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EGMORE,
9th December 1930.

G. T. BOAG,
Curator, Madras Record Office.

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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

DESPATCHES TO ENGLAND 1736-1740

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 13, 1736. RECEIVED PER GODOLPHIN THE 6TH JULY 1736. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4 pp. 100-117 (India office transcript)*].

1. Wrote per Prince of Orange 30th September, dispatcht her the same time and sailed the 2d of October.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. Nassau arrived from Bencoolen 9th December, and brought 120 Tons Pepper, Commanders of her and Godolphin allow'd as much at half freight as can take in, the remainder shall send on September Ship.

3. Godolphin the only ship from Bengal, Nassau goes to St. Davids to fill up there, near a 1,000 Bales sent more than last year.

4. George is arrived from Bengal with Saltpetre opportunely to kintlage the Nassau and supplying her with 759 Baggs and Captain Steward 200, shall take Care to have enough from thence to kintlage the next years Ships.

5. Send separate Bills Lading for the Pepper & Saltpetre laden at half Freight.

6. The same Care has been taken as to Signals, Surveys and being clear.

7. Are advised from Malacca that the Richmond arrived there 6th December getting a Main Mast, having lost hers in a Storm.

8. Madrass Galley sailed for Fort Marlborough 2d October the George is taking in Goods for the Place, Mr. Lennox returns on her.

9. Committee appointed to examine into these vessells Accounts if any Savings in Charges can be made & addition to their Earnings, and to Compare them with Merchants Vessels of same burthen. Refer to their Report 6th January.

SECONDLY, TOUCHING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

10. Wrote to Bombay for 'em to supply the Richmond with Bullion, hear from Malacca she could not lay out her Silver at Canton, Gold being at 116.

11. Have received 10 Chests Silver from Bencoolen per Nassau, if not wanted for the Richmond, shall be coyned and sent early to Bengal.

12. Mint Ballance was cleared the 31st December.

13. Merchants paid 35,000 Pagodas for the Broad Cloth, the whole 1,000 Bales disposed of since the Prince of Orange sail'd. This Sale shews the Prejudice of indulging Commanders to bring out 20 Bales. Tomby Chitty could not sell a peice the former year till those same Parcells were all sold and none would venture to contract this year 'till assured the Captains had none.

14. Selling Broad Cloth to Merchants to be prefer'd to selling at Outcry. Company have a certain Profit, when all in one hand the Merchant makes some advantage, large quantitys lately sold to Persons concerned in the Government, the Consumption will be encreased thereby, 'tis probable might sometimes sell for a larger price at Outcry but it would be no more than for the present Demand, and no Sale could be made 'till a fresh Demand, have not been wanting for some years to press Tomby Chitty to sell, could not prevail he urging should be ruin'd though a large Profit was offer'd for a Part, and by wisely rejecting 'em and accepting a small Premium for the whole, he has clear'd his hands to those who can distribute it.

15. Shall put up at Outery 800 Candys Lead this Month, beleive it will not fetch above 12 Pagodas, all last sold continuing on hand.

16. Send a Bar of Japan Copper and a peice of Quedah Tin, the Copper is prefer'd to all other Sorts for size and Ductility, the Dutch Standard Price on this Coast is 82 Pagodas per Candy of 520 lb, it sold this year in Bengal for 50 Current Rupees per Maund, the Tin sells at 30 to 33 Pagodas per Candy, the English is finer but too hard, will sell to advantage if expence not too great of reducing it to Goodness and Shape of the Sample now sent, Bengal and Surat more proper Markets for both these Commoditys.

17. The silver Lead from Bengal sold at last at 95 Pagodas per Candy.

18. Indents for Wares and Stores in the Packet as exactly calculated as possible for Expence of the year.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

19. The Deputy Governour & Council at St. Davids have [i]ndulged the Merchants in a Number 3 of Sallem Cloth, and being good, have further indulged them in a N^o. 4 instead of sorting it to Long Cloth ordinary.

20. Andiapa's Sons Complaint about turned out Cloth occasioned by the sorters, just. The Porto Novo Investment is the only one where the Cloth is taken one with another which have at 42 Pagodas, is less than Sallem No. 3 received here and at Fort St. Davids. Turned out Cloth not fit for Europe, shall be sent to Bencoolen, torn and damaged shall be sold as soon as there is any Demand for Paintings.

21. Vizagapatam Investment reduced to 300 Bales, but the Cloth is improved, hope another year to encrease the Quantity and improve the Fabrick.

22. Have received from Ingeram 400 Bales, but not well cured, shall rewash the worst and direct the fault to be mended.

23. Send 500 pieces Izzarees by these Ships, but Ginghamis so much cheaper, design not to order any Izzarees from Ingeram next year, but instead thereof make an addition of 500 pieces to their Contract for white Ginghamis.

24. Send some 40 and 50 Covid Bettellees better than Muster, if a better Sort's wanted will contract for 'em.

25. Some Sannoos and Baftaes received from Bengal, the first will be ready to send on one of these ships, but doubt whether shall be able to get the Baftaes printed, beleive the Spriggs must be drawn as the Madrass Chints are but not so expensive, desire Patterns annually from England.

26. Have sent striped Ginghamis blue and red ordinary instead of fine, are since told a finer sort would have done better.

27. Redwood for two years past indifferent, the woods almost worn out.

28. Cotton in Bengal risen to 18 Rupees per Maund, none imported from the Northward 'till October after all the ships were gone.

29. Hope the Number of Bales sent this year more than last will Convince that this Branch of the Company's Business has been principally in their Thoughts. No Amendment in the quality of the coarser sorts, the Weavers are poor, will not sett to work till the Gomasta has supplied them with Cotton Yarn and Rice to support their Families, or Mony for both, and if the Gomastah does not attend very close to take the peice of Cloth off the Loom, the Weaver sells it for ready Mony, if the Gomastah complains to the Hovildar, the Weaver pleads poverty, and the Hovildar says Necessity has no Law, so the Merchants are very glad to receive such Cloth as their Gomastahs send them. The Number of Buyers interfere too much with one another. The new Petta erected last year is encreased beyond what could expect, 230 Familys being settled there, is of great use already in the finer sorts of Goods, the coarse Cloths obstructed by the Difference of the Duty on Cotton Yarn which amounts to upwards of 8 per cent. Endeavouring to get a Taukeed at Arcot to pass all Cotton & Cotton Yarn free of Juncan, but the Government jealous of setting up Manufactures to prejudice their Rents in the Country. Some of their Merchants

Cloth 40 Days upon the Road, should be glad to introduce the Manufacture nearer. Merchants sprinkle some Money in the Moors Towns, but almost despair of Success. Great Men at Arcot Erect Towns, endow 'em with Priviledges, call 'em after their own Names, but after a while a Notion prevails that an additional Tax may be raised, the People bear it as long as they can, but the Weavers when disgusted leave lighted Lamps in their Houses and remove to some other part of the Country, so that whole Towns are deserted in a Night.

30. Should be glad if could make Contracts without large advances of Money, Sunca Rama's Family & the Chittees wore out in the Service, vanity more than Interest has attached them to the Company, believe the Money secure, but best pleased when no risk is run, no Men left of Substance or Credit enough to carry on Investment without advances, but if there were, the Company must keep the same Stock to pay for Cloth as it comes in, and the Cloths perhaps cheaper by this Method, if the Merchant advances the Money he would consider Interest in the Price of Cloth.

31. The French will not send above 2000 Bales home this year and less the next for want of Money, they borrowed 85000 Pagodas of the Shroffs at Arcot, Last Loan they requested was 60000 but got only 20000.

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

32. The Dutch have received the Satisfaction a Squadron was sent to obtain at Manilla, so hope to have Remains of Royal George's Cargo this Season, the Galleon is lost, her Treasure saved, so the Market will not be effected.

33. Dutch have had bad success in China and Japan Trade, one of the latter lost all her Masts, throw'd most of her Cargo over board, came into Canton to refit and returns to Batavia, one China ship lost and all her Men except the Captain, Mr. Abbis Supra Cargo and nine Sailors.

34. When the President came to the Chair he receiv'd the usual Serpaw from the Nabob, with others from the great Men, and consequently the Returns more than when the Nabob sent only one, Endeavour'd to avoid 'em to no Purpose, as also the visit intended by them, but they pressed it to Create a Friendship, it is believed the Nabob's son will succeed him. Subdarally Cawn and Chunda Saib with Cawn Bahauder came down with Imaun Sahib in October, were directed by the latter in what manner to receive them, and a List of Broad Cloth prepared by him and designed as a Present was read in the Consultation Room before all their Officers, he intimated it was only to give a Figure to the thing and would not be accepted, afterwards they retired with the President and desired to be excused accepting the Present, protesting they came to make a friendly visit, so got clear for a small matter, Presents came to Pagodas 830 : 29 : 77, and Provisions for 'em to 1105 : 24 : 53, including the usual Present to Imaun Sahib, got off exceeding cheap, not any Persons of their Rank came down since Doud Cawn near thirty years ago.

35. The President requested some Grants of them to be free of Dutys collected at the Mettas on some Articles to relieve the poor Inhabitants. Two other Articles are yet in suspense, namely, the permitting Cotton and Cotton Yarn to be brought from the Country free of juncan, and Satisfaction for 500 Pagodas taken from a St. Davids Merchant's Servant who was murther'd, such an accident is very rare, and several People are taken up and carried to Arcot.

36. They brought down no more Troops than 1500 Horse and 5000 Foot, most of them were quarter'd about St. Thome', Nabob's son was lodged at Mr. Lewis de Medeiro's house within half a mile of the town, the great Men behaved with a Politeness and Exactness very remarkable, but Military under no manner of Discipline, were glad to be rid of such troublesome Neighbours, but in other respects not displeas'd with their coming. Tomby Chittee finished a Contract with them for Broad Cloth to the amount of 50000 Pagodas and the Army laid out 50000 pagodas more in Bengal and other Goods that had laid in Town some years, they had 30

Candies of Powder and two Mortars, they are now on their March with 10000 Horse and 20000 Foot against the kings of Tanjore and Mysore and the Queen of Trichanapoly who offer'd eleven Millions of Pagodas to be excused the Visit which would not content 'em, both Armies are now in the Field.

37. Nabob's son receiv'd a Patent from the Mogul conferring on him the rank and Titles of his Uncle the old Nabob, and the Son in Law new Titles, shall congratulate them with a present of 2 pair of pistolls and some Rose Water, such Presents necessary to keep up their Figure and preserve respect, being on good Terms with them of great service in distant provinces.

38. A proper person was placed near the great Men as they passed by Chindadre Petta to point out the situation of it, that it was manifestly within Bounds, and to represent the design was Charity to employ poor People, think shall not be troubled about it from the Country Government, and the place promises to be of use, especially if can get Cotton Yarn free of Juncan. Have paid the Undertakers the remainder of 2000 Pagodas per Contract.

39. Had some little Disputes at St Davids about the Mole at Trevendaporum, but are settled by Imaun Sahib's Means.

40. Various reports about the Great Mogul Mahomud Shaw, of being imprisoned and his son placed on the Throne, and likewise that he is dead, no advice from Bengal so think nothing in 'em.

41. In the late Famine some Washers were taken up for stealing Cloth, thought not proper to bring 'em to the Sessions, had determined to send them to Bencoolen, but Grain growing more plenty the Heads of the Washers requested their Discharge offering to pay the Expence of their Maintenance, as Necessity led 'em to such a course, were not willing to disgust so useful a set of men.

42. Some Persons guilty of a crime proceeding from vicious Inclinations, have sent 'em to Bencoolen.

43. Desired the gentlemen in Bengal to insert a Clause in the Passes they give to Ships going out agreeable to the Orders sent by the Company, they answer'd if the Ships touched at other Ports, should pay the same Customs as if they imported here.

44. Last Year's scarcity of Grain made worse by Engrossers, were induced the beginning of last Season to think of some Means to prevent the like, the President order'd an exact account to be kept at the public Banksalls what Grain was daily disposed of &c., which alarm'd the Engrossers who instill'd into the Importers that these last would be obliged to sell by Retail, and the Government in the case of scarcity would fix a price, they guessed pretty right and would not buy in Quantities in order to make Importers uneasy with a tedious Sale, and to get rid of the above Check, prevail'd on some northern Merchants to Import their Vessels at St. Thome' and the Merchants left the Town, during whose Absence most of the Northern Vessels went thither. The Resentment show'd to two Merchants had so good an Effect that the Owners of the rest sent orders to their vessels to come immediately hither. The Importers continued tollerably easy 'til April, when some of them endeavour'd to engage the President in a Dispute with the Country Government on denying 'em to trade to St. Thome' and pretended to the Havildar that Boats with soldiers forced them away from St. Thome' and likewise to the President that the same Means detained the rest of the Boats there, thô no truth in either. The Merchants not being able to go through with their scheme ordered their vessels into Madrass, and so the Dispute ended.

45. Being informed overland there was a Famine in Bengal (althô supplied with a large quantity of Rice in September from thence) agreed for a Quantity to be bought for the Company to be brought from Naugure not to enhance the Market, after which the Bengal ships Imported an unexpected Quantity which the Merchants hurrying to get rid of before the new Crop in January fell the Price, so that the Company may be Losers this year. The middle of last Month no more Grain in the Place except the Companys than sufficient for 15 Days, but the Secret so well kept the Market was not affected, may hope for a plentiful supply by Sea.

46. Their Conduct so clear, cannot be prejudiced in the Companys Esteem, but the Age so full of Scandal it is necessary to guard against the suggestions of the wicked.

47. Paddy is at 18 Mercal per Pagoda, the Military and Peons are supplied at fifteen for this year, who are easy, having it at the same Price in the dearer Season.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

48. Have been obliged to repair the Bridges to keep open the Intercourse with the Country, repeat their Request about having the Town Conicoply's Duty renew'd.

49. Have order'd the Scavenger to survey all the Wells and repair the publick ones, and oblige private persons to do the same, a Child being drowned in one even with the surface of the ground.

50. Customs encreased this year though the Pegue ships lost their Passage and no ship gone to Manilla though the Trade and Circumstances of the Place not mended, Consumption of the Place in Grain 200000, Pagodas per Annum, and Labour a quarter part of that summ. No forreign Trade so gainful to pay for the difference, so the Inhabitants Substance drawing out daily. Inhabitants much encreased of late years chiefly of the poorer sort, to be less miserable than in the Country. Forreign trade must mend to support 'em though all the markets abroad discouraging, and their own little better, the Country too much harrassed and impoverished to afford any Expence beyond the Necessarys of Life, Coral and Grain have swell'd the Sea Customs.

51. Saltfarmer complains he cannot dispose of the usual quantity, and which his Cowle obliges him to supply the Shipping at five Pagodas per Garce, Saltworks being sett up to the Southward and northward where foreign snips get it at 3. Pagodas, desire Directions hereupon.

52. Established one general Register for Houses and Lands and allowed six months to bring in Titles, which being elapsed, not above 1500 Houses have been entered, beleive several Persons have lost their Titles or never had any other than possession, among the latter they reckon several Inclosures to the Northward of the Town made since the building of the Batterys in Mr. Collet's time, for which no regular Grants were taken, on paying some Consideration to the Company to resume 'em for want of an original Grant would be a Grievance and turn many a starving: propose to allow six months longer and to confirm those in Possession; but shall establish a Committee of Council to go round the Bounds and examine into all Encroachments on the Companys property and Estate, shall allow to build on very reasonable Terms to encrease Inhabitants and guard against the richer sort of People possessing themselves of these Lands and parcelling 'em to the poor on such severe Terms as hindering their coming.

53. The Merchants uneasy at paying 5 per cent on turn'd out Cloth, have released them from it and established Land Custom and Dustore on the same foot it was 'till 1725. Instead of paying $2\frac{1}{4}$ on Goods for Europe which they ought to have paid and in the old Method did really pay, of late they paid only $1\frac{1}{4}$ but can't find out the meaning of it, so that Complying with their Request will be a benefit to the Company, but if any Fraud is attempted, shall put a Stop to it.

54. The Land Customs encreased about 1000 pag^o: in the Year, Fort St. Davids decreased 550 Pag^o:

55. Expences considerably decreased in Repairs of Fortifications and Charges extraordinary and General those two run high in 1733 by the President's going to St. Davids and Porto Novo Expedition.

56. Expences at Vizagapatam and Ingeram running higher than usual, refer to their Accounts.

57. The old Plate being worn out, have exchanged it for new weight for weight, though the greatest part of the new is new standard, on the ballance there was about 300 Pagodas more of the new than the old.

SIXTHLY, FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

53. Mr. James Say dead, Mr. Colebrooke went home on Prince of Orange, Mr. Wodworth goes per Nassau, 15 Covenant Servants only under the Council so were obliged to entertain Mr. Richard Starke and Mr. John Cooke monthly writers who write good hands, and from their good Behaviour recommend 'em.

59. Mr. Berriman dyed insolvent, his Debt to the Company arose from advances as Paymaster and Cloth deliver'd him for the Military, refer to Letters and Consultations relating thereto, and shall do their utmost to recover it.

60. Mr. Goddard under the Storekeeper, Mr. Applby Sub Accountant, Mr. Denny under the Rental Gen^l., Mr. Starke in the Secretary's Office and Mr. Cooke under the Import Warehousekeeper.

61. A Certificate sent from Bencoolen for Dollars 828—2—24 or Pag^o: 552: 13: 35 on account of Mr. Oaker's Estate passed to Account Currant Londons Credit.

62. Mr. Amyand is come from Fort Marlborough and has a Commission, Military consists of only 151 Europe Centinels, hope a supply will be annually continued.

63. Mr. William Douglas Surgeon's Mate attacked with a Distemper that noth^s: but a Change of Clymate can relieve him, takes passage on the Godolphin, recommend him to have liberty to return if he recovers.

64. Servants of Age were before 'em in order to sign their Indentures and be sworn the 10th instant, Mr. Edward Michell signed, the rest are willing to do it but at a Loss to name Securitys but promised to write to their Friends.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

65. Have drawn several Bills of Exchange, the major part of them for Coral, have ventur'd to draw the rest having sent all the Silver to Bengal, in Expectation of larger Sums for Coral, but being sold out of time the Mony will not be receiv'd till Sept^r.; before which, shall want Mony if the Investment goes on as expect.

£	550	—	—	payable to William Douglas.
"	250	—	—	to Charles Hunter
"	280	—	—	to John Turner
"	720	—	—	to Charles Wybergh
"	192	—	—	to Nathaniel Elwick
"	1585	19	4	to George Morton Pitt
"	480	—	—	to Robert Adams
"	80	—	—	to Rich ^d : Wiat
"	100	—	—	to Charles Monson
"	400	—	—	to Mons ^r : Dumas
"	357	—	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	to John Henry Mertins
"	100	—	—	to Wm Tullie or John Tullie
"	200	—	—	to Sarah Bourchier
"	1600	—	—	to Heron Hart
"	100	—	—	to James Fordham
"	100	—	—	to Margaret Graham
"	40	—	—	to John & Michael Ennis
"	500	—	—	to John Roach
"	80	—	—	to John Hubbard
"	80	—	—	to William Colebrooke
"	190	14	6	to Tho ^s : Hall & Will: Wood
"	551	15	4	to Jacob Abenator Pemental
"	425	5	7	to Moses Espinoza
"	40	—	—	to Charles Hudson

£	459	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	} to Abraham & Jacob Franco
"	374	13	$9\frac{1}{2}$	
"	602	7	$9\frac{1}{4}$	
"	342	11	7	
"	1020	19	4	
"	1524	19	4	
"	2058	14	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
"	711	—	$6\frac{1}{2}$	
"	1673	5	$8\frac{3}{4}$	
"	762	11	4		} to Peter Meyer & Company to David Gomesserra
"	819	2	$6\frac{1}{2}$	
"	1634	3	$4\frac{1}{2}$	} to Judah Supino & Son
"	741	17	11	
"	850	12	8	
"	378	2	$2\frac{3}{4}$	
"	1711	12	$\frac{1}{2}$	} to Isaac Salvador
"	2361	16	10	
"	1741	15	8	
"	408	4	—	
"	724	18	$11\frac{1}{4}$	} to Jn: Anthony & Henry Loubier and Co. to Anthony Da Costa to Jacob Dias to Ditto to Isaac Salvador to James Porten
"	445	11	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
"	380	13	5	
"	707	13	6	
"	628	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	
"	1164	16	9	
"	530	8	—	
"	344	—	—	
"	464	8	—	} to Abraham & Jacob Franco
"	261	4	—	
"	1400	—	—	} to Anthony Da Costa to Ditto
"	140	19	11	
"	500	—	—	} to Thomas Weston to Elizabeth Torriano
"	320	—	—	
"	850	8	$11\frac{1}{4}$	} to Alex: Bennet & Jacob Fernandes Nunes
"	100	—	—	
"	1000	—	—	} to Daniel Morse to Sir Charles Peers
"	100	—	—	
"	128	8	$1\frac{1}{2}$	} to Hugh Watson to Ralph Wistler
"	731	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	
"	499	2	$6\frac{3}{4}$	} to John Emmerson & Edmund Godfrey to Anthony Da Costa
"	500	—	—	
"	50	—	—	} to Nicholas Morse & Wm. Monson to Nathaniel Gould
"	50	—	—	

EIGHTHLY, TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

67. George will be dispatched in a few days, the Order thither shall be advised per Nassau. Ships from England sometimes arrive late on that Coast and the Weather proves tempestuous whereby the Ship designed from thence to the Coast & Bay cannot gain her Passage to Madrass till December as was the Nassau's case, had Captain Hutchinson gone the Southern Passage he had reached Zeloan so as to get to Bengal in October, but it had not been prudent to venture in at Madrass at that time. Offer it to the Company's Consideration if the Ship is not dispatched early enough from Bencoelen to reach Madrass 1st September which the Captain must know when got the Length of Zeyloan that he be directed to bear away to the Bay. This appears so much for the Company's Interest shall venture to give Directions accordingly.

NINTHLY, TOUCHING THE NEW CHARTER.

68. Mr. Naish having resigned in Court the Office of Mayor, Mr. John Sanders was elected and sworn.

69. An Execution against Sunca Rama's effects was apply'd for to the Court without Effect, so the Court of Appeals, to support their Decrees, granted a Warrant to the Sherriff to Levy the Amount, which was executed, and shortly after Sunca Rama dyed of an Imposthume in the Thigh, there appears very few Assets, most of his houses and Gardens being mortgaged, if the Mayors Court will not grant an Execution and there is not a power in the Court of Appeals to do it, the injured can nowhere have redress.

70. To let the Court see thay must not act with Impunity for ever, prefer'd a Charge against 'em which they answered in a joint Capacity which think a mean Performance and have proceeded no further, a dislike to the Office being grown General, had any been removed could not pitch on a Man to supply the vacancy.

71. Have remitted the fynes for not serving on a Petit Jury and released the Sherriff from several imposed on him by the Mayors Court for not Complying with an Order directly opposite to an established Rule of the Government, have also released Terwaddee a Guzzerat from a Fyne imposed for not giving Evidence, though by his Cast is tyed up from swearing. •

72. Inhabitants of all Casts often complained of their Differences being decided by English Laws, directed 'em to agree upon some Rules to determine 'em which they have done in a Petition which comes in the Packet, beleive they are empowered to Grant it the substance being reasonable and necessary, little wanting but some Rules and Restrictions to prevent Excess, shall Endeavour to settle it as will be most conducive to the Ease, Good and Quiet of the Place.

TENTHLY, TOUCHING THE ULRICA ELEONORA.

73. Hear she is arrived at Gottenburgh, are surprized the French Company do not approve of the Proceedings against her in the same manner as the English Company does.

74. Have lately received Advice from Fort St. David that the Broad Cloth is touched with a worm, to prevent further Damage, have determined to bring it up hither and sell it at Outery.

SUPPLEMENT.

75. This Ship's Invoice amounts to Pagodas 48878 : 5 : 30. no Goods for St. Helena, being supplied from Bengal ; the Captain has register'd Pagodas 3120 : 18 : have given him a certificate for 1250 pagodas paid into Cash Register of Bills in return for Coral 75134 : 34 : 14, Register Diamonds 8114 : 9 : 58.

RICH^r. BENYON.
 RANDALL FOWKE.
 AUG : BURTON.
 NIO : MORSE.
 FRAN^s : ROUS.
 WILL : MONSON.
 GRO : TORRIANO.

RECEIVED PER GODOLPHIN
THE 6TH JULY 1736.

FORT GENERAL, DATED
13TH JANUARY 1735-6.

Since closing the Packet of this date, have drawn another sett of Bills in favour of Mr. Manning Lethieullier for £1600.

RICH^d. BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUG: BURTON.
NIC: MORSE.
FRA^s: ROUS.
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1. Godolphin sailed the 14th Instant and this ship Nassau having taken in 1158 Bales sailed to St. Davids the 21th to fill up.

2. Nassau was regularly surveyed and Directions given to St. Davids to see that the full Complement of Men and Warlike Stores are on board.

3. Bills of Lading for Saltpetre and Pepper at half freight are in the Packet and Bills of Lading for the rest of the Cargo will be sent from St. David.

4. Eight hundred Candys of Lead sold at Outcry & produced Pag^o: 12: 11: 76½ per Candy in an average.

5. Received per Sloop Mary 420 Baggs Saltpetre, are in want still of near 1000 Baggs to kintlage next September ships which are expected in March.

6. Indentures for servants returned viz^t. Charles Simpson proposes for security Martin Graven & William Simpson.

John Stratton proposes Jn: Roach & Eliz^a: Stratton.

Holland Goddard..... Jn^o: & James Goddard.

John Hammond..... Fra^s: Hugonin & Tho^s: Turner.

William Johnson..... G. Morton Pitt & Jn^o: Wheake.

John Savage..... Jos^a: Savage & Geo: Savage.

7. If any of them should refuse to enter into Obligations, will nominate others in their stead.

8. In the Letter per George to the West Coast, have directed Bricks and Chunam to be prepared to lay the Foundation of a house at Moco Moco, and shall get ready all the Wood Work at Madrass to be sent them by the first Opportunity that it may be lasting and durable. The Buildings in General so decayed the whole Factory must be rebuilt, a Plan sent in the Packet of what's necessary, and desire Directions.

9. Great Loss sustained at the West Coast by the Arrack and Sugar Plantation, upwards of 1700 Dollars per annum for two years past, so directed 'em to be sparing in Advances of Mony, and to take off part of the Slaves 'till the Company send Orders about the Plantation, are of Opinion it's a great Expense and will never answer. As to its supplying Arrack always in the Place that may easily be done from Madrass or Batavia with what is wanted.

10. The promising scituation of Affairs on the West Coast requires Care to keep them so, and to that End have given Liberty to draw Bills on Madrass when really in want of Mony, what induced them hereto is the News receiv'd of a War between Portugal and Spain, and that Sir John Norris with 25 sail was gone to protect the Brazil Fleet, and that it was not doubted England would be a party in the War.

11. The great Debt from Cunsum Lingana at Vizagapatam desperate ever since the year 1714 Mr. Hastings never paid it, Mr. Sanderson's Thoughts of the Debts there in his Letter dated 12th October 1734 just. The rise of them was so long ago before any of 'em was of Council cannot be particular about 'em, of Opinion are totally irrecoverable, desire permission to write off Cunshum Lingana's, Budda Narran's Son's as well as Pag^o: 228: 14: 21 due from John Blunt's Estate, and two small Debts due from Budda Narso & Baugra Punda.

12. Capt: Hutchinson touch'd only at the West Coast and arrived at Madrass in the dead Season, met with a poor Sale and therefore recommend him to Company's Favour.

13. Indented by the Godolphin for some fowling Peices & Pistols for Presents, and now desire six large Telescopes, ten peices Brocades, six peices Broad Cloth superfyne all red on one side & blue on the other, six peices red & yellow, six peices red & Green, six Cases Cristal Böttles for Cordial Waters with Cups and Funnels.

14. Coja Petrus would have 'em indent for some Gold & Silver Toys but cannot describe 'em, the Grandees at Arcot are falling into a new Tast.

15. Desire Twenty more blank Indentures to be filled up here.

16. The two Bales Sannoos chank'd sent per Nassau, it makes the Cloth more beautiful but helps to rot it.

17. Desire acceptance of the following Bills:

£40 — — pay^a: to Nicolas Morse
 £40 — — to Cha^s: & Edmund Boehm
 £257 11 10 ... to John Campbell

18. In the Packet comes a Reg^r: of Garnets amounting to Pag^s: 3127: 2:— Invoice and Capt^s: Register will be advised from St. David, Inv^o: to St. Helena
 Pago:
 196: 34: 3.

RICH^d: BENYON.
 RANDALL FOWKE.
 AUG^s: BURTON.
 NIC: MORSE.
 FRA^s: ROUS.
 WILL: MONSON.
 GEORGE TORRIANO.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 1, 1736.
 RECEIVED PER PRINCE WILLIAM 10TH MAY 1737. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts,*
vol. 4, pp. 152-164. (India office transcript)]

1. Wrote last Season under Date 30th Sept^r. 13th & 30th of January, and Fort St. David sent one of the 4th February 1735-6.

2. The Letters received from the Company this year are of the 12th Dec^r. 23th January & 6th February with two from Mr. Secretary Mole of the 6th & 7th February, to which shall reply in part by this ship, deferring the rest till January.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

3. The Ships sent out this year for Coast & Bay arrived and sailed as follows:

	arrived	sailed
Defence	26 June	5 July
Hallifax	1 July	13 D ^o .
Grantham	14 D ^o .	22 D ^o .
Haeslingfield	15 D ^o .	3 August
Pelham	26 D ^o .	18 D ^o .
Shaftsbury	7 August	2 Sept ^r .
Prince William	D ^o .	

4. As the Defence brought no Packet for this Place, they demanded of the Captain his reasons for coming in here, who answered that it was owing to the Inability of his Ship's Company, and on receipt of the Comp^s. Commands by the Hallifax they enquired of him whether he could take in any Redwood, to which he reply'd that he had no room.

5. As soon as the Hallifax and Grantham had landed what they had for this Presidency and each of them had received on board 30 Tons Redwood, they proceeded for Bengal, the Haeslingfield, Pelham and Shaftsbury were obliged to detain till their Rup^s. were ready, which brought them under their Dispatches.

6. Compton arrived Bengal 21th June, and would be dispatht thence the 10th October to the West Coast.

7. Pelham and Shaftsbury carryed 180 Tons Redwood to Bengal, the early ships so full, that with Difficulty they took their Charterparty Quantity.

8. If the Normanton comes hither from China, the Orders concerning her shall be complied with, have sent a Price Currant of China Goods at this Port to the Supra Cargoes at Canton.

9. Hear the Britannia would take in a full Lading of Coffee at Mocha, her Commander Captⁿ: Frogall dyed at Mocha the 21th July.

10. The Harrington was not arrived at Bombay the 17th August but two tall ships were seen standing in, which they take to have been the Wyndham and Lynn.

11. Shall have due regard to the Company's Orders not to put on board the homeward bound Ships any surplus Tonnage uless Requested for at half Freight, and when have a sufficient quantity Saltpetre shall grant the Captains Request for what they ask for above the Charterparty Kintlage, through want of which, were obliged to refuse Captain Langworth's Request for 20 Tons.

12. Shall recommend to the Commanders the Rules laid down to prevent such accidents by Fire as happen'd to the Ockham.

13. Enclosed in the Packet comes an Account of what this Ship landed here, and a manifest of Captain Langworth's private trade.

14. If any of the Commanders dye, shall use Endeavours to prevent Loss to the Companys Estate on account of the Summs lent them on Bottomree.

15. Madrass Galley arrived from the West Coast 16th February, and the 20th the William Sloop with Petre from Bengal, the former were obliged to Employ in an Expedition to the Mallabar Coast for Reasons mentioned under the 4th Head.

16. Dispatht the Madrass Galley to Vizagapatam the 2d June with 3000 new Madrass Pagodas and the Ballance of Rup^s. in their Warehouse, from thence she was sent to the Bay, and arrived thence the 18th Sept^r. with 180 Baggs Saltpetre and some packing stuff.

17. The Comp^s. Ship George arrived from the West Coast the 11th Sept^r. with 60 Tons Pepper, with which they dispatched her the 14th to the Bay that it might be shot loose in the Ships dispatched from thence. As beleived the Comp^s. Servants at the West Coast would not have sent this Pepper, if had expected two such large Ships as the Compton and Duke of Lorrain, they wrote to Bengal to load 2 or 300 Bales of Goods on the Compton as part of her Europe Cargo.

18. The Necessity of the Service on the West Coast obliges 'em to keep the George and Galley as a Load on the Comp^s. Estate, the nature of their Employs so poor, that it is not near an equivalent to their Charge. Watering ships as in Europe to discover if they are leaky, is a Method not known to any of their Builders who have very little Judgement or Experience.

19. The Masters of both vessels have given in very exact accounts how their stores have been expended. The sums charged for dyeting Soldiers is four fanams a head per Diem, it would cost more to lay in provisions for them.

20. Shall use their best endeavours to send every year a Ship fully loaden in September.

21. The Duke of Lorrain was not arrived at the West Coast the 6th August, two China Ships were at Batavia the beginning of June, but their Names not known.

22. Dispatched the Madrass Gally to Vizagapatam the 21th with a Supply of Gunpowder.

SECONDLY, CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

23. Received a general direction from Bengal to Coyn about half the quantity of Bullion that is yearly designed for that Presidency. That on the Defence, Hallifax and Grantham not being consigned them, was carry'd down without landing here: of the Treasure consigned them, reserve 40 Chests for the Normanton. the rest they coyned and sent 888000 Rupees on the Haeslingfield, Pelham and Shaftsbury, the remaining 53593 shall send to Vizagapatam.

24. The large Summs they drew on the Company at Es. the Pagoda was to ease Bengal of a large Sum they had at Interest.

25. The Price of Silver varys here as well as other Commodities, and £30 or £40000 to be bought or sold will rise and fall the Price considerably.

26. The Madeira Wine by the Pelham lost by Leakage two Pipes out of fifty, the whole produced at Outcry 2022 Pagodas, begg a Continuance of 50 or 60 Pipes yearly.

27. After keeping the 10 Chests of Bullion, brought by the Nassau from the West Coast, till the 10th May for the Richmond in case she called here, tho' it better to send it down uncoyn'd to Bengal than keep it here any longer.

28. Have sent this year to Manilha under Tomby Chitty's Mark and Name 50 Bales blue Broad Cloth.

29. The-Copper consign'd 'em this year sent to the Bay.

30. In the Packet is their Indent for Broad Cloth. Shall dispose of the Quantity receiv'd per last Ships, of which shall give on Account in January.

31. Have sent per Prince William some useless Guns and Armoury Stores.

THIRDLY, TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

32. It is with a sensible Concern that are obliged to acquaint the Comp^a. of the Disappointments have met with in the Investments this year.

33. The Continuance of the War to the Southw^d. has occasion'd great Confusion in the Cloth Countrys, and a great Backwardness in the Merchants to trust their Mony in the Weavers hands, besides, that these Troubles having hindred the Communication between several Parts of the Country, has prevented the usual supplys of Cotton & Grain: At the same time the French entered into very large Contracts with their Merchants, it was a considerable time before their Merchants here or at Fort St. Davids would hearken to any reasonable Terms. Theirs were first brought to a Compliance and afterwards those at Fort St. Davids, but with more difficulty.

34. Molinga Kistna & his partners have been of good Service to them & complied with their promises, which is more than can say of Tomby Chitty & his Partners tho' under Contract for their performance, and from their Scituation hold it better for the present to help them to mend their Faults than force them by any rough means to encrease them.

35. One Ponnapa Chitty has offered his Service, have advanced him some Mony and received some Cloth, but shall defer saying anything more of him, 'till see more of his performance.

36. The Mony advanced him and their other Merchants beleive they may be trusted with, but it must be larger Advances that will Enable them to carry on their Business with Spirit.

37. As Tomby Chitty & the Fort St. David Merchants have failed in their promises, has necessitated them to depend upon the Northern Settlements to compleat the Tonnage of this Ship.

38. The French dispatch but one Ship for France this Month w^{ch}. will have but 800 Bales Call^a. and is to be filled up with Coffee and Pepper.

39. Finding should be under Difficulties to give this Ship her Tonnage they consented to take in abo'. 100 Bales of turn'd out midling Cloth, and is distinguished in the Invoice by a †

40. By this Ship send some more Soot Romals, for the future shall send only blues, and better care shall be taken of the Dye.

41. Andiapah of Porto Novo's last Cloth so bad, were obliged to turn a great deal of it out, he would not continue providing for them any longer. Likely the Troubles in the Country to the Southward made him more indifferent, w^{ch}. when over, may Engage him again, which shall be glad of as his Circumstances are good, and therefore to be trusted with large Summs, some of his Cloth complained of by this Ship is distinguished by a †

42. Are likely to meet with a disappointment at Vizagapatam as well as from the other Subordinates.

43. After writing to Bengal to Load 100 Tons Bale Goods on the Compton to help out with the Pepper she was to receive at the West Coast, they received Copy of the Comp^s. Letter to that Settlement wherein was directed 300 Tons Saltpetre to be loaded on her, so that wrote a subsequent Letter to the Bay, sett^s. forth there would be no occasion for Bale Goods.

44. But for the use of the West Coast they indented for the Sorts of Quantities of piece Goods usually sent thither, as well as Oyl, Gunny Baggs & Twine to be sent on the Compton.

45. Fort Marlbrô shall have Directions to send hither what Pepper they may have on hand more than what sent to Europe: as for the Rice, it will not keep and is too dear to yield any profit.

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

46. Advised per Godolphin that the Nabob's sons were gone to the Southward ag^t. the Jentue Princes, their Success ag^t. Tritchanopoly & Tanjore has been an entire Conquest of those Countrys, and they are now marched against Misore: The Army hav^s. been all this year in the Field, has very sensibly affected the Trade of their Merchants.

47. Their Nabob has been about a month at Allumparra 30 Miles on this side Pondicherry, hope in a few days he will return directly to Arcot, but if he removes nearer to them, it will cost the Comp^s. from 4 to 500 pagodas.

48. The English Country Trade so bad, not one of the Ships sent abroad last year return'd 'em principal, such of their ships as could not be sold, have sent to Pegue and Bengal to fetch Rice & Lumber, except one to Manilha chiefly Freightd by the Natives.

49. Mons^r. Dumas & Council of Pondicherry are sending three Ships and a Bomoketch with 300 Soldiers to demand of the Mocha Government.

50. Lord Kinnoul has sent 'em a Letter relat^s. to the Trade carried on by the English to the Turkish Ports in the Red Sea & Gulph of Persia, their Consultations & Letters will shew what they thought they were empowered to do without the Company's previous Consent.

51. In the Consultations of 19th April & 3d Sept^r. is a Detail of their Proceedings upon two Affairs, and desire Directions for their Conduct in future.

52. Five French ships have arrived Pondicherry from France this Season, two gone to Bengal, one going to Mocha, one bound home and the 5th gone to Mergy.

53. The 21th February received a General Letter from Bombay desiring a Force to be sent to the relief of Tellicherry, where they Daily expected to be attacked by the Carnatick Rajah, therefore immediately order'd a Draught out of their Garrison of 69 Men, one half went on the Gally, and the other in a Snow hired for that Purpose at 150 Pagodas per Mensem, the latter could not weather Ceylon & return'd hither the 19th April.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

54. Have set about no new Buildings this year, what little matters have been necessary, shall mention particularly in their next.

SIXTHLY FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

55. Mr. Henry Lowther late Chief of Surat with Messrs. Robinson and Ramsden take their Passage on this Ship, the former arrived at Pondicherry in a French ship, upon which they made a Demand of him, but the Governor & Council of Pondicherry refused to deliver him up but upon Condition he should be permitted to take Passage for England on the first Ship, and Mr. Lowther having assured them that he had no other Intention but to submit his Conduct to the Judgement of the Company, they Resolved to Consent to his Request.

56. Mr. Geo: Torriano's Health not permitting him to officiate any longer as Secretary, they appointed Mr. John Savage in his Room.

57. The 26th July they appointed the Employs to the Council as follows:

Mr. Randall Fowke, Account^t. & Sea Customer
 Augustus Burton, Warehousekeeper
 Nicholas Morse, Paymaster
 Francis Rous, Land Customer
 Wm. Monson, Imp^t. Warehousekeeper
 George Torriano, Storekeeper, Rental Gen^l. & Scavenger.

SEVENTHLY, TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

58. Have placed the follow^s. Summs to the Credit of Account Curreant London.

	Pag ^s .
On Account the Estate of Edw ^d . Latham ...	375 : 34 : 7.
Estate of William Page	302 : 32 : 32.
Estate of Alexander Smith	26 : 16 : 64.

59. Shall not be able to give such an account of the produce of Coral as directed, because the Traders at home do not send any particular Invoices of the Cost, however shall insert in the Register the Sum it is manifested at from England and what it produces here.

60. I have by this Ship drawn the following Bills:

£ 784	8	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	payable to Anthony Da Costa
" 472	16	4	to Isaac Salvadore
" 250	16	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	} to Judah Supino & Son
" 320	17	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
" 448	1	1	
" 246	10	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	
" 3889	—	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	
" 1111	13	11	to Osmond Beauvoir & Cha ^s . Benyon
" 682	3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	to Anthony Dacosta
" 367	9	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	to Lewis Mendes
" 564	17	2	to James Porten
" 299	6	8	} to Judah Supino & Son
" 200	—	—	
" 353	10	—	to Capt: Thomas Hall
" 576	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	} to Abraham & Jacob Franco
" 427	19	1	
" 233	11	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	
" 169	8	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	
" 3306	—	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	to David Gomez Serra
" 706	15	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	} to Abraham & Jacob Franco
" 2385	17	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	
" 664	9	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	

£	238	9	1½	to Judah Supino & Son
"	251	17	2	to Jacob Fernandes Nunes
"	805	18	5½	to Francis Gee
"	139	13	8¾	to Anthony Da Costa
"	513	9	10½	
"	134	19	—	
"	703	5	—½	
"	1424	13	2½	to Abraham & Jacob Franco
"	1100	—	—	to Oliver Stewart
"	74	7	4¼	to Wm. & Jocelyn Pickard
"	218	18	3½	to Abraham & Jacob Franco
"	800	—	—	to Ditto
"	199	13	10¾	to Judah Supino & Son
"	763	19	5	

EIGHTHLY, TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

61. As Mr. Everest took his Passage for England on the Duke of Cumberland in December, shall send a Commission to Mr. Lennox as Deputy Govern^r., beleive him to be a Person of Integrity and capable of improving that Coast.

SUPPLEMENT.

62. The Swedish Broad Cloth being touched with a worm at Fort St. Davids, they sent for it hither & sold it at Outry, shall by the next Ship send a compleat acc^t. of the produce of all the Ulrica's Effects w^{ch}. were sold here, with the Charges and Disbursements on occasion of that Seizure.

63. Send on this Ship all the Treasure, Lead & Iron as per an Acc^t. apart in the Packet, from Fort St. Davids they receiv'd a parcel of Lumber w^{ch}. sold here.

64. On the Arrival of the Prince William, acquainted Captⁿ. Langworth of their Intention to send that Ship home directly, and thô had not then sufficient number of Bales to compleat her Tonnage, thô had little reason to doubt of the Northern Bales arriving before this time or that their Merchants here and at St. Davids would have bro^t. in sufficient to make up the Deficiency.

65. The Bales from the Northern Settlements are arrived w^{ch}. enable them to give this Ship her full Tonnage, a few of them will be but two thirds washed and perhaps some brown, have ordered the Bales aboard the Prince William as fast as they can be landed and she can take them in.

