to that day, when you mention the Sum say it is in part of so much due the such a day of the month as in your consultation of the 15th. March the Entry is that the Farmer of the measuring Duty pays in Pag^s. One hundred

[wⁿ] any person [. . .] pays money in Consultation to enter [w^t] time ye. money reaches and if [it]not in full in [. . .] of so much due [. . .] such a day of ye mo.

sixty three. 24 on that acco^t. from the 12th Dec^{ber}. to the 12th. Feb^{ry}. This is the method We wou'd have used as to the mention of times but it do's not ascertain whether this on acco^t. is in full or only in part when the Entrys are thus express & plain. It will put you all in mind to call in for all remains standing out whether of parts of sums due or of entire payments that have [elapsed] the time when due & if your Secretary has directions to put you in [mind] of these things he will be further helpful to your memorys and thereby prevent the occasion of our just Complaints as in the affair of y^e. [Tobacco] and Beetle Farmers before-mention'd among other instances easy to [be] enumerated & also the following trouble to yourselves of giving [orders] for recovering what due for times past as in the Rentals of the year [1709] and 1710 mention'd in your Consultation of the 10th October.

the Secretary to put yo. in mind of these things.

109. That in your Consultation of the 5th May it is mention'd the Corn meeter pays in the Ballance of that acco^t. Pag^s. One hundred [fifty] nine 16^o. but tho' no time is therein exprest when due yet by the List of Revenues it appears to Us that it was the 12th. December before & in the same Consultation it is mention'd

the same directions as in the foregoing Paragraph.

the measuring Duty was paid for [being] Pag^s. One hundred thirty six. 24. on that acco^t. but no time expr[est] when due so that our Clerks can't examine as they ought whether the Paym^{ts}. are regularly made till the Books for that year arrive which ne[ver] come till the next. We mention but single instances tho' the Consultations [have] several of the same Sort as supposing you will from these know our minds to reform what is amiss & supply deficiencies as much as if We had enumerated the many Particulars.

110. Consider whether there is any inconveniency in making the Farmers of any Branches of the Revenues pay their money [. . .] monthly as the Tobacco & Beetle & Arrack Farmers do or every two [. . .] as the measuring Duty seems to be paid or if that shou'd be thought [. . .] soon in some particular Cases whether it shou'd not be Quarterly [. . .] there be not settle it as you judge proper for by this means to be sure [. . .] arrears and the Danger of bad Debts wou'd be less. We mention this because [. . .] observe in the Consultation of the 14th of August the Town Broker [paid] Three hundred Pag^s. for a years Rent due the 26th June preceding [and in] your Consultation of the 23th Sep^{ber}. Complaint is made of the Rente[rs of] 'Town being a year in debt & it was the 10th Nov^{ber}. before they pay [. . .] Thirteen hundred Pag^s. in part and the 10th of Dec^{ber}. you allow they shou'd [pay] Pag^s. Fifteen hundred & Fifty tho' the List of Revenues mention [the] Rent to be Pag^s. One thousand Seven hundred eighty five in regard the season was so bad & the Custom of the Countrey is in such cases to make allowances But where the Dutys are gather'd in as in the Rental & Scavenger's Duty there wou'd not in probability be so much lost as the Consultation of the 10th Oct^{ber}. mentions was in those two Branches if the Collections were made Quarterly or half yearly at furthest which can be no great trouble especially to your Black servants for We find such employ'd therein by the allowances made to them & not much to our English Covenant Servants for their Superintendency in examining & calling upon them and seeing We are not abus'd by them.

A time to be settled for all farmers to pay in their money monthly is recommended if no inconvenienc^s are likely to en us there-upon.

Several inconvenienc^s wou'd be avoided if a Settled time cou'd be made for farmers pays. in their money.

You advised us last year yt. ye. had been offerr'd 500 [Pag^s.] a year for ye. Toddy farm but we [had] no notice since [given] of it. also yg. order'd a report be made wt. shops [w]ere built where the buffalo houses stood [. . .] it is omitted to [be] done as also wt. benefit they do or will yield.

You mention the revenues of Fort St. David will [daily] encrease wch. [we] shall be glad to [. . .] expect ye. to [do] yr. utmost to im- [prove] them so as [ye] place may again [improve] itself.

Mr. Benyon in [his] narrative of F. St. David speakg. of ye. hedge of the 'ounds takes notice of abundance of Toddy trees some grown some half grown wch. he says will bring in near 8000 Pags. ꝑ annum if let to farm ye. same is recom- mended.

they write from F. St. David yt. the Towns burnt during ye. warr are rebuilt & repeopled yt. they had discovered 1000 Pags. bul. ngs. to ye. renters & yt. they beleive Tonnapa chitty has 6000 Pags. in his keepg. wch. they will endeavr. to prove and oblige him to pay it.

Mr. Roberts mony ord'd to be paid into ye. Comps Cash and the Company will indemnify us for so doing.

111. We must not omit to remember you of what wrote last year Par^a. 127 that you were bid Five hundred Pag^s. a year for the Farm of Toddy and had other things under your consideration touching which you wou'd resolve but thô that Proposal was the 10th Sep^{ber}. 1711 We have hitherto had no account from you what was done in any of them except in your 117th Par^a. where you give the reason of not laying a small duty on Toddy &c^a. because of the famine or Scarcity, that scarcity has not been of so long continuance & therefore do's not appear to be such a sufficient reason as might be expected nor have you in the Consultations any report what shops were built where the Buffalo houses stood thô order'd the 22th of April to be done nor what benefit they yielded to Us or wou'd yield.

112. We think fit to say no more at present as to Madrass and shall now consider what you write on this head from Fort S^t. Davids & particularly in the 106th Par^a. of the Letter ꝑ Dartmouth & the 34th Par^a. of y^e. Letter of the 11th Jan^{ry}. which mentions the Revenues there will daily encrease and that place by prudent mannagement & mild behaviour may be brought to maintain itself as it did in M^r. Hatsell's time there not being a better spott of Ground on the whole Coast the Countrey all about famous for Longcloth & Sallampores &c^a Manufactures & that it may improve accordingly. This being so We earnestly recommend to you to look well after it and every Branch of the Revenues to make it do so to take effectual care whatever conduces thereto be observ'd as is more fully exprest under the preceding head.

113. M^r. Benyon in his narrative which gives an acco^t what he had done when sent down to inspect affairs there speaking of the Hedge of the Bounds says there can't be less than sixty thousand Palmera Trees half grown there which when they come to give their Toddy valu[ing] each Tree but at half the price they wou'd yield at Madrass will br[ing] in near Eight thousand Pag^s. Revenue a year to the Company and [we] are inform'd they do begin to yield Toddy already so that We hope [you] will keep this in memory to recommend it to Fort S^t. Davids to ch[. . .] this hopeful Prospect and spirit them up to make the most of it f[or our] service & if they do let them to farm by Lease to make it but for a [. . .] time because those Trees will be annually improveing. The Letter [s of] Fort S^t. Davids receiv'd by the Howland says the Renter of the [Bo . . .] was abated Two thousand Chuckrums¹ of the Former Rent a year [because] the Water Courses were stop'd up & the Mote wanted repairing be [cause] demolisht in the War but that the next year they hope to advance [T . . .] thousand Chuckrums on the late Rent They write the Towns & Villages which were destroy'd or forsaken in the War are rebuilt & repeople[d] Trade wou'd soon flourish as much as usual That they had [d . . .] One thousand Pag^s. in houses & debts belonging to Cheva Naig[ue] &c^a Renters and are pretty well assured Tonapa Chittee a subst[antial] Inhabitant there has above Six thousand Pag^s. more in his keep^s. which so soon as proved will oblige him to pay into the Comp^{as}. [Treasury] Whether you had a regard to this in your 103^d. Par^a. by the Dartmouth where you say you hoped to recover Four or Five thousand Pag^s. of the Renters Relations We can't distinguish if it be not it is much the better for whatever can be got ought to go towards ma[king] Us reparation their failing to pay what they ow'd Serop Sing & r[un] away being the original Cause of the War. It had been well if the Effects had been discover'd before the Rupture that they might h[ave] been paid to Serop Sing & thereby prevented the late mischievous the Money you mention'd in that Par^a. to be attach'd of M^r. Robe[rts] M^r. Raworth's hands being Pag^s Four thousand Nine hundred th[. . .] four 19. 68. do you pay into our Cash & we will indempnify you [. . .] doing he being the greatest

¹ An ancient coin once generally current in the south of India.

cause of the Rupture by his engagement see the Renters forthcoming & yet letting them make their escape] as We have been told squeezing the Renters that they had not sufficient to pay Serop Sing.

114. In your Consultation of the 18th March You order two Persons to peruse the Books & ^{acco^{ts}} and lay before you an Estimate of a years Expence in preserving the Factorys at Metchelepatam and Madapollam & what orders have been sent from hence or settled in the Fort Consultations since about them But we don't find any Report made thereupon this shou'd not have been forgott.

We observe yr. order in yr. Consulta. of yr. 18th March two persons to examine a years expence in keep^g the factory of Metchelep^m. & Madapp^m. but we can find no report about ye. same.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS & WRITERS, OFFICERS & SOULDIERS & THEIR ACCO^{ts}.

115. We observe you have too many Writers but as you complain of some of them they have been, if they or any others in our Service shall continue to be either immoral disorderly negligent or not capable of Business fit for their stations We hope you will remember what We wrote by the Dartmouth & in the 133^d Par^a. of our General Letter last year & dismiss them our service if incorrigible or not to be amended by their incapacity but whereas that Par^a. seems peremptory to send them home We wou'd have it so far qualify'd that if they desire to continue in India as Free merchants or otherwise under our Jurisdiction you may permit them so to do at their own charge this Rule We wou'd have to be a general standing order & always in force till contradicted by the Court of Directors hereafter & is a full answer to some complaints. We find in your Consultations about the refractoriness and disorderly behaviour of several of your Writers.

If any of our Covenanted serv^{ts}. prove immoral disorderly negligent or not capable of business we hope yo. will [remem^r.] wt. we wrote by ye. Dartm^o. and dismiss [them] the service, ye. to [be] standing order.

116. We have for particular reasons thought fit to send out Tho^s. Jenkinson and Charles Michel Writers for Fort S^t. George who We hope will by their fidelity, ingenuity and application to Business approve themselves to your satisfaction. We have also sent two others and no more to the Bay this season and have entertain'd divers Factors & Writers for Bencoolen so that We hope they will have by those We observe you sent lately from Madrass with M^r. Collett and what We sent last year full supplys of proper Persons to be employ'd in their Mercantile affairs wherefore do you write to Bencoolen to the same purpose as We have directed you in the foregoing Par^a. to dismiss such of our Covenant servants as prove unfit for our business.

Writers entertain'd this place 2 for ye Bay [a] large supply of Factors and writers for Bencoolen.

117. Send Us annually an acco^t. how many Factors and how many writers are necessary to be employ'd under the several Persons that are of the Council or others that have the manangement [of the] respective branches of our Mercantile or Civil affairs under the [ir care], by this means We shall be the better able to govern ourselves [in the] number to be from time to time sent you for supplys, advice Us [also] every year which of our several Factors in higher and lower stations and Writers do in your opinion most deserve the Company's favour for their understanding honesty and application to business which are next to them & which least deserving & if there be any that either by debauchery negligence incapacity or otherwise are unfit to be continued in our service give us an acco^t. thereof whether you do turn them off or will try them a little longer in prospect of amendment. We direct this to have a true Character of everybody & in hopes when every one know[s] these our orders as we wou'd have them do it will have a good effect as well to excite the diligent & industrious as to awe the refractory and careless. We earnestly recommend to you to give this account impartially without favour affection particular respects Picque or resentment of any kind whatsoever but uprightly according to every ones real des[ert].

Send us an annual acco^t how many Factors and Writers are necessary to be employ'd under the sev^l. persons that have ye managm^t of our civil affairs yt we may know how to supply you.

Also advise us of our Factors in higher and lower stations and writers do in yo^r opinion most deserve ye Comp^{ys}. Favour this acc^t. to be given annually and very impartially,

118. Touching the Lodgings for our Servants you have d[irections] under the head of Buildings.

for Lodg^s. yo have directions already.

119. Our then President and Council who thought it reason[able] as you write for Us to pay half the charge of President Addison's funeral which put Us to an Expende of Pag^s. Seven hundred [. . .] three ought to pay back the money, they had no precedent for [. . .] by good Providence none of the Presidents at Fort St. George ha[. . .] for many years past there yet thô there were others whose cha[racter] were not at all inferiour to his who did die at the Bay Bombay & [. . .] the Councils there never presum'd to take a penny out of the [. . .] Comp^{as}. Cash as far as we can learn on that acco^t. Our Money [. . .] never to be laid out by any President or Agent or Chief & Coun[cil] except in our Trade or the preservation or defence of our settlements what relates thereunto and that it has been otherwise in this ca[se . . .] no way to our satisfaction nor can We allow of it or any other [. . .] except the Expende of a moderate Quantity of Powder for the [firing] of Guns and the Trophys to the military order'd to attend the [Funeral] for the greater solemnity if it shall be again our misfortune to have any of our Presidents of Fort St. George die in their Government. Let this be the Standing Rule.

Our Presid^t and Council who write us they thought it reasonable we should bear half ye^e expence of Presid^t Addison's funeral ought to refund the money however we order y^t if hereafter any Presid^t. dies y^t you put us to no charge but guns firing.

[allow] allow'd Presid^t. Pitt for his fresh Provision homeward [to] be refundd.

120. As to the allowance to our late President M^r. Pitt of Pag^s. three hundred twenty five for his fresh Provisions homeward We can by no means approve of it and the rather because it was not done by any orders from hence or so such as by direction of the then Council but by the President M^r. Addison's order singly to the steward. On the contrary what We directed was only during his continuance on shore for which reason We expect you get the money, back again of M^r. Addison's Executors for We must never allow any President to dispose of our Money without the consent of the majority in Council unless he can make it evident it is for our immediate service & give a satisfactory reason why he did not first obtain the Council's approbation.

[If] M^r. Empson's Execut^{rs}. [do] not discharge his [debt] M^r. Addison's [estate] ought to make [go] od ye^e. rem^r.

121. We must further observe that if the Conicoply who takes upon himself the debt of M^r. Empson's Warehouse Acco^t. or M^r. Empson's Exec^{rs}. or admin^{rs}. do's not discharge the same M^r. Addison's Estate ought to make good the Remainder since as your 191st Par^a. mentions he paid away the Ballance of M^r. Empson's estate remaining in our cash to the Widow's attorneys directly contrary to our orders.

[Mrs.] Young & Jno. Maubert approv'd of being Essay-master but not count ymselves as Factors.

122. You giving so good a Character of Mess^{rs}. James Young and John Maubert We approve of their being our Essay Masters and wou'd have them continued if they persevere in well doing do you take sufficient security for them. We remember some time ago the two M^r. Cookes seem'd uneasy that they were not advanced in our mercantile service according to their standings because their Covenants were in the same nature as Factors thô sent out only Essay Masters. To prevent the like in these We say We will not have it understood by this our approval of them to be Essay Masters that they shall claim to arise in our mercantile service unless you can give Us good reason to the contrary and We approve it.

Considering the good Character y^e. give Mr. [John] Mason we are willg. [to] reward his merit [wi]th a present of fifty [Pag^s].

123. We take notice of the great Character you give M^r. John Mason your Secretary & on your recommendation are willing to reward his merit with a Present of Fifty Pag^s. which do you give him & hope it will prompt others forward to deserve the like Character and him to preserve & augment his own.

We can find no reason for Mr. Collet's suggestion in his petition concerns. his Silver.

124. Touching M^r. Collet's silver We have enquir'd particu[larly] and can find no reason for the suggestion in his Petition nor can [We] find that ever he requested to run the Risco on the Dartmouth bu[t because] the Jane was to touch at Fort St. George & that Bencoolen was subordinate thereto therefore the notice was put in the Dartmouth's General Letter that he was to have his silver out of the Janes Bullion on board which notice else wou'd have been in the Janes and this the Secre[tary] saye was all he did or cou'd tell M^r. Collett & the thing speaks itself.

125. The friends of M^r. Henry Cotterell late of Council at Fort S^t. Davids deceas'd having apply'd to Us We hereby direct that his acco^t. be made up & settled as We have order'd on all the like occasions paying what he owes everyone receiving in what owing to him and gathering in all other his effects paying the net amount into our Cash and advising what that is in the next Letters.
126. Our directions by the Heathcote refer'd to by you [Par^a.] 133. that the Council of Fort S^t. George shall consist of a Presi[de]nt & Eight others you must esteem a standing order till you have intimations from hence.
127. M^r. Rob^t. Catterall has represented to Us That Sixty [eight] Ounces of Bullion was sent to his son Writer in the Bay & Pac[. . .] a chest of ours N^o. 206. by the Recovery which was taken ashore [at Fort] S^t. George his son is since dead but has no Credit given him in his [account] receiv'd from Bengall therefore if you find this to be the case do [yo . . .] the Father desires receive this Bullion into our Cash and advise [Us . . .] We may pay the amount here to such as have legal Power to receive.
128. M^r. Fleet Aynsworth's Covenants We wrote you were [. . .] for a Factor upon the expiration of his Five years being a Writer We put a time in certain because of the Comp^as. seal being put [. . .] Counterpart which ought not to be to a blank that time is according [to] the List lately receiv'd from you which shews it is right as to his [. . .] Com]menceing sooner if you found him capable that ought to be left [a . . .] till you advise you did so which you have not hitherto & till you [. . .] our approbation of any recommendation sent Us by you on that ac[count].
129. Touching M^r. Raworths & M^r. Martin's acco^ts. as Warehousekeeper whether single or joynt We shall write you in a following Paragraph.
130. Since M^r. John Legg is in your opinion so deserving We approve of your allowing his standing from the time of his arrival at Benjar.
131. Upon reviewing the Fort Books to see the acco^t. of salary paid M^r. Fraser for the time of his suspension & what others receiv'd as second we find the state to be as mention'd in your 167th. Par^a. and therefore agree to your obliging M^r. Fraser to refund only Pag^s. One hundred forty five two Fanams & and one Cash.
132. We observe your reasons for suspending M^r. Philip Baker for the present & approve of them for that good governm^t. must be kept up & all oppressions of the Souldiers check'd & remedy'd as well as abusive language & disobedience to superiours discountenanced. We have no Letter from him & therefore suppose he is conscious of his faults & submits in hopes of a future restoration.
133. We find in your Consultations that you pay the Sallarys to all our Servants half yearly & order the su^m in Gross to be paid. We wou'd have the particulars enter'd after the Consultation of the Person's names & what paid which is but a very small trouble & may be useful to us to look over on some particular occasions.
134. The Margining and Indexing your Consultations i[s] now in a good method & what will be as easy to you as Us for speedy finding out whatever is wanted on any occasion. But we must observe that y^e. Transcriber is greatly to blame in not well examining the Copy sent Us, words are omitted others wrote twice over in divers places & other mistakes and the Copy book of Letters have worse writing & more faults therefore for the future cause the Person who writes & he who examines to set their names to every Consultation & Letter and distinguish which does each. We hope this will make them more careful as well of writing as examining when it will appear who is to be blamed for the faults in either.

Mr. Henry Cotterell late of Council of Fort St. David his acco^t. to be settled & sent home.

Our directions by the Heathcote order, our Connl. to consist of a Presid. and eight others.

Mr. Robt. Catteralls 68 ozs. of Silvr. to be sold and ye. mony paid into our cash.

Mr. Fleet Aynsworth was not to commence a Factor till ye. expiration of Five years.

Messrs. Raworth and Martins acco referred to another Para.

Mr. Jno. Legg to commence from his arrival at Benjarr.

Mr. Fraser to refund wt. he recd. during the time of his suspension.

M^r: Bakers suspension approv'd of.

All acco^t. Sallarys pd. to be enter'd after Consultation.

Margine. and Index. yr. Consultas are in a good method but yr. Writ^r. complain'd of the Copy book of Letters worse every Pson yt. writes to sett his name to [every] Consulta. & Letters ye. examin^r. to do y^e. same.

Extracts. the gen^l. Standing ordrs & rules & index them is very satisfactory and we hope you'l for y^e. future constantly keep ym. [up]. No person w^t. ever to have [any] book w^t. out givg. the Sec^y. an acct. for it & the Sec^y. not to let ym. keep any above a Limited Time under a certain penalty.

Advise us in yr. next of y^e. 15th pd. Capt. Williams out of Cap^t. Stacys Effects be part of W^t. y^e. advis'd us y^e. had of Cap^t. Stacys by y^e. Avarilla.

Directions about y^e. officers pay.

What Cloth dd. out for Soldiers coats 20th Cent to be charg'd on y^e. Prime Cost.

Care to be taken y^t. the soldrs. have their Cloths made at y^e. cheapest 'at'.

135. We are glad to find you have extracted the general standing orders and Rules out of our Letters & indexed them & hope they will be kept up in all time to come & since as you mention some of the letters cou'd not then be found but were afterwards you will take care to prevent their being kept by any Person whatsoever without a Receipt to shew who has them and where they are to be called for or rather that no President or Council shoul'd have the possession of them above a time certain under a Penalty to be suffer'd by the Secretary for not calling for & receiving them back.

136. We find in your Consultation of the 2nd. Jan^{ry}. 1712-13 you order Fifteen Pounds to be paid to Cap^t. Williams out of Cap^t. Stacey's Effects [in] the Trustees hands but you make no mention of it in the General Letter. [Our] reason for taking notice of this is because last year on your advice by the Averilla Par^a. 129 of money paid into cash we paid it over to his [widow] and Exec^r. and it do's not fully appear whether this is part of that [money] or of some other belonging to him recover'd in since.

137. We have perus'd the 33th. Par^a. of your Letter by the Howland touching the Officers pay and considering that We have for the sa[ke] of the dearness of Provisions which you urged on their behalf in a former [Letter] allow'd you to halve the difference between our establish^t. rule here of their entertainment & the enlargement which has crept in by carelessness or [inter]ruption since We think there is no just reason for complaint if y^e. off[ic]ers will live frugally & within bounds and as to the Priviledge they have [. . .] write at Bengall of our Table that is an Innovation never allow'd [by us or] till now known to us. We find their Letter to you of the 10th Dec^{ber}. [say] they have allow'd the Commission Officers to eat at the general Ta[ble] but we shall let them know it is a new Custom which we don't like except only to such of them as actually are each day on the guard & [so] If you have not granted it you may for the future.

138. We have consider'd your 53th. Par^a. by the Mary relating [to] souldier's Clothes for which you say you have directed they shall ha[ve] benefit of our Generosity & be Cloth'd at Prime Cost. We don't know [if] ever We gave such leave nor indeed to our Covenant Servants thô [consi]dering these last were but few We conniv'd at after it was as We [found] allow'd them But the others are many hundreds & We think it very [. . .] if they allow Twentyth Cent on the Invoice price towards Interest & [Ins . . .] which is much cheaper than any of them can buy the same Cloth by [. . .] yard in London But their great oppression is in the Exactions of the [. . .] for their Liquors &c^t. and of the Officers upon their clothes when made [. . .] Mr. Raworth in his Letter to you of the 6th. Dec^{ber}. tells you of where [. . .] accuses Mr. Baker as if he thought himself not sufficiently paid wth. [. . .] Pag^a. for a Coat & twenty four Fanams for a Cap & made that a han[n]dle for abusing him who was his superiour & Dep^y. Governour whereas Mr. Raworth in the same Letter writes he has taken care to have them compleatly clad with Brass Buttons Facings & handsom Loops to their Cloths and embroider'd Grana-deers Caps at the Price of One Pagoda seven eighths. It is these practices which Mr. Baker as said Letter says calls his lawful perquisites & the many deductions at the Pay table therein also mention'd, that is the real oppression of the souldiers. In our Letter by the Dartmouth We took notice of some of these complaints We hope you will take effectual methods to remedy them all, take care also to have all their Cl^oths made on the cheapest terms & that they allow no more for

making than is really paid & then We are sure they will have no just cause for secret murmurings or by these or other Oppressions be tempted to desert.

139. We have considered your next Par^a. about Lieut^t. James Hugonin and approve of the answer you gave him to consider him if he discovers any of the Renters Effects this will make him diligent in his enquirys after them how far that answer of yours shall extend We leave to your determination thô it must not be forgot that he was rambling abroad out of our bounds or very likely he had never been seiz'd on nor Ensign Ray with him and that unhappy seizure embolden'd Serop Sing's people to make further Demands than in probability they otherwise wou'd have done.

the answer you gave Lieut. James Hugonin [about] any discoveries [. . .] might make of ye. renters effects approv'd.

140. Don't forget the establish'd Rule by Us laid down that whoever goes over a souldier in our service shall not be discharged before the Covenanted term of five years without reimbursing Us the Charge.

No Soldr. to be discharg'd before he has serv'd his 5 years unless he reimburs's us the Charge.

141. We send on each of these two ships Forty souldiers good men fit for service and among them are severall artificers which We hope will be of use to you. The Averilla has twenty five on board her design'd for Bencoolen several of them Handicrafts, send them all thither and if you have any proper artificers among the rest that will be useful for Bencoolen and you can spare them let them go also especially at this time when they must as you write of necessity make some new buildings there.

On ye. two ships bound [hi]ther are 80 good men fit for service & 25 a board ye. Avarilla.

142. We take notice what you mention of the Cashiering some of the Officers of the souldiers punishing or discharging others & the Deserter[s] and advancing such as by their merit recommend themselves to your favour. We send you no Lieut^a. nor so much as Ensigns this year being under no necessity to entertain such Officers for the sake of raising men as sometimes We have been but have entertain'd some sargeants w^{ch}. our Committee believe will be useful in training up the private Centinels to handle their arms & understand all the parts of their Exercise. It will [be] their superiour Officers Duty to keep them up to strict discipline & yours to see they don't fail therein.

No Comission Officers are sent out ye. year but some usefull sargeats.

143. We must not omit to take notice of a particular remark made by you in your Consultation of the 12th. May on the allegations in Lieu^t. Viver's Petition & your interrogating him thereupon That We are [& have] been defrauded by the Officers keeping of Faggots & free Guard men [at Fort] S^t. Davids and the souldiers opprest by their Officers. Your Resolution thereupon to write to Fort S^t. Davids to make a strict enquiry into [y^e. abuses] of the military was prudent & We hope effectual to put a stop to th[em at the] same time. We can't doubt but you wou'd take the same care to prevent the like or any other abuses at Fort S^t. George & every place subordina[te to] you. We must at the same time own your care to reduce the Pay Masters [Charges] at Fort S^t. Davids and other monthly disbursements as appears by yo^r [rs] to them of the 6th and 23th. July, the 106th Par^a. of your Letter by the Dart[mouth] and elsewhere and to compare the several articles whether smaller or [. . .] with those of former times reducing all to the Method of Fort S^t. George that you may the sooner see wherein they differ and remedy what is [amiss]. We have nothing further to add on this head than to recommend th[is like] inspection and manangement in all time to come.

We observe ye. many usefull remarks ye. made in yo^r. Consultation of ye. 12th May on ye. Allegat^{ns}. in Lieut. Vivers Petition & are well pleas'd to find ye. take so good measures to hinder ye. like abuses hereafter w^{ch}. we hope [you] will Continue.

144. What you write about the soldiers sent backward and for[ward] for defence of our ships and Estates requires no answer by reason y^e [Peace] has put an end to their Employment on that account.

W^t ye. write concerning ye. Soldrs. being sent backwd and forward require no answer

145. We take notice of your 107th. Par^a. relating to the great D[iamond] and the belief that Cap^t. Seton had a hand in the Information to t[he Duan] about it for which & other reasons We cou'd not be prevail'd on to let him return to Madrass but in regard he has a Family in India & it ha[s been] represented to

What ye. write concerning the Great Diamond has occasion'd our not being prevail'd on to

let Capt. Seaton return to Madrass thō we cou'd not (out of regard to his family) refuse his going to Bengall.

The List of our Covenant Servts. from F. St. David gives us no acct. of their Salary nor wⁿ arriv'd and y^o. list of Military none signs to vouch it sevl other faults found.

We shall give you our remarks as usual.

Y^r Letter to our accompt is recd. & he will ans^r. it wch y^o must regard as if sign'd by us.

We are glad you have begun to discharge the Metchlepatm Meroh^{ts} debt we approve of yr method & hope next Ships will give us an acct of its being ended.

Touchg. the acco^{ts} of the Warehouse^r Storekeep^r &c^a.

We must tell you we can neither admit of Mr. Martin or Mr. Raworth reasons why Tonappa ought to be accountable for y^t wants in y^o warehouse We say all our Covenant Servts. y^t. have any trust committed to y^m. are & ought to be accountable for w^t. ever is committed to their charge and to take care of all their servts under y^m. both white & black.

Y^r. Regulat^s. for Warehouse^r acct^s. for silv^r and goods sold by y^m. silver we like,

Us how prejudicial it wou'd be to him and them if he [ware ob]liged to continue in England. We have at last consented that he shou'd reside a Free Merchant at Calcutta & that you shou'd permit such of his Family as are willing to go to him to take Passage on the first ship bound down to Bengall.

146. In the Packet from Fort St. Davids We have the List of our Covenant servants but no acco^t. of their salary or when arriv'd which take care be rectify'd and drawn out in the same manner the List from you is. The List of the military none signs to vouch it nor is it cast up to shew the Monthly Charge of each Company nor any reason given why the Private Centinels are at different Pay. Do you regulate this by the Model of Fort St. George unless you see good reason to do otherwise and if so advise Us of it. Send also an attested Acco^t. of all English dying there the time when and of what disease.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING OUR ACCOMPTS.

147. Under this head We shall as We did last year give you our remarks directions and answers to your Letters before Us as well relating to the acco^{ts}. of the warehousekeeper or others who have y^o. managem^t. of the several branches of our affairs as of the General books themselves.

148. Your Letter to our accomptants has been receiv'd & what answer they shall return thereto which is always first laid before and approv'd by our Com^{tee}. of accompts must be as much regarded as if inserted in y^o. body of our General Letters.

149. We take notice that you have begun to discharge y^o. Metchlepatam debt as the same is mentioned in the 65th. Par^a. of the Letter by the Mary & the two Consultations therein referr'd to which We have perus'd and do approve your Proceedings and shall be glad to receive by the next shipping an acco^t. that the whole is paid off in the same manner because as formerly advised those who best knew the whole of that affair assur'd Us the then Comp^{ts} servants were greatly imposed on by those Merchants & in that Case We ought to get it clear'd on as cheap terms as possible.

150. Touching the acco^{ts}. of the Warehousekeeper Pay Master, Storekeeper &c^a. Officers We gave large directions last year as well for keeping the several branches of our affairs under a Regular method as for preventing abuses and miscarriages of which We found some instances then and foresaw others & by the Letters now before Us We have acco^t. of more. The reason for the order in Consultation of the 2^d April for their deliver[ing] in annually fair Copys of their Books is substantial. The Rules by yo[u] laid down as mention'd in the Dartmouth's Letter from Par^a. 180 to 188. will we hope cure in future the evil consequences of y^o Warehousekeeper's trusting any Conicoply as those did Tonapa so imprudently and unjustifiably and we must here tell you We can by no means admit either Mr. Martin's or Mr. Raworth's reasons why Tonapa ought to be accountable for what wanting in Warehouse. We say y^o Warehousekeeper and every other our Covenant Servants that have any trust committed to them are & ought to be responsible for whatever is committed to their charge & to take care of their Conicoplys or other servants black or white why else do they give security here thō that security is in no Degree sufficient for the great trust repos'd in some of them & therefore their Coven^{ts}. are suppos'd to supply the rest. We were very much surpriz'd at Mr. Martin's new sort of Doctrine which you must never suffer to pass for Orthodox and expect you will let all our Servants whether of y^o. Council or inferiour know this is our ultimate Resolution.

151. The other Regulation mention'd in your 64th. Par^a. for Warehousekeepers future accounting for Silver & Goods each by themselves by paying in the money into Consultation for silver by itself & for Goods by themselves We approve & think it wou'd be yet more explicite to mention the sort of Goods &

quantity for which the money is paid & to whom sold & if it be but in part to say so adding what more is due. We likewise approve the further Regulation mention'd in the 41th. Par^a. of the Letter by the Howland that the Warehouse-keeper gives Receipts under his hand for all moneys he receives for the reasons therein contain'd as We always shall do of any other Rules that have or may be laid down for preventing frauds or mistakes or for keeping all acco^{ts}. in an honest methodical way of mannagem^t. & in so clear a light as will direct to any retrospect Enquiry.

other directions are given o make it more explicite.

152. In the abstracts of the several acco^{ts}. receiv'd in the Dartmouth's Packet We find the Pay Masters is brancht out into the several particular articles giving the Total of each & thereby a satisfactory view how the whole charge arises but the storekeeper's acco^t. is too concise & gives no acco^t. of particular heads of the disbursements thô great sums are issued out as in the Month of July Pag^a. Two thousand two hundred ninety eight without any particulars besides Pag^a. Three thousand one hundred seventy seven for Timber & Plank. It wou'd be a greater satisfaction to have the particular amount of each Item in all succeeding abstracts that We may see the several Branches of Expence & amount of each & not only one general sum for all.

We approve of ye. paymasters acco^{ts}. being branch'd out in ye. sev^l. particular articles, but the Storekeep^r. are too concise and ought to be more plain.

153. We approve the Orders given in your Consultation of the 27th. March that no buildings or repairs be set about unless by order of Council that the charges of each be kept apart to shew what each stands in whereby to judge of the reasonableness of the Expence & y^e. accompt^{ts}. scheme approv'd in Consultation the 5th. May to range the Pay masters acco^{ts}. under the particular heads therein mention'd & that the Storekeeper, Scavenger, Steward, Warehousekeeper & Mint do pay the disbursements made on their acco^{ts}. and to be no longer included in the general acco^{ts}. of the Pay Master, our reason for taking notice of them here is that the same method may be continued.

We approve of yr. orders yt. no buildg. or repairs be set abot. wth. out an ord^r. of Council.

154. We are well pleased with our President's care mention'd in the Consultation of the 4th. June that he had examin'd the S^t. Davids Pay Master's acco^t. article by article of which We mention'd something before and having found several considerable charges therein different from what at Fort S^t. George a Letter was wrote thereupon strenuously to recomēd an immediate Reformation nor ought We to pass over without notice M^r. Benyon's discovery of the Powder makers abuses whereby they were recharged with Twenty Seven Candy Seventeen maund fifteen pounds of Saltpetre they brought in as wanting in weight for the years 1710 & 1711 which he made appear ought not to be allow'd them on account of refining & the good order you made thereupon to let them have no more than what absolutely necessary at a time whereby their embezlements wou'd be sooner discover'd.

the Presidts. care in examining ye. F. St. David Paymasters acco^{ts}. article by article & examin^g. ym. wth. those of Madrass & ye. good reformation made thereupon is very pleasing to us.

155. The Rule laid down in the Consultation of the 29th. August about passing over the Warehouse from one person to another that a thorough acco^t. of Remains be taken & the accomptant examine and adjust it by the Books & report the same in fifteen days time that both Warehousekeepers sign that account & leave it in the accomptants Office & also discharge each other in Consultation We like very well. This do's in good measure for so far answer our general Direc^{tion} in the 161th. Par^a. of our last years Letter by the King William. We wou'd have the same method observed as to other Offices But wth. this difference in all that a particular Book be kept wherein to enter Duplicates of such acco^{ts}. and that the Partys also sign them therein because loose Papers are more likely to miscarry than a Book and the Entry there will be always at hand to have recourse to.

The rule ye made abot. passg. over ye. Warehouse from one to another we approve.

156. We observe the reasons given in the Consultation of the 1st. Dec^{ber}. for preserving at Fort S^t. Davids the establisht method. That all disbursm^{ts}. on acco^t. of Buildings or Repairs be issued by the Pay Master & he to acco^t. for them that M^r. Raworth shou'd first have had leave from Fort S^t. George for those repairs of the Garden house and that as you write you must never suffer any alterations of that method so We hope you will not because We suppose the Pay Master's acco^{ts}. are always under the inspection of the Council & accomptant

The ord^rs. ye. have given to F. St. David to forbid ym. building or repairs. wth. out yr. Leave &c. we approve of.

tant and therefore any wrong charges therein are more likely to be discover'd & he is not too big to be called to account. But we must remember you that there was complaints of Mr. Roberts in the building of this Garden house that he took care to conceal a great part of the charge under other Articles in the Pay Masters and Storekeeper's acco^{ts}. as you will find in the 80th. Par^a. of our General Letter by the Dartmouth. We hint it again here to prevent any future attempt of the like nature & We hope your care to see the Regulations mention'd in a preceding Par^a. observ'd will effectually do it.

157. M^{rs}. Mary Field sister & Exec^r of Richard Smith late of Fort St. George in the East Indies, having represented to Us her Brother died there about Oct^{ber}. 1712 leaving M^r. Thomas Cooke & M^r. John Legg his Trustees to collect his Estate We do at her desire hereby direct That they do pay the produce of his Estate into our Cash & do you advise Us what is so paid in that the same may be made good to her.

Mrs. Mary Field representing that her brother Richard Smyth died here Oct^r. 1712 leaving Mess^{rs}. Thomas Cooke & John Legg his trustees we order it be paid into our Cash & you to advise what is so paid in

We have resolv'd to make you follow in addition.

finds it necessary. It you should have a sufficient power to punish barbarous Murderers we are endeavouring to obtain the proper Commission & hope to procure them time enough to send by your Surratt Ships.

We approve of what you have order'd relating to your Stations of Mess^{rs}. Horden Smart & Cooke.

158. Since writing the foregoing We have consider'd of several matters & have resolved to add as follows which otherwise shou'd have been put under some of the foregoing General heads.

159. We have drawn out the Clauses in your Letters receiv'd last year and this relating to the many Barbarous murders and other Capital Crimes therein advised & have laid the same before such as can help Us to obtain the proper Commissions to try such notorious Criminals. We are told it is highly necessary We shou'd have sufficient Powers to punish the malefactors and We don't doubt to obtain them. We hope they may be obtain'd time enô to give you the advice by the Surratt shipping for affairs of this nature can't be expedited so fast as We cou'd desire. In the interim Remember & put in Practice what We wrote last year.

160. We have consider'd your several Clauses relating to your Stations of Mess^{rs}. Horden Smart & Cooke and do approve what you have done therein.

161. Coja Babbaw di sultanum having represented to Us that he has some effects in his hands belonging to the Estate of Coja Panous Calendar We have at his desire permitted him to send the same in Coral to Fort St. George to Auga Peree Calendar son of the said Panous consigning the same to our President and that our said President do deliver it to Auga Peree on his paying into our Cash ten per cent of the Value in lieu of Permission here & Custom at Madrass. We can't yet say on what ship it will come to you, take the best care you can that none of these Effects be return'd on the Danes for Europe.

162. Having taken into Consideration the several Par^{as}. in your Letter and the Entrys into your Consultation book relating to the Janes Ransom the Goods on board deliver'd to you for our acco^t. M^r. Collets desire of allowances towards his charge & the articles of agreement made between you & him We have in respect to the good character you give of him & the effects We already perceive of his prudent management during the little time he had been at Bencoolen when the Toddington & Successe left that Place, Resolved & do determine as follows: That we will allow the Pagodas you secur'd to be paid into our Cash to answer the Bill drawn on Us and which We have since taken up to be valued at nine shillings each. That We will allow him One hundred & twenty Pounds for the Twelve Passengers That in regard the Goods delivered you as enter'd in your Consultation which We have Cast up such of them as were in the Invoice according to the Invoice Price and some particulars of those Goods not in our Invoice which are rated according to your valuation & those of which you put no value do altogether amount to very little

the business relating to your Janes ransom taken into consideration & particular orders given relating thereto.

less than Fourteen hundred Pounds We compute them at Fourteen hundred Pounds & your Valuation being but Twelve hundred Sixty four pounds five shillings & ten pence We have agreed to allow him the difference being One hundred thirty five Pounds Fourteen Shillings & two pence. We have not thought fit to allow any freight & in respect to him are willing in lieu thereof to charge nothing for Insurance tho We run the adventure & he desired Us to Insure so that upon supposition you have paid him but the said sum of Twelve hundred sixty four Pounds Five Shillings & Ten pence which if We understand your articles with him right is what was to be allow'd him for the Goods he deliver'd you then you are to make good to him in all Two hundred fifty five Pounds fourteen shillings & two pence. If you have paid him more or less you are to add to or diminish from the said Two hundred fifty five Pounds fourteen Shillings & two pence.

