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RECORDS OF FORT ST GEORGE

LETTERS FROM FORT ST GEORGE 1763

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TO THOMAS HEATH ESQ^r
CHIEF OF VIZAGAPATAM

SIR

We have received your Letters dated the 24th Nov and 5th December but as you had not then received the Letter We wrote of the 24th November We shall say no more at present on the Subject of your Investment than to direct that you order to be provided at Uppara or such part of the Country where you may judge they may be best executed

200	pieces of plain Beeteelas	of	32	long	and	2	Broad
200	pieces of flowered	D	32			2	
200	D	D					for Handkerchiefs

These last mentioned must be wove with Borders with sixteen Handkerchiefs in the Peice and each Handkerchief must be something less than 2 covids Square — We say nothing as to the price of these more than to let you understand that We expect not to have so much Writing on this occasion as we have had upon the other part of your Investment These Beeteelas are to be the best your Merchants can make and the Thread must be even and well twisted

Your accounts have undergone an Examination by a Committee appointed for that purpose and you have herewith Copy of their remarks thereon by which it appears that there are sundry Charges from January to October amounting to Pagodas 485-3-10 more than you had Authority to make by the Regulations sent you in November 1761 which sum must therefore be repaid into the Company's Cash

The Serjeant Major at the Head of your Gun Peons must be paid in future nine Pagodas a Month only that being the pay ours receive here The Names of your Military or Artillery Men must be inserted monthly in your Accounts

Besides the Charges of Provisions and Batta given to the Vacqueels of different Rajahs there is a charge every Month of eight or ten Pag^s for Batta to & from Sundry Places Your connections or Correspondence with the different Rajahs cannot be so great as to swell your Accounts much if the particulars are mention d Monthly and We direct therefore that they be so when we shall be better able to Judge also whether those Charges are necessary

Five Pagodas is the sum we pay here to an European who enlists or renews his Time for three Years you must therefore pay no more and in future the Man's name must be inserted in your Accounts with the name of the ship he arrived in and the year when indeed as it is not our Intention to add to the Number of Men with you it wou d be more agreeable to us to have all deserters that may come to you sent hither and you must never enlist any such People till you have advised us who they are

There appears also to be charged in your Acct^s 6 Packers Monthly instead of the two we permitted you to keep and in our Letter of the 27th January last Year We direct therefore that you repay also into the Company's Cash the

Amount of the Wages of those four Men from the first of January last to the time you receive this We say from the first of Janry as by our Orders of the preceeding November you had no Lyberty to keep any now We will endeavor to put you into a Method to form your Accounts so as to save us such trouble as we have lately had You must Sit upon the receipt of this turn back to your Accounts for the Month of December 1761 and to our Orders sent you the Month before you are then to Form therefrom a Months Account of your Expences and you are to let that be the standard

If your Accounts for the last Month are not made up before you receive this We expect that they are made out conformable to the following Method

CHARGES DIET as $\frac{2}{3}$ month s Acc ^t December 1761	P 500	
Exceedings in this Charge for the present Month by M B and C ^t two Companys Servants sent hither from Malrass		20
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		520
CHARGES GARRISON as $\frac{2}{3}$ Month s Acc ^t Dec 1761	600	
Decreased this Month by the Desertion of 10 soldiers by name AB &c		30
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		507

The above must be sufficient to explain to you in what Manner We would have your Accounts kept and you are to lose no time in setting about this Material Service

With your next Month s Account you must send us up that which you form for December 1764 agreeable to our above Instructions that We may keep it by us to compare with all others We may Receive

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
ROBERT PALK
CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
4th JANUARY 1763

N^o 2

To JOHN PYBUS Esq^r
CHIEF OF MASULIPATAM

SIR

We have received your Letters dated the 15th and 22^d of December together with the Estimate of the Losses you judge the Salt Farmer must sustain by the severe Storm which has lately happened with you and We are the more concerned at this as you apprehend he will not be able to pay what he is indebted to the Company you must notwithstanding secure to them as much as you are able

When you have made an Estimate of the Expence of repairing the Damages occasion d to the Works by the late Storm you may send it to us Though We see little probability that it will be ever carried into Execution

You have herewith a List of the Investment not already ordered to be provided at Masulipatam and Bandarmalanka this Year -- You must pay due Attention to the remarks made therein

Conformable to the Directions of the Company Notice should be given what quantities and kinds of Goods are required that Proposals may be made by the different Merchants for the Provision of them you must therefore lose no time in giving this Notice

We send you Musters of our Madrass Morees & also some Peices which were made lately at Bandarmalanka with the Assistance of these & the Remarks made on them We hope you will be able to establish this Manufacture the Numbers of Peices against each Sortment is conformable to our Honble Master s List of Investment and of all which We would have you procure what Quantity you can We do not however intend to desist from contracting for the usual Quantity here at least till We have had some Experience of what may be provided in your Neighbourhood

You may receive what Chay goods the merchants have brought in over & above their Contract provided they are equal to Muster

The Accounts of your settlement from the 1st of December 1761 to the 31st of October last having undergone the Examination of the Committee of Accounts you have herewith their Remarks on them with the Orders passed in Consequence

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT S GEORGE
5TH JANUARY 1763

N^o 3

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^R
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

In the Month of February 1761 the Revenge going on some Service which made it necessary she should be as clear as possible the Captain landed and delivered to the care of our Storekeeper several old stores and Water Casks as these Things were damaging here and took up Warehouse Room We ordered them to be disposed of at Publick sale you have the Account particulars enclosed and the amount being Pagodas 298-27- has been carried to your Credit

You have likewise enclosed Captain Watson s receipt for Pagodas 6700 paid him here to impress his People and purchase such Stores as he was in want of

By this Ship We consign to your Honor &c a Box of Gold value Pagodas 17 808-13-65 as P Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed We beg the Favour you will be pleased to inform us particularly of the produce in your Mint or by Sale and whether it be more advantageous to send Gold in Bars or coined into Mohurs that We may be better able to supply you in future in the most advantageous Manner

Enclosed also is an Invoice of eighty Hammocks for the use of the Troops embarked on the Revenge and We have charged the Captain of the Ship to Account with you for them

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t hble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT S GEORGE
11TH JANUARY 1763

1763--1A

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY ꝑ REVENGE

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 11th January 1763
 2 Account Sale of unserviceable Stores received from the Revenge in 1761
 3 Captain Watson s Receipt for Pag^s 6700 advanced him to purchase Stores &c^a
 4 Invoice
 5 Bills of Lading

W^m ALDERSEY
Secre^y

FORT S^t GEORGE
 11th OF JANUARY 1763

N^o 4

TO CHARLES TURNER ESQ^a
 CHIEF OF CUDDALORE

SIR

As we shall dispatch the Osterley to you in a few Days you will get in readiness such Bales as you may have to send up by her with the Packing Stuff landed from the Chesterfield

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT & C^a COUNCIL

N^o 5

TO JOHN PYBUS ESQ^a
 CHIEF OF MASULIPATAM

SIR

We have received your Letter dated the 3^d Instant with the Accounts and Papers enclosed

As the Cowles for the Arrack Farm expires the 12th of February you will on receipt hereof give Publick Notice that seal d proposals will be received for reletting it for the ensuing Year and transmit to us such as may be delivered to you in consequence by the 1st of February

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
 STRINGER LAWRENCE
 ROBERT PALK
 CHARLES BOURCHIER
 RICH^d FAIRFIELD
 JOSIAS DUPRE
 JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT S^t GEORGE
 15th JANUARY 1763

N^o 6

TO CHARLES TURNER ESQ^R
CHIEF AT CUDDALORE

SIR

Agreable to what we wrote you the 13th Inst^t We now dispatch to you the Company s Ship Osterley after landing the Stores she has on board for the use of the Army you will with all Expedition lade on her the Guns Bales & Packing Stuff according to the Directions already sent you and return her to Us

We are

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT S^T GEORGE
21ST JANUARY 1768

N^o 7

TO CAPTAIN FREDIRICK VINCENT
OF THE OSTERLY

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your Way to Cuddalore where you are to deliver the accompanying Letter to M Turner the Chief there and to follow his orders for your future Proceedings

DATED in Fort S^t George the 21st January 1763

GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

N^o 8

TO THE HON^{BLE} CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^R
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We transmit herewith Duplicate of our Letter by the Revenge which ship sailed hence the 14th Instant

Your favor of the 18th of December we have received and congratulate you on the safe arrival of all our Hon^{ble} Master s Ships of last year destined to your Presidency

We are

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient hble servants

GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT S^T GEORGE
25TH JANUARY 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY ꝑ PATTAMAR

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 25th January 1763
 2 Duplicate Ditto 11th
 3 Captain Watson s second receipt for Pag 6700 advanced him to purchase Stores &c^a

W^m ALDERSEY
 Secry

FORT S GEORGE
 25th JANUARY 1763

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 N^o 9

TO CHARLES TURNER ESQ^a
 CHIEF OF CUDDALORE

SIR

We can say nothing in answer to your Merchants Petition of the 21st January relating to the Turn d Out Cloth more than to refer you to what we wrote the 8th of December and to acquaint you that the Abatement to be made on such as you shall take in must be ten ꝑ Cent

Our Letter of the 8th December says that you must make the Merchants pay double Duty upon such of the turn d out Cloths as they shall take out of the Warehouse we would not have you understand by this the [*sic*] we mean such as they had the last Year for as previous Notice was not given them they would with reason Complain but you must make them acquainted that all which they bring in in time to come that shall be rejected by you for being short in measure or badly Manufactured shall be Taxed with the double Duty before mention d

We shall this day send you a supply of thirty thousand Pagodas

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT &c^a COUNCIL

FORT S GEORGE
 1st FEBRUARY 1763

—
 N^o 10

TO CHARLES TURNER ESQ^a
 CHIEF AT CUDDLOR

SIR

For the more regularly conducting the Business of the Company s Investment we have resolved that every Years Investment or Contract with the Merchants be concluded the 31st of January and that the Investment for the next Year Commence on the 1st of February That in the Contract with the Merchants two terms be limitted for the delivery of their Goods Contracted for one part before the 1st of August and the remainder before the 31st of January & if at the expiration of the last term the Merchants should not have delivered in Cloth to the full amount of the Advance made them their Accounts must be closed & the Ballance paid in ready money this done they may engage in fresh Contracts but not otherwise

We have great reason to think that the Merchants have been less solicituous to bring in Cloth equal to the Musters by which they Contract because they

have been indulged with the Liberty of selling the turned out Cloth free of Custom & possibly may have made greater gains by the rejected Cloth than by that which has been taken in to prevent this in future we have agreed with our Merchants that all the Cloth which shall be rejected shall pay a double Duty to the Company and this you also must observe as a Rule not to be deviated from on any Account as we have already advised you you must therefore acquaint your Merchants of this our Resolution as well as that all Cloth short of Measure either in Length or Breadth is also to pay a double Duty as often as it is found deficient in either

Enclosed is a List of Goods to be provided by you for the Current Year to be reckoned from the 1st Instant to the 31st January 1764 On receipt of this you will call your Merchants together & acquaint them that we are firmly resolved to put the Investment on the most advantageous footing for the Company that the Circumstances of the Country can possibly admit of and that if they are not willing to engage on such terms we shall endeavour to find others that will receive from them proposals which must by no means exceed the Prices of last Year on the Contrary we expect an Abatement but if it should be necessary to continue the last Year's Prices the Quality of the Cloths must be very considerably mended This observation respects the Goods of every kind but in regard to the Blue Cloth Midling We must particularly take Notice that the Price is too large Upon reference to our Books from the year 1749 to 1758 We find that the N^o 1 has indeed sometimes Cost Pag 61 ₹ Corge including the Charge of dying but we also find that it has oftener been Invoiced Viz^t N^o 1 @ 46—N^o 2 at 45 & N^o 3 @ 44 sometimes half a Pagoda ₹ Corge less and Pag^s 13 ₹ Cargo for dying & these were the Prices in 1756 1757 and 1758 We therefore expect to have this Article reduced at least to the old Prices

The Advance to be made to the Merchants this Year is to be in the same proportion as last Year that is to say 25 ₹ Cent on the full value of all the Cloth Contracted to be delivered in the Year this sum is to remain in the Merchants hands as an Advance they are to be paid for their Cloth as they bring it in and the Advance is to be reckoned in payment of the Cloth brought in to close and Compleat the Contract

We wrote to you the first Instant that you might take in such of the Merchants turned out Cloth as answered in length and breadth at an Abatement of 10 ₹ Cent some of this cloth we think might answer for dying such of it therefore as may be proper for that purpose must be dyed but we cannot help repeating that We are not satisfied with the last Years Price of P 15 18 ₹ Corge for dying