66. 29th Sept^r. the Storekeeper reported a Mistake of £100 to the Comp^s. prejudice in casting up the Cost of the Cordage per Prince William & a deficiency in the weight & also in the Iron shott. Those Deficiencies are endorsed off the Bill of Lading.

67. Mr. Oliver Stewart one of the Council at Fort Marlbrô takes his Passage for England on this ship.

68. In this Ship's Invoice are some of the Baftaes painted, permitted the Painters to tear the Cloth into two pieces for the reason given in Consultation the 20th April.

69. The Bills of Exchange by this Ship in return for Coral amount to pagodas 49404 : 16 : 1, the Manifest of Diamonds to 3365 : 15 : 54, Inv^o. of Goods sent to St. Helena to 194 : 24 : 6.

70. In a packet apart are the Invoice and Bill of Lading and the Captains Register of Private Trade.

RICH^d. BENYON.
 AUG^s. : BURTON.
 NIC^s. : MORSE.
 FRA^s. : ROUS.
 WIL^L. : MONSON.
 GEO : TORRIANO.

MANIFEST OF DIAMONDS AND OTHER PRECIOUS STONES LICENSED BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT S^t. GEORGE TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE PRINCE WILLIAM CAP^t. THOMAS LANGWORTH BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS IN RETURN FOR CORAL AND ON OTHER ACCOUNTS VIZ^t.

BY ABRAHAM & HENRY SALOMONS.

		Pag ^s .	fa ^s .	ca.
◇ AIF N ^o . 2	One Bulse of Diamond Bort and Rubies consign'd to Abraham and Jacob Franco value f[o]ur hundred Pagodas two fanams and thirty two Cash... Which with a Bill of Exchange dated the 29 th . Sep ^r . 1736 drawn by the Presid ^t . and Council on the Court of Directors for two hundred eighteen Pounds eighteen Shillings and three Pence half penny sterling payable to the said Abraham and Jacob Franco is in full returns for two Chests of rough Coral marked ◇ N ^o . 22-23 recd Ⓢ Ship Haeslingfield Anno 1736	400	2	32
IAF N ^o . 3	One Bulse of Diamonds consign'd to Isaac and Aaron Franks value two thousand and one hundred and seventeen Pagodas twenty two fanams and twenty two Cash ... On Account of the said Abraham and Henry Sal[o]mons	2117	22	22

BY M^r. LEVY MOSES.

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I & M	One Bulse of Rubies and other Coloured Stones cons ^d . to Joseph and Henry Moses value three hundred and two Pagodas twenty seven fanams. On Account of the said Levy Moses	302	27	—

BY M^r. RAWSON HART.

HH N ^o . 1	One Bulse of Diamonds consigned to Heron Hart value five hundred forty five Pagodas ... On Account of the Said Rawson Hart	545	—	—
	4 Bulses value ...	3365	15	54

Fort S^t. George
Sep^r. 30th. 1736.

JOHN [...]

LIST OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S REVENUES IN FORT S^t. GEORGE AS THEY HAVE PRODUC'D FROM 1st. MAY 1735 TO ULTIMO APRIL 1736.

FIXED REVENUES.

BETLE AND TOBACCO FARM.				
	The Cowle granted to Gongaram and Buddaroy for five Years commencing 5 th . September 1735 ending 4 th . September 1740 at twelve Monthly Payments—Annual rent	10000	—	—
ARRACK & WINE LICENSE.				
	The Cowle granted to Ram Chundra & Sandiapa Moodelaire for 5 years commencing 5 th . December 1732 ending 4 th . Dec ^r . 1737 at twelve monthly Payments—Annual rent	4020	—	—

TOWN BROKERAGZ.

The Cowle granted to Quotambaucum
Gruapa & Anamunta Kistna for five
Years commencing 5th. Sep^r. 1735
ending 4th. Septem^r. 1740 at 2 half
yearly payments—Annual rent ... 700 — —

MEASURING FARM.

The Cowle granted to Quotambaucum
Gruapa and Anamunta Kistna for
5 years commencing 20^h. Sep^r. 1735
ending 19th. September 1740 at six
equal Payments—Annual rent ... 1000 — —

FISHING FARM.

The Cowle granted to Choudree Mou-
delee &ca. Macquas for 5 years
commencing 25th. March 1734 end-
ing 24th. March 1739 at two half
yearly payments—Annual rent ... 50 — —

EGMORE &c^a. VILLAGES.

The Cowle granted to Mannapaucum
Chintomby & Pigu Nella Chitty for
12 years commencing 1st. July 1735
ending 30th. June 1747 at one yearly
Payment 1450 — —

TRIVITORE &c^a. VILLAGES.

The Cowle granted to Tomby Chitty
&c^a. for 12 years commencing 17th.
October 1729 ending 16th. Oct^r.
1741—Annual rent 1230 — —

PADDY FIELDS & SALTPANS.

The Cowle let to Gaunapa Moodelaire
for 5 Years Commencing 22^d. May
1732 ending 21 May 1737 Annual
rent [7 . . .]

GARDENS.

One commonly called John [Fereira's]
Let to Antonha de Carv[a]lho for 10
years commencing 20th. Aug^t. 1729
ending 19th. August 1739—[Annual]
rent 24 — —

One (commonly called Maria Pois's) let
to Mannewauka Chintomby, Erra-
mettapollam Allegapa Graminee
Caumeapa & Graminee Nella Mutta
for 12 years commencing 1 Jan^r.
1735-6 ending 31 Dec^r. 1747 at
Yearly payment 60 — —

One (commonly called the Company's
old Garden) let to the abovemen-
tioned Persons for 12 years commen-
cing 1 January 1735 ending 31^r.
December 1747 at two half yearly
Payments—Annual Rent 326 — —

RUBY BROKERAGE.

The Cowle let to Cashava Grua, Chintomby Chitty & Vennala Narran Chitty for five years commencing 10th. June 1734 at 4 Quarterly payments--Annual rent

800 — —

BUTTECA RENT & SHROFF DUTY.

The Cowle let to Tonta Vencataish for 5 years com^d. 1 May 1733 ending 30th. April 1738, at 4 Quarterly Payments—Annual rent

410 — —

20780 — —

VARIABLE REVENUES.

MINT CUSTOMS from 1st. May 1735 to ult^o. April 1736

225 32 15

SEA CUSTOMS D^o.

38890 24 54

LAND CUSTOMS D^o.

5782 18 33

TOWN CONICOPLY'S DUTY DITTO.

Collected at the Choultry

39 30 12

Collected at the Sea Gate

201 3 15

240 33 27

QUITRENT the amount of the Assessments 31 August 1735

2472 27 —

SCAVINGER'S DUTY the Am^t. of the Rent Roll D^o.

1067 30 —

3540 21 —

Pagodas 69460 21 49

FORT S^t. GEORGE30th. SEPTEMBER. 1736.LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET Φ PRINCE WILLIAM.

- N^o. 1. Fort St. George General Letter Φ Prince William dated 1st. Oct^r. 1736.
2. Triplicate Ditto Φ Godolphin dated 13th. January 1735.
3. Duplicate Ditto Φ Nassau 30th. Ditto.
4. Duplicate Invoice of the Nassau's Cargo amounting to Pag^a. 135432: 13.2].
5. Second Bill of Lading Φ Ditto.
6. Copy of a Letter to St. Helena dated 1st. October 1736.
7. Copy of the Invoice to St. Helena.
8. Indent for Broad Cloth &c. for the year 1738.
9. Account of the Silver Lead and Iron seized at Porto Novo.
10. Two Letters from Captain Langworth about requested Saltpetre Lead and Iron.
11. Captain Langworth's Agreement for the Freight of the Pepper.
12. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
13. Ditto for Silver Lead and Iron seized at Porto Novo.
14. Six receipts for Head Money.
15. Register of Bills of Exchange in return for Coral.
16. Account the Produce of Coral compared with the Manifests.
17. Manifest of Diamonds and Precious Stones licensed Φ Prince William.
18. Duplicate Ditto Φ Nassau.
19. Second Receipt for the Nassau's Packet.

20. Second Bill of Lading for requested Saltpetre & Nassau.
21. Muster Roll of the Prince William's Men.
22. List of her Warlike Stores.
23. D^o. of Goods brought ashore from her.
24. List of Revenues at Fort S^t. George from primo May 1735 to Ult^o. April 1736.
25. Duplicate Fort S^t. David Indent for Medicines.
26. List of Covenanted Servants on the Coast of Choromandell.
27. List of Inhabitants and Sea faring Men.
28. Muster Roll of the first Company of soldiers at Fort S^t. George.
29. Ditto of Second D^o.
30. D^o. of the Gun Room Crew.
31. D^o. of Peons and Country Musick.
32. Consultation held at Fort S^t. George 1st. Oct^r. 1736.
33. Copy's of two Letters from Fort S^t. David of 23 & 29th. Sep^r. 1736.
34. A Packet from the President and Council at Fort William.
35. [A] List of the Packet.

LIST OF BOOKS IN THE PACKET & PRINCE WILLIAM.

1. Fort S^t. George Journal II commencing 1 May 1734 end^d. 30th. April 1735.
2. D^o. Ledger D^o.
3. D^o. Storkeepers Diary and Journal Parcels for Aug^t. 1736.
4. Ditto Mint Account Current ... { from primo Jan^{ry}. 1735
to ultimo August 1736
5. Ditto Paymasters Accounts Curr^t... { from primo Jan^{ry}. 1735
to ultimo August 1736
6. D^o. Sea Customers D^o. ... { from primo Jan^{ry}. 1735
to ultimo August 1736
7. D^o. Consultation & Diaries ... { from 29th. Jan^{ry}. 1735
to 30th. Sep^r. 1736.
8. D^o. Letters recd from N^o. 1 to 90.
9. D^o. Letters sent from 1st. January 1735 to 30th. Septem^r. 1736.
10. D^o. Cash Accounts from 1st. Februbry 1735 to 30th. Septem^r. 1736.
11. D^o. Cowles and Commissions from 1st. January 1735 to 30th. Sep^r. 1736.
12. D^o. Ship Book from 1st. January 1735 to 30th. Septem^r. 1736.

FORT S^t GEORGE.OCT^r. THE 1st. 1736.JOHN SAVAGE,
Sec^{ry}.

N.B.—The Land Customers Account shou'd have been sent.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^t. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 5, 1736.
[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 12, pp. 6-7*].

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON^{ble} THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

We have already wrote you at large by this Ship under the 1st. Instant and therein given our Reasons for shutting up our General Packet so soon. This incloses Invoice and Bill of Lading for the Prince William's Cargo amounting to Pagodas 134583: 13: 8 which is as much as she cou'd take in. We have laden no Brown Bales on board and but twenty four half Bales of Sallampores which are well enough washed and only want to be conjeed and Beat. The Bill of Lading for the Pepper with Captain Langworth's Agreement for it at half Freight are in our larger Packet.

Yesterday the President receiv'd a Letter from M^r. Law at Tellicherry wherein he writes that the Wyndham and Lynn arrived at Bombay the 17th. of August and the Harrington the 23^d. of August with one hundred & Sixty five slaves on board from Madagascar. The Wyndham wou'd go down the Coast for Pepper and the Harrington was to proceed to Bengall with what Pepper was in the Bombay Warehouses.

M^r. Law adds that Proposals were made to the King of Biddanore for accommodating the Differences between him and the Mallabar Princes but he cou'd not say how they wou'd be receiv'd.

We trouble Your Honours with the[se] Advices because as the Britannia was not to leave Mocha till the latter end of August she would be possibly long in her Passage to Bombay and if she comes down the Coast with [Conooy] this Ship may arrive in England before [her].

Captain Langworth has paid us the following sums for which we have given him the usual Certificates.

One for his own Account for	Pag ^s . 3829	18	20
One for Account the Owners of the Prince William	500	—	—
One for Account the Estate of William Farmery late Gunner of the Prince William ...	326	11	—
	<u>Pagods. 4655</u>	29	20

In this Packet come likewise Captain Langworth's Register of Goods amounting to P^s. 4757 : 21 : 47 and Copy of his Dispatch.

We wish this ship a safe Passage to you and are

Honourable

Your Faithfull humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
OCT^R. 5TH. 1736

RICHARD BENYON.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

REGISTER OF GOODS LADEN BY ME THOMAS LANGWORTH ON BOARD THE
SHIP PRINCE WILLIAM BOUND FOR ENGLAND.

			Pag ^s .	fans.	Cash
	Cassia Ligna	... .. 18 Chests	Pag ^s . 300	—	—
	Seed-Lack	... .. 12 D ^o .	325	—	—
	Stick-Lack	... .. 41 Bundles	123	—	—
	Asphaltum	... .. 79 Bags	223	18	50
	Fol Malabatri	... .. 17 L ^o .	20	16	—
	Chints	... .. 400 Peices	750	—	—
	Ginghams	... .. 400 D ^o .	170	—	—
T I	Ragged Pearl	... .. 6000 Ounces	300	—	—
	Bezoar	... .. 95 D ^o .	185	—	—
T L	Ragged Pearl	... .. 8300 D ^o .	295	—	—
	Rhubarb	... .. 8 Chests	605	—	—
	Lignum Aspathum	... .. 2 D ^o .	116	6	6
	Sticklack	... .. 2 D ^o .	26	22	—
	Galbanum	... .. 1 Chest or Box.	37	12	—

				Pag ^s .	fans.	Cash
Ammoniacum	...	...	1 Chest or Box	10	20	—
Folio Mallabatri	...	...	1 D	37	14	10
To Gallinall	...	...	—	65	33	75
One small Bale N ^o . B 8 peices						
Long Cloth	...	...	—	72	—	—
4 Peices Muslin	...	..	—	16	—	—
2 Peices Aprons	...	...	—	6	—	—
2 D ^o . Moorees	...	...	—	12	—	—
7800 Canes	...	...	—	468	—	—
To a Quantity Arrack about 15 Leagers.	...	—	...	540	—	—
Ammoniacum 5 Maund 20.	...	—	...	32	22	66

Pagod^s. 4737 : 21 : 47

FORT S^t. GEORGE
OCT^r. THE 25th. 1736

Tho^s. LANGWORTH

LETTER TO CAPTAIN T. LANGWORTH, DATED [?]. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 12 p. 9.*]

TO CAPTAIN THOMAS LANGWORTH
COMMANDER OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM.

SIR

Having put on board Your Ship such Goods as we design on her for England we now direct you to repair on board and with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather to set sail for the Port of London in Great Britain, The first Port you arrive at in England you are to send your Purser overland with the Packet herewith deliver'd you directed to the Honourable the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Honble the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies at their House in Leaden Hall Street, London taking Care to write to them Your self and to give them an Account of any thing remarkable that you may meet with in the Voyage.

Our Honble Masters have given Orders to our President and M^r. Fowke to inform you what is necessary for your Conduct in Case you meet with any ship or ships at sea as well as with respect to your going into S^t. Helena. During the uncertain situation of Affairs in Europe as to Peace or War we were directed to give the Captains of the Company's ships a Caution to be on their Guard and avoid speaking with any Ships at Sea lest they prove Enemys and further to order them into the Cape where if they had Advices of a War they were to proceed in Company with the Dutch Fleet. The Company have not yet been pleased to contradict those Orders and we must leave you to act in that respect as you judge best.

If you touch at the Cape it will be acceptable to the Gov^r. & Council of S^t. Helena that you carry them a supply of seeds and Plants &c^a.

We wish you [*a few words lost*] Fort S^t. George [*a few words lost*].

LIST OF THE ADDITIONAL PACKET ☿ⁿ. PRINCE WILLIAM.

1. Fort S^t. George General Letter dated 5th. October 1736.
2. Invoice of Prince Williams Cargo amounting to Pagod^s. 134583 : 13 : 8.
3. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
4. D^o. for old Guns and Fire Arms.
5. Calculate of Prince William's Tonnage.
6. List of Packing Stuff in the Coast Goods ☿ Prince William.

7. Captain Langworth's Register of Goods amount^s. to P^r. 4737 : 21 : 47.
8. Copy of Captain Langworth's Dispatch.
9. Ditto's Receipt for the Packet markt A.
10. Manifest of Presents licensed P Prince William.
11. Consultation held at Fort St. George 5th. Oct^r. 1736.
12. List of the Packet.

FORT S^r. GEORGE

Oct^r. 5th. 1736.

JOHN SAVAGE
Sec^y.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT S^r. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 29,
1737. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 12 pp. 13-73*].

TO THE HON^{BLE} THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON^{BLE} THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

1. We dispatched the Prince William the 5th. Oct^r., & she sail'd out of the Road the 7th. Duplicate of what we wrote by her comes herewith and we shall now give a full Answer to your Commands receiv'd by the last ships adding thereto what Material has occurred since the Date of our last.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. Your Honour's ship George and Madrass Galley arrived the 31st. Decem^r. with 192 Bales of Calicoes from Vizagapatam, and the 7th. Instant arriv'd a Brigantine with two hundred and forty Bales from Ingeram. Having for the reasons mention'd in Consultation the 3^d. Ins^t. resolved to dispatch the Grantham and Shaftsbury for England directly from this Place; we sent the Galley the 4th. and the George the 5th. to Fort S^r. David to bring up the Bales from thence, the George returned here the 18th. with 270 Bales, and we expect the Galley with some more in time for the Shaftsbury.

Lettr^s. recd
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No. 1. 3. 4.

3. The George brought us five hundred Bags of Saltpetre from Bengall; the Grantham that arrived the 7th. Instant brought us 200 and the Shaftsbury imported the 10th. with one hundred and twenty Bags more.

4. We continue to follow your Orders concerning signals for the ships, surveying the Men, Guns & Warlike store[s]. The Surveys of this ship Grantham come in the Packet.

Lettr^s. recd.
No. 83.

Letters from
England
23 Jan^y.

Lettr^s. recd.
1737
No. 1.
Conn^s. 1737
3. 10 Jan^y.
Lettr^s. sent
1737
No. 6.

5. The 18th. Sep^r. we rec'd a Letter from the Gentlemen in Bengall desiring we would send Directions to Pegue for Building a sloop there, but all the ships bound thither were sail'd before their Letter [arriv'd]. The Beginning of this Month we receiv'd another Letter desiring us to order another sloop to be built which we have accordingly complied with by the Galatea that sailed for Pegue the 15th. Instant and we refer to our Letters sent No. 6 for the Directions sent the Resid^t. concerning the building of both sloops.

6. A ship from Macao bound to Goa put some Letters on board a Vessel at Malacca that is since arriv'd here; those Letters mention that the Normanton was at Canton and wou'd be dispatched to England with the Richmond, Walpole and Princess of Wales; as we have no Letter from Your Supra Cargoes in China we dare not venture to send our silver as yet to the Bay least the report of sending the Normanton

to England shou'd be only a Blind to conceal their real Design, which may be only with Intention to purchase a Cargoe for this place upon better terms. So soon as we have any Advices we can depend upon, that she will not come this way, we shall send all our silver to the Bay.

7. The Gentlemen in Bengall advise us the Compton sailed for the West Coast the 28th. October and besides what they had laden on her for the use of the Coast they had also put on board 250 Bales as part of her Europe Cargo, which we hope will enable the Deputy Governour and Council to dispatch her Home in season with her full Tonnage.

Lettrs.
Recd 1737
No. 1.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FROM ONE PART OF INDIA
TO BE DISPOSED OF IN ANOTHER.

8. We gave your Honours last Year our Reasons why the selling your Broad Cloth to our contract Merchants was the best, as being the most certain Method to dispose of any Quantitys; an opinion wherein we are not singular and alone but founded on the Experience of many Years [upon] what our Predecessors have wrote you as you may ple[ase] to observe in the Year 1711 & 1712. The sale of the Sweedish Cloth in March last might have inclined us to think otherwise; if we had not been Witnesses how that Affair was managed, and for so far as with reason and Justice we might, assisting to your Merchants in the scheme they had laid to prevent their being hurt by that sale. The Quantity was not very large which gave them an opportunity to conduct it with more facility and with little Loss to themselves. We say for the reasons and agreeable to the resolution in Consultation the 6th. January last Year we disposed of the six hundred Bales of Broad Cloth rec'd this Year to our Merchants, We endeavoured to get a further Advance of five ⌘ Cent but our Consultation of the 18th. Oct. will show you why we let them have it at the usual rate of thirty ⌘ Cent.

23 Jan^{ry}.
19 para

Lettrs. from
England
23 Jan^{ry}.

9. As to the Quality of the Cloth the Merch^{ts}. have observed that what Your Hon^{rs}. have sent us this Year is rather thinner than what they receiv'd last, but however have made no Complaint of it, observing also it is somewhat cheaper, As to the rest we have not cared to enter into too nice as scrutiny least it shou'd introduce a Method that in time might be very troublesome to us, and be made use of as a Pretence for frequent Abatements. The Sweedish Cloth is much praised by them as excelling both in Colours and Substance.

29 para
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10. We wrote your Honours by the Prince of Orange that we shou'd charge Tomby Chitty for the Interest due on his Bond for Broad Cloth, but we have not receiv'd the Money. When he came to settle his Accounts which it is our Custom to do yearly with our Merchants, he desired to be heard on this Head before the Board, [he] attended accordingly the 10th. Instant, [a few words lost] a great deal, yet being for the most part unintelligible we ordered them to attend again the 17th. with their Objections in writing which they then delivered us and are entered upon our Consultations for your Honour's Perusal; their Case is badly drawn or ill translated, but however the Hardships of it is pretty plain. Apparently the Zeal of the late President to encrease the sale of a Commodity, the Consumption whereof your Honours had so earnestly pressed in all your Letters induced him to insist upon so large an Indent from the Merchants, who from an Inclination to oblige him in what was represented to them to be so acceptable to your Honours consented thereto, however with Assurances as they set forth, that if it was attended with any Difficulties your Honours shou'd be prevailed on to be easy with them in respect to the Payment of the Money. We can assure Your Honours they have had none of the Cloth deliver'd them out of the Warehouse before they have paid the Money, so that properly it cannot be said they have had any trust; besides being sometimes pressed for further Payments they have taken up large sums at Interest elsewhere and mortgaged the Cloth for security. We are all Witnesses how slow the Consumption has been and that consequently they were not able to make their Payments sooner. We must also add as our Opinion that if they must pay the Interest it will fall exceeding heavy upon them which added to the Losses they have sustain'd by their

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10 Jan^{ry}.
Cons^{ns}. 1737.
17 Jan^{ry}.

Callico Contracts we have too much reason to believe will go near to be the ruin of them. We have complied with our Promise to lay their Case before Your Honours who are to order herein as you think fitt.

Letters from
England
23^d. Jan^{ry}.
21 para
Cons^{ns}.
25 March.

11. [Upon] a Complaint from Your Honours some Years ago that your Iron was sold at too low a price, it was risen here to 14 Pagodas the Candy, it is not to be wondered at if hardly any except for your own use was disposed of at that price when the Danes sell annually large Quantities at nine Pagod^s: the Bahar of 520 lb; The 25th. March last to encourage the sale by an Exportation we agreed in Consultation to sell at Ten Pagodas for all Quantities not under twenty Candy, and at twelve Pagodas ₹ Candy by retail for the Consumption of the Town, a Profit we believe Your Honours wou'd be satisfied with as we observed at the same time that

the Iron by the Nassau was invoiced at no more than 7. 24. 18 ₹ Candy. Upon the Presumption that your Honours will approve thereof we have now indented for 200 Tons.

22^d. para.

12. The great decay of the Trade of India in General and the English Country Trade in particular of this Place, thô a very bad reason, is however a very true one, why the sale and Profit is so small of late Years of the Naval Stores, Ironmongers Ware and the like. We have however sold a considerable Parcel of Guns and Anchors particularly the last which were much wanted. In the Packet comes our Indent for Stores which we desire may be exactly complied with having compared it with our account remains and the Indent sent last Year. If some particular Naval stores lye by us a few Years before they are wanted, we are persuaded your Honours will not think much of it, as a reasonable Quantity in Store is a great Encouragement for the resort of shipping to us and absolutely necessary for the preservation of the Navigation in India whereon depends that Branch of your Revenues which brings a very noble sum annually into your Cash.

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England
23 Jan^{ry}.

Cons^{ns}. 1737
3 Jan^{ry}.
23 par

13. Of the Lead we sold in January last, so much remain'd in Town in Septem^r. following that we believ'd it wou'd be [*a few words lost*] Quan[tity] till this Month when we disposed of one thousand Candys at 11. 22. 58 ₹ Candy and have since sold two hundred & fifty Candys more at the same price to Tomby Chitty which has encouraged us to encrease our indent now to one thousand five hundred Candys. We desire Your Honours to be persuaded that in this as well as all other Goods, w^{ch}. are the Product or Manufacture of England, we shall encourage the sale and Consumption here to the utmost of our Power.

14. We indent for no Medley Cloths, Camblets or Druggets because the silks and other light Manufactures of China are more fit for our Climâte than the English Stuffs, the Demand for which is so very small that we loose more by selling off the remains than we get upon all that is sold by retail.

27 par

Cons^{ns}. 20
April.

15. This leads us to acquaint Your Hon^{rs}. that the 20^t. April in pursuance of an order of the 25th. March preceding, the Import Wareh^ok^r. Storekeeper and Steward deliver'd us in an Account of such particulars under their Care as appeared to them proper to be sold off, either as entirely spoiled and useless or to prevent further Damage. You will please to observe also the Orders we made thereupon to which we have only to add here, that most of the Particulars mentioned in the Stewards List as destroyed have been so for many Years; the Looking Glasses in the Fort and Garden House and Carpets in the Consultation Room were wrote off to House-furniture having been in use upwards of twenty Years and except a few Chains for the Offices, Sea Gate and Warehouse, we have not for the present put your Honours to the Expence of anything [*a few words lost*] those Particulars which are sold [*a few words lost*] of the store is entered upon our Consultations the 31st. May, the Warehousekeep^r. sale of the 25th. Aug^t. and the Stewards by mistake not till the 25th. October.

Letters from
England
23 Jan^{ry}.

16. In the Haeslingfield's Invoice a Bar of Silver No. 37 in Chest No. 220 pz.

lb.	ozs.	dwts.	lb.	ozs.	dwts.	lb.	ozs.	dwts.
55	:	2	:	3	:	53	:	3

 worse 2 is charged 55 : 3 : 3 which should be but 53 : 3 : 3 the difference being 2 lb. or 24 ^{ozs.} is apparently a Mistake and we have therefore charged it to Account Current London.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

17. And first in Answer to your several Paragraphs under this Head.

18. It is our constant method to compute the number of Bales we have reason 31 par. to expect the Merchants will deliver us in time for the Loading of the Janry Ships and to write to Bengall for Tonnage sufficient to take them in, accordingly if the Dorset, Montague & George cou'd have taken in their Tonnage Your Honours wou'd have had a greater Number of Bales Home by those ships. However such an instance as that does very rarely happen, for we are too apt to depend upon the Promises of our Merchants whereby it is oftner that we are in want of Bales for our Tonnage than Tonnage for our Bales. Your Honours may be assured we chuse for our own Credit to send as great a Number of Bales Home in a Year as we can, but at the same time we must think it your Interest for us to have one hundred & fifty or two hundred Bales more than the ships can take in remaining on hand, rather than by a mistake in our Calculate the other Way be obliged to send them away by so much dead freighted, or keep them so late that they run the risque of losing their Passage; Especially also as such a surplus does much facilitate the Dispatch of a ship in September.

19. It shall be [*a few words lost*] for so far as the Number and Capacity of your Covenanted servants will admit of to place them in such a manner at the subordinate Factorys that your Business may not be impeded or suffer by the Mortality of a Chief. But upon this Occasion we are obliged to acquaint your Honours that hitherto there has been a general Backwardness in Your Serv^{ts}. to be removed from hence, they look upon it as a sort of Banishment and a Mark that is set upon them, and in order to get back again do not fail to suggest to their Friends in England that it proceeded from some Pique or Resentment. Of late years we have been obliged to permit the chiefs at the Subordinate Settlements to hire Monthly Writers to assist them, but as we can spare any Covenanted servants from hence we shall send them down and discharge the others. Lettrs. from
England
23 Janry.
32 par.

20. We had flattered our selves that after we had given Your Honours so full and true an account of the state of this Country, and the Effects thereof in your Investment we shou'd have had no occasion to have given you any further Trouble to demonstrate the Truth thereof, the rather also, because in Answer to our said Representation, Your Honours were pleased to say last Year "That in the Accounts "we had Given you in our Letter by the Brittainia, of the great Influence which the "Price of Cotton and Grain had upon our Investments we had taken a great deal of "Pains to convince you of a Point which was selfevident, and therefore all that Trouble might have been spared." But since Your Honours are pleased this Year to tell us that the Manufactures in most countrys are not much affected by the Dearness of Grain and that were [*it*] otherwise, the value of goods wou'd continually fluctuate [*a few words lost*] Corn, We trust your Honours will not be offended with us if we say that since the Encrease in the prices of Grain and Cotton, and the Demand from all parts for the manufactures of this Country Your Honours have found a gradual Encrease in the prices of the Goods and tho' by being under particular Engagements with Your Merchants for the Cloth, at certain Rates you have not every Year been sensible of the fluctuation of the Prices in the Country yet your Merchants have experienced it sufficiently not only from those causes which have so often been mention'd but also others which we shall have Occasion to take Notice of before we close this Head. 31 par.

21. In answer to the first part of your 35th. Paragraph we beg Leave also to say 35 par. that when we have in any of our late Letters complained of the French being our Competitors, it was not as of new thing but only of the same Evil which our Predecessors have so often urged as one cause of the Difficulties they met with. No doubt the French must aim at a Profit as well as your Honours, but what profits they are contented with, or how they arise is a point we are not able to explain, but sure we are that from any sortment they pay more in Proportion than we do nor do they buy any cheaper.

39 par

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19 April
10 May
Lett^{rs}. Read.
No. 16 : 31.
33. 35. 44. 50
Lett^{rs}. sent
No. 34. 35.
48.

Cons^s.
17th :
24 May.

22. We wrote Your Honours two Years since that we were very sensible of the Hardship you complain of, that the several Numbers were charged at the same Price one with another for the Goods bought at S^t. David & this place and we did then promise to use our Endeavours to remedy so great an Evil accordingly last year all our Contracts both here and at S^t. David were different Prices for every number ; The Merchants felt the Disa[d]vantage of it and struggled hard this Year to bring us back to the former practice alledging they are obliged to receive it from the [*a few words lost*] we brought them at last to consent to the terms of the last Years Contracts. But as to the price of the Cloth, and which your Honours are pleased to think is too great an allowance when the cost of that at Vizagapatam and Ingeram is so much less, it wou'd be a Pleasure to us if we cou'd give you any Hopes that we shou'd get it cheaper, or even Assurances that we shall not very soon be obliged to advance upon what we give already. And now we are come to this part of your Letter we must beg Leave to be more full and particular.

Lett^{rs}. read.
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No. 13

23. We wrote Your Honours last Year that we looked upon it as an irrefragable Argument that the Merchants were no Gainers by the Contracts, or they wou'd certainly be more exact in complying with them, and we wish their Performances this Year had given us any reason to alter our Opinion. Your Servants at S^t. David are very positive their Merchants are considerable Losers by their Engagements this Year and have given that as a reason why they are so backward. For very plain Reasons our Merchants must be considerable sufferers. We advised in our last that the French had early in the season enter'd into large Contracts with their Merchants but with no Design they should be complied with, apparently it was a Finesse to obtain a Credit at Arcot and when they had receiv'd all the money they cou'd borrow there, their Merchants were told they need not be in haste with the Investment till they heard from Europe. In June their ships arrived with a very large Stock of Money and then they set about providing Cloth in Earnest, and for that purpose have made very large Advances to their Merchants. In the Packet we send [*a List*] of what goods have contracted for this Year.

24. We can with great Truth assure Your Honours that none of our private Trade has interfered with yours for those two Years past, not having sent any skips to Mocha or Bussorah last Year or this, but our forbearance served only to encourage the French who in January last dispatchd a ship to Mocha with twelve hundred Bales and are sending another now, concluding that before she can arrive the Force they sent thither in October will have obtained satisfaction, and settled their Trade upon the old Footing if not upon a better. In October also they sent a ship loaden with Coast Goods to Bussorah and had designed one this year to Manilha if ours had not disappointed them of their Freight. As we sent no ship to Manilha last Year, the Armenians settled there supply'd the Market by a ship they sent to Porto Novo, and indeed there are so many Ports open upon the Coast where Foreigners may resort and be supplied with goods for all the Markets in India, that it is impossible for us to prevent it, what Prejudice soever it may be to the Investments for the Europe Markets. We can only assure Your Honours that we shall make use of the most prudent means to discourage all undertakings which do directly interfere with, or prejudice your Trade and the Welfare of your Settlement, but whether a total Prohibition may not be attended with very fatal Effects is what we humbly offer to your consideration. Our Merchants and Inhabitants live only by our Exports, and if they shou'd be absolutely restrain'd in that, Necessity will oblige them to remove to those places where they can be indulged in a Liberty which is deny'd them and when they are once remov'd it will be no easy matter to bring them back again.

25. [*a few words lost*] that Your Honours are pleased to say in the 20th. Paragraph of your Letter of the 12th. December, namely that we should encourage a Number of Merchants to reside among us as the only means to bring the Investment to its old flourishing state. We take Leave to assure Your Honours that tho' we omit nothing which we can do for that purpose, yet it is but few Men of substance who we can boast of having among us, we have it now not in our Power to indulge any Body with those marks of Distinction and Preheminence which were

the Principal Inducements formerly for many considerable Men to leave the Country and to settle here. Neither must we hide from Your Honour's that thô we had more Men of substance among us, we doubt whether we shou'd soon feel the good Effects of it in your Investment at least till the Advantages arising from it are more considerable than we have as yet any reason to beleive they are, and until the memory of past times are a little more effaced. The levying those great Penaltys which Sunca Rama and the Chittys paid in M^r. Macraes time, if it did not entirely ruin them it at least destroyed their Credit, and the Reputation of your Business. We have no pleasure in touching upon so sore a place, but it is necessary that your Honours should know so true and great a Cause of our present Malady, for thô the other Difficulties we have complained of do very greatly affect us, yet we are of opinion we should be much less sensible of them, & that our Investment wou'd be more considerable, if we were sure we were safe in trusting those with whom we deal, with such large Sums of Money as we advanced to our Merchants ten Years ago, who then were of such substance that they cou'd stand the shock of any Accident [which might] happen in the Country. We shall close this Paragraph with an Answer to the 33^d. & 34th. of your last Letter. The Merchants we deal with at Present, are the best and only Men we cou'd get to undertake Your Business. Tomby Chitty and his Partners have particular Reasons for remaining in your Service, but Molinga Kistna & Ponapa Chitty finding more Difficultys in the Investment than they expected are very hardly prevail'd with to continue furnishing us with Cloth. We wrote Your Honours in your last we beleiv'd the Money we advanced was secure and we have no reason to think otherwise, but at the same time we must confess, our Dependance is more on their Care & Integrity than any great Opinion we have of their Opulence.

Lettr^s from
England
23 Jan^{ry}.

26. What we have hitherto said under this Head is cheifly to reply to several Paragraphs in your Letter receiv'd this Year. We are next to give you an account of the Progress of your Investment here & at the Subordinate Settlements, and therein shall answer such other parts of your Letters that are not already taken Notice of.

27. Your Honours were advised last year the Directions which were given to Vizagapatam about their short measure, and the Check those Orders were upon that Investment. However as we hoped by Perseverance to have cured the Evil com-plied of, the 14th. Feb^{ry}. last when we came to take into Consideration their Letter of the 18th. Decem^r. it was agreed not to make any further Allowances for the several Reasons given in our Consultation and Letter of the 27th. October preceding, But the Dutch settled in those parts continueing to take in the short Cloths our forbearance was of very little Effect and therefore upon the [receipt of the Invoice of this] Year we sent Advice thereof to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam. They give us Hopes of a large Quantity next Year, but have fallen short of what we expected from them for the Dispatch of these ships. We had a survey upon those Bales which came by the George and Galley and for Brevity sake beg to refer to our Consultation the 4th. Instant.

32 par.

Lettr^s. from
England
23 Jan^{ry}.

Cons^{ns}. 1736
25 Aug^t.
Lettr^s. sent
1736
No. 74.

28. By the Madrass Galley that was dispatchd from hence the 2^d. June we sent to Vizagapatam thirty thousand Madrass Pagodas and twenty three thousand seven hundred and seventy five Madrass Rupees to carry on that and Ingeram Investment so that they have been in no want of Cash & we shall take Care to keep them supplied as fast as they can lay it out.

Cons^{ns}: 1736
24 May
Lettr^s. sent
No. 46.

36 par.

29. The Ingeram Investment as to Quantity goes on much the same as usual. When M^r. Graham was up here we were mindfull to show him the Fault in his Cloth, and give him particular Directions to keep up to the true Length and Breadth and to be more exact in the Sorting and Curing. Your Honours will please to observe upon our Consultations the 11th. and 12th. Instant our Remarks on this Investment M^r. Graham has invoiced all his Long Cloth this Year one Pagoda ₹ Corge more than last Year, which his Merchants by Petition have requested to be allowed in consideration of the Dearness of Cotton and a great Drought in those Parts We have not yet come to any Resolution about it.

Lettr^s. sent
No. 23.

Cons^{ns}: 6
Dec^r.
Lettr^s. Recd.
No. 101.
Lettr^s. sent
No. 97.

37 par.

Cons^{ns} :
17 July.

Lettr^s. from
England 23
Jan^{ry}.

30. The 17th. July we took into Consideration several Letters the President had receiv'd in the beginning of the Year from the Phousdar of Maddapollam inviting [us to resettle that Factory and your Honours may please [to observe from the Consu] litation of that date, the reasons w^{ch}. induced us to comply with the Phousdars request. We intended to have sent Mr. Edward Fowke down on the George but that ship did not arrive from the West Coast till it was too late in the season, A Disappointment as it has happen'd very favourable for us, the Phousdar being very lately turned out and imprison'd and his Master Hodjee Hussain the Nabob of these Parts dead. We continue our Intentions of sending Mr. Fowke thither so soon as the New Governours are appointed and we can know upon what terms we may trade there.

37 par.

31. We have deferred the Building a House at Ingeram till the Country in those Parts is better settled.

32. The Fort St. David Merchants perform'd pretty well last Year as to the Quantity of Cloth they had engaged for though not without some very considerable Concessions and which they had promised not to insist upon in the Beginning of their Contract. Not contented with those favours when the Deputy Governour came up here the beginning of this Year they sent by him a Petition full of Complaints, but we did not think fit to take any Notice of them. We wrote Your Honours in our last the season was far advanced before they cou'd be brôt to contract this year, they as well as our own Merchants have disapointed us much in the Quantity we expected from them and we fear will oblige us to fill up part of the Shaftsbury's Tonnage with Saltpetre rather than keep her a late ship. Your Honours will read in the Fort St. David Letter N^o. 105 the reasons for this Disappointment and we will not take up your time by a Repetition here.

Lettr^s. from
England
23 Jan^{ry}.

Cons^{ns} :
3^d. Aug^t.

33. So soon as we receiv'd your List of Investment this Year we gave Directions to our Merch^{ts}. to provide Musters of such [goods as they] had not before agreed for, which they brought us the 3^d. Aug^t. and we settled the Prices for the same as entered in our Consultation of that Date, the Advance in the price of the superfine and Ordinary Moorees is in proportion to the addition to the Lengths. We also gave Directions for providing the additional Quantities indented for of such sorts as we had contracted for before. We shall be particular in our remarks upon this Part of our Investment before we close this Letter.

41 par.

34. It was some time before we cou'd get a Muster of the fine Pullicat Betteelas, at last we had one brought us by Molinga Kistna. Agreeable to your Orders we proposed to him to enter into a Contract with a Penalty annexed to provide the Quantity demanded according to Muster, but he absolutely refused it, alledging that in the Course of a very long Experience he had found it absolutely Impossible to get two Peices exactly alike from different Weavers, Nay two peices from the same Man, or even one peice entirely the same throughout. He said he wou'd use his Endeavours to get us the Quantity we wanted, but we must not expect they would be all alike. That the method he must use to provide them must be by advancing Money to the Weavers some would make better and some worse, but he must be obliged to take what they gave him, as they had no other Way to return his Money, but as he does not advance them the whole Price he has an Opportunity to abate in the Price according to the Goodness, and those must be paid more who have performed better than the Muster. As there is no demand elsewhere for these sort of Betteelas it would doubtless be a great hardship upon the Merchant to have any of them returned upon his Hands and therefore we agreed with him to take them all in; and to prize them according [*a few words lost*].

Lettr^s. from
England
23 Jan^{ry}.

35. We have ballanced our accounts with Andiapa of Porto Novo as your Honours may please to Observe in Consultation the 13th. and 20th. Decem^r. we shall hope to engage his service again whenever that part of the Country promises more Quiet and Plenty that it does at present.

43 para.

36. We are sorry to observe Your Hon^{rs}. Complain that the common sorts of Moorees are so dear they don't answer Your Hon^{rs}. were advised of the Difficulty we had to get those sent you two Years ago, and the large Quantity you are pleased to demand this year affords us no Opportunity to get them cheaper.

37. The 30th. April the Washers delivered us a Petition supported by another from the Merchants for an additional Advance in the price of washing; their Case was truly hard and the 17th. May we agreed upon an Additional Allowance of four fanams for a Corge of Long Cloth and two fanams for a Corge of Sallampores at the same time at the request of the Fort St. David Merchants we consented to the same Advance there and without it we are convinced they cou'd not possibly carry on the Work except they had continued the practice of stealing the Merch^{ts}. Cloth.

Lettr^s. recd.
N^o. 44. 48
Lettr^s. sent
40.

38. Having some Notice that the Market was rising for raw silk, the 7th. June was published at the Sea Gate that the 24th. we shou'd dispose of a parcell belonging to your Honours and accordingly that Day we put up the damaged silk rec'd from Bengall by the Jane and Fort St. George last Year at two Months trust we let such part of it go as we cou'd not hope to get a better price for by keeping it longer, the whole Produce of what we sold at Outcry amounted to Pags 5982 : 26 : 24 and the money all paid into [. . .] 2,400 Pagod^s. part thereof was in great Peril which calls to our Mind the Clause in the latter part of the Casts Petition sent Your Honours last Year and induces us to wish that we had a Legal right to insist upon the old Custom that the Company shou'd be paid prior to all others. We were afterwards offered and accepted 18½ P Maund for the Cossimbuzzar sort B which was bought in at the Sea Gate for Your Honours Account, no body offering there more than 16 P Maund.

Consns :
7 June
25 D^o.

29 Nov^r:

Lettr^s. from
England
23 Jan^{ry}.

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

39. After what we have said under the last head we beleive it unnecessary to trouble you with anything here, in answer to your Honour's 45th. Paragraph, further than to repeat our Assurances that we shall not fail in any part of our Duty but will conformable to your Orders omit no Diligence in preventing all Projects and Undertakings which may any way prejudice your Interest.