163. We have maturely consider'd your Letters & Consultations relating to the acco^{ts}. of M^r. Martin & M^r. Raworth as Joynt Warehousekeepers & their acco^{ts}. as Warehousekeepers singly & apart & heard M^r. Martin's Father himself & friends on his behalf & M^r. Shipman in behalf of M^r. Raworth and also consider'd M^r. Raworth's Letter to Us by the Howland & on the whole are come to the following Resolutions Viz^t. That you do take effectual care to recover from M^r. Raworth the Ballances due from him according to the stated acco^{ts}. unless any Errors have been or shall be discover'd therein in w^{ch}. case they are to be rectify'd. That in regard it appears very evident M^r. Martin & M^r. Raworth were joynt Warehousekeepers & accordingly joyntly intrusted with the Warehouse & had sign'd the acco^{ts}. of the Warehouse deliver'd into Consultation from time to time therefore they ought & you must take care they do make good the Ballance due from them on that acco^t. the reason is to Us very plain they were equally concern'd in the trust & therefore ought to be in accounting for whatever came to their hands. But in regard M^r. Martin has a Bond from Tonapa for a sum certain w^{ch}. Tonapa was indebted to the Warehouse when singly under M^r. Martin's charge therefore the money due thereon must first be made good out of Tonapa's Effects w^{ch}. you have or shall lay your hands on because the Bond makes the same a Debt ascertain'd & in that differs from an open acco^t. That you must never hereafter permit any Person to go off the shore & leave India till all their acco^{ts}. with the Comp^{ts}. are adjusted & the Ballance paid & We think you are very culpable for suffering M^r. Martin to depart before he had so done. The reason is this you are on the Place & have all the Proofs wth. you & it wou'd be endless trouble to send the Witnesses & other proofs hither & for want of them our Laws will not give Us a speedy or certain Remedy without the tedious methods of Commissions to the East Indies to examine Witnesses & even then that Remedy can't be obtain'd if the ship miscarry or the Witnesses are dead or by failure of memory or otherwise appear to forget the material parts of the Evidence to fix the charge home.

Mess^{rs}. Raworth and Martin acct: consider'd on & being come to a resolution that they shall both be ansble: for the wants in yr. warehouse particul^r: ordrs are given relat^s thereto.

164. We are heartily sorry That M^r. Raworth who has done by what you write so well at Fort S^t. Davids shou'd be under these Circumstances that We can't continue him in our service having so notoriously broke one of the fundamental Rules of our Establishm^t by making use of our estate for it is plain the Rupees Bullion & Goods were embezled out of our Warehouse while under his Charge & in his memorial to you of the 22th. Aug^r. he says no more in excuse than that great part of the money is due from Tonapa w^{ch}. We can't interpret more in his favour than that he was conscious he had made use of the rest for otherwise he wou'd have mention'd from whom the rest was due. Shou'd We not express our just resentment against whomsoever shall make bold wth. our money or goods We shall lay a temptation in the way of others to fall into the like evil in hopes also of escaping scot free. This is the prevailing motive wth: Us to dismiss him our service & his place being vacant We hereby appoint M^r. Henry Davenport to succeed to his Post of Dep^{ty}: Governour of Fort S^t. Davids.

M^r. Raworth dismiss'd from ye: Governour on acco^t: ye: Warehouse business. Mr. Henry Davenport is ord^d: to succeed him.

Mr. Fra:
Hastings order'd
from Visagm.
& take place
in Counll. next
below Mr.
Frederick.

165. We also hereby direct That M^r. Hastings be recall'd from Vizagap^a. & put into our Council at Fort S^t. George next below M^r. Frederick as supposing M^r. Davenport to be gone to Fort S^t. Davids thô if at any time M^r. Davenport shou'd be at Madrass he is to take the Place of Dep^y. Governour. We have done this for M^r. Hastings on the good Character he has of being a man of parts, Integrity & application & we hope this will be an incentive to him to employ his best abilitys constantly for our service. We further order That M^r. Jennings be sent down Chief of Vizagapatam if you think him qualify'd for the post.

Lieut. Jno.
Roach to have
no Supt.
Comand over
the Military
wth. the title
of Cap^t Major
but to gratify
him as shall
be thought fit,
being good
husband for y^e
Comp^a.

166. We have consider'd your 159th Par^a. about Lieut^t John Roach whom you so much commend & desire he shou'd have a superiour Comand over the military wth. the Title of Cap^t. Major & say We don't approve of giving any man an extraordinary Comission over the military however instead thereof give you leave to gratify him as you think he deserves but to be good husbands for the Company.

Mr. Raworth
to have y^e.
utmost of
assistance given
him in y^e. affair
between him
& Tonnapa.

167. Althô We can't doubt of your Justice to M^r. Raworth and your readiness to assist him yet That We may do what in Us lies as Circumstances now are for him We hereby direct That you afford him your utmost assistance in the affair of Tonapa whom he charges wth. such monstrous embezleⁿ^{ts}. and he also confesses them That you interpose yo^r authority heartily to lay your hands upon whatever you can belonging to Tonapa and let M^r. Raworth have^e the same for so far as will satisfy so much of the said embezlements as can be prov'd upon him & That you will afford M^r. Raworth the like assistance in getting in whatever Debts are due to him from any other Persons whatsoever & do you give M^r. Raworth Copy of this Paragraph for his early information.

Accot. of sevll.
persons yt.
have Silvr.
come out
amongst y^e
Companys
Treasure & is
order'd to be dd
them on it's
arrivall.

168. At the desire of several Persons We have put into a Chest N^o. 221 by the Bouverie Four hundred Ounces of Bullion for M^r. Alexander Bennet, Seventy four Ounces Fifteen Penny weights for M^r. John Morgan, Three hundred seventy three Ounces ten Penny weights for M^r. George Tully and two hundred Ounces for M^r. Charles Michel now going out. The several Parcels are Marked with the names of the Persons to whom they belong, do you take care they be delivered accordingly so soon as received. Besides these We have permitted One thousand ounces to be sent to M^r. John Turton on the Bouverie and sixteen hundred Ounces to be sent to M^r. Thomas Cooke on the Averilla and have allowed M^r. Thomas Jenkinson to carry with him one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven Ounces, M^r. John Harnage Free Merchant to carry with him Eleven Hundred Forty three ounces and M^r. Orpwood Dawsonne Free Merchant to carry with him Eight hundred Fifty six ounces all on the Bouverie and have also permitted * * * * * Two Thousand Two hundred Seventy five Ounces to be sent to M^r. William Jennings on the Aurengzebe. These last Six Parcels are packed up each particularly and laden on the abovemention'd ships which We hereby acquaint you with. We are

Your loving Friends,

GEORGE MATHEW.	ROB MICHEL.
CHARLES PEERS.	ROB ^t . BRISCO..
JOHN GOULD.	ROBERT NIGHTINGALE.
W ^m . COTESWORTH.	W ^m . DAWSONNE.
JOHN EYLES.	W. H. CORNELISEN.
J: WARD JUN ^{or} .	FREDERICK HERNE.
PETER GODFREY.	GREGOBY PAGE.
W ^m . HAMFREY.	JO ^s . WORDSWORTH.
JOHN COOKE.	HENRY LYELL.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED JANUARY 15, 1713. PER AVERILLA.
 [*Public Despatches from England, Vol. 18, page 55.*]

LONDON 15TH. JANUARY 1713.

OUR PRESID^T. AND COUNCIL AT FORT S^T. GEORGE.

We hereby direct That you demand and receive from the Captain of the Averilla our General Packett to Bencoolen and open the same for your better information of what we write them and to guide you in such further orders as you shall judge proper to send them take care the said Packett be transmitted with the Ship, We are

Your very loving Friends,

GEORGE MATHEW.	W ^x . HUMFREYS.
ROBERT NIGHTINGALE.	W. H. CORNELISEN.
FREDERICK HERNE.	ROBT. MICHEL.
W ^x : DAWSONNE.	JOHN GOULD.
GREGORY PAGE.	J. WARD; JUN ^r .
W ^x : COTESWORTH.	PETER GODFREY.
NATH. HERNE.	JOHN ELWICK
HENRY LYELL.	THOMAS HEATH.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED APRIL 24, 1713. SENT VIA HOLLAND.
 [*Public Despatches from England Vol. 18, page 59.*]

LONDON THE 24TH. APRIL 1713.

OUR PRESID^T. AND COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

Wee the Court of Directors of the United East India Comp^a. understanding that the Hono^{ble}. the Bewinthebbers of the Dutch East India Comp^a. are sending an advice Vessel to the East Indies have by our Correspondents Mess^{rs}. George Clifford & Comp^a. of Amsterdam apply'd to the said Bewinthebbers desiring they wou'd favour Us to send in their Vessell this Letter to you to acquaint You That a Peace is concluded and was sign'd between England Holland & other of the Allies and France the 11th. Instant new Stile at Utrecht so that We may now hope our Trade to and from the East Indies and also the English Commerce in the East Indies will from henceforth be quiet & not disturbed by the French Privateers. We were willing to give you this good News as soon as possible & therefore have obtain'd the favour to send it as aforesaid. We write to the same purpose to the Bay Bombay & Bencoolen by this Conveyance nevertheless wou'd have you as soon as possible advise them hereof what charge any of the Chiefs or other Officers of the Dutch East India Comp^a. shall be at in transmitting this Letter to you. We wou'd have you repay with thankfulness acknowledging the favour of conveying or sending it to you which We hope will be done as soon as conveniently they can. We are

Your very loving Friends,

FRED ^x . HERNE.	W ^x : COTESWORTH.
ROBT. BRISCO.	JOHN GOULD.
JOHN WARD JUN ^r .	PETER GODFREY.
ROBT. NIGHTINGALE.	HENRY LYELL.
JOHN COOKE.	THO ^s : HEATH.
JOHN. COUPLAND.	CHARLES PEERS.
FRAN. SHEPHEARD.	RICH ^d : GOUGH.
GREG ^o . PAGE.	NATH: HERNE:
W. H. CORNELISEN.	ROBT : MICHEL.
JOHN EYLES.	GEO : MATHEW.

SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED FEBRUARY 5, 1714. RECEIVED
 SEPTEMBER 16, 1714, PER ST. GEORGE. [*Public Despatches from England,*
Vol. 18, page 63.]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

S^{RS}.

The Court of Directors having this day Settled the form of a Certificate to be given by the President for the time being and such other Person or Persons to whom any Bullion, Corral or other Effects are sent out from hence and Lycenced by y^e. Company to be returned in Dyamonds or other Jewells Musk Bezoar Ambergrice or Goa Stones and the S^t. George being yet in the Downes I do by their order send you draught of the said Certificate for your notice and observance which they would have you comply withall for the present and if by the next Ships they shall see cause to make any alteration therein you will then have an Account to which I h[ave] only to add that I am,

Gentⁿ.

Your very humble Servant,

THO: WOOLLEY,

Sec^y.

EAST INDIA HOUSE, LONDON

Y^s. 5TH. FEBRUARY 1713.

SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED FEBRUARY 8, 1714. RECEIVED
 SEPTEMBER 16, 1714, PER ST. GEORGE. [*Public Despatches from England,*
Vol. 18, page 65.]

TO THE HON^{BLE} THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GEN^T.

I am commanded by the Committee of Private Trade to acquaint you That they have had an information very lately laid before them to the purport following Viz^t. That in December last Twenty Iron Guns were clandestinely taken in at the Gunroom Ports of the ship Aurengzebe and stow'd in her bread room some nights after one hundred Bars of Iron Square and flatt & at Gravesend the lighter which carry'd down the Aurengzeb's Guns brought with them Twenty Iron Guns which were stow'd in the main hatch way wherefore y^e Co^mittee desire you will take particular care to examine whether any such Guns or Iron is on board her as soon as possibly you can after receipt hereof and advise the Court what you shall find. If the ship should be arrived as very probably She will before you receive this then make diligent enquiry where these Guns and Iron if not on board have been disposed of and for what and send the Company the account. This comes by the S^t. George who is yet detain'd in the Downes, I am

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
 THE 8TH FEB^R. 1713.

Sⁿ

Your very humble Serv^t.

THO: WOOLLEY,

Sec^y.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1714. RECEIVED
 SEPTEMBER 16, 1714, PER ST. GEORGE. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.*
18, page 67.]

LONDON Y^s 12TH FEBRUARY 1713.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

1. Wee having found 'it for our Service to send a quantity of small money for change to S^t. Helena do hereby direct That you do provide

& Coyn at our mint to the Value of One hundred Pounds Sterling in Copper money to Serve for farthings & half pence do you take care they are made to yield after the rate of Sixteen Pence a pound avoirdupois which being something more than the true value of the Copper will as wee propose preserve them from being catry'd off the Island the mint masters will be easily able to Settle them pretty exactly as to the weight and as to the Stamp you may direct it either with our arms or the common mark of our Bales or any other impression that is neat and not too troublesom.

2. Wee would have sent some from hence but find as the Law Stands wee could not send out any of our own Coyns and having Consulted y^e proper Officers of the Tower They thought this a better and easier expedient than to attempt obtaining a Licence from the Privy Council to Coyn any Sorts of money in the Tower for this purpose.

3. Send the above money when Coyn'd to S^t. Helena by the first ships bound thither from Madrass dividing it pretty equally on board the Severall Ships to be dispatcht that season and Invoice it at the above rate giving us Credit for the profitt thereon, advise what you send on each Ship and send us in the Packett one of each Species for our information by the Ships who carry them to S^t. Helena.

4. Send also the Value of One hundred pounds in Silver fanams Invoicing them at three pence each Sterling giving us Credit for the profitt and divide them on board Ship as you did the Copper.

5. If you have any Seeds or Plants proper for S^t. Helena for fruit trees or green trade send some.

6. Send them proper Callicoes for the Slaves wee having ordered the Island to be Supply'd with fifty or sixty Slaves from Guinea.

7. Order the Captains of the returning ships if they should touch at y^e Cape & can procure any seeds or Plants or wheat they get some & carry it to S^t. Helena. We are,

Your loving Friends,

W. H. CORNELISEN.	JOHN EYLES.
ROB BRISOO.	RICH ^d GOUGH.
CHARLES PEER.	W ^m DAWSONNE.
JOS WORDSWORTH.	JOHN COOKE.
NATH: HERNE.	HERY LYELL.
JOHN GOULD.	ROBERT NIGHTINGALE.
W ^m COTESWORTH.	PETER GODFREY.
FRA: SHEPHEARD.	THOMAS HEATH.
GREGORY PAGE.	

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL FOR THE SHIPS GOING OUT THIS YEAR 17¹³/₁₄.

		Peices.
Longcloth Ordin ^r.	... from Madrass N ^o . 1 & 2. Eight thousand Peices ...	8,000
Ditto	... N ^o . 3 One thousand Peices ...	1,000
Ditto	... W. 1. 2 & 3. Eight thousand Peices which used to be well made & did please well here ...	8,000
Ditto	... from Fort S ^t . David N ^o . 1 & 2 six thousand Peices but must be made strong & even and not too much Congee.	6,000
Ditto Midling	... from Madrass M 1. 2. & 3. Three thousand Peices.	3,000
Ditto	... from Fort S ^t . Davids M. 1 & 2. Two thousand Peices ...	2,000
Ditto Blue	... from Madrass Fifteen hundred Peices of the deep black blue well dry'd to prev ^t Mildew.	1,500

		Peices.
Longcloth Blue ...	not so deep Colour'd One thousand Peices ...	1,000
Ditto fine white	from Madrass N ^o . 1. 2 & 3. Fifteen hundred Peices ...	1,500
Ditto ...	from Fort S ^t . David N ^o . 1. 2. & 3, Five hund ^d . Peices.	500
	as much Longcloth from Vizagapatam as you can get for the Value of Four thousand Pounds ster ^s . but they must be of seventy two Covid long & two & a quart ^r . broad made finer & better th ^o they cost something more Comp ^t . Seven thousand Peices ...	7,000
Sallampores Ordi- nary.	from Madrass Twenty thousand Peices of thirty two Cov ^d . long & two & a quarter broad better than of late.	20,000
Ditto ...	of W. N ^o . 1. 2. & 3. Seven thousand Peices ... made where the Loncloth L. W. are made.	7,000
Ditto ...	from Fort S ^t . Davids N ^o . 1. 2. & 3. Seven thous ^d . Peices ...	7,000
Ditto Midling...	from Madrass M 1. 2. & 3. Three thousand Peices ...	3,000
Ditto ...	from Fort S ^t . Davids M. 1. & 2. Two thousand Peices ...	2,000
Ditto Fine ...	from Madrass Three thousand Peices ... As many Sallampores from Vizagapatam as you can get to the Value of Two thousand Pounds Ster ^s . computed Seven thousand Peices ...	7,000
Bettellees ...	from Madrass N ^o . 25. 26. 28. & 29. None having a great Quantity by Us and will not sell except they can be made much finer & clearer than of late nor none of the same numbers from Fort S ^t . Davids because they are worse.	
Bettellees Oringal.	N ^o . 1. Two thousand Peices... but they must be better much than those Ψ Dartmouth N ^o . 2. None. for only the finest of those Sorts sell to Profit here as for D. 1, from Fort S ^t . Davids which cost more than N ^o . 1. and sold for fifteen shillings a Peice less is a mistake or an abuse therefore none must be sent.	2,000
Bettellees Striped.	One thousand Peices ... of the V 5 & + Ψ Dartmouth Invoiced at Twenty Pag ^s . a Corge.	1,000
Bettellees Oringall.	Plain from Madrass. One thousand Peices... twenty four Cov ^d . long such as was order'd last Investm ^t .	1,000
Chints Madrass ...	upon fine Mooree Five hundred Peices ... the Painting not quite so large as hitherto & not too much of the dirty green in them.	500
Ditto ...	upon Sallampores of the finest N ^o . Five hundred Peices ...	500
Moorees Fine White.	Five hundred Peices ... but they must be of a better sort than those Ψ Dartm ^o . which were thin & raw these must be hard twisted the Thread well struck & well whiten'd & finer.	500

'Tis discourageing to see the Private ships bring Oringal Bettellees so much to exceed any We have our best sold for Seventy one shillings theirs for upwards of one hundred & eighty shillings cou'd We have depended on as good as those we shou'd have order'd of the two sorts as many more. We hope to have four or five hundred the finest can be made.

All the Goods forbid last year except what are herein excepted you must look on to be still prohibited.

LIST OF WRITERS & FREE MERCHANTS FOR FORT ST. GEORGE, WHO
TAKE PASSAGE ON Y^r. SHIPS UNDERMENTION'D.

Thomas Jenkinson	...	Writer on the Bouverie.	
Charles Michell	...	Ditto.	Ditto.
Orpwood Dawsonne.	...	Free Merchant on the Bouverie.	
Edmond Wright	...	Ditto	Aurengzebe.
John Harnage	...	Ditto	Bouverie.
Lewes Lewes	...	Ditto	Ditto
William Hamilton	...	Ditto	Aurengzebe.

EAST INDIA HOUSE
THE 14TH. JANUARY 1713.

THO: WOOLEY
Sec^{ry}.

ACCOUNT OF BULLION, CORALL &C.^a. LYCENCED TO BE SHIPT BY THE
FOLLOWING PERSONS ON THE SHIPS UNDERMENTIONED VIZ^t.

ON THE BOUVERIE

			Ounces dwt.	
By Andrew La- Postre.	3 Boxes markt.	HP N ^o . 1.2.4. Pieces Eight.	of 11,480	4 0
Isaac Salvadore.	2 Boxes markt.	FS N ^o . 2.3. Foreign Silv ^r ..	4,000	0 0
Richard Veale.	2 Boxes markt.	RV N ^o . 2.3. Pieces Eight.	of 3,000	0 0
Joseph Telles Da Costa.	1 Chest markt.	DCT N ^o . A. Pieces Eight.	of 1,733	10 0
Solom ^o . De Medina Moses Son.	1 Box markt.	MD N ^o . 1. Peices Eight.	of 3,000	0 0
John Chauvel...	1 Chest markt.	IM N ^o . 2. Foreign M Silver.	3,776	$\frac{1}{4}$ 0
Peter Deharce.	1 Chest markt.	D ^o . N ^o . 3. D ^o .	1,600	0 0
Jn ^o . Chauvel ...	1 Chest markt.	D ^o . N ^o . 5. D ^o .	1,700	0 0
Alvaro Mendes.	1 Chest markt.	LA. N ^o . 2. D ^o .	2,000	0 0
Anth ^o . Mendes Da Costa.	2 Boxes markt.	AMDC N ^o . 3.4. D ^o .	6,000	0 0
Moses Vas Martins.	1 Box markt.	MVM N ^o . 2. Pieces Eight.	of 648	$\frac{1}{4}$ 0
Abram De Moses Franco.	1 Box markt.	AFN ^o . 1. D ^o .	3,500	0 0
Dodding Brad- dyl.	5 Chests markt.	☆ N ^o . 12. 13. 14. 16. 21.	D ^o .	17,585 0 0
Joseph Pereira.	8 Chests markt.	PB N ^o . 1 to 8 1208.	Coral ...	£1,510 0 0
Dodding Brad- dyl.	6 Chests markt.	☆ N ^o . 1 to 6	Coral Beads & Rough Corall.	4,481 5 6

ON THE AURENGZEBE.

			Ounces.	
Andrew La Postre.	1 Box markt.	HP N ^o . 3. Pieces Eight.	of 4,000	0 0
Rich ^d Veale ...	1 Box markt.	RV N ^o . 1. D ^o .	2,000	0 0
Joseph Telles Da Costa.	1 Chest markt.	DCT N ^o . B. D ^o .	1,734	15 0

				Ounces		
Sol ^o De Medina Moses Son.	1 Box markt.	MD N ^o . 2.	Pieces of Eight	2,000	0	0
Moses Vas Mar- tins.	1 Box markt.	MVM N ^o . 1.	D ^o .	652	0	0
Anth ^o Mendes Da Costa.	2 Boxes markt.	MDC N ^o . 1. 2.	Foreign Silver.	6,000	0	0
John Cooke and Abra ^m De Moses Franco.	1 Box markt.	CF N ^o . 1.	Pieces of Eight.	4,000	0	0
Aron Pacheco.		PN N ^o . 1.	D ^o .	900	0	0
Dodding Brad- dyl.	5 Chests markt.	☆ N ^o . 7 to 11.	D ^o .	17,868	0	0
James Lewis Berchere.	1 Box markt.	IM N ^o . 1.	D ^o .	4,202	6	0
James Lewis Berchere.	1 Box markt.	IM N ^o . 2.	Coral £ Beads & Amber.	70	1	6
Issac Salvadore.	1 Box markt.	FS N ^o . 1.	Thirty Bundles Coral Beads.	420	0	0
Dodding Brad- dyl.	10 Chests markt.	☆ N ^o . 16 to 26 " 1540.	Rough Coral.	2,002	0	0
Alvaro Mendes.	1 Boxes markt.	LA N ^o . 1 " 50.	Rough Coral.	150	0	0
Aron Pacheco.	2 Boxes markt.	AR N ^o . 1. 2.	Branch Coral Rough D ^o . & Coral B ^{ds} .	386	19	0
Issac Salvadore.	3 Boxes markt.	FS N ^o . 2. 3. 4.	whole & Frag- ments Corall.	300	0	0

ψ S^t. GEORGE.

Abra ^m De Moses franco.	2 Chests markt.	AF N ^o . 2. 3.	whole & ffragm ^t . Corall.	325	0	0
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Mem^o. this acco^t. of Corall ψ S^t. George was sent only by the Averilla
the [one line lost]

ABSTRACT OF THE S^t. GEORGES INVOICE FOR THE BAY OF BENGALL.

Stockholme Iron Br.	29. 67 W ^t . 60 Tons at	£12.13 ...	759	0	0
Anchors	28 W ^t . 186. 1. 3 at	29 8 ...	276	6	2
Grapnolls	50 W ^t . 44. 2. 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ at	29 8 ...	66	7	6
Lead	530 Slabs W ^t . 701. 2. 22 at	11 3 ...	394	14	1
Broad Cloth	332 Bal ^s . q ^r . 1000 Cloths amot ^s . to	...	11,235	6	4
Long Ells	47 Bal ^s . q ^r . 940 P ^s . amot ^s . to	...	2,454	0	0
Callimancoes	10 Bal ^s . q ^r . 200 P ^s . amo ^t . to	...	510	0	0
Scarlet Worsted Camb ^l .	q ^r . 10 P ^s . at	£ 6. 7 ...	6,310	0	0
Cordage	37 Coyles W ^t . 169 1 26 at	31 4 ...	265	10	5

	£	s.	d.
Stationary Ware 4 Ch ^t & 1 Hamp ^{rs} . for use & sale ...	143	17	3
Leather 16 Backs W ^t . 6 ^{cwt. qr.} 3 ^{lb.} 7 at 10 ^s 1/2 ^{s.} ...	33	7	8
Cutlary Ware 2 Boxes ... amo ^{ts} . to ...	164	1	7
Glass Ware 1 Box ... amo ^{ts} . to ...	11	0	8
Looking Glasses 11 Cases ... amo ^{ts} . to ...	590	0	10
Imbost Cloth 20 Cases ... amo ^{ts} . to ...	528	19	3
Naval Stores 5 Cases ... amo ^{ts} . to ...	74	0	1
Cohern Mortars w th . Carriages 24 at 55 ...	66	0	0
Naval Stores 3 Cases ... amo ^{ts} . to ...	17	0	4
Iron Mongers Ware 1 Bundle ... amo ^{ts} . to ...	3	4	8
Grindstones 6 ... amo ^{ts} . to ...	1	14	1
Silver 68 Ch ^{ns} . q ^r . 19710 1 19 ... amo ^{ts} . to ...	65,043	10	8
Sword Blades 1 Case q ^r . 3. ... amo ^{ts} . to ...	15	8	0
Broad Cloth 1 Bale q ^r . 3 Clo ^s amo ^{ts} . to ...	101	2	0
Medicines 2 Ch ^{ns}	£ 82,818	1	7
Druggs 1 Ch ^t Charges ...	414	1	9
Oyle 1 Jarr ...	£ 83,232	3	4
Hand Lines 1 Cask			

COPIES OF ENTRIES ON THE SEPARATE STOCK SHIPS IN THE MERCURY CAPT^d GEORGE LYTTON COMMANDER FOR EAST INDIA BURTHEN 215 TONS.

George Lytton having Lycence from John Powell for Fifteen hundred Pounds maketh Entry viz.^t

Woollen Cloth ... 90 Pieces value ...	780	0	0
Hatts ... 64 Dozen value ...	70	0	0
Habberdashery Ware ... 2 Boxes value ...	40	0	0
Corks ... 300 Gross value ...	20	0	0
Iron in Bars ... 10 Tons 10 0 value ...	118	7	6
Iron Ordnance ... 6 Tons value ...	75	0	0
Iron Hoops for Madera ... 4 Tons value ...	84	0	0
1153 Ounces of Forreign Silver to purchase Madera Wines. ...	300	0	0
One Thousand four hundred Eighty Seven Pounds. ...	7	6	1,487

IN THE SHIP DELICIA THEOPHILUS GREGORY MASTER FOR THE EAST INDIES ABOUT 300 TONS BURTHEN.

Woodes Rogers having Lycence from John Russell for Five hundred Pounds maketh Entry Viz.^t

S. D. ... 20 Whole Cases of English Spirits cost	£	s.	d.
7 ^{s.} Case is ...	17	10	0
1 @ 19 ... 19 Chests cont ^d . 480 Trading Guns & 15,000 Flints ...	310	13	0
20 ... 1 Box cont ^d . 3 3. Brass and Copper Bars ...	28	4	8
21 ... 1 Box of Beads of Several sorts 250	24	19	0
22 ... 1 Cask cont ^d . Cutlary Ware ...	32	1	4
20 W ^t . of Lead Shott in 40 Small Cask ^s 2 q ^r . each ...	12	0	0

	21	Barrells of Powder	£	s.	d.	
			56	11	0	
N ^o . 1, 2.	...	{	4 Large Looking Glasses	7	0	0
			16 Dozen Small Ditto of Several Sorts	10	0	0
		Four hundred ninety nine Pounds two Shillings	499	2	0	

IN THE DELICIA THEOPHILUS GREGORY MASTER FOR THE EAST INDIES.

Woods Rogers having Lycence from John Powell for Seaven hundred Pounds maketh Entry in part Viz^t

S D N ^o . 23 @ 27	Four Chests containing 119 Trading Guns cost	£	s.	d.
		95	0	0
	Twenty Barrells of Powder cost	54	0	0
	One hundred half Cases of English Spirits	18	15	0
	One Box of Hatts cost	32	5	0
	Two Hundred Pounds	200	0	0

IN THE CLAPHAM GALLEY ANTHONY WILKES MASTER FOR THE EAST INDIES ABOUT
200 TONS BURTHEN.

Anthony Wilkes having Lycence from Woods Rogers by virtue of a Lycence to him granted by John Powell for Seven hundred Pounds maketh Entry Viz^t.

C. G. N ^o .	1 @ 13	^[lb.] 32	Wrought Brass	£	s.	d.	
	18 @ 34	35	Wrought Iron	176	10	3	
	15 & 16	3	Wrought Pewter	18	6	8	
		^{lb.} 17 360	Beads	25	10	0	
		14	{ 1 Dozen Small Looking Glass and 10 Dozen Book Glasses... .. }	3	18	6	
				£	417	13	3
			Wine to be taken in at Madera... ..	82	6	9	
			Five Hundred Pounds	500	0	0	

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANTIZE AND FORREIGNE SILVER LYCENSED BY Y^r.
COMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRKCTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA
COMP^a. TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP BOUVERIE CAP^t. THOMAS WOTTON
COMAND^r. BY THE SEVERAL PERSONS AS FOLLOWS (VIZ^t.)

M^r. DODDING BRADYLE.

- ☆ N^o. 1 1 Case q^t. Three hundred Twenty Eight Pounds w^t.
2 Case q^t. one hundred [Se]venty Pounds w^t.
Corral Beads.
3 1 Case q^t. Two hundred forty two pounds w^t.
4 1 Case q^t. Two hundred & fifty Pounds w^t.
5 1 Case q^t. Two hundred fifty one Pounds w^t.
6 1 Case q^t. one hundred fifty four Pounds w^t.

Whole or Rough Corral.

Value in all £ 4481-5-6 On which he has paid £ 114. 15 For
freight & permission into the Compa^s. Treasury and given
bond pursuant to the Order of Court.

CAP^T. THOMAS WOTTON.

				Value	£	s.	d.
T. W. N ^o .	1 @ 10 ...	10 Chests of Beer	...	Value	45	0	0
	1 @ 4 ...	4 Chests of Wine	...	D ^o .	40	0	0
	1 @ 8 ...	8 Cases of Hatts	...	D ^o .	80	0	0
	1. 2. ...	2 Cases of Looking Glasses	...	D ^o .	18	0	0
Eol.	1 @ 4 ...	4 Chests of Wine q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ . qu ^t . Bott each	...	Value	50	0	0
C. B. N ^o .	1 ...	1 Chest of Wine q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ.	...	Value			
		On the 5 % Cent and Indulgence...	...				

NATHANIEL HERNE ESQ^R

T. F. 1. 2.	...	2 Chests of Beer q ^t . Doz ⁿ . each	Value	£ 9	0	0
5.	...	1 Small Box of Cloths.				
6.	...	1 Small Box with a Perugue.				
3. 4.	...	2 Casks of Beer q ^t . 12 dozen	D ^o .	4	10	0
7.	...	1 Box of Stationary Wares.				
		Freight Free being for the use of Mr. Thomas Frederick Second of Council at Fort S ^t . George.				

MAD^M. FRANCIS HARRISON.

Eol. 1 @ 6	...	6 Chests of Beer q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ . qu ^t . Bott each.				
7 @ 10	...	4 Chests of Syder q ^t .	D ^o .			
11 @ 12	...	2 Chests of Wine q ^t . 10 Doz ⁿ . each.				
A. @ G.	...	7 Chests of Wine q ^t . Ditto				
		Free of Freight all but Two Tons for which she has Paid £ 20 into the Compa ^s . Treasury being for the use of her Husband Govern ^r . Harrison at Fort S ^t . George.				

CAP^T. THOMAS WOTTON.

T. W. 1 @ 4	...	4 Casks of Cutlary Ware	Value	84	0	0
		On the 5 % Cent and Indulgence.				

M^R. JOHN SANDERSON.

1 S.	...	1 Small Chest of apparel.				
		Freight Free being for the use of his son of the same Name on of the Compa ^s . Writers at Fort S ^t . George.				

M^R. ROGER BRADYLR.

E. H. N ^o .	1 @ 15	15 Chests of Wine q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ . qu ^t . Bott each.				
1 P.	1. 2.	2 Chests of Wine q ^t .	Ditto			
E. H.	16 @ 19	4 Chests of Beer q ^t .	D ^o .			
		On which he has Paid £ 84 for Freight into the Compa ^s . Treasury for the use of Govern ^r . Harrison at Fort S ^t . George.				

M^R. ISAAC SALVADORE.

F. S. N ^o .	2. 3.	2 Boxes q ^t . 4,000 of Forreign Silver being P ^a . $\frac{1}{2}$ Freight Free being sent out by him to purchase Dyamonds & Consigned to Gov ^r . Harrison & at Fort S ^t . George and bond being given $\frac{1}{2}$ Order of Court.				
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M^r. ANDREW LAPOSTRE.

- HP. 1. ... 1 Chest of Wearing apparel Free of Freight being for the use of his Brother M^r. Henry Lapostre at Fort S^t. George.
- HP. 1. 2. 4. ... Also Three Boxes q^t. 11,480 ^{os.} of Forreign Silver being P^r. of $\frac{2}{3}$ Freight Free Bond being given.

THOMAS FREDERICK ESQ^r.

- T. F. ... 2 Small Cases of Cordial Waters. Freight Free being for the use of M^r. Thomas Frederick Second of Council at Fort S^t. George.

NATHANIEL HERNE ESQ^r.

- 3 Chests of Wine q^t 12 Dozⁿ. quart Bott each being for the use of M^r. Thomas Frederick Second of Council at Fort S^t. George. Freight Free.

M^r. JOSEPH PERREIRA.

- 8 Cases of Rough Corral Value £ 1,510—0—0 ^{s.} ^{d.} on which he has paid £ 60. 8. ^{s.} For Freight & permission into the Compa^r. Tresury & given Bond pursuant to the Order of Court.

THE R^t. HON^{BLE}. CHARLES LORD HALLIFAX.

- Eol. N^o. 1. 2. ... 2 Chests of Beer q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. qw^t. Bott each. Freight Free (by Order of Court) being for Gov^r. Harrison at Fort S^t. George.

M^r. ORPWOOD DAWSON FREE MERCH^t.

- O. D. N^o. 4 ... 1 Chest of Stores.
 5 ... 1 Box q^t. 4 Dozⁿ. of Hatts.
 1. 2. ... 2 Chests of Beer q^t. 10 Dozⁿ. qu^t. Bott each.
 1 Hamper of Wine.
 1 Small Rundlet of Wine.
 Freight Free being for his own use.

M^{ss}. ELIZABETH FAULKNER.

- E. B. 1 ... 1 Chest of Wearing apparel & necessarys.
 2 ... 1 Cask q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. Neats Tongues.
 3 ... 1 Hamper of Papers.
 Freight Free being for the use of her Brother M^r. Edward Bulkley on of the Council at Fort S^t. George.

CAP^t THOMAS WOOTTON.

- T. W. ... 1 Small Trunk q^t. Gloves & Hose Value ... £ 30 0 0
 6. 7. ... 2 Chests of Glasses by Order of Court D^o. 28 0 0
 8 ... 1 Box of Cutlery Wares D^o. 20 0 0
 On the 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ Cent & Indulgence.

MR. CHARLES GOUGH, 5 MATE.

			£	s.	d.
C. G. N ^o . 1	...	1 Chest of Wine Value	...	12	0 0
2	...	1 Chest of Wine D ^o.	...	4	10 0

Also the Value of ² 28 ^{s.} 10 in Forreign Silver On the 5 ^p Cent & Indulgence.

MR. GABRIEL HANGER, WRITER.

- G. H. 1 Chest of Wearing apparel & Necessarys.
 1 Small Chest of Wine.
 1 Small Case of Cordial Waters.
 N^o. 1 2. 2 Chests of Beer.
 1 Small Case of Brandy.
 & one Bundle of Bedding.
 Freight Free.

MR. JOHN HARNAGE, FREE MERCH^t.

- 1 H 1. 2. 7. 8. 4. Chests of Wine q^t. 4 Dozⁿ. qu^t. Bott each.
 3 @ 6 11. 5. Chests of Beer q^t. D^o.
 9. 10. 2. Barrels of Cheeses,
 12. 13. 1. Chest of apparel.
 & one Case of Liquors.

Freight Free all but for Three Tons on which he has paid Thirty pounds for Freight into the Compa^s. Treasury.

MR. LEWES LEWES, FREE MERCH^t.

- L. 1. 2. 2. Chests of Beer q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. qu^t. Bott each.
 1. 1. Chest of apparel.
 2. 1. Chest of Stores.
 3. 1. Hamper of Brandy.

W. N. 1. 1. Box of Shoes & Books.
 all Freight Free Except^t. Half a Ton for which he has paid Five pounds for Freight into the Compa^s. Treasury.

MR. MASON.

- I M N^o. 5. 1. Chest of apparel.
 6. 1. Case of Stores.

Freight Free being for the use of his son a Writer in the Compa^s. Service at Fort S^t. George.

MR. JOHN CHAUVELL.

- 1 ^M N^o. 1. 1. Case q^t. Bellows & Lanterns & other necessarys.
 1 ^M N^o. 4. 1 Small Box of aquafortis.

Freight Free being for the use of M^r. Mawbert the Compa^s. Essay Master.

¹ ^M 2, Chests 2 & 5, also ^{or.} 5476 ¹/₄ of Forreign Silver being Ps. of ^s/₈ sent out by him & Consign'd to P^t. Harrison and the said M^r. Maubert being to be Return'd in Dyamonds, bond being given pursuant to the Order of Court.

MR. PETER DEHARCE.

1, M. 3, 1 Box q^t. 1600 Forreign Silver being P^s. of ^s/₈ sent out by him to purchase Diamonds haveing given Bond pursuant to the Order of Court the same being Consigned to Presid^t. Harrison & M^r. John Maubert at Fort S^t. George Freight Free outwards.

M^r. CHARLES MITCHELL WRITER.

- C. M. N^o. 1. 1. Chest of apparel.
 2. 1. Chest of Wine.
 3. 1. Chest of Beer.
 4. 1. Chest of apparel.
 1. Hamper of Beer.
 1. Cheese in Lead.
 Freight Free.

M^r. JOSEPH TELLES DA COSTA.

D. C. T. N^o. A. 1 Chest q^t. 17³³/₁₀ ^{OK CWT.} Forreign Silver being P^r. of $\frac{1}{2}$ bond being given pursuant to the Order of Court and Consigned to Presid^t. Harrison & Mr. Henry Lapostre at Fort S^t. George being sent out by him to purchase Diamonds.

M^r. LOWNDS.

- B. B. 1. 1 Cask of ale q^t. 13 Gallons.
 Freight Free being for the use of M^r. Binion one of the Council at Fort S^t. George.
 2. also one Cask of ale q^t. 12 Gallons.
 3. 1. Cask of Ditto
 4. 1. Box of Wearing apparel & Small necessarys.
 Freight Free.

M^r. ANTHONY MENDES.

N^o. 3, 4, 2 Boxes q^t. 6000 ^{OK} of Forreign Silver.

Freight Free outwards being sent out to purchase Diamonds and Consigned to Presid^t. Harrison at Fort S^t. George, Bond being given pursuant to the Order of Court.

S^r. JOHN BENNET.

A. D. Directed 1 Box of apparel.
 Freight Free being for the use of his son M^r. Alexand^r. Bennet in the Comp^y. service at Fort S^t. George.

M^r. MOSES VAS MARTINS.

N^o. M. V. M. 2. 1 Box q^t. 64⁵/₄ of Forreign Silver being P^r. of $\frac{1}{2}$ the same being sent out to purchase Diamonds being Consign'd to Gov^r. Harrison & M^r. Henry Lapostre at Fort S^t. George & bond given pursuant to the Order of Court.