As soon as you have received proposals from your Merchants you must transmit them to us and wait for our Directions thereon

We are

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT & CA COUNCIL

FORT ST GEORGE
5TH FEBRUARY 1763

N^o 11

To JOHN PYBUS ESQ^r
CHIEF AT MASULIPATAM

SIR

We have received your several Letters of the 19th 23^d & 25th January to which we shall now reply

But first we must inform you that it is our earnest desire that as nearly as possible the same general plan be pursued in all parts in the Provision of the Company s Investment These general Rules are to be observed viz that the Contracts with the Merchants for the Year s Investment commence the 1st of February and end the 31st of January of the next Year that two Periods be (be[?]) fixed for the delivery of the Cloth contracted for that is to say one part before the 1^t of August and the remainder before the 31^t of January that twenty five ϕ Cent be advanced to the Merchants on the Value of the Goods they Contract to provide in the whole year if you think them responsible Men which advance is to remain in their hands untill the Conclusion of the Contract that the Cloth they bring in from time to time be paid for as it is sorted and accepted and that the Advance be accounted for in the last parcells of Cloth brought in before the 31st January the Merch^{ts} accounts are then to be closed & if the Cloth received should not amount to the full value of the advance the Ballance is to be paid in ready money and a new contract and advance may then be made for the succeeding Year Some Part of these Directions have been sent you before but we repeat them here that you may see at one View the Plan we wish to have observed pursuant hereto all the Goods that shall have been delivered in by your Merchants before the 31st of January must be deemed the Investment of last Year and their accounts must in manner above directed be adjusted to that time and such Goods as you shall receive afterwards must be reckoned a part of this Year s Investment

You observe that notwithstanding the great Diference made in the Prices of the several sortments of Cloth between N^o 1 & 2 in order to promote the Improvement of the Manufacture the Merchants bring in chiefly the two lowest Numbers of the fine & ordinary in which they find their Account as the lower Numbers contain proportionally a less number of threads or Punjums to remedy this you recommend that in future Contracts the Diference should only be in the Prices of the several Numbers of each sortment and not in the Punjums but that all which shall be brought in of each sort shall be of one established Punjum The Method we follow here differs from what you propose only in this that instead of paying the Merchant Different prices for the three Numbers we contract by a Muster of each Sortment for only one Price of one sortment that is to say one Price for fine one for Midling and one for Ordinary and all the cloth which proves remarkably inferior to the Muster upon sorting it brown should be rejected and then the Cloth accepted upon such sorting after being washed is sorted into three Numbers for the Companys Account and this is the Method we intended should have been pursued at the Northern settlements as you will find by our Letter of the 14th May wherein we direct that the

12 Call Cloth or 24 Punjums consist of 2880 Thread

9 Call Cloth or 18 Punjums consist of 2160 Thread

8 D^o 16 D 1920 D

but the Merchants as We understand refused to Contract in this Manner and offer d proposals to provide Cloths of different punjums at different prices for each Number of Punjums and we were at last obliged to accept of the terms as you find them because the Merchants would not comply with those we proposed for it is contrary to our Inclination to receive any Cloth inferior to 16 Punjum

If therefore you should now find it practicable to introduce the method we use here we would by all means have you do so and in that Case your Contracts must run thus

Ordinary or 16 Punjum Cloth at M P	36	3	Coige
Midling or 18	D	48	D
Fine 24	D	60	D ^c

and upon sorting the Cloth Crown all that shall appear inferior to Muster should be turned out and may afterwards be taken in if we shall think it proper at such an Abatement as may be judged proportionate to the Inferiority of its Quality or if we should not think fit to take it at any rate the Merchant must then be charged with a penalty of 10 % cent on the value thereof to the Company As they must also for all Cloth short of Measure either in length or breadth which must on no Acco^t to be taken in this Condition our Merchants here have submitted to and is absolutely necessary to prevent their making use of the Company s Advance to provide Cloths which they know must be rejected and which they afterward may sell for Gain to private Merchants but if you should find it impossible to introduce this Method we should even prefer to the present Terms the Plan you propose of fixing one Number of Punjums for each sortment as above viz 16-18- and 24 Punjums sorting each into three Numbers for the Merchant s Account at a different price for each Number provided those prices be equally advantageous to the Company concerning which we desire you will write us particularly after having discoursed with your Merchants In the mean time we would have you proceed on the former plan that the Provi sion of the Investment may not be retarded

In our Letter of the 5th January we sent you a List of such of Goods to be provided as had not already been ordered on account of this year s Investment as we intend this Letter to be a general Guide to you in the whole Year s Invest ment for the sake of regularity we now enclose a Compleat List of all the Goods we would have provided at Masulipatam and Bandarmalanka from the 1st of this Instant February to the 31^t of January 1764 to which we refer

In respect to the Contract you propos d to make with Lachum Chitty Era pah for Superfine Long Cloth &c we can only say that should the Qualitys be answerable to the Prices we shall approve it as the Quantitys & Sortments correspond exactly with our Directions the Musters you promise to send us will enable us when we receive them to determine

The usual Presents to the Merchants may be continued as well as those to the People attending at the Rivers Collectors of the Revenues Circar Officers &c^a But we cannot at Present fully comply with your Indent the non arrival of the Walpole (on which ship the Woollen Goods for this Presidency were laden) leaving us extremely bare of the Articles you desire such as can be spared shall be sent you

Such Warehouses and other Buildings at Bandarmalanka as are really necessary and proper for carrying on the Investment Lodging the Bales &c must undoubtedly be Repaired or New ones Built but first you will direct a Plan and Estimate to be made which you will transmit to us with such Informa tion as may enable us to give you our Directions thereon

The Washing Stones you Indent for shall be sent by the first Conveyance

We shall also take the first safe Opportunity to furnish M Heath with ten thousand Madrass Pagodas or more

M Richard Brickenden has our Permission to return to this Place agree ably to his Request and we have appointed M George Dawson to assist you in his stead

The Apollo Ketch safely imported here and we have landed 150 Bales from Bandarmalanka & 22 Bales of Chay Goods from you which have been examined and we desire you will acquaint M Dolben he has given us great satisfaction in the Care he appears to have taken in the Investment

The Long Cloths Fine & Midling tho good we hope may be improved the Long Cloth Ordinary is better in Proportion to its Price

Finding the Chay Goods so much better and cheaper than of late years we now order you to provide double the quantity but to receive none of the N^o 3^s The Romalls provided last year are chanked and conjee d which is contrary to the Company s orders

Our Allejars the Company have ordered none but as the Bale lately sent us is much superiour to what was formerly provided we have order d a few Bales and you are to be careful not to receive any of N^o 3 all the Chay Goods to be sent home being expressly ordered to be of a Bright Red

Although two Packers only were allowed at Bandarmalanka by the Regulation made in November 1761 yet as you represent that four more are necessary for the Bussyness of the Investment you have our permission to entertain them and to charge the Number employed since the Investment has been coming in

We have examined the several Proposals you sent us for renting the Toddy and arrack Farm and that made by Tadapala Ramanapah being the highest Viz^t Five thousand two hundred Rupees ₹ Annum we have accepted his Offer as you inform us he was the last Renter and is a responsible Man and we enclose a Cowle for the same

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
ROBERT PALK
CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
12TH FEBRUARY 1763

N^o 12

TO THE HONBLE HENRY ABBESTIE Esq^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & THE COUNCIL
OF FORT DANSBOROUGH

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have received the Letter you did us the Honor to write us the 15th January in regard to the deceased M Robert Sloper we must acknowledge ourselves much obliged to you for the attention you are pleased to shew towards us in communicating to us the steps that have been taken in regard to his affairs but particularly in the Offer you are pleased to make us of administering the Estate of the deceased which may be found under your Jurisdiction according to the Laws of England

The Form which our Laws prescribe are first that search be made amongst the deceased s papers for his Will & if a Will be found the Person or Persons named therein as Executors must produce the same in the Court which is established here for that & other purposes of Justice out of which Court a proper authority then Issues to such Executors to take upon them the Administration of the deceased affairs & in default of a Will the next of Kin or Principal Creditor may obtain such a Power but we ourselves as a Governor & Council are not authorised to take upon us the Charge or administration of the deceased s

Estate In order therefore that the Offer you are pleased to make us of suffering the deceaseds Effects under your Jurisdiction to be administred according to the English Constitution may take Effect we request that you will be pleased to permit a diligent search to be made amongst the deceased s Papers &c for his Will and if the same should be found that the Executors therein named may be permitted to lodge the same in our Court here in order to their obtaining the Powers aforementioned and then proceed according to Law in the administration

We have the Honor to be with perfect Consideration & Esteem

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

GEORGE FIGOT
ROBERT PALK
CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
16TH FEBRUARY 1763

N^o 13

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Since our last of the 25 Ultimo we have received your Favor dated the 4th of that Month & agreeable to your desire enclose Copies of the Orders to Captain Delea the last time he was dispatch d to Allumparva with Copy of a Letter he wrote to us upon that occasion He sailed for Allumparva the 7th of October & after taking on board there as many shells for Chunam as suited his own Convenience left that Place for your Coast about the 13th without giving us the least Intimation of his Designs or his reasons for deviating from the Orders he received from us

The great scarcity of Grain in the Inland Country this season by the want of Rain has drove numbers of the Inhabitations into our Bounds and threatens severe Distress especially as the French Ships cruizing in Ballasore Road (of which your Honor &c^a are now advised in a separate Letter) will shut out all supplies from Bengal we are therefore to request that your Honor &c^a will engage all the Vessels you may be able to call at Manjalore or such other place as you may judge convenient to bring us as large a supply as possible

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

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FORT ST GEORGE
15TH FEBRUARY 1763

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LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY 卐 PATTAMAR

- N^o 1 General Letter Dated 15th February 1763
 2 Duplicate General Letter Dated 25th January 1763
 3 Copies of Sailing Orders to Captam Magnes Delea of the Britannia Snow dated the 3^d and 6th of October with Copy of a Letter from Captain Delea to the President & Council dated the 4th of that month

WILLIAM ALDERSEY
Secrv

FORT S^t GEORGE
 15TH FEB^RY 1763

 N^o 14

TO WILLIAM HORNBY ESQ^r
 CHIEF & C^A COUNCIL AT TELlicherry

GENTLEMEN

The want of Rain in the Inland Country this season has occasion d a great scarcity of Grain This has drove Numbers of the Inhabitants into our Bounds & gives us too much Reason to apprehend being reduced to great Distress unless we can receive assistance from your side as the two French Ships which we have received advice are cruizing in Ballasore Road will probably shut out all supplies from Bengal we are therefore most earnestly to request that you will use every Means in your Power to convey to us as large supplies as possible either by encouraging private Traders to bring it round who cannot fail to make a considerable Profit or if that cannot be done that you will engage all the Ves sells you may be able to send us a Quantity by on the Company s Account

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
 STRINGER LAWRENCE
 ROBERT PALK
 CHARLES BOURCHIER
 RICH^d FAIRFIELD
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 JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT S^t GEORGE
 16TH FEBRUARY 1763

 N^o 15

TO THOMAS WHITEHILL ESQ^r
 CHIEF & C^A COUNCIL
 AT ANJENGO

GENTLEMEN

The Want of Rain in the Inland Country this season has occasion d a great scarcity of Grain This has drove Numbers of the Inhabitants into our Bounds and gives us too much Reason to apprehend being reduced to great Distress unless we can receive assistance from your side as the two French Ships which we have received advice are cruizing in Ballasore Road will probably shut out all supplies from Bengal we are therefore most earnestly to request that you will use every means in your Power to convey to us as large supplies as possible

either by encouraging Private Traders to bring it round who cannot fail to make a considerable Profit or if that cannot be done that you will engage all the Vessels you may be able to send us a Quantity by on the Company s Account

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FORT S^t GEORGE
16th FEBRUARY 1763

N^o 16

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have not received any Letters from you since our last of the 29th Decem-ber dispatch d by Tappies in Duplicate though by private Advices we have the Pleasure to learn that our Hon ble Master s ships the Houghton and Earl of Ashburnham are safely arrived with you

The Osterly after the surrender of Manilha (of which you have been advised from the other Department) having been dispatch d for China the 26th of Octo-ber on the 1st of November met with a violent Gale of Wind in the Lattitude of 17 N which obliged the Captain to bear away for Mallacca from whence he was inducd to return hither as his want of Men & the Conditions of his Ship in other respects would have render d an Attempt to proceed by the Pitt s Passage impracticable not having any particular Employment for this ship on the Coast we now dispatch her to you in hopes that she will be able to return in time to proceed to China early the ensuing Season & we take the Opportunity of sending by her some Cannon as you are more particularly advised in a sepa-rate Letter we have landed her Cargo intended for China except the Redwood and Lead