40. Your Honours great Goodness in permitting us to lay in a Quantity of Grain for the use of the Place, we may truly say was it's salvation for two month's in last year, but God only knows how much Misery we are to be Witness of this. Our Rains have entirely failed us in this Part of the Country and therefore the Inland Towns and Villages are in the utmost Distress; Indeed for some Years past our supply from the Country has been very trifling but that which gives our Inhabitants the most terrible Apprehensions is the severe famine which has spread itself ail along the Coast to the Northward, even beyond Ganjam, [. . . . we shall not] have a single vessel of Grain this Year where hitherto we have annually rec'd our greatest supply and from whence Crouds of People come daily towards the Southern Parts in Hopes of finding Subsistance as well as great Numbers from the Inland Country. From all parts many have crept into our Bounds being tempted to stay by the Quantity which yet appears in our Markets, and which we have lately been supplied with from the Bay but such a number of Mouths only serves to consume it the faster, and to hasten the Effects of a Famine that we have reason to fear will be more cruel than any we have felt yet. In the mean time we omit nothing that may encourage an Importation. Most of the ships which arrived from Bengall are returned thither again for another Loading and we have sent Advices to Pegue, so that we hope all the ships from thence will come fully laden with Rice. Our Merchants have also sent large sums to the Southward and have contracted for considerable Quantitys, but we know not yet whether the Governments that way will not stop the Exportation as they did two Years ago. But how successfull soever we may be at Bengall, Pegue, & the Southward yet it will fall far short of the Quantity which (by the Help of the Accounts which have been kept these two Years) we know to be necessary for the support of the Place. We shall only add here that we wou'd buy in a greater Quantity of Paddy to lye in Store if we cou'd preserve it in our Godowns, but it will not keep good above two years and if we can do it we choose to change it every Year.

48 par.

Letter from
England
23rd Janry.

41. We wrote Your Honours by the Godolphin that probably you would be Losers by the sale of what we laid in that Year, but tho we purchased but half the Quantity last Year we [did . . .] yet the Gain on this last parcel, will compensate for the Loss on the former within six hundred Pagodas, indeed we cou'd sell the remains now at the rate of 9 Mercall the Pagoda, which wou'd leave a Profit of eighteen hundred Pagodas but then it woud be a Profit gain'd only out of the Military, and those who are most usefull in our Business and who were very easy and contented to be paid at the rate of fifteen Mercalls the Pagoda, when for eight months of last Year they might have bought it @ 17 and 18. That your Honours may have a clearer View of our Management we send in the Packet an account Current of the Paddy bought & sold these two years.

60 par.

42. It is a satisfaction to us that you are pleased to approve of the Releif and Assistance we order'd M^r. Sanderson to give those who escaped the Shalums Wreck. We shall always for the future give you the best Information we can get, of the Persons who escape from such terrible Accidents, but we hope we shall never have another Occasion.

80 par.

43. Whenever any ship goes from hence to the Gulph of Persia, due Care shall be taken to prevent her being sold to the Persians. The Gentlemen of Bombay wrote us last Year they had given Directions to the Factory at Gombroon to prohibit any such Practice and at the same time a Power to stop all ships from going up to Bussorah. We hope both those Orders were given solely with a View to your Interest and the Publick Good, but we are informed there were ships went to Bussorah directly from Bombay. And one Mylne belonging to Bengall having sold a ship to the Persians was threatned to be [sent] a Prisoner to Bombay, however he was permitted to return to his Owners in another Ship which he bought from the Gentlemen of Gombroon for a good Price.

44. We wrote your Honours in our last that the only ship we had sent on a Voyage this Year was one to Manilha, chiefly freighted by the Natives and Armenians. The unsettled state of Surat together with the Dutys of the Port and the Danger of Angria has prevented our sending any Ship thither this Year, the Exactions at Mocha were so great that the Dutys amounted to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent on the last Cargo we sent thither so that we have left off that Trade these two Years and if the Gentlemen of Bombay cannot bring that Governm^t. to better terms, in all likelihood the French will have that Trade entirely to themselves. The Prohibition from Bombay has hindered our sending any ship to Bussorah also for two years past, but if a peace is concluded between the Turks and Persians we shou'd willingly trade to Bussorah again if we can do it with any Hopes of Profit but as the French pay only the Turkish Dutys they are able to undersell us considerably, the ship we sent to Gombroon last Year, unluckily found the Cheifs hands full of Goods tho not the Market, for at the same time a French Ship sold her Cargo at very good Prices when ours was obliged to come away without doing any thing. Your Honours know that by the Rules of the Factory, all English Goods must be landed & sold in the Factory, doubtless it was at first proposed under the Pretence of some publick good, or to prevent some mighty Mischief, but the Effect is that we must sell to the Cheif and at his Prices or not at all.

45. The Ship we sent last year to Siam was detain'd there so long by the ill usage of the Kings Ministers that she lost her Passage back. We have little reason to expect better Treatment now his Ships have [left] this Port, and land their Cargoes at S^t. Tho[mâ as the Na]bob has given him a Cowle to trade Custom free.

46. With some Expençe we have settled our Trade again upon the old Footing at Pegue, but the Country has been so harrassed by the Oppression of it's Governours, that we fear that Trade will be no great Benefit to us China Goods have been very low here this Year, however if we had not been disappointed in our ship, we should have been beforehand with the French who have sent a large ship there. We have had little to do with the Gentlemen in Bengall except for Rice Cargoes, all other Goods are too dear through that channel. We shou'd never have desired that our Super Cargoes might have had the Liberty to send Gomastas into the Country and the use of the Dusticks, if we had imagined it wou'd be any Prejudice

to your Affairs. The Gentlemen have not fairly represented the state of the Case if they have suggested any such thing much less if they have asserted that the Private Trade is carried on only by Yo^r. Covenanted Servants, and that none but those are allowed to reside at the Aurungs, The contrary of which is so notorious that it is almost impossible to enumerate the different Nations and People who sent Gomastas not only where the English are, but all over the Country, If we confine ourselves to Callcutta only, we shall find that every Companys servant every Armenian and Banyan, have many Gomastas all over the Country, but if we extend our views and go up to Hughly, what Numbers of Gomastas are sent from thence? What vast Quantities of Goods do they provide which make up the Freights for Surat, Bussorah and the Red Sea, that exceed in value all those which are sent to Europe? The Pattan & Moors Merchants settled here and at S^t. Thomé have their [Correspon]-dents at Hughly who send Gomastas over the Country for the Consumption of this Coast which will be fully supplied by others whether we do or not and from which it will evidently appear to Yo^r. Honours that there is very little weight in the Pretence made by the Gentlemen in Bengall that what Goods we shou^d provide wou^d inflame the Aurungs. At present we have the Mortification to see this Trade entirely in the Hands of Armenians Moors and Pattans for the most part carried by our Door to S^t. Thomé to the great Prejudice of your Customs here and in Bengall besides many other Evils which attend the Loss of any Branch of Trade as it is very rare one leaves a Place but it is followed by another. We have thought it our Duty to represent to your Honours the Consequence of that Prohibition which we and only we lye under at present, but if for any particular reasons or Necessity of which we are not competent Judges Your Honours shall still think fit to continue it, we shall forbear to trouble you any further Hereafter about it, and shall only beg Leave here to return Your Honours our most humble thanks for your Condescension in auswering our Paragraph about the private Trade between this Place and Bengall, and the Notice you have been pleased to take of it to the Gentlemen there.

47. Thus have we given Your Honours an account of the Difficultys our Trade labours under with the state it is in at present and we must submit it to your Honours favourable Consideration whether any and what Releif can be given us. Upon a moderate Computation, few Voyages which are set on foot from hence particularly to the Western Parts of India but what pays Your Honours from ten to twelve p cent when at the same time the Owners do not divide Principal, We would not be understood as if we desired to be [made free of all] Dutys, our Intention is [no] more than [. . . opinions] how [far] it may be necessary to enable us to trade upon the same terms our Neighbours do, for at present Your Honours lose every Duty by our not being able to trade at all. At the same time we have the Mortification to see the French sending ships to all parts of India. Several of them were here and for so far as they added to the account of our Customs and were not of any Prejudice to the Place, or our Inhabitants, we are sure they had no reason to complain of our Complaisance & Indulgence but we could not with the same temper see their Agents ferreting among our Merchants to engage them in their Stocks, and Loans at Respondentia, We had too much Reason to observe that all we cou^d say was rather looked upon to proceed from what we wish^d than any Power to prevent it, However upon the receipt of your Orders this Year, we took into Consideration what might be proper for us to do, and the 21st July resolved upon fixing at the sea Gate several Orders which are humbly offered to your Honours more judicious Consideration and opinion thereupon. It may perhaps be thought that the force of those Orders are almost Explain^d away by the Rule which follow them in our Consultation of that date, but the Exigencys which happen in such a Course of Trade as is carried on in India makes it almost impossible to lay down any fix^d and certain rules for constant Observation, & thô Trade may be mended by prudent Regulations, it is apt to be very impatient under any great Restrainment.

Lettrs. from
England
23 Janry.

48. Your Honours two Paragraphs under this Head relating to the Normanton shall be duely regarded if she comes this way. 52 par
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49. We wrote Your Honours by the Prince [. . .] that the Nabob's Sons with their Army were gone [. . .] of [Misore] and as we then apprehended they

found him a much more powerfull Prince than those of Tanjore and Tritchanopoly. In this Expedition to Misore they have expended great sums of Money, lost many Men and much reputation. They have retreated with their Army from thence and are at present very quiet about Tritchanopoly. Reports are various whether they will return to Arcot or continue some time longer to the Southward.

50. The Nabob ever since our last has continued at Allumpara, very negligent and inattentive to all Affairs and of Course little regarded.

51. In the mean time that the Army has been at so great a Distance and the Nabob absent from his Capital, it has given rise to many Disorders in the Province. There have been frequent Robberys in the Great Towns as well as in the Roads, and the Exactions of the Havildars has been so vexatious and intolerable to the Natives that several Towns and Villages have been deserted by the Inhabitants. In a word the Confusion and Disorder of the Country is exceeding great and the Merchants know not where to trust their Money for purchase of the Manufactures of the Country.

FIFTHLY CONCERNING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

52. We shall always as near as possible follow Your Honours Directions in the 54th. Paragraph under this Head. As to the Buildings at Vizagapatam all that have as yet been repaired is only the Metta Gate Guard the Powder House and Peons Choultry. There are yet remaining the Main Guard Gate and the Hall of the Fort besides the large Godown which must be pulled down and the Battery by the Sea Side is in so bad a Condition that it will soon fall if not pulled down being already [. . .] to the Ground. All these Repairs wou'd have been finish'd before this time if they had not been stopped by the Want of Chinam.

Lettrs. from
England
23. January.

55 par.

53. We keep so good an Eye over the Renters & Farmers of the Revenues that we beleive the Inhabitants have not at present any reason to complain of being oppressed by them; when they have we shall do our best to follow Yo^r. Directions, tho' it is a matter of Doubt with us whether by our new modelled Constitution we have any Legal Authority to do more than take away the Cowles.

56 par.

54. We desire your Honours to be persuaded it is a matter very frequently in our thoughts how to improve every Branch of your Revenues, and to make such Regulations as may prevent any Impositions to Yo^r. Prejudice and whenever any Leases expire we always consider the terms and Duration. We thought the Advance of One hundred and Eighty Pogodas in the Ruby Brokerage a very pretty encrease being above a fourth part more than it produced before, but whatever is the fate of the Diamond Trade the nature of it is such that it never was nor ever can be subject to to the Dutys which are paid on Rubies and other precious stones.

55. All possible Care is taken in collecting the several Branches of your Customs and those are kept regular to their Payments who are now in Possession of the several Cowles for the Villages and other branches of your Revenues.

Cons^{ns}.
31 May.

Lettrs. from
England
23 Jan^y.

56. We met with great Trouble to recover the Arrears due from the Old Renters of Egmore &c^a. Villages and the Companys Great and little Gardens not only the Renters but their Securitys proving Insolvent. Had we proceeded in the Method prescribed with the Charter we should [. . . have] got so far by this time as to have obtained a Judgment, and after that we are very sure an Execution would have stood us in little stead. Since We were able to get the Money at last, we think Your Honours will not be anxious about the Method we took to recover it or displeas'd it was not sooner than the 31st. May last. It was impossible for us to get any thing more, and therefore we hope you will please to approve that we repaired the Gardens at Your Expen^{ce}, the Estimate is after our Consultation of the 26th. April and the real Charge after that of the 29th. Novem^r.

57. The Sea Customers and Salt Petre Godowns were finish'd last Year those on the other side of the Sea Gate now in use for a weighing Place & Storehouse want also to be pulled down being built at the same time as the others and now full as bad; we shou'd have sett about that Work this last Year cou'd we have procured

Materials to please us, particularly good Chinam which is a main Article. At Present all our repairs are at a stand the Country People insisting that we shou'd take it in Powder as they have brought it in for these Eighteen Years past and we contending that they shall deliver it to us in Stone & unslacked.

58. The Head Men of Pullee have given us another Cowle for the digging Iron Stone for twenty years longer in consideration of the same Present which was made them by President Harrison the Cowle given in his time expired four or five Years ago, and the Iron stone made use of since from the other Parts of the Country was so soft it mouldred away presently.

Cons.
12 July
29 Novr.

59. The Merchants complaining that great Quantities of Cloth were eat by the White Ants and other Vermine in the Washing Town for want of proper conveniences to keep it, we order'd the Paymaster to make twelve brick Pavements laid in Chinam which [cost] Pagod^s. [...] 18 : 34 : 50 and being so necessary we hope for your Honours Approbation.

Do. 21st.
Febr'y.
29 Novr.

60. For the reasons mentioned in our Consultation of the 3^d. Septem^r. we have put your Honours to the Expence of purchasing a peice of Ground and Building thereon, two Inclosures for keeping and preserving the Iron Guns and Anchors and for more conveniently keeping the Redwood, a Calculate of the Expence is entered after Consultation the 17th. September but we cannot send Y^r. Honours the exact Charge as the Inclosures are not yet finished for want of Chinam, which also is the reasons why as yet we have done little to our Bridges more than to prevent any fresh damage.

61. There have been also some necessary Repairs set about the Fort House and Base Offices at the Garden, the Charge of which is entered upon our Consultations.

Consⁿ.
18 Octob^r.
29 Novr.

62. We shall here reply to the 58th, 59th, & 60 Paragraphs of your Honours Letter of the 23^d. January and first Your President begs Leave to assure you he is not unmindfull of the Promise he had the Honour to make you in Person that he would examine thoroughly into every Item of Expence and that he wou'd not allow any needless charge and we all of us beg Leave to assure your Hon^{rs}. we are assisting to him therein to the utmost of our Power, nor are we wanting in our Duty by neglecting any Opportunity that offers to reduce your Charges ; But the very exact Scrutiny and the great reduction made by Your Honours in the Charges of this Place and the Subordinate Settlements in the Year 1723 has left no room for us to lessen the Expence of the Military Gunroom Crew and our List of Peons.

63. As to the Military Your Honours will [. . . k]eep it as near as possible within the Bounds prescribed us, and whenever it exceeds, the reasons are particularly set forth. Due care is taken to prevent false Musters and inclosed in the Packet we send our Officers Report of tne Military which they were ordered to deliver us that Your Honours might at one view be able to Judge of the Nature of the service, and whether the same can be performed by a fewer Number of Men. We are sorry Your Honours will observe so many of our Men desert from us, but the Temptation to leave us is too strong, there being no other Place in India where the Pay is so small, and all necessaries of Life so dear.

Consⁿ. 1737
17 Jan^y.

64. In Consultation of the 19th. August 1732 the List of the Gunroom Crew and their stations were considered by the then President and Council and in the 66th. Para^h : of their Letter to your Honours dated the 23th. of the same Month, they give their reasons why the Number of Persons employed were as few as possible. Your Hon^{rs}. Answer thereto is in the 33^d. Paragraph of your Letter dated the 29th. January 1733.

65. The last Paragraph but one under the fourth head in our Letter by the Britania gave Your Hon^{rs} : an Account how the Peons in your Pay are employed to which we have Occasion to add now that all this last Year many of our Peons have been abroad in the Country to clear the Merchants goods and Provisions for the Town from the Juncanneers who pretend they were unacquainted wth. Sailabad which very likely may be as there are such frequent changes at their Mettas : At that near us there have been four Different Men in three Months, the Country also being very unsettled we have been obliged to let our Contract Merchants have some of our Peons to assist in carrying on the Business of your Investment ; so that the

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Number allowed by Your [Honours] have not been sufficient for our Occasions which have often obliged the President to take thirty or Forty from the Polligar to help out and that has drawn another Complaint upon us from the Inhabitants that the Watch of the Town was not sufficiently taken care of, and that they were Exposed to House Breakers and street Robbers.

58 Par.

65. As to the other two Articles in our Expencc which Your Honours are pleased to distinguish by Wages & Allowances and Servants Wages and Allowances every particular is plainly entered in the Paymaster's Accounts and we can assure Your Honours none of those Particulars are fictitious. But as several of them proceeded originally from Your Honours Bounty & Indulgence it is our Duty to submit to what may be your Pleasure concerning all or any Allowances to ourselves. But we trust Your Hon^{rs}. will not think we deserve less than our Predecessors, & will also consider the superiour Advantages they had in Trade as well as that Provisions and all Necessaries are increased to double the prices they were at twenty years ago, and obliges every one of us to be at a [considerable Expencc beside even in servants Wages and those other Articles that your Honours had designed fully to provide for by your Allowances. And yet we may assure Your Honours and we beleive those who come Home will confirm the same that we are far from running into Pomp and Show or any needless Expencc. Frugality is become very necessary and is so generally practised that we beleive there never was fewer Instances of Extravagance among Your Serv^{ts}. and the Inhabitants of the Place than at Present. Nevertheless if yet you shall think fit to retrench any more of those Allowances which are particularly for our selves Your Orders shall be obey'd with that submission which becomes us, but we must take upon us humbly to desire that Your Honours will not think of reducing our Military & Gunroom Crew which are now so few that if we shou'd admit they are sufficient for the ordinary Guard of the Place, we cou'd not spare any to march out in case of any Troubles with the Country Government or any other Extraordinary Occasion.

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67. Your Honours by Inspection into the Paymasters accounts will observe the Bulk of his Payments are to the Military, Gunroom Crew and Peons and the Rolls of them are his Vouchers; the fixed Wages & Allowances are also well known to us all; and for Repairs of Fortification on account of the workmen employed therein and all others accidental Charges is deliver'd every Night in Writing to the President, and in this Method there is as little room for Fraud as in any can be thought on. If there can be no Confidence placed in any body there can be no Employ of Trust entered upon at any time, and for ourselves we hope our Conduct hitherto has given you no reason to distrust our Fidelity.

par 60.

Cons^{ul}:
13 Dec^r.

68. The Accomptant's Report of the Annual Charges and Revenues is designed chiefly to point out to Your Honours in one View the Encrease or Decrease in either with the principal Reasons for the same, this Year it was deliverd in the Beginning of December and it will be very rare if it can be made sooner as our Books are not closed long before, being kept open to make the Adjustments from the Books of the Subordinate Settlements. But as for our own particular remarks they are at other times, and as occasion offers for not only our Expences, but now also those of the subordinate Settlements are monthly reported in Consultation and if any Exceedings are observed therein [due] Notice is taken thereof.

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69. Your Honours were advised last Year of the Regulations which were made in the Revenues & Expences of Vizagapatam and we doubt not you will be pleased with the Effect they have had for your Service.

61 Par.

70. The Gentlemen in Bengall seem to have mistaken your Honours Directions that their ships shou'd import only at Madrass, when bound for this Coast, they have contented themselves with taking Bond that the ships shou'd pay the Madrass Customs and left them still at Liberty to trade at the Moors Ports, & sometimes do even give Passes thither, an Instance whereof we were advised of in March last and your Honours will observe the Resolutions we came to in Consultation 22^d. of that Month but as either the Owners or the Govern^r. & Council altered their Intentions about that ship she went to Manilha directly from Bengall and we were not troubled with her upon this Coast.

71. Upon the receipt of your Orders in y^e. 62^d. Paragraph of your Letter by the Grantham we had them Privately suggested to our Mint People the Answer they gave was that if there were any such the Company must find somebody else to coin their Money. We had particular reasons why we did not think it safe to acquaint them publicly with your Orders. The Difficulty we met with last year in reducing the Charge of Coinage from two to one and a half P Cent, tho' it was to be for no longer than your Pleasure shou'd be known and upon Promise also that we would interceed with Your Honours to allow them two P Cent as before for the Reasons set forth in their Petitions. We say the Difficulty we met with then give us no Reason to hope for success in [*a few words lost*] for a further reduction, besides we knew the Minters in the Country Mints have greater Advantages; one very considerable is the having Business in them almost the whole Year whereas Ours have Nothing to do but for two Months or thereabouts to coin Your Honours Silver. It is a great deal of work they do for the time and requires a great number of Hands and all those must be supported the rest of the Year by what they gain in those two Months. Your ships arrived late this Year and but little time to coin the silver and we were fearfull of the Consequence shou'd we in such Circumstances insist upon harder terms, if they had left the Bounds we had not much time to parly with them and if they had insisted upon the old terms we know not how far Necessity might have obliged us to comply. As we know little of the Practice in the Bombay Mint, the most of what we shall say of it will be only Arbitrary Conjectures supported by little more than Hear-say. Except as to the Produce of silver there concerning which Governor Horne wrote Your President in Aug^t. 1735 the Minters there refused to coin any more foreign silver at the Old rate and insisted upon a considerable Abatement and desired our Mintmasters Opinion how many Rupees 100 Ounces of each species wou'd produce with us and for his better Guidance sent a particular Account of the rate they allowed before at Bombay and what they wanted to deliver them at. In the last we observe for 100

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Oz of New Mexico Dollars they wou'd deliver only 243 : 2 : 23 but whether their Offer was accepted we know not. Your Honours will observe our Minters deliver but $242\frac{3}{4}$ so that yet there is a Difference of 3 Q^{rs}. 28 D^{rs}. in 100 Oz. which our Minters deliver less than these at Bombay, but we cannot take upon us to assign any positive Reason why it is so; We are told indeed that Your Mint Customs at Bombay are very considerable and if it be so the Minters must have a great deal more work there than Ours have here and that may be one Cause. But whatever may be the inducement to the Minters at Bombay to deliver more Rupees than Ours we are very positive we shall not be able to procure better Terms here, at least till our Minters have some constant and Considerable Bussiness more than the Coinage of your own Silver, but that whenever it happens must proceed from some other Motives than any Method We shall venture to propose at present. We have assayed some Surat Rupees here and find them even worse than the Arcot Rupees. At the same time we are told at Surat the Bombay Rupee by the Influence of the Governm^t. will not at sometimes pass without a Discount. But doubtless the Merchant finds it for his Interest to coin at Bombay as thereby he saves the Custom on Importation of Bullion at Surat besides an Extravagant Deduction for Tanksallage, Dutys that if the Merchants cou'd be reliev'd from at Surat perhaps there would be as little Business in the Bombay Mint as in Ours. Your Honours will know from the Gentlemen of Bombay whether so large a Coinage there has not given Umbrage to the Government of Surat. As for the Coinage on this Coast the Country Mints deliver 254 Arcot Rupees for 100 Oz Mexico Dollars and as we cannot give more than two hundred thirty nine to the Merchant Custom and Coinage deducted it is easily demonstrated where his interest will lead him to coin his Silver, for notwithstanding the Intrinsic Difference in the finess of the two Rupees they have for some Years in most Parts been equally receiv'd and from Vizagapatam, Northward as farr as Conaca, the Arcot Rupees have been preferred to ours. But in Bengall they have this Year rec'd a considerable [check] the cause whereof we shall as briefly as possible relate to your Honours Our Neighbours at Pondicherry have for some Years been endeavouring to obtain a Liberty from the Nabob for coining the Arcot Rupee this Year soon after their ships arrived from Europe, a very splendid

Embassy was sent up to Arcot; it would be tedious and not material to trouble you with the steps they took in the Progress of their Business. Imaum Sahib undertook their Affairs and their People were dismissed with hopes of a favourable Answer when the Nabob came down to Allumpara his Excellence had not been long there before it was publickly declar'd he had granted the French a Chop to coin Arcot Rupees, the consideration was not so publickly known but beleiv'd to be not less than One hundred thousand Rupees to the Nabob twenty five thousand to Emaum Sahib, and five thousand among the Inferiour servants about the Nabob, but whatever their Expence was the French plumed themselves much upon their Success and talked of little less than having the Coinage of all the silver which came to the Coast. One of their ships arrived from France and her money was coined in the New Mint and sent to Bengall. In about a Month after the Nabob affected to have repented of his Grant, pretended he had been deceived and demanded the Chop back again. We were somewhat surpriz'd at the Nabob's Conduct because we were all along of Opinion it wou'd be always in his Power to fling Cold Water upon their Mint whenever he pleased but whatever his Intentions were the French were very apprehensive he wou'd give them a good deal of Trouble and put themselves to great Charges in preparing for their Defence in case they should be attacked. At length we are told from Bengall that Fuddy Chund is resolved to lower the Batta of the Arcott Rupees to five ₹ Cent and declares he will not take the Pondicherry Rupees but as so much silver according to the Weight and fineness, Your Honours will doubtless be advised of this affair from the Gentlemen of Calcutta with more particulars than are as yet come to our Knowledge but it is certain our Neighbours are much chagrined about it. As to the common Arcott Rupees which are coin'd in the Country Mints Our Merchants compute that if the Batta is reduced in Bengall to four ₹ Cent it will then be their interest to coin their silver in the Madrass Mint. Your Honours may be assured we shall omit no Encouragement we can give them whenever an Opportunity offers but from what has been already said it is easily discerned the Influence which the Government has over all the Coins which are Current in the Mogulls Dominions.

72. This leads us to acquaint Your Honours of another Affair which more nearly concerns Ourselves. It is now about Eighteen Months since that we resolved to lay aside the use of the M M Pagodas in our Payments & receipts on your Honours Account, and we troubled you with our Reasons for the same, We found no ill Effect from it all last Year nor can we yet say that we are sensible of any Inconvenience from the Currency of the present Coin of the Country, whatever we may have Reason to apprehend in future if timely Care be not taken to prevent it. In our Arguments about the M M Pagodas we confined ourselves too much within our own Circle and thô we did then consider that part of our Investment which was made to the Northward, yet we cou'd not imagine the Madrass Pagodas wou'd rise to so high a Batta as Eight to Eight and a half ₹ Cent. It was an Omission also that we did not duely consider the intrinsick value of Gold and silver and the Proportion which they bear to each other. We hope we have taken sufficient care in both these Respects now. Your Honours will observe in our Consultations the 13th. Decem^r. the reasons we had to apprehend you might be effected by the Baseness of the Current Coin of the Country and how far. The Resolutions we came to thereupon are so well founded and we think supported with so much Reason that we are not apprehensive anything can be imputed to us which may prejudice us in Your Honours Opinion; if it were necessary we cou'd easily demonstrate how much our Private Fortunes will be affected thereby, but we hope that will never have any Influence over us when in Competition with your Interest. If it has an Effect to put any Check upon the Practices to the Country Government and to induce them to mend the State of their Coin, one good End will be answer'd and then those will cease to complain who imagine that our Orders have fixed any hardship upon them, but we may rather say if they are Angry it is without other reason than because we do not sacrifice Your Interest to theirs and their Correspondents. We have ordered an exact Account to be kept of the receipts and Issues of the Madrass Pagodas and we compute a considerable Profit will arise to Your Honours by the Batta, besides which the Custom on the Coinage will be another Benefit.

73. Your Honours were advised two Years ago the only Means we cou'd think proper to encourage so usefull a set of Men as the Weavers to settle within our Bounds, by the Cowle given to Chindadre Pettah. It was drawn up after great Deliberation and every Article of it so necessary that we are persuaded without it all other means would have been ineffectual. It is therefore a very sensible Concern to us that Your Honours have not been pleased so far to approve of what we did as to satisfy us we have any Authority to engage in any other Undertakings of the same kind, which otherwise we might have been encouraged to from the success we have had in this. We wrote Your Honours last Year that 230 Families were settled in Chindadree Pettah and there are now as many more, and if we could be sure they wou'd be supported in the Priviledges granted them we might venture to assure Your Honours it would in a very few Years prove a Noble and beneficial thing to the Place and y^r. Interest.

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74. The death of Sunca Venkatachillum commonly called Sunca Kiamah last Year has relieved us from all doubt and Perplexity as to what Conduct we were to observe towards him and at the same time to act consistently with Your Orders in the 65 and 95th. Paragraphs of your Letter by the Grantham. His wicked Practices with the Country Government have appeared so notorious that we beleive few doubt of their Reality and heretofore we should have been in no Doubt how to deal with him. It is a Duty incumbent upon us to acquaint Your Honours that if we have not Authority to inflict some Exemplary Punishment upon such Wretches Your Fortunes and all our Lives may at some time or other be exposed to great Danger.

75. Agreeable to what Your Honours are pleased to intimate in Your 95th. Paragraph Suncu Moodoo Ramah has been acquainted with Your Inclinations to have all Matters in difference ended by Arbitration; possibly his own temper wou'd lead him to an amicable accommodation but those who were so busy in directing the Nephew have not been less active in dictating to the Uncle.

76. We return Your Honours Thanks in behalf of ourselves and all the Inhabitants that you are pleased to permit us to lay out the Duty collected by the Scavenger or such part thereof in cleaning the streets as there may be a real Occasion for, we ventured last Year to expend part thereof in that service and we beg Leave to assure you we will not for this or any other Service put you to any greater Charge than is really necessary.

67 par.

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77. After the account we have given Your Honours under the last Head of the Deplorable State of our country Trade it may be necessary to give some Reasons why our Sea Customs continue at so great a height. By the Account delivered in by the Accomptant ending April last the Sea Customs amounted to thirty seven thousand Eight hundred Ninety one Pagodas which is three thousand Six hundred Ninety Pagodas more than the former Year. But by the Account ending the Ult^o. Dec^r. last the decrease in the Customs on Grain only was six thousand eight hundred fifty five Pagodas from which deduct Two thousand two hundred fifty two Pagodas increased by the Customs on goods reduces the Decrease in the whole Year to four thousand six hundred and three Pagodas. Our present unhappy circumstances owing to the small Importation of Grain accounts for the great Decrease in the Customs of that Article. But that the Customs on Goods are increased is owing to the large Sum brought to account by the Sea Custom^r. in Novem^r. for Custom on Coral. We shall be mindfull of your Direction that no Orders be made which may diminish any branch of Your Revenues without Your previous Directions.

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SIXIHLY TOUCHING FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

78. In answer to Your Honours 70th. Parag^{ph}. under this head Your President takes Leave to assure You no Endeavours on his part will be wanting to encrease Your Mint Customs and all other Branches of your Revenues, but we must Join with him in Opinion that it wou'd be deceiving Your Honours in what is Your true Interest if we shou'd oblige the Merchants to coin their money in our Mint when they have a greater advantage by it otherwise, It is by a very slender Tye that we hold the residence of many of our Inhabitants & we are bold to say that neither the

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sea or Land Customs wou'd keep up to the Height they do, if we were not particularly tender in our Conduct to the Merchants which is more especially necessary at this time that our neighbours give all possible Encouragement for the resort of all People to them. Our own Commerce labours already under great Difficulties and Hardships which it is not in our Power to prevent & under such Circumstances we should think it a wrong Policy to augment them by trying any new Experiments.

77 par.

79. We shall comply with Your Orders by following our constant method not to grant Bills or Certificates for any sum before we have the Money in cash and Your Honours will find upon our Consultations that we observe to compare the Cash Chest with the Ball^{ce}. of the Account.

76 par.

80. Mr. Wodnoth went home to England on the Nassau, he shou'd otherwise have been sent to the West Coast agreeable to Your Orders. Your Honours had a List sent you by the Hanover in the Year 1714/15 what number of servants were necessary to do the Business here and at the subordinate settlements & it has been the constant Practice since to submit it to Your Honours how far you would please to comply therewith we shall only add that our Writing Work is more now than at that time, and a few good Hands will always be of more use to us than a great Number of servants.

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77 par.

81. We are sorry the Encouragement your Honours have given the Diamond Trade has not answer'd the good Effects you hoped from it. Diamonds are rather Dearer now than before owing as we are told to the Demand made for them by the Great Men in the Country; and at the same time no Permission to open new Mines, Except upon very extravagant terms. However the sum for Bills in return for Coral is not so large by this ship as it was this time last Year. It was a great Quantity which came out by the last ships and it is looked upon now as a falling Commodity.

82. The Church Register comes now in the Packet as it wou'd have done two Years ago but was by mistake copied on a different sized Paper from the rest and there was not time to copy it over again. Whenever we have occasion We shall not omit to regard your Injunction in the close of the 79th. Paragraph.

82 par.

83. Phillip Heigham Weakes Credit & William Oakers are wrote off to Account Current London, as we shall do all other deceased Persons Credits where there are no further Demands on them in India.

84. Your Honours 83^d. Paragraph is answer'd in substance under the third Head, and we only mention it here to show it has not missed our Attention.

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85. Soon after the receipt of Your Commands by the Grantham we wrote to Vizagapatam concerning their Military, their answer to which is in our Letter receiv'd N^o. 96. the Government in those Parts has lately been very troublesome to our People, but we hope matters will soon be easy when we shall leave no more force there than what is absolutely necessary for the safety of the Place.

85 par.

86. Care shall be taken in our next Years Consultation Book to prevent Your Complaint of the Diary of Ships Arrival and Departure, the Young Gentlemen employed in transcribing them hope Your Honours will excuse any faults of that kind in this years.

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86 par.

87. It was owing Entirely to an Omission that the proper Entrys were not made upon our Consultations when we receiv'd Your Commands by the Princess Royal. We assure Your Honours we always pay that regard to your Orders as to give Your Letters an immediate reading how long soever we postpone the consideration of some parts of them.

87 par.

88. The Chief of Vizagapatam and the Resident of Ingeram never come up hither without Leave which we never grant, nor we believe do they ask when there is any Likelyhood that your Investment will suffer by their absence.

89 par.
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89. Mr. Francis Faillet is discharged and an Ensigns Commission given to Mr. Francis Cooke in his Room.

90. Mr. Charles Boddam is not yet arriv'd from China; when he and Mess^{rs}. Joseph Fowke, Halliburton, Powney and Cooke are of Age, their Covenants shall be executed and returned. 78 par.

91. Mr. Goodwin is stationed under the Storekeep^r. which Employ Your Honours will observe requires a great deal more writing Work than formerly and able Hands to perform it. Mr. Henry Powney we have sent to Fort S^t. David where they write for another Assistant, and which we shall send them after the Dispatch of these Ships. Mr. Prince and Mr. Joseph Fowke are employed in the Secretarys Office, and Mr. Jn^o. Cooke under the Import Wareh^o. keep^r. Mr. Richard Starke is so usefull a hand in the Secretary's Office that we hope Your Honours will dispense with our keeping him on as a monthly Writer till we have another Covenanted servant if you do not please to admit him as such. The List of the Company's Servants in the Packet will shew Your Honours how all the rest are stationed and we have entered it in our Book of Standing Orders not to admit any into Covenants abroad without Your previous Consent. 93. 99 par. 100. Lettr^{rs}. from England [...]

92. Mr. Sydney Foxal is also arrived here, We take him to be a very understanding Man in his Business, and hope he may be of great use to us. 13th Dec^r. 22^d. Para.

93. Mr. William Percivals Indentures as a Free Merchant come in the Packet, and he desires us to return Your Honours his thanks for your Favour to him. D^o. 31 Para.

94. The Reverend Mr. Wynch arrived on the Prince William and we have had due regard to your directions concerning him. 23 para.

95. Mess^{rs}. Hubbard and Morse being Executors to the last Will of Captain Edward Orril deceased they have had Copy of your 30th. Paragraph deliver'd them, their answer to which is entered in our Letters receivd N^o. 103, they desire to add here that they are very ready to pay what they have in their Hands to the Legal Claimants but apprehend they cannot be secure in deviating from the Directions in the Will, without they are justified by a Decree of some Court of Law. 30th. Para.

96. Mess^{rs}. Sanderson & Harrison have been acquainted with Your Orders concerning them and desire us to return their thanks for your favour to them. As either of them desire to return hither we shall supply their Place in the best manner we can. 23^d. January. 91 } Para. 105 }

97. We have given Notice to the Register of the Mayors Court of your Orders to send Home annually in the Packet an attested copy of all Wills proved in that Court. 102^d. Para.

98. Inclosed in the Shaftsbury's Packet we receiv'd as a mark of Your Hon^{rs}. favour and Confidence in us a Commission, appointing us to the Government and care of your affairs at this place and it's Subordinates, and we take Leave to assure Your Honours it shall always be our greatest care & study to promote your Interest and to discharge the Trust you have been pleased to repose in us with Diligence and Fidelity hoping thereby to merit the continuance of your Favour. Mess^{rs}. Morse, Torriano & Sanderson have executed their Covenants which come inclosed in the Granthams Packet, and have wrote to their Friends in England to propose to Your Hon^{rs}. the Security required, as has also M^r. Hubbard. Lettr^{rs}. from England 23^d. Febr^y. 107 } Pa. a. 108 }

99. The 14th. Febr^y we consented to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam entertaining M^r. Gibson Surgeon with the same salary and Allowances as the Surgeon of Fort S^t. David. M^r. Stringer the former Surgeon being come away.

100. Capt. Amyand and one of our Ensigns being one with the party to Telli-cherry and being in want of Commission Officers to do the Duty of the Garrison the 21st. June we are an Ensigns Commission to Sergeant William Turbutt.

101. M^r. Joseph Goddards Indentures are now signed and witnessed and come in the Grantham's Packet. Lettr^{rs}. recd. N^o. 59. Cons^d. 3^d. July.

102. The 20th. Dec^r. last M^r. Rawson Hart was chosen and sworn in Mayor of the Corporation for the Ensuing Year & M^r. Thomas Cook Sheriff.

103. August the 3^d. Captain Birch of the Haeslingfield deliverd us in a Bill for dieting Soldiers at the Cape as we cou'd find no Precedent for the Payment of any such Bills here we referred it to your Honours.

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25 Octob^r:

104. The account remains in the Storehouse was interchangeably signed by Mess^{rs}. Rous & Torriano the 27th. December. The Storekeep^{rs}. Accounts are now put in the method Your Honours directed.

105. The 17th. August we order'd a Bill to be filed in the Mayors Court for the recovery of Robert Berriman of Fort St. David his Debt to Your Honours; partly the Forms of the Court and partly a long Vacation has as yet prevented a Decision.

106. A Parcel of Coats and Caps having stood for some Years upon the Fort St. David Books without any Alteration the 25th. March we wrote to know the meaning of it. The Answer of the Deputy Governour and Council is in our Letters rec^d No. 33, and we know not now Who to call upon to make You Satisfaction in our Letter thither No. 31 we have a given Directions that nothing shall stand upon their Books which is not under the Care of one of the Company's Servants whereby everything will be included in their Account remains and by that means prevent all such Neglect in future.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

107. We have by this Ship drawn the following Bills of Exchange on your Honours payable at the usual time and rate. - The Major part of them are in return for Coral, the rest are for small Sums, either in return for deceased Persons Estates, for the maintenance of Children belonging to the Inhabitants of the Place or for the purchase of such Necessarys as your Honours are pleased to allow of being sent out to us.

Sett.								
DATED 3 ^d . JAN ^{ry} .	}	1. To Isaac Salvadore or Order						
		for	398	6	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	995	31	24
		1. To Ditto	1177	15	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	2944	17	12
		1. To Ditto	444	4	10	1110	21	64
		1. To Ditto	1153	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	2882	31	51
		1. To Judah Supino & Son or Order	1904	19	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4762	14	65
		1.	208	15	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	521	34	48
		6 sets value of Richard Benyon Esq ^r .						
		1. Jacob Dias or Order	913	7	8	2283	16	37
		1. To Abraham Osorio or order	279	2	2	697	27	56
2 sets value of Richard Benyon Esq ^r . and George Toriano.								
10 th . JANUARY	}	1. To Jacob Mendes Da Costa or order	61	10	—	153	27	—
		1. To Isaac Salvadore or Order	234	7	$\frac{1}{2}$	585	31	55
		2 sets value of Richard Benyon Esq ^r .						
		1. To Peter Meyer and Company or order for account of John Babbista Mayor	1011	—	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	2527	19	21
		1. To Abraham & Jacob Franco or Order	859	11	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2148	32	—
		1. To Ditto	794	19	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	1987	15	20
		1. To Ditto	1692	3	3	4230	14	52
		4 sets value of Abraham & Henry Salomons.						

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1.	To Abraham and Jacob Franco or Order value of Randall Fowke and Abraham and Henry Salomons	289	9	2½	723	23	40	
1.	To Eleanor Cooke and Abraham and Jacob Franco or Ord ^r . value of Randall Fowke and John Hammond	866	17	1½	2167	5	—	
1.	To John Mendes Dacosta or Order	93	16	3	234	19	10	
1.	To Charles Benyon or order	82	8	—	206	—	—	
2 sets value of Randall Fowke.								
1.	To Rich ^d . Say or order account the Estate of James Say deceas'd value of John Goulding	60	—	—	150	—	—	17 TH JANUARY
1.	To John and Michael Ennis or ord ^r . value of Cap ^t . Thomas Egan	40	—	—	100	—	—	
1.	To George Morton Pitt Esq ^r . or ord ^r . value of George Drake	200	—	—	500	—	—	
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1.	To John Whichcott and William Turner or order for account the Estate of Nathaniel Turner value of Richard Benyon	498	13	5½	1246	24	50	17 TH JANUARY
1.	To William Jennings and Abrah ^m . and Jacob Franco or Order	1324	7	7¼	3310	34	21	
1.	To Joseph and David Franco or Order	124	19	4¾	312	15	24	
2 sets value of Rawson Hart and Abrah ^m . & Henry Salomons.								
1.	To Abraham and Jacob Franco or order	232	10	2½	581	9	75	
1.	To Ditto	255	2	3¾	637	23	35	
2 sets value of Rawson Hart & John Hammond.								
1.	To John Walsh or order for account the Children of Elizabeth Walsh deceased value of Richard Benyon Esq ^r	100	—	—	250	—	—	21 ST JANRY
1.	To John Emmerson & Duncan Munro or Order value of Will ^m . Johnson	103	—	—	257	18	—	
1.	To Richard Wyatt or Order value of William Percival ...	100	—	—	250	—	—	
1.	To Charles Peers & Edmund Godfrey or order value of John Saunders	250	—	—	625	—	—	
	To Alex ^r . Bennet or Order value of Cornelia Hordon	100	—	—	250	—	—	

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	1. To Alex ^r . & George Ouchterlony on acc ^t . the Estate of George Mackenzie decd, value of Robert Douglass ...	461	1	3	1152	23	50		
	1. To Jacob Abenator Pemental or Order ...	944	19	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	2362	17	24		
	1. To Moses Espinoza or order ...	536	4	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1340	18	50		
	—								
	2 sets value of John Hammond.								
	1. To Abraham and Jacob Franco or Order on account of Jacob de Moses Franco value of John Hammond and Abraham and Henry Salomons ...	1249	4	—	3122	35	79		
	1. To Abraham & Jacob Franco or Ord ^r . value of Abraham & Henry Salomons ...	1166	1	1	2915	4	71		
	1. To Hugh Watson or Order value of Nicholas Morse and Will ^m . Monson ...	206	—	—	515	—	—		
	1. To Daniel Morse or Order value of Nicholas Morse ...	288	8	—	721	—	—		
	1. To Charles Rigby or Order Value of Augustus Burton ...	145	3	8	362	34	40		
	1. To Elizabeth Torriano or Ord ^r .	164	16	—	412	—	—		
	1. To Anthony DaCosta or order.	463	10	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	1158	29	15		
	—								
	2 sets value of George Torriano.								
	1. To Judah Supino & Son or Ord ^r	489	15	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1224	17	33		
	1. To Ditto ...	664	10	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	1662	11	29		
	1. To Jacob Fernandes Nunes or order ...	59	—	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	147	20	70		
	1. To Francis Gee Esq ^r . or ord ^r .	52	13	4	131	24	—		
	—								
	4 sets value of Nicholas Morse.								
	1. To John Stratton or Order value of himself ...	41	4	—	103	—	—		
	—								
	46 sets amounting to ...	£22787	2	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	56968	31	26		

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103. In y^e. Packet by this ship comes a state of the Receipts Issues and Remains of Stores from the time the Books have been brought into the new Method. In future this shall always begin the 1st. December and end the 30th. Nov^r. whereby Your Honours will be better able to Judge of our Indents, but it was not practicable to do it this year. Our present Indent is regulated by this state allowance being made for the Issues of the eight preceding Months.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

Let^{rs}. sent
No. 5.