M^r. THOMAS JENKINS, WRITER.

1. Chest of Wearing apparel,
 2. Hampers of Wine q^t. 6 Dor^s. all.
 2. Hampers of Brandy and Lime Juice.
 1. Chest of Beer q^t. 4 Dor^s. qu^t. Bott.
 1. Bundle of Bedding.
 Freight Free.

Mr. ABRAHAM DE MOUSSA FRASCA.

A. P. N^o 1 -- 1 Chest q^t 3500 of Ferrisgn Silver being p^t of ² the same being sent out to purchase Diamonds & Comaigned to Gov^r Harrison & Mr. Thomas Theobalds at Fort St. George he having given Bond pursuant to the Order of Court.

Mr. THOMAS KITCHEN.

T. K. I @ 6 -- 6 Chests of Beer q^t 12 Doz^r q^w Bott each On the 5th Cent & Indulgence.

ANDREW^r CHUM.

E. H. N^o 13. 14
E. P. N^o 1: 2 } }

4 Chest of Wine q^t: 12 Doz^r: each.

Freight Free being for the use of Mr. Edward Page one of the Council in Bengal & Gov^r Harrison at Fort St. George.

Mr. BULLW DE STIVANNE.

A N^o 3 -- 1 Chest q^t 290^{lbs} 7^{oz} Leghorne Coral Beads of Several Sorts Value 2,354 Doll^r Each Pound Being 12 Ounces at 53¹/₂ Doll^r.

N^o: 3 -- 1 Chest q^t 31^{oz} 8^{oz} Ditto Value 4,486 Doll^r: ²/₃
A N^o. 1 -- 1 Chest q^t Ditto Value 4,487 Doll^r. 2¹/₄
Memorand^o. This is in the same Order with that of the Aurenzsch.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,

LONDON T^h 14th JAN^r 1713.

THO LEWIS.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PAPERS TO FOR^t ST. GEORGE BY THE BOUWERIE.

- N^o 1 Companys General to Fort St. George dated the 13th January 1713.
- 2 Copy of Companys Letter to the Fort Dated the 24th April 1713 advising of the Peace sent V in Holland.
- 3 Invoice of the Bouwerie amounting to £ 79,359-7-9.
- 4 Bill of Lading of Ditto Ship.
- 5 Copy of the Bouweries Charterparty.
- 6 List of Goods to be Provided on the Coast of Cheroom-dal for the ships going out this Year 1713.
- 7 List of Writers and Free Merchants for Fort St. George.
- 8 Abstract of the St. Georges Invoice.
- 9 Manifest of Bullion and Goods Lysenced to be shipt on board the Bouwerie Sign'd by Mr. Thomas Lewis.
- 10 Account of Bullion & Corall Ac^t Lysenced to be shipt on board the Bouwerie Aurenzschs and St. George.
- 11 Copies of the Entries of the separate stock ships Mercury Delicia and Clapham Galley.
- 12 List of 42 souldiers on board the Bouwerie sign'd by Mr. Thomas Lewis.
- 13 Account of what owing to the old Tobacco Farmers being the Originall Paper received by the Bouwerie.
- 14 A small Box Directed Patterns of 345 Bales of Cloth and Ten Bales of Stuffs by the Bouwerie.

- 15 Five Covenants for Writers to be Factors and their Bonds to perform them w^{ch} must be executed & returned hither by the first opportunity Viz^t M^r. Alexander Bennetts covenants to commence a Factor from the 6th August 1711 also his Bond to perform them.
- M^r. Thomas Wilfords covenants to commence Factor from the 17th of Septem^r 1714, and his Bond to perform them.
- M^r. Joseph Houghtons covenants to commence Factor from the 18th of January 1713, also his Bond to perform them.
- M^r. John Emmersons covenants to commence Factor from the 17th of September 1713 and his Bond to perform them.
- M^r. William Harris's covenants to commence Factor from the 17th of September 1714 and his Bond to perform them.
- 16 Packett directed to the Hono^{ble}. Robert Hedges Esq^r President and the rest of the Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Fort William in Bengall to be forwarded thither by the first good opportunity.

GENERAL LETTER TO BENCOOLEN, DATED JANUARY 15, 1713. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol. 18, pp. 105—125.*]

OUR DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL OF BENCOOLEN. LONDON 15TH JANUARY 1713.

1. By the ship Susanna dispatchd from he[re] last March we wrote you the needfull in our Generall Letter dated the 20th of that month, and herewith send you it's copy, therein we inserted such additionall directions, caution & Prohibitions as we found necessary on Occasion of the Letter[s] Consultations and other advices then before Us, which we expect (as we have often wrote) must be observ'd at all times und[er] the Restrictions mention'd, and will for so far prevent our laying down the Rule again, and we hope when our Deputy Governour has collected, as you write us he woud speedily collect those and what contain'd in preceeding Letters and in [y^e] Letters from Madrass under the severall establish'd heads, you will also have so full and distinct a view of our Orde[r]s and be so well appriz'd of our meaning that we shall have no need to repeat them in future Letters, or swell such Letters with complaints or expostulations for want of their due observance.

2. On the 24th Aprill last we wrote you a short Letter as we also did to the Coast, Bay and Bombay (it's Copy inclos'd) to advise you of the Peace between England, Holland & other of the Allies and France, concluded at Utrecht the 11th of that month S. N. these Letters were sent by an advice vessell w^{ch} the Dutch Company were then dispatching to the East Indies & Duplicates thereof by another to follow speedily after, we had the Bewinthebbers assurance that due care shou'd be taken to forward them as superscrib'd, so that we hope you have before this receiv'd the acco^t of the Peace that the fears of the french ships in India as Enemys are dissipated.

3. Since that time we have receiv'd your Generall Letter of the 22^d Octob^r 1712 by the Toddington, and 20th Novemb^r following by the Success together wth our Dep^{ty} Gov^rs particular Letters of the 15th June, 16th Octob^r & 20th Novem^r. 1712 & the severall Books and papers contain'd in the Lists of . . .] ships Packetts, to which we are now to answer and add what we

think further proper under our Generall establish'd heads. Your Secretary is to blame that in the Lists he does not mention the Dates of the Letters sent in the Packets, as in that of the Success's now before us, his first N^o. mentions a Generall Letter to us, so does Number 13 and the N^{os}. 34 & 35, but no date to Either, this makes it very doubtfull what the Letters are for we have but one Generall Letter, and if as it sometimes happens that the covers on which the number is set, are upon opening mislaid, we are at a loss to know how to find ou[t] the severall numbers referr'd to in the List, whereas if the List mention'd the Dates or persons names who wrote them, if particular Letters as those from our Dep^{ty}. Gov^r. or that from M^r. White, we cou'd then be assur'd we had all the List contains. Take care also to mention in the beginning of every succeeding Letter the date of the Last, which was omitted in that by the Success, for there you say when you dispatch the Toddington and had sent copys of the Originall papers by her, but don't mention the date of her generall Letter. We now proceed,

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'D.

4. Since our last it has pleased God that the following ships have arrivd wth. us in safety Viz^t. the Dartmouth from the Coast, the Derby from the Bay, the Mary from the Bay & Coast, the Toddington & Success from Bencoolen, the Stringer Gally and Nathaniel from Mocho but last from Bombay, came all in Company with the Dutch North about and got into the river of Thames in August; The Howland from the Fort, the Kent from the Bay, the Mountague & Heathcote from Bombay & the Herne from China, came directly from S^t. Helena and arrivd in the Downes, some the last of August, the rest the beginning of September.

5. The Ships sent and sending out to all parts of the East Indies this season are Viz^t.

The Eagle Gally	200 Tons. Cap ^t .	Dan ^l .	Beeckman	} for Borneo.
The Borneo	180 Cap ^t .	Tho ^s .	Lewis	

to attempt a reestablishing a Trade thither because Pepper of late years bears a good Price in Europe. If they can't get a lading there, they are to go to and be filled up on Sumatra as by our Letter sent by them to you, it's Copy inclos'd, where you will [. . .] Mess^{rs}: Swartz, Becher & c^a: are the Sup^r: Cargoes, The Borneo departed the Downes the 2^d Octob^r: the Eagle Gally from Plymo[uth] the 18th.

The Hester 250 Tons Cap^t. Charles Kesar for Canton & home.

Mess^{rs}. Philip Middleton, James Naish & Rich^d. Holland Sup^r. Cargo's & Rich^d: Bull writer, she saild lately out of the Downes.

The Des Bouverie	450 Cap ^t .	Tho ^s .	Wotton	} for the Coast & Bay.
The Aurengzeb	425 Cap ^t .	Nic ^o .	Luhorne	

The S^t. George 450 Cap^t. Sam^l. Goodman. for the Bay.

The Averilla 250 Cap^t. Rob^t. Hurst ... for Bencoolen.

The Rochester 350 Cap^t. Will^m. Brown ... for S^t. Helena & Bencoolen.

The Catherine	450 Cap ^t .	Edw ^d .	Godfrey	} for Bombay.
The Thistleworth	250 Cap ^t .	Daniel	Small	

The Arabella 140 Cap^t. Alex^{dr}. Reid ... for Madagascar & Bencoolen.

The Coast and Bay ships and Averilla were by Charterparty to have been in the Downes before the date hereof and we expect will speedily sail being now at Spithead, the Arabella is to be in the Downes by the 15th. ins^t. The Rochester the 25th. febr^y. & the Bombay Ships we intend shall be there in Mar[ch].

6. The Av[e]rilla who brings you this is to take in one hundred Pipes of Wine at the Maderas to be carried to Fort S^t. George directly and we have order'd the President & Council to send you a supply out of it, and to dispatch her to You with wh[ole] Stores of all sorts and Goods they judge necessary whether f[rom] your advices or Otherwise.

7. The Principall design of taking up the Arabella was for the sake of Madagascar slaves as you will see at large in the indorsment of her Charterparty whereto we refer you, & do[n't] particularize the same here for the sake of Brevity, We hope she will procure a lading at Borneo or elsewhere as the said indorsment mentions, and to that end you must del[iver] the Comm^{dr}. for the time being the three Chests of Bullion pa[rt] of that laden on the Averilla markd N^o. (82, 83 & 84) Eighty-two, three & four which are particularly designd for her being a sort the most proper for Borneo, and therefore must not be so much as open'd or touch'd on any pretence whatsoever by you, unless it shou'd so happen, which God forbid, that the Arabella miscarrys, and of that you can't be able to judge till six or Eight months after the expected time of her arrivall at Bencoolen, which by Charterparty is to be the 30th. of Novemb^r. next. In case of failure or disappointment in part or in whole of a Lading of Pepper, you will see by the Charterparty you are to supply what wanting and receive back so much of the three chests as shall not be dispos'd of, and consign such pepper as you furnish him with by a Particular Invoice and Bill of Lading to us, which we here note for yo^r Government.

8. We are well pleas'd to find you gave so early a dispatch to y^e. Success as to prevent Demorage, for we take it to be a very promising Indication that affairs will at last prosper on the West Coast, and that we shall at length see some profit by our settlements, these promising Indications of it by hers & the Toddingtons Speedy return to us after your arrivall at Bencoolen are very acceptable, as are also severall other matters contain'd in the Letters before us, of which we shall take some Notice in following Paragraphs.

9. Be always punctuall in giving us early accounts of the exact time when our severall ships import wth. You, because from thence after four months their Demorage commences except there be a deviation as in this case of the Averilla, for her's will be reckon'd from the Day of her arrivall at Fort St. George, be also alike punctuall in advising the day Each ship receives her Dispatches for England, because from that day her Demorage ceases, remember likewise to advise what news you have of our own or any European ships in India, what is paid for soldiers head mony, when ships are surveyd, what supplies of Petre the Cap^t. desires and let them have no more than Charterparty directs for Kintlage, unless they desire it in writing; these ships will carry out whole Kintlage in Iron, because we have so much Saltpetre in Warehouse & so little consumption for it, that we desire no more than necessity requires for the Coast and Bay ships, however while any remains in your Godowns, it is better to send it home when so desir'd than to let it lye & wast there; remember we compute all our ships must have Sixteen p [C^t.] of their Tonnage let for, in heavy goods of twenty hundred [W^t.] to the Ton to make them sail worthy, and this we call Kintlage, now when we covenant in Charterparty that the s[hip] shall carry out Iron Kintlage, we do it that so much of the Sixteen p C^t. Kintlage Goods may be abated as the Covenant [Ex]presses the ship is to carry out in Iron, whether [Eight], Ten or twelve p C^t. as we have sometimes done, and & if as in this ship and the Rochester it is the whole Sixteen p C^t. it is because we will not be under an Obligation to lade any heavy goods on board, for you will see in the Charterparty that we must pay half freight for stones if we don't put aboard all the Kintlage Goods directed by Charterparty.

10. Touching the sloops or other Vessels which you shall have occasion for the service of the West Coast we have wrote in preceeding Letters about, and for sending us annually an acco^t. of their charge, that the same be strictly audited by you to prevent ill husbandry or false charges; we expect when the Madagascar slaves arrive you will train severall of them up to manage the Boats for unlading and relading our ships which will be a considerable help towards abating that great Charge of Boat hire so justly complaind of, it will lessen Demorage and be an effectuall remedy to the Compl^t of the Mallay's Laziness in working their Boats or their revengefull temper in oversetting them and loosing our Goods when

they are forc'd to fetch or carry any; In the intervall of shipping let them be employed in other usefull & necessary Labours.

11. We can add nothing to the orders already given to Madrass, to supply you with proper vessells for the fetching Pepper from or carrying Goods to the subordinate settlements or Pagers¹ on Sumatra; we doubt not but they will do all they can to help you, for they in their generall Letters tell us they have a very promising prospect that West Coast will now flourish and that they will contribute their utmost to improve it; We propos'd to them to supply you with Mussoolas,² which we apprehend will be of service where the great Su[...] makes it so dangerous to go off or come on the shore, and if they or you find they will answer we doubt not but in time you will have some whenever you have train'd up the [slaves] to manage them as the Macquaw Men do at Madrass, who as they write can't hitherto be prevaild with to go to the West Coast, but when the report of it's healthyness shall reach Madrass we hope some of them may be prevaild on to go thither and stay for a time till they have taught the Slaves.

12. You did well to send us the acco^t. of what wanting in the Success, but the other of what wanting in the Carleton shou'd have come sooner, because the acco^t. is made up and her ballance paid, and we can't recover it of the Owners for reasons too long to be inserted, this we mention'd to prevent any delays of this nature for the future, we do take Notice what you write in the 19th. Par^a. by the Success why you cou'd not before advise us of it, give it in charge to the accomp^t. Secretary or whoever is the Proper Officer, to take care all such usefull informations be sent us by double Conveyances at least, or rather treble if their be time for it, and allways take notice in the Generall Letters of all usefull papers sent in the Packets, because the Letters are always read and put us in mind, whereas it may happen a loose Paper in the Packett may be scattered or overlooked, and now in the Case of M^r. Jeremiah Harrison's acco^t. Curr^t. and Others.

13. If the Abingdon is too large to be dispatch'd from You in time, we can't help it, but hope you will hasten her away as soon as you can and in the Interim employ her in any short Trip if necessary to Batavia for supplys, or elsewhere, that she may come back by the time her Lading is ready or as speedily after as possible to prevent the encrease of Demorage, it is the speedy and full returns made us that is the most perswasive argument to prove our servants Integrity and application.

14. By the Conclusion of the peace with France we hope we shall have no further occasion for a Secret Committee to direct the sailing of our ships out or home and therefore we now order, that all ships you shall dispatch for England, the Captains be directed to make the best of their way to the River of Thames, touching only at S^t. Helena for Refreshm^t. for their men, however give them caution as we also now do to be continually on their guard as well in the East Indies as during the whole of their Voyage homewards & especially when they come near S^t. Helena to prevent their being surpriz'd by an Enemy, for we are afraid of [Pyrates in]festing the Indian Seas having had a very credible report that a small Vessell committed acts of Pyracy in our seas, and the People on board did impudently declare that they wou'd proceed to Madagascar on the free booting acco^t. & shou'd have other consorts; we must further tell you that notwithstanding the separate Traders liberty of being on the other side of the Cape of Good Hope determines the 29th. September next, yet some ships have made entrys with us as by the copys in the Packet, and among others the ship Delicia formerly the Milford Gally Man of Warr, built for War and sailing, she is above four hundred Tons burthen, Theophilus Gregory Master, tho we are told Cap^t. Woodes Rogers who commanded one of the Britoll Privateers, which took the lesser Accapulcho ship, is to be her command^r. She carried out no more than Seven hundred pounds Cargo and pretends to go to Madagascar for slaves and

¹ Pagar is a Malay word for a fence or enclosure used also in the sense of factory, page 652, *Hobson—Jobson*.
² A kind of boat used in the Coromandel coast, page 602, *Hobson—Jobson*.

carry them to the East Indies but the old Company having suffer'd so severely by Pyracys in India, makes us very apprehensive lest she shou'd by surprize or otherwise get into the Pyrates hands, for we can't conceive so small a stock can ever be improv'd so much as to pay the Sea Mens Wages, she having about Eighty men on board, wherefore do You give intelligence to all our Ships and Factorys as you have opportunity, that they may use all possible caution to prevent being surpriz'd by any Pyrates whatsoever.

15. We must further tell you that some of the Owners have hinted that the said Madagascar slaves will produce them a sufficient lading of Pepper, but we have that confidence in your Integrity as to rest assur'd you will not directly or indirectly let them have any of our Pepper on the West Coast; and we think all that is provided for us, thô it shou'd lye for us at any out place is so far ours that you will not let it slip thro' your fingers or be otherwise dispos'd of the[m] for our acco^t. considering the vast Charges of our settlement on that Coast for the obtaining it.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FOR EUROPE OR FROM OTHER PARTS TO BE DISPOS'D OF AT BENCOULEN.

16. The Invoice and Bill of Lading which with the Charterparty is in every ships Packet, will show you what goods, stores or Other Supplys we send you from time to time; the hasty dispatch of this ship prevents our Committee sending by her what they intend for Bencoolen so that you must stay for them till the Rochester arrives.

17. As for the supplys of India Goods proper for your Coast we wrote you last year by the Susanna, as by the Copy of her Letter in this Packet, whereto and to our former Letters on this subject we refer you.

18. You do well to advise us what sorts and quantitys of India Goods you sent to Bentall, as in the 3^d. Par^a. of the Letter by the Toddington, continue this method and add w^t. they sell for at Each place on your Coast, what you from time to time receive from Madrass or the Bay, whether Goods, stores or provisions and how they are disposd of, whether for sale, & at how much, or for our Generall use.

19. We take well the assurance given us Par^a. 59, that you will not suffer any of our Goods in the Godowns to be spoilt, and mention it only here for the sake of whosoever shall hereafter be added to the Councill, for we have a Confidence in our Dep^y. Govern^r. and the rest of the now Councill, that they will remember and perform what they write.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS OF GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

20. We joyn these two together because by the Letters before [us] we find it will be necessary to intermingle them in the answ^r. thereto.

21. We like very well the methods you have hitherto taken to undeceive the Mallays in their Opinion of us, or rather of our base, cruell and perfidious servants that so montrously abus'd the Trust reposed in them, and to gratifye their own inhumane Tempers, did not care how they wasted our Estate so that they made the name of English odious to the Mallays; we hope you will cultivate a better understanding with all the Governing Sultans, Rajahs, Dupatys and Proarteens, and by your justice and candour let them and all the Inhabitants in every place constantly find you a men of better principalls, that they may depend on your Promises and rest safe and easy under your Influence, and then you may be sure they will, as your 50th. Par^a. says, continue to pray for your lives; The large acco^t. of your Transactions for the little time you had then been at Bencoolen, is pleasing and gives us a very good specimen of your conduct, integrity

and prudent managem^t., the Effects of which we see in the timely dispatch of the two ships and that it is the true convincing Proof; We have only to add our hearty desires that the same may be continued in all time to come, Then and not till then can you hope the Mallay's resentments will be buried and their confidence in you establish'd; for as men are rationally creatures, be they of what Countrey soever, they have all the same generall notions of Right & Wrong, of mildness and Tyranny, of Truth & falsehood, of good nature & Cruelty, and as the one strikes them with Reveren[ce] and Excites their affections, so the other stimulates them to revenge and whatever tends to the Destruction of the Aggressors; Since M^r. Ettrick of whom you so justly complain, and his associate Griffith are dead, as also M^r. Daniell, we shall say nothing to what you write concerning them but This; that their harms will we hope make you beware and avoid those Rocks which they and our affairs, so far as und^r. their care, split upon; Your Reasons for releasing Dupatty Ja[n]galloo we take to be substantiall, touching Jangaloo & Jantanelly we have wrote heretofore, as we have about keeping Bitchars, which to be sure is best to be without if to be avoided, for it is always a great charge, and seems as [you] used only to heal disturbances, w^{ch}. are much better prevented than cured.

22. Your pressing every governing person to improve the Pepper Plantations and enlarge the annuall produc[ts] of their Country is exactly according to our minds & Orders, as is also your Resolution not to intermeddle in their particular quarrells, and your offering a suitable gratuity to prompt them to it, which answers to the 78th Par^a. of your Instructions by the Jane, and other Letters on that subject, and need not be repeated; we shou'd be very glad if you cou'd find out any other Commoditys on that fertile Island proper for our markets; whenever you do, send us Samples that we may let you know whether it be worth while to have more. Benjamin there is and it is a good commodity here, but as you will see in former Letters unless it can be got as cheap as therein describ'd, it turns to no acco^t. tho' being a Kintlage commodity it wou'd be very serviceable as it wou'd help to stiffen our ships, and we can't doubt but it may, with fidelity & diligence because the Dutch bring home quantities, and they are too much inclin'd to their true interest to do so, if they did not find their acco^t. in it, this we take notice of, that it mayn't be forgot, because we are perswaded we have now persons at the helm who will heartily espouse our real interest; if you can procure good camphire send a little; if cheap bou^t. will turn to account.

23. Your care to prevent the contending partys destroying the Plantations or interrupting our Trade when at Warr among themselves is what we hope will be constantly kept up, and if you still continue the same Resolution to threaten to joyn with either party against the other that does either destroy the Plantations or impede your Trade, we apprehend you are in the right and will be an awe on both sides; as to the difference between Rajah Maccoota & Sultan Silliman let them decide the case don't you be a party either way, for we wou'd not have our people set up to judge of the R^t. of Government; Trade is our Business as you well observe and if fully pursued will take up the time of our Councils at all places in the looking after the acco^t. and other necessary affairs relating thereto, without indulging their ambition in setting up one petty Prince or pulling down another.

24. The Dispatch of our Coast and Bay shipping and other affairs that always fall in at this time of the year have so taken up our time, that we have not hitherto fully perus'd your Consultation and other papers and Books, if we find anything materiall therein to be observ'd you may expect it by the Rochester, in the Interim as the little time you have had has enabled you to make so good a Progress, we doubt not but will be daily improv'd to do what further necessary to set our Trade and affairs on the Island in so regular a method as to become a beaten path for yourselves and successors, That at length we may find that Coast answer it's Charge and become beneficiall, which only can be effected by curtailing expences and enlarging the pepper Trade.

25. We take notice of your severall clauses from Par^a. 30 to 35 what you have done with Relation to the Copper Cash & fan^a. and cou'd not apprehend but that when the people knew you wou'd issue out four hundred Cash for a Dollar, and that they might be paid in Goods for the Cash they had, they wou'd have readily taken the Goods, we wou'd suppose nothing but Jealousy of yo^r. Designs, they having been so often deceiv'd, prevented them, we think you did right to prolong the time fourteen days as you mention, and hope if you saw it necessary you wou'd extend it a little longer to prevent Clamours, should we now give you leave to take in Copper Cash at two hundred for a Dollar, we fear least those of four hundred for a Doll^r. given out since, shou'd be brought in again at two hundred and that wou'd be a dead Loss because as we told you the natives Doubled the rate of their work, provisions & materials when our unfaithfull servants gave a nominall double value to the Copper Cash, as they did when they paid out but two hundred instead of four hundred for a Dollar, so that we think it must stand in the way you have settled it, enquire strictly whether the Chinesees or Others have not got the nack to Counterfiet them, if they shou'd we know not where it may end, and therefore, punish severely the guilty; since they desire some Copper Cash and fanams may be made use of for Exchange, and small mony, gratify them with a suitable quantity and return the rest to Fort S^t. George, we shou'd be content that part of the surplus shou'd be lock'd up and remain at Bencoolen to serve if those made use of were gone, but fear some ill use hereafter may be made of them which can't be if the Temptation is remov'd, this is our Opin[ion] and if you are sure it will not, then do as you see best; it is very likely when the Chinesees were by oppression forc'd to quit Bencoolen they carried great part of the Copper Cash with them. if so no wonder there remains only a small quantity.

26. Consider whether it is not practicable, to set some enterprizing People at work to make new Plantations of Pepper nearer you, that you may yourselves survey their encrease and if it shou'd be necessary whether you may not advance as far as four or five hundred to one Thousand Dollars to enable them to go thrō with it, and do as you think best, for fifteen hundred Baharr a year is but a small quantity considering you have two crops and so many Places which supply you, but then remember to have such Plantations near the River least the same evill shou'd happen, that did at Salooma, that when it was gathered it cou'd not be brought down without a vast Charge by Land Carriage.

27. Take frequent care to send diligent faithfull Persons to inspect the severall Pepper Plantations all round you, to see if they are kept up, new Trees Planted to be fit to bear against the old ones decay, and all of them enlarg'd, do this at farthest every year and let them bring you an acco^t. in writing of the number at Each place, which enter in a book to be kept for that single purpose and let that be compar'd with the succeeding Acco^t. to see whether the Trees are encreas'd or diminish'd and as you find, applaud or complain to the governing Rajahs, as we wrote you Par^a. 36 by the Susanna, to which we expect a particular answer in all the particular Clauses of it. When they find you will not take their base words without your own peoples inspection they will be cautious of imposing on you by fair promises or deceitfull assurances.

28. Since as you write Par^a. 60, the Bahar at Bentall is five hundred weight and a half avoirdupoiz, for so we take your figures to import, and that of Sillebar and Bentall is five hundred weight, take care the Invoices do so mention the Bahar, for they often are made out five hundred pounds in figures & not five hundred weight, therefore if in figures let it be five hundred & sixty pounds hereafter, and here we must observe, that in your Letters you shou'd never put numbers only in figures especially those of consequence.

29. We find you are of opinion the Cotton Plantations don't prejudice those for Pepper, however consider whether the natives may not in time when they have Cotton set up a manufacture among themselves and thereby beat out our Callicoes, if so, will not that in consequence hurt us, & will it not be your Interest to

discountenance them as far as fairly you can, and so as not to provoke them too much, of the Plantations shou'd nevertheless be continued learn at what price it is to be bought and advice to Madrass, for if it be fine and cheap, perhaps it may be worth the while to buy it up and send it thither, but this is an after thought, for as before, we wou'd rather have no cotton planted there least it shou'd in time by the little Labour in cultivating it in comparison of what is requir'd about the Pepper, lessen the Pepper Plantations or the peoples care about them, if you find we are mistaken in our nations, let us know it and wherein.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING OUR FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS & REVENUES.

30. On this head of Buildings, now We have as we believe a good man at the head of our affairs, We have this season wrote to Madrass to our Presid^t. & Councill to give them liberty to order what they think fit and to send one or more honest Experienc'd Persons to direct and overlook the whole while doing or bringing them an acco^t. of what is done and the Charge for them to Judge of, we have told them the Carrang is generally agreed on all hands to be the best place for Warehouses, because the Danger of the barr which lyes within it is thereby avoided, That if the Buildings at Bencoolen are in so bad a case as that they must be rebuilt then we apprehend it wou'd be most convenient to build them at the Carrang or Courant, as you call it, if it be a healthy spot, as it is likely being we hear high land, we have order'd them if they cou'd to send you Pegue Timber if not too dear, and if as good and Cheaper can't be got on the Coast of Java, that we hear Jangallo's Countrey produces good Timber, that whatever is done be substantially perform'd and with the utmost frugality and no fictitious articles be covered und^r. pretence of buildings, of all this we do not doubt but you will have full advices and Directions from thence, and we mention but the heads to let you see how large a liberty we have allow'd them, because they are nearer, have frequent Opportunitys of writing to & receiving Letters from You, and therefore more able to judge of Occurrences which are Eighteen months or more between yo^r. Writing us & receiving our answer.

31. If the Orders from Fort S^t. George should be for your Building at the Carrang and removing from Bencoolen we hope you will use as much of the materialls at Bencoolen as you can, and whether it be or not, that you will make use of the Bricks of the Wall, of which we have often heard so much as to it's uselessness and monstrous Expence wherever you are take care the Lodgings for all the Europeans and the slaves huts and all the Godowns be secur'd against the weather, but don't make use of any of that sort of Timber which decays in two or three year and thereby give a handle to our unfaithfull serv^{ts}. to be always building or repairing, let all the brick work be laid in Chinam and the buildings but low, Which will best secure them against the shocks of Earth Quakes.

32. We had according to your Desires sent you some sheet Lead for covering your houses but cou'd not get Plumber we shall make further enquirys against the Roche[s]ter's Dispatch, perhaps at Fort S^t. George they may be procur'd or some of the Chinesees may be skilld therein, for we find they are very dextrous in working the Tutenague for the chests and Tubs of Tea, and in soldering, we reckon the Lead must not be less than ten to twelve Pounds the foot square, least the heat and wheather, if thinner, should blister it, and in a little time make it useless and if the Chinesees can run the Lead into proper sheets & solder it, try at least in some small part of the buildings whether it will answer Expectation.

33. You will see in former Letters our minds touching the Revenues and the encourageing the Chinesees to resort to You, we take it as a shrewd prognostick of our Peoples good or ill Conduct as they encourage the Chinesees or frighten them away, that they are industrious & diligent is beyond all Exception, and how great things the Dutch have effected in good part by their means at Batavia is well known to all that have ever been there and taken notice or made any Observations, these wou'd help to encrease the Plantations or make new ones, to raise Gardens,

Cattle and many other ways be usefull to You as well as themselves. They wou'd also add further to the Encrease of the Revenues, which we find you have augmented thirteen hundred Seventy-six Dollars a Year by the two farms you let, and we are sure if you dont, as we are perswaded you will not, secretly or openly squeeze or abuse them, but instead thereof give them all fair Encouragement, they will find their account much better (with the liberty they ought to have) to reside at Bencoolen, than at Batavia, where they are under a much more rigorous Government

34. We find in the Fort S^t. George Consultation Book among the Enquirys made of Captⁿ. Blow concerning the affairs of Bencoolen, this was one, that Mr. Ettrick & Griffith by engrossing the salt & selling it out at an extravagant price had forced the natives on the West Coast to endeavour making salt themselves which was Effected, and that they refusing to bring down Grain as usuall in Exchange for salt; Rice and other Provisions became excessive dear, so that we paid a great deal more for those Commoditys than otherwise we shou'd; This among many others shewd our serv^{ts}. infidelity, we can't doubt but you will prevent any such mischievous practises, however we have mention'd it here, that it may be a caution to others and to remember you to take particular care it be not so in your time, nor anything else tending that way on any part of the West Coast.

35. You may have salt from the Bay for almost nothing, therefore write them when any ship comes from thence for the West Coast, they ballast with salt for You, and do you dispose of it for our account on moderate Profit.

36. Advise to Fort S^t. George to send you the necessary Cloathing made up for the slaves, which you shall receive from Madagascar, it will we believe be cheaper done there than with You.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS & WRITERS, OFFICERS AND SOULDIERS &
THEIR ACCOUNTS.

37. We shall begin this head with advising You that having had so good a Charecter from our President & Councill of Fort S^t. George of our Dep^y. Gov^r. Mr. Collet's Behaviour there and the hopes they had that the West Coast wou'd flourish under his management, and having receivd the first fruits of their and our Hopes by the Dispatch of the Toddington and Success, and the acceptable account contain'd in their General Letters of your proceedings, to that time, we have upon their representation of the case of the Ransom of y^e. Jane, what Goods were deliver'd there for our account, Mr. Collet's desire of allowances towards his charges and the articles they entered into with him, as the same are enter'd in the Consultation Book, resolv'd as follows, Viz^t. that we will in respect to him allow the Pag^o. upon this occasion to be reckon'd at nine shillings Each, that we will allow him one hundred and twenty pounds for the twelve persons passage, that the Goods receiv'd out of the Jane as enter'd in the Consultation being valued, such of them as were in the Invoice at y^e. Invoice price, such as were not therein (for some were not) at the rate put on them at Fort S^t. George and some few Parcells valued as we cou'd compute the same which had no value in the Consultation Book, the whole amounted to almost fourteen hundred pounds, and as you will see by the Abstract of the Invoice sent by the Susanna many articles of her Cargo are wanting we are willing to compute them at full fourteen hundred pounds, the Fort S^t. George valuation makes them but twelve hundred sixtyfour pounds five shillings & ten pence, the difference is one hundred thirtyfive pounds fourteen Shillings and two pence, so that if the said twelve hundred sixtyfour pounds five Shillings & ten pence has been made good to Mr. Collet at the Fort as it seems to be, but is not so plain as cou'd be wish'd, then we have order'd the President & Councill to allow him two hundred fiftyfive pounds fourteen shillings and two pence more. If Mr. Collet has been allow'd more or less than twelve hundred sixty-four pounds ^s 5 ^D 10 then they are to add or diminish from the said two hundred

fifty five pounds ^s 14, ^d 2. We have considered M^r. Collets Desires about frieght, but don't think it proper to allow anything on that Acco^t, yet in Respect to him are willing in Lieu thereof to charge nothing for Insurance, thō we run the adventure and he desir'd us to insure, we have also paid the charges of his son John & servant while in France being one hundred & thirty pounds, and gave the son Seventy Pounds, & Edmond Bunting the servant fifty pounds more, in lieu of their detention in France, Charges in England and for fitting them out to the East Indies, and we have also entertain'd said John Collet writer for Bencoolen because he desir'd to go to his Father, and if the Father shou'd think fit to send him to Fort S^t. George, that he be one of our Writers there and do take his station from his arrivall at Bencoolen; we have likewise allow'd Edmund Bunting to go at our Charge of Passage to his master at Bencoolen and if you find him diligent, able and faithfull you may if you think fit employ him in our service taking security, we have further on a Representation made to us by M^r. Collets friends agreed and do hereby empower him to receive at Bencoolen his Covenanted one hundred pounds a year gratuity till further Order, and that he and M^r. Yarborough reimburse themselves out of our Cash the mony paid by them to Capt^a. Blow for their passage to Bencoolen. We hope by all this which is so much better than what wrote by the Susanna, our said Dep^{ty}. Govern^r. will see how much we regard his service at Bencoolen, and y^e Fort's commendation of him and will exert himself to y^e utmost to do all in his power to put and keep our affairs on the West Coast in a regular method and to our most advantage, having a due care also that all the inferiours at Bencoolen and Elsewhere do their parts honestly and diligently, and whoever does not, that he in particular and You all in general will use effectuall methods to reform or remove them.

38. We considered also his Petition about the mony paid into our Cash, and after the most diligent search can't find that ever he desir'd to run the Risco on the Dartmouth, but because the Jane was to touch at Fort S^t. George, & Bencoolen being subordinate thereto, therefore the notice was put in the Dartmouth's Generall Letter that he was to have his silver out of the Janes Bullion on board, w^{ch}. notice else wou'd have been put into the Janes Letter, & this the sec^{ry}. says was all he did or cou'd tell M^r. Collet and the thing speaks itself so that we cou'd find no room for favour.

39. What Factors and Writers we send on this ship & shall by the Rochester you will have an account by a List in y^e Packets, send us annually an account how many Factors & how many writers are necessary to be employd under the severall persons that are of Councill at Bencoolen and Bentall, or Others that have the management of the Respective Branches of all our affairs under their care, by this means we shall be the better able to govern ourselves in the number to be from time to time sent You for supplys, advise us also every year which of our severall ffactors in higher or lower stations & Writers do in your Opinion most deserve the Company's favour for their understanding, honesty and application to Business, which are next to them and which least deserving, and if there be any that Either by debauchery, negligence, incapacity or otherwise are unfit to be continued in our service, give us an acco^t. thereof, whether you do turn them off, or will try them a litte Longer in prospect of amendments; We direct this to have a true Character of Every Body, and in hopes when every one knows these our Orders as we wou'd have them do it will have a good Effect as well to excite the diligent & industrious, as to awe the refractory and careless, we expect you give this acc^t. impartially, without favour, affection, particular Respects, Pique or Resentment of any kind whatsoever, but uprightly according to every ones real desert.

40. By the supplys already sent and those now intended, you will have more than sufficient to be employd in all our mercantile affairs under You, wherefore dismiss such as prove unfit for our Business and will not amend to prevent their infecting others either by their sloth, carelessness, immorality or Infidelity.

41. Send us annually a List of all our Covenant servants, in one Column their names, in the next their time of arrivall at Bencoolen or Bentall with their then salarys and stations, in a third Column their present stations & salarys, and annex to the Councill their Employments, as Accountant, Warehousek^r. Store-keep^r. Paymaster and other Officers, and the same for all others, if in any Particular Office, or if under others name whom, send also in the same List, the names of such as dye, the time when and of what distempr, let this extend to all our settlements, on Sumatra.

42. Send us also every year List of the military and Gunroom Crew at Each place on Sumatra, with the pay of Each, and that List sign'd by the proper Officer, and also an acco^t. in the same manner of any of their Deaths; what souldiers we now send by the Averilla you will have the List in the Packet, we intend twenty five, among them severall handicrafts, we have desir'd our Presid^t. & Councill to send you more handiecrafts, if any among theirs are such be sure keep them all to strict discipline, and if any of them are Artificers give them suitable allowances for their work you shall Employ them in, when not on Duty, let us know what is a proper number of the military to be kept on the West Coast Constantly.

43. We approve of what you resolve to do relating to the Buggesses,¹ which is in good measure conformable to our Directions from hence, as you will see in the 37th Par^a. of our Letter by the Susanna.

44. We have enquir'd for a Gardener or two but have not yet been able to procure them so good as we wou'd, there are some among the Averilla's souldiers.

45. The case of Padre Milton and the fathers of the Theatine order, relating to the Churches of Cuddalore we have left to the decision of the Presid^t. & Councill of Fort S^t. George who are near the place and can soon know both sides allegations and discern on what side the right lyes, which we doubt not but they will judge impartially & yet at the same time remember to keep the power of the *Conge de Elire* over all Ecclesiasticks in their own hands.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING OUR ACCOUNTS.

46. On this head we have wrote so largely in our severall Letters, and particularly last Year, that we have little to add further, only to desire that you will see those orders constantly and duly complyd with, and as our Dep^y. Gov^r. is a merch^t. we need say the less to him because he knows what shou'd be done thō in answer to former Letters we were more particular considering the Persons and were forced to write more sharply as we found a necessity, we hope that part will now be at an end, and that we shall fill our Letters with commendations & approvals rather than Expostulations & reproofs.

47. We hope also that M^r. Hunter whose actions while provi[sional] Dep^y. Gov^r. you found to have surpass'd his Predecessors, will continue his Reputation at Bentall, however as the settlements are under you, we expect you will supervise all their actions and if you find any of them failing of their Duty and that admonition will not amend them, let them know your Power of suspending and Expulsion, and as M^r. Bailhon & ffox whom you have sent for from Bentall for their imprudent demeanor shall upon examination appear let them as you think fit experience Either.

48. If any by their infidelity or otherwise are in our debt, don't let them go off the shore, till they have made just satisfaction [and] paid the Ballances due from them, for [if they] are sufferr'd to come to England, we shall rarely be able to lay our hands on them, and if we do, it will be more difficult to get our just demands without tedious Commissions sent to India to examine witnesses, who if they are dead or absent or will not or cannot remember sufficient to charge

¹ These were a sort of warlike, trading Malayans and mercenary soldiers. See under 'Bugis,' p. 124, *Hobson's Chron.*

them, we are scarcely ever y^e better, whereas you have all the witnesses Present, while things are fresh in memory, and can without this trouble settle all and at farthest can send them up to Madrass, but don't let them come to England as you have done M^r. Stotherd who we find stands indebted seven thousand one hundred & ten Dollars, if the acco^t. Curr^t. receiv'd in the Packet be right; we can't find him as yet, and if we shou'd, fear we shall find as beforemention'd, if you are sure any such D^r. has not wherewithall to pay all, get what you can find, and for the Remainder Settle with him the account and the Ballance due, & take his acknowledgment of the accounts being just under the account of particulars, also an obligation to pay it, three of the same Tenour, of which send two to Us, one by the ship he takes Passage, a second by the next and the third keep wth you, by this means we can the better sue his security and hope to recover our due.