As we would not have the Osterly run the least hazard of having a late passage to China we have ordered Capt Vincent in case he shall find no Pros-pect of being with you by the end of the present Month to return to this Place

The great scarcity of Grain in the Inland Country this season by the want of Rain has drove Numbers of the Inhabitants into our Bounds & threatens severe Distress unless we are assisted by supplies from the Northward we must theretore request in case the Osterly makes her Passage that you will return her with a Cargo of Grain and take every other Opportunity which may offer of supplying us

Agreeable to your Request for Mill Stones we send by the Osterly two of 6 Feet diameter the rest shall be sent by a future Opportunity with Invoice of the whole

The Gentlemen at Bombay acquaint us that our Honble Masters Ship Pocock arrived there the 12th of December which compleats the Number destined to their side the last Year

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
ROBERT PALK
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RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
19th FEBRUARY 1763

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N^o 17

TO CAP^t FREDERICK VINCENT
OF THE OSTERLY

SIR

You are hereby order d to repair on board and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal on your arrival at Ingellee you are to forward the Packet herewith delivered to you to the President & Council of Fort William and on no account to carry your ship higher up than Rogues River without their particular Directions

But notwithstanding the above orders should you not reach the River of Bengal in all this Month you are to return this Place

We wish you a good Voyage & date this in Fort St George the 9th of February 1763

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
ROBERT PALK
CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT WILLIAM BY SHIP OSTERLY

- N^o 1 General Letter Dated 9th February 1763
- 2 Triplicate D^o 29th December 1762
- 3 Copy Captain Vincents Sailing Orders

WILLIAM ALDERSEY
Secy

FORT ST GEORGE
9th FEBRUARY 1763

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N^o 18

To CHARLES TURNER ESQ^a
CHIEF AT CUDDALORE

SIR

We have received your Letters dated the 9th & 13th Instant the last enclosing Proposals from your Merchants to provide Goods for the present Years Investment as we should be glad to discourse with them particularly on the subject before making a new Contract you will on receipt hereof desire them to repair immediately to Madrass for that Purpose

As the Bussyness of your settlement will encrease by the large Investment provided there We have appointed M John Calland & M Edward Raddon to be of council with you and M Goddard to be an assistant M Calland & M Goddard will set out from hence in a few days

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

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STRINGER LAWRENCE
ROBERT PALK
CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
23^d FEBRUARY 1763

N^o 19

To JOHN PYBUS ESQ^a
CHIEF OF MASULIPATAM

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 12th Instant with the Monthly accounts of your settlement for January & observe the adjustment you have been obliged to make in the Apollo s Invoice to make it correspond with your Books It is certain that the difference of Pagodas 4-10-23 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent is merely imaginary but as it appears to Inhance the Price of the Investment so much we judge the more eligible Method will be upon the opening your new Books to Open Heads of Rupees and Madrass Pagodas instead of Cash the former at 350 $\frac{1}{4}$ Curr^t Pagodas and the latter at 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent Batta & if at any time you are necessitated to exchange Rupees into Madras Pagodas or Madras Pagodas into Rupees any Difference that may arise can be adjusted at the close of your Books by Batta though we imagine this to be a Circumstance that cannot often occur as that part of your Revenues payable in Madrass Pagodas must nearly be sufficient to carry on your Investment and that part payable in Rupees to defray all your other Disbursements

We depend on your hastening the Musters of the Romalls that as little time as possible may be lost in the provision of the Chay Goods

Rup^s an^s

We will not allow the 138 13 being deducted from the Narsapore Renters Account you will therefore compell him to pay the whole amount of his K1st

As to the Bramin and Mahometan Priest we know nothing of them their Cast People must provide for them & we desire to see nothing more of them in your Records or Accounts

We have before directed an Estimate to be sent us of the Charge of building a proper Godown to receive the Cloth at Bandarmalanka when we receive it you shall have our Orders in consequence

We approve of the Directions you have given M Dolben in regard to the security of the Company s Cloth

Your Indent for stores shall be complied with the first convenient opportunity

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
ROBERT PALK
CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
1st MARCH 1763

N^o 20

TO CHARLES TURNER ESQ^a
CHIEF OF CUDDALORE

SIR

We have received your Letters dated the 23^d 24th & 26th of February

You have our Permission to take off the Inland Duties on Grain to encourage the importation of it from the Country during the present scarcity

Rajah Punt the Renter of Deve Cotah is collecting there a quantity of Grain to send to Madrass we shall Dispatch the Greyhound Snow thither in a few days to receive a part of it you will acquaint the Renter that he must send up all the Grain he can possibly collect for which Purpose we shall furnish Conveyances and that he is to receive fifty Pagodas for every Garce of Paddy you will send to Deve Cotah a Company s Mercall a Measureing Man and a Coneycoply to receive it from the Renter The Master of the Vessel must also see it measured when it is sent on board his vessel as he must sign a Bill of Lading for it & must be answerable for all Deficiencies

You will permit the Porto Novo Merchants who have contracted for Delivering the Goods they are to provide for the Investment at Madras to export it from Deve Cotah or Cuddalore as they shall find most convenient and you must constantly advise us of the Quantities exported

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

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ROBERT PALK
CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICH^d BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
2^d MARCH 1763

N 21

TO THOMAS HEATH ESQ^R
CHIEF AT VIZAGAPATAM

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 2^d Instant with the Bales by the Amelia Snow and by the return of the Vessel now consign to you fifteen thousand Madrass Pagodas (15 000) for the Occasions of your Investment as P Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed

We are

SIR

Your most affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
ROBERT PALK
CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICH^D FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT S^T GEORGE
5TH MARCH 1763

N 22

TO THE HON BLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQ^R
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HON BLE SIR & SIRs

We have received your favours of the 24th & 31st January with a Duplicate of the former which we shall reply to by an after Conveyance

This waits on you by the Betsey which sloop we have ordered to call at Vizagapatam where if she meets with the Winchelsea the Master is directed to proceed with Cap^t How who we hope will be with you in time to get again out of the River we beg you will put on board his Ship all the Salt Petre you can possibly send us with an equal quantity of Packing stuff to that you sent us by the Chesterfield and on his arrival here we will endeavour to employ his ship to the best advantage

We are

HON BLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble servant

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STRINGER LAWRENCE
ROBERT PALK
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RICH^D FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMFS ALEXANDER

FORT S^T GEORGE
7TH MARCH 1763

N^o 23

To CHARLES TURNER ESQ^r
CHIEF AT CUDDALORE

SIR

We now Dispatch to you the Greyhound Snow with some stores for the use of your settlement as ¶ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed as soon as they are landed she must proceed to Deve Cotah & receive a Quantity of Paddy from the Renter there with which he is to return without loss of time to this Place

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

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STRINGER LAWRENCE
ROBERT PALK
CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT S^t GEORGE
11th MARCH 1763

N^o 24

To CAP^t WILLIAM CORRY
OF THE GREYHOUND SNOW

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Cuddalore where after delivering the Stores you have on board for that Place you are to proceed to Deve Cotah where you are to receive as much Paddy as you can take in from the Persons appointed there to deliver it which done you are to return with all Expedition to this Port

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
ROBERT PALK
CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

DATED IN FORT S^t GEORGE 11th MARCH 1763

N^o 25

To THOMAS HEATH ESQ^r
CHIEF AT VIZAGAPATAM

SIR

We have received your Letters of the 26 & 27th Instant with the several accounts enclosed in the former

You have our Permission in consequence of your Request to come up hither or proceed to Bengal as may best suit your Convenience after having delivered over the Charge of the Settlement to Mess^{rs} Stratton & Smith who will repair to Vizagapatam by the first Opportunity

We are

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

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STRINGER LAWRENCE
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CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
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JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT S^t GEORGE
19th MARCH 1763

N^o 26

TO JOHN PYBUS ESQ^r
CHIEF AT MASULIPATAM

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 2^d Instant and approve the Contract you therein mention to have made with the Merchants for the Chay Goods for the present Year s Investment and we depend on their Keeping up to the Qualities of the Goods agreeable to the Instructions already sent you also to their punctual observance of the Contract in the time stipulated for the delivery of them

The Muster of Moorees you sent us appears to be a small degree inferiour to the Madrass Moorees fine it is of a proper substance for Painting and would answer much better for washing if it could be wove a little thicker & the Thread be better twisted in which case the Price might be some what raised half the Muster Piece is now return d to you

You have our Permission to carry on the Buildings & Repairs wanting at Bandarmalanka according to the Estimate you have transmitted to us of the Expencc

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

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FORT S^t GEORGE
19th MARCH 1763

N^o 27

TO CHARLES TURNER ESQ^e
CHIEF AT CUDDALORE

SIR

We have discoursed with your Merchants on the subject of the investment to be made at Cuddalore for the current Year who have undertaken to Contract for the different sortments of Goods at the Prices mention d in the enclosed statement you will receive herewith the observations made on comparing the Goods provided at Cuddalore with those made at this Place also the Remarks made on the Goods you have lately sent us which are recommended to your attention

We do not mean to confine you to the Quantities stipulated of Long Cloths and salampores if these you may receive any Quantities that are offered if equal to Muster

Such Cloth as the Merchants have now on hand you are to receive on the Terms of the last Contract & the Ballance that may then remain due to the Company is to be deducted out of the quarter Part advance to be made them on account of the present year s Investment

The Merchants have offer d to deliver such of their Turn d out Cloth as on Examination you shall think fit to receive at a Deduction of three Pagodas-³/₄ Corge on the Long Cloth and of one and a half on the Salempores on account of their last year s Contract you are permitted to receive it on those Terms taking the Remarks made by our Export Warehouse keeper on a Corge of each Sortment they have sent hither for your Guidance The Regulatin for charging such Cloth as cannot be taken is with a Duty of ten ³/₄ Cent of which you have allready been advised is to commence with the new Investment and we would have the last year s contract closed as soon as possible

As Salampores Fine & Ordinary used formerly to be manufactured at St David you will provide a Corge of each that we may be enabled to judge of the Quality and Price

We are

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JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT S^t GEORGE
28th MARCH 1763

N^o 28

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^e
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received the favour of your Letter of the 17th February and are sorry that a subject of so little consequence in itself as Capt Deleas should occasion so much writing & trouble to you & to us

We beg leave to refer you to the enclosed Copy of our Master Attendants representation concerning the Cause of the Leak which the Britannia sprung in this Road your Honour &c will from thence be enabled to judge what degree of Credit is due to Capt Deleas Statement of Facts

It never was intended that the Owners should be at the Charge of Victualing the Troops sent on board the Britannia at Cuddalore to be landed here and if the Chief of Cuddalore did order them on board without making the necessary Provision it might be a want of attention in him but could certainly give no reasonable pretence to Cap^t Delea to write to him in the rude and disrespectful manner which he did upon that & other occasions the truth of the matter is that it did not suit Capt Deleas Humour to perform that or any other Service

Whenever your Honour &c shall find it necessary to freight any Vessels round to this Coast on the Company s Acco^t if you will be pleased to send us a Copy of the agreement you enter into with the Owners we shall be careful not to exceed the Limitation but when you signify to us only in general terms that the Vessel is at the Company s Charge untill her return to you we are to conclude that we are at Liberty to employ her untill the Season permitt her return In respect to the Fata Salam we have already fully explained ourselves and can take no blame on us for the accident which happen d to her in regard to the Britannia we beg you will [b]e pleased to turn back to the letter you wrote to us dated the 27th March 1762 wherein you desire us to Freight that Vessel back to you thereby in some Measure to reimburse our Honble Masters for the heavy Expencc they incur by your being obliged to Freight her to carry Stores to the squadron this was all the Information you gave us and was what we thought sufficient to remove all doubt of our right to employ her whilst she lay here in such services as occasion required it must now rest with your Honor &c who made and have the agreement to judge whether we have exceeded the Right the Company derived from it & if so what recompence to make the owners we can only that it does not appear to us that the service we employed the Vessel on were uncommon or the Cause of any extraordinary damage to her

The Clinton arriv d from Bengal the 24th of last Month and is now under Dispatch for Europe

The Houghton came in the 6th Instant and will pursue her Original Destination to China with all convenient Dispatch

It is with great Concern we acquaint you that by private Advices from Canton dated the 8th Janry we learn that the Elisabeth was destroyed by Fire as she lay of Linting Bar and that the Captain second Mate and thirty more perished in her five other ships were laying there at the same time homeward bound and two remained at Canton which were to be dispatched in a few days