109. We advised Your Honours in our last that when M^r. Robert Lennox went over from hence last Year, we had appointed him Deputy Governour in case of the Death or absence of M^r. Everest we shall now add what more we have to say under this Head.

110. The present Committee for the West Coast Affairs are Mess^{rs}. Morse, Rous and Torriano to whom we referred the Letters and Papers receiv'd from thence by the George in Septem^r. last, they delivered in their Report the 29th. November

following and our Resolutions thereon are in Consultation the 6th. December to which we beg Leave to refer you. We are now sending the George thither, and Copy of our Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council will come in the Shaftsbury's Packet.

111. We advised your Honours by the Nassau that we had given Directions to the Deputy Governour & Council to prepare Bricks and Chinam to lay the Foundations of a House at Moco Moco, that in the meantime we would get ready the Wood Work here, and that we should wait Your Directions concerning the other Buildings which were necessary there. It is intimated to us by the Deputy Governour that the Nature of the situation will render it difficult to erect the Buildings there in the manner we had proposed, for in digging less than two feet the Water rises so fast, the Workmen wou'd not be able to lay any solid and firm foundation. In debating this Affair we are humbly of Opinion, it is most for your Interest to consider further than the present Charge and Convenience The flourishing state of that Coast promises a very great Increase of Pepper in a few Years; and when Your Honours Wants at Home are supplied you will possibly order the surplus to be sold upon this Coast and the Bay. Whenever the Produce is so great to admit of that, it may very likely give Umbrage to some of your Competitors in India, and who therefore wou'd not be sorry to see us involved in troubles with the Natives, if they did not underhand make use of all their Endeavours to induce them to quarrel with us. We therefore submit it to your Consideration whether it may not be prudent and even necessary to guard ag^t. any Surprize from the Natives either to be apprehended from their own treacherous Dispositions or the Practices of others, by a reasonable and proper care for the safety of the several settlements and the security of the Trade there, and particularly that all the Buildings designed for security be made of Brick and Chinam, for we are humbly of Opinion that Mud Walls supported by Paggar sticks, will be a very improper Fence whenever the Natives are in earnest to attack us.

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112. It is not much above twenty Years since You were at the Charge of erecting the present Buildings at Moco Moco and by all accounts the whole are so much decayed that they require to be entirely rebuilt, this would not have been the case had they been good and substantial Brick Buildings, but perhaps the Difficulties which are apprehended now were foreseen at that time. The Gentlemen who are best acquainted with that Coast are of Opinion that Bental is much to be preferred to Moco Moco for erecting the designed Buildings, the situation being high more healthy and the Bar much safer; it is not thirty miles to the Southward of Moco and we are of Opinion here that a settlement there will as effectually secure the Trade to the Northward as that at Moco Moco; however we shall write to the West Coast to know if they have any Objections thereto, and if not we shall so soon as we have Your Permission to put you to the Expencc of so much Building order the Factory to be removed to Bantall, where the Buildings may be made substantial and strong and may last for many Years, and as we do not apprehend they have as yet begun upon any Buildings at Moco Moco we shall direct them by the George to defer it till further Orders from hence.

113. We have not paid here the Gratuity Your Honours were pleased to design for Mr. Everest and if they have taken no Notice of it on the West Coast which you will know by the Letter from thence, it will remain for Your Honours to do as you think fitt in England.

[. . .] Dec^r.
par 28.

114. The Deficiency in Mr. Gees Account Remains of Pepper at Moco Moco has been made good here, and we have paid the Ballance of his Account to his Trustees.

NINTHLY CONCERNING THE NEW CHARTER.

115. We receiv'd by the latter Ships Mr. Brownes sentiments concerning Law Affairs, and to comply with Your Orders a Copy thereof together with Copys of your Paragraphs relating thereto were delivered by the President to the late Mayor to be by him communicated to the rest of the Aldermen when and in such manner as he shou'd think proper. It wou'd be wasting too much of your time to trouble

you with the remarks which have very impertinently as well as indecently been made upon both. And Your Honours may perhaps take a proper Notice of an extraordinary Peice of Conduct in some of them which for ought they knew might have dissolved the whole Body. The 5th. of October last Mess^{rs}. John Saunders, Hugh Naish, Thomas Appleby, and Edward Mitchell resigned all at once their Office as Aldermen, and left only M^r. Goddard the Mayor and M^r. Edward Fowke upon the Bench. As they have not publickly given any reason for this step, we shall not take upon us possitively to assign any but as neither of them were to be prevailed upon to go upon the Bench again thô only to fill up the Vacancys, and all Proceedings were at a stand for near three Months till M^r. Allen another of the Aldermen cou'd come up from Fort St. David for that purpose, it does carry a little suspicion that they intended to involve us in some Confusion. Upon M^r. Allens arrival here the latter End of December, he together with M^r. Goddard the Mayor & M^r. Edward Fowke assembled in their Corporate Capacity and filled up the Vacancys with those who we persuade ourselves will not assume any greater Power than does legally belong to them, and for so farr we shall give them all the countenance and assistance in our Power.

116. The 28th. Septem^r. the President was surpriz'd to see a great Croud of People enter the Fort Merchants and others who came with a Complaint that the Mayors Court had committed to Jail two Merchants named Perrimal Moodalare and Ram Chundree for no other Reason but that they had refused to take certain Oaths which they alledged were contrary to their Religion and the Rules of their Cast. The Crowd and Clamour was so great and some of them calling out that if such a Power was tolerated they would not contine longer in the Bounds, and knowing besides there was nothing about which these People are so tenacious as that which affects their religious Rites and Ceremonies the Presid^t. thought himself under an absolute necessity of doing something immediately which might pacify and make them easy. Accordingly he sent for the Mayor and the Sheriff. The first owned to him that the said two Merchants were only imprisond because they had refused to take certain Oaths at Trivlicane Pagoda. We referr to the Records of the Court for the Proceedings there remarking only that they are much laboured and many things possitively asserted and taken as Facts only because they are charged in the Cross Bill, but they seem to have taken a new step different from the usual Practice. The regular method wou'd have been to give sentence against such of the Parties to the suit as had not in the Opinion of the Court made good their Complaint or Defence. But however that be, the President having talked some time with the Mayor about the Mischiefs which might attend such a method of proceeding told him in the End that he shou'd be wanting in his Duty, if he gave his consent to anything which might bring a probable Inconvenience upon the publick, that he looked upon this case in that Light and therefore wish'd that the Court would consider a little further and better about it. The President added that he shou'd be very ready to join with the Court in any measures which they shou'd propose that the regular Course of Justice might not be obstructed provided a due regard was had for consciences truly scrupulous and that the Natives might not be disturbed in their religious Rites and Ceremonies, but in the mean time he must desire M^r. Sheriff to release the two Merch^{ts}. upon their Parole which he accordingly did; and then the People being satisfied they dispersed. The President acquainted the Council the next Day with what he had done with his Reasons for the same who approved thereof, but we avoided to mention it upon our Consultations being unwilling to record anything which might reflect upon the Gentlemen of the Mayors Court, and hoping also they wou'd have consider'd it again and have had the Prudence either to drop it or to propose some Method not liable to be attended with the Mischiefs this might have been.

117. Your Honours will recollect that last Year you were pleased to direct that in case of fines by the Mayors Court; if it appeared to us they were attended with Circumstances of Arbitrary Power or unreasonable Severity we had Liberty to remitt them. We cannot say that since then they have given us reason to complain of any thing of that sort. There was no Pleasure in fining if to be attended with

the Mortification of having the Party aggrieved relieved by the President and Council. Apparently it was a restraint which gave them Uneasiness and some New Methods must be thought of. In the Instructions, with the Charter it is said "The Court may fine and imprison any of the Partys or Witnesses who misbehave themselves in Court or against whom a Complaint is made and proved. But the Party in the last Case is to be allowed a reasonable time for his Defence. We have it also in Jacobs's Law Dictionary "That in all actions *Quare Vi & Armis* If Judgment be given against the Defendant, he shall be fined and imprisoned because to every Fine "IMPRISONMENT is incident; and therefore when a Defendant is fined for a Contempt "to any Court of Record, he may be imprisoned till the Fine is paid" It does not appear that these two Authorities had any Weight or were at all considered by the Mayors Court, and how remarkable soever they were two years before for imposing Fines for contempt, in this case they declin'd it entirely, and resolved upon absolute downright Imprisonment without Bale or Main Prize.

118. Your Honours will set us right how far the Proceedings are regular on both sides but if the Order of the Mayor's Court that the two Merchants shou'd take their Oaths at Trivlicane Pagoda be in the Nature of a Decree and the Mayor's Court cannot we suppose recal or vary any of their own Decrees after it has once passed them and it shou'd also happen which might have been the case that the Partys wou'd not take any Oaths which were against their Conscience they must have lain in Prison till their Fate was decided from England which wou'd have been near two years. A Grievance of so terrible a nature, and might have had Effects upon the Minds of the Natives so pernicious to the Welfare of the place that we beleiv'd ourselves under a Necessity of interposing, tho' perhaps the Charter has not given us any plain Authority to controul that Court when they exceed the Bounds which it has prescribed them.

119. October the 5th. being the next Court day Mess^{rs}. Naish Saunders Appleby and Mitchel laid down as has already been mentioned. Whether owing to any Vexation in meeting with this Check added to their former Chagrin that Your Honours had disappointed them in their Expectations of being supported in their former Conduct we shall not take upon us to determine. M^r. Saunders is the only one among them who has thought fit to say anything in excuse for so extraordinary a Step. He told the President soon after that he had for some time before resolved to lay down so soon as the Prince William was sail'd and apprehending there was an Intention in the Court to enter into a Dispute with us whether we had Power to release any the Court thought fit to confine, and as he was not in Court when the two Merchants were confined, and perhaps if he had, shou'd have thought it an irregular Proceeding, he looked upon himself not at all obliged to enter into any Dispute about it and having before resolved to lay down he thought it wou'd be of no Consequence if he did it a few Days sooner and said he had not communicated his Intention to any of the rest, nor did he know they had any design to do the same. But whatever views any of them had we have no reason to complain of the Consequence; The Natives were very Quiet during the Vacation and at last towards the end of Decem^r. the Vacancys in the Number of the Aldermen were filled up in the Manner we have already mentioned, and as we do not apprehend any Occasion of Complaint from those who are now in the Execution of that Office we shall not trouble Your Honours with any particular Instances wherein we think we have without Cause been censured in M^r. Brownes Sentiments. We think we shou'd have escaped much thereof, if not the whole, had it not been from the positive and bold assertions transmitted to England from the Mayors Court but which they industriously conceal'd from our Knowledge least we shou'd relate the cases differently.

120. We referred Your Honours in our last to two Cases mentioned upon our Consultations the 19th. April and 3^d. Septem^r. for your Opinion and Directions thereupon which otherwise shou'd have been particularly related under this Head.

121. We wrote Your Honours by the Godolphin that the several Casts of the Natives had delivered us a Petition desiring that they might have the Liberty of deciding all Causes and Differences among themselves by the Heads of the Casts or

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by Arbitration according to their own Laws and Customs, Copy of which we sent Your Honours in the Packet. As we expected the Arrival of the Ships from England with full and particular Directions upon many Cases we deferred the Consideration of the Casts Petition and having since read with attention M^r. Browns Sentiments and several Paragraphs in your Honours Letters we have again put off the Consideration till the Arrival of the Ships from England next Year but Your Honours may observe by what has been already related How mu^{ch}. trouble we are exposed to by our present Method.

SUPPLEMENT

23d. Janry.
39 Para:

122. Our fine Goods have been brought in so late by our Merchants that we have purposely deferred what we have to say of this ships Cargo till now that she wants but a few Bales to compleat her Loading. The ordinary Long Cloths are much the same as usual, and still run chiefly in the lower Numbers. However as Your Honours are pleased to write us the Buyers do not make above a Shilling difference in a peice between each Number which is less *Pro Rat*, than we make here we hope your Honours will not find any ill Effect from there being so few Bales of the first Number.

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123. We cannot get out of our Merchants any plain and certain reasons why they bring in so little middling and fine Long Cloth & Sallampores they always insist upon both in their Contracts and yet never bring any Quantity of either in at least such as they ought to do. It is for the most part thin and uneven, little of it that sorts to Number one and a great deal turned out as Your Honours might observe by the Quantity of Middling we sent on the Prince William upon an abatement.

124. Little of the Ordinary Sallampores by this ship is the Produce of this Part of the Country. That is another Mystery. Tho we have demonstrated to them that reckoning the square Inches in a peice of Salampores & a Peice of Long Cloth, that we rather pay more for the Salampores, that it is a lighter Cloth and must be more easily made by the Weaver, yet we can get no account from the Merchants why they are so deficient in that Article.

125. We sent Your Honours Twelve hundred and eighty peices of Ordinary Morees by the Prince William. We have but one Bale to send by this ship, and we doubt whether we can get any more in time to go by the Shaftsbury. Neither have we one peice of fine Morees of the common sort brought in since the Dispatch of the last Ship.

126. But of the Superfine Morees we send by this ship Grantham two Bales which we think will give satisfaction if they are quite thick enough. In such fine goods it is impossible to make them all alike, some are better than the Muster and some rather worse we have distinguished one from the other according to the best of our Judgment in the sorting, but in Justice to the Merchant we were obliged to take them one with another at the same Price.

127. The Betteelas of 40 and 50 Covids and the Oringall Betteelas are equal to the Numbers to which they are sorted.

128. We hope we have not mistaken Your Directions for the Pullicat Betteelas which you are pleased to order should be the best we can get and those we send by this ship are so. Your Honours were not pleased to direct whether they shou'd be three Covids or only two; we chose to order them three being the proper Breadth for Aprons.

129. By this ship we send the remainder of the Painted Baftaes, we have endeavoured to give Your Honours Satisfaction in them as well as the Madrass Chints, both with respect to the Patterns and Painting, and we think they must please. We observe Your Honours have indented for double the Quantity you did the Year before, and it is some Months ago we advanced the Money for the Cloth. We expect it in some time next month, after which the Painters will have the best part of the Year before them to consider the Patterns and perform the work as it ought to be.

130. We signed our Indent for the Import Warehouse some Days ago, and being since informed that eighteen or twenty Peices of Cloth of two Colours wou'd be much esteem'd in the Country and fetch a good price we desire Your Honours will order them to be sent us. We have yet only seen such as is red on one side and blue on the other but we suppose there may be some other mixture of Colours.

131. As we are writing this we have receiv'd a Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S. David, dated the 21st: Instant in answer to such parts of Your Honours last Letter to us as related more particularly to that Settlement we send a Copy thereof in the Packet and as it came so late to our Hands we beg Leave to refer thereto for the Difficulties which have attended the Investment in those Parts.

132. By the Normanton we took the Liberty to represent to Your Honours that our Cash wou'd annually be so great here by the Bills of Exchange for the Produce of Coral and deceased Persons Estates, as to leave no room for us to take in any Money whenever we had occasion to remit any part of our Fortunes to England and therefore requested the Liberty of sending Gold from China. Your Honours did not at that time think fit to permit us to return our Money that way but were pleased to allow that we might remit our Fortunes Home by Bills of Exchange from Bengall on the same terms with Your Covenanted servants there. It is not likely that when any of us return home all our Fortunes can at once be drawn out of the Trade and ready to pay into Cash at the same time that we quit Your Service to return to England; and we are informed the Gentlemen in Bengall understand Your Orders to extend no further than during such time as we are actually in Your Service and therefore refuse afterwards to grant Bills at any better rate than two Shillings & two pence the Rupee. We mention this at present only in Regard to those Gentlemen who are lately gone from hence and left part of their Fortunes behind them, but as it may be the case of all of us in time, We hope Your Honours will please to give such Directions to Bengall that we may not lose the Benefit you seem'd by Your letter to intend us, especially as we are debarred all other Means of getting our Mo[ney] Home.

133. One Gabriel Cooke a Sea-faring Person having been for sometime in our Hospital unhappily disordered in his senses, and no Hopes of his recovery here we have taken the Liberty to send him to England by this Ship as a Charter-party Passinger. (Con^s. 1737
10. Janry.)

134. Your Honours will observe by the Muster Roll of this ships Company she has 5 Men short of her Compliment thô she has several Men out of our Garrison who upon being offered pay for the Voyage have petitioned for their Discharge, and who otherwise wou'd have been contented to remain longer with us. This will necessarily put Your Honours to the Charge of sending more recruits out & therefore we offer it to your more judicious consideration how farr such Expence may be saved by the Captains taking Care to have their Complement of Men when they come up hither from the Bay the Lascars he brought from thence engaged only for this Place and they refuse to go any further.

135. There being nothing more remaining here of the Effects seized at Porto Novo belonging to the Ulrica Eleonora we send in the Packet a General Account Sales, and an account Particulars of all Charges & Disbursements attending that Expedition.

136. The Invoice of Goods by this ship amounts to sixty three thousand one hundred ninety Pagodas seventeen fanams and Forty Cash 63,190 : 17 : 40. The Register of Bills in return for Coral to forty nine thousand five hundred Pagodas thirty one fanams & thirty six cash 49,500 · 31 : 36. The Manifest of Diamonds and other precious stones to five thousand four hundred & eleven Pagodas thirty fanams & fifty Cash 5411 : 30 : 50. The Captains Register of private Trade Laden in Bengall to twelve thousand three hundred Rupees five Anaes and nine Pice 12300 : 5 : 9 And what put on board here to two thousand two hundred ninety nine Pagodas fifteen fanams and forty Cash 2299 : 15 : 40.

137. Your Honours will also receive in this Packet an account of the Produce of such Chests of Coral for which returns are now made in full by the Grantham.

138. The Captains of this ship & the Shaftsbury acquainting us in Consultation of 24th. Instant that the Charter Party Quantity of Goods for S^t. Hellena were put on board them in Bengall we send none thither by these ships.

We wish this Ship safe home &
are

FORT S^t. GEORGE
29th. JANUARY 1736/7.

Honourable
Your faithfull hu^m Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

LETTER TO S^t. HELENA, DATED JANUARY 29, 1737. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 12 p. 74.*]

TO THE WORSH^l. ISAAC PYKE ESQ^r.
GOVERNOUR & C^t. COUNCIL OF
S^t. HELENA.

WORSH^l. SIR & SIRS.

The President and Council of Fort William having, as the Capt^s. of the Grantham & Shaftsbury acquaint us, put on board those Ships their Charterparty Quantity of Goods for Your Place this serves only to Inclose Copy of our last with Duplicate Invoice and Bill of Lading for what sent you on the Prince William. We are

FORT S^t. GEORGE
JANRY 29th. 1736/7.

WORSH^l. SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
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WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

REGISTER OF BILLS OF EXCHANGE DRAWN BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT
S^r. GEORGE ON THE HONBLE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
HONBLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE
EAST INDIES PAYABLE AT TWO MONTHS SIGHT AND EIGHT SHILLINGS ₹
PAGODA IN RETURN FOR CORAL & C^a. LICENCED BY THE SAID COURT OF
DIRECTORS VIZ^r.

£	S	D		P.	F.	C.
398	6	11½	Three hundred ninety Eight Pounds six shillings and Eleven pence half penny Sterling payable to Isaac Salvadore or order for nine hundred ninety five Pagodas thirty one fanams & twenty four Cash 995 31 24	995	31	24
			In full returns for the remains of two Boxes Coral Beads Markd B. S. N ^o . 1. 2 imported anno 1735 ₹ Ship Beaufort and Godolphin.			
1177	15	9¾	Eleven hundred Seventy seven Pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence three farthings sterl ^s . payable to D ^o . for two thousand nine hundred forty four Pagod ^s . seventeen fanams & twelve Cash 2944 17 12	2944	17	12
			In part returns for two Boxes of Coral Beads marked S.L N ^o . 2.3 imported anno 1736 ₹ ship Shaftsbury.			
444	4	10	Four hundred forty four Pounds four shillings & ten pence sterling payable to D ^o . for Eleven Hundred & ten Pagodas twenty one fanams & [six]ty four Cash 1110 21 64	1110	21	64
			In full returns for two Chests of Rough Coral Markd I.S. N ^o . 1. 2. imported Anno 1736 ₹ Ship Prince William.			
1153	3	¼	Eleven hundred fifty three Pounds three shillings and a farthing Sterling payable to D ^o . for two Thousand eight hundred eighty two Pagod ^s . thirty one fanams and fifty one Cash ... 2882 31 51	2882	31	51
			In full returns for six Chests of rough Corral mark'd B.S N ^o . 1 a 6 imported Anno 1736 ₹ Ship Prince William.			
1904	19	3½	Nineteen hundred and four Pounds nineteen shillings and three pence half penny sterling payable to Judas Supino and Son or Order for four thousand seven hundred and sixty two Pagod ^s . fourteen fanams & sixty five Cash ... 4762 14 65	4762	14	65
			In part returns for three boxes of Coral beads and two Chests of rough Coral mark'd S.S. N ^o . 7 a 11 imported anno 1736 ₹ Ship Hasling- field Hallifax and Prince William.			
208	15	8¼	Two hundred and eight Pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence farthing, Sterling payable to Judas Supino and Son or Order for five hundred twenty one Pagod ^s . thirty four fanams forty eight Cash 521 34 48	521	34	48
			In full returns for one box of Corall beads mark'd I F S N ^o . 5 imported anno 1736 ₹ Ship Prince William. Six Sets dated the 3 ^d . of Janry value of Richard Benyon Esq ^r .			

£	S	D		P.	F.	C.
913	7	8	Nine hundred thirteen Pounds seven shillings and eight pence sterling payable to Jacob Dias or Order for two thousand two hundred, eighty three Pagodas sixteen fanams and thirty seven Cash 2283 16 37 In part returns for 1 box of Coral beads mark'd M R N ^o . 1 imported Anno 1736 ☉ Ship Haslingfield.	2283	16	37
279	2	2	Two hundred Seventy nine Pounds two shillings and two pence sterling payable to Abraham Osorio or Order for six hundred ninety seven Pagodas twenty seven fan ^s . & fifty six Cash ... 697 27 56 In full returns for one box of Coral beads mark'd DO N ^o . 1 imported An ^o . 1736 ☉ Ship Prince William and Consign'd by Moses Henricus Julian. Two sets dated the 3 ^d . January value of Rich ^d . Benyon Esq ^r . and Mr. George Torriano.	697	27	56
61	10	—	Sixty one Pounds ten shillings Sterling payable to Jacob Mendez de Costa or Order for one hundred fifty three Pagodas twenty seven fanams. 153 27 — In part returns for two Chests of Coral mark'd MDC N ^o . 1. 2 imported anno 1730 ☉ ship Bri[d]gewater and Consign'd to George Morton Pitt Esq ^r .	153	27	—
234	7	$\frac{1}{2}$	Two hundred and thirty four Pounds seven shillings and half penny Sterling payable to Izaac Salvador or order for five hundred eighty five Pagodas thirty one fanams and fifty five Cash 585 31 55 In part returns for three Chests of rough Coral Mark'd I S-N ^o . 6. 7. 9 imported anno 1730 ☉ Ships Bridgewater and Craggs and Consign'd to George Mor ⁿ . Pitt Esq ^r . Two Sets dated the 10 th . of Janua ^r . 1736/7 Value of Richard Benyon Esq ^r .	585	31	55
1011	...	$3\frac{1}{4}$	One Thousand eleven Pounds three pence farthing, Sterling payable to Peter Meyer and Comp or Order for account of John Baptista Meyer for Two Thousand five hundred twenty seven Pagodas Nineteen fanams and twenty one Cash 2527 19 21 In full returns for a box of Coral beads mark'd ☉ N ^o . 2 imported Anno 1736 ☉ Ship Hallifax.	2527	19	21
859	11	$1\frac{1}{4}$	Eight hundred fifty nine Pounds eleven shillings and one penny farthing sterling Payable to Abraham & Jacob Franc[o] or Order for two thousand one hundred forty eight Pagodas thirty two fanams 2148 32 — In part returns for one Chest of Coral Beads mark'd ☉ N ^o . 26 imported anno 1736 ☉ Hallifax.	2148	32	—
794	19	$4\frac{3}{4}$	Seven hundred ninety four Pounds Nineteen shillings for pence three farthings Sterling payable to D ^o . Nineteen hundred eighty seven Pagodas fifteen fanams and twenty Cash ... 1987 15 20	1987	15	20

£	S	D		P.	F.	C.
			In part returns for two Chests of rough Coral and one Chest of Coral Beads mark'd \diamond N°. 27, 28, 29 imported anno 1736 \wp Ship Prince William.			
1692	3	3	Sixteen hundred Ninety two Pounds three shillings and three pence sterling payable to D°. for four thousand two hundred thirty Pagodas fourteen fanams and fifty two Cash ...	4230	14	52
			In part returns for two Chests of Coral beads markd \diamond No. 20. 21 imported anno 1736 \wp Ship Haslingfield.			
			Four Sets dated the 10 th . of Janry: 1736. 7 Value of Abraham & Henry Solomons.			
289	9	2½	Two hundred eight nine Pounds nine shillings and two pence half penny Sterling payable to Abraham and Jacob Franco for seven hundred twenty three Pagodas twenty three fanams and forty Cash	723	23	40
			In part returns for one Chest of Coral Beads markd \diamond N°. 30 imported anno 1736 \wp Ship Prince William.			
			One Set dated the 10 th . Janu: 1736/7 value of Randall Fowke Abraham and Henry Solomons.			
366	17	1½	Eight hundred sixty six Pounds seventeen shillings and one penny half penny sterling payable to Eleanor Cook & Abraham and Jacob Franco or Order for two thousand one hundred sixty seven Pagodas five fanams	2167	5	—
			In part returns for one Chest of Coral beads mark'd C F. N°. 1 imported anno 1736 \wp Ship Shaftesbury.			
			One set dated the 10 th . of Janu ^r . value of Randal Fowke & John Hammond.			
1324	7	7¼	Thirteen hundred twenty four Pounds seven shillings and seven pence farthing sterling payable to William Jenkins & Abraham & Jacob Franco for three thousand three hundred and ten Pagodas, thirty four fanams and twenty one Cash	3310	34	21
			In full returns for one Chest of Coral Beads mark'd G F N°. 1 imported anno 1736 \wp Ship Haeslingfield.			
124	19	4¾	One hundred twenty four Pounds Nineteen Shillings and four pence three farthings sterl. payable to Joseph and Jacob Franco or Order for three hundred and twelve Pagodas fifteen fanams twenty four Cash	312	15	24
			In part returns for one box of Coral beads markd I F D N°. 9 imported anno 1736 \wp Ship Haslingfield.			
			Two sets dated Janur ^r . 17 th . 1736/7 value of Rawson Hart & Abraham and Henry Solomons,			
232	10	2½	Two hundred thirty two Pounds ten shillings and two pence half penny sterling payable to Abraham and Jacob Franco or Order for five hundred eighty one Pagodas nine fana ^s . seventy five Cash	581	9	75

£	S	D		P.	F.	C.
			In part returns for one box of Coral beads, mark'd M N ^o . 2 imported anno 1736/7 P Ship Haeslingfield.			
255	2	$3\frac{3}{4}$	Two hundred fifty five Pounds, two shillings and three pence three farthings ster: payable to d ^{to} . for six hundred thirty seven Pagodas twenty eight fanams and thirty five Cash	637	28	35
			In part returns for one box of Coral Beads markd R F N ^o . 1 imported anno 1736 P Ship Haeslingfield. Two sets dated Janu: 17 th . 1736/7 value of Rawson Hart and John Hammond.			
536	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Five hundred thirty six Pounds, four shillings and four pence half penny sterling payable to Moses Espinoza or Order for thirteen hundred and forty Pagodas eighteen fanams and fifty Cash	1340	18	50
			In full returns for one Chest of Coral Beads marked E N ^o . 2 imported anno 1736 P Ship Halifax.			
944	19	$10\frac{1}{4}$	Nine hundred forty four Pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence farthing sterling payable to Jacob Ebenator Pemental or Order for two thousand three hundred sixty two Pagodas seventeen fanams and twenty four Cash	2362	17	24
			In full returns for one Chest of Coral Beads marked A N ^o . 1 imported anno 1736 P Ship Halifax. Two sets dated Janu: the 21 st . 1736/7. Value of John Hammond.			
1249	4	—	Twelve hundred forty nine Pounds four shillings sterling payable to Abraham and Jacob Franco or Order for account of Jacob de Moses Franco for three thousand one hundred twenty two Pagodas thirty five fanams and seventy nine Cash.	3122	35	79
			In part returns for one Chest of Coral Beads markd IF N ^o . 5 imported anno 1736 P Ship Halifax. One set dated January the 21 st . 1736/7. Value of John Hammond & Abraham and Henry Solomons.			
1166	1	1	Eleven hundred sixty six Pounds one shilling and one penny sterling payable to Ditto for two thousand nine hundred and fifteen Pagod ^s . four fanams and Seventy one Cash.	2915	4	71
			Which with a Bulse of Diamond Bort and Rubies markd A I F N ^o . 4 value five hundred ninety six Pago: thirty four fan ^s ten Cash, in part returns for a Chest of Coral Beads mark'd A I F N ^o . 31 imported anno 1736 P Shaftesbury. One set dated 21 st . Janu: 1736/7, value of Abraham & Henry Solomons.			
463	10	$5\frac{3}{4}$	Four hundred sixty three Pounds ten shillings five pence three farthings sterl: payable to Anthona da Costa or Order for eleven hundred fifty eight Pagodas twenty nine fanams and fifteen Cash	1158	29	15

			P.	F.	C.	
In full returns for the remains of one Chest of Coral beads markd M 4 N°. 11 imported anno 1735 P Ship Prince of Orange.						
One Set dated the 24 th . Janu. 1736. 7 value of George Torriano.						
489	15	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Four hundred eighty nine Pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence half penny Sterl ^s . payable to Judas Supino and Son or Order for twelve hundred and twenty four Pagodas seventeen fanams and thirty eight Cash	1224	17	38
In full returns for one Case of Coral Beads mark'd F ^s B N°. 6 imported anno 1736. 7 P Ship Hallifax.						
664	10	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	Six hundred sixty four Pounds, ten shill: six pence farthing Sterling payable to Judas Supinc and Son or Order for sixteen hundred Sixty two Pagodas eleven fanams and twenty nine Cash.	1662	11	29
In full returns for one Chest of Coral Beads mark'd S S N°. 12 imported anno 1736 P Ship Prince William.						
59	—	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fifty nine Pounds seven pence three farthings payable to Jacob Fernandes Nunes or Order for one hundred forty seven Pagodas twenty fanams and seventy Cash	147	20	70
In part returns for one Case of Coral Beads mark'd N F N°. 1 imported anno 1736. 7 P Ship Haeslingfield.						
Three Sets dated the 24 th . Janu: 1736/7 Value of Nicolas Morse.						
19799	18	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	Twenty eight sets Pagodas	49500	31	36
Fort S ^t . George January 29 th . 1736. 7						

JOHN SAVAGE
Secrety.

MANIFEST OF DIAMONDS AND OTHER PRECIOUS STONES LICENS'D BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT S^t. GEORGE TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE GRANTHAM CAP^t. ROGER HALE BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS IN RETURN FOR CORAL AND ON OTHER ACCOUNTS VIZ^t.

By JOHN SAUNDERS

I S N°. 1	One Bulse of Rubies and Saphires Consigned to Charles Peers and Edmund Godfrey value two hundred fifty six Pagodas five fanams and forty Cash	256	5	40
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By ABRAHAM AND HENRY SOLOMONS.

◆ A I F N°. 4	One Bulse of Diamond bort and Rubies Consign'd to Abraham and Jacob Franco value five hundred ninety six Pagodas thirty four fanams and ten Cash	596	34	10
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Which and a Bill of Exchange dated 21st.
January 1736.7 drawn on the Court of
Directors for Eleven hundred sixty six Pounds
one shilling and a penny Ster. Payable to
Abraham and Jacob Franco are in part returns
for a Chest of Coral Beads markd \diamond N^o. 31
imported anno 1736 $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ ship Shaftesbury.

BY CAPT TIMOTHY TULLIE.

W^T I N^o. 1 One Bulse of Rubies and Saphires Consigned to
William and Joseph Tullie value two hundred
and six Pagodas twenty Seven fanams ... 206 27 —
On account of the s^d. Timothy Tullie.

BY COJA PETRUS USCAN.

A B^r. Petru^s. One box containing five parcels of Rubies
de Abru Saphires and other precious Stones consigned to
N^o. 1 Thomas Hyam of London for account of
Abraham Petruso de Abru Merchant in Smyrna
value Eleven hundred fifty two Pagodas ... 1152 — —
On account of Trade between the said Petrus
Uscan and his Correspondent in Smyrna not in
return for any Particular Consignment.

BY ABRAHAM & HENRY SALOMONS.

I A F N^o. 4 One Bulse of Diamonds Consign'd to Izaac &
Aarron Franks Value Three thousand two
hundred Pagodas 3200 — —
Five Parcels amounting to Pagodas 5411 30 50

FORT S^t. GEORGE

JANU. 29th. 1736/7.

JN^o. SAVAGE,
Secretary.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE PRODUCE OF SUCH CHESTS OF CORAL FOR WHICH RETURNS ARE
NOW MADE IN FULL $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ SHIP GRANTHAM.

B S N^o: 1. 2. Two boxes Coral Beads shipp'd by
Izaac Salvador imported anno Remittances
1735 $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ Ships Beaufort and Go-
dolphin £ S D
valuation in the
Manifest—Valued

Remitted.

By Bill—January 1735. 6— 1711 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
D^o. January 1736. 7— 398 6 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

2109 19 — 1500 — —

I S N^o: 1. 2 Two Chests of rough Coral shipp'd
by D^o. imported anno 1736
 $\text{\textcircled{P}}$: Prince William

Remitted.

By Bill— January 1736. 7 ... 444 4 10 265 — —
B S N^o: 1 @ 6 Six Chests rough Coral shipp'd by
d^o: imported anno 1736 $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ Prince
William

Remitted.

By Bill— Januar: 1736. 7 ... 1153 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ 800 — —
D O N^o. 1 One Box Coral Beads shipp'd by
Moses Henriques Julian imported
anno 1736 $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ Prince William

		Remitted						
+	By Bill—	Januar: 1736. 7— ...	279	2	2	200	—	—
C N°: 2	One box Coral beads shipp'd by John Baptista Meyer imported anno 1736 P : Halifax							
		Remitted.						
	By Bill—	Januar: 1736. 7—...	1011	—	$3\frac{1}{4}$	836	10	—
G F N°: 1	One Chest Coral Beads shipp'd by Abraham and Jacob Franco imported anno 1736 P : Ship Haeslingfield							
		Remitted.						
	By Bill—	Januar: 1736 7—...	1324	7	$7\frac{1}{4}$	900	—	—
E N°: 2	One Chest Coral Beads shipp'd by Abraham and Jacob Franco imported anno 1736— P : Ship Halifax							
		Remitted.						
	By Bill—	Januar: 1736. 7—...	536	4	$1\frac{1}{2}$	340	—	—
A N°: 1	One Chest Coral Beads shipp'd by Abraham and Jacob Franco imported anno 1736 P Ship Halifax.							
		Remitted.						
	By Bill—	Januar: 1736. 7—...	944	10	$10\frac{1}{4}$	700	—	—
M ^s N°: 11	One Chest Coral Beads shipp'd by Moses Henriques Julian Junior imported Anno 1735 P : Ship Prince of Orange.							
		Remitted.						
	By Bill—	Sept 1736—	134	19	—			
	d°.	Janu: 1736-7-463	10	$5\frac{3}{4}$				
F. B N°: 6	One Case Coral Beads shipp'd by Juda & Haim Supino imported anno 1736 P : Ship Halifax.							
		Remitted.						
	By Bill—	Sept ^r : 1736	238	9	$1\frac{1}{2}$			
	d°: —	Janu: 1736. 7-489	15	$10\frac{1}{2}$				
S S N°: 12	One Chest Coral Beads shipp'd by Judah and Haim Supino imported anno 1736 P : Ship Prince William—							
		Remitted.						
	By Bill--	Jan: 1736. 7— ...	664	10	$6\frac{1}{4}$	370	—	—
			9794	5	$10\frac{1}{2}$	6843	10	—

Fort St. George 29th: Janu: 1736. 7E. E. P Inv°: SAVAGE, Secretary.

A PARTICULAR OF SUNDRY GOODS BOUGHT BY CAPT: HALE ATT CALCUTTA

	Rupees	Ans:	Ps:
Galbanum	1443	12	—
Gum Elemly	1332	9	9
Benjamin	1500	—	—
Dragon's Blood	600	—	—
Spykenard	204	—	—
Wormseed	600	—	—
Coffee	2800	—	—
Canes	2000	—	—
Arrack 18 Leag ^{rs}	200	—	—
		12300	— 9
Canes—	Pagod ^s ...	1627	— —
Folia Malabar		86	15 40
Seagoe		153	— —
Ammoniacum		39	— —
Galbanum		44	— —
1 Bale Betteelas		200	— —
1 d ^o : Gingham		150	— —
	Pagodas ...	2299	15 40

At Fort St.
George.

ROGER. HALE.

LIST OF DEMANDS FOR THE STOREHOUSE FOR THE YEAR 1738.

	for use	for sale	
Iron	Bar Iron	10 Tons	190 Tons Two hund ^d . Tons—
	Hoop Iron		$\frac{1}{2}$ ton Half a Ton
Nails—	Ten penny	1 \mathcal{w} t.	2 \mathcal{w} t. three \mathcal{w} weight
	Twenty penny	1 d ^o .	2 d ^o . three \mathcal{w} Weight

There are none of these sorts in the Stores though there are large quantities of others.

Anchors Viz^t.—

of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ \mathcal{p} to 10 \mathcal{p}	6	Six
of 10 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	Six
of 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5	6	Six
of 15 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	Twelve

Iron Guns Viz^t.—

of 1 \mathcal{p} to 1. 2	20	Twenty
Swival Guns & Swivals		two hundred
to y ^m . 200—		

Tar and Pitch—

Tar	20 bar	20 barrels	Forty barrils
Sail Cloth	British	20 bolts—	Twenty bolts
Sea Coals	10 Chal:	5 Chal:	Fifteen Chaldron

Paper & Parchment Viz^t.—

Imperial	—	1 Ream	One Ream
Royal	8 Ream	2 ream	ten Ream
Medium	10	5	fifteen
Demy	10	5	fifteen
Post	15	5	Twenty
Fools Cap	20	5	twenty five

	for use	for sale		
Stationary Ware---				
Quills	10000	5000	fifteen thousand	
Scissars	20	4	Twenty four	
Strops	8	4	Twelve	
Penknives	48	12	Sixty	
Inkpowder	50	25	Seventy five	
Sealing-Wax	12	8	Twenty pounds	
Wafers	2	—	Two boxes	
Petty Stationary Ware---				
Red Tape	4 doz.		four dozen	
Ivory Folders	20		Twenty	
Pounce	4	2	Six pounds	
Thick paper for binding books	2 doz.		Two dozen	
Coopers large Tools---				
Jointers	2		Two	
Caulkers Tools---				
Leather	Scrapers---	12	24	Thirty six.
Hammers	Pump Leather	—	12 backs	Twelve backs
	Claw	—	24	twenty four
Mathematical Instruments Viz^t---				
	Quadrants fitted	—	6	Six
	Ring Dials large	—	6	Six
	Compasses	—	10	Ten
	Gunters Scales some sliding.	—	12	Twelve
	Plain d ^o .	—	12	Twelve
Time Glasses---				
	Watch Glasses	—	6	six
	Two hour Glasses	—	12	twelve
	Hour Glasses	—	12	twelve
Lamps	Tin	—	48	forty eight
	Brass	—	12	twelve
Compasses	Sea	—		
	Azimuth	—	4	Four
Books of Navigation---				
	Mariner's Calendar	—	10	Ten
	D ^o . Compass rectify'd.	—	10	Ten
	A[t]kinson's Epitome.	—	10	Ten
Lanterns---				
	Globe	—	6	six
	Convexhand lights	—	12	twelve
	Dark lanterns	—	12	twelve
	Spare Lantern Glasses	—	100	One hundred
	Tin Lanterns	—	24	Twenty four
Scales & Weights		—	12	Twelve
Turners Ware---				
	Hand bellows	—	24	Twenty four
	Cloath brushes	—	24	Twenty four
	Brooms round tops	—	24	Twenty four
Grapnols---				
	From $\frac{1}{2}$ ϕ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ϕ	—	40	forty

Gardeners Tools—	Waterpots	--	12	Twelve
Drums & Appurtenances—	Drums	4	--	Four
	Hoops	12	--	Twelve
	Snares	20 Pr.	--	Twenty pair
Ironmongers Ware--	Ironwire sorted	--	5 ϕ	five hund. ^d . wt.
Match	Europe	20 ϕ .	10 ϕ .	Thirty ϕ weight
Lines Viz ^t .	Deep Sea-lines	--	36	Thirty six
	Log lines	--	100	One hundred
Twine		5 ϕ	5 ϕ	Ten hund ^d . w ^t .
General stores—				
Chalk		5 Ton	--	five Ton
Armory Stores—				
Flints	--	10000	--	Ten thousand
Brass & Copper Ware				
Hand pumps	--	--	24	Twenty four
Brass wire several sizes	--	--	200 lb.	Two hundred pound
Tin Ware Tin plates	--	--	1000	One thousand.
Steel	--	--	20 ϕ	twenty hund ^d w ^t .
Locks Viz.—				
Brass of different sizes	--	--	36	Thirty six
Chest locks sing ^e : & doub ^e . Cat ^{es} .	--	--	36	Thirty six
Hinges—				
Dovetail	--	--	24 p ^r :	Twenty four pair
Screw Hinges	--	--	12 p ^r :	Twelve pair
Mortar—				
one brass of the Dimensions of y ^e .				
Iron one sent home by Prince Will ^m .	--	1	--	One
Cordage Viz ^t :--				
	of 15 ϕ to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$	--	1	One
	14 13 $\frac{1}{2}$	--	1	One
	13 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	--	1	One
	12 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	--	1	One
	11 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	2	four
	10 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	2	four
	9 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	--	1	One
	8 --	2	1	three
	7 --	--	1	One
	6 --	2	5	seven
	6 @ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ shroud 2 haus	2	5	seven
	5 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	5	seven
	4 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	8	Ten
	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ --	2	8	Ten
	3 Coils --	5	5	Ten
	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ --	5	5	Ten
	2 --	5	5	Ten
	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ --	5	5	Ten
	1 --	5	5	Ten
General Stores—				
Deep blue paper for sugar bakers use	--	--	20 Reams	Twenty reams

LIST OF DEMANDS FOR THE USE OF THE IMPORT WAREHOUSE FOR THE
YEAR 1733.