49. We wish you had been able to send us a calculate of the yearly Expence of Bencoolen, Bentall &ca. on the West Coast and how low it can be reduc'd, and hope we shall have it by the next, as also the account of all remains when our Dep.^{ty} Govern.^r arriv'd there and an acco^t. Curr^t. of our Estate to that time.

50. What further directions we shall think fit to give in any matters on reviewing your Consultations, Letter books &ca. will be supply'd by the Rochester. We are.

Your lowing friends,

W. H. CORNELISEN.
 JOHN GOULD.
 J. WARD JUN^r.
 PETER GODFREY.
 JOHN ELWICK.
 THOMAS HEATH.
 GEORGE MATTHEW.
 ROBERT NIGHTINGALE.
 FREDERICK HERNE.
 W^m. COTESWORTH.
 W^m. DAWSONNE.
 GREGORY PAGE.
 HENRY LYELL.
 NATH^l. HERNE.
 W. HUMFREYS.

GENERAL LETTER TO BENCOOLEN, DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 1713. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol. 18, pp. 126-127.*]

LONDON, THE 23^d SEPTEMB^r 1713.

OUR DEP.^{ty} GOVERN.^r AND COUNCILL OF BENCOOLEN.

We have frieghted the ships Borneo commanded by Cap^t. Thomas Lewes and the Eagle Galley commanded by Cap^t. Daniel Beeckman and sent supra cargoes on them for Benjar, there to purchase a lading of Pepper for Each w^{ch}. we hope they will effect, and therewith return back to us, but in case either or both ships shou'd not be able to get a Cargo there we have directed them to sail to your Port and to deliver you all our outward bound Cargo then on board & to put the ships under your Command, and have also order'd the Captains to follow your Orders, as well for taking in Goods and proceeding to any Ports on Sumatra or elsewhere, as for your lading and dispatching them home to Us.

We send this by the supra cargos of Each Ship to You and do hereby order that you receive from them or Either of them which shall be forc'd to come to Bencoolen all the said Cargo then on board, that You put on board the Charterparty Quantity of Pepper as soon as you can if the ship can take in so much, and if you have pepper enough for our Outward bound ships then consigned to you from hence, and these ships can take in more than their Charterparty Tonnage fill them up, but not else.

Keep an acco.^t apart in your Books of what receiv'd from aboard either of the two ships abovemention'd and of what laden on board for England, send us also by the ships Duplicate of that acco.^t for our more early Information.

Take care to hasten them home laden as soon as possible, to put a stop to Demorage, but if they must lye any time before the Pepper comes in, and you have occasion to send them or either to Bentall or any other our settlements, we give you liberty so to do relying on your Care to detain them no longer than necessi[ty] requires, when they are dispatch'd by You, give the Captain sailing Orders Each to make the best of his way [. . .] Island S^t Helena for Refreshments and to get from thence with all convenient speed and make the best of his way to the River of Thames, We are,

Your very Loving Friends,

JOSIA WORDSWORTH.
 WILL.^m COTESWORTH.
 WILL.^m HUMFREYS.
 PETER GODFREY.
 ROBERT BRISCO.
 THOMAS HEATH.
 ROBERT MICHELL.
 JOHN FYLES.
 JOHN WARD JUN.^m
 CHARLES PEERS.
 WILL.^m DAWSONNE.
 ROBERT NIGHTINGALE.
 RICHARD GOUGH.
 FRA.^s SHEPHEARD.
 GREGORY PAGE.
 NEATH.^s HEENE.
 HENRY LYELL.

GENERAL LETTER TO BENGAL, DATED MARCH 27, 1714. RECEIVED APRIL 7, 1715,
PER KENT. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol. 19, pp. 1-2.*]

LONDON, THE 27TH. [MARCH 1714].

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF BENGALL.

1. We send you this by the Ships Catherine & Thistleworth [both] bound for Bombay to acquaint you That We have a very great quantity of Salt Petre by Us the Government this year have lately demanded [. . .] Us but Two hundred Tons, the Market will not take off above four[ty] five hundred Tons in a year, the Expence by reason of the Peace [is] much lessen'd so that We have reason to apprehend what We have[wth] Us and what more expected will lie a long time on our hands [before] it is all sold, by this means the charge of Warehouse room & was[te of] the Petre will amount to a great deal of Money besides what [we] shall loose by the Interest of our Money, for these reasons We have determin'd to send Iron Kintlage on all the Coast & Bay Ships & that they shall have no Petre except only what the Captains shall desire to make their Ships Sail-worthy which We know they will do and then that comes at a lower freight besides We find that Salt Petre is charged to Us much higher than it was formerly in your Invoices. If that rise has been occasion'd by the great demand of late years for Europe, the Peace will contribute to the lowering of it and when you shall slack your hands We reasonably conclude you may with good manangement bring it down to the old price, for all these reasons We hereby direct That you make no further provision of petre than you shall judge necessary only for what the Captains may desire as aforesaid & as considering they will bring out their Sixteen $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent in Iron Kintlage. Get Us the finest Petre you can procure according to former directions. Send up to Fort S^t. George notice of this our Direction.

2. Pepper bearing a good price in Europe We hereby order That if you mee^t with some in the Bay as it now and then happens and can buy it cheap at Eight or Nine Rupees or under but not exceeding Ten Rupees your Maund you may purchase a Parcel and lade it on our Ships if the Commanders will enter into a Covenant with you That We shall pay but half Freight for it which they may very well do because it will lie in the Vacuitys between the Bales and so be almost all clear gains to them. But if they will not under their hands consent to receive it on board at half freight then lade none on the Ships whose Captains refuse to bring it Us at that rate and unless you have a Prospect the Commanders or some of them will be content to bring it at half freight don't buy any Pepper, Send Copy of this to the Fort and tell them We would have them act in the same manner. We are,

Your Loving Friends,
W.^m HEN. CORNELISEN.
CHARLES PERRS.
NATH.^m HERNE.
JOHN GOULD.
FRANCIS SHEPHEARD.
JOSIAS WORDSWORTH.
JOHN EYLES.
HENRY LYELL.
JOHN ELWICK.
THOMAS HEATH.
WILL.^m HUMFREYS.
RICHARD GOUGH.
ROBERT BRISCO.
JOHN COOKE.
ROBERT NIGHTINGALE.
WILL.^m DAWSONNE.
GREGORY PAGE.
PETER GODFREY.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED OCTOBER 27, 1714. RECEIVED APRIL 8, 1715, PER KENT. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol. 19, pp. 5-26.*]

LONDON, THE 27TH OCTOBER 1714.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

Acc^t: of Letters
sent out last
year.

1. Our last large Generall Letter dated the 13th. January 1713 was [sent] you by our ships Bouverie Aurengzebe and Averilla wherein wee gave full answer to the Severall Letters from you at that time before us in every particular for so far as wee thought necessary and shall thereto refer your [. . .] answers to or directions about divers paragraphs contain'd in your [Letter] since receiv'd to which having then given the proper advices wee need [not] repeat them again and since you have as you write caused an [Extract] of our standing rules to be drawn out and ranked under their proper [heads] for your Generall observation wee perswade ourselves you will alwayes have a due regard thereunto and observe them from time to time in all our affairs under your manngement or Inspection for so far those rules are properly applicable thereto. Besides that general Letter wee also sent you the following short additionall Letters Viz^t. of the 15th January by the Averilla of the 5th. & 8th. and 12th. February following by the S^t. George the two first of them signed by the Secretary and of the 27th. March 1714 sent by the Bombay Ships. Copys of all that have not gone by treble conveyances you will find in the packett.

Acc^t: of Letters
rec^d.

2. Wee have now before us Your severall Letters since receiv'd Viz^t of the 16th September 1713 by the London of the 19th. January by the Marlborough of the 31st. Ditto by the Stretham and of the 11th. february following by the Recovery together with the accompanying Pacquets, Consultation books, Letter books &c^a. which give us a large account of affairs and wee do with a particular pleasure take notice of the good progress that had been made in rectifying many of the disorders of the late Administration especially in the Warehouse and Accounts and in laying down the necessary rules to prevent the like in future as also in taking care of the revenue and Setling proper methods for collecting it we are also well pleased with what you have don in puting an end to that unnaturall mutiny and Rebellion at Fort S^t. Davids and preventing bloodshed as much as possible by trying by M^r. Warre, M^r. Lewis and M^r. Stevensons pers-[wasion] to prevail on M^r. Raworth to desist from his violent proceedings &c^a. of all which wee shall enlarge in the subsequent parts of this Letter under the proper heads if wee have time for it or else by our Coast and Bay Ships for wee are very desirous to get away this ship Kent as soon as possible in hopes She may arrive with you two or three months before them and thō she is design'd only for a Bencoolen Ship yet wee have resolved to send her first to you as well to answer to your desires of a Bencoolen Ship calling in at Madrass as that she may bring you an account of our approvall of your prudent and good conduct in the foregoing particulars and also our orders for the Investments at the coast and Bay and our directions and advices in generall under our prescribed following heads Viz^t.

Ship is design'd
for Bencoolen.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURNED.

W^t. Ships are
arriv'd.

3. Since our last It has pleased God that the following Ships are safely returned to us Viz^t. The London from Bombay but last from Madras the Captain pretended a necessity for putting into Galway where She arrived the 20th. April last and did not get hither till the 6th of June. The Abingdon from Bencoolen arriv'd here the 13th. of that Month. The Stretham from Madrass and Litchfield from Bombay imported the 16th. July, The Marlborough from Madrass and Loyall Blisse from China the 6th. August, The King William from the Bay the 5th. of September and the Recovery from Madrass the 9th. of that Month.

4. The Ships by us designed this year for all parts of the East Indies are [but] the nine following as being sensible that wee have yett too much tonnage abroad

and therefore would encrease the difficulty of procuring an unprofitable returns or over stocking our markets by enlarging the Tonnage to be sent out this season.

Wt. Ships design'd for India y^e. year.

The Kent	... 350 Tons. Cap ^t . Laurence Minter—	for Bencoolen but to touch first at Madrass.
The Nathaniel	... 250 Tons. Cap ^t . Jonathan Negus—	for Mocha.
The Heathcote	... 430 Tons. Cap ^t . Joseph Tolson	} for the Coast and Bay.
The Mary	... 450 Tons. Cap ^t . Richard Holden	
The Derby	... 470 Tons. Cap ^t . William Fitzhugh	} for China and thence to the Coast.
The Dartmouth.	450 Tons. Cap ^t . Thomas Blow—	
The Stanhope	... 420 Tons. Cap ^t . Geo: Wentworth Pitt	} for Bombay.
The Queen	... 325 Tons. Cap ^t . John Martin	
The Cardonell	... 300 Tons. Cap ^t . William Mawson—	for Bencolen.

5. We have resolved to send no Ship directly for China out and home because our markets are overglutted with Tea as well by what wee had in Warehouse and received by our Shipping as by the Windsor and Concords importing so great quantitys this Sommer.

No ship to go to China directly out and home.

6. Wee intend the Nathaniel shall be early dispatcht for Mocha and therefore by Charterparty She is to be in the Downes the 5th. of Novemb^r. next, her Supra Cargos are Mess^{rs}. Sheffield, Croke and the Captain.

Ye Nathaniel to be early [dispatched] for Moco.

7. The unhappy troubles in Persia and our Peoples remissness or w[...] at Bombay in not puting off our Woollen Goods at Surat makes altogether imprudent for us to send out this Season any quantities of Manufactures to those places where wee used [to send] large parcells and the Coast and Bay being unable to dispose of large quantities we [asked] Streights to comply with our Charter in sending out the tenth part of [. . .] in Goods of the Growth product and Manufacture of this Kingdom which [. . .] also cramp our this Years generall stock to India and the Licences [. . .] Bullion for Dyamonds for which reason wee are put on the necessity of [sending] one of our Coast and Bay ships which will be the Dartmouthfirst [. . .] hoping thereby to make some addition to our general Export.

Concerning Woollen goods.

the Dartmo. bound to China from thence hither.

8. We have not yet fixed the Charterpartys for the rest of our ships [. . .] intend they shall depart England about the same time our ships did last [year].

Ye Shipp^{rs}: to come out abou. [the time] they did last year.

9. By our Coast and Bay Ships you will have an Account what [. . .] we design for both places for we have not as yet determined the quan[tity by] reason of the difficulty before mentioned.

Ye Stock for ye Coast & Bay not yet agreed upon.

10. We take notice of what you write touching Captⁿ. Uptons coming to Madrass when dispatcht from Bombay for Point de Galle and his reasons for so doing enterd after the Consultation of the 13th June and shall settle that matter with his Owners in making up the Ships Account thō it be true as you say you can only give them Advice and they may refuse to follow it because not under your directions yet you do well to State the fact to us, that is proper for you to do, as for us, to remedy whatever wee find to be amiss.

Ye Capt: Uptons proceeds.

11. Wee can now tell you the Separate Stock is fully ended so that no more English can visit the East Indies or any other ports contain'd in our Charter by virtue of their Subscriptions to the two million act.

Ye Separate trade at an end.

12. You did well to advise us when the Windsor and Joseph arrived and how they proceeded Their notion of Trading till the 23th. Sep^r. 1714 in India wee believe will be found erroneus wee apprehend they are not to be on the other side of the Cape from hence after that time trade or not trade and in due time shall put the determination thereof to an issue in due course of Law to see who is in the right however thō as to them there is no occasion now to remark it yet

Relatg: to ye: Separate ships Windsor & Joseph.

it had been better if you had advised us the quantity of Madera Wine they severally brought that wee might thereby have computed whether they had not exceeded the quantity their Licence authorized them to take in there for if they had they had transgressed the Law and incurred the Penalty and in such case we had had a good opportunity to prosecute them for so doing, this wee mention that in any other cases which may happen you may be more exact in your advices not knowing but some good consequences may ensue for us to make a proper handle of to prevent our being further injured.

13. You did well to advise us the time when the King William, Hanover and other ships arrived at Madrass when any departed thence or from other places on Voyages or were or would be dispatcht for Europe what news you had of our own or other European Ships being in any parts of India what moneys supply'd our Europe Commanders what petre they desired and severall other particulars in the Letters before us sign'd in pursuance of our Standing orders Wee have formerly told you our reasons for desiring such notices and what use they do or may serve and take notice of it here only to remind you of its continuance.

[advice] given
relats:
[. . .]
satisfactory.

Councils
Managmt: in
[relation] to ye:
Sherborne
[found fault]
with.

14. Your 7th Paragraph about the Sherborne is in our opinion but a poor excuse for the then Councils mannagement in relation to her and wee mention'd it for a caution to prevent any more such like in consideration in the beginning that there may be no necessity to have recourse to the like extenuation of what our smarting experience must call a great fault.

Relatg: to Secret
Committees in
time of peace.

15. If you peruse the Letters formerly wrote in times of Peace you will find the then Companys did not use to constitute a standing Secrett Committee and as wee had a prospect of a speedy approaching Peace, Wee apprehended there would be no occasion for their trouble on that head, however not knowing what might happen we gave you a generall Direction letting you know who they were and that if they should see it necessary to send you any orders you should have a proper authority to follow them. You were in the right to demand of Captain Winter the packett you understood he had from them to be left at the Cape.

enquiring of ye:
Capt: why they
did [not] keep
Company
commended.

16. You did well to enquire of the Captains and advise us y^e reasons why they did not keep Company in their outward bound Passage.

Of Reporting ye:
Coast & Bay
goods.

17. Touching the reporting of our Coast and Bay goods on the Ships Consign'd to either or both Places wee have told you our minds and the reasons fully why wee would be glad to have it don when it can be in the method then prescribed; when it cannot Wee must acquiesce as to the Bay Ships touching at the Fort to fill up wee don't forbid it when you and our People there acting in concert shall think it adviseable nor can wee at present see it proper directly to order it because it may happen to subject us to Demorage and the Owners never want inclination to plead everything for their own advantage thô it be by throwing the blame on our Councill at either place, however when a ship from the Bay can be early dispatch'd before or near the time her Demorage commences and our people there know [you in] Madrass have made or can make a proper provision to fill up such Ship then your proposall for such a ship touching [. . .] proper and convenient to be comply'd with all and accordingly you write down to the Bay to let them know our mind herein [. . .] as you have such a prospect.

ye: gl: reasons
for ye: resolu-
tion of sendg: 2
Bombay ships
here & to ye:
Bay wh: Stocks.

18. When wee came to the Resolution of having two of our Bombay [ships] with suitable Stocks to the Coast and Bay we could not have imagined [. . .] great a quantity of our Woollen manufactures there and in Persia which have continued undisposed of but as the case now is or at least was [when] you wrote the Letter now before us we find there is no probability of his complying there-with.

ye: Surgeons
head money &
Recets: taken for
it found fault
with. Directs.
given h^w they
are to be wrote.

19. You did well to advise us in the generall Letter the head Money paid to Surgeons of the Ships for the Souldiers deliver'd ashore we find also in the [. . .] their Severall receipts for it which are not drawn out well those receipts [...] ogly in generall terms the moneys received on account of the

Companys allowances to the Doctor for Souldiers for the future let such receipts be worded to be in full for the Companys allowance after the rate of ten Shillings a head to the Doctor of the Ship for so many Souldiers mentioning the number delivered ashore at Fort S^t. George.

20. Wee have received the account of the Madapollam Yatch by the London as to the Particulars of disbursements on her but we don't find therein any money paid for wages except two or three small articles for Batty paid some of the men so that we cant thereby judge fully of the summe she stands us in but wee must not omitt taking notice that the account of that ship sign'd by the accomptant and sent in the Marlboroughs packett is no way to our satisfaction having only two lines to show the disbursements in totall whereas that by the London dos show the particulars our design is to see how the charge arises by all the Items which cant be long a Writing and considering the number of youths you have need not hinder business of greater importance nor is the credit for freight earned alike in both acco^t. That by the London makes it to be Pag^a. 207.6.4. This by the Marlborough [is] but Pag^a. 59.9 whether to impute this to carelessness or indolency wee shall not determine but must add let the proper Officer take care it be not so again.

relatg: to ye:
Madapollam
yatch.

21. Having in our last years Generall Letter Par^a. 22 given you liberty to provide such Vessells as you found absolutely necessary for our service and that would be most profitable wee need add nothing further on that head save only to refer you thereto for your observance and if any be sent to Bencoolen or do remain there order the Deputy Governour and Council to keep the account of their charge to be sent you and us apart.

the ord^r: for
procure: vessells
to ye: Comp^{as};
use again
[confirmd]

22. Remember our former orders touching supplys to be sent to S^t. Helena which tho the Arrack Rice and other Stores can be cheaper furnisht as you write from the Bay than ffort S^t. George yet we would not have you omit the one $\frac{3}{4}$ cent on the Coast shipping unless as in some of these last ships they had first received that proportion in the Bay and for such part of it as our Ships shall at any time want do you make it up in such goods as you apprehend they may most stand in need of.

Supplys again
order'd to be
sent to S^t.
Helena.

23. We have received the List of Ships imported at and exported from Madrass. That by the London has many mistakes in it as to the ships arriv'd or departing which wee find mended in that by the Marlborough but neither of them is signed as a Voucher that the List is true nor by whom transcribed. Do you give orders signing all such Lists in time to come as well by the Transcriber as examiner.

List of ships
imported and
exported
wrongly
drawn.

24. In answer to your 27th par^a. by the London about Captain Reids obligation to carry advices to Mallacca Wee say That in December last wee appointed a Committee to examine and state the case as appeared to them from your Letters and discourse him thereupon. The Result of all was That he avers he did attempt to go to Mallacca and would have been glad to have performed the Condition of his Bond but the Winds prevented him and to prove this produced a written attestation sign'd by his Officers giving the reasons why he could not possibly fetch Mallacca and therefore was necessitated to go to Batavia when he got thither he purchased a Vessell and fitted her out and sent persons on her with the Letters received from you hoping they might be able to reach Mallacca from thence That after fourteen days attempting it they were forced to return back to Batavia [Then] he left said Vessell in charge of M^r Galeatly whom you had sent on board [. . .] him to stay at Mallacca to acquaint the English Ships returning from China of the French Ships being in India and That M^r Galeatly could testify he used his utmost endeavours to comply with the condition of his Bond. Capt^a. Reid also produced on account of his Expences on said Vessell which came [to] Rix Dollars 337. 41 at s. 4 each is £67-11-5 for Wear and Tear of the Ship and the time spent in endeavouring to gain the streights of Mallacca he charged fifty pounds and fifty $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent on both sumes he also debited himself for the Six hundred Pag^{as}. advanced him and for fifty $\frac{3}{4}$ cent thereon and paid into the Treasury the Ballance being Two hundred Twenty

[. . .]
Capt. Reids not
going to
Mallacca wth.
[. . .]
advise of ye
french.

Eight pounds Twelve Shillings and ten pence in January last. We find in your Consultation book of the 20th July 1713 That M^r. Galeatly was then before you and that he made a demand of 134 Rix Dollars on account of his Expences in going on that Sloop and stay at Batavia so that Capt^a. Reids account in generall is thereby confirmed but as to your Resolution therein entered That Capt^a. Reid did not do his utmost to gain the streights of Mallacca you will observe nothing could then appear to our Committee of the reasons on which you grounded that resolution if there had they would not have passed his Accounts with [. . .] fifty $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent advance on the pag^o. Imprested him what part thereof has been made good to you by the Trading Inhabitants of which you take notice of the 8th par^a of the Marlboroughs Letter do you allow them back again into same proportion. Our last years Letters told you he was gon out in our service it is possible he may come to Fort S^t. George and in that case you will have an opportunity of discoursing him further and if you have any objection to what before mentioned of the setling his account you will let us know.

of ye Capt^s register^s goods.

25. Wee have received in the Packetts, the accounts of goods which the Captains register'd with you and find them defective [. . .] manner as mentioned in our last years Letters Par^a. 23 whereto refer y [ou our] directions how to regulate the Captains accounts of such Goods hereafter.

Notice taken of ye Bengal people not send a suff^t. quantity of Rice &c^a.

26. Our Last years Letters also told you how justly we resented our Peoples [not sending] up from the Bay sufficient Rice, provisions &c^a. when they had Opportunity [and] Tonnage. We are sorry to find in the Strethams Letter the same practices [continued] in not filling up the Recovery but hope they will now be amended ; however refresh their memorys as you have opportunity.

the Shoots. Capt^a. Goughs Turmerick approv'd.

27. Wee approve your reasons for allowing Capt^a. Gough at his request to Shoot the Turmerick on board his Ship.

Concerns ye fredericks not be^r heard of. Ord^rs. given for ye future (in time of peace) yt ships shall venture to get abot ye Cape [. . .] despatchd ye begin^s of March.

28. Wee hear nothing of the Frederick and therefore fear She was not dis- [atch'd] but in regard We find you had a good quantity of Bales ready for her and daily expected Wee are jealous lest there should be something in the report[Wee hear] That Capt^a. Phrip being apprehensiva it would be doubtfull whether he shall be able to get about the Cape did not use his diligence to get his Ship in a posture for dispatch. If this be so wee recommend it to you on any the like occasions to quicken the Captains to their duty as remembring it is much more eligible for us in times of Peace to have our Ships venture to get round the Cape (which some have don dispatcht from the Coast the beginning of March for if they should be too late yet wee pay but four Mouths Demorage for their Disappointment and wee may expect for Cargo's ready for the Spring sale) Than to keep them till September or October following which will cost us double the Demorage and our Goods will not come to Market till six Months after, besides if the Captains did but duly consider it they would find the same reason as strong for their own advantage too in the speedyer sale of their own Private Trade and saving of Bottomree Interest.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE.

Little to write under ys head.

29. We have little or nothing to write under this head at present what shall be necessary thereupon you may expect by our Coast Shipping when wee send you out our Woollen and other goods demanded. Wee have told you before how much wee are like to be streightned for want of manufactures to answer our generall export for which reason wee apprehend wee shall be necessitated rather to augment the quantitys desired than otherwise.

Committee will observe yor directions abot. goods & if you can be more exact it will be still better.

30. Your generall directions about goods will be observed by our Comi^ttee of buying in the Goods to be sent you and if you can at any time be yet more exact therein it will be so much the better for wee take it always for granted that the more the Goods please the Merchants in all respects the greater [our] quantity is likely to go off and at better prices and particularly in the sorts and goodness of

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the Colours which are better shown by patterns than by the nicest description in words especially when all people have not the same Idea of the word itself as for Instance when you wrote for fine reds we were in some doubt about your meaning till you further explain'd it by saying you meant Auroras, Scarlets and Crimsons and so of Greens till you added That the deep Colours are not acceptable whereas by sending Patterns of the Colours you desire all possibility of Errors is prevented and for the same reason to send patterns of the sorts of Cloth that will not go off if there should be any such is very convenient especially as to the colours which are disliked thô they go under the Generall Denomination or reds, greens &c. so that if your Merchants were as exact in the List of Demands as the Broker in the Bay if he frames the Bay List is, it would be so much the better as well for the pleasing the people that buy the cloth as to prevent the Merchants objection afterwards.

31. Wee take notice of what you advise touching the large vend of Woollen Manufactures that might be in the Bay did not the Broker obstruct it and shall not forget to write the needfull thereupon by the Ships bound thither.

notice taken
of ye Broker in
Bengall
obstrueting
ye sale of
Woollen goods.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS IN INDIA OF GOODS PROPO[SE]
FOR EUROPE.

32. The Great importance to us to have our orders remarks and advices under this head constantly and carefully comply'd with is what wee have often taken notice of thô the thing speaks itself to all considering men and need no paraphrase upon; wherefore shall only press you to remember and execute our directions accordingly.

Our Advices &
Remarks on ye
head bes. of so
great import-
ance [they
ought to
be carefully
comply'd with].

33. Our sale is not over nor will be for severall days so that our Committee cant compleat their remarks on the Severall Goods so well as they intend; however as to the List of Goods to be provided and which you will receive by the Packett do you observe all the directions therein as well negative as positive.

Ye. Sale not
bes: over is ye.
reas: we make
no remarks on
ye. goods.

34. By our Last years Letters wee were very particular in our remarks on the goods then received and sold you will do well to have a strict regard thereunto because the observations will always hold good on the same or like occasions.

Our last years
remarks on ym
now to be
observ'd.

35. Wee can't omit taking notice of your just complaints wrote to the then Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. Davids relating to the Investment and are well pleased with your repeated orders to them to do better as we also are with your frequent inspecting the Goods received from thence remarking to them what you found amiss and doing your endeavours to remedy it. Wee hope you will always continue the like practice and let them and all other your subordinates wheresoever know We entrust you with our authority to direct what is to be don or forborne in all places under your Government That you are our representatives [A few words missing] That disobedience to your Commands when agreeable to ours is the same as if such Commands were immediately sent hence That wee empower you to use all proper methods to inforce the Execution of your orders and if cautions and reproofs will not do that you the Presid^t. and Council have our leave to suspend the refractory which so soon [as wee] know with the reasons we shall always confirm on this supposition they are good ones as wee doubt not but they will be. That Mr. Raw[orth . . .] of his being named in our Co[m]mission Deputy Governour of Fort St. David and appointed to succeed the President and therefore was not to be supposed out of his place by you has no weight in it for all such commissions [have . . .] tacit implication in them That the Persons so nominated do their Duty and continue their fidelity to us and obedience to those we have appointed [as] Superiours in all things relating to our affairs and Interest. If at an[y time] the Council of a Subordinate Factory shall apprehend the orders of the President and Council of Fort St. George are not for our advantage let them respectfully give their reasons why. If the President and Council shall not approve them wee expect their orders shall be conclusive to

Yor. frequent
complaints to
ye. frt. St. David
of their goods
approv'd.

If yor. cautions
& reproofs will
not do, then you
are to suspend
them.

such Subordinates who if they so fit may let us know the orders and reasons for objection for our adjudication thereon afterwards but especially let them enter in their consultation those reasons and in the Fort St. George Consultations must be entered the objections why such reasons are rejected.

Orders relatg.
to suspendg.
persons.

36. To prevent the like dispute in any of our Council of Fort St. George if they should urge the same reasons as Mr. Raworth did or any others which we hope will never happen But because what has been may be again therefore we say That we do empower our President and Council for the time being or the Major part of them (all being Summond and no just cause for their absence) to suspend any one of the Council if they have good reason for so doing provided they do enter the accusations against such Councillour or Councillours fairly in the Consultation book as also the answers thereto the accused Person being first allowed a reasonable time for his defence. If we have not laid down the Rule so explisite before It was because we could not have imagined there would have been so flagrant a transgression as to stand in need of the Coercion of such a Law.

Same method to
be us'd
[. . .] all
other branches
of our affairs.

37. Tho we mention this matter under the head of Investments your Complaints against the ill manangement at Fort St. Davids on that account giving us the handle yet we would have it to be understood of all other branches of our affairs whatsoever within your Cognizance there and elsewhere.

Complaint of ye.
ft. St. David
goods still
continue.

38. The Complaints of the Fort St. Davids goods still continue. You will observe by our last years Letters what we then wrote on that Subject we shall now add some remarks that have been made on the goods since received from thence and other places on y^e. Coast and sold or now put up to sale.

No. 2 better
[. . .]

39. The Longcloth ordinary from Fort St. Davids received by the Howland No. 2 proved better and sold higher than No. 1 being better made and of an evener Sortment.

[Long] Oloth
good, but its
breath com-
plain'd Vizag^a.
Ls. cloth No. 4
good [they] can
be got to [be
sent at once.]

40. The Longcloth ordinary from Ingeram was good but not well sorted as to their Lengths and breadths. The Longcloth fine from thence was a Stout sort of goods full of thread and well struck the Buyers commended it and so they did the four Bales of Vizag^a; Longcloth N^o. 4 containing five Corge Nineteen pieces Invoiced at Twenty five Pagodas a Corge it was a Substantial Sort of cloth the more that is sent of that Sort the better.

[ft. St. David &
Madrass [cloth]
not lik'd.

41. The Longcloth ordinary by the Ships Stretham and Marlborough was not well Sorted some pieces being found to be four or five Shillings each worse th[an] others of the same Bale especially those from Fort St. Davids tho That from Madrass is not to be excused The Longcloth N^o. 1 W + & 2 W + received by the Stretham are Invoiced higher and yet are thinner made than the same numbers formerly were The fine Longcloth from Vizagapatam received by the Marlborough is to be commended as well for its make as the Lengths and breadths.

ye. Sallampores
ye. Howland of
all sorts are too
thin.

42. The Sallampores by the Howland of all sorts are too thin especially those provided at Fort St. Davids and what received from Ingeram many of those last proved rotten and full of holes. The Sallampores by the Stretham and Marlborough are much the same in goodness as they used to be of last but not so good as Seven or Eight and more years ago the ordinary sort from Madrass are a nail narrower than usuall. The fine sorts from all places generally proved good.

Ye. Moores by
ye. Howland
prov'd good.

43. The Moores by the Howland both ordinary & fine generally proved good But both Sorts by the Stretham and Marlborough did not answer so well being worse made and the fine sort much Courser than formerly.

ye. Book
Percallees are
good but too
dear.

44. The Book Percallees¹ by all the Ships were good cloth but much dear considering also these are but five yards and a half long and yard broad whereas what formerly sent us were of the same breadth and Eight yards long.

¹ Apparently the same as 'percanlas.' These were probably some kind of spangled robe, set with pieces of glass. See under 'Pieces goods', p. 703, *Hobson-Jobson*.

45. The Bettellees Madrapauck & Howland were well made & liked those from Pollicat held out Sixteen yards long and yard wide the other but fifteen yards long and yard wide tho both sorts were Invoiced at Thirty two Covids long and two Covids and one eight broad, a quantity of these if kept up to goodness will do here.

The Madrapuck Beteelas lik'd, but ye. length & breadth complain'd of.

46. The Bettellees plain by the Howland of the forty and fifty Covids from Fort S^t: Davids are greatly complain'd of both as to the thread and making being hallow and uneven [rusty] and fravey: Their [. . .] Bettellees are Invoiced much dearer than those of Madrass and yet [. . .] here at all in proportion.

Ye: Plain Beteelaes by the Howland greatly compld: of

47. The strip'd Bettellees generally speaking were made of ill fancy'd [some] of them being of nine small and one thick Stripe whereas they would [. . .] if some of them were one stripe others of two and others of three stripes, others also of different Stripes according to the makers fancys so as [th . . .] made and the stripes not too far as under for when it is the plain [part . . .] Bettellees wears out before the striped another fault which is found [in] Bettellees is their narrowness being generally but fourteen nails wide [. . .] not broad enough for the use of aprons to which they are generally [applied] whereas they used to be yard wide their length also which used to be [. . .] yards is now but fourteen as appears in N^o: A by the said Ship Howland. The Striped Bettellees & Marlborough are the greatest part of them are of small stripes and one thick which therefore depretiates them and all the Th[ree] hundred Pieces are but Twelve yards and a half long and fourteen nailes Wide whereas heretofore they used to be fifteen long and a yard broad and yet Invoiced dearer which is a great abuse on us to have goods above Twenty Six & Cent less in quantity than the former sorts and yet charged as costing more.

The Stripe Beteelaes are all ill fancied. direct^s: given how they should be done for ye future.

48. The Madrass Bettellees of the Long sort by the Stretham and Marlborough are not much better than those before mentioned by the Howland from Fort S^t: Davids they are not so even made as they used to be.

Madrass Beteelaes & Stretham &c. not good.

49. The Madrass Oringall Bettellees by said two ships are pretty well but not so free from fraves nor of such clear round wry thread as heretofore.

[. . .] Oringall good.

50. The Neckcloths from Vizagapatam by the Howland were good cloth but charged too dear and being little more than twenty nails long and ten wide they are not at all valued whereas if they were Twenty Six nails long and twelve wide they would be pretty well esteem'd.

Vizagap^m Neckcs. good but too dear.

51. The same complaints which wee made of the Chinted Morees and Sallampores last year are to be made of these by the Stretham & Marlborough as to the Patterns and grounds the directions how to mend them were then sent whereto refer the more variety of patterns under the said Limitations the better.

The Moorees painted not lik'd as to ye: patterns.

52. The Chints Brampore are neither good Cloth or Painting and being most of them Striped are so much the worse they will not sell here much above prime Cost therefore must send no more unless cheaper and better in all respects.

[. . .] More Chints Brampore to be sent.

53. What was said before concerning the shortness and Narrowness of the striped Bettellees we must earnestly recommend to you to remedy in all other sorts of goods if they are defective in either particular so as not to answer the Muster they are bought by, remember a nail wanting in a piece of a yard broad is $\frac{1}{4}$ & Cent loss on the whole quantity of pieces deliver'd in so much narrower and so in proportion is the losse in want of length therefore without great precaution wee shall be sufferers If such want of length or breadth be not taken notice of and sufficient deduction made on either or both accounts.

Ye: Shortness & Narrowness of Striped. Beteelaes earnestly recomd: to be remedied.

54. Your care to set on foot Investments early in our three Settlements on the Coast and making a new contract at S^t: Davids in November, you^r: rewashing the ill cured S^t: Davids cloth the obliging those Merchants to change the torn and Dammaged pieces for good your causing the Warehouskeeper to adjust accounts with the Joynt Stock Merchants Monthly as to goods received or

[. . .] in set t: a foot Investm^{ts}. early. [Comm.] endable &c.

delivered and their generall accounts yearly on ballancing the books, your keeping a wast Leidger to find how far the Merchants comply with their agreements in delivering in the Severall species and Quantitys of goods, your ordering the proper Officers to observe our other directions under the head of Investments in the Letter sent by the Hannover &c": and your sending for the Merchants up from Fort St: Davids to hear and remedy their complaints do all in generall and each in particular bespeak their own Commendation and give us a pleasing prospect of your care Zeal and application for our Interest as do severall other matters which wee shall have occasion to take notice of by this or the next Ships in the course of answering your Letters under the severall heads.

Redwood to be sent home.

55. We have for this two or three years past told you we were overstock'd with redwood and therefore proposed the Captains Dunnidging with Canes or Rattans and in a manner forbid the sending any more of late the demand for redwood has been something considerable and great part of ours sold off so that considering wee are like to have but little in our ships now abroad wee are come to a Resolution and do accordingly hereby order That you load on board all our Coast and Bay Tonnage the Charterparty quantity of 6 Ψ Cent in that Commodity do you advise this to the Bay as wee also shall.

Salt Petre to be sent home.

56. By our last Bombay Shipping wee sent a Short Letter to the Bay with directions to send you a Copy of it acquainting them That we intended our Coast and Bay Ships should this Season carry out Iron Kintlage for that we would have no Salt Petre except what the Captains should desire to make their Ships sail worthy because wee had a large quantity then remaining and the Crown took off but little wee hope thereby to reduce the price of petre in the Bay wee have since sold of a large parcell for which reason and other considerations we hereby revoke the said order and have agreed in Charterparty to lade the 16 Ψ Cent in Kintlage Goods and do hereby direct That you and our people at Fort William put on board our respective Ships their Charterparty Kintlage in petre or so much thereof as you want of other Kintlage Goods we also advised in the said Letter if they could meet with any Pepper at nine or ten rupees their maund a[nd] Captains would take it in at half freight and shoot it they shou[ld] . . . up and lade it accordingly otherwise not. If you can meet with [. . .] the same rate and can ship it on the like terms doe so.

FOURTHLY CONCERNING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERALL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

Relatg: to ye:
Emplyg. of ye:
church and
Orphans Stock.

57. On this head we find wee wrote largely last year which will much [enlighten than] what we should otherwise write on the Subject matter of the Letters: [. . .] and therefore need only refer you thereto: wee have been told That there have [been] some endeavours used to employ part of the Church and Orphans stock [. . .] Comon Subscription with some of ours and of the Inhabitants for laying [up] a sufficient quantity of Paddy and Rice from year to year as believing it would turn to certain and moderate profit to the undertakers and very beneficiall to the poor Inhabitants that one thing or other has happen'd to hinder the projects ripening to perfection That if some able and industrious persons would undertake it, it might easily be effected and would be the most secure way of improving that Stock. What wee proposed last year of laying out our Money to provide the needfull stores was not for the benefit wee expected to get by it but that the poor might not be opprest as the Countrey grain merchants will always do by putting their own prices on grain in the dear Seasons and wee are well assured That whoever has two or three Thousand Pagodos to lay out at a time in grain in the cheap Season of the year may with good mannagement retail it at moderate prices and get a certain and living profit by it. If the Minister, Church Wardens and Trustees for said Stocks are willing to lay out their money in this way and think it will turn to the advantage of the said Stock do you if you think so too put them upon it for the benefitt of all the Concerned:

and afford them your Countenance and assistance taking care that the profit thereupon may be so moderate as to make it easy to the poor Inhabitants.

58. Wee have from divers hands an account of the excellent manangement of the Church Stock whereby it has of late years been greatly improved so as to be very beneficiall to the whole City of Madrass especially the poor Europeans which of late have greatly encreased and that it is of the greatest consequence to the good of the place that the same care and good mañagement should be kept up for the preservation and improvement of it for the sake of such as are in want and are relieved thereby That there is another Stock under the same manangement called the Orphans Stock which is improved for the benefit of those Orphans and Widows whose money is put in and that could not of themselves turn it to any advantage by which means they also are preserved from Penury wee hope the same Zeal will be always continued in looking after and enlarging both those so publick spirited undertakings and That there may and no ill designing persons permitted to embezle either. We earnestly recommend to and enjoin you the President and Council and the President and Council for the time being in all time to come to enquire at stated times such as you shall fix into the state of both stocks and to take care the Ministers and Churchwardens do constantly keep the Cash in a Chest for that purpose to which they are to have severall keys that it may not be touched without the concurrence of all That none be Churchwardens but men of substance esteem and credit That you inspect their accounts and cause them to send us annually by our Ship the Copys of their Journall and Ledger to the end of the Year which if it be not so already you may appoint to determine on or about the months of September or October. This wee the rather mention now because as you write us M^r: Raworth embezled Eight hundred pagodos of the money paid into the Mayors Court and therefore when this Generall Rule is laid down none can think it an affront if they are called upon to deposit forthwith in the Cash Chest the moneys they receive for either stock at the return of Shipping or on any other account.