We are

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JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
11TH APRIL 1763

N^o 29

To JOHN PYBUS ESQ^R
CHIEF AT MASULIPATAM

SIR

The Musters received with your Letter of the 24th of last Month having been examined we find that not any of them except the Izzarees will answer unless they can be improved agreeably to the observations of our Export Ware House Keeper which are now transmitted to you for your Guidance of the Izzarees you will only cause a few Pieces to be made to be sent home as Musters

You will recommend to M Dolben to encourage his Merchants in the Provision of Long Cloths for the present year s Invest^t according to the terms you inform us they have agreed to

In regard to the Ballance due from the late Farmers of the Masulipatam and Ponracca Salt we think you had better take the salt remaining on their hands by way of security & when the Rent of the present Farm expires you will be the better able to judge how far it is likely to answer in reducing there Debt

We think it proper that the Farms dependant on Masulipatam should be let for one year only you will therefore on receipt hereof advertise that Proposals will be received for reletting those which expire on the 31st of May for the ensuing Year and transmit to us such as may be delivered to you in consequence by the 15th of May for our Determination with such Information as you can obtain relating to the Character and Circumstances of the different Bidders

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

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JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT S GEORGE
13TH APRIL 1763

N^o 30

To THE HONBLE HENRY ABBESTEE ESQ^R
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL
AT FORT DANSBOROUGH

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have the Honor to reply to your esteemed favour of the 2^d Instant
In the Letter we had the honor to address to you the 16th February we inform d you that the Cognizance of Wills and administrations was not wested in us but in a Court established here by the King s Authority with Powers independant of us however that we might be the better enabled to reply to your abovemention d favour we have taken the Opinion of the proper Officer of that Court who informs us that it is necessary the Original Will should be produced and deposited in it and that M^{rs} Sloper the Executrix should either personally appear with the Witnesses to the Will to prove the same or that a Commission should issue out of the said Court directed to proper Persons to examine the said Executrix and Witnesses touching the same that then a probate and administration may be granted to M^{rs} Sloper who may afterwards by virtue

thereof empower M Brower & M Jessen to act for her That your Honor &c^a may not be put to any more trouble in this affair Mrs Sloper would do well to address herself to some of her Friends here or an Attorney of the Court to assist her in transacting this matter in a regular Course

We have the Honor to be with the most perfect Esteem & Consideration

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servant

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JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
15TH APRIL 1763

N 31

TO CHARLES TURNER ESQ^a
CHIEF AT CUDDALORE

SIR

We have received your Letter dated the 7th Instant

The Cloth used for Wrappers to Your Bales must always be taken from such of the Company s Cloth as have been torn or damaged at the Wash this is the Practise here and the Warehousekeeper receives them at the Price they cost the Company If care is taken we see not how the Torn Cloths can well be more in Quantity than what are used for Wax Cloth & Wrappers (particularly in the Long Cloth Ordinary) as it is near two $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent and tho we now permit you to sell at Outcry the Torn and damaged Cloths you have on hand over and above what may be necessary for the Package of your present Bales we expect that you make the Washers pay for all the Torn Cloths over & above two $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent in future as we are persuaded it can never amount to that unless they are very negligent

The Committee of Accounts having on Examination of your Accounts pointed out some erroneous Entries as you will observe by the enclosed Copy of their Report you will cause the same to be rectified in the manner they recommend

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

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FORT ST GEORGE
15TH APRIL 1763

N 32

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS AND MOST EXCELLENT LORD
 THE EARL OF EGA VICE ROY AND CAPTAIN
 GENERAL OF THE ESTATES OF INDIA AND
 COUNSELLOR OF STATE OF HIS MOST
 FAITHFUL MAJESTY AT GOA

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY

The Supra Cargoes & Agents for the English Nation a[t] Canton have represented to us that in their intercourse with your settlement at Macao they have for some time past been subjected to such Difficulties & unfriendly treatment as neither they or We can conceive to have their Foundation in any orders from his most faithful Majesty or from your Excellency amongst many other instances they mention this That in 1760 the senate published an Order by Beat of Drum prohibiting the Inhabitants of Macao to Rent their Houses to Foreigners with their Consent and even ordered that they should not have leave to possess the Houses they had already rented of the Proprietors without first petitioning the Senate in a very humble manner which Custom still subsists and is extremely inconvenient to those who are obliged to go to Macao and who are sometimes forced to remain in their Boats till the senate assembles and grants their Petition and then they are again obliged to Petition the Governor before the Proprietor of an House can admit them This Treatment is very different from that which is shewn to the subjects of his most faithful Majesty who trade from Macao to the English Settlements in India We pass over many other Instances as we do not intend this address so much by way of Complaint—for what is past as that your Excellency being informed that the English are subjected to much unfriendly usage and unreasonable Difficulties at Macao may interpose your authority to restore that harmony and friendly intercourse which heretofore subsisted We do not ask any thing in your Ports but what has allways been granted in ours and as such reciprocation is founded in reason we cannot doubt of a favourable issue

We have the Honour to be Your Excellencys

Most Obedient and Most humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT
 STRINGER LAWRENCE
 ROBERT PALK
 CHARLES BOURCHIER
 RICH^d FAIRFIELD

JOSIAS DUPRE
 JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
 7TH MAY 1763

N^o 33

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^r
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
 AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have received your Favour of the 26th of March

Major Duff of His Majesty s 89th Regiment having applied to us for an advance of one thousand Pagodas for the subsistence of the Detachment of that Regiment under his Command we have advanced the same and agreeable to your desire have taken a sett of Bills of Exchange drawn by him for the same on Major Hector Munro at Bombay the first of which is enclosed

The Windsor arrived here from Bengal at the 14th of last Month and as the time which must be employed in landing the Consignments for the squadron would advance so far in the season as to render her Passage round to your Coast in the common Track impracticable and by the Southern Passage she could not arrive in time to be of any assistance to the Ships of this season we have therefore taken the Liberty to land the two hundred Tons of Salt Petre on board her consign'd to your Presidency which will enable us to dispatch a ship to Europe in August and a further supply from Bengal may reach you in time to be as usefull in your next Dispatch as this could have been had we not taken this ship of which we have advised the Gentlemen there and hope you will deem these Reasons sufficient We have opened the Packet for your Honor &c by the Windsor to take a Copy of the Invoice and forward it herewith

The Company's Supra cargoes in China have acquainted us that they have of late been subjected to many Difficulties and unfriendly usage at Macao and have desired us to represent the same to the Vice Roy at Goa We have accordingly address'd a Letter to him on that subject which We enclose under a flying Seal for your Perusal as also a Copy of what the Supracargoes write us on this subject requesting that you will be pleased to cause our Letters to be forwarded and support it by one from yourselves if you shall see proper

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble servants

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
ROBERT PALK
CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICHARD FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
7th MAY 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY & PATTAMAR

- N 1 General Letter dated the 7th May 1763
- 2 First Bill of Exchange drawn by Major Duff on Major Hector Munro for Pagodas for 1000 advanced on account of His Majesty's 89th Regiment
- 3 Extract of a Letter from the Supra Cargoes at Canton dated the 20th December 1762
- 4 Packet directed to the Vice Roy at Goa under a Flying Seal
- 5 Packet from the President & Council of Fort William

WILLIAM ALDERSEY
Secy

FORT ST GEORGE
7th MAY 1763

No 34.

TO WILLIAM HORNBY ESQ^a
CHIEF & C^a COUNCIL
AT TELlichERRY

GENTLEMEN

Your Letter of the 1st of February we have duely received with the Packet enclosed from the Supra cargoes residing at Canton

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
ROBERT PALK
CHARLES BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT S^t GEORGE
7th MAY 1763

No 35

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VAN SITTART ESQ^a
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have received your several Letters by the Clinton Houghton Grampus Sloop & Snow Leopard dated the 10th & 14th of February & 4th of March also one by the Fort S^t George of the 17th of March with that of the 10th of February by Clinton came the Packet from England for this Presidency by the Earl of Ashburnham

The Supra Cargoes at Canton having wrote to us very pressingly for an early supply of Treasure this season we shall dispatch the Houghton thither in a few days with five Lacks of Rupees and with the assistance lately received from your Honor &c we hope to be able to furnish them to the amount of sixteen or eighteen Lacks for the Occasions of this year s shipping

The Greyhound Snow will proceed to the West Coast with a part of the Stores for that Presidency as you recommend & the rest forwarded by the earliest opportunity The Articles you cannot spare to compleat the West Coast Indent for Medicines shall be supplied from hence as far as we are able

The Windsor did not arrive here until the 14th of last Month and as the time which must be employed in landing the Consignments for the Squadron would advance so far in the season as to render her Passage round to the other Coast in the Common Track impracticable and by the southern Passage she could not arrive in time to be of any assistance to the Ships of this season we have therefore resolved to land the two hundred Tons of Salt Petre on board her consigned to the Presidency of Bombay which will enable us to Dispatch a Ship to Europe in August and a further supply from you to Bombay may reach them in time to be as useful in their next Dispatch as this could have been had we not taken this step After the Dispatch of our August Ship we apprehend we shall again be left very bare of Salt Petre even for the making of Gun powder we therefore request your Honour &c will please to make what Provision you can for us

The Bills of Exchange you drew on us as advised in your Letters of the 14 of February were not dated they have nevertheless been duely honour d as well as that mention d in yours of the 17th of March If you could in your future Drafts settle the rate of Exchange instead of leaving it to the Curr^t Course here it would be much better because whilst Rupees continue here so scarce as they are at present it is in the Power of any Person here to raise the nominal Rate of Exchange or what is call d the Buzar Rice many ₹ C^{ts} in one day by only intimating a Necessity or intention of purchasing a sum and although not a Rupee perhaps may be bought or sold at that nominal Exchange yet it passes as the Curr^t Price and may involve us in Disputes with the Bill holders how ever if you should find it difficult to settle the Exchange we must do it in the best manner we can

The Grampus Sloop shall be returned to you on the arrival of the first ship from Europe with the Packet from your Presidency as you desire

It is with great Concern we acquaint you that by private Advices from Canton dated the 8th of January we learn that our Honble Master s Ship Elizabeth was destroyed by Fire as she lay of Linting Bar and that the Captain second Mate & thirty more perished in her Five other Ships were laying there at the same time homeward bound and two remain d at Canton which were to be dispatch d in a few days

Enclosed is a Packet for your Honor &c received from Bombay

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble servants

GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT S^T GEORGE
7TH MAY 1763

N^o 36

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VAN SITTART ESQ^{^s}
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Having great occasion for a Quantity of Paper to make into Musket Cartridges this is purposely to request that you will by the first Opportunity supply us with twenty thousand Quires Or if you should not have so much by you that you will cause that quantity to be made and forward it to us by December or January The proper Paper for this use is of a tough Nature not to be subject to break and though thin it should be so well manufactured as not to admit of any of the Grains of Powder passing through it which is too frequently the case in the Paper made in this Country We request your Honor &c^{as} particular attention herein as our Musket Ammunition is often unfit for use although made up but a very short time

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble servants

GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT S^T GEORGE
7TH MAY 1763

N^o 37

To JOHN PYBUS ESQ
CHIEF AT MASULIPATAM

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 22^d of last Month

You will order four hundred Pieces of Izzarees superfine to be provided as directed by the List of Goods sent to you with our Letter of the 5th of January and disregard the Orders contain d in our Letter of the 13th of April to make only a few by way of Musters

We cannot give any further Directions relating to the Provision of Moorees untill we see how the new Musters providing will turn out

By the Speedwell Snow we now send such Part of your Indent as can at present be complied with agreeable to Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed

M^r George Dawson having been ordered to Mazulipatam in the Room of M Brickenden proceeds to you by this Opportunity

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT S^T GEORGE
11TH MAY 1763

N^o 38

To THE HONBLE HENRY VAN SITTART ESQ^S
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Since closing our Letters of the 7th Inst His Majesty s Ship the Baleine is arrived here from Tellicherry with a Letter from the Chief and Council there dated the 20th of April enclosing Copy of His Majesty s Proclamation of a Cessation of Arms with France and Spain sign d at St James the 26th of Nov 1762 which they mention to have just received without any other Particulars as to the Authenticity of it We enclose a Copy and hope very soon to give you the News of its being confirmed and followed by a Peace

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble servants

GEORGE PIGOT & C COUNCIL

FORT S^T GEORGE
13TH MAY 1763

N^o 39

To MESS^{RS} THOMAS FITZHUGH SAMUEL BLOUNT NATHANIEL GARLAND
ALEXANDER HUME BENJAMIN TORIN THOMAS SMITH & WILLIAM ROUS
SUPRA CARGOS RESIDENT AT CANTON