Broad Cloath Fine—					
Scarlet Superfine	...	...	Bales	5	
Scarlet	...	...		5	
Black	...	...		2	
Grass Green	...	...		5	
Yellow	...	...		5	
White	...	...		1	
Blew	...	...		1	
				—	24 Bales.
Broad Cloath Aurora	...	...			30 Bales
Broad Cloath Ordinary—					
Red	...	...	Bales	40	
Blew Mazarin	...	...		40	
Yellow	...	...		5	
Grass Green	...	...		4	
Popinje	...	...	None		
				—	89 Bales
Perpetuanos fine—					
Scarlet	..	...	Bales	10	
Grass Green	..	...		10	
Yellow	...	...		7	
Blew	...	...		1	
				—	28 Bales
Perpetuanos Ordinary—					
Red	...	...	Bales	12	
Grass Green	...	...		10	
Yellow	...	...		5	
Blew	...	...		1	
Salmon in grain	...	...		1	
				—	29 Bales 200 d ^{ts}
Imboss'd Cloth such as sent @ Pelham. Piec: 10					
Lead	...	...		1,500	Candys.
Read Lead	...	..			None
White d ^{to}.	...	...		20	@
Linseed Oil	...	...		400	Gall ^s :
Embossed Cloth more Viz ^t					
Yellow Ground red flowers	...			15	p ^s .
White d ^{to} .	red d ^{to}.	...		5	d ^{to} .

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET @ GRANTHAM MARK'D A.

1. Fort St. George General Letter @ Granth: da^d: 23th. Janu^{ry}. 1736-7.
2. Duplicate D^{to}: @ Prince Will^m. 1st. Oct^r: 1736.
3. D^{to}. D^{to}. @ D^{to}: 5th. Octo^{br}.
4. D^{to}. Triplicate @ Nassau 30 June 1735-36.
5. Copy of a Letter to S^t: Helena @ Grantham 29 d^{ty}. 1736-7.
6. Duplicate D^{to}. @ Prince William 1 Oct^r. 1736.
7. Invoice of Goods @ Grantham amou^{ts} to^s. Pag^s. 63190 17 40
8. Duplicate d^{to}. @ Prince William— Pag^s. [1] 34583 13 8
9. Duplicate D^{to}. @ D^{to}. to S^t. Helena 192 26 6
10. First Bill of Lading for Goods @ Grantham.
11. Second d^o. . . . @ Prince William.

12. Second d^o. for the Ulrica's Silver, Lead & Iron ꝥ Prince William.
13. Second d^o. for Pepper.
14. Second d^o. for old Iron Ordnance and Armory Stores ꝥ : D^o.
15. Calculate of Tonnage ꝥ Ship Grantham.
16. List of packing Stuff in Coast Goods ꝥ Grantham.
17. Duplicate Indent for Broad-Cloath for 1738.
18. Account Remains in the Import-Warehouse to 30th. Nov^r.
19. List of Demands for the Import Warehouse : for 1738.
20. List of demands for the Storeh^o : for 1733.
21. Surgeons Indent for Medicines for F^t. S^t. George for 1738.
22. Ship Georges Acc^t. Curr^t.
23. Account Charges of refitting her at Calcutta.
24. Madrass Galley her Account Curr^t.
25. Account Charges of refitting her at Vizagapatam.
26. Acco^t. Curr^t. of paddy bo^t. & s^d : 1735 and 1736.
27. List of the Pondicherry Contracts.
28. Open Cash Acco^t : for January 1736-7.
29. Acc^t. Curr^t. Madrass Pagodas.
30. General Abstract & Calculate of Stock on hand.
31. Acc^t. Sale of Lead 13th : December.
32. List of Revenues.
33. Register of Bills of Exchange ꝥ : Grant^a : in return for Coral.
34. Duplicate D^o. ꝥ : Prince William.
35. Acc^t : of the produce of Coral remitted in full ꝥ : Grantham.
36. Duplicate D^o. ꝥ : Prince William.
37. Manifest of Diamonds & other precious stones ꝥ : Grantham.
38. Duplicate D^o. ꝥ : Prince William
39. Manifests of Presents &c^{ta}. ꝥ : Grantham.
40. Muster Roll of Ship Grantham's Crew.
41. List of the Grantham's Warlike stores.
42. Copy of Captⁿ. Hales dispatch.
43. Captⁿ. Hales Register of private Trade.
44. List of Covenanted Servants on the Coast of Coromandell.
45. List of the Inhabitants, Women & Seafaring-men.
46. Muster Roll of the 1st. Company of Soldiers at F^t : S^t. George.
47. D^o. of the 2^d. Company.
48. D^o. of the Gunroom Crew.
49. D^o. of Peons and Country Musick.
50. Register of Births, Marriages, Christnings & Burials
51. Covenanted Executed Viz^t.

N ^o . 1 of William Perceval Free Merchant	}	Covenanted Servants
2 of Joseph Goddard		
3 of Nicolas Morse		
4 of George Torriano		
5 of John Saunderson		
52. Six Surgeons receipts for Headmoney.
53. Captⁿ. Langworth's 2^d. receipt for his Packet
54. Military Officers report of the state of the Military

55. List of Ships Importing & Exporting Janu: 1736.7
 56. Fort St. George Consultation of 28th. Janu: 1736.7
 57. Copy of a Letter from Fort St. David N^o. 13 dated 21 Janu: 1736.7
 58. Copy of D^{to}. — N^o. 14 dated 25 Janu: 176.7
 59. Papers relating to Capt^t. Edw^d: Orill Deceas'd Viz^t.
 Copy of his Will dated the 1st: Sept^r. 1733
 Copy of d^{to}. dated— — 30 Janu: 1733.4.
 Copy of an Acc^t. Curr^t. of his Estate dat^d. 13th. Sept^r. 1735.
 Copy of d^{to}. — dated 13th: Sept^r. 1736.
 60. Papers relating to the Ulrica Eleonora Viz^t
 N^o. 1 Acc^t. sale of the perishable Goods
 2 { Acc^t. sale of the Broad Cloth
 Acc^t. sale of old Fire arms &ct^o:
 3 Acc^t. Curr^t. Expedition to Porto Novo
 3 Disbursements on the Expedition to Porto Novo
 61. Assays Viz^t.
 of Pagodas — 8
 of Rupees— 3
 62. Packet from the President and Council of Bengal.
 63. List of books in the Packet B
 64. List of the Packet A $\frac{3}{4}$: Grantham
 65. Fort St. David Papers Viz^t. in the Packet apart.
 N^o. 1 State of Shadashavarow Vencapa Chitty &ct. Merchants Contract dated
 7 June 1736.
 2 State of Shadashavarou Tondaroy &ct Merchants Contract 7th: June
 1736
 3. State of Tomby Chitty's Contract dat^d: 7th: June 1736
 4. Cuddalore Sea-Custom Account Anno 1736.
 5. Cuddalore Land-Custom Acc^t. Anno 1736.
 6 Tevanapatam Sea and Land Customers Account Anno 1736.
 7. List of the Honble Company's Revenues.
 8. List of Debts standing out on the General Books Letter 1.
 9. List of Covenanted Servants.
 10. Muster Roll of the two Companys of Soldiers and Gunroom-Crew.
 11. Surgeons Indent for Medicines.
 12. List of Marriages, Christnings and Burials.
 13. Accomptants report of the Expences & Revenues Compared with the
 preceeding Year.
 14. List of the Packet.

LIST OF BOOKS IN THE PACKET $\frac{3}{4}$ GRANTHAM MARK'D B.

1. Fort St. George Diaries & Consultations ... { Comm^s. 1st. Jan. 1735.
 End^s. Ult^o. Dec^r. 1736.
 2. D^{to}. D^{to}. from 3^d. to 26 Jan. 1736-7.
 3. D^{to}. Letters rec^d. 1736--from N^o. 1 to 105.
 4. D^{to}. D^{to}. 1737--from N^o. 1 to 12.
 5. D^{to}. Letters sent 1736--from N^o. 1 to 98.
 6. D^{to}. D^{to}. 1737. from 3^d: 1 to 27 Janu. 1736.7
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8	D ^{to} :	Ship book 1736	{ Comm ^s . 1: Janu: 1735 Ending ult ^o . Dec ^r : 1736
9	D ^{to} :	Cash Acc ^{ts} . 1736	{ Comm ^s : pr ^o : Janu: 1735 End ^s . ult ^o : Dec ^r : 1736
10.		Cowles & Commissions 1736	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . 24 May 1736 End ^s . 21 July. 1736.
11.	F ^t . S ^t .	David Consulta ^s : 1736	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . Janu: 1735 Ending Decem ^r . 1736
12.	Fort S ^t :	George Journal K K.	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s , p ^{mo} . May 1735 End ^s . Ult ^o . April 1736
13.	D ^{to} :	Ledger K K	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . { d ^{to} . Ending {
14.	D ^{to} :	Journal Parcels	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s pr ^o . May { 1736 Ending Ult ^o . Dec ^r . {
15.	D ^{to} :	Sea-Customers register	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . p ^{ro} : Janu: 1735 Ending Ult ^o . Dec ^r . 1736
16.	D ^{to} :	Land Customers D ^{to}:	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s : Pro: Janua: 1735 Ending Ult ^o . Decem ^r : 1736
17.	D ^{to} .	and Custo ^{rs} . Abstracts	...	...	...	{ Commencing } d ^{to} . Ending }
18.	D ^{to} .	Export Wareh ^o . Journal	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . pr ^o . May 1735. End ^s . Ult ^o . April 1736.
19.	D ^{to} .	Exp ^t . Wareh ^o . Ledger	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . } D ^{to} . Ending }
20.	D ^{to} .	[P ^r .] Journal Parcels	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . pr ^o . May } 1736. Ending ult ^o . Dec ^{ber} . }
21.	D ^{to} .	Import Wareh ^o . Journal	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . pr ^o . May 1735. Ending Ult ^o . April 1736.
22.	D ^{to} .	Import Wareh ^o . Ledger	...	...	...	{ Commencing } D ^{to} . Ending }
23.	D ^{to} .	Journal Parcels	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . pr ^o . May } 1736. Ending ult ^o . Dec ^r . }
24.	D ^{to} .	Storehouse Journal	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . pr ^o . May 1735. Ending Ult ^o . April 1736.
25.	D ^{to} .	Storehouse Ledger	...	...	...	{ Commencing } D ^{to} . Ending }
26.	D ^{to} .	Storehouse petty Ledger	...	...	...	{ Commencing } D ^{to} . Ending }
27.	D ^{to} .	Storeh ^o . Journal & Diaries for Septemb ^r . Octob ^r . & Nov ^r.	...	...	...	1736
28.	D ^{to} .	Storeh ^o . Issues Receipts and Remeains	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . pr ^o . Aug st . } 1736. Ending Ult ^o . Nov ^r . }
29.	D ^{to} .	{ Mint Accounts Curr ^t . Mint Register	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . pr ^o . Janu. 1735. Ending Ult ^o . Dec ^r . 1736.
30.	D ^{to} .	Paymasters Accounts	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . p ^{mo} . Janu. 1735. Ending Ult ^o . Dec ^r . 1736.
31.	Fort S ^t .	David Journal—I	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . pr ^o . May 1735. Ending Ult ^o . April 1736.
32.	D ^{to} .	Ledger I	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . } D ^{to} . Ending. }
33.	D ^{to} .	Paymasters Account	...	...	...	{ Comm ^s . Jany. 1735. Ending Dec ^r . 1736.

34. Vizagapatam Journal K { Comm^s. pr^o. May 1735.
Ending Ult^o. April 1736.
35. D^{to}. Ledger K { Comm^s. pr^o. May 1735.
Ending Ult^o. April 1736.
36. Ingeram Journal KK { Comm. pr^o. May 1735.
Ending Ult^o. April 1736.
37. D^{to}. Ledger KK { Commencing } D^{to}.
Ending
38. D^{to}. Records of the Court of Appeals Anno 1736.
39. D^{to}. Proceedings at the Quarter Sessions An^o. 1736.
40. D^{to}. { Records of the Mayors Court { Anno 1736.
Register of Wills

Fort St. George 29 January 1736-7.

J. S.
Sec^y.

LETTER TO CAPTAIN R. HALE, DATED JANUARY 29, 1737, [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 12, pp. 93 & 94.*]

TO CAPTAIN ROGER HALE,
COMMANDER OF THE GRANTHAM.

SIR.

Your ships being fully Laden we hereby Order You to repair on board and make the best of your way for the Port of London in Great-Brittain. Herewith are delivered you two Packets, Directed. to the Honble Court of Directors for affairs of the Honble the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, att their House in Leaden-Hall Street London. At the first Port you arrive at in England you are to send Your Purser overland, with that mark'd A, which he is to deliver as directed, taking Care your Self to write to the said Court of Directors, and give them an Account of any thing remarkable you may meet with in the Voyage; The other mark'd B you are to keep till further Orders from them.

Our Honourable Masters have given Orders to our President and M^r. Fowke, to inform you what is necessary for your Conduct in Case you meet with any ship or ships att sea, as well as with Respect to your going in att St. Helena. During the uncertain situation of Affairs in Europe as to peace or War, We were directed to give the Capt^s. of the Companys ships a Caution to be upon their Guard, and avoid speaking with any ships at Sea least they prove Enemies and further to Order them into the Cape where if they had Advices of a War, they were to proceed in Company with the Dutch Fleet, the Company have not yet been pleas'd to Contradict those orders and we must Leave You to act in that Respect as you Judge best.

If you touch att the Cape it will be acceptable to the Govern^r. & Council of St. Helena that you Carry them a supply of seeds and Plants &c^t.

We wish you a good Voyage and date this in Fort St. George this 29 day of Janu^r. 1736-7.

R. B. &c^rs.

GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY DATED FEBRUARY 16, 1737.

[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 12, pp. 94-106.*]

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

HONOURABLE.

1. Our last respects was by the Grantham Which ship we dispatch'd the 29th. and she sailed the next morning.

2. The 31st. of January we received a Letter from M^r. Samuel Harrison, at Vizagapatam advising that the Nabob persisted in a demand he had made of a Present from M^r. Sanderson and which had been refused him, as being demanded above a Year before it was usually given. The Nabob or rather his Duan not satisfy'd with the reasons given for deferring it, had putt a stop to all our Business there, and to all Provisions being Carried into the Town, nor would he suffer any of the Inhabitants to go in or out of the Rounds. Having fully Considerd the affair; we agreed that if it be not drawn into precedent, the Dispute was not of that Consequence to run the risque of coming to an open Breach, with the Country Government, and of having a total stop put to the Investment in these parts, and therefor directed M^r. Harrison to make up matters as well as he could.

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No. 9.

3. The first Insta^t. in the afternoon we receiv'd a Letter from the Chief and Council of Anjengo dated the 11th. January accompanying Your Honours favour to us dated the 2^d. July, by the Decker: the Pattamars were stopp'd by Polligar in Chittanopoly, who took from them their Earrings and nine Rupees, & Imprison'd them three Days before he would Lett them come on with their Letters. This detention was the more unlucky, as all the Vessels were sailed out of our Road for Bengall, and the last went the first in the morning. The Madrass Galley, arriv'd from Fort S^t. David the 4th. in the Evening, with two hundred and eight Bales, we got those out the next day, designing to have sent the Bay Packet by her but the Wind Changing to the Northward broug^t. in the sloop Grace 7th. from Bengall, The Master having been frequently between that Port & this, and being also a Pilot in the River, We thought it a better Conveyance to send the Packet by him, he sailed the 9th. and we took the opportunity to send by him twelve Chests of Bullion, which the Gentlemen in Bengall wrote us they had a pressing Occasion for they are part of what we reserv'd for the Normanton, but we reckon the Early Ships from England will give us an opportunity to replace them if the Normanton should Come this Way.

4. Having resolv'd to send the Bay Packet by the Sloop the Galley that was ready for sailing, we Order'd back again to Fort S^t. David. She arrived there the 9th. and return'd hither the 15th. with 69 Bales we shall send her in a few days to Vizagapatam with a supply of money for the Northern Investments, and from thence to Bengall where we have offer'd her to the Gentlemen, for their use in the Ganges, as being unfit for the West-Coast Service.

5. The George was dispatch'd to the West Coast the 7th. Inst^t. and Copy of our Letter to the Deputy Governour & Council there is in our Book of Letters sent N^o. 12.

6. We shall next reply to your favour of the 2^d. July, and first we Congratulate your Honours on the Arrival of the Prince of Orange, which we do with the greater pleasure as you are pleas'd to tell us her Cargo was very acceptable, We hope the Prince Williams will not be less so at the next spring-sale, and no Endeavours shall be wanting on our part to send you another ship from hence in Sept^r. next; but we see already that we are to expect many Difficulties, not only from the price of Cotton, which is risen 50 ₹ 0/0, but also from the famine; the Effects of which

are so severely felt, that many Towns and Villages are already Deserted by the Inhabitants, in a word we are told daily so many Accounts of this Calamity there, that it would be tedious and even shocking to recite the Instances we hear of their Misery.

7. We have already said we dispatch'd your Honours Orders to the Bay by a sloop the 9th. Instant, the next morning the Wind came about Southerly, and having continued so ever since we make no Doubt she will soon be at Callcutta, at least before the next Investment is Contracted for, which we are informed is not usually before the 10th. of March.

5. The List of Goods to be added to our Investment, we believe your Honours could not expect so suddenly provided as to send them by this Ship. As we have such early notice to get them ready for the next, we shall hope to give you more satisfaction in those sorts, than we have been able to do yet for want of time; the fine Goods ought always to be set about in the beginning of the Year, and therefor if your Honours do not forbid it, we shall always for the future look upon the last list as a direction for our next Years Contract: And, as many of the Goods will not be provided before the early ships arrive, should you forbid some, or lessen the Quantities of others, a stop may soon be put to providing great part of them. We are very glade Your Honours have Limited the price of the superfine Long-Cloth to 4 Pag^s. the piece, we might otherwise have bought that of fifteen & sixteen. Whenever you are pleas'd to indent for any new sortments of Goods that we have no samples of in the Warehouse, we should be glade to have a small slip for our Guidance sent in the Packet least we should gain your Displeasure by any Mistake.

9. We are next to take notice of your Honour's sentiments, relating to the Trade between this Coast and China, In answer to which. we beg leave to assure you we have not Laid it aside for these 3 Years past, from any other motives than from the small hopes we had of reaping any advantage from it, whilst silver was so dear here, and all other Goods as well as Gold Continued at such high prices in China. But that Trade has taken a new turn, and the advantages that arise from that Voyage depend more on the outward than homeward bound Cargoe. It was for this reason that our Inhabitants engaged in a subscription for Canton so early as Sept^r. last, because it was necessary to begin so long before hand, to provide some of the Goods, for her outward-bound Cargoe, & the whole was in such forwardness, that she would have been gone on her Voyage before this time, had not the famine here altered the Owners intentions, and for that reason they sent her to the Bay for another Cargoe of Rice, designing she should have gone on to China, in the month of April; We have not had time to meet the Owners, since the knowledge of your Intentions, to send one of your own ships on this Voyage, but we make no Doubt it will occasion an alteration in theirs.

10. Your Honours have been very truly Informed with Respect to the Charges of our Country Ships, and the Demorage of one of Yours will not only come out as Cheap, but much less than any ship we can fitt out of the like Burthen. We have therefor had it often in our thoughts to desire your Honours would always give us the Liberty to Employ one of your ships upon that Voyage, when it should afford a prospect of advantage, and also that you would please to permitt us to Concern you therein. But we have forbore it hitherto by reason of the small hopes we had that those Difficulties would be removed, which have hitherto been a Check upon us. We hinted at some of them in our Letter by the Prince of Orange, & we shall now be more particular. We have been inform'd that Cap^t. Gostlin and M^r. Craddock, the Supracargoes of the Prince Augustus, had in a manner agreed with the Hoppo that, that ship should be lock'd upon as a private ship, alledging that she was hired by private Merchants here But that agreement was frustrated by the Supra Cargoes of the Wyndham, and Compton who without any hopes of Carrying their point, insisted that they also should be upon a footing, as coming from the same port. That step subjected the Prince Augustus's Cargoe both outward and homeward-bound to pay 16 P C^t. Customs instead of 6 P C^t. the additional ten P C^t. is not indeed so much upon the full market-price of the Goods, but upon the value only on the

Emperor's books, which reduces the real Charge to six or seven ₹ C^t. and that being paid upon the Imports as well as the Exports, when the Invo^{ce}: outwards Consists wholly of Goods as it cannot well do otherwise when Silver is dear here and Gold dear in China this additional Charge in the Customs amo^{rs}. to twelve or fourteen ₹ C^t. upon the Voyage a great reduction of the Profits and we need not make the inference. Another Disadvantage we mention'd before, was the Obligation to Come away from China so early as to be dispatch'd for England in the same season, a necessity which the Chinese know full well how to make their advantage of. The

Prince Augustus's Tutenague cost ^{Ta. m^{ce}. o. c.} 7: 5: 3: 3. ₹ ^{rs}. Pecull the Macao ships that

came afterwards paid but ^{ta. m^{ce}} 6. 5. another advantage the Macao ships have, is, that they Ly up in the Harbours at little expence and if goods are too dear in China, they don't come out but if they fall Considerably, (which they Generally do after the early ships are sail'd) their ships are soon fitted out, and as their freights are easy, they come upon the back of us very often, with a fresh Cargoe, bought at very cheap rates. Nevertheless we have our reasons for desiring Your Hon^{rs}: will always Let us have one of your ships here if possible in Aprill, with a liberty to send her to China from hence, if it be consistent with your Interest and the Good of the Place, and also to Concern you such a sum of money as you shall please to Limit. Silver may be Cheap here again, & Gold may be reasonable in China and the Port Charges will fall Light upon a large stock, that are very sensibly felt upon a small one. The French sent a large ship with a large stock there last Year, and as their Comp: are deeply Concern'd in't they may perhaps be able in a few years to drive all private Merchants out of that Trade; and your Honours might find an Advantage by Con- tending with them, though it might ruin us. The French Comp besides a considera- ble indulgence in the price of silver, favour'd that Voyage also with two hundred Tons of Pepper which they brought from Mahee which as it sold for 14 Tales P^r: Pecul in China has alone made the Voyage. Indeed such a price is not always to be depended on, but however Pepper has been so materiall an Article of late years, that the want of it has been one great Check; upon our Intentions of sending a ship from hence: for Your Hon^{rs}. are very sensible of the Restrictions we lye under upon the Mallabar Coast, and it is very rare we can get any to the southward except at a very extravagant rate; We are led to mention this from the Orders you are pleas'd to give this Year, that the Decker should bring, from the Mallabar Coast a full Lading of Pepper, to be shott loose in the homeward bound ships, from this side of India, and as we Compute 300 Tons, will be as much as the ships of one season can Carry home, if your Honours should resolve to continue the same method every year, We humbly offer it to your Consideration whether the surplus Pepper (being about 100 Tons) may not be engrafted upon the stock of the China ship from hence We should engage to get what other goods might be proper here, according to the Advices we might receive from China by the ships of the former Year. We know we are to expect a Ship from Your Hon^{rs}: this year, and this Letter will, we doubt not, arrive wth: you in time, that we may if your Hon^{rs}. approve our Proposal expect another here in the Year 1738, and therefor if our advices in Jan^r: next give us any hopes of making another Voyage to China, we shall venture upon Providing such Goods as may be proper for our Outward bound-Cargoe only desiring you will please to Dispatch the ship, so early that it may be reasonably expected she will arrive with us in Aprill, and hoping also you will give us a discretional Liberty whether to send her on to China or not, according to the Advices we may receive, assuring your Hon^{rs}. a Sincere and equal regard to your Interest with our own shall be the sole Guide of the Resolutions we may Come to.

11. Upon the receipt of your Orders of the 2^d. July, we gave Notice to M^r. Hugh Naish that it was your Hon^{rs}. Pleasure he should return to England, by the 1st. ship & that the Shaftsbury would be dispatch'd in fourteen Days: It was indeed short warning, and therefor upon his request we have permitted him to Continue here till the departure of the next Ship, which however we should not have Consented to, did we think it now in his Power to disturb the Order of your affairs or the Quiet of the Place.

Consultⁿ.
1787
1st. Febr^y.
34. Dto.

12. We omitted in our last to advise your Hon^{rs}. that the 1st: March last upon a Petition from the Renter of the Windmill, and a report of the Windmill-Master att F^t. S^t. David, we Ordered it to be pull'd down being Convinc'd it would always Cost more to keep it in repair than the service to be expected from it was worth.

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Consultⁿ.
1736
1st March
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1736
N^o. 28.

13. In the 37th: Parag^h: of our Letter P^r. Godolphⁿ. we advis'd Your Hon^{rs}. that we were preparing Presents for Sunta Saib, & Chunda Saib but they were set out upon their March to the Southw^d: sooner than was expected, and therefor our intended Present remains for some other Occasion.

14. We desire Your Hon^{rs}: will send us the Opinion of the Lawyers whether we may impanel any of the Military upon the petty Jury, if we can not otherwise make up a sufficient number of other Persons being Subjects of Great Brittain. Christopher Bell a soldier, was indicted for Murder, at the Sessions in June last, but having information that he intended to make his Challenges we deferr'd his Tryall, till we Could impanel a fuller Jury, had it not been at the season of the Year when the shipping were in the Road, we could not have made up half so many.

15. Having by the Grantham said so much of our Investment in General, we have only to add, a few remarks upon the Cargoe of this Ship in particular, & first we are very sorry that we should be oblig'd to send Your Hon^{rs}; 600 Bags of Petre to fill up her Tonnage; it is true we have now left, in the Warehouse about sixty Bales of Fort S^t: David Goods, that we received yesterday, but we were obliged to send the Petre off first and it is impossible we can Calculate exactly, so long before hand, how many Bales we shall have ready by the time they are wanted, and we believed till within these few days, that we should have been obliged to detain this ship a few days longer for those she has; the apprehension of which induc'd us to take in some Long Cloths both fine and Middling, at lower numbers than we otherwise intended.

16. We desire your Hon^{rs}. will please to favour us with your Observations on the Blue Cloth, we take ours to be the better Cloth, but we think the Dyers have fallen somewhat short of their promise to equal the Fort S^t. David Dye.

17. This ship brings the two Bales of Sannoos, which could not be finished in time to be sent by the last ship. We send also now eighty eight pieces more of the fine Pulliacatt Betteellas whi^h. is all the Merchants have been able to get out of the Weavers Hands, nor Could they for want of time procure more than one hundred & twenty Pieces of fine Izzarecs, these are finer and Cheaper than the last from Ingeram, but perhaps you will not think them thick enough. There are four sorts of Colour'd Ginghams, which are sent as a tryall, that we may know which will be most acceptable att the sale, we can add nothing to what we said in our last, ab^t. these and the other fine Goods, except that our Merch^{ts}: pretend the Deficiency, both in Quantity and Quality proceeds from the shortness of time they had to provide them, for as your Hon^{rs}. have for some years left off to Order any Quantitys, most of them are become as it were a new Fabrick to the Weavers, few of them now make any-thing that is very fine but when bespoke, and then it takes up a great deal of time to procure the propper Thread. We hope the method we have proposed in a former part of this Letter, will in a great measure remove those Difficulties.

18. The Fort S^t. David Goods bro^t. up from thence by the George, were for the sake of dispatch traversed on board the Grantham, those by the Galley's first trip were landed and received here, and are shipp'd on board the Shaftsbury. Your Hon^{rs}. will not possibly think them so good as our Madrass Cloth, but we ought to acquaint you, that though we endeavour to do Justice between your Hon^{rs}. and the Merchants here (and we think we have done so) yet our Merchants Complain much that our sorting is too strict and severe, Your Hon^{rs}. at home are to decide this dispute between our sorters and the Merchants, but if you determine in fav^r. of the Latter then the Fort S^t. David Cloth is not so faulty as it appears upon Comparison with ours only.

19. Yesterday arriv'd here the Brigantine William from Bengall and bro^t. us thirteen Hundred thirty three Bags of Petre, on your Hon^{rs}. Acco^t.

20. This ship has had the usuall surveys and inclos'd in the Packet comes a Muster Roll of her Men & a List of her Warlike Stores.

21. We have taken the Liberty to draw the following Bills of Exchange upon your Hon^{rs}. att the usuall time and rate.

1 Set in four Bills to Will ^m . Pomeroy or Order value of Rich ^d . Benyon Esq ^r . by Order of John Stack- house Esq ^r . of Bengall.	1500	—	—	3570	—	—
1 Set in three Bills to James Fordham or Order value of Ralph Mansell ...	100	—	—	250	—	—
1 To Daniel Morse or Order value of John Sander- son	50	—	—	125	—	—
1 To Charles and Edmund Boehm or Order Value of Catherino Consett ...	40	—	—	100	—	—
4 Sets amounting to ...	£ 1690	—	—	4225	—	—

22. Captⁿ. Bookey has paid into our Cash here seven hundred 700 Pagodas for which we have given him 3 Certificates dated 14th. Inst^t.

23. The amount of the Invcice of Goods by this ship is fifty eight thousand nine hundred ninety one Pagodas, one fanam and twenty two Ca: that of the Register of Precious Stones licensed by her one thousand seven hundred ninety-eight Pag^s. twenty nine fan^s. & forty Cash. The Captⁿ. has Registered Bengall Goods to the amount of fifteen Thousand seven hundred twenty nine Rup^s. Six anas and three Pice, and Goods put on board her to the amount of nine hundred seventy five Pagod^s. twelve fan^s.

24. We wish this ship a safe and speedy arrival with your Hon^{rs}.

and are

FORT S^t. GEORGE
FFEBRUY 16th. 1736-7.

Your faithfull humble Serv^{ts}.
RICH^d. BENYON & &CT^r.

MANIFEST OF PRECIOUS STONES LICENSED BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT S^t. GEORGE TO BE SHIPP'D ON BOARD THE SHAFTSBURY, CAPTⁿ. MATTHEW BOOKEY BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS IN RETURN FOR CORAL & ON OTHER ACCOUNTS.

BY LEVI MOSES.

M

I & H One Bulse of Rubies and Saphires Consign'd
to Joseph and Henry Moses Value one
hundred Pagodas 100 — —
One Acc^t. of said Levi Moses.

S D N^o. 1

BY COJA THROAS DE AVIET.

One Bulse of Diamonds & Rubies Consign'd
to Abraham and Jacob Franco for Acco^t. of
David Sherruman of Leghorn value five
hun^d. eighty two Pag^s. 582 — —
or £ 123. 1.

In part for 1 Chest of Coral Beads
marked S D N^o. 1 imported Anno
1736 P^r . Ship Hallifax.

G S N^o. 1 One Bulse of Rubies Consigned to Abraham
S and Jacob Franco for Acc^t. of Stephano
Juan Sherriman of Venice value one
hundred sixty four Pag^s. twenty nine f. &
forty Cash 164 29 40

In part returns for 2 Boxes of Bugles
marked G. S. N^o. 1. 2 impor . anno 1736
S
 P^r . Hallifax.

BY ABRAHAM SALOMONS.

T A I F One Bulse of Diamonds Consign'd to Abram
N^o. 3 & Jacob Franco value nine hundred fifty
two Pagodas 952 — —

In further part returns for one Chest Coral

Beads marked T N^o. 3 Import^d. Anno
1736 P^r . Shaftsbury.

1798 29 40

FORT S^t. GEORGE
16TH. JANU^{RY}. 1736-7.

JN^o. SAVAGE,
Secretary.

This is to Certify To the Hon^{ble}. the Court of Directors for affairs of the
-Hon^{ble}. the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.
That we the President and Council of Fort S^t. George, have receiv'd into the said
Company's Cash, here of Captⁿ. Matthew Bookey Commander of ship Shaftsbury, the
Sum of seven Hundred Pagodas. Witness our Hands to three Certificates all of this
Tenour & dated in Fort S^t. George this 14th. Day of February 1736/7.

R: B: & C^{TA}.
Coun^t.

MADRASS 15 FEBRY. 1736-7

MANIFEST OF SUNDRY GOODS LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP SHAFISBURY AT BENGALL
AND THIS PORT FOR ENGLAND BY M^r. MATTHEW BOOKEY ON MY OWN ACCOUNT.

	Md.	Seer.	Curr ^t . Ru.	An.	Pice.
Bengall Sago 10 Casks quan ^{ty}	56 20	344	9	—
Worm seed 76 Bags q ^t	138 10	2589	5	8
Terra Japon 22 D ^{co}	40 —	245	9	6
Shell Lac. 3 Chests.	...	41 19	509	3	—
Spikenard 5 Bags	...	7 35	220	2	—
Canes 23500	4653	8	4
Seer Suckers	...	120 Piec ^s .	695	8	—
Soosies 4 D ^{co}	400 D ^{co} .	2422	—	—
Blue Gurras 1 D ^{co}	108 D ^{co} .	216	1	6
Soet Romauls 8 D ^{co}	800 Single D ^{co} .	1563	2	—
Arrack 20 Leagers	2000	—	—
White Gurras 1 Bale	...	100 P ^s .	270	8	—
		Curr ^t . Rup ^s .	15729	6	3

Madrass Canes 10000	...	...	...	Pag ^s . 618	—	—
Cubebs 1 Bale quant ^y . 254	—	...	...	23	—	—
Ammoniac 4 Chests 2 Candy 3 M ^{ds}.	...	...	...	271	27	—
Gallingall 24 Bags 6 D ^o.	...	...	...	62	21	—

Pagod^s. 975 12 —

M^r. BOOKEY.

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET P^a. SHAFTSBURY MARKED A.

- N^o. 1. Fort S^t. George General Letter p^r. Shaftsbury 16th. Feb^r. 1736/7.
 2. Duplicate p^r. Grantham 29 Jan^r. 1736/7.
 3. Triplicate p^r. Prince Will^m. 1 Oct^r. 1736.
 4. D^o. p^r. D^o. 5 D^o. 1736.
 5. Duplic^o. Copy to S^t. Helena Pr. Grantham 29 Jan^r. 1736/7.
 6. Invoice of Goods Pr. Shaftsbury Amot^s. to Pag^s. 58991: 1: 22.
 7. Duplicate D^o. Pr. Grantham 63190: 17: 40.
 8. First Bill of Lading for Goods Pr. Shaftsbury.
 9. Second D^o. Pr. Grantham.
 10. Calculate of Tonnage on board the Shaftsbury.
 11. List of packing stuff in Coast Goods Pr. D^o.
 12. Price Curr^t. of Goods att Madrass.
 13. Triplicate Indent for Broad Cloth &c^t. for 1738.
 14. Duplicate Acc^t. remains in y^o. Impo^t. Wareh^o. to 30th. Nov^r.
 15. D^o. List of Demands for the Impo^t. Wareh^o. for 1738.
 16. D^o. List of Demands for the Storehouse for 1738.
 17. D^o. Fort S^t. George Indent for Medicines for 1738.
 18. D^o. Fort S^t. David Indent for D^o. for 1738.
 19. D^o. Acco^t. Currant of ship George.
 20. D^o. Acc^t. Charges of refitting her att Callcutta.
 21. D^o. Acc^t. Curr^t. of the Madrass Galley.
 22. D^o. Acc^t. Charges of refitting her att Vizagapatam.
 23. D^o. Acc^t. Curr^t. of Paddy bought & sold 1735 & 1736.
 24. D^o. List of the Pondicherry Contract.
 25. D^o. Register of Bills Pr. Grantham in return for Coral.
 26. D^o. Acc^t. the Produce of Coral remitted in full p^r. Granth^m.
 27. Manifest of Precious stones Pr. Shaftsbury.
 28. Duplicate D^o. Pr. Grantham.
 29. Duplicate Acc^t. sale of Lead at Outcry 13th. January.
 30. Duplicate List of Revenues at Fort S^t. George.
 31. D^o. List of Covenanted Servants on Coast Choromandell.
 32. D^o. List of Inhabitants, Women, & Seafaring Men.
 33. Muster Roll of the first Company of Soldiers.
 34. D^o. of the second Company of Soliders.
 35. D^o. of the Gunroom Crew.
 36. D^o. of Peons and Country Musick.
 37. Register of Births, Christnings, Marriages & Burials at Fort S^t. George.
 38. List of Christnings ...
 39. List of Marriages ...
 40. List of Burials ...
- } at Fort S^t. David.
41. Duplicate Military Officers report of the state of the Military.
 42. D^o. of Papers relating to the Ulrica Eleonora.
- N^o: 1 Acc^t. sale of the Perishable Goods.
- N^o: 2 { Acc^t. sale of the Broad Cloth.
Acc^t: Curr^t: Expedition to Porto Novo.
- 3 Acco^t: Disbursements on Expedition to Porto Novo.

43. Muster Roll of the Shaftsbury's Crew.
44. List of the Shaftsbury's Warlike Stores
45. Copy of Captⁿ: Bookey's Dispatch.
46. Captⁿ. Bookey's Register of private Trade.
47. Captⁿ: Hales 2^d: receipt for his Packet.
48. Manifest of Presents licens'd p^r: Shaftsbury.
49. General abstract and Callculate of stock on hand.
50. Open Cash Account for Shaftsbury.
51. Open Acc^t: Curr^t: of Madrass Pagodas, for February.
52. Packet from Bengall received 6th. Sept^r: 1736 P^r. Hallifax.
53. D^{to}. receiv'd 7th: Febr: 1736.7 P^r. Sloop Grace.
54. List of the Packet P^r: Shaftsbury.

Fort S^t. George 11th: Febr: 1736-7

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LIST OF BOOKS IN THE PACKET 49^r. SHAFTSBURY MARK'D A.

FORT S^t: GEORGE.

N ^o : 1. Diaries & Consultations	...	{ Commencing 30 Sept ^r . Ending 31 Dec ^r . }	1736
2. Diaries & Consultations	...	{ Comm ^s : 3 January Ending 16 February }	1736. 7
3. Letters receiv'd	{ 1736 1737 }	{ From N ^o : 91 to 105. From N ^o : 1 to 93. }	
4. Letters sent	{ 1736 1737 }	{ From 14 Octo ^r : to 6 Dec ^r . From 3 Jan ^r . to 12 Febr ^r . }	
5. Cash Accounts	...	{ Comm ^s . 1 Octo ^r . 1736. Ending 31 Jan: 1736. 7 }	
6. Mint Accounts Curr ^t.	...	{ Comm ^s : 1 Sept ^r : 1736. Ending 31 Jany: 1736. 7. }	
7. Sea Customers Acc ^{ts} . Carrant.	...	{ Comm ^s : 1 Sept ^r : 1736. Ending 31 Jany: 1736. 7. }	
8. Storekeeper's.	{ Issues Receipts Remains }	{ Comm ^s : 1 Aug ^t : 1736. Ending 30 Nov ^r : 1736. }	
9. S ^t . Mary's Church Ledger	...	{ Comm ^s . 1 Octob ^r : 1735. Ending 30 Sept ^r : 1736. }	
10. Ships Impor ^s : & Export ^s.	...	{ 10 October 1736. 15 Febr. 1736. 7. }	

Fort S^t. George 16 Febr^r: 1736. 7.

JN^o: SAVAGE
Secrety.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 5, 1737.
RECEIVED PER NOTTINGHAM, 26th. MAY 1738. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts*
vol. 4, pp. 213—224. (India office transcript)].

1. Letters last Season were dated 1st and 5th. Octo^r. 29th. January and 16th. February.

2. Companys Letters received this year dated 3^d. Nov^r. 22th. Dec^r. and 9th. February with 3 Letters from the Secretary Mole dated 23th. Dec^r. 10th. and 25th. February to which shall now Reply.

FIRST OF SHIPPING.

	Arrived.	Sailed.
3. Ship Bedford	... 25 th April ...	... 26 th May.
Newcastle	... 13 th . May ...	... 21 D ^o .
Royal Guardian	... 21 May for Canton...	20 June.
Devonshire	... 23 June ...	2d July.
Nottingham	... 23 June Loading for England.	
Lyell	... 23 June ...	2 July.
P ^{rs} . Louisa	... 23 June ...	2 July.
Duke Dorset	... 26 July ...	2 Sept ^r .

4. Are thankful for the Compa^s. regard to their Interest in Expedition to Mocha—Refer to M^r. Waters Letter 20th. July for his proceedings. Wilmington and Montague fell to Leeward of Aden and despairing of getting to Mocha bore away 17th. June for Bombay. M^r. Waters borrowed 40000 Dollars to provide Coffee to be repaid at Madrass w^{ch}. is compli'd with.

5. Thankful for the Companys care of Navigation on Mallabar Coast.

6. Shall regard directions if the Wilmington or Grafton come there.

7. Ship Decker arriv'd at Madrass 12th. May from Bombay, was dispatched to the Bay with Redwood and 28 Chests rupees calling first at Vizagapatam, the Duke Dorset sprung an ugly Leake off the Cape and came the Inner Passage between Madagascar and the Main, Sussex and Harrison arriv'd at Batavia 26 May and Winchester the 7th. July.

8. Captains of Newcastle, Lyell, Devonshire and Louisa hastned to the Bay.

9. Louisa called in at the Cape on coming out met the Richmond w^{ch}. had lost Main Mast and Fore Mast having parted wth. Walpole and P^{ca}. Wales.

10. Madrass Galley Sail'd 19 February for Vizagapatam and Bengal being unfit for the West Coast was offer'd to Calcutta for the Comp^s. Use or to be Sold—Bought in at Outcry for 2300 Cur^t. Rup^a. only.

11. Sloop Margery arriv'd 4th. April wth. Salt Petre from Bengal, dispatch'd back 16th. calling at Vizagapatam to Land Pagodoes and Rupees.

12. Sent per Ship Mercury 16th. April 23 Chests Silver to Bengal.

13. Ship George arrived 23 July from West Coast advis^r. Comptons Loss.

14. The George sent to Vizagap^a. to be new Sheathed and bring up Bales.

15. No time was Lost in Shifting the Royal Guardian, impossible to get her away before 20th. June, runs risque of a long Passage to China positively order'd to leave Canton 15th. Nov^r. refer to Consultations of 24th. and 26th May for proceedings as to that Voyage. Had a Stock been sent on the Companys account the Freight and Port Charges had been Lighter upon the small Stock sent on her, little else but Silver could be sent and that to be returned in Gold, and the Tea taking up so much Tonnage it was not for the Companys Interest. As to making one Stock for the Company and them to be Concerned jointly, advis'd per Shaftsbury that before the Deckers Letter was received they had open'd a Subscription for a China Voyage on a Countrey Ship and most of the Cargo was provided, the subscription was Pagodas 36000 only, so few proper Goods were brought in to Town part of that Sum was made good in Silver so that an Addition on the Companys Account must have lessend the profits, augmented the difficulty in getting the returns back and

occasioned a new valuation of the Goods provided whereby they might be expos'd to Censure. Tin at 45 pag^s: per Candy and Pepper at 32 per Candy, the Macao Ships buying at these Prices. Intend to buy Goods proper for an Outward bound Cargo next year, they trust the Company will permit them to be concerned in the Voyage. Duty of 10 per Cent being taken off that great Objection to carry on the Trade on a Companys Ship ceases.

16. Shall Obey Orders if Ship Harrison comes that way.

17. All the other Ships being orderd to the Bay could only fix on the Nottingham to dispatch at this Time, was surveyd & Captain cautiond of Fire.