We have had a very good acct: of ye: managem^t: of ye: Church Stock. directs: given relating thereto.

[. . . .]
Council for ye:
[. . . .]
Inspect ye: state
[. . . .] ye:
Church wardens
[. . . .]
substance &
credit their
Journal &
[. . . .] to
be annually
sent.

59. Wee are sorry to understand the Generall Trade of India has been under so great a decay, the overdriving any part has a natural tendency that way and the danger of the Enemy during the late War contributed its part as did also the unsettled Government of the Mogulls Dominions since Aurengzebes death to the detriment of the Trade to Suratt. But wee understand the present young Emperour of whom you hear so great a Character has issued out his Royall orders to take of all the late imposition on trade and to reduce the whole to what was the settled rates & Customs in Aurengzebes time. If this prove true we may yet hope to hear Trade in his Dominions will return into its ancient settled Channell.

We are sorry for ye: Genl: decay of Trade of India.

60. Wee very well like the Injunctions mention'd in the 77th Par^a: [of] your Letter by the London to all our People That none of them have any dealings with the Countrey Governments in Money matters and earnestly desire this may be frequently repeated to all places as our standing irreversible order never to be broken on any occasion. The troubles at Vizagapatam occasioned by M^r: Holcombe and by M^r: Roberts at S^r: Davids are sufficient reasons to warrant such an Injunction Touching Tellesinga the Cook we had account last year and approved your proceedings.

[. . . .]
injunctions for
prevents: [. . .]
Peoples had
Wth: the country
Government
approv'd.

61. Your care to suppress the first appearances of Extravagant pomp in our Subordinate Factorys mentioned in the next paragraph we approve and desire it may be always remembered. Tho' the Debts due from the Country Rajah appear to be desperate don't let them be lost for want of claiming or [reminding] and that they may not be forgot when M^r: Hastings sends you the account [. . .] particularly in the books. Perhaps a time may come when the Subadar [The] Principall Governour of that Countrey may have the goodness to hear complaints and honour enough to enforce those Rajahs to do Justice [. . .] may have an opportunity to represent them to the Mogull. You know [how much] wee have suffered by fuckerla Caun on that account and how much [have] been forced from us to pay M^r: Holcombs Debts to him which wee ought to [be] reimbursed.

the care ye:
have taken to
prevent extra-
vagant pomp. in
subor. f^o:
factorys is very
commendable.

[Yr: care in]
keeps: fair with:
ye: Governmt:
convinces us of
yr: ability &ca:

If Zoodee Cawn
continues in
further we
doubt not but
you'll improve
yor: intt: with
him.

[Noths]
furthr: to add
relate: to ye:
Present.

concerng: the
debt to ye:
Metchlepm:
Mercht's:

the Mayors
Court to be
always preserv'd
in its full origl
authority.
Ordre, given
abov. ye
cash of ye said
Court.

62. Wee are well pleased that you preserve yourselves in so much quiett and fair with the Countrey Government at so little expence. This is a convincing argument of your ability for and heartiness in that branch of our Interest.

63. If Zoodee Caun continues Duan of all the Deccan Countrey wee question not but you will revive and improve the Interest which the English at Madrass first and since in the Bay had with him to the best purposes you can for our service and particularly to get his assistance when the Present is made the Mogull for obtaining the priviledges and grants wee formerly or last year wrote about or any others which you shall Judge most beneficiall for our generall advantage.

64. Touching ffort S^t. Davids wee shall write under a head apart.

65. Wee note what you advise touching our Peoples proceedings in the Bay with relation to the present and can add nothing to what already [wrote under the] head in our former Letters.

66. We are concerned That all the Memorandums about the overcharges and abuses of the Metchlepatam Merchants should be forgot and nothing to be produced to prove what was so particularly advised us as wee formerly wrote you: Coja Babba tells us it is all adjusted and promised to give us a translate of his Letter of the terms but has not hitherto which wee wonder at because your Letters don't mention anything of a full accomodation or of the conditions settled for it.

67. Mr. Raworths running away with Eight hundred Pagodos of the Mayors Court Money as you advice will wee hope produce this good effect To settle a standing Rule that all Money paid into that Court shall be immediately deposited in a Cash Chest under the Keys of the Mayor and some other proper persons to be appointed for that purpose. We earnestly recommend to your constant care to see that Court be always preserved in its full originall authority which wee hear has a generall good Character for its impartiality. Wee don't mention this from any Complaint or out of any suspicion that it is not But wee have been informed there has been a time when it was not and we would always take care even in the best of Governments to lay down rules to guard against the ill designs of the worst or the exorbitant power of any.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING OUR FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS & REVENUES.

68. As to the Buildings and what further to be don at Madrass Fort S^t. Davids and Bencoolen we wrote largely last year so need not repeat anything of it here.

New Hospital &
Guard house &
Mint.

69. It would have been more satisfactory to us if you had let us know the particular account of the charges about the ffree Guard house New Hospitall and repairs of the Gardenhouse each by itsself Wee have received the subscription for the said Hospitall which you advice will be considerably increased in another year and that you hope to get sufficient not only to reimburse our charge but for a Stock to maintain it and relieve the poore therein which wee take notice of here to preserve the Remembrance of it as also of your promise to assess the Mint Braminys towards the charge of the new Mint house who ought to contribute largely because they reap the benefitt or rather for that reason to be [. . .] the whole Charge.

[reas] for not
finishg. the
Mount house
satisfactory.

70. Your reasons for not proceeding in the house intended at the Mount are to our satisfaction but by the manner of your expression in the 97th Paragraph it looks as if the foundations laid by Mr. Fraser did really stand in a much larger sume than the Six hundred Pagodos wee wrote you was formerly advised. Wee should have been glad to have known the true charge because wee remember the house at Egmore which one Letter advised was under One Thousand Pagodos afterwards proved to be a great deal more.

relate. to ye ft.
St. Dd. Garden
house.

71. You did extreamly well to order Mr. Raworth to refund the Money he charged to have laid out in repairing the Gardenhouse above the five hundred and

fifty Pagodos which he said was the whole sume expended therein since what he did was without order and hope you will always make such Precedents if any of your Subordinates shall dare to lavish away our Money on the like or any other pretences without orders and wee hereby order That he be charged with the Interest of the Amount of all he is accountable for as taken out of the Warehouse under his keeping from the time it was fraudently taken out to the time of being made good again by your praiseworthy endeavours.

Mr. Raworth to be charg'd Interest [in wt.] he owed the Warehouse.

72. Your care of improveing all opportunitys to cultivate the Revenues is very acceptable and wee will not doubt the continuance of it for the reason once and again recommended to you the putting them in a regular method of collecting suffering none to run in arrears except for Sea Customs for which a reasonable time is allowed is each a good Specimen of that yo^r. acct.

Yo^r care abot. yo^r Revenues is very acceptable.

73. Your Resolution not to intercede for any Ships which shall be stopt for want of passes as the Chindadre was at Zeylon and making the same Publick we approve But think you ought to have laid some fine on the Owners for not taking one before the ship went to Sea which wee dont find either by the Letter or consultation book was done.

Relats. to Ships going without Passes.

74. In your 106 Par^a. you write the Two hundred Eighty Six pagodos due for Custom on the Elephants past by M^r. Fraser will be made good by his order it had been more to our satisfaction to have found it had been so done considering how long that Money has been standing out.

yo^r money due from Mr. Fraser acct. of Elepts be pd. in.

75. The Regulations, proposed by M^r. Benyon the 26th March last [. . .] for the greater regularity, certainty and quickness of dispatch in collecting Customs and preventing the frauds of the Conicoplys are very good and much obliged to him for and cant pass them over without taking notice of ingenuity and pains in framing of them.

Mr. Benyon's proposals for collect. yo^r Sea Customs approv'd.

76. Some other things wee might add under this head in answer [to your] Letters before us but in regard severall of them or remarks upon the [m . . .] contained in our last years Generall Letter and because this Ship should be Speedily dispatcht wee shall leave them till wee dispatch the [Coast and] Bay Shipping.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS & WRITERS, OFFICERS AND SOULDIERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

77. Wee cant begin this head better than to tell you wee expect all manner of Persons within your Presidency be under your Government and controul and that wee lay it down as a Standing permanent order what wee have before herein Written under the head of Investments as to your power of suspending any who will not obey your orders. You did well in turning out M^r. fleet Aynsworth considering he was incorrigible and guilty of so heinous a fault as stabbing one of his fellow writers thô wee are really sorry for him on account of his worthy relations for if examples are not made of such offenders others will be encouraged to grow as bad.

Turng Mr. Aynsworth out approved.

78. Your putting in a proper person to mannage the Office of Steward and thereby saving us about Two hundred pagodos a month is a commendable instance of your husbandry and care of our Estate.

puttg. in a person in yo^r Stewards employ approv'd.

79. Wee find very just and frequent complaints of the Villany of your Dubashes and Conicoplys and observe the reason why they are so necessary to be employ'd is because they speak the Countrey languages as well as because they are ready pen men and Accountants this last qualification our own servants are or may be made sufficiently capable of but the other appears the most difficult wee suppose partly for want of application and perhaps in some for want of capacity. That the Eastern Languages may be attained to especially by youths can't admit of any reasonable objection and That wee may try what

relats. to Dubashes and Conicoplys.

The Covenanted Seryants recommended to learn yo^r Country Languages.

encouragement will do wee have thought of this Expedient. That in regard those who serve under the Sea Customer, Land Customer, Pay Master and in the Warehouse &c^a. have some small advantages thereby and in each of those stations it is very necessary to speak and very usefull to read and Write the Countrey Languages. You lay it down as a Standing Rule That such of our servants as can attain thereto and particularly the Tulinga and Mallabar which are the Common Languages all about. You shall on that account have the preference to those Places if they are honest and diligent. This wee reckon will be a strong inducement to make them set about it.

Persian
Language
recommended
to be learn'd.

80. We are Sensible also how great an advantage it would be to us and themselves too if any of our Covenant Servants were sufficiently Masters of the Persian Language both for Speaking and Writing it that being the Language of the Court and of all the Durbars or Courts of Justice and therein all publick papers whether Grants, orders or Letters are written for then you might be well assured of the true contents of all papers that pass between you and the Countrey Government for thō the Mulla¹ or Interpreters are Masters of the Persian yet wee hear they are not enō skilled in the English to give every sentence its true and full sence and meaning so that if our own people could once attain to write and speak Persians you might the better depend on the full signification of all the Letters which pass to and from the Countrey Government they might when proper transact in person with the Governours and at the Durbars and then it would be easy to conclude how much better our affairs would go on those occasions than they otherwise will do when you are to depend upon your Mullas and Mutsaddyes and tho' the Profit that would accrue thereby would be a sufficient reward to such persons as can speak the Language yet for their further encouragement do you give them what you shall think a fitting gratuity advising us thereof.

Also ye Moors or
Indostan.

81. The Moors or Hindostan Language wee understand is the most universall of any in all the Mogulls Dominions and whoever can speak it may travell and transact business in all parts of India, enjoyn our Servants especially the younger to learn to speak and write it and encourage them thereto by fitting rewards.

Ramapa
Braminy
recommended to
instruct ye
Comp.as:
Servants in
ye foremd:
Languages.

82. Wee are sorry the Persian Master for the youths is dead, use your utmost endeavours to obtain another wherever you can. You see by what is above written wee agree with you in the sentiments contain'd in your 120 Par^a: some time since there lived at Madrass Ramapa Braminee who wee hear was a good Master in the Persian and other Eastern as well as the English Languages. If he be still there and you think it proper, prevail with him to instruct our youths or any other our servants who are willing in the Persian or other Eastern Languages that may be beneficiall on your side of the Countrey.

TOUCHING FORT S^t: DAVIDS AND AFFAIRS THERE.

Relat^s: wholly
to Mr:
Raworths
actions at ft:
St.: David.

83. It was a very great surprize to us to read in the Generall Letter by the Marlborough and in the Consultation books the Account of Mr. Raworths setting up for himself at Fort S^t. Davids his debauching the Souldiers to joyn with him in his Rebellion against the [. . .] England for less we cant call it considering wee hold all by Vertue [. . .] of Charter granted by his late Majesty King William and being [granted] in pursuance of an Act of Parliament it has in it the force of an [ac . . .] Charter wee have granted to us the liberty to order Rule and govern [the] Forts, Factorys and Settlements in the East Indies To appoint [Governours &] Officers there and displace them at pleasure, To raise and Muster [Men and] forces necessary for defence of such Forts and Settlements the Sovereign power and Dominion over all being reserved to His said

¹ A distinctive nickname applied to the members of the service belonging to the Madras Presidency in the early days, p. 595, *Hobson-Jobson*.

Majesty his [Heirs] and Successors and thô by good Providence blessing our Presidents &c.^a: [. . . .] the Fort was deliver'd up again into our possession yet We thought it of [the] last consequence to us to provide remedys proper to cure the evil past and prevent any attempts of the like nature hereafter and for that purpose, we appointed a Committee to draw out a State of the ffacts and consider what steps were necesssary to be taken therein to deal with him according to his demerits, the Attorney Generall was consulted upon it and wee were proceeding further when wee had an account of his death at Paris, this gave us a full stop as to our proceedings against his Person for had he lived to come to England wee would have pursued him to the Gallows: however we were preparing to lay an historicall narative extracted from the Generall Letter and Consultations before the Privy Councill in order to obtain the necessary Powers from the Crown to Punish Crimes of so black a dye and which might be attended with the most pernicious consequences when it pleased God Her late Majesty fell sick and in a few days dy'd, one or two of the Lords Justices were consulted but they thought it best to delay till his Majesty came to England, he is now God be thanked safely arrived but the important affairs of State on this great conjunct[ure], take up all the time together the needful preparations for His Majesty's Coronation so that it will be impossible for us to do anything till towards the end of this Month or the beginning or next. However you may rest assured we are deeply sensible of the great importance it is to us to be clothed with proper authoritys to punish whoever has or shall be guilty of such infamous attempts which strike at the root of all Government and make publick examples of the insolent offenders.

Particulars of
y^e Charter
granted by
Kg: William.

84. Wee might take notice of some particulars in the large and well pen'd account of the rise, progress and conclusion of this mischievous revolt at Fort S^t: Davids and the severall incidents therein mentioned but shall at present forbear considering it is now all over and by giving you in this Letter an explicite declaration of the authoritys wee have invested you our President and Council with all wee reckon those with good mannagement sufficient to cure the evils mention'd and to be a summary answer to all or most of them especially when we shall procure as wee hope soon to do His Majestys directions for punishing such vile Criminalls.

Reasons for
not taking
notice of othr
Particulars in
y^e well pen'd
acct: of the
ft: S^t: David
affair.

85. Do you take care as soon as possible after receipt hereof to cause his present Majesty The Most High and mighty Prince George Elector of Brunswick Lunenberg to be proclaimed with you and at all the subordinate ffactorys King of Great Britain France & Ireland Defender of the ffaith &c^a. Let the whole be performed with a due Solemnity suitable to the great occasion.

[Orders] for
Proclams:
[Prince
George].

TOUCHING OUR ACCOUNTS.

86. We have received the Generall Books mention'd in Par^a. 58 of your Letter by the Marlborough what remarks our Accomptants shall make thereon and send you by Our Coast and Bay Shipping you must have a due regard unto as formerly advised.

Accompt's:
remarks on
Genll: Books
to be observ'd.

87. It is with great concern we read in your next Par^a: the Extravagant Charges of ffort S^t. Davids. M^r. Raworths pretence they could not be lessen'd (tho' it is plain by your care they afterwards were and would be more) shows plainly to us that was one way whereby he intended to plunder us. We remember y^e: reasons you gave in the Letters received last Year why you were necessitated to permit his return But when wee reflect upon his unjustifiable proceedings since Wee believe you as well as ourselves are heartily sorry he had it in his power by a return thither to do us the mischief he has since brought about and as wee apprehend your obliging him to refund what he ow'd us as Warehousekeeper might be one Inducement to him to act as he did. Therefore for preventing the like we say

Concerns:
y^e extravag^t:
charge of ft:
S^t: Dd: in
M^r: Raworth's
time.

Orders to turn out any yt shall embezzle Oompas effects.

That whosoever shall hereafter be found to apply to their own uses or otherwise embezzle our Money or Goods make him refund and never trust him more but turn him or them out be they who they will and let our Covenant Servants know this is our standing order and Resolution which you or the Majority of you the President and Councill must take care be observed and obey'd.

Since Writing the foregoing Wee have thought fitt to add the following Particulars Viz^t.

Liberty Given to accept & pay Bills drawn from ye West Coast during the present administration.

88. Wee have considered your 160th : and following Paragraphs relating to the Bills of Exchange from Bencoolen and your reasons for protesting them which were right on the foot of our former orders and while the extravagant mannaagement continued at the West Coast. But since wee have better Servants & performances now wee say do you satisfy those Bills and send them orders how far and what occasions they may draw on you, this liberty is on the consideration of our People there acting honestly for if they don't the former orders in obedience whereto you protested those Bills must be continued and observed.

89. Touching M^r : Bullards two poor Orphans do what you think [. . . they] must not perish but remember as it is an act of Charity in us to prevent [. . .] in your allowance.

Liberty given ye Honble Presidt to return home.

90. Wee understand by Mess^{rs} : Eyles and Betts That our President app[re]hending] the ill state of his health may increase upon him had desired them to write for leave to return home. We are sorry to hear of his indisposition and heartily wish and expect to hear by the next That his health is better [. . .] ffor wee think it for our service that he should not leave the Government [at] present But if his health will not permit his longer stay wee leave [him at] liberty to return home.

the Silvr on ye ship to be sent to ye West Coast.

91. Wee have resolved to send on this Ship Kent forty chests of Bullion for [. . .] Bay that they may have money in hand to carry on their Investment [early] in Raw Silk and fine Goods, send it all thither as soon as possible dividing his adventure as you judge proper. Wee did not think it proper to put any more Treasure on this Ship or else should have sent some to be laid out on the Coast.

ye Bencoolen packet ord to be demanded from ye Capt.

92. Do you require from the Captain of the Kent our Packett to Bencoolen and open it to see what wee write them (you will find it an answer to severall of your Paragraphs relating to the West Coast) and thereby you will the better know how to suit your orders thither because they may happen to vary according to the latter advices you in probability must have from thence.

M^r : Jennings Pmitted to come from Vizagap & to be next below Mr Benyon in Council here.

93. The ffather of M^r : Jennings appointed last year Chief of Vizagapatam has been very earnest with us that his sonne may be recalled from Vizagapatam and continue to reside at the fort because he is settled and has a family if his sonne shall desire so to do. Wee have consented thus far That if you our President and Councill shall think fitt as being for our service you may recall him and in that case appoint a proper Person to that Chiefship But if M^r : Jennings do's come to Fort S^t : George he must be placed in the Councill next below M^r : Benyon.

bullion Pmitted to be sent out by ye Diamond Traders.

94. Notwithstanding our present difficulty of sending out English Product yet wee have that regard to the good of our City of Madrass and the benefitt of our President [and] other our Servants That wee have agreed to permitt the Traders in Dyamonds to ship out to the value of Forty Thousand Pounds in Bullion this Season and there is already licenced by us above seaventy Thousand Ounces.

A present of a Sword sent to ye Honble Presidt Accot his [pradt] managt in ye ff St Od Affair.

95. Wee have told you before how well wee approved of your management in putting an end to the troubles at Fort S^t : Davids But for as much as our President had a more than ordinary sharè therein and was necessitated to go overland that he might be there in Person wee have thought fitt to make him a present of a sword with a Gold hilt sett with Emeraulds and a Belt as P Enclosed Receipt

sent herewith as a lasting token of our remembrance of his prudent and Successful conduct.

96. The French have this year imported great quantitys of Coast and Bay Goods which they have sold at encourageing prices and wee have great reason to apprehend they will endeavour to enlarge their trade to the East Indies as well by the Steps their Company takes directly for that purpose as y^e: late renewal of the Kings Edicts forbidding East India Goods being imported into France from all parts of Europe, wee therefore earnestly recommend to you to take all prudent measures and necessary precautions to prevent as much as may be their interfering in any part of our Trade and especially at those places where wee have constantly made our Investments, Wee don't particularize the methods but leave that to your manangement to act for the common good of our Countrey as well as for the benefit of the Company not doubting but you will consider of and pursue all proper way for that purpose. Wee are.

*y^e french
importig large
quantitys of
Bay goods.*

Your Loving Friends,

CHARLES PEERS

Chayreman.

ROB^r: CHILD, DEP^{ty}:

ROB^r: NIGHTINGALE.

JON^a: ANDREWS.

W^m: GOSSELIN.

W. H. CORNELISEN.

ROB^r: BRISCO.

RICH^d: GOUGH.

JAMES WALLIS.

JN^o: BROWNE.

ROB^r: MICHEL.

- J. MATTHEW DECKER.

JOHN COOKE.

JOHN ELWICK.

J. WARD JUN^r.

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JOSEPH EYLES.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED JANUARY 12, 1714. PER MARY.

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LONDON THE 12TH: JANUARY [1714]

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FORT S^T: GEORGE.

The Comp^a: are about settling ye Correspondence by way of Marseilles, Leghorn & Aleppo to Persia.

1. Herewith you will receive Copy of our last dated the 24th. of [. . .] 1714 sent you by the Kent, whereto be referred. Wee are now to [. . .] what wee shall further think fitt, either in answer to yo^r. [Letter &] Consultations or other Papers receivd by the Shipping not take notice of in that Letter, or to any other matters proper for your Observation or notice under our establishd Generall heads Viz^t: [. . .] adding only That wee are about settling a frequent Correspondence by way of Marseilles Leghorn and Aleppo to Persia, and therefore would have you write us by all opportunitys of Ships bound to Persia what proper for our notice, unless it shall happen you have an opportunity of sending by shipping directly to England at or very near the same time.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT OR RETURN'D.

The times sevell: Ships departed from England.

2. The Kent sailed out of the Downes the 5th. of Novem^r. the Nathaniel the 23^d. Ditto, the Dartmouth the 30th. of Decem^r. The Cardonnell wee have since Resolved shall proceed first to S^t. Helena and thence to Bencoolen, she will call in at the Maderas & take in Wine for both Places, of which Ten Pipes for Bencoolen if she has room, or at least part of that quantity. By Charterparty she is to be dispatcht by the end of January.

Eight Chests of W^t. Coast Dollrs: to be sent on ye. Cardonnell for Bencoolen.

3. Wee have not been able as yet to get more than Two chests of Mexico pieces for her and therefore would have you by the first good opportunity to send to Bencoolen the value of Eight chests more in West Coast Dollars, Wee having orderd Eight Chests of Treasure in French Crowns more than first intended on the Heathcote to reimburse you that sume.

The Bombay Ships to sail at ye. usull time.

4. The two Ships for Bombay Wee intend to send thither from hence in March next at the usuall time.

The Cargo's design'd for ye Coast and Bay ye. season are [. . .] Acct. about £810,000, of wch: 200,000 to the Bay.

[. . .] of ye: Dartmth: [. . .] 1/2 in Tea, y^e Silk & Rawsilke [if] Gold should be dear. [Comp^a:] will not allow any trade by way of China. Supra Cargo's Covenants, [they] have sent a Copy, [Examina:] may be made that the same are duely comply'd with.

5. The Cargo's design'd for the Coast & Bay this season including what laden on the Kent and Dartmouth are in the whole about Three hundred and Ten Thousand Pounds value of which Two Hundred Thousand Pounds Value to the Bay & for your better guidance what to send thither to make up that Sume, you have herewith abstract of the Derbys Cargo bound directly, and of the Dartmouths bound to China & the Coast, which is Fifty Two Thousand Sixty eight Pounds, but of that our Supra Cargos are to lay out Ten Thousand Pounds value, half in Tea the rest in Wrought Silks and Raw silk, and if Gold should be dear, and Ten Cent or more above touch, then they have liberty to exceed something more for Tea and Silks, By the Ship Heathcote Wee send you Copy of the Supra Cargo's Covenants, Whereby you may see Wee have Resolv'd to keep that Trade as much as wee can, in our own hands, and have not only refused to allow the said Supra Cargos to carry out anything in Private Trade but have made it a condition on which their very Commission depends, This wee doubt not but you will take care to examine very well, and see that they are not directly or indirectly concernd in Private Trade, and if they should that you will observe & pursue the Contents of their Covenants. Wee have also put a clause into their Instructions that they deliver to you their Covenants & Instructions or an attested true copy of each for you to examine thereby Whether both have been duly comply'd with, and to send us yo^r: Observations on the whole. It is therefore now incumbent on you to see whether they have duly performd all their Covenants and Instructions and if not as you are our Representatives to see right done us as those Covenants prescribe.

6. You will further observe by the said Instructions & Covenants That they are not to meddle with their Commission in China but on the Ships arrivall at Madrass and delivering all her Cargo (and making up their Accounts which is always to be understood) you are to reckon the amount of their Four $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent Commission on the foot of the first cost of the Gold & other Goods brought in China and to pay the same with such proffitt thereon as the Gold part of the Cargo shall really produce at Fort S^t: George deducting thereout the Freight usually allowd for Gold from China thither, and also all the Charges on the Dartmouths Cargo at & from China to the Fort, take care that the Gold be all reckoned in an average, For wee find in your Consultation of the 2^d: Febr'y. an Entry of the accomptants Report, wherein he mentions the Howlands Supra Cargos took out their Commission in Gold [. . .] seven above Touch, whereas a large part of that Ships Gold [. . .] Eighteen above Touch, We dont find what you did upon that matter for our just benefit, M^r: Gascoigne the Assistant to have the same proffitt on his Hundred pounds Sterling Reward reckoning the Sterling at Nine Shillings a Pag^o. The said severall Sumes which will be due to all four is to be [. . .] Dyamonds & no other sort of Goods on our usuall Termes.

The Supra :
Cargos not to
meddle wth :
their Commⁿ :
in China but at
Madrass, wth :
farther orders
relating to
paym^t : of the
same.

7. Wee have been so monstrously abused by some of the Commanders bringing home vast quantitys of Tea and Supra Cargos the same (in one ship they brought [about] Twenty thousand weight) That wee have been necessitated to forbid the Captains bringing home any more than the Two[hundred] weight allowd by Indulgence, and to the China Captains [wee] have Indulged them to bring home on our usuall Permission for unindulged Goods one half of their Three $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent Charter [party] Priviledge & no more, and have inserted a clause in every Captains Instructions accordingly, Letting them know if they bring more we will seize upon & prosecute it to a forfeiture. This is our Standing order which it is proper you should take notice of as well an acco^t: of the Dartmouth as any other Ship now or hereafter to be sent out by us.

The Comp^a :
having been
abus'd by ye :
Comm^{rs} : &
Sup^r : Cargos
bringing home
vast q^{ty} : of Tea,
The Capt^s : to
bring but, 2 &
only $\frac{1}{2}$ of ye :
Charterparty
priviledge
for unindulged
Goods.

This is a
standing Order.

8. Let the Tea be sent home on the first Ships you dispatch for England after its importation with you, and if you have more than one report it because it is bulky Tonnage, but be sure send it home on our Summer Shipping lest length of time spoil the freshness and value of it. We have prest our Supra Cargos & Captⁿ. Blow to make all possible dispatch from China and to prevent any excuse for their long stay have added a clause in their Orders for Investments that if the Jappan Junks should be late they should not stay for them in expectation of Copper but enlarge in the other Commoditys therein enumerated as you will see by the Copy of those Orders also sent by the Heathcote. By all this wee expect they get away from Canton by or before the begining of Decem^r: or at farthest by the middle of that month, send us also our Summer ships what Raw or Wrought Silks the Dartmouth brings you from China.

The Tea to be
sent home on
ye first ships, &
reported.

The Supr .
Cargos are
ordered to come
away in Decbr.

What Raw or
wrot^t : Silks ye :
Dartmth : brings
to be sent on
Summer Ships.

9. If these our Instructions are duly complyd with Wee cant doubt but the Dartmouth may arrive so early with you as to be dispatcht home the same season, this hath been don formerly And wee rest in expectation That you will show us you can be as expeditious as any others.

The Dartmth's:
dispatch
recommended
ye same season
she arrives.

10. Wee now write to the Bay That if they can dispatch any Ship before her Demorage Commences to fill up at ffort S^t: George they should, or if you should not have sufficient supplys of Petre which they must know, that then they send up a ship with piece Goods and filled up with Petre taking care to hasten them away so early that you may have a reasonable time to fill them up before the end of January if possible or speedily after, this wee mention for yo^r. notice.

The Comp^a .
have wrote to
ye Bay to dis-
patch Ships
[hither] early,
& to send Petre
if wanted.

11. Wee send each Ships Charterparty in her Packett, together with the Invoyses, Bills of Lading, Manifests of Goods & other usefull papers.

Ships' Charter-
partys & sent
in their Packetts.

12. Wee did in our Court of Directors acquaint Captⁿ. Blow with a Clause in the Supra Cargos Instructions, That they should Register all Private Trade Goods allowd to the Commander and Mariners by our Indulgence, and that Wee would order you as wee hereby do to seize on & condemn what is not enterd, or any Goods not Indulged. Wee did also acquaint the Captain That wee would

Capt. Blow was
acquainted y^t.
Private Trade
must be regis-
tered or else
That & all other
indulged Goods

were seizd & that the supr. Cargos were allowd no private Trade & must endeavour to prevent their having any.

[not] allow the Supra Cargos any Private Trade & charged him to use his utmost endeavours to prevent any Private Trade coming aboard unless what allowed to himself & Mariners by our Indulgence, he solemnly promised to do all that in him lay to comply therewith, this Wee write for your Information.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE.

Of ye. increase in sevll. sorts of Woollen Manufactures.

13. Our Severall Invoyses and Bills of Lading will show you what wee send from time to time on the respective Ships. The Committee who have the care of providing them have the severall Parag^{ms}. of your Letters transmitted them for their further information. Wee told you in our former why wee should be necessitated to increase in the quantitys of Woollen Manufactures, for that reason it is That Wee have sent you Three hundred and ten Bales of Poppingays instead of Two hundred & Fifty you desired. Wee have also increased the Aurora [s] seven Bales, they are of a lively Colour as desired, the Scarletts Fourty four Bales & the Reds Five Bales, they are of a bright dye [too]. The Generall mourning for her late Majesty has taken off all the fine cloth faster than it could be made, so that wee could not send you any of the Twenty four Bales of Superfine cloths desired by yo^r. List.

Reasons why yo^r. superfine cloth could not be sent.

Of ye. Embost Cloth.

14. The twenty cases of Imbost cloth are provided according to the directions in yo^r. List & will wee hope answer expectation.

Only 24, of 87 ps. Velvetts wrote for, now sent.

15. Wee have provided only twenty four Pieces of Velvetts of Thirty Seaven wrote for, the rest of your List is comply'd with [. . .] sorts Colours & quantitys of the Severall Goods desired.

Complaints of ye. Woollen Manufactures right in Genll. but not particular enuff.

16. You send us some Patterns in your List of Woollen Goods & complain of the Goods being Invoiced too dear, referring to them especially in the Popinjays and Auroras, This is right in [. . .] generall, if you had exprest the numbers of the Bales & [Patterns] and by what ship the Cloths were sent, That we might have [compared] them with the Patterns wee keep here & seen whether the [Pattern] was according to the generall sortment then sent out or taken [out] of some particular Pieces or Bales w^{ch}. probably proved [worse] than the rest as sometimes happens notwithstanding the [utmost] care & precaution, nor is it possible for us at all times [to inspect] every Piece to see the Workmens failures & therefore Wee [direct] you to send Patterns of what prove worse than the rest of [the . . .] parcell, and at the same time gave you our reason for so doing, then as to the dearness you must remember the Marketts are [not] always the same, nor are the Goods exactly equal in their make, the charge of Dying is sometimes dearer than at others as the materialls cost more, which is our present case, nor is it so very easy for Persons that are not frequently conversant about Woollen Goods to judge rightly to ten or twenty Shillings in the difference of goodness between the Pieces of Woollen Cloth.

How they should be expressed.

A certain sum mention'd in the Invo. for charges on Bale goods w^{ch}. cant be sett down in particulars.

17. It is impossible to us to descend particularly to the exact charge every Bale of Goods stands us in for Dying, Setting, Pressing, Packing, Shipping &c^a. Disbursements, therefore the Invoyses contain a generall Sume for all which is in the whole very near what it costs us & no more than customary.

Severall good directions touching woollen Manufact^{rs}. &c^a. approv'd & to be continued, also other usefull advices.

18. Wee find many good directions in yo^r. Letters touching the Sorts & Colours of Woollen & other Manufactures & other matters relating thereunto, let them be always continued according to the nature of the sorts and quantitys of each Species desired, the labour is not much to you, the benefit may be great to us, continue also to advise for what reasons you desire any new sorts of workmanship as you have done in the article of Embost Cloth or any Augmentation or diminution of any of the Generall sorts or quantitys of cloth usually wrote for, you cant be too particular in such notices, nor in the Acco^t of Goods spoilt by ill Package & how to remedy it in future, or one sort sent for another or not answering the particulars in Invoice as is mentioned in yo^r. Letter by the Marlbrô & elsewhere.

We may supply ourselves with Wine if good & cheap from Pontichery.

If you can supply yo^r selves with Wine good & Cheap by the French do so but be good Husbands for us and let us know what you buy & at what rate to prevent our sending out from hence since you complain of the Florence Wine sent you.

19. Wee have great complaints in our Bay Letters of about Two hundred Bales of Woollen Goods brought thither from the Coast & Suratt That while it remains at Hugley undisposed of they cant vend theirs That the Importers sell it much cheaper than the merchants buy ours & that in consequence the price of ours must fall. They further add That it is not likely, the cheapness will enlarge the consumption because the better sort of People who only use our Broad Cloth will dispise it when it is everybodys Mony, and by being a meer Drugg will make it as despicable as Flint Ware which formerly went of to good advantage, but now will not fetch Prime Cost. To this [. . .] wee write them that what relates to Suratt, wee cant help, but [. . .] to the Coast, Wee shall, and wee hereby do desire you to use yo^r utmost endeavours to prevent any disposed of by you from being sent down into the Bay, the reason is undeniable. They sell ours at near double the proffitt you do. The people who buy of you in such case will find their acco^t in it at the Bay markt, but then the necessary consequence will be our Woollen Goods sent thither must fall and that will be a dead loss to us. Nor can wee if they tell us right have any reasonable expectation that the cheapness will encrease the Vend for if in fact it would, Wee should choose to get the less proffitt [if] thereby the use of our Woollen Goods would obtain in proportion but if not the contrary is to be observed, however yo^r observation is just as to the misconduct of our people at Bombay. It is always best to sell goods for what they will yield rather than let them lye and spoil. Their want of foresight in clearing their Warehouses to embracing an offer made them, which thō a good proffitt yet not being answerable to the markt in a preceding Year, and the mismannagem^t of our people in Persia & the troubles occasioned thereby, these things put us and you at the Coast & in the Bay into the difficultys wee now labour under with respect to our Woollen Manufactures. The use wee would make of all is dispose of what you have yearly as well & as soon as you can, prevent any Damageing on your hands if possible (since the nature of the COUNTRY Subjects is thereto) or being carryed into the Bay on any pretence on private acco^t.

20. We shall send you the Two hundred Tons of Lead desired, but in regard Wee send but Twenty Tons to the Bay & Four Tons of Sheet & one of Mild Lead, We tell them if they can vend more, they should write to you for supplys advising the Price & if you can dispose of yours or at as good or better prices you should furnish them and do you comply accordingly. If what sent lyes on yo^r hand put them in mind of this Parag^h. Wee have prest our people [much] to spirit up the Merchants & Broker to try new methods for enlarging the Vend of our Woollen manufactures especially towards Pattana, and the northern Provinces to clear the Warehouses annually to make room for new supplys & have justly complaind of the late supine mannagem^t. there and Suffering their Brokers influence & power in and over our affairs. Wee have reason to hope our now Presid^t. will [let] us see the benefit of the late change there, and make the [Presid^t.] and all others sensible that therein and in the Investments & [all] other branches of our affaires committed to his and the [Councils] care, he is equall to the trust in understanding fidelity, zeal & application. Wee have some instances already.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS IN INDIA OF GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

21. In our Letter by the Kent Wee wrote you particularly under this Head & herewith send you Duplicate of the List of Goods to be Provided on the Coast, our Committee have not thought fitt to make any alteration therein.

22. By the Goods receiv^d from Ingeram Wee have a hopefull prospect that place may be made beneficiall. If due care be taken the Goods ~~be~~ true Packd, sorted of equall lengths, breadths & prices in each Bale, and all kept up to their

Complaints from ye. [. . .] bales woollen [. . .] there from ye. coast wch. building ye. sale of [. . .] Wth, the reasons.

[there]fore to prevent any disposed of by us from being sent thither.

The misconduct of Bombay condemn^d. therefore it is recommended to us to dispose of wt. we receive yearly as & as well as we can, preventing damageing and going down to the Bay.

The 200 Tons of Lead wrote for will be sent, & in regard there goes but little to ye. Bay, if they can sell more, we are to send it them, & to advise with them thereupon. The People in ye. Bay prest to enlarge ye. vend of woollen manufactures, and to suppress the Brokers power over affairs.

No alteration made in ye. List of goods to be provided ^{at} Kent.

The goods received from Ingeram give a hopefull

prospect of that place if due care be taken.

wherefore that place to be nourished, with some directions of Compas. in order thereto.

erchts, are kept to agreem^{ts} it matters not. [. . .] by signing Contracts [or otherwise].

Concerning the Compas. loosing by the rise and fall of Batta in Bengal wherefore tis recommended to them to procure a Mint, and us to assist them therein by means of the present or any other favourable conjuncture.

List of remain^s in the God^{ns}. approv^d and to be continued with some directions for ye. more perfectly drawing the same.

a contract with ye. Mercht^s. not being entered after consulta. [the] Error in ye. Sec^y. to be corrected in future.

goodness of make, therefore wee would recommend to you the nourishing that place constantly & to take off whatever can be provided there, take care that the Persons whether M^r. Fawcet or whoever are or shall be sent thither be frugall in their Expences & limited to a certain charge if (or as often as) you see fitt Wee find you have been sometimes disappointed as to the getting goods from thence early, a little foresight^a now there is Peace and no danger in sending down our Vessells will bring that into an orderly method, and when the People are once well settled in their business, you may prevail with them to contract for delivering their Goods earlyer than Christmas, tho you happen not always to have a large surplus Stock beforehand, especially if the contracts be made early in the Year as wee told you in our Letter by the Hannover &c., to which this before us is an answer, however as to that you sometimes have Mony beforehand, when any of our Ships dont return the next season after their arrivall, or may be supply'd when you are sure of other ships importing with you from hence in their proper seasons.

23. Wee observe what you write Parag^h. 60 ¶ London touching the merchants making their agreements for Goods but not signing Contracts because they have no Mony advanc'd, that the Entry of the bargain enter'd in Consultation with their assent is equall to a Lead Contract. It is the thing wee want & not the form, and since as you say you can as much oblige the performance by that Entry, Wee shall not object to anything further hoping our Government will not be again so weak as you say they must be or worse if they dont enforce compliance.

24. We can add nothing new to what have formerly wrote about the Currency of our Madrass Rupees in, the Bay. There is a Secrett in the raising & falling of the Batta in Bengal Siccas and our Rupees, wee have of late years in every Letter to the Bay complain'd of our loss thereby, and do now tell them as wee often have that it is our Interest, and we expect therefore it shall be their endeavour to take effectuall care to procure us a Mint or the liberty of coynage in theirs, and if wee cant obtain a Mint at Fort William then to get one at Hugley. If by any delay the present should not be deliverd, or our People are not gone back from Court, or if any other favourable conjuncture offers do you joyn your endeavours with theirs to get the grant at one place or the other. Wee need not tell you the advantage of it, and if a half ¶ Cent tho little on the hundred Rupees rises to a great sume on our yearly Investments there, how much then must it be if as now it is made Five or Six ¶ Cent reall difference between our Madrass Rupees & their Sicca's by the difference of Batta, and yet by what appears [when] Mint is open at Muxadavad and to be sure the Merchants do coyn or else there could not be such continuall plenty of Sicca's [there].