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letter of the 8th November 1762 and a Duplicate of the same with an addition without Date we at the same time with the last received a letter dated the 20th of December from the Gentlemen then of Council at Canton our Answer to both is with Propriety we believe address d to you

We are sorry to find that the Ship *Giosvenor* had not reached you at the Date of the above Letters we address d you by her the 10th of September and now enclose a Duplicate

We could have wish d that the Exigency of affairs at *Manilha* had not necessarily demanded the detention of so much of the Treasure originally intended for *China* but it was not in our Power to supply that service otherwise

We are very sensible how important a Branch the *China Trade* is to our Honble Masters and shall therefore contribute at all times our utmost endeavours towards the Promotion of it The Gentlemen at *Bengal* having consign d to us five Lacks of Rupees with this Assistance we shall certainly consign to you this season at least fifteen Lacks were silver procurable we should encrease the sum very considerably but the scarcity of that article is such that we dare not give you any assurances of a larger supply although we are not without hopes of collecting two or three Lacks more before the Departure of the latter ships

By this Ship the *Houghton* which arrived from *Bengal* the 6th of last Month we consign to you five Lacks in Treasure together with some Cotton and a small quantity of Redwood agreeable to Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed herewith you will also receive a Packet from the President & Council of *Fort William*

The Osterly not being able to gain her Passage to *China* from *Manilha* returned to this Place in January we have sent her to *Bengal* on particular service & after her return shall dispatch her to you as early in the season as possible

The Cotton sent to you last Year having been transhipped from the Royal Captain to the *Essex* & Osterly without being landed the Weight of it could not be ascertain d that which you will receive by this ship was the Portion intended last year by the Osterly

The Redwood which makes a part of the *Houghton*'s Invoice was laden before the receipt of your Letter of the 20th of December wherein you represent the Market to be over stock d with that Article and we shall therefore desist from sending any more untill your further advices

We shall observe the Precaution you recommend of having Birds Nest packed in Chests to prevent it from breaking if we should have a further supply of that Article to send you

We have directed the Gentlemen at *Manilha* to assist you if they should have it in their Power with the means of transporting thither the Bale Goods intended for *Sooloo* which you rec^d by the Royal Captain as you inform us they are not vendable at *Canton* but we must refer to what they may write you on this subject

Mess^{rs} *Dalrymple* and *Kelsall* returned hither in the London from *Sooloo* the latter end of March having by the non arrival of the Royal Captain and other Accidents been prevented from fullfilling the Intention of the Voyage They however judg'd it expedient to enter into a new contract with the *Sooloos* in consequence of which we purpose directing one of the ships destin d for *China* this season to call there and receive the Goods they have agreed to provide

The *Tilbury* sail d from *Bengal* for Europe towards the end of December and the *Drake* & *Hardwicke* the 3^d of March The Earl of *Ashburnham* and *Royal George* were to follow in all that Month The *Clinton* being arrived here is now under dispatch for Europe

The *Walpole* was unfortunately taken off *Ceylon* in the month of September by a Squadron of French ships consisting of the *Vengeur* of 64 Guns The *Conde* of 50 and the *Fidelle* Frigate of 18 Guns They afterwards took their

Station off Ballasore Road towards the end of December where they continued till the middle of February without doing further Damage than taking two or three Country Vessels and retarding the Departure of our shipping

We have in consequence of your desire address d the Vice Roy of Goa on the subject of your Complaints should we receive any answer before the Departure of the latter ships we shall not fail to communicate the same to you

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble servants

GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT S GEORGE
18TH MAY 1763

N^o 40

To MESS^{RS} THOMAS FITZHUGH SAMUEL BLOUNT NATHANIEL GARLAND
ALEXANDER HUME BENJAMIN TORIN THOMAS SMITH AND WILLIAM ROUS,
SUPRA CARGOES RESIDENT AT CANTON

GENTLEMEN

Since closing our Letter of the 18th Instant we have received a Packet from the Court of Directors by the way of Alleppo dated the 30th of Nov^r 1762 giving Advice that a Cessation of Arms was declared between Great Britain France and Spain the 26th of that Month & enclosing Copies of His Majesty s Proclamation thereof a Copy of which is herewith transmitted with Copies of the 4th 5th & 6th Paragraphs of our Honble Master s said Commands relating thereto also a List of the Ships taken up for India this Season

Admiral Cornish arrived here with His Majesty s Squadron from Manilha the 19th Inst^t and we observe by the Advices received from the Deputy Govern^r & Council there that you had sent to them by the Essex & Albion the Bale Goods intended for Sooloo by the Royal Captain In regard to the Pearl we sent you last Year if they are not already disposed of we desire you will keep them with you untill further advices from us

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble servants

GEORGE PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT S GEORGE
21ST MAY 1763

N^o 41

To DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^R
DEPUTY GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL
AT MANILHA

GENTLEMEN

The Committee of Accounts have laid before us their Remarks upon your accounts they are these

That in the Month of September and October your

Disbursements were

In November

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	14069	2	6

but as there are no particulars of these Disbursements but your Accounts referring to Notes and Papers not transmitted to us they are unable to make—any

particular Remarks and consequently you cannot have our orders fully You must therefore be careful in future that your accounts express so clearly the Nature of every particular

Disbursements that we may be able to form a Judgement which are necessary and which not

The Committee of Accounts remark that the Marines when acting on Shore received Subsistence the same as the Soldiers belonging to the Company's Troops you will therefore order your Paymaster to send us proper Pay Rolls expressing the particular Names both of the Officers and Men the Sum each rec^d and the Ship they belong to We mean their Pay only not their Batta or Diet

Lieutenant Richbell was included among those Officers for whom Major More rec^d the Amount of their Passage Money we should suppose that Major More has accounted with that Gentleman had we not seen a Note drawn by M Richbell for eighty Rupees on that Acco^t this money must be repaid into the Company's Cash and you will please to make this known to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment that the necessary Enquiry may be made whether the Error is on Mr Richbells side or whether Major More omitted to pay him

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE FIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

FORT ST GEORGE
18TH MAY 1763

N^o 42

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^R
DEPUTY GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL
AT MANILHA

GENTLEMEN

As the purport of the Advices received from you will be particularly reply'd to in a separate Letter it is only necessary to acquaint you here that your Indents are now complied with by the Ships Houghton and London as far as the several Articles can be spared from our Stores no part of the Woolen Goods can be sent you untill we receive a supply from Europe which we may shortly expect

It being necessary that the Houghton should arrive in China as early as possible with the Treasure she has on board consign'd to the Supra Cargoes you will on no account detain her longer than may be indispensably required for landing the seapoys and Stores and we must also enjoin you not to detain any of her Treasure unless upon the most pressing Emergency as it cannot fail of being a very great Interruption to the China Investment should you be able to supply the supra cargoes in China with Treasure you will advise them by this ship of the amount

The Royal Captain having missed the Island of Sooloo last Year and carried to Canton the Bale Goods intended for the former Place which the Supra cargoes write us are not saleable at Canton if it should be in your power to assist the supra cargoes with the Means for having them conveyed to Manilha we recommend to you to do so concerning which you will write them by this Conveyance and in that case you will dispose of them to the best advantage for the Company

We shall dispatch the Honble Company's Ship London to Sooloo where she may probably remain till the end of August and then she is to proceed to you to be repaired which you will cause to be done as compleatly as may be and

she may then be employed on whatever service you may deem to be most for the Company's Advantage. In case you should have no occasion for her services she is to be returned to us.

Enclosed is a Manifest of Cloathing and Medicines in the Houghton on Account of His Majesty's 79th Regiment which you will cause to be delivered to the proper Officers or receive under your care if they should not be on the spot to take charge of them.

Since writing the above Admiral Cornish is arrived here with his Majesty's Squadron and we have received your Advices giving an Account of your Transactions until the departure of the Squadron.

We observe you have drawn upon us Bills of Exchange to the amount of Pagodas 49092- -2 which we shall honor as they are tendered.

We must repeat our Injunctions to you not to detain any of the Houghton's Treasure consigned to Canton also to land the Stores for Manilla with the utmost Expedition that the Ship may not be kept a moment longer than is necessary as her early arrival in China is of very material consequence.

By the next ship dispatched to you we shall send a supply of Treasure with such Remarks on your Books and Papers as shall appear necessary.

We have received a Letter from the Court of Directors by the way of Aleppo dated the 30th of November 1762 giving advice that a Cessation of Arms was declared between Great Britain France and Spain the 26th of that Month and enclosing Copies of His Majesty's Proclamation thereof a Copy of which is herewith transmitted with Copies of the 4th 5th & 6th Paragraphs of our Honorable Masters said Commands relating thereto also a List of Ships taken up for India this Season.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT

ROBERT PALK

CHAS^s BOURCHIER

RICH^d FAIRFIELD

JOSIAS DUPRE

JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
21st MAY 1763

N^o 43

TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM SMITH
OF THE HOUGHTON

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the Port of Manilla where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governor and Council there whose Orders you are to follow for your future Proceedings.

Dated in FORT S GEORGE THE 23^d MAY 1763

MANIFEST OF SUNDRIES LICENSED BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST GEORGE TO BE SHIPP'D ON BOARD THE HOUGHTON CAPTAIN WILLIAM SMITH FOR MANILHA BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS

By Captain Joseph Winter Commandant of His Majesty's Artillery
 Two Chests & } N 1 2 3 containing Cloathing
 One Cash }
 One Chest N 4 Containing Treasure
 By Lieut William Popham of His Majesty's 79th Regiment
 Five Chests Marked W D N 1 ad 5 containing Treasure
 Ten Bales N 2 7 8 10 11 12 15 17 18 20
 Seven Casks N 21 22 23 24 26 31 32 &
 Two Leaguers containing Cloathing
 By Nicholas Morse Esq for M Francis Barnewall
 Seven Bales of Painted Goods Mark'd F B N 1 @ 7
 By M Daniel De Castro for M John Spratt
 A Beuro }
 A Small Box } Mark'd I S N 1 & 2

WILLIAM ALDERSEY
Secy

FORT ST GEORGE
 21st MAY 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON ¶ HOUGHTON

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 21st May 1763
- 2 General Letter dated 18 May 1763
- 3 Duplicate General Letter dated 10th Sept^r 1762
- 4 Invoice of Treasure for Canton
- 5 Invoice of Redwood and Cotton for Canton
- 6 Bills of Lading of Ditto
- 7 Invoice of the Houghton's Consignments for Europe to Canton
- 8 Bill of Lading of Ditto
- 9 Copy of His Majesty's Proclamation of a Cessation of Arms with France & Spain dated at St James's the 26th November 1762
- 10 Extracts of the 4th 5 and 6th Paragraphs of the Company's General Letter to Fort St George dated 30th of November 1762
- 11 List of Ships taken up for India this season and of those arrived in Europe since the last advices
- 12 Account of Rupees over and deficient ¶ Houghton
- 13 Account of Copper Madeira Wine and Medicines deficient ¶ Houghton
- 14 Captain Newton's Instructions for England
- 15 Copy of the Houghton's Charter Party
- 16 Manifest of Private Trade for England ¶ Houghton
- 17 Packet from Fort William directed to the Supracargoes residing at Canton

W^m ALDERSEY
Secy

FORT ST GEORGE
 23^d MAY 1763

Here is omitted the List of the Packet to Manilha ¶ Houghton and entered at the end of the Book

N 44

To PHILIP JACOB DORMIEUX ESQ^r
CHIEF & C^a COUNCIL
AT PULLICAT

GENTLEMEN

We have received your favor of the 13th Instant accompanying three Bills of Exchange drawn as follows

One upon James King Esq at thirty days sight for	G 16363 12 —
One upon us at thirty days sight	3400 — —
One D at sight	680 — —

all of them payable to David Boclen Esq or order and altho the two first are not payable untill thirty days aftersight yet they should have been immediately discharged as well as the last had they been endorsed by M Boclen according to the usage and Custom in Negotiating Bills of Exchange but as this We imagine by mistake has been omitted we return the Bills to you Accepted and they shall be paid whenever you shall be pleased to send them or the seconds or thirds regularly endorsed or in case it should so happen that Mr Boclen shall have in like manner omitted to endorse the seconds or thirds in that Care [*sic*] these firsts shall be paid if you will retain them with a Certificate on the back of each signed by you purporting that you receive the amount by order of the Government of Negapatam for account of the said Mr Boclen and that you promise to procure us the Seconds regularly endorsed by him be pleased at the same time to mention the amount in Pagodas of each Bill separately as they are drawn for separate & distinct accounts which have no connection with each other