18. Signals given the Commander, Surveys of Men and Stores in the Packet with Account of Goods landed.

19. Shall prevent the Captains Effects being Embezled if any Dye.

20. St. Helena shall be Supplied with the Longcloth ordered.

21. Cap^t. Winter petitioned for 50 Ton Petre and as much Pepper as he cou'd shoot among his Bales, on entering into the usual Engagement 400 Bags Petre allow'd him with a Liberty of declaring thereafter whether the Petre and Pepper shoud be part of the Tonnage, apprehend the Tonnage must be compleated wth. Pepper, shall Sell Pepper if have a Surplus.

22. Package of some Bales altered, Salt Petre is in the usual Bags.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

23. Sent 12 Chests Treasure to Bengal per sloop Grace, Coind 5 Chests for Vizagapatam, Sent 2 Chests to Pegue to build the Sloops for Bengal. Sent 21 Chests per Mercury to Bengal in April, the above were the 40 ch^{ts}. reservd for the Normanton, Sent also to Bengal 2 Chests more per Mercury received from Manilla, two of the Chests sent to Vizag^a. were Coind into Arcot Rupees w^{ch}. produced more than at Madrass as per Consultation 15th March.

24. Of the Treasure consigned this year, Sent 25 Chests uncoind to Bengal per Bedford, 2 Chests sold to freighters of the Royal Guardian, $\frac{1}{2}$ Chest to Cap^t. Hoadley, 30 Chests received per Duke Dorset are kept for the Harrison, Mocha Draught replaced by Silver bought at Pondicherry, All the rest was Coind wth. 6 Ch^{ts}. receiv'd from the West Coast per George and design to coin 6 more received thence per Jane.

25. Of the Rupees 40000 sent to Vizagapatam 280000 to Bengal per Bedford in May, 224000 per Decker in June and 56000 more to Vizag^a. 400000 to Bengal per Duke Dorset so that 56000 Rup^s. 7 an^s. remain in Warehouse and 24630^{rup. an.}: 15. in the Mint which will be Cleard out of the Dust in December.

26. Mint Braminys refused to take Pillar Dollars as Standard. On an Essay M^r. Foxal reported them full 3 dwt. worse, Braminys took them at $2\frac{1}{2}$ dwt. worse a good bargain as the Comp^s. inform are $4\frac{1}{2}$ dwt. W^o.

27. Short Weight of Nottingham Treasure is in Consultation 27th. June, Minters content to take it this once as Inv^o. but declare they cannot accept any more so.

28. Contracts with Merchants for Woollen Goods are for the Prices only, delivery of Goods always delayd till they bring Money to pay for 'em which is according to the demand, this is an Advantage to 'em in appearance were it not for the slow Vend, the price they allow is more than it would fetch for a constancy any other way, Interest being 8 per Cent they can afford to give more than those who buy at Outcry for ready money, and by having Gomastahs dispersed thro' the Countrey are Judges of the Quantities and sorts in demand, w^{ch}. Intelligence is now their Interest to Communicate, no Advantage should be taken of them while they provide Callicoes being great Sufferers by the Callico Contracts it being a right Policy to indulge 'em in what is so much for the Companys Interest, their Quarrels and divisions this year have been such they got nothing by what sold, and great part remains unsold so have not agreed with 'em for the Parcel arrived this year but got 'em to agree on a List for the year 1739.

29. Merchants were desirous the Reds and Greens sent by mistake to the Bay might remain there, wrote accordingly.
30. Cloth of two Colours sold to Hodjee Addy at 4 pag^o. per yard.
31. Brocades sold him for 900 Pag^o. w^{ch}. is about 36 per Cent on Inv^o. at 9^s. Per Pag^o. were lucky in getting rid of 'em so well being Tarnishd, Soild and Inkd, shall not Indent for more till hear how they are liked at Arcot.
32. All the Copper qsd 'em is Sent to the Bay as the best Market.
33. Received per Bedford 80 Faggots Steel cwt. 86 instead of cwt. 50, the overplus delivered to the Cap^t. he demanding it as his own.
34. Bedford delivered the full number of Slabs and Pigs of Lead deficiency in the cwt. 3-3 only is wrote off to Account Current London.
35. Receivd per Duke Dorset 60 Pipes Wine 4 were lost by Leakage, the 56 produced at Outcry 3156 pag^o. w^{ch}. is ^{pag. fa. ca.} 52 : 21 : 48. per Pipe, desire the like quantity annually, the Cap^t. landed 20 Pipes.
36. Surgeons Indent not being complied with took out part of the Medicines put up for Fort St. David.
37. Sold 350 Candy Lead at ^{Pag. fa. ca.} 11 : 21 : 60. per Candy and 600 at ^{Candy Pag. fa. ca.} 12 : 13 : 13. about 600 Candy left is reservd for Sale in January, if the Price keeps up shall then Indent for 2000 Candy. Shall settle Indents as prescribd and sell all decayd Stores, reasons for small Sale of the Stores with Proposals to encrease them are entred on Consultation 13th 21th and 28th April.
38. 35000 Pagodoes constantly in Tomby Chittys hands advanced on the Callico Contract and he is debted a large Sum for Cloth brought in Brown not Credited for till Washd and sorted.
39. If China Supra Cargoes send Silver, Directions shall be observd.
40. Shall write to the West Coast to send 'em all Stores not to be disposed of there and will Supply 'em with the needful.
41. Shall to the Utmost Encourage the Consumption of Europe Goods especially the Manufactures of England, desire 200 Ton Iron.
42. The Jar of Sweet Oyl was received from the Godolphin, and the Case of Ironmongers Ware per Nassau was received from the West Coast Six Months after she Saild being Landed there by Mistake.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS.

43. Are thankful that Conduct is approved, the Countrey is reduced to a miserable Condition by the prodigious Drought Impossible to enumerate all its melancholy Effects, the Goods Sent have been provided with the greatest Pains and Attention.
44. Had a larger Supply of Rice than expected soon after the Grantham^s departure, care was required to keep it within their bounds, the Price all this year from 90 to 100 Pagodoes the Garce, and at much more in the Countrey, but very rarely met with at any rate so that there was a strong temptation to run it out of the Bounds, however, the Buzars were pretty well supplied till the last 10 days in August when many People were found dead in the Streets principally of those who Crouded in from the Countrey, the first Bengal Ship arrived the 1st September.
45. By Acco^{ns}. from Arcot 2 to 300 Dead Bodies were carried out in a Day, the same Dreadful Scene was in other Towns, many Villages were deserted, no Grain for Inhabitants, no herbage or Fodder for Cattle, of these last 19 in 20 Perished. If God sends a favourable Monsoon it is inferd there are not Men or Oxen left to Till the Ground, the Famine so terrible Men Fed upon those things Nature most abhors.
46. The Drought has had the like Effect upon Cotton which has risen from 18 and 20 to 30 and 32 Pagodoes per Candy.
47. Oxen not procurable at St. Davids to carry the Cloth so that Men have been sent to fetch it w^{ca}. Impeded Inv^t. there and at Madrass.

48. Notwithstanding all these Difficultys the particular Investm^t. of Madrass will not be less than last year and that was considerably more than in any year since 1729. In Consultation 28th February are the Merchants Proposals and the Resolutions thereupon, that no Time might be lost, the Prices were fixed 26th May Advanced $3\frac{1}{4}$ Pag^o. per Corge on Salem Cloth and abated 1 Pag^o. per Corge as Numbers fall are persuaded the Merchants are no Gainers. Wish the Musters of the Cloth carried home by the French could be procured and the Prices from other hands than theirs for the Companys Satisfaction, Such Acco^t. as they could get is in the Packet, cannot find out the Policy of making such large Contracts as the French do, the Cloth not being procurable the French give 49 and Madrass but $48\frac{1}{2}$ per Corge for Salem Cloth, Custom and Dustore reduces it to $47\frac{1}{2}$.

49. In Justice cannot complain of the Merchants Performances this Year having brought in more Cloth than they Promised.

50. Cannot engage Andiapia to provide Cloth alleging he lost by bad debts.

51. Not yet admitted of a No. 4 Salem Cloth what would not Sort to No. 3 sorted to Ordinary No. 1 the Ordinary was ^{Pag. fa.} 39 : 18 : per Corge at Madrass and No. 4 Salem St. David ^{Pag. fa.} 41 : 18 : in 1735 and is still the Case & little or no Ordinary.

52. Shall send no more Cotton Romals such as marked N per Godolphin.

53. Have wrote for more Sannoos to Cure shall do their best as to Bettellees.

54. Money was advanced early for Morees but none bro^t. in in time for the Painters to Compleat 'em, the Patterns are Improvd, desire some Annually from England, Instances of Natives Invention rare.

55. Managers of the New Petta undertook the Longcloth Fine at 4 Pag^o. and the Dimities are providing at Madrass.

56. Shall in January give convincing Proof that a general freedom of Trade is allowd to all the inhabitants and all fitting Encouragem^t. given to Induce the Resort of Merchants to 'em, all Investments are made up in the Countrey and the Merchants Factors are sent to provide Cloth there, if they waited for Cloth till bro^t. into their Bounds for a Market shoud not send a Bale home in a year.

57. Have advanced 1000 Pagodoes more to the Managers of the New Petta per Consultation 12th Sept^r. in a few years it will Answer.

58. Investment at St. Davids has gone on but poorly this year, all their old Merchants except Shacup Tomby refused to Contract. On Proposals in April from him and Nella Tomby closed with them tho[^] the Cloth is to be taken one with another and yet they complain of difficulties.

59. Prices are advanced at Vizagapatam and Ingeram by Dearness of Grain and Cotton, the Merchants at Vizagapatam promised 600 Bales by Christmass are jealous they will deceive—290 Bales are arrivd thence not cured and some of Mr. Grahams Cloth is come up in the same condition, he could not procure Rice to Conjee it, Mr. Goddard makes the same Complaint from Maddapollam.

60. Agreed 21th March to provide a small quantity of Chay Goods i.e. Allyjars, Collowapores, Saerjungtees and Romals.

FOURTHLY OF THE TRADE OF INDIA.

61. The only Ship sent last year on what might be called a Voyage was to Manilla.

62. Exports this year are a Stock on Royal Guardian to China, a ship to Bussora, a small one to Manilla, another to Mallabar Coast and Goa, and one bound to Scindy and Surrat, All the rest kept in the Rice Trade, Supra Cargoes of the Bussora ship gave bond not to sell her.

63. Nabobs Son left the Army in March and went to Arcot, Imaum Sahib then made a visit to the President which put the Comp^a. to the usual Expence, Sent the Nabobs Son Subderally Caun a small Present the amo^t. 304 Pagodoes, shall avoid Expences of this Sort, they are necessary to keep up a Figure with them and to carry on Affairs quietly.

64. Solicitations dropt for the Cowle to bring Cotton and Cotton Yarn out of the Countrey free of Juncan, For 200 Pag^o. the New Petta Undertakers got Liberty to bring in Cotton Yarn for a very small duty, who desire to be reimbursd by the Comp^a.

65. If Bengal Ships bound to the Coast had Imported at Madrass only as the Comp^a. orderd had been out of pain for Rice till December, several Stopt at Pullicat others passd thro' the Road to Covelong, Complained of it to Bengal, there was no way to be secure but by buying up such other Quantitys as came to the Port, To do it on their own Account might give the Wicked an opportunity to call 'em Knaves in Grain, So a Moors ship arriving bought on the Companys Account 5000 Bags Rice at 95 Pagodoes the Garce, think there will be no loss by it but believe the Company had rather Submit to that than Loose the Inhabitants.

66. Nabobs Army defeated the People of Maddara, Subdued Trinavelly and Cotata, then enterd the Territorys of the Mallabar Princes who submitted to pay a Tribute, the Major part of the Forces were then drawn off within 3 days Journey of Anjengo it is thought to go further Northward to Visit the King of Biddanore or Carnatick Raja which has hastned this last concluding a Treaty with Tellicherry to be more at Leizure to defend his Country from the Moors Invasion.

FIFTHLY, OF FORTIFICATIONS AND REVENUES.

67. The Countrey People through scarcity of Grain brought Chinam in Stone to repair the Storehouse and Weighing Place on being allowed to carry out some Rice. Sea Gate and Passages adjacent were found bad, obliged to repair 'em, Estimates of the Charge are in Consultation 28th February and 28th April.

Lodgings for the Comp^a. Servants have been New Painted and the Beating Place at the Old Powder Godown repaired.

68. Powder Magazine and a Bridge repaired at St. David and a Brick Building for the Guard at Seaside made at Vizagapatam wth. a new Powder House and Brick Choultrys at the Washing Places. A Choultry for the Washers is desired at Maddapollam.

69. The Company have sometimes sufferd by Black Bricklayers and Carpenters unskilfulness so Stephen de Stutter an Italian is entertained Surveyor of Buildings at 10 Pagodoes a Month.

70. Hope the Conicoplys Duty will defray the Charge of Bridges & Wells.

71. Sale of Farms at Outery will not Answer the Beetle and Tobacco Farm expiring in 1730 wou'd not let for the former Rent of 10000 Pagodoes without considerable Concessions particularly Trivlicane and Trivitore and the Out Villages being subject to it, the Inhabitants thereupon left them, but on Exempting them from that Duty they are returnd and many more Built Houses there. The Farm is let at the same Rent as before.

72. Salt Farmers Cowle let at the old rate by the Sale encreasing.

73. Shall reply about the Register of Houses in January.

74. One per Cent Custom and $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent Consulage on Coral repaid as orderd, and proposed to Bengal a Method to keep Acco^{ts}. Clear as directed.

75. Advisd from Bengal that the Company in a Letter dated 15th February 1715 directed the Duty of a Seer and half per Maund on Grain exported thence for Madrass to be deducted out of the 5 per cent payable there. Are not able to find anything upon Records, Plenty succeeding and no Rice Imported for some years it was forgot. Certificates are granted to the Bengal ships that the full Duty is paid, and what Madrass ships pay in Bengal is deducted out of the Customs paid at Madrass.

SIXTHLY OF COVENANT SERVANTS &c^a.

76. Writers are all arrived sober and willing are put to write things not in hast to improve their hands which are so indifferent are obliged to Hire Two Monthly Writers really wanted.

77. Mr. William Fytche is gone to Bengal as directed.

78. Mr. Leigh Denny at his request is stationd at Vizagapatam.

79. Mr. Edward Michell and Robert Caesar sent to St. David and Mr. Charles Floyer ordered of Council there.

80. Mr. Joseph Goddard appointed Resident at Maddepollam.

81. Mr. Ralphe Mansell Senior Merchant Dyed 27th May last, Mr. Matthew Empson is appointed Assistant to Land Customer and Register of the Choultry, Mr. Holland Goddard is under the Paymaster.

82. Mr. William Martin permitted to go to China, Mr. Augustus Burton and Mr. Samuel Harrison to Bengal for recovery of their Health, all Expected back in January.

83. Mr. Mackneight who came out a free Merchant is appointed Surgeons Mate at St. David one Cooper dying.

84. Cap^t. David Wilson is appointed by Commission Major.

85. Lieut^t. Cuney dying on the West Coast Lieut^t. Amyand appointed to that Station and Ensign Horne appointed Lieutenant.

86. Francis Cook had leave to go to Pondicherry, he sent his Commission to the President, had run much in Debt, all the Ensigns Case hard, pay is so small not sufficient to provide Food, they eat dry Bread and plantanes.

87. On Ensign Peeles Death gave a Commission to Serjeant Senior and to Serjeant Karr.

88. Samuel Lutton is Captain of the Bussora ship will be Encouraged.

89. Blank Covenants received shall be filld up and Executed by those who are of Age.

90. Mr. Thomas Barker Writer came no further than the Downs.

91. Dominick Marchini on applying shall take passage for Europe.

92. Certificates in writing are always granted to discharged Soldiers can recommend very few.

93. Mr. Hugh Naish takes passage on the Nottingham. Mayors Court Conduct is agreeable—Difficulties are met with in deciding Controversies between the Natives.

94. Few Governments are free from Men of restless and Impetuous Dispositions, shall prevent any such doing Mischief.

SEVENTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

95. Mr. Goldfinchs Credit of Pag^o. 317 : 9 : 34 shall be carried to Acco^t. Current London in the Books now Ballancing. As to James Barfoots its still kept on the Books several Demands on his Estate more than his Credit will satisfy. Wm. Dunsters Credit is wrote off as shall all deceasd Persons there are no legal claims on in India.

96. Letter to Bengal will shew what Pepper was landed from the Decker.

97. Cap^t. Williamson delivered a Letter 24th May as to Mr. John Turtons Estate refer to Consultation for a State of that matter.

98. Madrass Pagodoes received for Bills appear by Cash Acco^ts., they not being sufficient for occasions were obliged to purchase more, agreed for 10000 Madrass Pagodoes on an advance of 10600 Current Pagodoes the 7th March, bought 13th May 7000 at $5\frac{1}{4}$ per Cent and 26th May 3000 at 5 per Cent, the 26th June 4516 at $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, this rise and fall of the Batta proceeds from a greater or less quantity of uncoind Gold brought to Market. On Ships Arrival from Manilba, Malacca, Acheen and Eastern Ports generally from February to the end of May Gold may be bought, but in September and December when Madras Pagodoes are wanted for Bills of Exchange, uncoind Gold is not to be met with then the Batta rises to 8 per Cent which causes a Complaint from the Remitters—Could not avoid introducing that Specie without Injury to the Company to whom it is left what relief to grant. They are not Introduced further into Payments or Receipts because Goods would sell for less in Proportion to the Batta which wou'd rise on a large Sale of Goods.

or Silver, and if not wanted to the Northward must be sold for 4 per Cent Loss, perhaps the badness of Current money makes the Investment dearer to the Southward, Yet its no real Loss to the Company while Goods are sold for this Adulterated Coin, they selling for more than if the Coin was better, but the Investment paid for by Bills is a Loss—Cannot attempt to regulate the Current money its a delicate Affair, fear a Stab in Commerce which might not easily be recovered.

99. Account of Madrass Pagodoes Cleared 17th June a Gain arose to the Company of 492: ^{Pag.} 3: ^{fa.} 53, ^{ca.}

100. Have drawn the following Bills of Exchange at the usual Rate:

£ 247	„ 1	„ 7½	Payable to Eleanor Cooke & Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„ 598	„ 9	„ —	to Judah Supino & Son.
„ 374	„ 13	„ ½	to Ditto.
„ 1156	„ 4	„ 4	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„ 415	„ 17	„ 8½	to Ditto.
„ 160	„ 9	„ 8¼	to David Gomez Serra.
„ 663	„ 4	„ 4¼	to Joseph & David Franco.
„ 494	„ 19	„ 8¼	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„ 266	„ 4	„ 6	to Judah Supino & Son.
„ 262	„ 17	„ 4	to Ditto.
„ 172	„ 14	„ 1	to Ditto.
„ 258	„ 15	„ 9¾	to Jacob Fernandes Nunes.
„ 200	„ —	„ —	to Thomas Hall.
„ 100	„ —	„ —	to Martha Goulding.
„ 200	„ —	„ —	to Ann Caverley.
„ 500	„ —	„ —	to Charless Simpson.
„ 71	„ 18	„ 9¼	to Judah Supino & Son.
„ 557	„ 18	„ 10½	to Francis Salvador.
„ 55	„ 2	„ ½	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„ 492	„ 16	„ 4¾	to Ditto.
„ 49	„ 15	„ 10¾	to Anthony Da Costa.
„ 70	„ 13	„ 6½	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„ 16	„ 19	„ 8¼	to Judah Supino & Son.
„ 746	„ 13	„ 4	to Osmond Beauvoir & Charles Benyon on Acc ^t . the Estate of Francis Everest.
„ 16	„ 2	„ —	to William & Jocelyne Pickard acco ^t . the Estate of Strange Pickard.
„ 186	„ 5	„ 4	to Katherine Atwood acco ^t . James Cuneys Estate.
„ 8335	„ 17	„ ½	

EIGHTHLY ON THE WEST COAST.

101. Hope the Ships Lyell and George will have their full Tonnage home, tho complain the Vines do not promise a fruitful Crop.

102. Discoursed Mr. Lennox fully on Affairs of that Coast, believe he is really attached to the Companys Interest. A Committee is continued to inspect Accounts. The necessary Directions and Wares and Stores Sent per Lyell.

103. Some old Arms are sent on the Nottingham.

104. Comptons Men were in the Gunroom but all dispersed in a Month.

105. Maldiva People came on the George, offerd to take care of 'em but that Kings Noquedah eased them of all further Expense. Paid Cap^t. Taylor ^{pag.} 153: ^{fa.} 5: for Dieting the People he brought.

106. West Coast very much in want of slaves 200 will not be too many.

SUPPLEMENT.

107. Shall give some account of this Ships Cargo.
108. Madrass Goods are equal to the Numbers to which they are sorted, not well cured some of it for want of Rain, little in the Tanks.
109. Soot Romals are so bad are rejected entirely.
110. Pressd the Merchants to bring in Bettellees 300 p^s. Oringal Sent and as many fine Pulicat ones as could procure are cheaper and better than what sent per Grantham.
111. The 40 and 50 Covid Bettellees the Merchants lose Money by as the Company are not fond of them shall not Advance the Prices.
112. St. Davids orderd to Compute what each Number stands in, they cannot get rid of No. 4 Salem No. 1 is very good better than Chemanaickpollam Cloth, Ordinary Long Cloth dearer than last year.
113. Ingeram Long Cloth ordinary is one pagoda per Corge Advanced.
114. Vizagapatam Sallampores are worse than ever, stand in full 18 Pagodoes per Corge have kept most part of No. 3 to be Inspected.
115. Madrass Sallampores ordinary No. 1 is at $16\frac{1}{8}$ pag^o. per Corge but the Quantity is small, Midling No. 1 only 19 pag^o. per Corge, on offering the Merchants an Advance on the Ordinary they asked 20 which Surprized them, the Thread for the Midling is made near, but the ordinary at a distance, bringing makes it dearer. By the Sale Book none of the Ordinary sells so well as the Midling, perhaps by being too thick and large a threaded Cloth. If favoured with particular observations on this Ships Cargo and w^{ch}. Species of Goods yield most Profit might act accordingly.
116. A Ship under Portugueze Colours arrivd 16th Sept^r. at Porto Novo came from Portugal in March touchd at Brazil and Mosambique, is the same Ship as was on the Coast 4 years ago, Tempest Milner is now Chief Supra Cargo and gone to Bengal on the Ship, the Second is named Belchor de Aruge, and another Portugueze with 6 Soldiers are left on shore at Porto Novo with 16 Chests Silver 2 of Coral and one of Gold, the whole is given out to be 50000 Pagodoes and is to be Invested in Goods to be taken in by the Ship on her return from Bengal.
117. The French have had seven ships from Europe at Pondicherry this year, 5 are gone to Bengal, of which 3 are to be loaden there, 2 to return to Pondicherry, one is going to Mocha, the other with one at Mocha last year are sailed for Europe with 2629 Bales Callicoes 610 Candy Pepper and some Redwood. The Maurepas is also loading for France 2510 Bales Coffee on board and 200 Bales Callicoes, In the whole 2829 Bales, the Merchants say 700 of them are Gingham, Bettellees and Handkerchiefs of last year Contracts, and 400 more on the running Contract.
118. Ships Wilmington and Montagu arrivd at Bombay 2d July.
119. Received 30th September Bills from Surrat on Terrvarrees House at Madrass for Arcot Rupees $28636\frac{1}{4}$ and for pagodoes 20000 being for Rupees 61650 at $308\frac{1}{4}$ rup^s. for 100 Pagodas both payable at 24 days Sight, they are accepted and doubt not will be paid.
120. Shall have 500 Bales Cloth in Warehouse when this ship is dispatchd not having time to cure more, part of the Pepper is reckoned into the Tonnage the remainder and 400 Bags Saltpetre is at Half Freight per Agreement.
121. The French agreed for 1000 Corge Fine LongCloth it sorts only to the two last Numbers, is Conjeed very much then beat very Smooth and sent home Brown without any other Curing, mention this that the Use it is put to may be Enquired into, 300 Bales are sent to France on the last Ships it is a favourable Article with the Merchants its little better than Midling.
122. Gave Cap^t. Winter a receipt for the Copper Plates and ore received from the Nottingham, received more pieces 21 and less 1 cwt.-11. than Invoiced the Pieces

being broke, ore Casks so bad it was loose in the Hold, received 2 Casks 5-1-1
 more than Invoied, Lead deficient 3-2-19 right in Tale endorsd on the Bill of Lading.

123. Cap^t. Winter's Acco^t. upon Oath in the Packet of Goods shipp'd.

124. He paid 3000 Current pagodoes on Oath as part of his Adventure, the Rate of Exchange is not mentioned in the Certificate, the Batta of Madrass Pagodoes is now from 6 to 7 per Cent and 3 per Cent is allowed to those who pay them in.

125. Gave Cap^t. Winter a Bill of Exchange for £240 or 600 Pagodoes payable to himself for money due to him when last in India, its paid in Madrass Pagodoes.

126. Invoice of the Nottingham is ^{pag.} 136048 : ^{fa.} 31 : ^{oa.} 52. Register of Bills in return for Coral ^{pag.} 12678 : ^{fa.} 32 : ^{oa.} 38. Manifest Diamonds and Precious Stones ^{pag.} 8591 : ^{fa.} 4 : ^{oa.} 22. Invoice to St. Helena ^{pag.} 560 : ^{fa.} 3 : ^{oa.} 5. and Cap^t. Winter's Manifest Private Trade ^{pag.} 7690 : ^{fa.} 32 : ^{oa.} 25.

127. Acco^t. Produce of such Chests Coral for which returns are now made in full comes in the Packet.

RICHARD BENYON.
 RANDALL FOWKE.
 NICHOLAS MORSE.
 FRANCIS ROUS.
 WILLIAM MONSON.
 GEORGE TORRIANO.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1738.

RECEIVED PER ROYAL GUARDIAN 25TH AUGUST 1738. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts*, vol. 4, pp. 224-229. (*India office transcript*)].

1. Ship Nottingham saild 6th October shall now add further Advices.

FIRST OF SHIPPING.

2. The latter End of October Floated on Shore some Firr Top Masts and a large Piece of the Larboard Quarter of some Ship, per Wood and Workmanship built in the Thames, beleive could only be part of the Grafton or Pelham.

3. Wilmington left Mangalore 1st Nov^r. Montagu Tellicherry 2nd Nov^r.

4. Royal Guardian arrivd from Canton 8th January.

5. Her Outward Cargo sold but indifferent for want of room, obliged to bring back 10000 Tale in Gold at a very dear rate. Tutenague bought Cheap and sold well, reckon the Voyage will make better than 20 per Cent. Shall expect a Ship of the Companys to go to China this year and shall secure a proper Cargo for her, pepper will be a main Article but difficult to procure.

6. Ship George will sail for the West Coast about the 10th Instant.

7. Two Sloops built for Bengal at Pegu saild thence 12th December, charge is more than expected, that Governments Impositions make Building much dearer than usual, so that wrote to Bombay to Build a Ship for the West Coast Trade, Bought a new Sloop of 22 Tons for 300 Pagodoes to be sent there with the George.

8. Signals given Captain Hoadley, Ship Surveyd and Cautiond against Fire.

9. If the Lyell arrives in March shall send her with Salt Petre on to the West Coast to Kintlage the Store Ship and the Lyell come home for the March Sale.

SECONDLY, OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

10. Per Royal Guardian received 8 Chests Treasure from the Sussex and Winchesters Supra Cargoes and 3 Chests from the Harrisons so have 47 Chests in Warehouse, 70000 Madrass Rupees & 28636 Arcot Rupees. Silver shall be Coind or sent in Bullion to Bengal.

11. Merchants but within these few Days cleard the Warehouse of the Broad Cloth of 1736, when they Treat about the Sale of the Cloth received per last Ships shall insist on 3 per Cent more than last year for the badness of the Current Money taking that to be one of the many reasons for the Advance of Callicoets.

12. Half the Broad Cloth bought by Imaum Sahib of the Merchants two years ago remains unsold so that Uniting 'em will not Answer.

13. Sold 600 Candy Lead 11th January at pag^o. 13 : 10. fan^s. per Candy, they Indent for 2000 Candy.

14. Broad Cloth of two Colours and Brocades unsold at Arcot so indent for none.

15. Warehouse Indents are sent, Sea Greens are little better than Popinjaes.

16. Store keepers Books sent, Profits are ^{pag. fa. ca.} 1854 : 6 : 30. a Small Sum for the Stock being near 60000 Pagodoes, but deducting Dead Stock and Goods for use its not inconsiderable, many lesser Articles omitted. Indent for Sail Cloth being disappointed from Bengal, Nagapatam and Malacca, and if it should not sell will in a few years be used for Sails and Tarpaulins.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS.

17. Salem Cloth per Nottingham 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ pag^o. per Corge dearer than two years before th^o the company wrote it did not answer so well as the Ordinary. Contracts made a Month before received the advice, prest for more Ordinary which has grown worse and worse being little better than what complained of about 14 years ago, so the Investment is almost wholly made to the Southward where the Weavers are gone and large demands give 'em full employment.

18. An Oppressive Administration over all the Countrey enhances the Prices, Taxes are doubled, Grains engrossed and sold at Exorbitant Prices w^{ch}. alone must depopulate the Countrey were not the Inhabitants Supported by so many Nations Struggling for Cloth, notwithstanding the Power given in 1732 to give the same or better prices as at Pondicherry have concluded if possible to get any Quantity at the present Prices, not to go any further at least for the Ordinary as the French wou'd advance beyond them.

19. In 1732 Longcloth ordinary sold for 65 : 6. which cost but pagodas 38 $\frac{1}{18}$ per Corge, whereas in 1736 Salem Cloth sold but for 56 which cost 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ so that the Profits on Salem Cloth at least is very small, and by advancing the Prices it wou'd be reduced next to nothing. French Prices are dearer and Freights higher Charges prodigious unless sales are better than in England they can be no Gainers, desire full Instructions and how for the Company will give Discretionary Power in case Difficulties arise.

20. The South Provinces are the Chief Countreys for Ordinary Cloth the Charge of a Corge from Salem to St. David is 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pag^o. to bring it to Madrass ^{pag} 4 : 20 : 20. and a tedious time on the Road for Want of Water or Oxen so that have made attempts to revive the Manufacture about Madrass.

21. The Merchants brought in as much as last year, th^o almost totally faild in some of the fine Goods urging the Prices, the Muster is of 26 year Standing without alteration in the Price Super fine Cloth per this Ship is 13 Caul, think it dear but the French pay more.

22. Send a few Chay Goods shall send no more till hear how they answer.

23. Send also the stripd and white Gingham, Izzarees and some Bettellees.

24. Received no Sannoos or Baftaes from Bengal.

25. St. David Cloth is all of the Courser sorts, too dear, impossible to get it cheaper, the want of Merchants prevents an encrease of the quantity as well as the Neighbourhood of the French.

26. Obligated to turn out great part of the Vizagapatam Sallampores whats taken in is mostly sorted to No. 3. Observe that No. per Nassau sold only for 20^s. and if compute right the Charges are 13^s. not producing Prime Cost. Mr. Sanderson says good Cloth is not to be had at the present prices unless Cotton grows cheaper wh^{ch}. was 120, to 140 Rupees the Candy all last Season.

27. Ingeram Cloth no better and therefore turned much of it out.

28. Received 203 Bales from Maddapollam, all Brown so cannot give an opinion of them 'till they are washt.

29. Northern Settlements fell short 1000 Bales in what expected.

30. One Calla Serrapa whom Mr. Graham employed at Maddapollam first fell into troubles with the Government is since dead Insolvent, so that his Debt pagodas 1873 : 34 : 28. is Desperate. The Nabob fleeced him of every Rupee.

31. Think may promise a Ship in September, Ponnapa gave in a List of 600 Bales on an Advance of 20000 Pag^s. but were sometime before they agreed, wanting more Ordinary and less Salem Cloth and he wanting to lessen the Midling, abated only a Pagoda per Corge on the Salem, they Aim to encrease the Midling as it sells better than Ordinary. Sent to the Northward a Muster, expect chiefly Midling thence shall heartily Endeavour it being out of the way of the other European nations.

32. Are treating with another set of Merchants for Fine Goods.

33. Some steps taken in Consultation 16th January to procure Saltpetre from Pegue, some Expence may be necessary, desire Directions.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

34. The Army is returned from the Mallabar Coast to Arcot, the Nabob is gone to Golcondah.

35. Bought the Ship Prince Fredericks Cargo of Rice at 90 pag^s. per Garce and 17½ Garce at 100 Pag^s. the whole Sum laid out in Rice this year is 21000 Pagodas the Company are no Losers.

36. Have a Prospect of as pretty good Supply by Sea, a Padre who has been 3 days Journey says large tracts are Uncultivated, little Water in the Tanks, and is of opinion the Famine will be felt more this year than the last.

37. The Letters are Entered which past on Bengal ships selling Rice at Meors Ports and refer to them.

38. Northern Merchants bought Sixty Thousand French Rupees Examind and Assayed them exactly, they are the same in weight and Fineness with the Arcot, only instead of a Star are stampd with a Flower de Luce, this piece of French vanity denotes it 4 per Cent worse, passing for so much less—So that for some Months they have sent up their Silver for a Market, Are told Arcot Rupees are Stopd in Bengal so hope Madrass Rupees will come into vogue again, but Silver is so dear Gold is sent to the Bay.

39. Sent the Nabob at his desire 200 Madrass Rupees in return for Arcot ones, it was said he intended a reform in the Coin, but it came to nothing as did a talk of fixing the standard of pagodas which are worse this year than last.

FIFTHLY, OF FORTIFICATIONS AND REVENUES.

40. Store house, Sea Gate and Passages repairs are near finished they will not Exceed the Computation.

41. Town Conicoplys Duty and savings of Scavengers Duty hope will defray the Charge of Bridges, Burying a great many Dead Bodies found in the streets has been a Charge.

42. St. Davids want a new Powder Magazine, a Plan is sent.
 43. The Damage done by Rains there is repaired.
 44. Survey of Bounds and Emcroachments not yet Completed.
 45. Arrack and Wine Licence relett for 5 years on the usual terms.

46. Charges are Lessened 3244 and Revenues increased 5222 pagodas last year to 30 April, Sea Customs from 1st January to 31st December (thô a year of Famine is not favourable to Commerce) on Goods imported are increased 1800 Pag^o. and Increase on Grain 6596. Land Customs increased 1420 a convincing proof that a general Freedom of Trade is allowed to all.

SIXTHLY OF COVENANT SERVANTS.

47. Since their last dyed John Cooke Writer and Major David Wilson, Lieutenant Horne will go to the West Coast, Serjeant Raven is Ensign.

48. Mr. Halliburton is under the Import and Mr. Boothby the Export Warehousekeeper.

SEVENTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

49. The Bills of Exchange from Surrat were paid when due, the purchase of Silver at Pondicherry is explained in Consultation 27 October.

50. Have drawn on the Company the following Bills of Exchange viz. :

£ 405	„ 6	„ 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	payable to Judah Supino & Son
„ 196	„ 16	„ $\frac{1}{4}$	to Ditto
„ 309	„ 7	„ 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	to Ditto
„ 296	„ 2	„ 10	to Ditto
„ 321	„ —	„ 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	to Ditto
„ 293	„ 7	„ 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	to Ditto
„ 326	„ 10	„ 9	to Ditto
„ 159	„ 19	„ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	} to Abraham & Jacob Franco
„ 124	„ 8	„ — $\frac{1}{2}$	
„ 725	„ 7	„ 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	to Joseph & David Franco
„ 405	„ 12	„ 11	to Wm. Jennings & Abraham & Jacob Franco
„ 176	„ 8	„ 1	} to Isaac Salvador
„ 530	„ 1	„ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
„ 913	„ 14	„ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	} to Judah Supino & Son.
„ 1012	„ 13	„ 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	
„ 527	„ 11	„ 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	
„ 604	„ 5	„ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	to Judah Supino & Son
„ 360	„ 9	„ 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	to Ditto
„ 113	„ 17	„ 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	to Ditto
„ 278	„ 5	„ 6	to Ditto
„ 631	„ 2	„ 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	to Jacob Dias
„ 350	„ 7	„ 5	to Ditto
„ 297	„ 16	„ 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	to James Porten
„ 275	„ 7	„ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	} payable to Abraham & Jacob Franco
„ 532	„ 4	„ — $\frac{3}{4}$	
„ 359	„ 8	„ 5	
„ 106	„ 10	„ 6	
„ 263	„ 14	„ —	} to Jacob Fernandes Nunes
„ 314	„ 9	„ 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	
„ 2367	„ 14	„ 8 $\frac{1}{4}$	
„ 646	„ 17	„ 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	} to Judah Supino & Son
„ 106	„ 10	„ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
„ 293	„ 8	„ 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	
„ 244	„ 15	„ 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	} to Moses Espinoza
„ 140	„ 5	„ 4	
„ 735	„ 7	„ 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	
„ 228	„ 12	„ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	

£ 2741	„ 11	„ 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	}	to Abraham & Jacob Franco
„ 1963	„ 19	„ 10		
„ 126	„ 14	„ 8 $\frac{3}{4}$		
„ 212	„ 6	„ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$		
„ 188	„ 7	„ 9 $\frac{1}{4}$		to Anthony Da Costa
„ 49	„ 14	„ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$		to Solomon de Castro
„ 69	„ 5	„ 7 $\frac{1}{4}$		to Abraham & Jacob Franco
„ 200	„ —	„ —		to George Morton Pitt Esq.
„ 80	„ —	„ —		to Daniel Morse
„ 200	„ —	„ —		to Hugh Watson
„ 40	„ —	„ —		to Cap ^t . John Mackmath
„ 40	„ —	„ —		to Richard Aspinwall
„ 100	„ —	„ —		to James Fordham
„ 288	„ 8	„ —		to Robert James
„ 40	„ —	„ —		to Wm. Aldersey
„ 80	„ —	„ —		to Richard Wyat Esq.
„ 40	„ —	„ —		to Francis Coghlan
„ 100	„ —	„ —		to Thomas Appleby
„ 40	„ —	„ —		to Mary Whaley
„ 43	„ 13	„ 5 $\frac{1}{4}$		to Cap ^t . Ralph Farr Winter
„ 50	„ —	„ —		to Caesar Falliet
„ 50	„ —	„ —		to Mons ^r . Le Chambrier
„ 400	„ —	„ —		to Elizabeth Torriano
„ 400	„ —	„ —		to Thomas Weston
„ 50	„ 19	„ 7		to Richard Say
„ 66	„ 7	„ 2 $\frac{1}{4}$		to Henrietta Arabin Champars
„ 370	„ 16	„ —		to Cap ^t . Henry Hoadley

In all Amounting to £ 24013 „ 4 „ 1 $\frac{1}{4}$

51. Gave Captain Hoadley Certificates for 8186 : 27 : 17. paid into Cash.

EIGHTHLY OF THE WEST COAST.

52. Refer to the Committees Report and Orders thereon Entered in Consultation 9th January shall send the George thither 10th Instant with proper Directions.

NINTHLY OF THE NEW CHARTER.

53. Difficulties in deciding Civil Suits among the Natives are viz. :

54. When a Man is in debt the whole Family is liable to pay till the Estate of the House is divided publicly by the Heads of the Cast, A Father dies in debt and if the Son grows rich he must pay all Arrears.

55. Another Difficulty is what Oath to Administer, the most common one is receiving from the Bramiuy and swallowing a Mouthful of Water Infused with Mint, this by Experience is Slighted, Witnesses will Swear the Direct Contrary. A more Solemn Oath is taken in the Pagodas before the Idol by the Deponent extinguishing a Lamp Solemnly Imprecating Judgments on himself and Family if he Swears falsely, this Oath many Casts will for no Consideration take, like Quakers.

56. Captain Hoadley applied to have one of his People Tried for Murder but desired him to carry the Offender home in Irons.

SUPPLEMENT.

57. The Ship whereof Mr. Milner is Supra Cargo went to Bengal in September, was kindly received by the French at Chandernagore and is arrived from thence at Pondicherry Reports various of her Designs.

58. The Heathcote arrivd at Bombay 27th November.

59. Cap. Hoadleys agreem^t. for Surplus Tonnage at $\frac{1}{2}$ Freight sent.

60. Timber and Joices are put on board the George for Moco Moco House. A Strong Wall to enclose it necessary, A Plan is sent in the Packet, the Pepper Warehouse must be built at some distance.

61. Several Servants have executed Covenants on Coming of Age and propose the Security mentioned and Write to them.

62. Invoice amo^o. to Pag^o. 107800 : 19 : 50, that to St. Helena 174 : 26 : 55 Captains Register 17417 : Register of Diamonds 5416 : 35 : 38.

RICH^o. BENYON.
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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED AUGUST 29, 1738.

RECEIVED PER WILMINGTON 10TH APRIL, 1739. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, pp. 251-259. (India office transcript.)*]

1. Last was dated 6th February per Royal Guardian, by a Dead Wind on shore she did not Sail till the 10th.

2. Since then received the Companys Orders and now reply.

3. The Ships for the Coast and Bay arrived and Sailed viz^t :

	Arrived.	Sailed.
Princess Mary	... 7th April	... 10th May for the Bay
Godolphin	... 4th May	... 9 June for Canton
Royal George	... 15 June	... 20 June
Wager	... 12 July	... 22 August
Beaufort	... 13 July	... Loading for England
Duke Cumberland	... 26 July	... 16 August
Scarborough	... 29 July	... 20 August

} for the Bay
 } for Bengal

4. Shall avoid any the like Errors as in the Darby and Marlboro's Dispatch.

5. Godolphin in 39^o. S^o. lost her Bowsprit, Fore Mast and Main Top Mast, are disappointed of a Cargo proper for the China Market, Some Tin is bought at 42 ^{pag^o.} $\frac{1}{2}$ per Candy, Sandall Wood is engrossed in the Countrey and lies on hand, Lead falling at Madrass sent 80 Ton upon her and bought some Cotton. Invoice is enclosed, Messrs. James Nevill and Charles Beard are Supra Cargoes. Per Calculate the Company will gain 15 or 20 per Cent. The President and Council are not concerned in the Voyage for by Freight and Custom had no prospect of Gain, but are still desirous the Trade should be carried on upon one of the Companys ships, as an effectual means to keep the French and Macao Ships at home; hope they may be Concerned when suitable to their Interest.

6. Spared Captain Steward and the Supra Cargoes some Silver for private Adventures.

7. Expected the Royal George had long before passed by for Bengal but the Captain has been at Batavia.

8. Ship Lyell lost her passage to Bombay and came to Madrass, the Captain desired to be unloaded there, only gave him their opinion and he landed his Cargo of Rice &c^o. Bombay and Bengal were adviced, and on the Lyells return to Bengal sent by her 90 Ton Redwood, 30 chests rupees and the Madeira Wine per Beaufort, Cap^t. Acton received the Packets also from the Company, gave him orders to deliver them but no Dispatches, he sailed the 21th July.

9. Ship Wilmington arrived 4th May being dispatched from Tellicherry the 15th March.

10. The Commanders of Duke Cumberland and Scarborough's reasons for coming there are entered in Consultation 31th July. Captain Braund dyed 8th Instant is succeeded by Benj^a. Webster.

11. Fixed on the Beaufort for the September ship.

12. The King William arrived at Mocha 25th April, Supra Cargoes advise 2650 Bales Coffee are on board, not doubting of buying the rest of her Cargo at a reasonable rate.

13. The Resolution arrived at Bombay 20th May with only 141 Slaves.

14. Shall protest against Commanders who refuse to take Goods on board.

15. The Companys own ship George did not sail to the West Coast till 20th February being detained some dayes by a Trick of the Boat Fellows.