25. By the London & Recovery you sent us a List of Remains then in your Godowns continue the like by every Shipping it is often a good guidance to us when Wee take into consideration what Goods to put up at our respective sales, but let those Lists [be] always in words at length, as well as figures in the manner Wee send you Lists of Goods to be provided, let us have the Prices of each annexed, and with the account of Remains, send us a [copy of it] as near as you can what more Goods you expect and when for [the] remaining Tonnage on yo^r. hands, or when the List is sent [of the] last ship, then let the computation reach to the Goods you [desire] to send by the next in October following especially if there is [. . .] contract in being for the Provision of them.

26. In the Consultation of the 3^d. Novem^r. mention is ma[de of] your agreement with the merchants for Five hundred Bales [and] Goods to be provided, and what more they could get ready [for the] last ship in February as ¶ List enterd after that Consultation: But wee can find no such Entry made, this wee take to be your Secretarys fault, let him know wee expect he be more carefull.

¹ A variety of rugges, coined in the Company's territories in Bengal and current till 1836 A.D. p. 824, *Hobson-Jobson*.

27. The Tanjore cloth & Recovery is not yet sold excepting only some Damaged Pieces taken out of the Bales, so that wee cant yet come to any certainty how it will take, but it appears to be a harsh sort of Goods, and that the cotton is so, so that it doth not feel kindly in the hand, nor in Judgment answer to the goodness of the Longcloth w. thô Invoiced something dearer the Cloth is well made and struck were it not for the harshness of it.

The Tanjore cloth & Recovery well made but too harsh and dear not equal to ye. Long cloth W.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERALL, AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

28. What relates to this Head especially as to the later branch of it you will see our minds in the Letter by the Kent. Wee take notice of what mentiond in yo^r. consultations relating to the Subah Saddatulla Cauns demanding the Nauvajee Collector of Zulphaker Cauns Revenues in the Carnatta Countrey, who had taken shelter at Madrass, and do approve the whole of that managem^t. It is our Interest that you should keep fair weather with the Moors Governm^t. and all others about you, and wee are well pleased to find you do so a little good Conduct, and a handsom way of expressing your readiness to comply with their reasonable demands will go a great way to preserve their friendship, which wee would have always done, besides it will give them an Opinion of yo^r. prudent management, however you did well in letting the Nauvajee know the Contents of the Subahs Perwana & thereby keeping a friendship with him too, for who knows what Revolutions may be among the great men. What you have done with relation to the demand of the three Villages made by this Subah as enterd in your Consultation of the 2^d. of May & elsewhere and in the 37th. Parag^h. of the Marlbrô's Letter [175th.] and 84th. ¶ London, also touching the demand by his Chubdars¹ of Golull Chund an Inhabitant of Madrass as enterd the 25th. May is entirely to our Satisfaction. Wee find also you paid Sunca Rama One hundred & fifty Pagodos which he had given the Subahs Creature Todor Mull Jee as enterd in the Consultation of the 4th. January, But you have omitted to mention what the present was, which the Consultation of the 20th. Nov^r. orderd to be forthwith dispatcht to Teeram at Arcot, this ought to have been also exprest. Wee must take notice this was while the Presid^t. was down at St. Davids which is no commendation of the Provisiionall Chiefs care in his absence.

Our Managem^t. in deliverg. up Nauvajee to ye. Nabob entirely approv'd and

Recommend always to keep fair ye. country Gov^rs. about us.

[. . .] ye. Nabob's [. . .] Villages & of [. . .] Satisfactory.

[. . .] in ye. provioll. [chiefs] management.

29. Wee observe your reason for paying Sr. Andrew Hebert Pag^{os}. Nine hundred twenty Seven as the same is enterd in your Consultation of the 17th. Aprill, which wee would understand to satisfy him not only for his expences on acco^t. of Serop Singes Embassadors in maintaining them at Ponticherry & the Presents made them but likewise an acknowledgm^t. for his own trouble because it is a great Sume, and if the presents were a considerable part of the returns to him would be in proportion besides it is very likely he would take care that himself or his Employers should find the Account in the negotiation one way or other. Wee are the more inclin'd to be of this Opinion because they showd no Generosity [at] all to you or us in the affair of Mr. Raworth after he was gotten under their protection. However you did much better in delivering up to the Danes Mr. Wolf Raven their Chief of Bengall who had taken shelter at Madrass at the desire of the Governo^r. & Councill of Trincombar, they having just demands upon him on Account of his mismanagements in their Comp^a. affairs in the Bay Whenever a fair Opportunity presents Wee shall let the French Company know our Sentiments of the Conduct of their People at Ponticherry.

How the paym^t. of Pags. 927 to Sr. Andrew Hebert ought to be understood.

The Delivery of Wolf Raven to Danes approv'd.

30. In your 89th. Parag^h. ¶ London you say you wish you could acquaint us the promises made by the Dep^{ty}. Governor & Councill to recover a large Sume due from severall Persons to the Renters were comply'd with & that you have wrote about that and other matters to no purpose. Wee have a Letter from

¹ Means 'a stick-bearer,' as they carry a staff overlaid with silver before Indian nobles. p. 204, Hobson-Jobson.

Mr. Farmer to us Dated the 18th. January 1711² and another the 30th. of the same Tenour wherein he writes these [words].

Two Letters of Mr. Farmers referred to relating to the Recovery of mony due from severall persons to ye. Renters.

"I must acquaint yo^r. Hon^{rs}. that I have been very inst[umental] towards recovering some Mony of the Renters suffic[ient to] repay the Company the whole charge of that war [. . .] communicated this to Govern^r. Harrison & sent him [copies of] severall examinations taken by me under my own hand to which he still has by him, after the Europe Ships are disp[atcht] and Mr. Raworth gone for France, I believe he will in [. . .] a strict scrutiny about the same, These very Renters owing the Countrey Governm^t. Mony which Mr. Robert permitted them to escape the Companys bounds was the sole occasion of that Warr with Serrop Sing & as the Renters Debt to him is included in the Mony paid on making the Peace, So certainly the Renters ought justly to pay the Company said Mony, had I not been removed by Mr. Raworth, or was J now at the head of affairs at Fort S^t. Davids J would be the Comp^{ns}. Bond Slave if I did not recover the whole charge of the Warr, I know Gentⁿ. I could assuredly do it with a great deal of ease if I had a power."

he being upon ye. place to examine him about & let [them] know ye. result

These two Accounts are very different, Wee send you both to hear your answer, it is very strange if M^r. Farmer should be so possitive without some grounds as he is on the place you will examine him upon it, & let us know the result as particular as you can. Wee chose to write his very words that he might not pretend an abstract of them was different from what he intended by his Letter.

The Bay reprimanded for not entering into measures wth. us for settling our private Trade there according to ye. libertys given us by ye. Company.

31. Wee have considered yo^r. 39th. & 40th. Parag^{hs}. ¶ Marlbrô relating to the Countrey Trade into the Bay, and have wrote the needfull thereupon by the Derby, wherein wee have exprest our resentments for their not fairly stating the case to you & telling you what objections they had that they might have had yo^r. reply, They were very ample in the answer to us about the charge of Ten ¶ Cent for Freight and about their having no occasion for silver in their Countrey Trade & also why the Bouverie was not sooner sent up to the Fort, but as to the Parag^h. for the Merchants trading to the Bay from Madrass, Wee cant find they sent you one word of it, this Wee now find fault with, and tell they ought to have sent it & therewith the methods they proposed for preventing any ill consequences by our said intended liberty to our Madrass Traders and try'd to have settled all the necessary Preliminaries for the beginning that Trade, or at least by their Proposall and yo^r. Answers in case you and they could not agree in opinion, wee should be the better able to discern what Judgment to make on the whole. Wherefore as you will see by the Copy of that Parag^h. inclosed, wee now Write, That you and all the Traders at Madrass shall have our liberty to Trade with all freedom at Fort William, equall with our Presid^t. & Council, & shall be allowd to Trade, at Hugley with the same freedom any of them do. Wee also direct them to give Dusticks according to our order of the 2^d. March 170² and to, prevent their pretence of our Madrass Inhabitants raising Goods at the Aurungs (whereon they lay a mighty stress of the ill consequences it may be to us if your ffactors go thither, for say they thô you dont buy the same Goods as are sent to England yet you have others of the like sorts but courser, and if the course rise the ffine will too). Wee added wee will extend our liberty to you no further than Hugley till wee hear the effects of this which wee require them to take notice of & comply with all. Wee now add to you That you choose out such Persons to Trade for you as are Men of Prudence, Sobriety and discretion That may not by any of their actions give a handle to our peoples in the Bay to complain of their mismannagem^t. in any kind. Wee have taken particular notice that the Moors & Armenians can drive the Trade to Madrass from the Bay to advantage while the English who formerly found the benefit do now loose by it which wee tell them appears to us to be a flat contradict to that part of their Assertion. That when you send Consigment to them

Traders have equall Liberty of Trade of Ft. Wm. & Hugly wth. ye. Presid^t. & Council there, as ¶ Para. of ye. comp^{ns}. Letter to ym.

We to employ prudent men in that Trade.

¹ Factories for the purchase of piece-goods, p. 40, *Hobson-Jobson*.

they do better for you than you could do for yourself & as well as anybody else can.

The arguments of ye. Bay agast. us flatly contradicted.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING OUR FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

32. Wee shall now add to what wrote under this Head by the [Hannover] as follows viz^t That We have considerd yo^r. 41st Parag^h. by the Manchester and the Persons more immediately concerned owning their [error] and promising never to consent again to anything of the [like] Nature or to be drawn into such unprofitable Schemes & for w^{ch} Wee find there appears a better mannagement in our affairs: Wee will for this time forgive them and not insist on what [wee] wrote Parag^h. 109 ¶ Hannover &c^s ships, But wee add [wee] do expect That you & your Successors take due notice of it [. . .] That wee lay down this standing Rule in all time to [come] That whosoever at Fort S^t. George or yo^r. subordinate ffactorys shall lay out any of the Companys Mony in building or repairing or otherwise without leave first obtained from the Presid^t. & Council of Fort S^t. George for the time being shall make such Mony good again to the Company, or if they have a generall leave shall before they set about such bu[i]ldings, repairs or Disbursements give in an Estimate of what the whole may amount unto & have that Estimate approv'd of. Do you by the first opportunity you have give notice of this to all under your direction, But for as much as it may so happen that by some unforeseen accident a building may fall down, or be in such danger in a Subordinate Factory that it may be absolutely necessary forthwith to repair or rebuild it, and there cant be time to send to you for orders, in that case and that only, Wee will dispence with this order, but no further than the unavoidable necessity fully appears to your satisfaction, and so as the expence is not on that acco^t. more than needs must, and as to the West Coast lay the Rule down to them in the Generall as above with such further Concessions as you Judge reasonable to answer our main design herein & not otherwise.

The Persons concerned in the Building Egmore, remitted their error.

A Standing Order that if any persons lay out the Comp^s. mony in Building without leave of the President & Council, they shall make it good.

Except only in cases of absolute necessity at subordinate Factorys where they cant stay for orders.

33. Wee observe by your 46th. Parag^h. ¶ Marlbrô the three Months measuring Duty was lost by Govern^r. Frasers neglect to appoint Persons to collect it during the contest between the ffarmers bidding for a new grant. Wee perswade ourselves wee shall have no repetition of the like carelessness now. Wee might add some other Observations touching our Revenues from the Letters before us, but having wrote so fully last year on this Head for their Punctuall Collection & payment for the early settling the Rent Rolls & letting no Debts stand out unnecessarily, which if minded will prevent some remarks wee might make & among others that Mr. Smart did not till the 27th. April 1713 pay in a small Ballance standing out due on Mr. Addison's account, and therefore wee shall not further swell this Letter on that account only adding, That wee would have our accomptant more carefull in the abstracts of the Customs & Revenues he sends in the Packetts, for they are not all as they should be, That by the London was right & as wee would have it, That by the Marlbrô not so particular, and the Lists of the Packett mention them for a longer time than they are in the body of our abstracts which is a fault, The Secretary must take care to mend & must also remember to put down the Sums paid [. . .] for Dutys w^{ch}. was omitted in the Consultation of the 9th. November concerning the Town Broker and to what time the Farmers pay in their Dutys, and if in part to say what remains, the same for all the collectors of our Revenues and not leave the whole in the dark by saying only such or such pay in so many Pag^{as}. [on] acco^t. This would be a great ease to you in the Event & in case of paying short would be a remembrancer to call in for the arrears & so prevent bad Debts, and would also settle acco^{ts}. to a time certain, and thereby prevent the trouble of retrospects if it was always done as in the Consultation of the 9th. July where after the Entry is made of what the Sea Customer pays in it is added what the Ballance of his account is, and the same is also elsewhere.

[. . .] Neglect of Mr. Fraser's relating to the measuring [Farm] touch'd upon.

[. . .] remarks for [. . .] & payment of [. . .].

some faults w^{ch}. ye. Sec^y. is to take care to mend.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS & WRITERS, OFFICERS &
SOULDIERIERS & THEIR ACCOMPTS.

Mr. Hastings made D. Govr. Ft. St. David & in case of ye. Presid^{ts}. death or coming home to succeed him, & then Mr. Benyon to go to Ft. St. David; Mr. Frederick to be second at Ft. St. Geo:

Mr. Legg made 8th of Council, & whenever ye Council are less than 7, to be filld up with ye most deserving, whether next in Seniority or not.

The persons at Subordinate Factorys not to be forgotten.

Messrs. Benyon & Warre indem- nified for what they have or shall pay into cash Mr. Rawth's for satisfacn. of his debts to ye. Comp^a.

Mr. Benyon's desire to take P^{as}. 2836-16—of Mr. Raworth's mony to satisfy a debt due to Mr. Addison's estate cant be complyd. wth.

Mr. Martin pays nto ye. Comp^{as}. Treasury in England £ 500 towards Dyamonds wch. if is paid here, ye. [. . .] to be returnd him in England.

Mr. Farmer may be employd in the service in such station as he may be thot.

34. Since the departure of the Kent wee have considered of [the] Settlement of our Council & have for the present determined That in case of the Death of our Presid^t Mr. Harrison which God forbid, or if his indisposition should necessitate his return [to] England That Mr. Hastings succeeds him & in the meantime That Mr. Hastings go down to Fort St. Davids & be Dep^y. Govern^r there & Mr. Frederick return to his place of Accompt^t and second of Fort St. George, and if Mr. Hastings do succeed^t to the Presidency that Mr. Bernard Benyon be Dep^y. Govern^r of Fort St. Davids till further order. Wee also appoint Mr. [Jo . . .] to be Eighth of yo^r. Council which as your Letters intimate now reduced to seaven, and if any time yo^r. Council should [require more] than seven Wee leave it to the Presid^t & Council to put in [such] others of our Covenant Servants to make them up seaven, [not] only those at Fort St. George, but also those at St. Davids [. . .] Vizagapatam, as they shall in their Consciencs think most [. . .] Capable and meritorious, whether they are next in seniority or not Because wee would not have the Council be less than seven It hath been an usuall practice at Madrass to forgett all our Servants at the Subordinate Factorys when a vacancy in Council wanted to be filled up, which is no way equitable, For wee always send our servants to Madrass and from thence they are distributed elsewhere, yet they are equally in our service & ought to have equall right to preferment, if they merit it, and wee expect they shall for the future and therefore do intirely approve of your promise to the Three Youths sent down to Fort St. Davids that they shall return to you in three years if they do well as is exprest Paragh^b. 53 ¶ Marlbrô.

35. Wee told you by the Kent that Mr. Raworth Dy'd in France. There is a dispute in Doctors Commons who shall Administer. Mr. Chitty hath attempted it, because he is a Bond Creditor. Wee have put in our claim, which wee are advised is equall by his Bond & Covenants to us. It is not yet determin'd and wee apprehend will not till the departure of this Shipping. Wee tell you this on acco^t of Mess^{rs}. Benyons and Warre's Letter to us of the 8th. of February wherein they advise what yet remaines of Mr. Raworths effects in their hands, That they have paid in on his account & by his order for silver Rupees & Goods taken out of ye Warehouse while under his charge Pag^{as}. Fifty five thousand ninety Seven fourteen fanams four Cash, and Mr. Benyon desires to have liberty to take Pag^{as}. Two thousand eight hundred thirty Six, sixteen fanams, Six Cash out of the said remains to answer a Debt owing to the late President Addisons Estate. Wee are sorry for the misfortune but cant help him for the reasons aforesaid among others. however Wee do and will Indemnifye Mr. Benyon and Mr. Warre for what they have already paid into our Cash as aforesaid, and if they will pay the Ballance yet in their hands into our Cash there to ly till it be determind who is to receive it Wee will Indemnifye them for so doing. Some Paragh^b in the Letter relating to Mr. Raworth dont now require an answer he being Dead, as to his Debt to us wee should be glad to hear it was recovered the sooner the better. Wee ought not to loose any of it.

36. Wee note what you wish about Mr. Martin, he has lately desired his Bulse of Dyamonds which Wee granted on his paying Five Hundred Pounds into our Treasury towards his Debt or if they be paid in India then he is to have it returned with interest.

37. Wee have considered yo^r. 133^d. Paragh^b ¶ London & 51^a. ¶ Malbrô relating to Mr. Farmer together with yo^r. Consultation of the 15th. Decem^r. his Letters to us of the 18th. January & another in much the same words of the 30th. D^o. and have

also received our 104th. Parag^h. ¶ Hannover relating to him & on the whole since you incline in his favour & say he may be usefull in other branches of our affaires, Wee leave it to you to put him into such station where you think he may be most serviceable to us anywhere but at Fort S^t. Davids & advise the Result.

most usefull
anywhere but at
Ft. St. David.

38. Wee have a Letter from M^r. Philip Baker dated the 12th. Septem^r. complaining of the severe usage he met with from M^r. Raworth but none since, and therefore suppose your reinstating him as your 130th. Parag^h. ¶ London mentions you intended, and the Fort S^t. Davids Consultation shows you did, has eased his Complaints. Wee approve of your reasons for restoring him, as wee likewise do of your reasons for suspending M^r. Mathew Weld mentioned Parag^h. 131. and would have you state the acco^t. equitably and justly and take care he makes good the Ballance, for wee must never again suffer the like fraud, and do expect from you that you use yo^r. utmost endeavours to prevent any Persons whatsoever embezzling our Cash under their care.

Mr. Bakers
restoration &
Mr. Welds
suspension
approvd. The
Latter's acco^t.
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make good ye.
ballce.

39. Wee have had very earnest & repeated applications made us, and from Gent^l. wee would willingly oblige in behalf of M^r. Richard Harrison, they have urged many things in his behalf as that he did come over to Presid^t. Harrison on his first entring the Bounds at Fort S^t. Davids, and that he has had a very fair character of being a peacable man, That if wee would not restore him at least to let him stay in India a year longer on his own private concerns. Wee have told them Wee are sorry for him, But must never endure the thou[sand] such Rebellious attempts, and if he were here he ought to be tryed for his Life, That the least lenity towards him will harden others to attempt the like Villany in hopes of [. . .] and therefore Wee have Resolved and do hereby direct [that] you send him home by the first Shipping. You did very well to suspend him, but were really to blame for not Sending him home as well as you did Patrick Johnston who endeavoured to Justifye himself, as acting by his Superiour Officers orders, But when wee came to show his Father S^r. Patrick a very worthy Gent^l. the Affidavitts & Others accounts of his insolence, he could not say a word for him thô the sonne denyed all with a large share of Assurance but the Father being asked to be Security for his appearing he has since taken care wee shall not know where to find him.

Mr. Richard
Harrison, turned
out of ye.
service & orderd
to be sent home.

40. M^r. Styleman has also prest us for Styleman Gostlyn to pity him as being so young & restore him, which wee have absolutely refused and do require he be discharged our service for wee find by the copy of his Dyary you sent us That he was actually engaged with M^r. Raworth in that Revolt. If there were any others active therein be they who they will make them feel the effects of our displeasure and expell them our service thô you have not mentioned them in the Generall Letters.

Styleman
Gostlin turn'd
out of ye.
service.
&
Any others
concerned in the
revolt to share
the same Fate.

41. On considering yo^r. 54th. Parag^h. ¶ Malbrô wee are content for the reasons therein containd, That you restore M^r. Thomas Gray if he continues to answer the Character you there give of him.

Thomas Gray's
restoration
allowd of.

42. Upon application made to us in behalf of M^r. Edward Croke and for that his ffather served the Company severall years Wee recommend him to you to be encouraged as he shall be found to deserve.

Edward Croke
recommended as
he deserves.

43. Wee have considered yo^r. 120th. Parag^h. ¶ London about John Turton & since you give him so great a Charactor for his unusuall progress in the Persian Language & for that wee hope he will continue that study till he is master of the writing it as well as speaking wee do to encourage him give him One years time in his standing as a present Reward.

John Turton
given a year in
his standing.

44. Wee have for some particular reasons entertain'd George Drake Writer for only Three Years from the 10th. of November last as you will see by his Covenants, he goes on the Dartmouth by way of China and in regard Charles Michell, whom wee entertain'd last year serv'd us for sometime in our Accomptants Office, and is now very near of Age, Wee have consented that he shall commence Factor at Three Years from his arrivall. Wee also now send to you Joshua Draper, who

George Drake,
Charles Michell,
& Joshua Draper,
writers for
[accoomptts.] &
Factors for 5
[. . .]

has been in our accomptants Office, hath made a great proficiency in acco^{ts} and writes an extraordinary hand for those reasons Wee have promised him that he shall commence Factor Three Years after his arrivall but then all Three of them are to serve us Factors for Five years before they are made Jun^r. Merch^{ts}. There goes by this Shipping Henry Davy and Thomas Coales whom wee have entertain'd Writers on the usuall Termes. Since you pay the Sallarys but twice a year, let the sallary Warrant be enter'd at length in the Consultation.

Henry Davy & Thos. Coales writers on ye. usuall terms.

The Compa. not being able to meet wth. persons fit to succeed Mr. Collet recommend it to us to provide if we can.

Mr. White recommendd. & not to be postponed if his good charact^r. continues. Seniority not to take place without merit.

Lists of covenanted Servts. at Subordinate Factorys not rightly drawn, to be amended for ye. future.

Lists of Marriages, Births &c. to be certified by the Ministers to be truly drawn from the Register.

Relating to Exactness in Essayng.

Oadham entertain'd at 80 [⁄] an^m. [also] to have his stand^r [. . .]

45. Wee have entertained severall factors and Writers for Bencoolen, one of which Mr. Stephen Newcome wee have appointed Youngest of Councill there, but wee cant yet meet with persons of so much Conduct and experience as Qualifys them to succeed Mr. Collet. If you should find any fitt to undertake that place or to be in the interim Chief of Councill at Bentall, or Second or Third at Bencoolen, entertain them provisionally till our or yo^r. further order, for wee principally depend on your care & constant Supervising that settlement and observe you have sent Captⁿ. Wathen of whose abilitys you give a good character Youngest of Councill. Touching Cap^t. Phrips appointed Superintendency & Baichons reinstatem^t. Wee need say nothing. Wee hear a very good charactor of Henry White who was a relation of Captⁿ. Warners in y^e. Westmorland that he is skilled in accompts and hath behaved himself [to] satisfaction, if this be so & he continues to merit his charactor wee would not have him postpone in his rising if fitt for the post due by succession. Our aim is to have good Men equall to their stations, & would have Seniority in such cases take place but not otherwise.

46. Wee have rec^d. by the Packetts List of our Covenant Servants at Madrass, Fort St^c. Davids & Vizagapatam. That at Fort St^c. [George . . .] is rightly and well drawn out, But wee find some of them [have] no particular Employments mentiond to be Assigned them, [which] makes us fear they are refractory & will not take paines or [are] incapable. Wee have told you formerly our orders touching [. . .] & remind you of it again, Wee must not have any to fill up [the] List & do nothing worth their victuals & sallary. Wee don't [. . .] find by the List, how or under whom the Young men are employ'd at yo^r. two subordinate Factorys. Give Orders that this be done in all future Lists.

47. Wee did by the London receive the Lists of Marriages, Births & Christenings Signed by the Rev^d. Mr. Lewes, continue the like Yearly by double conveyances, but give directions That a proper Certificate be put underneath the List and signed by the Minister for the time being & if you have two there let both sign it, importing that he or they have examin'd the Register and find the List truly drawn in every article. This will make it more authentick if necessary to have it at any time produced in our Courts of Law or equity here, and wee have often had Persons apply to us to search the said Lists for their better information, and if they appear so well attested are the more likely to gain a generall consent in any cases.

48. Wee have considered the Parag^h. 56 [⁄] Marlbrô about an Essay Master & thought it incumbent on us to take the best care wee could to procure an able artist, Because wee are very Sensible that the Smallest matter in difference touching Gold and Silver as to the fineness or courseness of either rises high in the annuall amount of yo^r. Coynage, That yo^r. Mint Braminees are very expert in that Science, & are very likely to impose on the English if they find they are not compleatly skilld in making Essays to the utmost exactness, That half a penny weight in the difference of Essayng Silver, or half or a quarter of a Carratt in Gold thô in itself insignificant as to a single Ounce or Pound, yet in the great Sum^s yearly Coynd that difference amounts to a large Sum^e of Mony, and this the Mint Braminees get the advantage of imperceptibly as to us, if our Essay Master who is to be our Check on them is not skilfull enô to take the Exactest Essays. Wee have therefore entertaind Mr. Catesby Oadham to be Essay Master to supply the room of Mr. Young Dec^d. he comes recommended to us for an excellent artist, he stood Candidate for Essay Master at the Tower, and as wee hear Interest not meritt disappointed him, Wee have agreed with him to give him

Eighty Pounds a Year Sallary as Mr. Cooke had as Essay master & Elected him also a Factor, that he may take his standing in the mercantile Service, he will bring with him aqua fortis & other necessarys proper for his employm^t and at Mr. Mauberts Friends desire have also agreed that he shall commence ffactor on receipt of these for the like reason, but to continue in his place of Essay Master, and he is to claim no Sallary for [being] a Factor, and if he should quit his Essaying must have only Factors Sallary.

49. Wee come now to consider the State of your Military[an...] and as to them, wrote last year some generall directions, wee find by the Fort St. Davids Consultations kept first by Mr. Daven[port] and afterwards by the Presid^t That Old Captⁿ Hugonin approved himself Resolutely honest, notwithstanding the hardships he endurd for his firm fidelity to us, for which reason wee [said] let him know wee are pleased therewith, & would have you give him your countenance on all occasions on y^e supposition he continues the same man, as wee cant doubt but he will. Wee find likewise That the other Gent^l Gunner Hugonin signalizd himself on severall occasions during that dangerous & mischievous Revolt, for which reasons wee recommend him to yo^r favour & on the like Supposition, That he be advanced according to his Capacity as Occasion offers. Wee put in these Provisoos Because Wee had a very great character of Captⁿ Roach[']s Military conduct & prowess in the St. Davids Warr from Madrass & St. Davids too, and wee being willing to give all due encouragement to him for what past & to others if occasion should present to do [the] like. Wee had also a generall good character at large of the other Officers wherupon, Wee give you liberty to reward them.

Captⁿ Hugonin & Gun^r. Hugonin recommended to favour and Encouragm^t. for their fidelity & good services.

50. Wee find now by the 90th. Parag^h. of the Londons Letter those commendations were too liberally bestow'd but what [. . .] particularly concerns us is That wee had by the same ship sent a Complaint, Entituled, Abuses committed by the Military Officers at Fort St. Davids, importing Viz^t That the Mony lent [the souldiers] is at Six and Eight $\frac{2}{3}$ Cent $\frac{2}{3}$ Month, w^{ch}. causes them to [run] for Debt, this costs the Company three or four Pagodos to [. . .] for them & whether caught or not the Captain takes the[ir names] & orders the Clerke to keep their names on the Roll two or three Months after they are gone & cheats the company by telling [the] Paymaster they ow'd the Govern^r. mony he lent them, That [for] the Mony lent the Souldiers the Captain gets above Ten Pag^a. a month, taking a Pagodo at the Pay table for Eighteen fanams lent it may be three or four days before, and Pagodos changing for Nineteen fanams & nineteen & a half most commonly he gets a fanam & half out of that when formerly the Souldiers used to take up what Mony allowd them at half a fanam profit to the Chittee or Shroff the Pay Master orderd to lend them Eighteen fanams, That the old Officers have been broken to make new ones & often breaking them to make more That in one Company there have been Thirty two Officers Viz^t One Captain, three Ensigns, nine Sargeants & nineteen Corporalls when the Company names & all made up but one hundred fifty eight which was an Officer to every five Souldiers, That Mallabar fellows have been enterd & Portugueez names given them, by which means the Captain & black fellow between them get a Pagodo & seaven fanams for a fellow that may be hired at nine fanams a month and a hundred of them at the same rate, and by this means these very fellows who are but Cooleys are wanted to plow the Ground as they used to do before the Captains used these tricks, and a great many more brought up w^{ch}. were never used before Captain Roaches coming thither. Wee choose to give it you in near the very words wee recd it, th^o they run rough that you may see how ill it looks, and wee earnestly recommend to you to cause an impartiall inquiry into the facts and if true to punish the Offenders according to their demerits. But th^o the proofs should fall short by reason of the changes there since, take effectual care to prevent the like or any other Impositions on us or the poor Souldiers for the future. Wee could lay down the Rules for curing it but know it is needless for the bare stating the fact points out the remedy. If Captain Roach or any other Officer

Touching severell abuses committed by ye Military Officers upon the Souldiers &c^a.

Capt. Roach complain'd of as faulty.

due enquiry to be made into the Facts, the Offenders to be punished by discharge, and a full state of y^e case to be sent home.

Enquiry also to be made, there is nothing of this kind be practic'd at Fort St. George.

The Sergeants usuall pay allow'd of, & the addition of Ensigns approv'd.

Severall Directions for drawing the Muster Rolls of y^r. Military and Gunroom Crew, w^{ch}. are to be sign'd by the Chief Commanding Officers.

The Comp^y. cant yet obtain a power to try for life and death but are in hopes thereof.

Marcus Moses & Aaron Francks may reside at Fort St. George as Free Merch^{ts}. upon sign^g. Covenants, &c^s.

Mess^{rs}. Fleetwood & Nicks come out free Merch^{ts}. & be^{ing} minors are to sign Coven^{ts}. when they come of age, as must also all other trading people permitted to live under our Governm^t.

Two Malabar Christians recommended to be masters of

has introduced or practic'd this method, wee can never think him or them fitt to be continued an hour in our Pay, therefore discharge him or them. Be strict in yo^r examinations & particular in giving us the Result, Enquire also as strictly whether there is nothing of this kind practic'd at Madrass, and if there be put a full stop to it. No Wonder if our charge swelld when every such Black fellow costs us near a Pagodo a month more than need & Wee have found a great many of those or Portugueez constantly in our Muster Rolls, no wonder if the Souldiers desert, with such usage. Wee hinted something of this kind to you last Year, Parag^h. 132 & 143 and hope neither will be either in vain or done by halves.

51. For the reasons mentiond in your 127th. Parag^h ¶ London & 52^d. ¶ Marlbrô, Wee consent that the Sargeants should have the pay you plead for as formerly, and to the addition of Ensigns made out of the most deserving Sargeants, since you think both absolutely necessary but would recommend to you to retrench our charge in the Military as much as conveniently you can & see there are no false musters of any kind.

52. Wee have receivd the Lists of the Souldiers ¶ London & Marlbrô the first is Signed John Cotterell if he is Muster Master by you appointed it is well if the Clerk Wee fear he must do as his Superior Officers directs, Wee think it best the respective Chief commanding Officer sign each hereafter, let an abstract be enterd at the bottom of each mentioning the number of the Severall Officers Superiour and Inferiour at so much pay each a month & the number of the Severall Souldiers at their different pays and carry the amount of each article to an outward Column, and cast up the whole that it may appear what each company stands in, this will be but seaven or eight Lines and is easily done, and then the proper Officer to sign the whole. Wee have the List of the Gunroom Crew by one Ship it is Signed Hugonin, but the other no body signs [in] but both wrote very Scrawlingly, let them be done better & the abstract of the severall distinct pays cast up in like manner & the whole signd by the Gunner or other proper Officer, this is also soon done, and will give us at one view the Monthly charge of the whole [. . .] Let each List or Muster Roll be dated the day when signed.

53. Wee cant tell you Wee have obtaind the proper authority to try murderers or the Souldiers concerned in late mischevious Revolt, for Wee have not had a proper opportunity for making the needfull applications but are in great hopes to obtain them.

54. Wee are glad to find you Resolve to make severe Examples of those villanous Lascarrs mentioned in your 6th Para by the Stretham.

55. The Friends of Marcus Moses and Aaron Francks [. . .] represented to us they have Letters from both at Ponticherry where they have been a year or two, desiring our leave for their [residence] at Fort St. George as Free Merchants, which wee have granted on condition they come to Madrass & reside there within three months after they have notice of this our leave, and do enter into the usuall Bond & Covenants of a Free merchant & conform themselves to our standing Regulations.

56. Wee have permitted Mess^{rs}. Robert Fleetwood and Elihu Nicks to go to Fort St. George as free merchants but being minors wee have not taken the covenants & Bond as usuall, however wee hereby direct That they do enter into those Covenants & Bonds when they come to age. The like wee say of all other English who shall reside within our Territorys or under our Governm^t. whether they are left out of the Ships or otherwise Wee will not suffer them to abide under our Protection without that necessary security for their good behaviour. Wee dont understand by this poor Foremast Men but all Officers of Ships & Merchandizing People. Wee send the like orders to the Bay.

57. The Society for promoting Christian knowledge have represented to us That they have not as yet been able to prevail with any of the British Nation to undertake the service of the Protestant Mission to the East Indies, but are

advised to make an experiment of two Mallabar Christians educated at Tranquebar under the Danish missionarys to be employd as Masters of two charity Schools one to be kept at Fort S^t. George, the other at Fort S^t. Davids subject to the Inspection of yourselves & direction of our Chaplain at Madrass, and of the Deputy Govern^r. & Council at Fort S^t. Davids and desiring Wee would approve thereof and protect the persons that shall be employd therein. Wee have promised to recommend this as Wee hereby do to yo^r: consideration, and to give them all proper assistances for propagating the Protestant Religion in the way they propose. Wee have also allowd the Society to send the Missionarys Three Hundred pounds value in pieces $\frac{2}{3}$ and Fifty five Rheam of Paper with a Chest of Books, a Chest of Beer, and a Cheese Freight Free.

58. Wee hope to hear by your next what care is taken by your Chaplains to answer the directions of our charter mention'd in our 144th. Parag^h: by the Hannover &c^a.

59. Wee understand that the Library in Fort S^t. George is worthy our notice as consisting not only of a great number of Books but of a great many that are choice & valuable, John Dolben Esq^r. M^r. Richard Elliot & others having made a present of their Books (which were considerable) to the library besides other augmentations it hath lately rec^d from the Society for propagating christian knowledge &c^a. Wee therefore recommend the care of the library to our President and Ministers ordering that the said Books (such at least as are of value) be put up in close Presses to keep them from dust and Vermine & that none of them be lent or carryed out of the library without the consent of both Ministers if two shall be on the place, and Books so carryed out shall be enterd in a Book kept for that purpose inserting the day and year when & the Person to whom it is Lent on one side of the folio & on the other the day and year when returned.

60. Wee do likewise order That all our Books in Fort S^t. Davids and as well those brought from Metchlepatam belonging to the new Company as those wee bought of D^r. Landon be taken care of & preserv'd in the same manner.

61. And Wee order our Ministers to sort the said Books into proper classes, and to take a Catalogue of them to be kept in the Library of which they shall deliver a Copy to our President and send a copy home to us, and Wee desire our President to order two of our Servants together with our Ministers to examine the Books by the Catalogue once a year that is to say some few days before the vestry is held, and make their Report at the Vestry. It would be very proper also to put our chop¹ on the said Books in the title page or first Leafe to show to whom they belong, if they should any of them happen to be stolen & to stamp our armes on the Cover.

62. Last year wee had an acco^t. from Bombay That a Chest of the Sommers Treasure being opend ashore the Bags were found to be filled with small Lead shott instead of Daccatoons. [...] Acco^t: is very dark and till the Ships return, Wee cant make thorough enquiry into the matter so as to form a Judgment whether the change was on board Ship or on shore. However to prevent a second such mischievous Instance Wee have Resolved to give the following order to all our Settlements [. . .] require it be from time to time complyd with by you Viz^t:—as often as any Treasure is deliverd on shore on our account at Fort S^t. George or elsewhere within your Presidency, the [C. . . .] or Purser or some proper Officer appointed by the Captain of the Ship which brings such Treasure be orderd to come ashore [with] it & be present at opening every chest or other Package of [such] Treasure, and that the same be done forthwith. If by any [. . .] accident it cant be imediately opend by the Person who is to take the charge of it That the Captain have a Lock on the Door where the same is Lodged till there be time for examining the whole. Do you advise this to all yo^r. subordinates for their compliance in case any Treasure should be orderd to be put ashore there, wee have and shall give all our Captains notice of this our order that they may observe the same on their parts.

Charity Schools here and at F^t. S^t. David.
300 £, 55 Rhm.
Paper a Chest of Books, a Chest of Beer & a Cheese freight free for y^r. Missionarys.

[. . .] to acquaint whether y^r. Chaplains answer y^r. direct^{ns}. [. . .] of our Charter.

Care of y^r. Library at F^t. S^t. George recommended to y^r. President and [Ministers].

The Books in F^t. S^t. David &c^a. to be likewise taken care of.

The Ministers to take a Catalogue of y^r. Books and deliver one to y^r. President and send another home, said catalogue to be yearly examin'd by them and two comp^{ts}. serv^{ts}. & a report to be made to y^r. Vestry.

When any Treasure is deliverd ashore acco^t. y^r. Comp^{ts}. y^r. Cap^t: or Purser of y^r. ship to see it open, & if that cant be done immediately he to have a look on y^r. door where it's kept.

¹ A seal-impression, stamp, or brand, p. 207, Hobson-Jobson.

SEAVENTHLY TOUCHING OUR ACCOMPTS.

The accomptants remarks on our books to be observ'd.

63. What relates to the Generall Books of accompts whensoever our accomptants send you their Remarks and Observations upon them Let them be taken notice of & a due regard had unto them as if inserted in the body of our Letters and return them answers accordingly.

how usefull it is to enter the ballances of all acco^{ts}. in ye Consultation book.

64. To those parts of the accompts which are containd in the Letters & Consultations before us Wee say, That wee are well pleased to find a great many of the faults & mismanagem^{ts}. complaind of by us are rectifyed & good assurances given the rest shall not only in the 15th Parag^h. of yo^r. Letter by the London but in other clauses in Parag^h. 113 you tell us it was not Customary formerly to enter the Ballances of the severall Persons accounts read in Consultation which is true. Our reason for directing they should & which wee find in the Consultations are since complyd with generally speaking, was to prevent y^e ill Consequences of the Supine Administration that had overspread your Board of late, as believing when it should be taken notice of how great a Ballance remaind unpaid in, some or other would begin to enquire how it came about, and that would or should sett the Councill on a more strict examination, & even necessitate them if they had any consideration to think how to remedy what appeard amiss. We are sensible all the mony especially for the Customs cant come in at the time the Custom Master gives in his Acco^t. of what he charges himself withall, but this use it may have besides what beforementiond, that when the Ballances are settled Monthly & enterd in Consultation there will be no need to run backward for Years as in the case of M^r. Empsons Warehouse account, and others to find out mistakes, and by remembring your Board to call in for the Mony, will quicken the concerneds to collect it, or at least not let a Conicoply or Warehousekeeper as in the case of M^r. Raworth & Tonapa convert it to their own uses or if they should for a smaller sume, you may nip the mischief in the bud & not let it grow as in their cases.

To keep an acco^t. of all Buildings under partic^r. heads, & if any neglect it ye. Board must enforce Obedience.

65. In Parag^h. 44 ¶ Maribrô, you mention the orders given to S^t. Davids to keep the Acco^t. of all buildings under particular Heads, but that you say was neglected, tho' of good use & intent because it would not agree with their Clandestine practices. It is for preventing those practices that you did, and wee now require it be observed for whenever any charge of such a nature is kept by itself, the ill Husbandry or cheat is more easily discovered which would ly concealed under the Generall account of building especially if severall particulars were in hand at the same time, and as wee must make good Laws to prevent evils in future, wee say take care you be never again disobeyd. In this among other instances you have our authority to enforce obedience if you dont use it the blame justly lyes at your door.