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient Servants
GEORGE FIGOT
ROBERT PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT S^t GEORGE
24th MAY 1763

N^o 45

To JOHN PYBUS ESQ^r
CHIEF AT MAZULIPATAM

SIR

We have received your Letter dated 11th Instant with the several Proposals enclosed for renting the Northward Farms which expire the 31st Instant the ensuing Year and we have agreed to let them as follows

NELLIPELLE & Co Towns	to Condracolsh Juggadah for	Pag — —
BANDARMALANKA & Co Towns	Mosalaconty Vencatram	2160 — —
GOORJANAPILLE	Mauderauze Bogana	3050 — —
SAHANALLAPILYA & RAMA SERUM	Madalareddy Naigue	300 — —
INVOGOODROO	Madalareddy Naigue & Boda putty Gorauze	1550 — —
NIZAMPATNAM	Mee Mahomed Bauker	2000 — —
DEVER ISLAND	Madalareddy Naigue & Bodaputty Gorause	3000 † —
SIX ISLANDS OF DEVER	Madalareddy Naigue & Boda putty Gorauze	9700 — —
AYTBAVIDES	Madalareddy Naigue	2800 — —
GONDURE AND AUCLAMANADA	Madalareddy Naigue & Boda putty Gorauze	650 — —
		10600 — —

You will acquaint the Renters hereof and that Cowles will be sent them for the Several Farms as soon as they can be prepared

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE FIGOT
STRINGER LAWRENCE
ROBERT PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT S^t GEORGE
24th MAY 1763

N 46

TO CHARLES TURNER ESQ^s
CHIEF & C^a COUNCIL
AT CUDDALORE

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letters dated the 24th Ultimo and 15 Instant

You have our Permission to Tar the Roof of the Washing Choultrys at Bandipollan to secure it against the White Ants also to have a Well dug for the convenience of washing your Cloth

We cannot supply you at present with Packing stuff If therefore you are in immediate want of this article you must procure what gunneys you can from the Country

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE FIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

FORT S^t GEORGE
26th MAY 1763

N^o 47

TO CAPTAIN WALTER ALVES

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way by the Island of Banguay to Sooloo If the weather will permit you will anchor off the S^o Point of Balambangan where you may probably receive some Intelligence

On your Arrival at Sooloo you are to deliver the Letters entrusted to your Charge and continue there till 1st September in expectation of the arrival of one of the Company s Europe Ships in which M^r Dalrymple will proceed to Sooloo whose orders you are to follow

But should no ship arrive by the 1st September You are to proceed to Manilha & obey the Orders you may receive from the Deputy Governor &^a Council there for your further Proceedings

As the Company have a large Quantity of Sago & Mother of Pearl besides some Cowries &c lying at Sooloo You are during your continuance there to take aboard all that the London can possibly hold & as this Measure is intended to expedite the Dispatch of the Europe ship you will execute it without delay taking aboard the Sago first if the Weather will permit & leaving the Cowries till M Dalrymple's Arrival

You must keep an exact & particular Account of what you receive interchangeably sign'd by yourself & Dato Juhan &c Sooloos who will deliver the Goods to you

You are every where to be particular in your Observations which may facilitate the Navigation of these Seas

GEORGE PIGOT
ROBERT PALK
CHA BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

DATED IN FORT S GEORGE
28TH MAY 1763

TRANSLATE OF THREE LETTERS TO THE SULTAN AND OTHER PRINCIPAL
MEN AT SOOLOO ¶ SHIP LONDON

TO MAHOMED MOZEDDEEN SULTAN OF SOOLOO

MAY THE 26TH 1763

A large ship will call at Sooloo with M Dalrymple and having taken in the Cargo proceed with the Troops aboard to Manilha

I defer writing fully till M Dalrymple's Arrival with you

I return you thanks for the Grant of Ballambangan &c your Letter to me is not arrived M Dalrymple informs me that Dato Sarpodin had not finished the Translation when the London sail'd

Health & Prosperity attend you

GEORGE PIGOT

TO DATO JUHAN PALAWAN ORANKY MALLICK AND PANGLUMA MILAHAM
MAY THE 26TH 1763

M Dalrymple has laid before me the Agreement made with you in the name of the Sooloos in General In Consequence of which I send this Ship to Acquaint you that M Dalrymple will follow in about a Month after in one of the Company's large ships to take in the cargo contracted for & then proceed to Manilha with the Soldiers aboard

I need not Observe to you how necessary it is for you to exert yourselves in faithfully executing your Engagements Your own justice will point that out to you and you must be sensible the Ship cannot make a long stay at Sooloo as the Soldiers which she is to carry are wanted at Manilha & as the Ship must then go to China

I refer you to M Dalrymple for other Matters

GEORGE PIGOT

TO DATO SARAPODIN DATED 26th MAY 1763

M Dalrymple has informed me how much I am oblig'd to you for the Assistance you afforded him in the Company's affairs last Year I am persuaded from his Representation the most agreeable return I can make to you is to restore your Father to his Kingdom I shall give the necessary Orders to my Deputy at Manilha to take the first Opportunity that offers of sending him to Sooloo

I have sent this Ship to inform Dato Juhan and all the others concerned that a large ship will call at Sooloo to take in the Cargo provided for the Company M Dalrymple will come to Sooloo in that Ship & after receiving that Cargo proceed to Manilha with the Soldiers aboard intended for that Place

I am sensible how well you are inclin'd to forward the Company's Affairs & how much it is in your Power to influence the others to exert themselves faithfully to execute their Engagement It is of great Consequence to the Company and to you that M Dalrymple be enabled to depart early I hope he will be able to get to Sooloo a Month after this Ship and I refer you to him

GEORGE PIGOT

LIST OF THE PACKET TO MANILHA to LONDON

- N 1 General Letter Dated 21st May 1763
- 2 General Letter Dated 18th May 1763
- 3 Copy of his Majesty's Proclamation of a Cessation of Arms with France and Spain dated at St James's 26th November 1762
- 4 Extracts of the 4th 5th & 6th Paragraphs of the Company's General Letter to Fort St George dated 30th November 1762
- 5 List of Ships taken up for India this Season and of those arrived in Europe since the last Advices
- 6 Copy of Captain Aleves's Sailing Orders

WILLIAM ALDERSEY
Secy

FORT ST GEORGE
28th MAY 1763

N^o 48

TO JOHN PYBUS ESQ^r
CHIEF AT MAZULIPATAM

Your letter of the 19th Instant we have rece'd and accept the Proposals of Vencatram Rauze to rent for the ensuing Year the three remaining Farms dependent on Mazulipatam which expire this day They are

	Pag
FOR TONDURE & BONDURA	16500 — —
TUMADEE & PEDDANAH	8500 — —
NARSAPORE SALT	3500 — —

you will apprise him hereof and that Cowles will be sent to him for the same

We are
SIR

Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT
ROBERT PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
31st MAY 1763

N^o 49

TO CAP^t WALTER ALEVES
OF SHIP LONDON

SIR

Notwithstanding the Orders you have received from the President and Council for continuing till the arrival of a Europe Ship at Sooloo having delivered the letters you are entrusted with you are hereby directed to proceed immediately from thence to Manilha and in case you should in your Passage find an Opportunity of transmitting these Letters to Sooloo with security you will do so and make the best of your way to Manilha without proceeding to Sooloo at all

GEORGE PIGOT

DATED IN FORT S^t GEORGE THE 3^d OF JUNE 1763N^o 50

TO JOHN PYBUS ESQ^r
CHIEF AT MAZULIPATAM

SIR

We send Orders to Cap^t Rous which are under a flying seal for your Perusal—You will observe we direct the stores as well belonging to His Majesty as the Company to be landed and delivered to your care There is an Officer and some Men of His Majesty s 96 Reg^t as well as some Prisoners belonging to the Company which you will accomodate in the best manner you are able untill an opportunity offers of sending them up hither

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

FORT S GEORGE
14th JUNE 1763

N^o 51

TO CAP^t THO^s ROUS
OF SHIP BRITANIA

SIR

We have received your Letter dated the 5th Instant acquainting us of your having fallen to leeward of this Port and put in at Mazulipatam—You will immediately on receipt hereof land the Gunpowder you have on board for this Place as also the King s Stores and deliver them into the Charge of the Chief there—by the time this is done you may expect to see the Hector by which

Ship we shall send such Treasure as we intend shall go on your Ship to China and as we shall send thirty French Prisoners to proceed by you also you will prepare for their Reception in the best manner you are able

We are

SIR

Your most Obedient servants

GEORGE FIGOT
ROBT PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
14TH JUNE 1763

N^o 52

TO THE HONBLE CHA^s CROMMELIN ESQ^s
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We wrote to you last the 7th Ultimo & have since been favoured with your Letters dated the 9th & 29th of April

The Hector arrived here the 26th of May from Tellicherry having received on board there 225 Candies of Pepper amounting to Rupees 25895-80 as she was by bad weather prevented from calling at Anjengo we have landed here The Treasure & small Arms she had on board for that Place & shall forward them thither by the first opportunity

The Britannia having fallen to leeward of this Port the Captain was under the necessity of putting in at Mazulipatam We have directed him to land the Military & Stores he has on board for this Place & we shall order the Hector to call at Mazulipatam with the Treasure we intend sending in the Britannia to China

The Houghton sailed for Manilha & China the 23^d of last month by her we consign d to the Supra Cargoes five lacks of Rupees & by the Hector & Britannia we shall send them a further supply of six lacks

Our Honble Master s Ship Neptune arrived here the 31st of May she left England the 31st of January in Company with the Hawke & Plassey & parted from them about the middle of the same Month

Our Honble Masters advise us that they shall consign to us by the Coast & China Ships 1990 Bales of Woollen Goods for your Presidency We shall forward them to you by the first good opportunity that may offer after we have rece d them

The Clinton received her dispatches for England the 11th Instant

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t hum^s Servants

GEO FIGOT
ROBT PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JA^s ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
15TH JUNE 1763

N 53

TO THE HONBLE ROGER CARTER ESQ^r
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & COUNCIL
 AT FORT MARLBOROUGH

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have received your several letters dated the 22^d & 23^d of September and 18th of October last

The Gentlemen at Bengal not having an opportunity of conveying to you from thence the several stores you indented to them for sent a part of them hither on the Clinton We therefore now forward them to you by the Snows Greyhound & Leopard with such parts of your Indents to us as we can at present send according to the respective Invoices and Bills of lading enclosed & as they also acquainted us that they could not fully comply with your Indent to them for Medicines we have agreeably to their desire compleated it here These Vessels being too small to carry over any Cattle we must defer supplying you therewith till a more convenient opportunity

The Greyhound Snow being intended for the service of your Presidency we have given directions to the Master to remain under your Orders—M George Scott who arrived here from Bengal in the Houghton now proceeds to his station at Fort Marlborough in her We have referred the Master to you for payment of his Passage

M Randolph Marriot returned here from Batavia in September last and paid in a Ballance remaining in his hands of Pagodas 449-28 he at the same time delivered to us a Bar of Gold which having been assayed we have carried the value thereof with the Ballance abovementioned to the Credit of Fort Marlborough as you will observe by our Account Current with your Presidency enclosed

M Marriot at the same time represented to us that having applied to M Baars the Dutch Resident at Cuddalore for payment of a Bill of Exchange drawn upon him & M Camper of Negapatam from Batavia for Pagodas 250 he protested the Bill on account of the non arrival of a Vessel belonging to M Bouchier and others We enclose the said Bill of Exchange with the Protest for non payment that you may take proper measures for recovering the amount at Batavia

We received a Letter from the General & Council at Batavia dated the 1st July 1762 in answer to that we wrote them by M Marriot concerning Natal and Tappanoulv and the seizure of English Vessels on the Coast of Sumatra—Copy of their Letter & of the letters therein referred to are enclosed

The Court of Directors having in their Letter dated the 2^d of April 1762 advised that an Exchange of their servants belonging to the West Coast Establishment who gave Paroles not to serve against the French during the present War had taken Place and enclosed the Certificates they had received in consequence We now forward the same to you pursuant to their Directions with Extracts of such parts of their Letter as relate thereto

The Certificates you advise in your Letter of the 22^d September to have granted for money received into the Honble Company's Cash at Fort Marlborough have been duly paid

In consequence of what you write us in your Letter of the 23^d of September last concerning the Sum of D^{rs} 260 - 80 received into Cash at Fort Marlborough in 1758 on account the Estate of M John Gray deceased We have ordered it to be paid here to M Forrest's Attorney and shall debit your Presidency for the same

Having several Blacks in Confinement for Crimes we have embarked them on board these two Vessells agreeable to a List inclosed and recommend to you to employ them at the Plantations as a means to prevent any further bad Effects of their Idleness