16. Sloop William arrived 23th March from Bengal wth. 500 Bags Salt petre.

17. Ship Ann brought thence 22 April 700 D^o. & Madrass Sloop 500 D^o.

18. Sloop Formosa was drove on shore and lost near Mazulapatam and Broke to pieces in a few Hours 7th March last having ^{pag^o.} 3000 and ^{pag^o.} 69 : 9 : 34 in Stores on board and only the People saved. The Treasure was put in the Boat but that over-sett. Mr. Goddard went to try if he could find the Pagodas but without Success, Messrs. Andrewes and Goodere were passengers the latter writing he had lost his all and had not a rag of Cloathes or Money to buy any and was very ill of the Bruizes in getting on Shore, Fifty Pagodoes were paid to new rigg him.

19. Are sorry for the Complaint of large quantitys of Damaged Goods, all possible care is taken that the Boats are well dunnaged with Brushwood, the Tarpaulins are large, but the Boats are kept astern or alongside the Ships most part of the Day and if Bales receive Wett going over the Serf after lying so long a Stern they may be dry again before hoisted into the Ships, shall press the Captains to do their parts.

20. Captain Westcott left the Anglesea at Johanna.

21. Have advised Bengall shall not have above 500 Bales for the Ship in January and Indented for Surpluss Salt Petre to make good any deficiency therein.

22. Stores received short from the Wager are endorsed on the Bill of Lading, the Captain refusing to pay for them. A Mistake of £ 26. 12. in the Inv^o. is rectified in the Books.

23. The Ship Jane just arrived from Benjar brings advice Captain Pelly was arrived there, and was taking in a Cargo hoping to proceed for China in July. A Packet received from the Supra Cargoes is enclosed, The Jane passed Batavia the 6th July and heard the other Three China Ships were in that Port.

24. Have ordered Two Sloops to be Built at Pegu for the West Coast and Expect them in December.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

25. The 19th June received a Letter from Bengal dated 10th April desiring half the Bullion to be Coined into Rupees, Sent them 40000 Rupees per Princess Mary, 240000 Rupees per Lyell, 240000 Rupees per Wager, 152000 Rupees per Scarboro', and 152000 Rupees per Duke Cumberland.

26. Apprehended the Royal George was gone by directly for the Bay or they had not Coined the Princess Marys Treasure.

27. Have Coined 133½ Chests Bullion, Sent 9 Chests on the Companys Acco^o. per Godolphin to China, Sold 4½ to the Captain and Supra Cargoes, and Sent 20 Chests per Wager to Bengal so that 30 Chests remain in Warehouse to supply the Cash if theres occasion.

28. The Bullion Coined produced ^{rupees.} 1128157 : ^{an.} 7 : of which 1184000 Rupees Sent to Bengal.

29. Mint Braminys refused to take the new Mexico Dollars at 2 dwt. Worse, Assay Master reported 'em $3\frac{1}{2}$ dwt. Worse, they agreed to take 'em at 3 dwt. (pennyweight).

30. Stores decayed and worn out at St. David last y^r. ^{pag.} 65 : ^{fa.} 18 : ^{ca.} 34.

31. Received this year the Broad Cloth and Perpets Indented for by the Merchants, but none of the ^{Bales.} 200 Indented for Sale and use. The Perpets per Godolphin were not fit for the China Market should be $\frac{2}{3}$ black $\frac{2}{3}$ Blue $\frac{1}{3}$ Scarlet.

32. Three Pipes Wine per Beaufort Lost by Leakage. 57 Pipes sold at ^{pag.} 17 : ^{fa.} 8. ^{ca.} per Pipe.

33. So little of the Lead bought in January is Sold the August Sale is put off.

34. Copper sells better in the Bay than at Madrass.

35. Copper designed for the Bay per Beaufort is sent forward per Wager, the Number of Plates come out right ^{cwt.} 2. ^{gr.} 1. ^{lb.} 21. Short in Weight.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS.

36. Received the List per Early Ships and no Alterations by the latter ones.

37. Are the more Concerned Callicoes are fallen in Europe as they cannot get 'em cheaper, or even prevent the Prime Cost rising, the French being powerful Competitors and the Country Governments bad Measures.

38. The great Demand by different Nations cause Callicoes to be Dearer, but the Dearness of Grain is most to be Complained of, the Government stoppd its being carried out of Town into the Countrey saying it would fall the Price and so disable the Farmers paying their Rents trebly raised.

39. Agreed 24th February with Comrapa for some Fine Goods Amount ^{pagods.} 30000, advanced the Fine Long Cloth of 12 Cauls to 70 Pagodoes per Corge. 4th March agreed with Ponnappa for 2800 P^a. Fine Long Cloth and 3000 Fine Sallampores, and with Molinga Kistna for 1000 Fine Long Cloth. Sent the Musters of Fine and Midling to St. Davids but the Merchants all declined providing any at or near the Prices as at Madrass, so sent to Maddapollam Orders for 2000 Fine Long Cloth, the best to be got, have little hopes of Success.

40. Agreed wth. Molinga Kistna 13th March for a List of other Goods and 4th March for a little List with the Managers of the New Petta. It is not the Merchants fault they are not so forward in Compleating these Agreements as could wish but its to be imputed to the Calamitous State of the Countrey by the Morattas Ravages.

41. Tomby Chitty has done very little since last Nov^r. so is under some Disgrace, if gentle means will not do shall make up his Accounts.

42. Think the Investment at St. David will encrease in Quantity this year, but believe must take what is sent or none so are shy of finding fault.

43. Refer to their Letter to St. David 21th February and the Answer 2d March as to advancing Money to get the more Cloth.

44. Wrote to St. David for 200 Dimities and 2000 P^a. Blue Cloth.

45. The Vizagapatam Cloth proved wretched stuff, too in only 78 Bales, are like to receive no more this year, the Dutch take in worse and give more.

46. Ingeram gives hopes of ^{Bales.} 400 for the January Ships.

47. Shall have little more from Maddapollam. In a word all the Northern Cloth grows so bad and dear shall consider of Withdrawing Injeram and Maddapollam.

48. The Increase of Number of Merchants at Madrass is more from Necessity than Choice, Different hands interfere too much, Comrapa if he continues will give Satisfaction, Andiapa has been forced to get out of the way for fear of being fleeced, on his return to Porto Novo may possibly engage him to do business for the Company.

49. Shall observe Directions as to Midling Cloth Worse than Muster.

50. Observations on French Cloth of little Use, not understanding their Marks.

51. Received 2 Jars Salt Petre from Pegue, on refining it loses $\frac{5}{7}$ and then not so strong as Bengal Petre w^{ch}. loses but $\frac{1}{3}$, the Cost is not yet Advised.

52. The Gorrigot Silk per Lyell sold at $15\frac{1}{2}$ ^{pag^s} per maund is near 20 per cent.

53. Lyell Landed 4794 Bags Rice, and 228 Bags Salt Petre being 22 short, are Endorsed off the Bill Lading Bengals advised.

54. Shall send 200 P^s. Long Cloth to S^t. Hellena per Beaufort.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS.

55. The Nabob of Arcotts Sons Plundered the Merchants and Inhabitants during his Absence and sufferd the Morattas to enter the Countrey, great was the Misery and Desolation wherever they came, they Seized a Caravan of Goods value 200000 Pagodoes going into the Canaree Countrey by w^{ch}. some of the Madrass Merchants sufferd. Subderally Caun bought the Morattas retreat by a large sum.

56. Chunda Sahib the Nabobs other Son is to the Southward near Tanjore, its said the French are to assist him in the Conquest of that Kingdom, its certain the French are aiming at great things, sending all the ships and force they can to Karracal between Negapatam and Tranquebar saying they bought it, but the King of Tanjore refuses to deliver it. The Dutch and Danes are very uneasy. Pretend no Europeans by Contract were to settle between them, but the French are resolved to force a Settlement and say their King will bear them out in it.

57. Imaum Sahib gave Advice that the Morattas designed to attack Bombay of which gave Governor Horne Notice.

58. By the Troublesome and Calamitous State of the Country had little vent for any Goods into it, most of what sold has been for Exportation. Have had a shew of a great Number of Ships and Vessels but the Grain Trade brought most of them and that seems to be the Chief Trade of the Place, do not design any Ship to the Westward except one to Surrat with Java Sugars, Bussora and Mocha Markets have entirely faild this year.

59. The Prince of Orange of Fort William was the only Ship that Saved the Hodge at Juddah, the French Ship left her Cargo behind and they have 1500 Bales Blue Goods at Mocha Unsold, and had no better Success at Bussorah, but their Spirits are high, being supported by their Company who are Concerned ^{pag.} 25000 in any Stock and by large sums of Bankers at Paris.

60. The French have had five Ships with large Stocks Three more are Expected, cannot learn they have any Goods ready for September, their Scheme is to do all the Mischief they can to their Neighbours rather than Advantage themselves.

61. The Charge of Victualling the Soldiers sent to Tellicherry was 436 Pagodoes.

62. Beginning of the year bought on the Companys Acco^t. 29 Garce of Rice and 211 Garce Paddy, the Acco^t. kept of Importation, Sale and to whom has effectually checked Engrossers, had no reason to tax any two years ago. The Lyells ^{Garce. Mercal.} Rice 82: 241. is kept in Store, will be of good stead, have sufficient till Christmas when expect a good Supply from the Northward the Rains promising a plentiful Crop.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS & REVENUES.

63. Have repaired the Silver Mint, Town Hall, Export Warehousekeepers Lodgings and the Beating and Sorting Godown at the Expende of 716. ^{pag.} 16. ^{fa.}

64. Bad Debts wrote off Rentall Acco^{ts}. for last year 26. ^{pag.} 14. ^{fa.}

65. Sold a piece of Wast Ground to M^r. Hammond for 25 Pagodoes.

66. Cowles continue as they were, Relet Butteca Rent and Shroff Duty at the old Rate.

67. Bound Renters at S^t. David Indulged in a long Leave on having a New Water Course w^{ch}. will advance the Rent on reletting.

68. Farms at Vizagapatam produce 77 rupees more than last year.

69. Were informed in December a Scheme was laid to make Pagodoes still worse in the Countrey Mints even so low as 78 touch, upon that thought of fixing Madrass Pagodoes as the standard of the Place by which all Bargains to be made, to make all others at a greater or lesser Discount, in proportion to goodness, but as a temporary remedy ordered the Shroff not to Seal any Pagodoes more than 80 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ Touch, this caused all worse Money to disappear and thus the Affair stands at present and hope a stop is put to the Countrey Governments Iniquitous scheme.

70. They cannot give their Sentiments better on the Companys regulations of Remitting Money by Bills of Exchange than by the following Calculations :

	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Current Pagodoes 1000 Remitted by Bill at 7 : 8					
will produce	383	6	8		
Current Pagodoes 1000 Sent in Specie weigh					
^{oz.} 110. of Touch 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ are English Standard					
^{oz. dwt.} 96. 12 at £ 3 : 19	381	11	5		
Current Pagodoes 1000 Laid out in Gold and					
sent home uncoined, the weight as above is					
^{deol. parts.} equal to oz. 95. 215 of Touch 93 the					
Standard of China Gold and allowing 2 per					
cent charge of turning into Money will pur-					
chase of China standard oz. 97. 1193, or					
English Standard oz. 98. 1683 at £ 3. 19 ...	389	4	—		
Current Pagod ^s . 1000 Laid out in Gold and					
coined into Pagodas and sent home Oz. 97.					
1193. of China Gold is Pagoda Matt					
^{Oz. deol. part.} 104. 7198 at Oz. 110. 10. 10. per 1000					
Madrass Pagodas are pagodas 947. 685. The					
Company forgive their Duty of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent so					
remains to be charged for Alloy 55					
Minters Labour 60					
				1.15 per cent	10. 898.
				Nett Pag ^s . 936. 787.	
which are 103. 5149 of touch 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ or Standard					
97. 398 at £ 3. 19	£.384	14	5		
Current Pagodas 1000 Coind as above and					
remitted by Bill Madrass Pagodas 936. 787.					
^s at 8. per Pagoda	374	17	4		
Current Pagodas 1000 Laid out in Madrass					
Pagodoes when Unccind Gold is not pro-					
curable yield still less, the Difference between					
80 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ is per Cent 7. 142.					

Difference in weight 5.

Intrinsic Difference . . . 7,642.

But the Merchant who buys 'em up must have his Profit w^{ch}. considering rate of Interest

. . . 858. 8.5 per cent.

So that the 1000 Current will procure only pag^o. 921. 659.

71. By which it appears the best way of Returns is in Uncoind Gold, the next to it is by Bills for Current Pagodoes at $7 \frac{8}{10}$. Some Coral Merchants may prefer Gold to Bills but as others may choose to save that risque Subjoyn that One hundred Pounds sterling Laid out in Silver Produces viz^t. at $5 \frac{5}{10}$. per Ounce is Oz. 369,23075 worse 3 dwts. are Madrass Standard Oz. 364. 2411 or Dollars ... 413. 5066 at $14 \frac{1}{2}$ Dollars for 10 pagodas are pag^o. ... 290. 6. 38
 Pag^o. 290. 6. 38 at $7 \frac{8}{10}$. are ... £111. 4. $8 \frac{2}{5}$
 Pag^o. 290. 6. 38 at 7. 4. ... 106. 7. $11 \frac{2}{5}$

72. In Bills at $7 \frac{8}{10}$. the Company allow $11 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent in Lieu of Two years Interest and Risque out, but at 7. 4. it is only $6 \frac{2}{5}$.

73. More Mints about 'em than five which vary the Standard at Pleasure w^{ch}. as above obliged them to refuse all under $80 \frac{1}{2}$ or $80 \frac{1}{2}$ Touch, so do not send any.

SIXTHLY OF COVENANT SERVANTS.

74. Mr. Francis Rous one of the Council Died the 1st April last, Mr. Monson is appointed Land Customer, and Mr. Charles Simpson is called to the Board and made Rentall General & Scavinger.

75. Mr. Rous dying in bad Circumstances, His widow is allowed Ten Pagodoes a month and 5 for each of her Four Infant Children, hope it will be approved.

76. Mr. Thomas Appelby died the 31th July last, Mr. Thomas Saunders is Sub Accountant & Mr. John Hammond Upper Searcher at the Sea Gate.

77. Mr. Richard Prince is sent to Vizagapatam, Mr. Legh Denny is since dead there.

78. These Deaths and Removes have reduced the Servants at Madrass to 18, were necessitated to allow Mr. Alexander Wynch 10 Pagodoes as a Monthly Writer.

79. Mr. Denny died intestate his Effects are ordered to be Collected.

80. Mr. John Goulding Gunner Died the 29th June. Mr. William Percival is appointed Gunner and has Executed a Bond to serve it five years.

81. Ensign William Turbutt died 2d. July. Ensigns Forbes and Senior resigned. Supplied by Serjeants Langford, Scrimsour and Love.

82. Seamen on the Wager shall be sent to Bombay. The Soldiers are greatly wanted so keep them at Madrass.

83. Mr. William Douglas is Surgeons Mate and also Mr. Robert Turin being necessary and to supply any Vacancy.

84. Shall send the Black (John Nero) to Bencoolen.

85. Return Thanks for Indulgence granted as to Bills of Exchange.

SEVENTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

86. Examine the Cash on reading the Acco^{ts}. monthly. Its now so Low have granted Bills for 40000 in favour of George M. Pitt Esq.

				s. d.		
87. Have drawn the following Bills of Exchange at 7. 8. per Pagoda.						
£	698	18	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	}	payable to Judah Supino & Son.	
	157	17	9 $\frac{1}{2}$			
	204	13	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	}	to David Gomezserra.	
	382	5	8 $\frac{3}{4}$			
	24	3	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.		
	820	12	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	to Wm. Jennings & Abraham & Jacob Franco.		
	404	14	10	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.		
	79	1	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	}	to Judah Supino & Son.	
	118	10	9 $\frac{3}{4}$			
	261	1	11	}	to Jacob Fernandes Nunes.	
	160	15	8 $\frac{1}{4}$			
	208	3	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	to David Gomez Serra.		
	402	17	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	to Moses Espinoza.		
	15333	6	8	to George Morton Pitt Esq.		
	1165	15	— $\frac{1}{2}$	to James Colebrooke.		
	1916	13	4	to Thomas Weston at 7. 4. per Pagoda.		
	650	3	10	to John Mendez da Costa Jun ^r .		
	3130	4	8	to Heron Hart.		
	146	13	4	to Elizabeth Brown.		
	1000	—	—	to Cap ^t . Robert Baillie.		
	1400	—	—	to Cap ^t . Charles Gray.		
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	28666	13	1 $\frac{1}{4}$			

88. Granted Certificates for ^{Page.} 3480. 35. for Acco^t. Cap^t. Rich^d. Pinnel.
 642. 16. 10 for Acc^t. Cap^t. Robert Holmes.
89. Send on Acco^t. in the Packet of the Produce of Coral & Cash Account.
90. Joan Hector Sinclair kept in Custody for a Murder, comes on the Wil-
 mington as a Charterparty passenger.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED AUGUST 30, 1738.
 RECEIVED PER WILMINGTON, 10TH APRIL 1739. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4,*
p. 260 (India office transcript)].

Received by a French Ship A Letter from Captain Blake Commander of the
 Hallifax advising that Ships being safe in the North West Harbour of Mauritius,
 Copy thereof is enclosed.

RICHARD BENYON.
 RANDALL FOWKE.
 AUG^s. BURTON.
 NICH^s. MORSE.
 WILL^m. MONSON.
 GEORGE TORRIANO.
 CHARLES SIMPSON.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1738.

RECEIVED PER BEAUFORT 13TH JUNE, 1739. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts*,
vol. 4, pp. 260-262, (*India office transcript*)].

1. Ship Wilmington sailed the 3d Instant wth. their last 29th August.
2. The 3d Instant Ship Princess Emilia brought 2000 Bags Salt Petre from Bengal full kintlage for Godolphin.
3. Surveys of the Beauforts Men and Stores in the Packet.
4. Lead by her was deficient cwt. 2 — 20 with other small deficiencies are Endorsed on the Bill of Lading the Captain refusing to pay for them.
5. Merchants complain that almost all the Broad Cloth they last bought lay still on hand, the high Prices Invoiced at preventing the Sale, having considered the same abated the Additional 3 per cent they gave more than last year, whereupon they delivered an Indent of 405 Bales enclosed, they desire none of the Cloths may exceed the prices they mention in the said Indent, and all the Auroras to have white Lists.
6. Send in the Packet an Indent of Woollen Goods for use and sale.
7. Cape Wines are grown into dislike and little good. Shirash Imported of late so desire 100 Pipes Madeira.
8. Close cloudy weather for a Month past and showers have hindred curing of Callicoos, 300 Bales are at Washers and the Merchants Godowns, choose to dispatch the Beaufort by the 25th to prevent accidents.
9. Believe this Ships Cargo will prove acceptable in the March Sale. Sorting is Even, if some are dearer its not to be avoided, some of the Superfine Long Cloth is better than the Royal Guardians, paid more for it, The French give ^{pag^o.} 131½ per Corge for 18 Caul Cloth but 4 Covids longer than theirs and not so well made. Bengal Sannoos are not Conjeed or Glazed.
10. The French Force sent to Carracal are returned to Pondicherry without attempting to Land, they send 3 Ships home next Month, one with Coffee and two filled up with Pepper and Callicoos not above 2000 Bales Callicoos.
11. Mr. Milners Ship coming out of Bengal River in March last lost all her Anchors and Cables and the Ship was saved by running into a Mud Bank, suppose she will proceed to Europe in December, Goods provided for her at Porto Novo chiefly Blue Cloth and some striped Gingham and Morees.
12. The Ballance of Mr. Legh Dennys Estate is ^{pag^o.} 1025: 21: 74.
13. Have drawn Bills of Exchange, viz^t. at 7. ^{s. d.} 8 per pag^o.

£	725	„	6	„	$\frac{1}{4}$	payable to Isaac Salvador.
„	181	„	—	„	$\frac{1}{2}$	to Judah Supino & Son.
„	379	„	18	„	$7\frac{3}{4}$	to Ditto.
„	1108	„	7	„	—	to James Porten.
„	615	„	5	„	$6\frac{3}{4}$	to Jacob Dias.
„	300	„	19	„	$11\frac{1}{4}$	to Judah Supino & Son.
„	649	„	7	„	$7\frac{3}{4}$	to Ditto.
„	262	„	3	„	1	to Ditto.
„	571	„	1	„	$11\frac{1}{2}$	to Ditto.
„	758	„	13	„	$6\frac{3}{4}$	to Jacob Fernandes Nunes.
„	766	„	13	„	4	to Abraham & Jacob Franco.
„	100	„	—	„	—	to Charles Benyon.
„	400	„	—	„	—	to Sidney Foxall.
„	191	„	13	„	4	to Richard Wiat.
„	81	„	6	„	$7\frac{1}{4}$	to Ralph Whistler.
					^{s. d.}	at 7. 4 per pogoda.
„	38	„	12	„	3	to William Wood.

£ 1027	„ 15	„ 4	payable to Cap ^t . Thomas Gilbert.
„ 63	„ 1	„ 4	to Robert Golding.
„ 916	„ 13	„ 4	to James Macrae Esq ^{re} .
„ 183	„ 6	„ 8	to Cornelia Horden.
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£ 9321	„ 5	„ 7 ³ / ₄	

14. Captain Stevens has paid into Cash 3000 Pagodoes Current on his privilege and 890 pag^o. Current on Acco^t. the Estate of Mr. Thomas Perry his Chief Mate.

SUPPLEMENT.

15. Ship George Captain Taylor arrived from Bencoolen the 23th Instant shall send copy of the Letter by her per next Ship.

16. They have received at Bencoolen Dollars 5733 : 1 : 46 on account of Mr. Michael Innes Estate, and Dollars 800. on account of Mr. Everests Estate and transferred them to Account Current Fort St. George, and they shall be wrote off to Acco^t. Curr^t. London in the running Books to be paid Legal Claimants in England.

17. Have received per George 10 Chests Bullion upon the Companys Account.

18. Copy of Mr. Joseph Hurlocks Diary at Benjar is Enterd on Consultation 13th Instant.

19. Enclose Letter from St. David as to French ships.

20. The last Bales received from St. David Compleats the Tonnage of this Ship, all the Salt Petre and Pepper requested come at the low Freight. Invoice is

158709 : 7 : 65. St. Hellena Invoice ^{pag.} 437 : 33 : 26. Register of Diamonds per Wilmington ^{pag^o.} 950. and by this ship ^{pag^o.} 9790 : 9 : 34. Captain Stevens Manifest to 6602 and Register of Bills for Coral ^{pag^o.} 16483 : 33 : 42.

21. Enclosed is an Acco^t. of Produce of Coral.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 1, 1739.

RECEIVED PER GODOLPHIN 13TH JULY, 1739. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts*,
vol. 4, p. 262. (*India office transcript*)].

Last was dated 26th September. Send this by a French ship to Advise the Godolphin arrived from China the 22th and Princess Mary from Bengal the 26th Dec^r.

RICHARD BENYON.
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AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
W^m. MONSON.
GEO: TORRIANO.
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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 24, 1739.

RECEIVED PER GODOLPHIN 13TH JULY, 1739. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts*,
vol. 4, pp. 263-268 (*India office transcript*)].

1. Last was dated 1st Instant, Beaufort Sailed 28th Sept. with a fine fair wind, doubt not will arrive for March Sale, the Rains set in the 1st October and held 16 days without intermission, had little wind.
2. Received 21st October the Companys Letter of the 7th April. Ship Anglesea was lost 23th July.
3. Reckon to see the Resolution at Madrass in May with a Loading of Pepper and a small ship building at Bombay for the West Coast.
4. The George has been repaired in Vizagapatam River and returned the 12th in a hard Gale of wind, shippd a great deal of Water and some Bales were damaged. A West Coast Sloop drove out of the Road and fell in with Porto Novo, expect her in a few days to proceed thither.
5. Agreed to send the Princess Mary to Fort St. Davids to be loaden home.
6. Captain Steward was allowed to land some tea in order to shift the Godolphin, and 40 ton Salt Petre was Shipt on his request reserving a Liberty of reckoning it into her Tonnage, having fallen short of Goods by extreme wet weather hindring Cloth to be cured and the Godolphin bringing only 1500 Pecul Tea.
7. Lead and Cotton per Godolphin Sold in China as computed, but the Tinn for Loss, Teutenague was bought cheaper than expected and shall be sent to Bengal Freight Free.
8. Quicksilver was not procurable at Canton even at 90 Tale the Pecul so that Gold was bought at a dearer rate which should have been 93 Touch but comes out 89 Touch only. Assay Pieces are sent.
9. If Pepper and Tin do not fall shall be Puzled to procure a proper Cargo for China, The French are Disappointed of the Profits expected by their China Voyage so hope they will not set another voyage on foot this year.
10. Cap^t. Westcott was at Gingam near Atcheen the 4th December.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

11. Godolphin was surveyed and the Cap^t. had proper Directions.
12. Lead per Princess Mary was 14.1. short of Invoice the number of Pigs was right.
13. Lowered the price of small Guns to 4 Pagodas per. ⌘
14. Sold the 18th Instant 800 Candy Lead at Outcry for 12 pag^o. a Candy.
15. Have indented for 400 Ton Iron, the Manilla Ship wants yearly 100 Ton for kintlage, and those to Junkeeylon, Mergy and Quedah demand it.
16. Shall send the Bullion and Rupees remaining to Bengal and procure a further supply on Manilla Ships arrival.
17. Lead per Godolphin deficient 8. 1. 12 and Tin 16. 2. 15 the Freighters of Royal Guardian lost 5 per cent on Tins weight.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS.

18. S^t. David cou'd not wash 100 Bales Salem Cloth as the Washers had more Cloth than could cure in Time.
19. A Merchant Advanced some Money a little to the Northward of Madrass to get some Midling Cloth but it was such thin uneven stuff could not take it in.
20. Had great Disputes with the Merchants about Fine Goods, Its better for the Price than most of the other Sorts.

21. Kept up to usual strictness in Sorting without Advancing the Prices in common sorts whereby the Merchants are slow in bringing them in.

22. Thirty Bales Sallampores is all the Vizagapatam Investment this year, the George brought 200 Bales from Ingeram. Mr. Goddard has 200 Bales ready at Maddapollam, if it arrives may be able to compleat the Godolphins Tonnage in Bales but shall not keep her late for it.

23. St. David Merchants complain of Losses by Investment to the amount of above 5700 Pagodoes. Their deserting the Service a wrong method to move Compassion, their Acco^{ts}. are Enterd.

24. Cannot learn the Danes had any Goods ready for a Ship, they have not Double Stock.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

25. All agree the Persians are Encamped within a few days March of Dilly and may enter it when they please.

26. The Governours of that Province are more Concerned about their own Quarrells than what may happen above.

27. The French take no steps to take possession of Caracal.

28. Had a great deal of rain every full and New Moon which has done great Service to the Country, all the Tanks are full and the Ground loaded with Grain, the Price depends on the Wills of their Avaricious Governours.

29. Have expended no more Rice or Paddy than was Necessary for the Garrisons use, the Price is fallen considerably shall sell off the Lyells it being Touch'd with the Fly.

30. The Portugueze Ship of which M^r. Milner is Supra Cargo, is now at Pondicherry and will load for Europe at Porto Novo 500 Bales.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS AND REVENUES.

31. Some Thousand Houses of the Natives have been Washed down by the great Rains in the Suburbs and many Brick ones damaged within the Walls.

32. A General Survey of all Buildings is necessary, the old Powder House fell to the Ground shall be obliged to rebuild the whole, have fixed on a Spot less subject to Accidents per Consultation 13th November, the Powder Magazine which cost ^{Pago} 5442. 32. 15 was originally designed both for keeping and making Powder but the Top blew off and wounded several People.

33. Advanced the Paymaster 300 Pagodoes out of the Town Duty to repair roads &c^a.

34. Arrack Duty at St. David is lett for ^{Pago} 800 per annum for 2 years. All repairs there are finished at 71 pag^o. only more than Estimate.

35. Hodjee Addy returns thanks for the Companys favour, the like was granted to others formerly, he is so hurt by Trade it will not serve him.

36. A State of Revenues is Entered on Consultation the 11th January, believe they will mount again next year but the Godolphins China Cargo goes to the Bay.

SIXTHLY OF COVENANT SERVANTS.

37. The Ten Sailors per Wager not caring to List as Soldiers are sent to Telli-cherry.

38. M^r. Robert Cæsar, Writer, dyed 28th. September at Fort St. Davids so poor that what he left will not pay his debts.

39. M^r. Samuel Harrison is Mayor and M^r. George Torriano Sheriff.

40. M^r. Sanderson is arrived from Vizagapatam and granted his desire to stay at Madrass, M^r. Charles Simpson is appointed Chief at Vizagapatam, shall send by him ^{pag^o.} 20000 to supply Injeram and Maddapollam.

41. M^r. William Martin goes home for his Health, if he recovers hope he may return (He dyed in London, 1739).

42. List of Servants is very small, and must request a supply of Hands such as may be real Assistants.

43. M^r. Benjamin Dennis having lost his memory and become Lunatick goes home on the Godolphin, A Dispute has hap'ned about the care of his Effects, A Stated Case enclosed is referred to Lawyers.

44. M^r. Thomas Saunders the only one come of Age, has signed his Covenants which come in the Godolphin packet.

45. M^r. Jonathan Smart Resident at Pegu desires his Wife and Family may come out to him who behaves well.

SEVENTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

46. Bills of Exchange drawn are to a considerable amount as advised in the Postscript, among 'em is one for ^{pag^o.} 30000 to M^r. Pitt for the reasons given in a former Letter, Ballance of Cash is ^{pag^o.} 174892. ^{fa.} 6. ^{ca} 23. Current and Madrass Pagodas 45580 in all ^{pag^o.} 220472. ^{fa.} 6. ^{ca.} 23. being ^{pag^o.} 20000 more than on Dispatch of the Royal Guardian which was entirely gone in August, hope it will be Approved and those for M^r. Braddyll and M^r. Wake.

47. Gave M^r. Morse a Certificate for 454 Current Pagodas Account M^r. Perry deceased.

EIGHTHLY WEST COAST.

48. Are preparing to send the George thither with Wares and Stores and Timber work for Moco Moco Factory.

49. Coffrees are greatly wanted to carry on Business there, dont expect any from Bombay.

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 NICHOLAS MORSE.
 WILLIAM MONSON.
 GEORGE TORRIANO.
 JOHN SANDERSON.
 CHARLES SIMPSON.

POSTSCRIPT.

Have drawn the following Bills of Exchange viz: at ^{s.} 7. ^{d.} 8. a Pagoda.

	£	s.	d.	qrs.		
	505	11	11	3	...	Abraham & Jacob Franco.
	384	8	3	2	...	Judah Supino & Son.
	307	5	5		...	Ditto.
	188	10	9		...	Abraham & Jacob Franco.
	274	15	1		...	} Judah Supino & Son.
	373	2	4	3	...	
	628	2	9	3	...	
	201	14	5	3	...	
	185	—	5	1	...	
	324	14	7	2	...	} Isaac Salvador.
	714	8	6	2	...	
	335	16	—	1	...	
	276	—	11	2	...	
	384	7	3	2	...	
	528	3	3	3	...	} Judah Supino & Son.
	1765	12	4	3	...	
	162	—	8	2	...	
	148	18	1		...	
	171	14	6	2	...	
	248	4	10	3	...	Jacob Fernandes Nunes
	431	12	3	1	...	Judah Supino & Son.
	1028	10	—	2	...	Anthony Da Costa.
	308	17	5		...	Ditto.
	233	6	10	3	...	} Natal Levi Sonsino.
	411	6	5	1	...	
	419	12	9	2	...	
	680	13	2	3	...	
	464	3	7	3	...	
	906	1	11		...	} John, Anthony & Henry Loubier. & James Tessier.
	677	12	8		...	
	276	13	10	2	...	
	554	16	5	2	...	
	396	3	7	2	...	
	167	4	1		...	} Jacob Dias.
	116	9	6	2	...	
	391	8	6		...	
	312	1	8	3	...	
	112	—	4	1	...	
	101	17	7	2	...	Alvaro Lopez Suasso.
	111	13	11	2	...	} Judah Supino & Son
	113	11	1	3	...	
	111	17	7		...	
	257	3	10	2	...	
	327	8	9	3	...	
	94	13	—	2	...	payable to Jacob Fernandes Nunes.
	463	18	9	3	...	Jacob Dias & Abraham Fernandes Nunes.
	383	6	8		...	} Abram & Jacob Franco.
	203	16	8		...	
	68	7	7	1	...	
	40	9	1	1	...	
	549	16	5	1	...	
	470	8	2	2	...	} Jacob de Moses Franco.
	287	14	6	2	...	

	s.	d.	qrs.		
£ 785	—	10		...	} Abraham & Jacob Franco.
" 416	6	3		...	
" 157	7	7	1	...	} David Gomez Serra.
" 129	17	11		...	
" 78	2	11	1	...	
" 534	2	9	1	...	} Judah Supino & Son.
" 287	3	2	3	...	
" 132	14	5	2	...	
" 447	8	8		...	
" 11500	—	—		...	George Morton Pitt Esq.
" 4000	—	—		...	Ditto Acco ^t . of the Estate of John Goulding deceased.
" 50	—	—		...	Martha Simpson.
" 100	—	—		...	Charles Benyon.
" 22	8	—		...	Ann Michell.
" 100	—	—		...	Richard Wyatt.
" 100	—	—		...	Joseph Godfrey.
" 100	—	—		...	Cap ^t . John Mackmath.
" 500	—	—		...	William Martin.
" 2178	—	6		...	Thomas Weston.
" 766	13	4		...	Edm ^d . & Jos. Godfrey Acco ^t . Estate Thomas Day deceased.
" 251	7	—	3	...	John Goddard acco ^t . the Orphans of Rob ^t . Symonds dec ^d .
" 120	—	—		...	Elizabeth Torriano.
" 57	10	—		...	Joshua & George Savage.
" 131	5	11	1	...	Sam ^l . Sharp Acco ^t . Estate of Rob ^t . Brooke deceased.
" 50	—	—		...	Margaret Graham.
" 50	—	—		...	John Emmerson & Duncan Munro.
" 64	8	—		...	Alexander & George Ouchterlony.
" 115	—	—		...	John Stratton.
" 76	10	10	3	...	Alexander Ouchterlony.
" 3275	6	10		...	John Whichcott & William Turner.
" 100	—	—		...	Charles Benyon.
" 431	14	9		...	Edward Crispe.
" 175	12	8		...	Gabriel Hanger.
" 300	—	—		...	Charles Benyon.
" 85	1	4		...	Cap ^t . W ^m . Wells.
" 230	5	4		...	Peter Hinde.
" 1833	6	8		...	William Spinckes Esq ^{re} .
" 229	3	4		...	Heron Hart Acco ^t . Estate of W ^m . Andrews deceased.
" 733	6	8		...	Thomas Hall & W ^m . Wood.
" 707	13	4		...	James Macrae.
" 204	13	3		...	Ralph Whistler & Geo. Baker.
" 200	—	—		...	Hugh Watson.
" 151	4	—		...	Alex ^r . & Geo. Ouchterlony Acco ^t . Estate Andrew Douglas.
" 183	6	8		...	Claud Johnson.
£ 51725	6	7	$\frac{3}{4}$		

R. BENYON.

R. FOWKE.

&c^a.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 27, 1739.
RECEIVED PER GODOLPHIN, 13TH JULY 1739. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, P. 269. (India Office transcript)*].

1. General Advices were closed the 24th Instant to send them by the Princess Mary from Fort St. David.

2. Took in 136 Bales Midling Long Cloth that would not Sort to N^o. 2 at Pag^o. 3½ per Corge less than that Number. Its marked with a H

3. Send 140 Pieces fine Bettellees exceeding good and 400 Fine blue Romals for a Tryal both made in the New Petta.

4. Sent some Dimities per Beaufort which is better than Royal Guardians promised to make an allowance having kept no Muster. Send per Godolphin 2 Bales St. David Dimities at 5½^{Pag^o} per Piece not so good as those made at Madrass.

5. Francis Aikman lost his hearing returns on Godolⁿ.

6. The Ship Penha from Macao w^{ch}. they believed was lost Arrived from Mergy this Morning with 5000^{Pecul} Teutenague.

7. Captain Steward has paid 6000 Current Pagodas into Cash his Register of Private Trade is 16434^{Tale}: 1.

8. The Invoice of the Godolphin amounts to 107659^{Pag^o}. 4. 40. to St. Hellena.
333. 10. Register of Diamonds 21711. 24. 73.

9. Acco^t. of Produce Coral comes in the Packet.

10. Ballance of Cash is Current Pagodas 180392. 6. 23.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED AUGUST 2, 1739.
RECEIVED VIA FRANCE 22TH MAY, 1740. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, P. 289. (India office transcript)*].

Ship Shaftesbury Arrived 28th May. The Duke Lorrain Anchor'd at Pulliacat 5th June in a very Melancholy condition having buried the Chief Mate and 20 Men, and so many were down of the Scurvy they could not Weigh her Anchor, 60 Hands in a Sloop were sent to assist her and she arrived at Madrass the 11th June and sailed [for] China 14th July Consigned to Captain William Crompton and Mr. Charles Beard.

Ships Normanton and Grantham arrived 20th July and the Somerset last Night.

Could not hope to load a Ship before the end of October too late for the March Sale so keep what Bales they have till January.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 1739.
RECEIVED VIA FRANCE 22TH MAY, 1740. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4,*
pp. 289-290. (India office transcript)].

Ship Warwick arrived the 7th August, and the Richmond to their great Surprise on the 10th Instant so Sickly that Captain Weston hired Lascars to assist in carrying her to the Bay whether he sailed this Evening.

The Shaftsbury sailed for Bengal the 23th July, Somersett the 12th August, Warwick 18th, Grantham and Normanton 27th August. The Lynn that arrived the 15th August Sailed for the Bay 2d Instant.

The 26th August the Arlington a Countrey Ship arrived from Bengal and brought the following Melancholy Advices viz^t. A Storm came on the 29th May in that river the Ship Resolution Captain Bagwell was then at Anchor between the Braces and was seen the 31th by a Sloop there but the Wind continuing to Blow very hard that Night, the Sloop parted her Cables and drove to Sea since which to the 7th August the Resolution and Prince of Orange a Countrey Ship have not been heard of, nor a French Ship returned from Manilla.

The Wakefield of Madrass with a considerable Freight of Mony belonging chiefly to Armenians was broke to Pieces.

The Philibert a French Europe Ship was lost on the Long Sand by a mistake of the Pylot 3 or 4 days before the Storm, its said 12 Laack Rupees were aboard, not above 30000 Rupees saved.

The Resolution took in at Madrass only about 30 Ton of Redwood for the Company.

The Pegu Merchant of Madra's was lost the end of Jūne on Point Palmeiras and the St. Juan, Richard Bouchier Master was lost in going up Bengal River, People and Money were saved out of both, on the last the Company lost about 30 Ton Redwood.

The Galatea arrived 8th August from Benjar. She left Ships Walpole and Marlborough there the 14th June, the first would not get a full loading of Pepper and the last was to wait for the Second Crop and wou'd not get away till November.

Imaum Sahib sent Advice last Month that the Morattas designed to come into those parts with an Army of 50000 Men of their best Troops and that it was not to be doubted they wou'd visit the Sea Ports, So have put their works in the best repair possible but want Men.

The Morattas have not yet finished their War wth. the Portugueze so hope they will at least for some time keep on the other side of India.

Ship George arrived 15th Instant from Bencoolen where the Britannia Captain Somner arrived 13th July the Augusta Captain Townshend passed Batavia in that Month in her way to China.

RICHARD BENYON.

RANDALL FOWKE.

AUGUSTUS BURTON.

NICHOLAS MORSE.

WILLIAM MONSON.

GEORGE TORRIANO.

JOHN SANDERSON.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 15, 1740.
RECEIVED PER SHAFTESBURY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1740. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts*,
vol. 4, pp. 291-298. (India office transcript)].

1. Last was dated 20th September via Pondicherry.
2. Shall now reply to the Companys Commands.
3. Ship Princess Mary sail'd from St. David 27th January and Godolphin 28th from Madras.

FIRST OF SHIPPING.

4. Ship Duke Lorrain carried only Sandall and Redwood bot. there, Tinn was too dear. The Company only Concerned in the Voyage. The best way of carrying on the Trade to China is for a Ship to bring Pepper, Sandallwood and Cotton from the Mallabar Coast, Tinn and other proper Gopds may be taken in by her at Madras.

5. By which means it will not be worth the French and Macao Ships while to carry it on.

6. Consented to Captain Cromptons taking one Mr. Geddes Chief Mate and sold the Captain 2850 Pagodas worth of Silver at dollars 14 $\frac{3}{4}$.

7. Sent a small Sloop 11th February to the West Coast of 13 Tons the Hawk.

8. Another Sloop for that service of about 160 Tons Arrived from Pegue, Both are so dear shall in future desire 'em to be built at Bombay.

9. Pegu Governments Impositions are very great. The said Sloop is called the Carolina and sail'd 1st October for West Coast.

10. The Ship Princess Augusta of 230 Tons Arrived from Bombay 7th May sent her to St. David, Vizagapatam and Bengal for Bales and Stores. Must be Sheathed in Bengal.

11. Ship George arrived 15th September from Marlbro' since has bro^t. Bales from the Northward.

12. In April received Salt Petre by two Sloops, sent 'em back with Treasure to Bengal.

13. The Ship Sea Horse with 10000 Pagodas aboard was near sinking so put in at Ganjam, landed the Treasure and the Money got safe to Vizagapatam.

14. Were not able to dispatch a Ship in September so wrote to Bengal for Tonnage of 2400 Bales.

15. Ship Normanton arrived from thence 22th Dec^r. and Shaftesbury the 27th the last will fill up at St. David.

16. Bombay will advise the last sad Fate of the Sussex.

17. Ships and Vessels shall be Employed advantageously for the Company.

18. Shall regard Orders as to ship wrecked Seamen.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

19. Tutenague per Godolphin was sent to Bengal the Voyage should have Credit according to its Sale.

20. Having a large Cash Bought One Hundred thousand Arcot Rupees in February and in April fifty thousand Pagodoes worth of Silver out of Manilla Ships and sent it all to the Bay which reduced the Cash in June to 7000 Pagodas So some Silver was sold at the same price. Refuse no Money for Bills Bengal wanting a further supply.

21. George brought 10 Chests Treasure from the West Coast.

22. Sent Bullion by the first Ship to Bengal.

23. Cannot draw out a Price Current with any Certainty of Goods brought in Private Trade.

24. Sold 20 August 400 Candy Lead at 11 : 21 : 30 per Candy and 2 Bales dyed and Culjeed Flannels at above 100 per cent advance at 8°. a Pagoda and the Madeira Wine per Lynn for Pag°. 61 : 25 : 70. Three Pipes lost by Leakages, 100 Pipes annually will answer.

25. Sold 17 May 400 Candy lead at 11. 17. 35 per Candy and 150 at 12 Pag°. and 100 at 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ in July. Have Indented for 1500 Candy.

26. Sold most of the Iron at 10 Pag°.

27. Received per Galatea from Benjar 29. 15. 14. Lead. Can. md. Vos

28. The Buyers were taken wth. a New Thing in the Flannels, some in Private Trade afterwards would not sell near so well.

29. French yellows are not liked at Arcot so well as the Common sort.

30. Mast and Yards from Pegue so heavy they tear the rigging. Indent for Stores by real Wants and Consumption. Have not 600 Good Arms in the Garrison.