The method Establishd in delivering over ye Warehouses approv'd & to be continued.

66. In Parag^h. 60 ¶ D^o. you give us a very acceptable specimen of your care in M^r. Davenports delivering over his Warehouse accounts as the Consultation of the 31st Decem^r. mentions. M^r. Benyon who receivd the Export Warehouse remains and M^r. Warre the Import Warehouse remains with the Accomptants Declaration of the Duplicate lodged with him, and that each is found right on comparing them with the Generall Books, this Wee the rather mention that it may be a Patt[ern] to all who succeed. Wee suppose each of them signd that Duplicate if not let it be done the better to evidence that they chargd themselves with all those remains & continue this method in all times coming on the change of hands which is the most effectuall way to prevent the confusion and abuses which happen'd in M^r. Martins & M^r. Raworths cases.

The Directions for managing ye Books & Acco^{ts}. being complied with is very acceptab^e, & to be continued by all success^{rs}.

67. Wee observe with Pleasure the contents of your 65th Parag^h. relating to the Books & Accompts, That the directions for manning them are in part complyd with, and our President promises to take care the rest shall, which wee mention that it may be continued by him & kept up by his Successors, for our Orders & Rules are to be understood to run thro' all times on the like occas[ions], the next Parag^h. plainly shows the benefit of good Regulation when a carefull man has the managem^t. for that it says M^r. Davenport lost

nothing by the Conicopy because he looked after him, he made no bad Debts nor was anything under his charge spoild or lost, and since he did so well it is plain [others] may copy after him.

68. The error of One Hundred Pounds mentioned Parag^h. 70 to be found out as an Overcharge in the Hannovers Invoice is rectified here.

Error in yo
Hanover's Inv^o.
rectified.

69. Wee find by yo^r. Consultations of the 15th Decem^r. & 7th January what orders were given for selling Tonapas houses & moveables & it seems thereby that you had little hopes of discovering his Effects which wee are sorry for, however Wee hope you will not cease yo^r. Enquirys, such a villain ought to have no favour, but he made a publick example of to prevent any more copying after his pernicious example, the method wee leave to you, don't let him slip out of yo^r. hands, but confine him and feed him with bread and Water of affliction, till he discovers what is become of those great Sumēs he is charged withall by M^r. Raworth to have embezled if the charge proved just.

Relating to
Tonapa.

Not to cease our
Enquirys after
his Effects.

70. Wee find by yo^r. Consultations of the 25th Septem^r. That y^e Dubash Dossa M^r. Raworths black servant was employed to extort from the Fort S^t. Davids Merchants Three Thousand pagodos down & their note for Five thousand more to be Deducted out of their next Payment. Wee expect if ever you get him into yo^r. hands you will give him his due reward. Wee further add That in the said Consultation & in divers others as well as by your Letters it has been & is very evident That the Merchants have been grievously opprest & then no wonder if our Investments there came in so heavily, the goods are so ill made and dear chargd. Wee have often taken notice of this in generall & particulars sometimes. Wee are fully informed That the Investments there considering the Weaving Towns are in & so near our bounds & Provisions cheap should be Five ^{or} cent cheaper or better than what your merchants provide elsewhere, and yet are worse both ways. It has been our unhappyness that for many years past the Dep^{ty}. Governours there have been either downright oppressors that shar'd & skind the poor people merchants & Inhabitants or slothfull unactive & easily imposed upon. Wee expect as wee have given M^r. Hastings this unusual advancem^t. by appointing him Dep^{ty}. Govern^r. he will show he hath humanity & uprightness to deal justly with all and treat them better, and Industry skill & conduct to regulate our affairs & bring them into better order & then Wee shall have reason to continue our favour to him. A short Epitome of what will make our affairs flourish, Wee shall give as follows, That the Dep^{ty}. Govern^r. do from time to time take care every one of the Councill & other our Covenant Servants be diligent & faithfull in their respective employm^{ts}. & if he finds they fail either way & dont mend on admonition to advise you & that you suspend or expell them our Service, That the Investments be kept up to Muster & carefully sorted, That the Prizes of Goods be reduced, That the Generall charges be constantly inspected & no false articles in part or whole sufferd or allowd of & whoever is found charging them punish'd, That the Military be reformed & no more on the Muster Roll as to Men or pay than should be & all kept under a good Dicipline & none of them abused by extortion or otherwise, That the Revenues be carefully cherished & improved in all the Branches, and to this as well as many other good purposes that all the Inhabitants within our bounds be preserv'd in their propertys, That nobody be sufferd secretly or openly to oppress them in any manner of wise, That their complaints be speedily & without charge heard & redrest where just and the aggressors made publick examples of, and this to extend not only as to the Merchants, but the meanest Inhabitant for all men have an equall right to be honestly dealt with all. Heretofore as wee are assured Fort S^t. Davids at one time quite or very near maintaind itself but of late it stands us in a prodigious Suūe yearly which wee cant bear & hope will be now effectually remedied & brought into a flourishing condition again.

Relating to M^r.
Raworths
Dubash Dossa.

The Investments
ought to be
cheaper & better
at Fort S^t. David
than here if y^e
Merchts. were
not oppress'd

[. . .]
entertaind
great [. . .]
M^r. Hastings
his [man]-
agement.

An Epitome of
wt. will make
their affairs
flourish.

71. Wee have recd into our Treasury of John George Hugh Esq^r. One hundred thirty eight Pounds Seven Shillings Sterling, which he designs as a charity to the Danish Missionarys at Tranquebar, and therefore Wee hereby

£ 138-7s. to be
paid y^r. Ord^r. of
John Geo:
Hugh

order you to pay the same on Receipt hereof to themselves or as he shall direct in Pagodos in Nine Shillings each.

Several parcels of Bullion to be deliverd to yo. person directed upon receipt of these [...]

72. Wee having granted liberty for sending out divers Parcels of Forreign Bullion do hereby give you notice That the same be deliver'd on Receipt thereof as follows viz^t. To M^r. Alexander Bennet Three hundred Ounce Packt in Chest N^o. 282 § Mary in a Bagg markt A Bennet, To M^r. John Perry Three hundred Ounces by the Mary put up in a B[ox] markt S.P. To the Danish Missionarys the Bullion on the [Heathcote] in a Box markt B.Z. N^o. 6. To M^r. Jeremy Whitchcote Seaven hundred Seaventy nine Ounces containd in a Bag markt I W [. . .] into a Box markt A § Heathcote, To M^r. Henry Davy [two] hundred Ounces in a Bag markt HD. put into the said Bo[x] To M^r. Thomas Frederick Fourteen hundred and sixty six [ounces] in a Box markt T^hF N^o. 1 Shipt on the Mary, To M^r. Catesby [. . .] Five thousand five hundred Ounces in a Box markt C. Oadha[m] N^o. P. 1 shipt on the Mary. Wee have also re c d the value of One hundred Seaventy eight Ounces of Forreign Silver for acco^t. of M^r. Richard Smith of Vizagapatam, to be paid him out of the Treasure Shipt on the Mary on its being re c d ashore at Fort S^t. George do you take care it be del d him accordingly.

A Bag of 181 oz. Bullion markt G.W. to be sent Geo: Wesley in Bengall.

73. There is also Packd in the aforementioned Box markt A. a Bag markt G.W. containing One hundred thirty one Ounces of Bullion for Account of George Wesleye Writer in the Bay, take care it be sent him by the first opportunity. Wee are

Your Loving Friends,


ROB^t. CHILD DEP. CHAIRⁿ.
ROB^t. BRISCO.
RICH^d. GOUGH.
JON^a. ANDREWES.
W^lm. GOSSELIN.
ROB^t. MICHEL.
J^a. WALLIS.
J. WARD. JUN^r.
FRA. SHEPHEARD.
JN^o. BROWNE.
JOSEPH EYLES.
THOMAS HEATH.
JC^s. WORDSWORTH.
ROB^t. NIGHTINGALE.
NATH. GOULD.

EXTRACT OF A PARAGRAPH IN THE GENERAL LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL AT FORT WILLIAM, DATED THE 12TH. DAY OF JANUARY, [1714]. SENT BY THE DERBY.

Par^a. 59. We don't at all like some of the Paragraph of your Letter in [answer] to ours under this head. We have under the head of Shipping in this Let[ter] told you our minds touching the Article of freight. Your next Par^a. touching the Moors & Armenians getting Goods cheaper at the Aurungs & the inference you would make thereon appears to us to be artfully drawn up to evade not answer the contents of our 65 Par^a. but by what follows it is very plain you are not at all willing any English should have the liberty besides yourselves to trade in the Bay except by their consigning effects to you & your making returns & therefore you raise i m aginary objections that all are not fitly qualify'd to be under their own Government nor have discretion to prevent just causes of complaint & this is certainly true but doth it from thence follow none are qualify'd to do better. You say you hinder no man from buying where he pleases but at the same time write as if you w^d. let no man try whether he could or not. You add you serve those who make consignments to you better than they could do for themselves without your help & yet by these Clauses before us it appears plain you w^d. have

nobody make an Essay to try whether it be so or no. In the Madrass charge on you about taking ten $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent you labour the point warmly to disprove them but in that w^{ch}. follows in the same par^a. 65 about the Moors & Armenians getting all the Bay trade from the English by selling Goods at Madrass of the same sort goodness & price as the English & getting profit upon them when the English loose by theirs. We can't find you take any notice of it which shows to us that you don't serve them so well as to enable them to continue driving that Trade & that the fact was to notorious to be gainsay^d. We told you also what limitations the English should be under if they traded there & had your dusticks & That we proposed thereby to find out whether the Brokers or others dealt honestly by us. Review your Letter & see if you have given us a plain and sincere answer to this or whether all you have said upon it amounts to any thing more than fencing wth us to elude an Order we mentioned before in this Letter about your not sending up the whole of our Par^a to Madrass which plainly shows your unwillingness to comply with our Orders for if it was otherwise why had you not told our People there the danger you apprehended by their being allow'd such a liberty & what methods were proper to be observ'd to prevent the ill consequences & thereby have tryed to settle the necessary preliminaries on which they might have begun to trade pursuant to the liberty we were willing to grant them. We must further observe you very quietly pass over wthout any notice the later part of [...] that Paragraph. We further add That we now write to the ffort that the Traders there shall have our liberty to trade with all freedom at ffort William equal wth. yourselves & shall be allowed to trade at Hughley wth the same freedom any of you do & that you give them dusticks as we order'd 2^d. March 170 $\frac{3}{4}$ and to prevent the pretence of raising goods at the Aurungs we will at present extend our liberty no further till wee hear the Effect of this of w^{ch}. do you take notice & comply herewith accordingly.

ACCOUNT OF BULLION CORAL &C^a. LICENCED TO BE SHIPED ON BOARD THE HEATH-COTE FOR FORT S^r. GEORGE BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS TO PURCHASE DIAMONDS.

						Ounces.
By Joseph Telles da Costa.	1		Chest Markt. I.T.D.C. N ^o . 3 cont.	Foreign Silver.		2,000
„ Issac de Medina ...	1	D ^o .	I.D.M. N ^o . 1	D ^o .		3,000
„ John da Costa Jun ^r .	2	D ^o .	I.D.C. ... N ^o . 3, 4	D ^o .		5,000
„ Moses de Abram Pereira.	1	D ^o .	M.P. ... N ^o . 2	D ^o .		3,000
„ Jacob Martins ...	1	D ^o .	I.M. ... N ^o . 1	D ^o .		1,000
„ Joseph Henriques.	1	D ^o .	H. ... N ^o . 1	D ^o .		3,000
„ Moses Vas Martins.	1	D ^o .	M.V.M. N ^o . 1	D ^o .		2,000
„ Andrew La Postre.	1	D ^o .	H.P.L. ... N ^o . 3	D ^o .		3,665
„ Sam ^l : da Costa Alvarenga.	1	D ^o .	S.D. ... N ^o . 1	D ^o .		3,000
„ John Cooke, and Abram de Moses Franco.	1	D ^o .	C.F. ... N ^o . 4	D ^o .		4,000
„ Will ^m . Chamberlayn.	1	D ^o .	H.D. ... N ^o . 3	D ^o .		3,000
„ Roger Braddyll.	4	D ^o .	 N ^o . 10 to 13.	D ^o .		17,019
						49,684

By Abram de Moses Franco. 4 Chests & 1 Box markt A.F. £ 1,259: 14: 3
N^o. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 q. divers sorts Coral and Coral Beads value.

By Jacob Fernandes Nunes.	3 Chests	markt	M.D.C.	£ 400: 19: 0
			^{lb}	
			N ^o . 1, 2, 3 q ^t . 353 w.	
			Rough Coral value.	
„ Isaac Salvador	... 2 Boxes	markt	B.M. N ^o . 6, 7,	
			q ^t . 700 ^{oz} Coral Beads &	£ 315: 0: 0
			56 ^{oz} Branch Coral	
			value.	
				<u>£ 1,975: 13: 3</u>

ACCOUNT OF BULLION CORAL, &C^a. LIENED TO BE SHIPED ON BOARD THE MARY
FOR FORT S^t. GEORGE BY Y^r. FOLLOWING PERSONS TO PURCHASE DIAMONDS.

					Ounces.
By Peter Deharce ...	... 2 Chests	Markt.	P.D. ... N ^o . 1, 2 q ^t .	Foreign Silver.	5,000
„ Alvaro Mendes da Costa.	2	D ^o .	M.D.C. N ^o . 5, 6	D ^o	5,000
„ Joseph Telles da Costa	1	D ^o .	I.T.D.C. N ^o . 4	D ^o	2,000
„ Isaac de Medina	... 1	D ^o .	I.D.M. ... N ^o . 2	D ^o	3,000
„ Joseph da Costa	... 2	D ^o .	I.D.C. N ^o . 1, 2	D ^o	5,000
„ Moses de Abram	1	D ^o .	M.P. ... N ^o . 3	D ^o	,000
„ Pereira.					
„ Joseph Henriques	... 1	D ^o .	H. ... N ^o . 2	D ^o	3,000
„ Moses Vas Martins	... 1	D ^o .	M.V.M. N ^o . 2	D ^o	1,600
„ Alvaro Mendes	... 1	D ^o .	A.M. ... N ^o . 1	D ^o	4,000
„ Andrew La Postre	... 2	D ^o .	H.P. ... N ^o . 2, 4	D ^o	5,665
„ John Cooke and Abram	1	D ^o .	C.F. ... N ^o . 3	D ^o	4,000
„ de Moses Franco.					
„ William Chamberlayn	... 4	D ^o .	H.D. ... N ^o . 1, 2, 4, 5.	D ^o	12,000
„ Joshua Gomes Serra	... 1	D ^o .	I.G.S. ... N. 2	D ^o	2,000
„ Roger Braddyll	... 4	D.	⬠ N ^o . 6 to 9.	D ^o	16,000
					<u>71,265</u>
By Jacob Fernandes Nunes ...	2 Chests	markt	P. N ^o . 1, 2 cont ^a .	£ 351: 5: 0	
			335 ^{lb} w ^t . Coral value.		
„ Isaac Portello	... 5 Chests	markt	W.P. N ^o . 1 to 5	£ 907: 11: 0	
			cont ^a . 820 ^{lb} w ^t . Coral value.		
„ Jacob Gabay	... 1 Box	markt	I.G. cont ^a . Coral	£ 148: 8: 0	
			Beads value.		
				<u>£ 1,407: 4: 0</u>	

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED IN CHINA FOR FORT S^t. GEORGE BY SUPRA
CARGOES OF THE DARTMOUTH.

Japan Copper: Two Thousand Pecul 20[00]. [Pecul]:

In this article you must be guided by the freshest advices of the Market upon the Coast which you are likely to know at Batavia if you have opportunity of enquiry there or perhaps at Maccao and if there is no Ship at Canton or Maccao from the Coast you may venture on Five hundred or one thousand Pecul more if procurable unless you hear the price is fallen It is generally from Fifty Six to Sixty Pag^s. at Madrass, You must by no means touch any Copper but right Japan.

		[Pecul]
Toothenague :	Fifteen hundred Pecul If to be had at seven or as far as Eight Tale the Pecul but if you can get it as heretofore at Four Tale the Pecul or under then increase to what quantity you can carry the Price is governed by the Bay Market of which you are like to have information at Batavia the reason of the late rise of Toothenague is because the mines are farmed It hath been told our Supra Cargos the Farm will be taken off and in that Case the Chineeases have assured them the Toothenague will fall to it's old price of Three and a half to Four Tale the Pecul or under.	1,500
Sugar ...	Two Thousand Pecul or more if to be had at Two Tale Two Mace the Pecul and good of the kind as it used to be & under. But if the Sugar be course it will not do : If good and at that price or under buy enō to fill up when the above & undermention'd quantitys of Goods are procured.	2,000
Sugar Candy of Allom ...	the White best Cochinchina sort Five hundred Pecul. the Whitest and finest as much as you can carry when you have made up your Investment because it always turns to good account but then it is so bulky and cheap that a little money goes a great way in the Tonnage and therefore the other Goods that cost more are first to be regarded.	500
Camphire ... Quicksilver if to	bring none because it will endanger the Tea be got at Forty Five Tale or under the Pecul Five hundred Pecul there being as We are assured an unusual demand for it in the Bay But if you shall hear at Batavia or elsewhere that the Demand for it in the Bay ceases or abates then Govern yourselves accordingly and buy up so much less.	None
Vermilion :	Two hundred to Two hundred & Fifty Pecul ... altho' it shou'd prove rather dearer than Quicksilver don't fail to bring this Quantity thō you should hear that Quicksilver in the Bay is not in so much demand.	200 to 250
China Root ...	as much as you can get to shoot in the Ship taking care to bespeak it early and that it be good of the sort. If by any newer advices you shall learn any of the above mention'd Commoditys are cheaper or dearer at Fort S ^t . George than usual We leave it to your prudence to buy up more or less of any of them than We have directed as you shall judge most for our Service. Our great care is to have this ship dispatcht early from Canton for Madrass and therefore if the Japan Junks should be late, don't stay for them for the Copper but enlarge in the other Commoditys before-mentioned as you judge most for our service. If possible get away by or before the beginning of December or at furthest by the middle of that Month.	
Gold ...	is what We chiefly aim at to lay out the Bulk of our Cargo therein it hath been of late dear we hope it will be cheaper If it is or be not more than Ten Cent above touch We would not have above	

		[Pecul]
<p>Ten Thousand Pounds value laid out in Tea Wrought & Raw Silks as undermentioned of which one half in Value in Tea, the Quantities of both undermentioned are what would do here but you must buy them only in proportion If the providing any of the wrought Silks will take up time so as to hinder the Ships early Dispatch don't meddle with them but buy Raw Silk of the good sort that came by the Seaford and no other which M^r. Bullo[c]k is well acquainted withal.</p> <p>If Gold shou'd rise higher than Ten $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent above touch then buy somewhat less in Gold and increase in the Goods undermentioned Viz^t.</p>		
Tea	... Buy up of the several sorts and Quantities to be very good of the kind as follows Viz ^t	
Bohea	of each Fifty Pecul making in the whole One hundred & Fifty.	150
Peko		
Congou.		
Green Tea	... the Quantity of Three hundred Pecul ...	300
<p>If it could be brought in Chests it would be so much the better. Do you let the Chinesees know that We would have all our Green Tea brought in Chests which is the best Package whereby the Tea as it's first curing may be put in Chests and not in Tubs as usual this Package lies closest & preserves the flavour best but then We wou'd have the Chests made to hold no more than Three Tubs in Two Chests and tell them We have peremtorily resolved to buy no more Green Tea in Tubs but only in Chests.</p>		
Bel Damasks.	Colour'd large Works Five Hundred Peices	500
Poisees	... Colour'd & Flower'd Sundry Colours Fifteen Hundred Peices.	1,500
Goshees	... Ditto . . . Fifteen Hundred Peices.	1,500
Poisees	... Plain Colour'd, Four hundred Peices... ..	[400]
Ditto	... Black Flower'd, One hundred Peices... ..	[100]
Ditto	... White Flower'd, Three hundred Peices	[300]
Goshees	... White Flower'd, Three hundred Peices	[300]
Poisees	... White Plain, Two hundred Peices	[200]
Taffaties	... Colour'd Plain, Three Thousand Peices	30[00]
Ditto	... Black Plain, One Thousand Peices	100[0]
Ditto	... White Plain, Two hundred Peices	200
Ditto	... Colour'd Flower'd large Works, Five hundred Peices.	500
Ditto	... Striped Colour'd, One thousand Peices	1000
Ditto	... Sattin, Striped Colour'd Five hundred Peices	500
Ditto	... Painted on White Ground, Two hundred Peices	200
Raw Silk	... Seventy to One hundred Chests	70 to 100

Sign'd by Order of the Court of Directors.

THO. WOOLLEY,
Sec^y.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL FOR THE SHIPS GOING OUT THIS YEAR 1714.

		[Pieces]
Longcloth ...	Ordinary from Madrass N ^o : 1 & 2 Seventeen Thousand Pieces.	170[00]
Ditto ...	Ordinary N ^o : 3, Six Thousand Pieces ...	60[00]
Ditto ...	Ordinary W 1, 2 & 3, Eight Thousand Pieces ...	8,000
Ditto ...	Ordinary from Fort S ^t : Davids N ^o : 1 & 2, Twelve Thousand Pieces. whereof Two Thousand to be brown but must be made strong and Even and not too much congee in the white cloth.	12,000
Longcloth ...	Midling from Madrass M 1. 2. 3. Four Thousand Pieces. Wee must note to you That M I did not this last sale sell better than the ordinary sort of N ^o : 1 & 2 not being well kept up to their goodness.	4,000
Longcloth ...	Midling from Fort S ^t : Davids M 1 & 2 Three Thousand pieces.	3,000
Longcloth ...	Midling blew from Madrass Three Thousand Pieces of the deep black blew well dryed to prevent Mildew:	3,000
Ditto ...	Fifteen hundred Pieces not so deep colour'd ...	1,500
Longcloth ...	Fine White from Madrass N ^o : 1. 2. 3, Fifteen hundred Pieces.	1,500
Ditto ...	. . . from Fort S ^t : Davids N ^o : 1. 2. 3, One Thousand Pieces:	1,000
Longcloth ...	Fine White F.V. 1 One Thousand Pieces ...	1,000
Ditto ...	Ordinary Ten Thousand five hundred Pieces which wee compute will cost at Vizagapatam Six Thousand pounds Sterling but they must be of Seventy two Covids long and full Two and a quarter broad.	10,500
	Wee must put you in mind Longcloth formerly used to be bought fifteen $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent or more cheaper than now, your Longcloth course $\frac{1}{2}$ Stretham N ^o : 1 & 2 not so well sorted as might have been by which wee are assured every piece did not answer Muster your D 1 & 2 sell for Two Shillings less than N ^o : 1 .2 Your W Cloth is courser and dearer then used to be so have ordered but few The Vizagapatam much dearer $\frac{1}{2}$ Marlborough than the Howland you must take care when cloth pleases to keep up to its goodness lengths breadths and Price your cloth from Ingeram is a stout sort but uncertain lengths and breadths whereas they should be kept up to the full lengths and breadths of Seaventy two Covids long and Two and a quarter broad as heretofore accustomed from the Coast.	
Sallampores...	Ordinary from Madrass Thirty five Thousand Pieces of Thirty two Covids long and full Two and a Quarter broad must be better made than of late The 2 A by the Marlborough cost less than the N ^o : 2 and yet sell at as high a price here.	35,000
Sallampores...	of W: N ^o : 1. 2 & 3. Eleven Thousand Pieces made where the Longcloth L, W are made.	11,000
[Sallam]pores.	from Fort S ^t : Davids, N ^o : 1, 2 & 3 Twelve Thousand Pieces.	12,000
Do.	Midling from Madrass. M 1. 2 & 3 Five Thousand Pieces.	5,000

		Pieces
[Sallam]pores	from Fort S ^t : Davids M 1 and 2. Two Thousand Pieces.	2,000
Sallampores...	fine from Madrass, Four Thousand Pieces ... The Sallampores F. V. 1 by the Marlborough were good Cloth.	4,000
Sallampores...	Ordinary, Ten Thousand five hundred Pieces which wee compute will cost at Vizagapatam Three Thousand Pounds Sterling. Your Sallampores ordinary are generally too thin especially the Fort S ^t : Davids you should keep all your Sallampores to full yard one eighth wide and Sixteen yards long many of the Ingeram Sallampores proved rotten.	10,500
Bettellees ...	from Madras, N ^o : 25 & 26 of forty Covids four Thousand Pieces.	4,000
Ditto ...	from Madrass N ^o : 28 & 29 of fifty two Covids Three Thousand Pieces. Your Bettellees by the Marlborough are better than what wee have had of late and if they could be made yet better wee should desire more if not wee must forbid the sending any. Your Bettellees N ^o : 25. 26. 28 & 29 of late years have been very bad must be sheer clear made not rowey nor fray'd. Wee have ordered none from Fort S ^t : Davids being worse than those of Madrass.	3,000
Bettellees ...	Oringall N ^o : 1, Two Thousand Pieces... have ordered no Oringall N ^o : 2 the finest of these sorts selling best have ordered no Oringall from Fort S ^t : Davids being much worse than N ^o : 2.	2,000
Ditto ...	M 1. as ☿ Stretham Eight hundred Pieces ... they ought to have been full yard and half wide for so y ^e Dutch bring them whereas they wanted two nails.	800
Ditto ...	P. 1. Seven hundred Pieces ... You must take care your M 1 & P 1 are as good as those ☿ Stretham they are bought dear but must have them if any finer sorts send a few for tryall.	700
Bettellees ...	Striped One thousand Pieces of the V 5 & + ☿ Dartmouth Invoiced. at Twenty Pag. ^{es} a Corge they must be yard and one eighth wide they have been of late too narrow for the uses intended for as is hinted in the Generall Letter.	1,000
Bettellees ...	Oringall Plain from Madrass Fifteen hundred Pieces twenty four Covids long such as were ordered last Investment.	1,500
Chints ...	Madrass Five hundred Pieces upon a fine Mooree the painting One third of the quantity to be large and two thirds litle flowers and not too much of y ^e dirty Green in them two thirds white & One third colourd Grounds but no blew grounds.	500
Chints ...	upon Sallampores five hundred Pieces of the finest sorts of cloth.	[500]

		Pieces
Chints	... upon the usual sorts of fine Sallampores Two hundred Pieces.	[200]
Moorees	... fine White five hundred Pieces but they must be of a better sort than those ⌘ Dartmouth which were thin and raw these must be hard twisted the thread well struck and well whiten'd and finer.	[500]
Moorees	... Ordinary five hundred Pieces Wee write for these to keep the Comodity in Memory they are bought too dear so order no more.	500

EXAMIND ⌘
LAUR.^{CB} LANE
GKO WOODZELL.

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANTIZE AND FORREIGNE SILVER LYCENSED BY THE COMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF Y^R COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP KENT CAP.^R LAWBRANCE MINTER COMAND^R: BY THE SEVERAL PERSONS AS FOLLOWS (VIZ^R):

N^o: WILLIAM BETTS ESQ^R.

M R S T	... 3 Chests of Beer q. ^t 14 Doz. ⁿ qu. ^t Bott Each	
H L M Y W X.	3 Chests of Beer q. ^t 10 Doz. ⁿ D ^o .	
H L M I @ 6...	6 Chest of Beer q. ^t 12 Doz. ⁿ D ^o .	
H M O	... a Case of Medicines.	
H M P	... 1 Chest q. ^t 9 Doz. ⁿ & Six Bott. ^s spaw Water	
H M 2	... 10 Dozen q. ^t Bott ^s : in One Chest of Bath Water all Free of Freight being for the use of Edward Harrison Esq. ^r Gov. ^r & President at Fort S ^t : George.	

CAP.^R LAWBRANCE MINTER COMAND^R.

LM 1 at 4-8	Chests of wine q. ^t 12 Doz. ⁿ qu. ^t Bott ^s each value ...	£ 80—:
13 at 16-23	Chests of Beer q. ^t D ^o value ...	103—10
SL 1-1	Chest of Wine q. ^t 12 Doz. ⁿ value ...	10—:
LS 1-1	Chest of of Beer q. ^t D ^o D ^o ...	4—10
LM 1 at 4-4	Half Fatts of Hatts	} D ^o ... 90—:
5-1	Case of Hatts	
1 at 3-3	Cases of Hatts	D ^o ... 65—:
	1 Cask of Cutlary	D ^o ... 16—:
	1 Box of Apparrel	D ^o ... 52—:
	1 Case with a Clock	D ^o ... 27—:

On the 5 ⌘ Cent & Indulgence.

M^R. JOHN WILLSON SURGEON.

IW 4-1	Case of Cutlary Ware Value	... .. £ 12—:
5-1	Box of Hose D ^o	20—:
1 at 3-3	Chests of Beer D ^o	13—10
1	Box Hatts D ^o	12—:

On the 5 ⌘ Cent & Indulgence.

M^R. JOHN TURTON.

IT N ^o . 22-1	Box of Wearing Apparrel & Books Freight Free being for the use of his son John Turton Writer at Fort S ^t . George.	
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MR. DANNELL RUSSELL.

- 1 Chest of Beer q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. qu^t. Bott^s.
Freight Free being for the use of his Son a Writer
at Fort S^t. George.

MR. ISAAC SALVADORE.

- BM N^o. 1 at 3-3 Chests of Rough Corral
4 at 5-2 Cases of Beads
On which he has paid £29—17—3 for Freight and
Permission into the Compa^s. Treasury and given
Bond pursuant to the Order of Court.

THOMAS PITT ESQ^r.

- EH 1-2—2 Chests of Wine q^t. 11 Dozⁿ. bott^s. each.
BB 1-2—2 Chests of Wine q^t. D^o.
3—1 Box of Paper
4—1 Rundlet of Bottled Goosberres.
6—1 Case of Pickles & one Box of Perrugues &ca
Freight Free being for the use of Edw^d. Harrison
Esq^r. and M^r. Barnard Binion at Fort S^t. George.

MR. LANCELOTT SKINNER CHEIFMATE.

- SL N^o. 2-3—2 Chests of Wine Value £20
On the 5 ꝯ Cent & Indulgence.

MR. JACOB RODRIGUES SYLVA.

- A N^o. 1 @ 10-10 Cases of Rough Corral } Value £1196-10
F 1—1 Case of Ditto }

On which he has paid Forty Seven pounds Seventeen
Shillings & 3^d for Freight & permission into the
Companys Treasury & Given bond pursuant to the
Order of Court.

MR. WILLY HANKIN FREE MERCHANT.

- W4H N^o. 1—1 Box of Hatts
2—1 Box of Hose
3—1 Box of Drinking Glasses
4—1 Box of Corks
5—1 Box q^t. 3 pair of Pistolls
1-2—2 Chests of Beer q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. qu^t. Bott^s. each
1 Hamper D^o. q^t. 4 Dozⁿ. qu^t. Bott^s.
2 Chests of Wine q^t. 10 Dozⁿ. in Both
1 Chest of Apparrel
1 Trunk of Apparrel
1 Case one Cask & one Bott. of Brandy
1 Box of Sugar
1 Cask of Gunpowder q^t. 12 Pound to be put in the
Powder Room
1 Cask of Cheese
1 Pott of Butter
All Freight Free Except one Ton & for that he has
paid Ten pounds for Freight into the Companys
Treasury.

M^{rs}. DORATHY CATO Passinger.

Directed 1 Chest or Box q^t. Wearing Apparrel
 1 Small Box of Linnen
 Freight Free being for her Own use in the Voyage.

M^r. JOSEPH GOMESEBA.

N^o. FV 4-1--1 Small Box of Corral Beads Value as sworn to at
 £ 138-2-6 on which he has paid fifty five Shillings
 & 3^d for Freight & permission into the Companys
 Treasury & Given bond Pursuant to the Order of
 Court.

M^r. JACOB FERNANDEZ NUNES.

PN N^o. 1-2--2 Chests of Rough Corral Value £ 499-11 On which
 he has paid £ 19-19-8 for Freight and permission
 into the Compa^s. Treasury and given Bond persua-
 tant to the Order of Court.

EAST INDIAHOUSE
 LONDON, the 26TH OCTOBER 1714.

Exam^d.

THO. LEWES.

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANTIZE AND FORREIGNE SILVER LYCENSED BY THE COMITTEE
 OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY TO
 BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP MARY CAP^t. RICH^d. HOLDEN COMAND^r. BY THE
 SEVERAL PERSONS AS FOLLOWS (VIZ^t.)

CAP^t. RICHARD HOLDEN.

RH	16 @	31-18	Chests of Beer q ^t . 12 Doz ^s . each Value	...	£81-0-0
		16-1	Chests of Wine q ^t . D ^o . D ^o.	...	10-0-0
	32 @	34-3	Chests of Wine q ^t . D ^o . D ^o.	...	30-0-0
PGE		1-1	Chest of Beer q ^t . D ^o . D ^o.	...	4-10-0
CB		1-1	Ditto D ^o . D ^o.	...	9-0-0
IT		1-1	Ditto D ^o . D ^o.	...	4-10-0
		1-1	Ditto D ^o . D ^o.	...	4-10-3
IH		1-1	Ditto D ^o . D ^o.	...	4-10-0
ZH	1 @	3-3	Ditto D ^o . D ^o.	...	13-10-0
		1-1	Cask of Cutlary Ware D ^o.	...	25-0-0
RH	1 @	6-6	half Fatts of Hatts } D ^o.	...	154-4-0
	7 @	8-2	Cases of D ^o . }	...	

On the 5 ^Ɔ Cent and Indulgence.M^r. ZACH^s. HICKS CHEIFMATE.

ZH 1-1 Quarter Fatt of Hatts Value 19-18-0

On the 5 ^Ɔ Cent and Indulgence.THOMAS PITT Esq^r.

EH 1 @ 5-5 Chests of Wine q^t. 12 Dozen each.
 BB 1-1 Ditto q^t. 6 Doz^s.
 Freight Free being for the use of M^r. Barnard Binion
 one of the Council at Fort S^t. George.

M^r. PERCIVALE GOODING SURGEON.

PGF N^o. 2—1 Chest of Wine q^t. 14 Dozⁿ. value £ 10
On the 5 Ψ Cent & Indulgence.

M^r. WILLIAM GUILLAM.

WG 1 Box q^t. 3 Hatts 2 Perugues.
Freight Free.

M^r. WILLIAM BOWLES.

CB 1 Box of Necessarys.
1 D^o. q^t. 150 Ψ s of Glass Ware.
Freight Free being for the use of his Brother a Writer
at Fort S^t. George.

M^r. PETER DEHARCE.

IM 1—1 Cask q^t. a Refiners Mill &ca.
2—1 Cask q^t. 2 Large Wooden Platters &ca.
3—1 Chest one Copper Scive &ca.
4.5—2 half Chests of Wine q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. Bott.
Freight Free being for the use of M^r. John Maubert
Essay Master at Fort S^t. George.

CAP^t. RICHARD HOLDEN.

RH	1 @ 3—3	Chests of Wine q ^t . 12 Dozen qu ^t . Bott. each value £	[. . .]
ZHC	1—1	Chests of Wine q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ .	*D ^o [. . .]
RH	9—1	Case of Hatts	D ^o [. . .]
EoI N ^o	MM 2	Chests of Wine q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ . each	D ^o [. . .]
	F	On the 5 Ψ Cent and Indulgence.	

S^r. JOHN BENNETT.

AB 1-2—2 Chests of Wine q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. qu^t. Bott. each.
F 3 1 Box q^t. Wearing Apparrell.
Freight Free being for the use of his son M^r. Alexand.
Bennett a Factor at Fort S^t. George.

M^r. FLEETWOOD FREE MERCH^t.

R F 4 @ 7 4 Chests of Wine q^t. 6 Dozⁿ. each value £20.
1 1 Chest of Apparrel.
2 1 Case with Two Globes.
3 1 Case with Books.
Freight Free being for his Own necessary use.

Doc^r. PHILLIP DWIGHT.

W H 1 Small Box with a Joynted Baby.
1 D^o. of Physick.
Freight Free being for the use of M^r. William How at Fort
S^t. George.

M^r. JOHN MASON.

[. . .] No. 15 1 Chest of Wearing apparrel.
Freight Free being for the use of his son M^r. John Mason
the Compa^s. Secretary at Fort S^t. George.

M^r. ELIHU NICKS FREE MERCHANT.

[. . .]	No. 2	1 Chest of Wine q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ . Value £10.
	3	1 Half Chest of Wine q ^t . 6 Doz ⁿ . 5.
	4	1 Chest of Apparrell.
	5	1 Trunk of Ditto.
	1	1 Chest of Beer.
		Freight Free.

M^r. HENRY DAVEY WRITER.

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H D	1 2	2 Chests of Beer q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ . each.
	3	1 Chest of Beer & Brandy q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ .
	4	1 Chest of Wine q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ .
	5	1 Chest of Stores.
	6	1 Chest of Apparrel.
	7	1 Case with a Birding ♂s.
		Freight Free.

M^r. JOSHUA DRAPER WRITER.

[No.]	3. 4	2 Chests of Beer q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ . each.
	1. 2	2 Cases of Brandy.
	8	1 Chest of Apparrel.
	5	1 Chest of Wine q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ .
	6	1 Hamper D ^o . q ^t . 2 Doz ⁿ .
	7	1 Chest of Stores.
	9	1 Chest with a Bed & Bedding.
		Freight Free.

M^r. WILLIAM LOWNES.

B B	1	1 Cask of Ale.
	2	1 Box of Pinns Needles Gloves & Ribbons.
		Freight Free being for the use of M ^r . Barnard Binion and Family at Fort S ^t .

NATHANIEL HERNE ESQ^r.

T F	1. 2. 3. 4	4 Chests of Wine q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ . each.
	5. 6. 7	3 Small Boxes q ^t . Wearing Apparrel.
		Freight Free being for the use of M ^r . Thomas Frederick Deputy Govern ^r . at Fort S ^t . George.

M^r. JOHN TRENCHFIELD FREE MERCHANT.

I T	1	1 Chest of ale q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ .
	2	2 Hampers of D ^o . q ^t . 4 Doz ⁿ .
	5	1 Chest of Wine q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ .
	6	1 Hamper of D ^o . q ^t . 4 Doz ⁿ .
	7	1 Hamper of Arrack q ^t . 4 Doz ⁿ .
	4	1 Esoretore } Apparrel.
	9	1 Case }
		Freight Free.

M^r. GEO: MORTON PITT FREE MERCHANT.

G M P	1	1 Chest of ale.
	2	1 Chest of Beer.
	3	1 Hamper D ^o .
	4	1 Hamper Arrack.
	14	

5. 6 2 Hampers of Wine.
 7 1 Chest of Ditto.
 8 1 Half Chest D^o.
 9 1 Small Hamper of Pickles.
 10 1 Box of Glasses.
 11 1 Box of Wax Candles.
 12 1 Escretore wth. necessarys.
 13 1 Chest of apparrel.
 Freight Free.
- M^r. ROB^t. NIGHTINGALE BARRO^t.
- [. . .] 1 @ 6 6 Chest of Wine Freight Free being for the use of
 M^r. Hastings Deputy Govern^r. at Fort S^t. Davids.
- M^r. Fard^o CONNINGSBY FREE MERCH^t.
- [. . .] 1. 2 2 Chests of Wine q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. each.
 5. 6 2 Ditto q^t. D^o.
 1. 2 2 Chests of Beer q^t. D^o.
 2 2 Hampers of Wine q^t. 6 D^o.
 3 1 D^o. of Beer q^t. 3 Dozⁿ.
 3 1 D^o. of Wine q^t. D^o.
 3 1 Aum Renish Wine.
 1 Escretore
 1 Large sea Chest } wth. apparrel.
 1 Small Box of Candles.
 2 Small Boxes of Sugar.
 4 Carboys of arrack.
 Freight Free.
- M^r. HENRY DAVENPORT.
- F H 1 Box of Hatts . . . Value £ 25 - : - :
 1 D^o. wth. one Brass Wheel . . . D^o. 4 - : - :
 Freight Free being for the use of M^r. Francis Hugonin
 Cheif Gunner at Fort S^t. George.
- M^r. ROB^t. MITCHEL.
- C M 1 Small Box of Wearing apparrel.
 Freight Free being for the use of M^r. Charles Mitchel.
- M^r. JACOB JABAY.
- I C 1 Small Box of Corral Beads Value £14^s—8^d on which he
 has paid £2—9^s—3^d for Freight and permission into the
 Compa^s. Treasury & Given Bond persuant to the Order
 of Court.
- M^r. JACOB FERNANDES NUNES.
- P N^o. 1. 2 2 Cases q^t. Rough Corral Value £351—5^s on which
 [he] has paid £14—1 for Freight and permis-
 sion in the Compa^s. Treasury and Given bond pursuant
 to the Order of Court and Consigned to the Hon^{ble}.
 Edward Harrison Esq^r. Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George and
 M^r. Barnard Binion.