We have not any particular service to propose by your dispatching the Plassey to Manilha and must therefore leave it entirely to your determination

The Houghton sailed hence for China the 26th of May by her we Consigned 5 lacks of Rupees to the Supracargoes there and the Gentlemen at Bombay having sent round to us the Hector and Britannia We shall by those Ships consign to them a further supply of six lacks

Our Honble Masters Ship Neptune from England imported here the 31st of May & Hawke the 16th Instant

The Clinton received her dispatches for England the 11th Instant

Enclosed is a Packet received from Fort William for your Presidency

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Serv^{ts}

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
20TH JUNE 1763

LIST OF FELONS TRANSPORTED TO THE WEST COAST ☿ SNOWS GREY
HOUND AND LEOPARD

No 1

Ponnano a Cook	}	☿ Snow Greyhound
Mutaninah a Trading Man		
Solomon a Horsekeeper	}	☿ Snow Leopard
Gruah D ^o		
Chamba Sevenah a Hawker		

W^m ALDERSEY
Sec^{ry}

FORT ST GEORGE
20TH JUNE 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT MARLBRO ☿ SNOW GREYHOUND

- No 1 General Letter dated 20th June 1763
2 Invoice of Snow Greyhound
3 Bills of Lading of D
4 Second Bills of Lading ☿ Snow Leopard
5 List of Medicines ☿ Snow Greyhound
6 Fort Marlbro Acco^t Current with Fort St George to 30th April 1763
7 Duplicates of the Exchange of several of the Comp^s Officers made Prisoners on the West Coast of Sumatra

- 8 Further list of Persons on the West Coast Establishment who remained Prisoners under Parole to the French 1^t Sep 1761
- 9 Bill of Exchange from Batavia for 250 Pag on Mess^{rs} Baars & Camper at Negapatam wth their Protest against payg it
- 10 Copy s of the 4th 17th 18th 19th & 20th Paragraphs of the Company s General Letter to Fort St George dated 2^d April 1762
- 11 Copy General Letter from Batavia to the President and Council of Fort St George dated 1^t July 1762
- 12 Copy d dated 20th October 1752
- 13 Copy D^o dated 30th Sept 1754
- 14 List of Ships taken up for India this season and of those arriv d in Europe since the last Advices
- 15 List of Felons ☿ Snows Greyhound & Leopard
- 16 Copy Capt Corrys Sailing Orders
- 17 Packet from Fort William to the President and Council of Fort Marlbro

W^m ALDERSEY
Sec^{ry}

FORT S^t GEORGE
20TH JUNE 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT MARLBRO ☿ SNOW LEOPARD

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 20th June 1763
- 2 Invoice of Snow Leopard
- 3 Bill of Lading of D
- 4 Second Bills of Lading of Snow Greyhound
- 5 Duplicate Copies of the 4th 17 18 19 & 20th Paragraphs of the Comp^{ys} General Letter to Fort S^t George dated 2^d April 1762
- 6 Dup^e Copy General Letter from Batavia to the President & Council of Fort S^t George dated 1st July 1762
- 7 D dated 20th Octobr 1752
- 8 D^o dated 20th Sept^r 1754
- 9 List of Felons ☿ Snows Greyhound & Leopard
- 10 Copy Captain Pantons sailing Orders

W^m ALDERSEY
Sec^{ry}

FORT S^t GEORGE
20TH JUNE 1763

N^o 54

TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM CORRY
OF THE SNOW GREYHOUND

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to the West Coast of Sumatra and after calling at Natal & Moco proceed to Fort Marlborough where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet directed to the President & Council there under Orders you are to remain

DATED IN FORT S^t GEORGE THE 20TH JUNE 1763

W^m ALDERSEY
Sec^{ry}

N^o 55

TO CAPTAIN JOHN PANTON
OF THE SNOW LEOPARD

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to the West Coast of Sumatra & after calling at Natal & Moco Moco proceed to Fort Marlborough where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council there whose Orders you are to follow for your future Proceedings

DATED IN FORT S^t GEORGE THE 20TH JUNE 1763

WILL^m ALDERSEY
Sec^{ry}

N^o 56

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^r
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & C^a COUNCIL AT MANILHA

GENTLEMEN

We wrote to you in Duplicate by the ships Houghton & London under date the 18th & 21st of last Month Triplicates whereof are inclosed

The President & Council of Bombay having sent round the Hector & Britania that they might be dispatch d to China from hence the former arrived here the 26th of last month and the latter falling to leeward of this Port put in at Mazulipatam We have ordered the Hector thither with three lacks of Rupees to be put aboard her for China & we also consign to them three Lacks by the Hector [*Lacuna*] and we consign to you by the Hector one Lack of Rupees for the occasions of your Disbursements agreeable to Invoice & Bill of Lading thereof inclosed you are not therefore to detain any part of the Consignments to Canton by this Ship and as her early arrival in China may be of material consequence to the Company you will send her on without any delay with her Packet to the Supracargoes which is inclosed the Britania goes on without stoping

Our Hon^{ble} Maters Neptune arrived here from England the 31st of May & the Hawke the 17th Instant both for China

The Clinton receiv d her Dispatches for Europe the 11th Inst

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obed^t hum^e Serv^{ts}

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

FORT S^t GEORGE
24TH JUNE 1763

1763—6A

MANIFEST OF GOODS LICENSED BY THE PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & COUNCIL
OF FORT ST GEORGE TO BE SHIPP'D ON BOARD THE HECTOR
CAPT JOHN WILLIAMS FOR MANILHA

Mark & N	Bales	By M Peter Perring	Carge	Pag
		Consign'd by M Fra Jourdain	10	400 — —
FI N 1	1	Containing Chints	}	18 425 — —
N 2	1	Containing Scrasses		
N 3	1 D & 21	☞ — fine Chints & 8 ☞ — Handk		
Amounting with Charges to Pag				325 — —

WILL^m ALDERSEY
Sec^{ry}

FORT ST GEORGE
24th JUNE 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO MANILHA ☞^s SHIP HECTOR

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 24th June 1763
- 2 Triplicate Gen^l Letter dated 21st May 1763
- 3 D^o dated 18th May 1763
- 4 Invoice of Ship Hector to Manilha
- 5 Bill of Lading of D^o
- 7 His Majesty's Proclamation of a Cessation of Arms wth France & Spain dated at S^t James 26 Nov^r 1762
- 8 Extracts of the 4th 5 & 6th Paragraphs of the Company's General Letter to Fort S^t George dated 30 Nov^r 1762
- 9 List of Ships taken up for India this Season and of those arrived in Europe since the last advices
- 10 Manifest of sundries licenced to be ship'd on the Hector for Manilha
- 11 Packet directed to the Supracargoes Residing at Canton
- 12 Copy Cap^t William's Sailing Orders

W^m ALDERSEY
Sec^{ry}

FORT ST GEORGE
24th JUNE 1763

N^o 57

TO MESS^{rs} THOMAS FITZHUUGH SAMUEL BLOUNT NATHANIEL GARLAND
ALEX^r HUME BENJAMIN TORIN THOMAS SMITH &
WILLIAM ROUS SUPRACARGOES RESIDENT AT CANTON

GENTLEMEN

We wrote to you by the Houghton under date the 18th and 21st of May of which Duplicates are inclosed

The Gentlemen at Bombay not being able to provide a Cargo for the Hector to Europe or to compleat the Stock of the Britannia to China have sent round those Ships to this side

The Hector having received on board at Bombay 400 Bales of Cotton and at Tellicherry 225 Candies of Pepper arriv'd here the 28th of last Month

The Britannia having fallen to leeward of this Port has put in at Mazulipatam We therefore now dispatch the Hector thither with three Lacks of Rupees to be put on board the Britannia and we also consign three Lacks to you by the Hector agreeable to the respective Invoices and Bills of Lading enclosed

Our Honble Masters Ship Neptune arriv d here from England the 1^t of May and the Hawke the 17th Inst^t and we shall send them on to you with all convenient dispatch

The Clinton receiv d her Dispatches for England the 11th Instant

You will please to perceive the Purser of the Hector has made some objections at the foot of the Bill of Lading for the Pepper from Tellicherry which the accompanying Paragraph of a Letter from the Gentlemen there will explain to you

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obed^t humble serv^{ts}

GEO PIGOT

ROBT PALK

CHA^s BOURCHIER

RICH^d FAIRFIELD

JOSIA^s DUPRE

JA^s ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
24TH JUNE 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON ☿ SHIP HECTOR

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 24th June 1763
- 2 Duplicate D^o dated 21st May 1763
- 3 Triplicate D^o dated 18th D^o
- 4 Invoice of Ship Hector
- 5 Bills of Lading of D
- 6 Second Bills of Lading of Ship Houghton
- 7 Copy Ship Hector s Charter Party
- 8 Account Damages & short delivery of Ship Hector s Cargo from Great Britain to Bombay
- 9 Account short delivery of Ship Hector s Cargo from Tellicherry and Anjengo to Bombay
- 10 Owners of the Ship Hector their Account Current with the Honble Company 4 last Papers reced from Bombay
- 11 His Majesty s Proclamation of a Cessation of Arms with France & Spain dated 30th November 1762
- 12 List of Ships taken up for India this Season & of those arrived in Europe since the last Advices
- 13 Packet directed to the Supracargoes Residing at Canton
- 14 Extract of a General Letter from Tellicherry dated 18 May 1763
- 15 Copy Cap^t Wilham s Sailing Orders

FORT ST GEORGE
24TH JUNE 1763

W^m ALDERSEY
Secrv

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON ꝑr SHIP BRITANNIA

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 24th June 1763
- 2 Triplicate D dated 21st May 1763
- 3 D D 18th D
- 4 His Majesty s Proclamation of a Cessation of Arms with France & Spain dated at St James 26 Nov 1762
- 5 Extracts of the 4th 5th & 6th Paragraphs of the Company s General Letter to Fort St George dated 30 Nov^r 1762
- 6 List of Ships taken up for India this Season and of them arriv d in Europe since the last advices
- 7 Extract of a General Letter from Tellichery dated the 18th May 1763
- 8 Invoice of Treasure ꝑ Ship Britania
- 9 Bill of Lading of D (under a seperate Cover)
- 10 Copy of Capt Rous s Sailing Orders

W^m ALDERSEY
Sec^{ry}

FORT ST GEORGE
24TH JUNE 1763

N^o 58

TO CAPTAIN JOHN WILLIAMS
OF SHIP HECTOR

SIR

As soon as M Pybus the Chief of Mazulipatam shall have signified to you that you may proceed on your Voyage you are hereby ordered to make the best of your way to Manilha where on your arrival you are to deliver the Packet herewith given you in charge to the Deputy Governor & Council there whose orders you are to follow for your future proceedings

DATED IN FORT ST GEORGE THE 24TH JUNE 1763

GEO PIGOT
ROB PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

N^o 59

TO CAPTAIN THOMAS BATES ROUS
OF SHIP BRITANNIA

SIR

As soon as M Pybus the Chief at Mazulipatam shall have signified to you that you may proceed on your Voyage you are hereby ordered to make the best of your way to the River of Canton where on your arrival you are to deliver the Packet herewith given you in Charge to the Supracargoes there whose Orders you are to follow for your future Proceedings

DATED IN FORT ST GEORGE THE 24TH JUNE 1763

GEO PIGOT
ROB PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

N^o 60

To JOHN PYBUS ESQ^r
CHIEF OF MAZULIPATAM

SIR

Agreeably to what we wrote you the 14th Instant we now send the Hector to you with three Lacks of Rupees which are to be transhipp d on board the Britania for China This done you are to deliver up to Cap^t Williams his Bill of Lading for the same which is inclosed and procure others from Cap^t Rous one of which you will put under cover to the supracargoes at Canton and then deliver to the Captains their respective Dispatches which we inclose to you for that purpose

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEO PIGOT
ROB PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

FORT ST GEORGE
24th JUNE 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO MAZULIPATAM, Ⓢ SHIP HECTOR

- N 1 General Letter dated 24th June 1763
2 Cap^t Williams s receipt for three Lacks of Rupees laden on the Hector for the Ship Britanna
3 Packet to Canton Ⓢ Britanna
4 Packet to Manilha Ⓢ Hector
5 Cap^t Williams s Sailing Orders
6 Cap^t Rous s D
7 Copy Cap^t William s Sailing Orders to Mazulipatam

WILL^m ALDERSEY
Sec^v

FORT ST GEORGE 24th JUNE 1763

N^o 61

To CAP^t JOHN WILLIAMS
OF THE SHIP HECTOR

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Mazulipatam where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to M^r Pybus the Chief there and wait his orders for proceeding on your Voyage