31. Never heard of Steel being bought at a different weight from other Goods the Capta^s. or Servants in the Storehouse have taken the advantage.

32. Decayed Wares and Stores were sold at Outcry.

33. There were several short deliveries from the Ships as particularized.

34. Russia Duck is preferred to British Sail Cloth, thô the latter is better and more substantial.

35. Popinjay Embossed Cloth is better liked than the Emerald Green.

36. An Error in the Invoice of Medicines per Lynn is rectified.

37. All the Broad Cloth that came out in 1738 and 200 Bales remains of 1737 were sold to Molinga Kistna & Company to be paid for in April. The Town is barely clear of the large Parcels w^{ch}. came out six years ago that ever since continued a dead weight on all that Arrived, Since Indent for no more than 400 Bales. The sale is not to be forced and Profits of Merchants believe are no more than would be proposed if purchased at Outcry.

38. Silver when coined into Arcot Rupees yields a profit of $1\frac{6913}{10000}$ per cent more than in Madras Rupees. Wrote about it to Bengal. Desire Directions may be discretional.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS.

39. Merchants have been Loosers by Callico Contracts for several years so that none would engage at the old Prices. Finding that St. David had Enlarged the Quantity of Cloth by Employing their Merchants as Brokers only So engaged the Madrass Merchants in the same Method who are to give a Faithful Acco^t. of the Cost, Run the risque of the Money and Goods and to be allowed one Pagoda per Corge for Ordinary and Midling and 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ on the Fine Longcloth.

40. Have Agreed to accept of 5000 Pag°. per annum of Tomby Chittys Set till their Debt is paid off.

41. Have Engaged a Merchant to provide the Super Fine Long Cloth, Oringal, Pulliacat and 3 Covid Bettellees and the Morees on Brokerage.

42. The French neither regard Lengths nor Breadths.

43. Have ordered some Fine Long Cloths from St. David.

44. A few Chay Goods are contracted for, Soot Romals orderd to be fifteen in a piece.

45. Obliged to advance 9 fanams per Candy in the Redwoods price.

46. And 5 pagodas per Corge to Painters for Chints being fuller.

47. Have received 407 Bales from Maddapollam most of it brown.

48. From Imgeram 409 and from Vizagapatam 341. The Nabobs there Imped the Currency of Madrass Pag[o]das.

49. Sending Servants to the Southward would be attended with no good consequence and all other European Nations wou'd follow.

50. Whoever carries ready Money to Porto Novo will have Goods.

51. Weavers are got into so loose a Manufacture very little of what is brought for Midling is fit to be taken in.

52. Merchants are pressed to bring in more of the Ordinary. Turn out none but what is worse than a No. 4. When contracted by Numbers had nine Sortments from No. 1. Salem to No. 3. Ordinary viz^t. Salem Worriarpollam and Ordinary, of each 3 Nos. In the Method now engaged in have a No. 4 of each.

53. The Dutch at Bimlepatam are but a very few Miles to the Northward of Vizagapatam and make a very large Investment, and the French at Yannam have bought one hundred thousand Pagodas worth of Cloth which affects Ingeram and Vizagapatam too.

54. Pegue Salt Petre wasts five parts in eight—Coja Simon is to bring another parcel which shall be tryed.

FOURTHLY, TRADE OF INDIA.

55. Trade to Bussero so bad have sent no Ship thither. Acco.^{ts} of Ship Royal Guardian's Voyage sent Enclosed. The Godolphon and Duke Lorrain went entirely on the Companys Account. In Consultation 3d July Mr. Burton proposed to detain a Ship bound to Macao, Reasons for not doing it are therein enter'd.

56. Those Ships that arrived safe from Bengal had no reason to Boast of their Profits. Bussero and Mocha Markets are vastly Overstocked. Judda Ship left much of her Cargo behind. Surrat Voyage did not give Interest for their Money. The Rice Trade is now quite over it being from 30 to 40 pagodas per Garce.

57. Trade this year consists of a Ship to Manilla, One to Malacca, 2 to Persia, and 1 to Surrat. Shall send another to Manilha.

58. Angria is out at Sea and has taken two Bombay Vessels.

59. Thomas Cooley Cawn now called Shaw Nadir march'd with his Army to Dilly and engaged with the Moguls, the latter lost one principal Com^r. and another Deserted. The two Armies retired and thereupon the Mogul Surrendred himself a Prisoner and Shaw Nadir took possession of the Gov^t. which he shortly after restored to Mahomud Shaw but Carried with him eighty three Carrore of Rupees in Money.

60. An Invasion is said to be designed by the Morattas into those Parts so put themselves into the best posture of defence. Carried on the Wall from Queens Point to Caldera Point along the River, shall proceed next on that from New Point to the Blockhouse. Have made many Gun carriages New and Repaired others. Have enter'd a Number of Topasses. At St. Davids orderd a New Work between the North East Point of Cuddalore and the River. Are in great want of Arms and hope for a Supply.

61. Subderally Cawn designing to pass close by St. David Bounds picked up some few things as Presents for him.

62. Made some new Regulations to prevent the adulterating Pagodoes in Consultation 2d April.

FIFTHLY FORTIFICATIONS AND REVENUES.

63. At Vizagapatam the fortifications and Gun Carriages are in a bad Condition, directed 'em to be put in order.

64. The Garden House there brought for the Company for 500 Pagodas. Repairs will be 100 more, the Great Moors and Gentues received there.

65. Have begun to work at the New Powder House w^{ch}. is Completed.

66. Several Mettaks and Warehouses are repaired.

67. Lodgings, Gates and Barracks also repaired. A Powder Magazine is ordered to be erected at St. Davids.

68. Ruby Brokerage and the Fishery are let at the former rates, but the variable revenues are much decreased.

69. Shall obey orders as to Rice Duty.

70. So many had lost their original Titles have proceeded no further in Survey of the Bounds, but Confirmed the Possessors

71. A small seizure was made at the Choultry.

72. Have been at no Charge as to Cotton brought in to the New Pettah.

73. Turned out the Mint Braminies and Goldsmiths for Tricks. Engaged in their room wth. Linga Chitty for one year.

SIXTHLY, COVENANT SERVANTS.

74. Mr. Simpson went 14th February as Chief to Vizagapatam.

75. Mr. Richard Prince was sent to reside at Ingeram.

76. Mr. Edward Harris is returned to St. David.

77. Mr. Edward Michell is placed under the Export Warehousekeeper.

78. Mr. Wm. Gibson Surgeon at Vizagapatam is the only Servant who Dyed this year. 232 Pagodas paid into Cash Acco^t. the Estate Legh Denny, and 280 Pagodas on acco^t. the Estate of Mr. Robert Caesar, all Demands on them are cleared in India.

79. The President being laid up with sore eyes for several Months prevented the Consultations being regularly signed.

80. Lieutenant Amyand is not prejudiced in his standing by being Stationed at St. David. Lieutenant Morgan is Senior to him.

81. Are in great want of servants, there are but 16 under Council at Madrass, 2 at St. David, and 1 at Maddapollam under the Resident. The Number they ought to have to carry on business is viz. :

1. Secretary.

1. Assay Master.

4. Under the Accountant.

2. Under the Export Warehousekeeper.

3. Under Sea Customer.

1. Under Paymaster.

1. Under Land Customer.

1. Under Import Warehousekeeper.

2. Under Storekeeper.

1. Under Rentall General and Scavinger.

5. Under Secretary.

4. Under the Council at Fort St. David.

2. Councillors } at Vizagapatam.

1. Secretary

2. Assistants at Ingeram.

2. Assistants at Maddapollam.

33 in all. Request therefore a good Number and among 'em Two or Three

capable Accountants.

82. The established Number of 204 Europeans in Garrison is not sufficient, therefore hope for large Recruits.

83. Allowd 2 pagodoes a Month to maintain a soldier's Child.

84. Discontinued the allowance to Lieutenant Hornes Wife on his death.

85. A Demand made from Bengal on Cap^t. Joyes Esatate of 207 : 12.
rup. an.

86. Upon an action brought by Mr. John Sanderson ag^t. the Presidents Dubash, The President laid before the Council a Narrative of some facts and Confirmed the same on Oath.

87. A Paper was delivered into Council the 8th Inst^a. and sworn to by Mr. Sanderson.

88. Request that St. Helena may not be suffer'd to permit needy Persons coming thence into India.

89. Mr. Sanderson has quitted the service and takes passage on the Normanton, as does Mr. William Boothby on the Shaftesbury.

SEVENTHLY, OF ACCOUNTS.

90. Three keys are put on Treasury and three keys on Cash Chest.

91. The Bills of Exchange drawn being pretty numerous the List of 'em will be inserted in a Postscript. Have Granted Certificates for 863 Pagodoes on Acco^t. the Estate of Mr. John Lardner deceased, and for 3000 pag^o. to Captain Kemeys.

EIGHTHLY OF THE WEST COAST.

92. Produce of Pepper is so considerable that the Britannia and Somerset will be Dispatched wth. full Ladings.

93. The Marlbrô was expected from Benjar at West Coast in September. Mr. Hurlock spared the Walpole all the pepper he had procured.

94. They are in great want of Slaves at out Settlements and to carry on Buildings.

95. Design the ship George thither in 10 days.

SUPPLEMENT.

96. Have received advice of a storm on Mallabar Coast 10th November where- in a Galley and two Grabs founder'd. The Morattas have Enterd Caurapa w^{ch}. borders on that Province.

97. The French were permitted to land at Karacal and Settle.

98. Indent for 50 Bales more of Blue and Yellow Cloths than mentioned before.

99. Fort St. David Packet brings the Shaftesburys Invoice &c^s. papers.

100. Amo^t. of Normantons Inv^o. mentioned hereafter.

101. Register of Gold, Diamonds and Precious Stones per Shaftesbury amounts to Pag^o. 27641. 25. 67. That per Normanton to 48883: 26; 17. Cap^t. Kemeys Private Trade to 240 Pagodas.

102. Produce of Coral enclosed.

RICHARD BENYON.

RANDALL FOWKE.

AUG^s. BURTON OBJECTS TO 4TH 55TH & 80TH PAR^{as}.

NICHOLAS MORSE.

WM. MONSON.

GEORGE TORRIANO.

POSTSCRIPT.

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"	401	3	1	3	Ditto.	
"	825	4	11	1	Ditto.	
"	519	5	11	—	Anthony Da Costa.	
"	981	5	1	—	James Porten.	
"	879	11	8	1	Lewis Mendes.	
"	514	15	8	3	Ditto.	
"	333	4	10	2	Peter Meyor and Company.	
"	117	14	5	1	Judah Supino & Son.	
"	153	16	6	3	Ditto.	
"	33	6	7	2	Ditto.	
"	20	19	9	3	Ditto.	
"	128	13	6	3	Ditto.	
"	242	2	7	—	Ditto.	
"	140	14	1	1	Ditto.	
"	105	13	11	3	Joseph Dias & Abram Fernandes Nunes.	
"	55	19	7	3	Jacob Fernandes Nunes.	
"	380	—	6	—	Ditto.	
"	108	14	1	1	Judah Supino and Son.	
"	344	9	10	2	Ditto.	
"	7666	13	4	—	George Morton Pitt Esq.	
"	444	5	8	—	James Colebrook Esq.	
"	23	—	—	—	Ann Caverley.	
"	766	13	4	—	John Hubbard.	
"	200	—	—	—	John Stratton.	
"	60	—	—	—	Alexander & George Ouchterlony.	
"	2448	5	9	3	Ditto Acco ^t . the Estate of Major David Wilson.	
"	100	—	—	—	Nathaniel Torriano.	
"	1916	13	4	—	John Sanderson.	
"	1136	—	11	3	George Morton Pitt Esq.	

	£	s.	d.	qrs.	
	50	—	—	—	Martha Simpson.
"	38	6	8	—	John Starke.
"	383	6	8	—	Richard Wyatt.
"	47	1	—	1	John Bateman.
"	1150	—	—	—	Thomas Hall Esq. Acco ^t . Estate
					Major John Roach.
"	306	13	4	—	Mary Bird Acco ^t . Estate
					Grantham Bird.
"	376	17	11	2	William Martin.
"	139	17	8	1	John Acton.
		s.	d.		
		At 7.	4.	a	Pagoda.
	£	s.	d.	qrs.	
	1833	6	8	—	Monsieur Dumas.
"	1833	6	8	—	Ditto.
"	1833	6	8	—	Ditto.
"	1833	6	8	—	Ditto.
"	197	9	4	2	John Whichcott & Will. Turner.
"	394	4	9	2	Ann Caverley.
"	20	—	—	—	Dorothy Cornwall.
"	60	—	—	—	Catherine Cotton.
"	1269	—	6	3	William Spinks.
"	400	—	—	—	Charles Benyon.
"	100	—	—	—	Nathaniel Torriano.
"	49	17	8	3	Henrietta Arabin Champers Acco ^t . And:
					Pechiers Estate.
"	529	6	1	2	W ^m . Colegrave or to recover of John
					Scattergoods Estate.
"	80	—	—	—	Edmund Boheim.
"	241	4	11	3	Ralph Whistler.
"	56	9	4	—	Margaret Addams.
"	2927	—	7	2	Charles Gray.
"	286	—	—	—	James Fordham.
"	10000	—	—	—	James Neville.
"	36	13	4	—	Nathaniel Newnham Jun ^r .
"	366	13	4	—	Hugh Watson.
"	183	6	8	—	Claud Johnson.
"	84	19	6	1	John Lightfoot.

In all £ 61815 18 1

For which have received into Cash Curr^s. Pag^o. 164177 : 26 : 45.

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 NICH^s. MORSE.
 W^m. MONSON.
 GEORGE TORRIANO.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 17, 1740.
RECEIVED PER DUKE LORRAIN 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1740. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, p. 298. (India office transcript)*].

This by the Normanton is to advise that the Chay Goods coming brown cannot now be sent, 700 Bettellees Oringal bro^t. in so far short of Muster that resolved to turn 'em out, as also 800 small white Gingham.

After the Normanton and Shaftesbury are Dispatched shall have 1700 Bales in Warehouse.

Have received the further sum of ^{pag^o.} 44 : ^{fa.} 8 : ^{ca.} 20. Acco^t. the Estate of Mr. Robert Caesar.

The Normantons Invoice amo^{ts}. to ^{pag^o.} 57776 : ^{fan.} 15 : ^{Cash.} 39.

RICHARD BENYON.

RANDALL FOWKE.

AUG^s. BURTON.

NIC: MORSE.

W. MONSON.

GEORGE TORRIANO.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 19, 1740.
RECEIVED PER DUKE LORRAIN 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1740. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, pp. 299-300. (India office transcript)*].

1. Ship Normanton Sailed 18th January, and Shaftesbury the 21th.

2. The Companys own Ship the Princess Augusta arrived from Bengal 22th January wth. 1000 Bags Salt Petre and 414 Bales for Europe, 600 Bales Goods more intended 'em by the Sloops.

3. 23th January Ship Duke Lorraine arrived from China, her Acco^{ts}. are enclosed. Shall as opportunity offers purchase proper Goods for that Voyage, this year wth. some Tinn.

4. Having a Number of Bales on hand have kept 374 Chests Duke Lorrains Bohea Tea on shore till Sept^r.

5. 28th January ship George sailed for the West Coast.

6. Sent to the Bay this Month by sundry Vessels 22 Chests Bullion 28 Chests rupees and 672 Candy Teutenague.

7. Had no News at Tellicherry 18th January of missing Vessels.

8. Sold 500 Candy Lead at Outery 18 January for ^{pag.} 11 : ^{fa.} 27 : ^{ca.} 72. per Candy.

9. There being a great want of fanams, Coined the value of 14772 : 2 : 65. into Fannams whereby the Company gained ^{pag^o.} 567 : ^{fa.} 33 : ^{ca.} 65.

10. Bought 130 Garce of Paddy at 22 Pagodas per Garce for the Garrison Store, though its scarce to the southward Its cheap at present at Madrass, and think of purchasing a large quantity.

11. The Chay Goods come by this ship are dearer but better by the brightness of Colour. A Bale of fine Dimities comes also.

12. Five Bales Midling Sannoos per Shaftesbury are all White instead of Painted as Invoiced by Mistake.

13. After the Duke Lorraine has taken in her Tonnage shall have in the Warehouse, Washers and Brown in the Merchants Godowns 1000 Bales. They have at

St. David 600. 374 Chests Duke Lorrains Tea equal to 550. Have received from Bengal 414 Bales Expect 'em to be made 1000. In all 3150. Ready to dispatch two ships at least by the 1st Sept^r. next, besides w^{ch}. St. David Merchants propose to bring in 3000 Bales by January.

14. The Nabobs son passing near St. David two [of the] Council waited on him with a present of 632 : 1 : 46.

15. Mr. Cornelius Godwin is Sub Accomptant. Mr. Thomas Saunders sent Second at Vizagapatam.

16. Duke Lorrains Gold Assay'd and reported 31 ult^o. Musters sent.

17. A Deficiency ^{Ca. m. v.} 17 : 1 : 7. Teutenague referrd to the Company.

18. Have drawn Bills of Exchange, viz. : at 7s. 8d. for

£	299	—	—	payable to John Sanderson.
"	200	—	—	Jonn Stratton.
				at 7s. 4d.
"	212	—	—	Thomas Hall & Wm. Wood.
"	153	7	—	Heron Hart.
£	864	7	—	

19. Have received of Captain Crompton ^{Pago. fana.} 17617 : 27 :

Acco^t. Adventure 636 : 22 : 39

Acco^t. the Estate of John Lardner for w^{ch}. gave him Certificates.

20. Dispensed on Acco^t. of Indisposition wth. Manifesting his Private Trade he promising to do it at St. Helena.

21. Ship Duke Lorrains Invoice amo^{ts}. ^{Pagodoes.} to 125890 : 8 : 43. That to St. Helena 164 : 26 : 28. Register of Diamonds to 4218 : 23 : 30.

22. The Ship has been Surveyed, Wish her safe to England.

RICHARD BENYON.
 RANDALL FOWKE.
 AUGUSTUS B[U]RTON.
 NICHOLAS MORSE.
 WILLIAM MONSON.
 GEORGE TORRIANO.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 1740.

RECEIVED PER WILMINGTON 30TH JUNE [1741]. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts vol. 4, pp. 320-325 (India office transcript)*].

1. Wrote last the 19th February per Duke of Lorraine, have since received several Letters from the Company, shall defer a Reply and now give Account of Occurrences.

FIRST OF SHIPPING.

2. The Royal Guardian anchored in Madras Road 3d April last, having fell to the eastward of Zeloan.

3. Drew out of the Anjengo Packet the Companys Letters to Madras and Bengal, sent the latter 8th April, and the 10th sent Peons to Advise Bombay &c^a. Advised Cap^t. Hoadly to land the Treasure, but did not order it, and it was not sent on shore.

4. At the desire of Bombay opened their packet and sent 'em copys of the Letter and other material papers.

5. Ordered Cap^t. Hoadly to send ashore 10 barrels Gunpowder and 8 Chest Fire Arms—returned the last on board on receiving a supply.
6. Ship Haeslingfield left Anjengo 22th February, and Harrington Tellicherry the 5th March.
7. Ship Prince William arrived 21th May having two hundred thousand rupees on board for the Bay, advised 'em of it, that Sloops might be sent to meet her.
8. Ordered on shore from her 18 Soldiers and Twenty Sailors for some time, the former very troublesome, she sailed 14th June, detained her till the New Moon was over, for better weather about the Point, gave each seaman two rupees gratuity, hope it will be approv'd.
9. Princess Wales, Captain Hoxton, arrived 12th June sailed for Bengal 1st July.
10. Wilmington arrived 15th June, advised Cap^t. Maddox that should Dispatch him for England by the 1st Sept^r. on a Defect in his Cutwater Captains Hoadly and Hoxton with their Carpenters Surveyed her. Refused Captain Maddox request to Weigh each Bag of Salt Petre Separately and to Weigh just two Maund. 50 Bales of Callicoes by this Ship were opened promiscuously to see if any Dammage.
11. Resolved to keep on Loading her with Bengal Goods and Tea till some other Ship arrived, and shipt as many Bales at half Freight as the Captain Requested for.
12. Princess Louisa arrived 12th August, Heathcote 15th, Colchester 18th, Hardwick 20th August, Princess Louisa sailed for the Bay 23th, sent by her 30 Ton Redwood and 10 Chests rupees, the Hardwick sailed the 29th with the same silver and wood.
13. Mr. Waters borrowed thirty two thousand Spanish Dollars at Mocho of Mr. Cradock on Bond, which was discharged at Madrass at Mr. Waters request.
14. Three sloops arrived from Bengal in February with Bales, Petre, &c^a. and were soon returned wth. Teutenague and Treasure.
15. The Princess Augusta arrived thence 22th April with more Bales and Petre and went back 15th May with Redwood.
16. Sent the Bermuda Sloop with her.
17. Ship George arrived from Bencoolen at St. David 13th July, brought Bales thence twice and Dispatchd to Vizagapatam the 30th July to lye there till December.
18. Ship Somerset springing a Leake was refitted at Batavia.
19. Sloop Caroline is too sharp built for the West Coast Service.

SECONDLY, GOODS FROM EUROPE.

20. Sent to Bengal in February 238919 Rupees & 74073 ^{Ounces} Bullion which arrived safe, as did all the Teutenague, ^{maund} 51 $\frac{1}{4}$ wanting per Princess Augusta which shall be settled.
21. Sent on her 12 Bales Ordinary Popinja Cloth to the Bay by request.
22. By the Jenny sent also one hundred sixty thousand rupees.
23. The George brought ten Chests Silver from Bencoolen.
24. So many bad Pagodoes about and so difficult to find 'em out the poorer sort choose to be paid in Fanams so Coin'd a good many.
25. Have not trusted any Money in the Arcot Mint.
26. Coined 80 Chests Bullion, computed $\frac{1}{2}$ of what designed them.
27. Sold 7th July 200 Candy Lead at Outery for ^{pag^o} 12 : ^{fa} 15 : ^{ca.} 15 a Candy.

28. Merchants paid in 5th April 12⁵⁰ on Acco^t. Broad Cloth delivered them, but it all remains on hand in Town, the troubles in the Countrey having put on entire stop to all vent for it, otherwise a great deal more had been disposed of. Have 900 Bales in Warehouse, so cannot venture to make any Indent for Anno 1742.

29. Have wrote to Bengal that the Lead, Iron and Broad Cloth in the Durrington and Caesar may be disposed of there.

30. In Chest No. 913 per Colchester 9 lb. 8 oz Silver Over Weight, brought to Acco^t.

31. Before the Manilla Ship arrived, apprehended the Ships might be late from Europe, in which case should be streightened for Cash, obtaining Loans. in Town wou'd be difficult, believe little Money will be offered for Bills, the Sale of Coral is affected by the Troubles, besides the returns are to be in Diamonds, if procurable.

32. List of Stores worn out and sold are entered on Consultation.

33. Bought Tin, Cotton with Putchuck and Olibanum from Bombay for a China Voyage amounting to 34^{pag.}285 : 32 : 38^{fa. ca.} but the Company intending no Ship thither, the Putchuck was a year old when it arrived so delivered the said Goods to the Inhabitants at Prime Cost and rec^d. the Amo^t. 9th July. The Ship Augusta sail'd thither the 8th July but sprung a Leake that night and returned the 21th, A great Loss.

THIRDLY, OF INVESTMENTS.

34. Received from Bengal 881 Bales and 5430 Bags Salt Petre which with the Tea enabled them to give the Wilmington and Colchester what Bales the Captains will agree to take in at half Freight.

35. Were obliged to buy Packing Stuff in Town not being supplied from Bengal.

36. Agreed for Chay Goods 25th February, and 100 Pulliacat Handkerchiefs 23th June, the Chay Goods were brought by Mussoolas from Motopolee.

37. In March delivered Lists of Goods to Courrapa and the Managers of Chindadree Petta, but no Merchant will Contract for anything certain.

38. In June delivered the last mentioned a List of 1000 Coloured Gingham and 500 Whites.

39. Sample of Soot Romals received from England sent to St. David.

40. St. David write that 1400 Bales only wou'd be ready by December, before the Troubles Cloth came in very briskly. The French were without Money the beginning of the year. By the Merchants Care they came off with very little Loss from the Troubles—10,000 Pagodas of theirs stopt at Woolendore were recovered by Force, the place was soon after plundered.

41. Gopall Chitty, a Merchant, dyed in June, his Father paid 3,000 Pagodoes in part of his Debt 11th August, the rest 2,000 Pagodoes will be made good in Cloth.

FOURTHLY, COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

42. The Morattas made a sudden March in April towards that Countrey. The Nabob with his youngest son were then at Arcot who set out for the Borders with only 2,000 Horse and 9,000 Peons, but the Foot are of no use against a Body of Horse. He Encamped at Canama the Pass at the Hills, where the Morattas mett him and found a way for 10,000 Horse thro' the Woods, and on the 9th May they appeared in the Nabobs rear who was immediately surrounded and Killed, the Morattas thereupon proclaimed that those who would fly should not be pursued. The Nabobs Son was also killed with several other Great Men. After plundering the Camp in which were several Laacks of Rupees, the Morattas marched into that Countrey, Plundered and Burnt Laula Petta and Arcot with other Towns. One Party Advanced within Few Hours March of Madrass. During these Ravages of

the Countrey Subderally Cawn, the late Nabobs Eldest Son, agreed by Treaty to pay the Morattas Thirty Eight laack of Rupees, And twelve Laack being paid in part, the Morattas went over the Hills and for Two Months have been plundering the Countrey to the Westward of that Province—Sixteen Laack are since paid.

43. Great Terror and Consternation spread all over the Countrey, Madrass was soon full of People who fled out of the Countrey.

44. Pondicherry was not less crowded. The Nabob sent the Ladies of his Family thither, and Emaum Sahib left his Lady there, and then went to secure the Treasures at Jehore Bunder. His Lady somehow set fire to her Cloathes and, not permitting the French Doctors to come near her, Died in great Misery a few days after.

45. Large Treasures of a former Nabob were lodged at Jehore Bunder. Nazir Jung, Chicklis Cawns Son, Crossed the Kistna, but turned back and fixed his Camp at Golcondah, upon this Emaum Sahib embarked all the Treasures on two ships and sailed in June to Metchlepatam and went to Golcondah where he is a welcome Guest.

46. It is only from Nazir Jung can expect any settlement of Affairs. Subderally Cawn gives orders at present, but is little obeyed. No vent for Goods up Countrey ever since April, Traders afraid.

47. The Rajahs of the Countrey about Vizagapatam and Ingeram rise threatening a revolt, but those troubles were soon over.

48. Some troubles were apprehended about Fort St. David on account of a Braminy, but prevented by the death of the Nabobs Youngest Son.

49. The Nahib² Nabob of Patna Marched with 16,000 Horse against the Nabob of Muxadavad, a Battle ensued in wth. the last was killed, everything was soon quiet.

50. Some Disputes between the Casts at St. David are Quieted.

51. On an Invitation to settle at a Port opened north of Vizagapatam, sent a Person to enquire if proper sorts of Cloth were made there.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS & REVENUES.

52. Consultations will show the Orders made to Defend the Place, what done was far short of what necessary in case of an Attack. Have but three good Bastions in the White Town, a slight Wall from the Bridge to Caldeira Point, from the Bridge to Charles Point there is no Wall, and the Rivers so shallow an Enemy may Easily Enter. As a Wall is very necessary hope the Building one will be approved when can get the Materials ready.

53. Carried on and finished the Wall of the Black Town to Caldeira Point being 310 Feet, the Cost was 1,435: ^{pag^o. fa. ca.} 34. 9: All along the Seaside West and North there never was a Wall, if an Enemy push'd by the Fishing Point all the Black Town wou'd lye open to 'em, to prevent which carried on a Wall from said Point to the Blockhouse and mounted four Guns, fixing strong Palisadoes thence to the Sea. The Natives have been suffered to build Houses within 30 feet of the Wall which found now to be inconvenient. Some are pulled down and paid for. The Curtains are not filled up with Earth. An able Engineer might mend defects, shall undertake only what necessary. Fear the Facility with which the Morattas obtained so large a Plunder will be a powerful Charm to repeat their Visits often. Submit it to the Company to send such a Number of men as will defend the several works of a large Extent.

54. Shall Discharge the supernumerary Peons when the Province is settled, but Listing People very difficult, beleive the Company are for keeping up a moderate Force. Have wrote to the Bay for what Europeans can be engaged, having but 73 at St. Davids.

55. Advanced 350 Pagodoes to mend Streets, Bridges and Roads.

XI. Alamparai, a sea port in Chingleput district.

² Deputy. Vide Naib on page 613, *Hobson Johnson*.

56. Denied the Inhabitants a Grant of some Ground gained by carrying a Wharf into the River, as it may be wanted to build a Wall upon.
57. Made 30 wooden Horses for the Warehouse and built two new Choultries.
58. Were petitioned by the Mayors Court to repair the Banksall.
59. Messrs. Burton and Sanders petitioned for some wast ground.
60. Consented to the Repair of the Moat round the Fort at St. David, the charge is computed at 4,200^{pag°.} its for the Safety of the Place.
61. Supplied Fort St. David with Warlike Stores.
62. Repairs at Vizagapatam set about Estimated at 1,353 pagodas.
63. Agreed to Coin Gold Mohurs 25th February.
64. Were supplied with Madrass Pagodas for Vizagapatam per Consultation 9 July.

SIXTHLY, COVENANT SERVANTS.

65. No Covenant Servants have Died since their last.
66. Messrs. Holt, Rider, Stacey, Smith and Churchey Arrived. Messrs. Greenhaugh, Wynch and Cooke return thanks. Have only one monthly Writer who is wanted by the Storekeeper. Have given Commissions to Lieutenant Southby and Ensign Von Franken.
67. Interpreter Dying appointed his Brother in his Stead.
68. Ordered Vizagapatam to pay a debt due from D^r. Gibson deceased to a Country Renter out of his Effects he being troublesome.
69. Allowed Messrs. Hope and Hatton Diet Money, and Lieutenant Lane 10 pag° a month. Soldiers on Royal Guardian Mounted guard.
70. James Flint came from Bombay and was sent for China on Augusta.
71. Cap^t. Coxson and his two Mates of the ship Nancy sent to England for their behaviour in Pondicherry Road per Consultation 18th & 28th July.

SEVENTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

72. Bills of Exchange Drawn as per postscript.
73. Ship Duke Lorrains Invoice was cast up 5,000 pag°. too much.

EIGHTHLY, WEST COAST.

74. Have listed 20 Arabs and a Serjeant for the West Coast.
75. Its doubtful if the Hardwicke will be sent thither, have therefore desired that the Goods Indented for from Bengal be sent on the ship Princess Augusta.

OF FRENCH & OTHER SHIPS.

76. Five ships are Arrived at Pondicherry, three more expected, they give out three will be kept in India for want of goods. Will have 300 Soldiers, 90 to 100 Chests Silver in Each Ship.
77. Tempest Milner is arrived at Porto Novo in a ship from Lisbon, she proceeded to Bengal 17th August.

SUPPLEMENT.

78. Are advised from Bengal that the Prince William and Princess Wales were safe in that river.
79. Hope the Heathcote will be ready to sail in 3 or 4 days.
80. Cordage received short per Wilmington per Consultation 30th August, Endorsed it off the Bili of Loading.
81. Ship Montagu arrived at Bombay 16th July.

82. Amount of the Wilmingtons Invoice is 165,346. 26. 55. Cap^t. Madox Register 8,500 pag^o. Diamonds pag^o. 32,184. 21. 38. Bills of Exchange drawn are viz^t.

at 7 s. 8 d.

£	39	14	6	payable to Judah Supino & Son.
"	123	16	8	Ditto.
"	150	—	—	Joseph Dias & Abram Fernandes Nunes.
"	315	18	5}	Abraham & Jacob Franco.
"	210	4	3}	
"	435	2	7	Moses Espinoza.
"	90	18	8}	Judah Supino & Son.
"	250	—	—}	
"	685	8	—	John Sanderson Esq.

at 7 s. 4 d.

"	500	—	—	Charles Peers Esq.
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In all Pagodoes 7,388. 12. 4. £ 2,809. 8. 11.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 1740.

RECEIVED VIA FRANCE 6TH MAY, 1741. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts vol. 4, p. 319.*
 (*India office transcript*)].

Ship Royal Guardian, Henry Hoadly, arrived at Fort St. George from England 3d. April having lost his passage to the Mallabar Coast. She proceeds thither this Month.

Ship Prince William arrived from Bombay 21th May and Sail'd to the Bay 14th June.

Ship Princess Wales arrived 12th June Sailed 1st July for the Bay.

	Arrived	Sailed
Wilmington	15 June	6th Sept ^r . for England.
Princess Louisa	12 Aug ^t .	23 Aug ^t . for Bay.
Heathcote	15 Aug ^t .	11th or 12th Sept ^r . for the Bay.
Colchester	18 D ^o .	Loading for England.
Hardwicke	20 D ^o .	29 Aug ^t . for the Bay.

Are advised that the Ships Prince William and Princess Wales are safe arrived in Bengal, and that Cap^t. Walter Hoxton Dyed the 29th July.

Ships Hardwicke and Bedford fell in company off the Cape whereby are advised of the Ships arrived and not arrived at St. Helena.

Ship Somerset sprung a Leak at Fort Marlbrô, refitted at Batavia, and returned to Fort Marlbrô 8 July (June).

Ship Montagu lost her passage to Mocha and arrived at Bombay 16th July, but a Cargo of Coffee had been bought for her and freighted for Bombay on some Country Ships.

Hope the Ship Colchester will be ready to sail by the End of this Month.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 12, 1740.

RECEIVED PER COLCHESIER 30TH JUNE, 1741. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, vol. 4, pp. 326—329. (India office transcript)*].

1. Ship Wilmington sail'd the 6th September with their last of the 5th of that month, shall now Reply to the Companys Letters, adding occurrences.

2. The Companys own ship Princess Augusta arrived 8th September from Bengal with 2,500 Bags Salt Petre, she sail'd 7th Instant for West Coast.

3. Royal Guardian sail'd for the Mallabar Coast 21th September, sent on her 100 Bolts Duck.

4. Sloop Carolina arrived 22th Sept^r. from Fort Marlborough, being very Leaky oidered her in to Fort St. David River to repair.

5. Ship Durrington arrived 24th Sept^r. Captains reasons are Enter'd next day, she sail'd for Bengal the 7th Instant with 224 Candy Redwood.

6. Are advised from Bombay the 3d Sept^r. that Angria was preparing all his Forces by Sea as beleived to fall on the Sciddees or reduce Colaby.

7. They proposed to dispatch the Warwick in a few days.

8. Mr. Waters purchased 4,000 Bales Coffee at Mocha under dollars 70.

9. Are the more Concerned at the Damage on Coast Goods as can't account for it. The Captains tell 'em pieces in the Middle of Bales are damaged when those on the outside are free from it, shou'd be glad to know the Truth of it from the Company. If so it must arise from the Badness of the Water in Dry years by Salt Springs, its particles mixing with Conjee and Chunam.—the least appearance of Damage must be discovered by the many hands it goes through. The Bales are covered with Tarpaulins on shipping off and sufficient dunnage is laid in the Boats. Washers are directed to be careful what water they use. The boats have a great way to row, squalls of heavy rain happen sometimes.

10. Tea per Godolphin was calculated by the Charterparty according to which she brought from China 480 Tons.

11. The Supra Cargees believed the Gold would fall short in the Touch, the complaint general of late years, the Bargain was as good as possible.

12. A Voyage to China would have been profitable, not one Macao ship has been on the Coast this year, the French sent one.

13. Journals of the West Coast Vessels are Delivered in, the Princess Augusta is a sailing ship, and may be back in January, she was sheathed in Bengal, the Charges 9,304. 9 — but 4,483. 3 — part thereof is for Wages and provisions all paid by the Buxie, her Cost at Bombay was 39,575. 3. 57.

14. Enclose a paper of M^r. Sandersons omitted by mistake.

15. Should not doubt of giving satisfaction if success equal to desires.

16. Wilmington and Colchester took more Bales than Tonnage.

SECONDLY, GOODS FROM EUROPE.

17. The Commanders have copys of Bills of Lading at no Expenue.

18. The Heathcote sail'd for Bengal 11 Sept^r. with ^{rup.} 32. 8,000. The Jenny was arrived safe at Rogues River. Desire to know whether the Companys Estate must be risqued only upon their own ships or Continue the method as some years past.

19. Shall dispose of the Iron as directed, Danes imported 100 ton and above, they sold it at 9 pagodoes a Candy.

20. The 3 per cent abated the Merchants for the Broad Cloth of 1737 was for its being higher Invoiced than the year before. The patt[er]ns are not looked upon, one year in five, being so delicately pressed and Ironed have a Beauty far superior to the Pieces—Orders shall be obeyed as to the Disposal.

21. Ready money shall be paid in future for Broad Cloth.

22. Are concerned as to Mr. Pitts Bills, the Cash was reduced to 7,000 Pagodoes.

23. Sold 700 Candy Lead at 13 pag^o. a Candy in Sept^r. to Sringa Chitty.

24. Received 114: 10: 11. Lead per George from the West Coast.

25. A Cable was cut in 3 places as it lay on the Strand.

THIRDLY, INVESTMENTS.

26. The French may partly see their Error in giving so much. Trusting Money in the Countrey at any distance is very hazardous. The Merchants take but little Money of 'em since the Troubles—Send none so far South as Salem suspecting the Morattas will visit those parts. Much doubt it will be some time before the Prices fall. If the French do anything at all, it will keep up the Prices. Are informed 4,000 Bales are shipp'd off for Batavia whence Java and the Eastern Isles are supplied. Merchants change places and alter orders every month.

27. Different hands interfere too much with one another. Pride, Envy, Malice and Revenge are prevalent in the Merchants.

28. What fine and Midling Cloth sent the Company hitherto was at stated prices, by which the Merchants lost, are now on a different footing, the Quantity depends on the fine thread brought from other Countreys which is never equal to the demand.

29. From the middle of December to the end of January more Cloth is brought in than at any other time. Have no reason to fear any of the Merchants Ballances will be bad debts.

30. Salem Cloth being brought overland incurs an Expence, on comparing it with St. Davids, hope it will sell better as its dearer.

31. Vizagapatam and Ingeram Cloth are both Improved. Servants shall not quit the Posts allotted 'em except for extraordinary reasons.

32. Believe Andiapa of Porto Novo may be engaged in the Service, but he will not be tyed up from supplying other Traders.

33. Some new Merchants are engaged at St David and shall correspond with 'em before January to engage more within the bounds, but its too dangerous to Indulge 'em with privileges as to their Casts. Before the New Charter came out the Merchants were Exempted from the Ordinary Courts of Justice, the same Protection may perhaps cause an emulation in the Richest Men to Engage in the Companys service.

34. Indigo grows in that Coast, shall send some in January for trial.

35. Paragraphs are duly regarded if not always particularly Answered.

36. Pegu is involved in a War, Coja Simone will press Salt Petre affair.

FOURTHLY, COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS.

37. Presents to Imaum Sahib were only a meer piece of Respect. His Expences during his stay for 2 or 3 days much exceed it. Nazir Jung at Golcondah received him very Graciously.

38. The French and Tanjoreens have Disagreed, their Settlement at Karracal will be an Expensive affair, believe Mons^r. Dumas wishes he had not undertaken it. They are preparing a Force for the Mallabar Coast. Are not able to Inform of what passes at Pondicherry having no Allowance for secret Service. A Popish Church in the heart of Madrass governed by French Priests is a Channel for Intelligence for which there is not an Equivalent at Pondicherry.

39. Ship Galatea carried a freight for Armenians to Busseir in Persia under articles not to touch at Gombroon the Dutys being 8 per cent whereas only 1 per cent was paid at Busseir and had entire liberty of the Port to the great benefit of the Voyage. Have received into the Companys Cash at Madrass ^{pag^o.} 345 : ^{fa.} 25 : ^{ca.} 16 for Gombroon Dutys on Galateas Goods.

40. Sale of Raw Silk per Lyell Explained. Few Goods of value are sold at Outcry, where the Merchants combine in private affairs they look out for Countrey Merchants as they come into Town. It will not be difficult for bad Men at the Head of Affairs to buy Bargains at Outcry.

FIFTHLY, FORTIFICATIONS & REVENUES.

41. Ardent Sun and heavy Rains affect Buildings.

42. Pagodoes and Rupees shall be kept up to weight & Fineness. Assay Masters reply to Mr. Horts remarks is Enter'd 11th Sept^r., if opportunity offers charge of coinage shall be reduced.

SIXTHLY, OF COVENANT SERVANTS.

43. Directions in several Paragraphs shall be complied with.

44. Mr. William Belches gone to Bengal.

45. Shall keep servants close to business & encourage all per standing Orders.

46. Mr. Henry Powney is Translator.

47. Having more men than two Companys were Limited to, have form'd 'em into a Distinct Company and given the Command to Lieutenant Southby.

48. Mayors Court take care of deceased persons estates, desire particular directions as to Captains who borrow Money and are Deceased.

49. Order as to purchase of Silver shall be complied with.

50. Hope 7s. 8d. a pagoda will be allowed to deceased Servants, and desire Bills of Exchange may be permitted 'em.

51. Doubt whether Certificates will be deemed a sufficient acquittance, the power over deceased persons estates rests with another Court.

52. Apprehend inconveniences for want of directions as to Intestates. The Case of Woellaston and Moses stated in that respect.

SEVENTHLY, ACCOUNTS.

53. Bills of Exchange are particularized in a Postscript.

EIGHTHLY, WEST COAST.

54. Some Topasses and Arabs with 30 Barrels Gunpowder sent on Augusta.

SUPPLEMENT.

55. Think the Tobacco Farm will be let at the usual rate.

56. Robert Heath as Mate of the Nancys sent to England.

57. Morattas are encamped in Steringapatam. The Carnatick Raja who was at war with Tellicherry has Compounded with 'em for 300,000 Pagodoes. Not having passed the Kistna tho' fordable apprehend they Intend to march into Tritchanapoly and Tanjore except Chunda Sahib pacifys 'em with a sum of Money. Its reported the Morattas sent 18 Laack rupees and 45 Elephants as a present to Nazir Jung.

58. Sold 50 Pipes Madeira Wine at ^{pag^o.} 51 : ^{fa.} 32 : ^{ca.} 60. a pipe believe the remainder will be sold in a few months.

59. This ships Invoice amounts to ^{pag^o.} 143,467 : 5 : 57., to St. Helena. ^{pag^o.} 163 : 19 : 74.,
 Cap^t. Mickelfields private trade ^{pag^o.} 5,845 : ^{pag^o.} 38,259 : 35 : 33. Ballance of Cash
^{pag.} 29,722 : ^{fa.} 25 : ^{ca.} 7.

POSTSCRIPT.

Bills of Exchange Drawn are viz^t.

at 7s. 8d.

£ 142	„ —	„ —	payable to Natal Levi Sonsino
„ 461	„ 2	„ 7	... Jacob & Abraham Fernandes Nunes.
„ 351	„ 9	„ 2	... Judah Supino & Son
„ 50	„ —	„ —	... Whiccott Turner
„ 211	„ 12	„ —	... John Sanderson.

at 7s. 4d.

„ 379	„ 10	„ —	... Thomas Hall Esq.
„ 40	„ —	„ —	... Chas. & Edmund Bohem

In all £1,635 „ 14 „ — or ^{pag^o.} 4,316 : ^{fa.} 28 : ^{ca.} 62.

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