M^r. ISAAC PORTELLO.

W P 1 @ 5

5 Chests of Rough Corral Value £907—11^s on [w^{ch}.] he has paid £36—6 for Freight and perm[ission] into the Compa^s. Treasury and Given Bond [pursu]-
ant to the Order of Court and Consigned to the Hon^{ble}.
Edward Harrison Esq^r. Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George and
M^r. Barnard Binion.

M^{rs}. HORDING.

W H

1 small Box q^t. a Fine Hood & scarfe Four Dozⁿ. of Gloves.
Six pair of Silk Stockings & a black & White Picture.
Freight Free for the use of Her son M^r. Richard
Hording of the Council at Fort S^t. George.

M^r. JOHN SHIPMAN.

\$ W 4 1. 2. 3

3 Chests of Wine for the use of M^r. William Jennings one
of the Council at Fort S^t. George.

\$ 1. 2

2 Chests of Wine for the use of M^r. Barnard Binion one of
the Council.
Freight Free.

M^{rs}. FRANCIS HARRISON.

E 4 @ 7

4 Chests of Ale q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. qu^t. Bott^s. each.

8 @ 11

4 Chests of Syder q^t. 10 Dozⁿ. D^o.

Freight Free being for the use of Edward Harrison Esq^r.
Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George.

[C] OADHAM

M^r. C. OADHAM ESSAY MAS.

B C

2 half Chests of Wine q^t. 12 Dozⁿ.

D

1 Chest of Cloaths.

E F

2 Cases of Pickles & Lyme Juice.

G

1 Empty Case of Bottles.

H

1 Barrel of Ale.

I

1 Chest of Stores.

K L

2 Half Chest of Wine.

C O N A

1 Matt of Bedding.

Freight Free.

M^r. HENRY DAVENPORT.

3 Chests of apparel.

Freight Free being for the use of three Indian Servants
aboard the said Ship.

RICHARD WOOLLASTON ESQ^r.

W

1 Chest of Beer.

1 Small Box q^t. a small Picture a Peruque & a [Scale].

Freight Free being for the use of his son a Writer at Fort
S^t. George.

M^r. FAULKNER.

1 Small Box of Necessarys

Freight Free being for the use of M^r. Edward Bulckley and Family at Fort
S^t. George.

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THO LEWES

14-A

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANDIZE AND FOREIGNE SILVER LYCENSED BY THE COMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP HEATHCOTE CAP^t. JOSEPH TOLSON COMAND^r. BY THE SEVERAL PERSONS AS FOLLOWS (VIZ^t.)

M^r. SAM^{LL}. RUSSELL.

BR. N^o. 1. 2—2 Chests of Beer q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. each—
1 Case wth. 2 Guns & two Crose Bows &ca
Freight Free being for the use of his son a Writer at Fort S^t. George.

M^r. PEPYS PASSINGER.

RP. 1. 2—2 Chests of Wine q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. qu^t. Bott^s.
3—1 Half Chest of D^o q^t. 6 Dozⁿ.—
4—1 Chest of Beer q^t. 12 Dozⁿ.—
5—1 Chest of Apparrel—
6—1 Escretore of Ditto—
7—1 Box of Glasses.
8—1 Box with a Peruque—
Freight Free.

M^r. LA POSTREE.

I-P 1—1 Small Case of Hatts & Wiggs—
Freight Free being for the use of his Brother M^r. Henry Lapostree at Fort S^t. George.

M^r. ALEXAND^r. HUME SURGEON.

AH 2 Cask of Flint Glasses Value Five pounds—
3—1 Hamper of Syder q^t. 6 Dozⁿ. D^o. Fifty Shillings.
4 5—2 Boxes of Hatts—Value Fourteen pounds.
On the 5 Ψ Cent & Indulgence.

CAP^r. JOSEPH TOLSON COMAND^r.

IT 8 Chests of Syder q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. qu^t: Bott^s. each Value

	£ [10	. . .]
21 Chests of Beer q ^t . D ^o . Value	... 94	[. . .]
1 Chest of Beer q ^t . 12 Doz ⁿ . D ^o.	... 4	[. . .]
11 Cases of Hatts D ^o.	... 12	[. . .]
7 Cases of Hatts D ^o.	... 70	[. . .]
2 Hampers of Beer D ^o.	... 3	[. . .]
1 Bale of Paper D ^o.	... 30	[. . .]
6 Chests of Sword Blades D ^o.	... 70	[. . .]

On the 5 Ψ Cent and Indulgence.

S^r. GEORGE MATHEWS.

1 small Box of Wearing Apparrel.
1 small Case Cordial Waters—
Freight Free being for the use of M^r. Mitchel Writer at Fort S^t. George.

M^r. SAM^{LL}. WATERS.

• 1 Small Box q^t. Wearing Apparrel & Necessarys,
Freight Free being for the use of Mr. William Wake Free Merch^t. at Fort S^t. George.

M^r. HENRY NEWMAN.

- BZ 1 2—2 Cases of Paper—
 3—1 Case of Books—
 5—1 Cheese in Lead—
 4—1 Chest of Beer—
 1 Small Box of Books—
 Freight Free being sent out by the Society for Propogating the
 Gospell in Forreign Parts.

M^r. ISAAC SALVADORE.

- BM 6. 7—2 Small Boxes q^t. Corral Beads & Corral Branches, Value £315
 pounds on which he has paid Seven pounds Seven Shillings
 for Freight and Permission into the Compa^s. Treasury &
 Given Bond persuant to the Order of Court.

M^r. MATHIAS SARFATY.

- TR 1@ 3—3 Large Cases of q^t. 12 Boxes of Apothecary Ware.
 Freight Free being for the use of M^r. Thomas Robson
 Surgeon at Fort S^t. George.

M^{rs}. ELIZ^a & SARAH BOWRIDGE PASSINGERS.

- B 58—1 Chest of Apparrel—
 59—1 Chest of Drawers—
 B 60—1 Case of Glasses—
 61—1 Red Trunk—
 62—1 Old Chest—
 63—1 Cabinet—
 1 Bundle of Bedding.
 B 54—55—2 Chests of Beer q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. each
 EB 56—1 Do.
 1 case with a Glass—
 1 small Ψ cel Ditto—
 Freight Free being for their own necessary use in the Voyage.

M^r. ROGER BEADYLE.

- 6 Chests of Wine q^t. 12 Dozⁿ. each on which he has Paid Twenty
 four pounds for Freight & Ψ permission into the Compa^s.
 Treasury being for the use of Gov^r. Harrison at Fort S^t.
 George.

THE REV^d. M^r. BEN: HOADLY.

- WS 1 Case of Stores Freight Free being for the use of the Rever^d.
 M^r. Stevenson at Fort S^t. George.

M^r. ABRAHAM DE MOSES FRANCO.

- AF 1,2,3,4 chests—4 Chests & one small Box q^t. Rough Corral and
 5 Box Corral Beads Value £ 1,259-14-3 on which he has
 paid £ 47-19-2 for Freight & Ψ permission into the
 Compa^s. Treasury & Given bond persuant to the
 Order of Court to returne the produce thereof in
 Diamonds.

M^r. JACOB FARNANDES NUNES.

MDC 1,2,3—3 Chests q^t. Rough Corral Value £400-19^s. on which he has paid £ 16-1 for Freight & permission into the Compa^s. Treasury & Given bond persuant to the Order of Court.

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FORM OF CERTIFICATE [GIVEN] TO PERSONS WHO SEND OUT CORAL ETC., TO PURCHASE DYAMONDS AT FORT S^T.GEORGE. PER ST. GEORGE.

These are humbly to Certify The Court of Directors of [the] Hon^{ble}. United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies That A. B. of London merchant having consign'd and sent to Us on the Ship. C. whereof D.E. was [a] Commander [here mention the Particulars whether Bullion or Goods and the Quantity of Chests or other containers] amounting to [here mention the Summe] as Ψ Invoice and the same having been disposed of by Us We have Invested [here mention whether it be the whole or part of] the produce thereof in [here mention whether it be one or more Bulses of Diamonds or whatever the Goods are] and Laden the same on the ship F. and consign'd it [or them] to G : H merchant in

Witness Our hands in Fort S^t. George this . . . day of
Anno Domini One Thousand seven hundred and

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AN ABSTRACT OF THE DARTMOUTH FOR CANTON IN CHINA.

	T.	qrs.	lb.		£		
Lead 1805 Slabs w ^t . 2401 :	3.	6		...	1,351	0	3
Scales & Weights 4 Parcels				...	"	25	5 2
Silver 50 Chests				...	"	47,596	13 4
Long Ells 60 Bales q ^t . 1191 p ^s.				...	"	2,823	14 6
Stationary Ware 1 Box & 1 Hamper				...	"	12	19 2
Canary 4 Chests				...	"	53	10 10
					"	51,863	3 3
Charges				...	"	359	0 11
Samuel Waters				...	£	52,222	4 2

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AN ABSTRACT OF THE DARBY FOR BENGALL.

	T.	qrs.	lb.		£		
Lead 303 Slabs w ^t . 400. 3. 27.				...	225	11	1
Stockholme Iron 2116 Bars w ^t . 40 Tons				...	"	594	0 0
Anchors 39 w ^t . 162. 3. 9				...	"	241	10 7
Iron Guns 100. 291. 2. 14				...	"	172	10 11
Broad Cloth 223 Bales q ^t . 663 Clo ^s	"	8,033	3 0
Long Ells 5 Bales q ^t . 100 p ^s	"	305	0 0
Silver 60 Chests				...	"	57,116	0 0
Leather 8 Backs				...	"	11	7 3
Lead 21 Sheets & 8 Pipes				...	"	88	9 2
Callimancoes 13 Bales q ^t . 310 P ^s	"	744	10 0
Worsted Camblets 1 Bale q ^t . 20 P ^s	"	77	0 0
Medicines & Drugs 2 chests				...	"	136	5 0
Tarr 30 Barrells				...	"	43	19 0
Stationary Ware 2 Chests				...	"	74	4 5
Stores 4 Casks				...	"	73	18 6
					"	67,937	8 11
Charges				...	"	339	13 9
Samuel Waters				...	£	68,277	2 [8]

A LIST OF SOULD^{RS}. ABOARD THE SHIP MARY ENTERTAYNED TO SERVE THE HONO^{BLE}. UNITED EAST INDIA COMP^A. AT FORT S^T. GEORGE (VIZ^T).

1. Robert Maine	Sould ^r .	12. Thomas Kingman	Sould ^r .
2. Thomas Owen	D ^o .	13. Alexd ^r . Sutherland	D ^o .
3. Thomas Roberts	D ^o .	14. Humphry Donnington	D ^o .
4. John Hamilton	D ^o .	15. Thomas Parker	D ^o .
5. Francis Frankling	D ^o .	16. Benjamine Cox	D ^o .
6. James Hall	D ^o .	17. Thomas Rickison	D ^o .
7. George Ramage	D ^o .	18. John Lewis Tornay	D ^o .
8. John Mitchell	D ^o .	19. Henry Ross	D ^o .
9. John Macklane	D ^o .	20. Thomas Andrews	D ^o .
10. Francis Slaney	D ^o .	21. John Arch	D ^o .
11. William Barnsley	D ^o .		

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A LIST OF SOULD^{RS}. ON BOARD THE SHIP HEATHCOTE ENTERTAYNED TO SERVE THE HONO^{BLE}. UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY AT FORT S^T. GEORGE (VIZ^T).

1. William Pigg	Sould ^r .	12. Bazill Hill	Sould ^r .
2. Charles Windsor	D ^o .	13. Thomas Parker	D ^o .
3. Robert Garey	D ^o .	14. Michael Mazareen	D ^o .
4. John Bly	D ^o .	15. Thomas Westley	D ^o .
5. William Williams	D ^o .	16. John Labris	D ^o .
6. Ralph Clarke	D ^o .	17. Rob ^t . Blanford	D ^o .
7. William Gorden	D ^o .	18. Will ^m . Pitts	D ^o .
8. Daniel Haynes	D ^o .	19. John Lightbowne	D ^o .
9. Joseph Silverwood	D ^o .	20. Rich ^d . Pinder	D ^o .
10. Rob ^t . Curtis	D ^o .	21. Stephen Oram	D ^o .
11. James Stockes	D ^o .	22. John Frazier	D ^o .

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COPY OF THE COVENANTS OF MESS^{RS}. BULLOCK ELWICK AND SOMMERS SUPRA CARGOS OF THE SHIP DARTMOUTH. 9TH DECEMBER 1714.

THIS INDENTURE made the Ninth day of December in The First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Brittain, France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a. Ann^o. Dom 1714 Between The United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies of the one part And Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Sommers of London Merchants of the other part WHEREAS the said United Company have freighted the Ship Dartmouth whereof Captain Thomas Blow is Commander for a Voyage to China & thence to ffort S^t. George in the East Indies and have Laden or intend to Lade thereon a Cargo in Goods & Treasur^e to a considerable Value as by the Invoice thereof reference thereto being had may appear, And reposing special trust & Confidence in the knowledge fidelity & Circumspection of the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers Have entertained them to be their Factors & Supra Cargo's of the said Ship to China & from thence to Fort S^t. George or such other Ports & Places to which the said Ship shall be consigned

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH That they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers & each of them severally for themselves their several Heirs Execut^{rs}. & Adm^{rs}. & not jointly the one for the other of them for and in Consideration of the Payments, Indulgences, Covenants and Agreements hereinafter mentioned on the part & behalf of the said United Company to be paid Granted & performed Do Covenant Promise and Agree to & with the said United Company their Successors & Assignes by these Presents That they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers shall & will Embark themselves on board the said Ship Dartmouth on or before the Twenty fourth day of this Instant December & proceed on their intended Voyage & take upon them the care trust & charge of the said Cargo of Goods and Treasure & shall & will at their arrival at place or places of Consignment in China dispose thereof to the best advantage & Benefit of the said United Company and Invest the said Treasure & proceed of the said outward bound Goods in such wares Merchandizes Goods & Commodities of China or elsewhere proper for ffort S^t: George as are mentioned in the Orders & Instructions which are or shall be given them in Writing by the Court of Directors of the said United Company or any Thirteen or more of them on the Cheapest & best Terms procurable & therein & in all things relating to this present Voyage shall follow the said Orders & Instructions & shall & will to the utmost of their power observe & perform in all things the Contents & true meaning of such Orders & Instructions & also cause all Goods Wares & Merchandizes which they shall Buy & Provide in China or elsewhere with the Cargos of the said Ship Dartmouth or the produce thereof to be Laden on the said Ship & consigned by Invoice & Bill of Lading to the President & Council of ffort S^t: George for the time being of the said United Company for & on Account of the said United Company to be delivered to the said President & Council which said Invoice & bill of Lading shall be perfected within ffour days after all the said Goods Wares & Merchandizes are Laden on board or so much sooner as possible And that they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers or in case of any of their Decease the Survivour or Survivours of them shall enclose one of the said Bills of Lading & a Copy of the Invoice of the said Ship in a Cover directed to the Court of Directors of the said United Company & leave the same in a proper hand at the first Port the said Ship may touch at in her return from China towards ffort S^t: George to be sent from thence to the said Court of Directors & shall also enclose another copy of the invoice of the said Ship Dartmouth & send the same by any ship to the said President & Council of Fort S^t: George AND THAT they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick and John Somers shall & will from time to time during the said Employment Keep or cause to be kept Regular Consultations & a Book wherein to enter the result thereof & true & particular Journals or day Books of all the Passages & proceedings relating to the Affairs of the said United Company in the said Voyage to China & any other Place & places they may proceed unto untill their Arrival at ffort S^t: George aforesaid In which Consultation Book & Journals or Dyarys shall be entered all matters & things whatsoever relating to their Transactions as Supra Cargo's, which Consultations and Transactions shall be in all things truly executed & performed according to the Orders & Instructions aforesaid and also Books of Accounts wherein they shall daily duly & truly enter the accounts of all & every particular Buying, Selling, Bartering, Exchanging, Receipts & payments & of all other Transactions relating to their Trust in the said Employment And shall not place to the said United Comp^{ny} Account for any Merchandizes or Commodities they shall Buy or Barter or Cause to be bought or Bartered for them or for any manner of cause matter or thing whatsoever any more or greater price or Sum than they shall really & bona fide give pay or barter for the same and shall also bring to Account the full rates & prizes for which they shall Sell or Barter any of the said Companys Goods & Commodities And that all & every Bargain & Contract to be made by the said Supra Cargo's or any of them to the use of the said Company or upon their Account & all and every Consultation & other Transaction relating to

the disposal of the outward bound Cargo or the produce thereof or of the Cargo Designed for ffort S^t: George or of any necessary Disbursments or Expences whatsoever shall be made & done in the presence & with the consent & direction or order mentioned in Consultation of the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers or the Survivour or Survivours of them & not otherwise & the same day be fairly enterd in their said Books & Attested under their hands upon Pain & Penalty that the Person or Persons offending or acting Contrary to these Presents shall not have claim or be intituled to have or Claim any part share Interest or Proportion of or in the Allowance or Comission of four pounds $\frac{3}{4}$ cent as hereinafter Agreed to be paid or allowed to the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers anything in these presents contained to the Contrary thereof in anywise Notwithstanding. AND that they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers the Survivour or Survivours of them respectively shall on the respective days on which the same shall be made fairly enter in their Consultation Book a true Account of every Contract & Bargin they shall make therein expressing the particulars of such Contract & Bargin & shall respectively sign the same within Twenty four hours after and shall also daly, duly & truly, enter in their said Consultation book all the Results of their Debates concerning the said Companys affairs under their care during the whole Voyage & attested the same under their hands forthwith or within twenty four hours after such Entry at the furthest. AND THAT they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers shall carry with them on the said Ship Dartmouth to Fort S^t: George a true & perfect account of all matters & things relating to the disposal of the Outward bound Cargo of the said Ship Dartmouth & to the purchasing of the Cargo to be consigned to ffort S^t: George as before mentioned & deliver in the same to the said President & Council at ffort S^t: George aforesaid for their Examination AND ALSO that they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers & every of them their & every of their Execut^{rs}. Admin^{rs}. or Assignes shall upon demand well & truly deliver & pay or cause to be delivered & paid unto the said President & Council all & every such moneys Goods & Merchandizes whatsoever as by the foot of the said Account or otherwise shall appear to be due by the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers or any of them or remain in their or any of their hands or possession & for which they or any of them ought to be Chargeable in any manner of wise. AND that they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers their Execut^{rs} Admin^{rs}. or Assignes shall within four days after their Arrival at Fort S^t: George or the said Ship Dartmouths arrival there prouduce & deliver the aforesaid individual Original Books together with all Wast Books Pocket Books Dyarys Memorials writings & Papers whatsoever wherein the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers or any one or more of them shall make or have made any Entrys or set down any matter or thing touching or concerning the said United Companys Affairs as aforesaid or any of them or any way relating thereunto altho the same shall or may be intermixed with his or their own or other concerns unto the said President and Council of Fort S^t: George or to such Person or Persons as shall by their order be authorized or appointed to demand or receive the same and make Oath of the truth of the same if required And shall also within four days after their arrival at London or the said Ship Dartmouths arrival in the river of Thames produce & deliver or cause to be produced & delivered Duplicates of all the said Original Books, Wast Books Pockett Books, Dyarys, Memorials, Writings & Papers unto the said United Company or to such Person or Persons as shall by their Order or by the Order of the Court of Directors of the said United Company for the time being be authorized or appointed to demand or receive the same & make Oath of the truth of the same if required AND MOREOVER the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick John Somers & each & every of them for themselves their severall & respective Heirs, Exec^{rs}: & Administrators & not Joyntly the one for the other Do for the considerations aforesaid Covenant Promise and agree to & with the said United Company their Successors & Assignes by these Presents That they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick

and John Sommers or any of them shall not nor will at any time during their Present outward bound Voyage or untill after the said Ship Dartmouths return from China to Fort S^t: George aforesaid and delivery there of the Cargo to be provided in China as aforesaid directly or indirectly in their or any one or more of their own Names or in the Name of any other by or for themselves or any other Deal in use or Practice any Buying Selling Trading Merchandizing or carrying out to or for China or to or for ffort S^t: George aforesaid or to or for any other places any Silver Gold Goods Merchandizes or Coñmodity whatsoever upon Pain & Penalty that the Person or Persons [. . .] or Acting Contrary to these Presents shall not have Claim or be intituled to have or Claim any part Share Interest or proportion of or in the allowance or Commission of ffour Pounds $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent as hereinafter agreed to be paid or Allowed to the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick and John Somers anything in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. AND that they the said Joseph Bullock Nathan^l. Elwick & John Somers or any of them shall not nor will Carry out in the said Ship Dartmouth any Persons or Persons as Servants or otherwise without leave first had & obtained in Writing from the Court of Directors of the said United Company for the time being or some Coñmittee thereof in the usual manner. AND it is agreed by and between the said Partys to these presents That in case they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers & every of them their & every of their Exec^{rs}. & Adminis^{rs}. shall & do well & truly observe perform fulfil Accomplish hold and keep all & every the Covenants and Agreements herein contained on their respective Parts & behalvs to be done & performed That then & in such case & not otherwise the said United Company shall & will over & above & beside the Money paid to be paid for their fresh Provisions & Accommodations in their Voyage to their necessary Expences in China well & truly allow unto the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers their Exec^{rs}. Administrat^{rs}. or Assignes after the rate of ffour Pounds $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent as hereinafter is mentioned to be computed & reckoned on the amount of the first Cost of the Gold & other Goods & Merchandizes to be bought & provided by them in China & consigned by Invoice & Bill of Lading to the President and Council of ffort S^t: George for Account of the said United Company as aforesaid AND it is hereby Covenanted & Agreed by & between the partys to these Presents & the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers do for themselves their Execut^{rs}. & Admin^{rs}. severally & not Joyntly the one for the other of them Covenant Promise & Agree to & with the said United Company & their Successors That the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers will not take out themselves nor permitt any other person or Persons to take out for their Account in China all or any part of the said ffour pounds $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent & in consideration thereof & of their complying with observing & keeping all & every the Covenants beforementioned on their respective parts to be complied with observed & kept & that they shall not have any Trade or Dealing on their own or any others Private Account from England to China or from China to Fort S^t: George as aforesaid. The President & Council aforesaid shall on receiving at ffort S^t: George all the [Goods] and Merchandizes so to be consigned by Invoice & Bill of Lading as aforesaid pay & allow unto them the said ffour pounds $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent together with so much advance thereon as the gold part of the said Cargo shall really produce at ffort S^t: George first deducting thereout the ffreight usually allowed for Gold from China to ffort S^t: George & also deducting thereout all other the Charges which shall arise or happen on the said Ship Dartmouths Cargo at & from China to ffort S^t: George which said ffour pounds $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent & the advance thereon as aforesaid is to be as a Commission & reward to the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers for their respective performing all & every the Covenants & Agreements herein contained on their respective parts to be performed & that the said ffour pounds $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent & the advance thereon shall in such case be distributed in manner & form following that is to say One pound ten Shillings $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent part of the said ffour pounds $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent to the said Joseph Bullock One pound ten Shillings

3/4 Cent more other part of the said four pounds 3/4 Cent to the said Nathaniel Elwick & the remaining One Pound 3/4 Cent residue of the said four pounds 3/4 Cent to the said John Sommers AND that it shall & may be Lawfull to & for the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers their & each of their Exec^{ns}. Adm^{ns}. & Assignes to Invest & lay out the produce of their respective Comissions in Dyamonds & in no other Goods whatsoever & to bring the said Dyamonds to England on the usual terms in one or more Ship or Ships employed or to be employed in the service of the said United Company & not otherwise And in case the said Josth: Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers the Survivors or Survivors of them shall not well & truly Act & do According to all the Covenants & Agreements herein contained on their respective behalves except the Covenant concerning Private Trade for which the whole Comission is to be Forfeited. Then it is agreed by & between the said Partys to these presents That it shall & may be Lawful to & for the said United Companys President & Council of ffort S^t. George for the time being to make such Deductions Defalcations or abatements out of the said four Pounds 3/4 cent & the respective Share or Interest of each & every of the said Supra Cargo's therein as they the said President & Council shall think fit and the said Joseph Bullock Nathan^l. Elwick & John Somers and each of them for themselves their Exec^{ns}. Adm^{ns}. & Assignes & not Joyntly the one for the other of them Do further severally Covenant Promise & Agree to & with the said United Company their Successors & Assignes That in case of the Decease of any one or more of them the said Supra Cargos before the Sale of the said outward-bound Cargo and [Invoice of] the produce of all or any part thereof & of the ship Dartmouths Dispatch from China to ffort S^t: George It is hereby left to the Court of Directors for the time being of the said United Company to Determine what part of such Deceasing Persons Comission of the said Goods so uninvested shall be divided to the Succesors & in what proportions & what part thereof shall be given to the Exec^{ns}. Adm^{ns}. or Assignes of such Deceased Person or Persons AND FOR AS MUCH as it hath been discovered by the said United Company That Several of their Supra Cargo's notwithstanding the great Commission & other advantages & Encouragement Granted and allowed to them by the said United Company Have taken put or sent or caused or permitted to be taken put or sent on board several Ships freighted by the said Company divers & sundrys Quantitys & Parcells of Goods Merchandizes Treasure & Effects (belonging to such supra Cargo's or to some other Persons & not being the proper Goods & Effects of the said United Company) wth.out the Written Licence of the said United Company or of some Person or Persons thereunto authorized by the said Camp^s. and whereas it has been made known to the said Company that such the said Supra Cargo's have Traded Trafficked or Barterd the said Goods Merchandizes Treasure & Effects & otherwise Carried on a private and unlicenced Commerce in & to the East Indies & China or other the Ports or places Comprahended in the said United Comp^s. Charter and have also consented to or permitted the Commanders or other Officers of or on board such Ships to do the like by means whereof the sale of the said United Comp^s. Goods hath been prevented or postponed & the Prizes and Value thereof greatly lower'd & their Ships kept & detained at great Charge & expence which evill Practices to obviate or at Least in part to repair the said United Company in Damage in this behalf It is agreed & they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers do severally Covenant & Promise to & with the said United Comp^s. and their Successors That they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers & each of them shall and will upon their respective returns to England (if required by the said United Company or any Person or Persons by the said United Company or their Court of Directors for the time being Authorized to require the same) fully & truly set forth, Disclose & Discover upon their respective Oaths all & every the particular species kinds Quantitys & Quallitys of all & every the Goods & Mechandizes Trearure & Effects which shall be by them the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers or either of [. . .] or by any other Person or Persons by or with their Direction

con[. . .] privity during the present Voyage Loaden sent or taken on board or caused or Permitted to be Loaden sent or taken on board the said ship wth.out such Licence as aforesaid together wth. the respective values prizes Bills of Parcels & Invoices thereof & of every part thereof and shall upon their like respective Oaths fully truly & Justly DISCLOSE and discover how & in what manner they or either of them or any other Person or Persons wth. their or either of their privity concurrence or direction have or hath Traded, Barter'd or Traffickt wth. or for such unlicenced Goods Merchandizes Treasure & Effects every or any part thereof & therein also shall & will set forth the species kinds Qualitys Quantitys & Values of all & every the Goods Merchandizes Treasure & Effects acquired Received had or taken in Lieu or Exchange or for or upon Account of the said unlicenced Goods Merchandizes Treasure & Effects so shipt or permitted to be Shipt as aforesaid & every part thereof also a full & true Account of all the Licenced or unlicenced Publick or private and all other the Trade & Traffick whatsoever during the whole intended outward & homeward Voyage And to this end and purpose & for the more full & Effectual Attaining of the Premises It is hereby Agreed by & between the partys to these Presents that it shall & may be Lawfull to & for the said United Company & their successors to Exhibite or file one or more Bill or Bills of Complaint or Discovery in his Majestys High Court of Chancery or Court of Exchequer against them the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers whereunto they the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Sommers do hereby Joyntly & Severally Agree to & with the s^d: United Company & their Successors not to demur or plead in Bar of Discovery sought by such Bill or Bills that thereby they are may or shall become liable to any Penalty or forfeiture by force of any Law or Statute whatsoever but shall make & put in a full & perfect Answer & Answers to all the parts thereof & shall not in such Answer or Answers insist upon any such Penalty Forfeiture Law or Statute or Alledge anything of that kind or to that purpose or Effect whereby to prevent bar or preclude the said Company from discovery sought or to be sought by such Bill or Bills as aforesaid But then & in such case the said United Comp^a. do hereby Consent and Agree to Wave & Disclaim all & all manner of Penaltys & Forfeitures that shall or may in any kind or Degree whatsoever accrue or incurr to them upon or by reason of any Discovery or Disclosure arising by the said Oath or Answer, Oaths or Answers of the said Jos^{ph}. Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Somers or either of them & they the S^d. United Company for themselves & their successors do agree to Accept and [that] the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick & John Sommers do severally and respectively Covenant Promise & Agree to pay or cause to be paid to or to the use of the said Company or their successors as & for a full stated & Adjusted Compensation & Satisfaction for the Damage Sustained by the said Comp^a. upon account of the said Unlicenced Trade the S^{um} of fifty Pounds of Lawfull Money of Great Brittain for every Ton according to the said United Comp^a. Computation of Tonnage of & for all & every the Unlicenced Goods Merchandizes Treasure & Effects so Shipt or permitted to be shipt as afores^d. together wth. forty $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent upon the Values of all & every the Goods Merchandizes Gold Treasure & Effects so received had or taken by way of Sale Barter or Traffick of or for the same or any part thereof & so for a greater or lesser Quantity than a Ton and shall moreover indemnify the said Company from all Demorage & all other Damages Costs & Charges which the said Comp^a. shall or may at any time or times hereafter pay bear Sustain or be put unto for or by reason or means of any such unlicenced Goods Merchandizes Treasure or Effects or of the Trading Trafficking or Bartering of or wth the same or any part thereof. IN WITNESS whereof to the one part of these Indentures the said COURT OF DIRECTORS have Caused the common seal of the said United Company to be affixed & to the other part thereof the said Joseph Bullock Nathaniel Elwick and John Somers have set their hands & Seals the day & year first above written.

9th. DECEMBER 1714.

PROCLAMATION FOR PROCLAIMING KING GEORGE.

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God to call to his Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Anne, of Blessed Memory, by whose Decease the Imperial Crowns of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, are Solely and Rightfully come to the high and Mighty Prince George Elector of Brunswick-Lunenburg: We therefore the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of the Realm, bring here Assisted with those of her late Majesties Privy-Council, with Numbers of other principal Gentlemen of Quality, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, do now hereby, with one full Voice and Consent of Tongue and heart, publish and proclaim, That the high and Mighty Prince George Elector of Brunswick-Lunenburg, is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign, of happy Memory, become our only Lawful and Rightful and Rightful Liege Lord, George, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. to Whom we do Acknowledge all Faith and constant Obedience, with all hearty and humble Affection; Beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do Reign, to Bless the Royal King George with Long and happy years to Reign over us.

Given at the Palace of St. James's, the Fifth Day of August, 1714.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Tho. Cantuar.	Guilford.	Ra Freman.	Tho Frankland.
Harcourt, C.	Somers.	[: . .].	[. . .].
Buckingham.	W. Bromley.	Nich. Care.	Geo. Treby.
Shrewsbury.	W. Wyndham.	John Bland.	Wm. Northey.
Dartmouth, C.P.S.	Bingley.	J. Hynde Cotton.	Alex. Abercrombie.
Portmore.	Dorset.	Wm. Pulteney.	Charles Cholmondeley.
Loudoun.	Lincoln.	Alex. Abercromby.	Rob. Marsham.
Findlater.	Montagu.	Ja. Lowther.	Jo. Midleton.
Orford.	Berkeley.	Tho. Clarges.	Heneage Finch.
Argyll.	Grafton.	John London.	Jo. Pringle.
Kent.	T. Coke.	James Stanhope.	Ja. Scott.
Radnor.	Gernsey.	Ed. Harley.	R. Edgcumbe.
Poulett.	Cowper.	H. Boyle.	Wm. St. Quentin.
Ferrers.	Scarsdale.	John Trevor.	H. Walpole.
Somerset.	Cardigan.	J. Holland.	Cha. May.
Northumberland.	Grantham.	Ri. Onslow.	Chr. Wren.
Ormonde.	Bruce.	J. Hill.	C. Aldworth.
Roxburgh.	Stair.	Will. Harvey.	John Pepper.
Mar.	St. Albans,	J. Smith.	Acton Baldwyn.
Sunderland.	Hay.	Christo. Musgrave.	Arth. Hutcheson.
Rochester.	Offulston.	Edward Southwell.	John Gape.
Northampton.	Dunmore.	Ja. Vernon.	Wm. Cadogan.
Marischall.	Willoughby de Broke.	John West.	R. Bruce.
Joh. London.	Edw. Northey.	John Povey.	W. Morison.
Bolinbroke.	Rob. Raymond.	Tho. Onslow.	Robert Bristow.
Halifax.	Delawarr.	Robert Munro.	Hugh Hughes.
Oxford and Mortimer.	Hollis Ld. Pelham.	Geo. Beaumont.	Hunsdon.
Mansell.	Dunbarton.	Rockingham.	R. Rich.
Lexington.	John Eyles.	Carteret.	J. Montgomerie.
Lansdoune.	Arth. More.	Bathurst.	Tho. Conyers.
Pagett.	Harley.	Dundonald.	Mountjoy.
Berkeley.	Nath. Gould.	Kilsyth.	Jo. Cockburne.

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LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKETT TO FORT S^t. GEORGE BY THE KENT.

- N^o. 1. Companys Generall to Fort S^t. George dated the 27th October 1714.
2. Companys Letter to Govern^r. Harrison dated the 27th Do.
3. Copy Companys Letter to Bengall dated 27th March 1714 sent
‡ Catharine & Thistleworth viâ Bombay.
4. Copy Secretarys Letter to Fort S^t. George dated 5th Febr^y. 1713
‡ S^t. George.
5. Copy Form of Certificate to be given to Persons who send out Corall
&c^a. to purchase Dyamonds at Fort S^t. George sent by the S^t
George.
6. Copy Secretarys Letter to Fort S^t. George dated 8th Febr^y. 1713
‡ S^t. George.
7. Copy Companys Letter to D^o. dated 12th. Febr^y. 1713 ‡ S^t. George.
8. Copy Companys Letter to D^o. dated 15th. Janry. 1713 ‡ Averilla.
9. Invoice of the Kent for Fort S^t. George amo^t. to £ 38267-14-5.
10. Bill of Lading of Ditto.
11. List of Goods to be Provided on the Coast of Choromandell for the
Ships going out this year 1714.
12. Manifest of Goods Lycenc'd to be shipt on board the Kent sign'd by
M^r. Thomas Lewes.
13. Account of Bullion Corall &c^a. Lycenc'd to be shipt on board the Kent
for Fort S^t. George to purchase Dyamonds.
14. Proclamation for Proclaiming King GEORGE.

The Sword and Belt for the President was brought in too late to be dispatcht from hence on board and therefore is sent by Land to Deale to be del^d. there to the Captain, and its hoped will get time enough.

15. Packett directed To the Hon^{ble}. the President and Council for all the
fforces and affaires of the English Nation at Fort William, In
Bengall. To be forwarded thither by the first good opportunity
According to the directions in the Generall Letter.

LIST OF THE COMPANY'S PACKETT TO FORT S^t. GEORGE BY THE SHIP HEATHCOTE.

- N^o. 1. Comp^{as}. General to Fort S^t. George dated 12th January 1714.
2. Copy Comp^{as}. General to D^o. dated 27th Oct^r. 1714 ‡ Kent.
3. Copy Comp^{as}. Letter to Gov^r. Harrison dated 27th Oct^r. 1714 ‡ Kent.
4. Invoice of the Heathcote amounting to £ 82,482-17-6.
5. Bill of Lading of Ditto Ship.
6. Copy of the Heathcote Charterparty.
7. List of Goods to be provided on the Coast of Coromandel for the Ships
going out this year 1714.
8. Abstract of the Derby's Invoice being £ 68,277-2-8.
9. Abstract of the Dartmouths Invoice being £ 52,222-4-2.
10. Copy of the Covenants of Mess^{rs}. Bullock, Elwick and Somers Supra
Cargos of the Dartmouth.
11. Copy List of Goods to be provided in China by the Supra Cargo's of
the Dartmouth.
12. Copy of the 59th Par^a. in the General Letter to the Bay dated 12th
Jan^r. 1714 about the Countrey Trade.
13. Cap^t. Minters Receipt for a Gold sword sett with Emeraulds for
Governour Harrison.

14. Manifest of Bullion and Goods licenced to be Shipt on board the Heathcote Sign'd by Mr. Thomas Lewes.
15. Account of Bullion Coral &c^a. Licenced to be shipt on board the Heathcote to purchase Diamonds.
16. Proclamation for Proclaiming King GEORGE.
17. A Small Box Directed Patterns of 320 Bales of cloth and 20 Bales of Long Ells ꝑ Heathcote in the Box apart.
18. List of 22 Souldiers aboard the Heathcote Sign'd by M^r. Tho. Lewes.
19. Packet in the Box apart Directed, For the Hon^{ble}. the President and Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Fort William in Bengall to be forwarded thither by the first good opportunity.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT S^t. GEORGE BY THE SHIP MARY.

- N^o. 1. Comp^{ss}. General to Fort S^t. George dated the 12th. Jan^{ry}. 1714.
2. Copy Comp^{ss}. to D^o. dated 27th Oct^r. 1714 ꝑ Kent.
3. Copy Comp^{ss}. Letter to Gov^r. Harrison dated 27th D^o. ꝑ Kent.
4. Copy Secretary's Letter to Fort S^t. George dated 5th February 1713 Sent ꝑ S^t. George.
5. Copy Form of Certificate to be given to Persons who send out Bullion Coral &c^a. to Fort S^t. George to purchase Diamonds. Sent by the S^t. George.
6. Copy Secretary's Letter to Fort S^t. George dated 8th Feb^{ry}. ꝑ S^t. George.
7. Copy Company's Letter to ditto dated 12th February 1713 ꝑ S^t. George.
8. Invoice of the Mary amounting to £ 70,608-10-8.
9. Bill of Lading of Ditto Ship.
10. Copy of the Mary's Charterparty.
11. List of Goods to be provided on the Coast of Coromandell for the Ships going out this year 1714.
12. Abstract of Ship Derby's Invoice being £ 68,277-2-8.
13. Abstract of Ship Dartmouth's Invoice being £ 52,222-4-2.
14. Copy List of Goods to be provided in China by the Supra Cargoes of the Dartmouth.
15. Copy of the 59th Par^a. in the General Letter to the Bay dated 12th January 1714 about the Countrey Trade.
16. Cap^t. Minter's Receipt for a Gold sword sett with Emeralds for Governour Harrison.
17. Manifest of Bullion & Goods Lycenced to be Shipt on board the Mary Sign'd by M^r. Thomas Lewes.
18. Account of Bullion Coral &c^a. Lycenced to be shipt on board the Mary to purchase Diamonds,
19. Proclamation for Proclaiming King GEORGE.
20. A Small Box Directed Patterns of 310 Bales of Cloth and 20 Bales of Cloth and 20 Bales of Long Ells ꝑ Mary in the Box apart.
21. List of 21 Souldiers aboard the Mary Sign'd by M^r. Tho. Lewes.
22. Packett in the Box apart Directed For the Hon^{ble}. the President and Council for all the Forces and affairs of the English Nation at Fort William in Bengall. To be forwarded thither by the first good Opportunity.

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