DATED IN FORT ST GEORGE THE 24th JUNE 1763

GEO PIGOT
ROB PALK
CH BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

N^o 62

TO THO^s HEATH ESQ^r
CHIEF AT VIZAGAPATAM

SIR

Having appointed M^r John Smith to succeed you in the Chiefship of Vizagapatam He now proceeds in the King of Prussia Snow with Mess^{rs} Stratton & Smith who we have already acquainted you are to be of Council & you are to deliver over the Charge of the Settlement to M^r Smith as soon as conveniently may be after his arrival

It will be necessary that you explain to Mr Smith the steps which have been taken with your Merchants regarding the Investment & we shall now give some further directions on that subject

It is our intention that as nearly as possible the same General Plan be pursued in all parts in the Provision of the Company s Investment These General Rules are to be observed viz^t That the Contracts with the Merchants for the Year s Investment commence the 1st of February and end the 31st of January of the next Year that two Periods be fix d for the delivery of the Cloth contracted for that is to say One part before the first of August and the remainder before the 31^t of Jan^y That twenty five $\frac{3}{4}$ C^t be advanced to the Merchants on the value of the Goods they Contract to provide in the whole Year (if you think them responsible Men) which advance is to remain in their hands untill the Conclusion of the Contract that the Cloth they bring in from time to time be paid for as it is sorted & accepted and that the advance be accounted for in the last Parcels of Cloth brought in before the 31^t of January The Merchants accounts are then to be closed and if the Cloth received should not amount to the full value of the advance the Ballance is to be paid in ready money and a new Contract & advance may then be made for the succeeding Year It shou d be a Clause in the Contract with your Merchants that all the Cloth which shall be turned out as being inferiour in Quality to the Muster shall pay a double Duty to the Company unless we should agree to take it at an Abatement proportionable to the inferiority of the Quality and the same Duty must be paid on all Cloth rejected on account of deficiency in length or Breadth which must never be taken in at any abatement whatever some part of these directions have been sent you before but we repeat them here that you may see at one view the Plan we wish to establish Pursuant hereto all the Goods that may have been deliver d in by your Merchants before the 31st of January last must be deem d the Investment of last Year and their accounts must in manner above directed be adjusted to that time & such Goods as you have and may receive afterwards must be reckon d a part of this year s Investment

Enclosed you will receive a list of Goods to be provided by you for the year Commencing the 1st of February and to end 31st January 1764 the directions in which must be attended to as strictly as possible

You will receive herewith the Remarks made on the Goods you have sent up which must be attended to in the future provision of the Cloths and inform us how much cloth we may expect to receive by September

Notwithstanding what you alledge in your Letter of the 25th of January in vindication of the Charges you made in your accounts above what you were authorized in Consequence of our directions to you in Nov^r 1761.—We now repeat our order to you to repay the same into the Company s Cash

A part of your last Indent is now sent the Broad Cloth will be forwarded by the next opportunity

We send you a supply of twenty thousand Madrass Pagodas (20000) for the occasions of your Investment agreeably to Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEO PIGOT
ROBT PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

FORT S GEORGE
25TH JUNE 1763

N^o 63

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VAN SITTART ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have the pleasure to acquaint you of the arrival of our Honble Master s Ships Neptune Hawke Plassey and Falmouth from Europe and agreeably to your Request in your letter of the 14th Febr^y we now return the Grampus Sloop to you with the Packet for your Presidency received by the Plassey We have also received one for you by the Falmouth which is forwarded by the Hibernia

The Houghton sailed for China the 27th of May and by her we Consign d to the supracargoes six Lacks of Rupees

The Hector arrived here from Bombay the 26th of May The Britannia having fallen to leeward of this Port put in at Mazulpatam the 4th of June We therefore order d her to land there her Consignment for this Place and dis patch d the Hector thither the 24th of June with six Lacks of Rupees for China three of which were to be put on board the Britannia who is to proceed to China directly the Hector is to call at Manilha

The Snows Greyhound & Leopard were dispatch d to Fort Marlborough the 20 of last month with the Stores receiv d from you for that Presidency by the Clinton The Captain of the Greyhound has directions to remain under the Orders of that Presidency agreeably to your desire

Having recerv d a quantity of Cowries by the Return of the Ship London from Sooloo we now Consign them to you by the Grampus as p Invoice & Billof Lading enclos d

We transmit herewith an account of Stores supplied and Cash advanced here for the use of the Grampus Sloop

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

GEO PIGOT
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FORT S^r GEORGE
1ST JULY 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT WILLIAM ☉ SLOOP GRAMPUS

- N 1 General Letter dated 1st July 1763
 2 Invoice of Cowries
 3 Bill of Lading of D^o
 4 Account of Stores & Cash supplied the Sloop Grampus
 5 Copy Cap^t Grays Sailing orders
 Box Packet for Bengal receiv d from England ☉ Ship Plassey

W^m ALDERSEY
Secrv

FORT S^t GEORGE 1st JULY 1763

N^o 64

TO CAP^t DAVID GRAY
 OF THE SLOOP GRAMPUS

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort William in Bengal where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council there and follow their Orders for your further Proceedings

Dated in FORT S^t GEORGE 2^d JULY 1763

GEO PIGOT
 ROB^t PALK
 RICH^d FAIRFIELD
 JOSIAS DUPRE

N^o 65

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^s
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL AT BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Since writing to you the 14th of last Month we have the pleasure to acquaint you that our Honble Masters Ships Hawke Plassey & Falmouth are arrived from Europe By the Plassey came a Packet for your Presidency which we now enclose We also receiv d one by the Falmouth shall be forwarded by the next opportunity

We have received your letter of the 3^d of June wherein you advise of your having drawn upon us a sett of Bills for Arcot Rupees 7 619-48 Cash which we shall duely honor though we must beg leave to remind you of the Request we made last Year in our Letter of the 12th of August that in your future Drafts you would settle an Exchange for making the Bills payable in Pagodas as the great scarcity of Silver here makes it impossible for us to discharge them in Rupees

Enclosed is a Packet reced from the President & Council of Fort William address d to the Court of Directors which they desire may be forwarded by the first opportunity Over Land

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most obedient humble Servants

GEO PIGOT
 ROB^t PALK
 CH^s BOURCHIER
 RICH^d FAIRFIELD
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 JA^s ALEXANDER

FORT S^t GEORGE
 2^d JULY 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY ꝑ PATTAMAR

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 2^d July 1763
- 2 Duplicate D^o 15th June 1763
- 3 Two Packets from England directed to the President and Council of Bombay reced ꝑ Ship Plassey
- 4 Packet from Fort William to the Court of Directors
- 5 Packet from Fort William directed to the President and Council of Bombay
- 6 Capt Duff s^d Bill of Exchange on Major Munro for Pagodas 1000

W^m ALDERSEY
Secrv

FORT S^t GEORGE 2^d JULY 1763

N 66

TO THOMAS WHITEHILL ESQ^r
CHIEF & C^a COUNCIL AT ANJENGO

GENTLEMEN

The Hector arriving here from Tellicherry the 26th of May Capt Williams informed us that he was prevented by bad Weather from calling at Anjengo to land some Treasure & small Arms he had on board for your settlement We have therefore landed them here and shall forward them to you by the first Opportunity with the Letters from Bombay & Tellichery advising of the same which we have been oblig d to open to take out the Bills of Lading should this distress you for Money for your immediate occasions and you can draw upon us for the amount We shall duely honor your Bills

Our Honble Masters Ships Neptune Hawke Plassey & Falmouth are arrived from England whence they sailed the beginning of January

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient Serv^{ts}

GEO PIGOT

ROB^t PALK

RICH^d FAIRFIELD

JOSIAS DUPRE

FORT S^t GEORGE
20 JULY 1763

ACCOUNT OF TREASURE RECEIV D ꝑ HECTOR FOR ANJENGO

One Box of Venetians from Bombay amount to	
Rupees	43 200
One Chest from Tellichery containing Rupees	10 000

WILLIAM ALDERSEY
Secrv

FORT S^t GEORGE
2^d JULY 1763

N 67

To WILL^m HORNBY ESQ^r
 CHIEF & C COUNCIL AT TELLICHERY

GENTLEMEN

The Hector arrived here the 26 of May with your Letter of the 20th of April The Britannia having fallen to leeward of this Port put in at Mazuli ~~patam~~ the 4th of last Month We have thereupon dispatch'd the Hector thither with six lacks of Rupees for China which are to be equally divided on the two Ships Your Letter by the Britannia we have received with the Calculate inclosed of what had been put on board her for Canton at Bombay & Tellicherry

Our Honble Master s Ships Neptune Hawke Plassey & Falmouth are arrived with us from Europe whence the[y] sail'd the beginning of January

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient servants

GEO PIEROT
 ROB^t PALK
 RICH^d FAIRFIELD
 JOSIAS DUPRE

FORT S^t GEORGE
 2^d JULY 1768

N 68

To MESS^{rs} THOMAS FITZHUGH SAMUEL BLOUNT HENRY REVAL HELLARY
 TORRIANO NATHANIEL GARLAND ALEXANDER HUME
 MANN HORNER BENJAMIN TORIN THOMAS SMITH
 ROBERT JOHN HARRISON WILLIAM ROUS &
 THOMAS BEWAN SUPRACARGOES OF COUNCIL AT
 CANTON

GENTLEMEN

The Intent of the Voyage to Sooloo last Year having been frustrated by the Royal Captains missing her Passage thither and other Accidents and Mess^{rs} Dalrymple & Kelsal who went there in the London having judged it expedient to enter into a New Contract with the Sooloos of which we acquainted you in our Letter by the Houghton of the 18th May We have thought proper to order the Neptune to call there in her way to China on which Ship M Dalrymple embarks to receive the Goods they have agreed to provide and settle the accounts of this adventure This service being left entirely to the Management of Mr Dalrymple we beg leave to refer you to him for all particulars herein that may be necessary for your Information

We have paid Capt Steward one hundred Pagodas for Mr Dalrymples Passage to Canton from whence he has our permission to return to Europe you will be pleased therefore to furnish him with a Passage on board one of the Company s Ships if he should desire it

Since our last of the 24th June by the Hector and Britannia The Plassey and Falmouth are arrived with us from Europe

Enclosed is a Packet for you from our Honble Masters received by the Neptune with several Papers as mention d in the List of the Packet

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble Serv^{ts}

GEO PIGOT

ROB^t PALK.

RICH^d FAIRFIELD

JOSIAS DUPRE

FORT S^t GEORGE
2^d JULY 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON ^{pp} NEPTUNE.

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 2^d July 1763
- 2 Duplicate General Letter 24th June 1763
- 3 Account of Copper deficient & Broad Cloth damag d ^{pp} Ship Neptune
- 4 Copy of the Neptunes Charter Party
- 5 Copy of Capt Stewards Instructions
- 6 Copy of his Commission to seize unlicensed Persons
- 7 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be ship d on board the Neptune for Fort S^t George and China
- 8 Account of Merchandize imported at Fort S^t George by the Captain & Officers of the Neptune.
- 9 Copy of the Neptunes Vactualling Bill.
- 10 Extract from a letter from the Chief & Council at Tellachery to the President & Council of Fort S^t George dated 18th May 1761.
- 11 Packet from the Court of Directors directed to the Supracargoes of Council at Canton

WILL^m ALDERSEY
Sec^y

FORT S^t GEORGE
2^d JULY 1763

N^o 69

To M^r ALEX^s DALRYMPLE

SIR

The Ship Royal Captain being so unfortunate as to lose her Passage to Sooloo last Year lays us under the necessity of sending the Neptune thither and of troubling you to go in her that we may be assured of the Company s affairs there being managed in the best manner they can be under the Circumstances they now stand

The Gentlemen at Manilha have inform d us they intended to send to Sooloo a Sloop with the Sultan s son & the Cargo the Royal Captain carried from hence last Year If these Goods are not deliver d before your arrival it must be left to your discretion whether they shall be included in the late Contract or otherwise disposed of and if either by this or any unforeseen accident it should be necessary to leave a Ballance at Sooloo you will engage the Natives to procure Sago Mother of Pearls & Birds Nest for that amount for one of the Company s ships which will be ordered to call at Sooloo next season in her way to China & you may acquaint the Sooloos that they may load on her at Freight Swallow & such gruff Goods at their own Risk but none are to be receiv d on the Company s Acco^t

You will embrace the opportunity if any offers of settling the Sultan's account but if it cannot be done at present without difficulties you must give us the most particular Information of the measures proper for this end

We shall give directions that the London convey to Sooloo the former Sultan from Manilla and you may make Provision for a Cargo of Cowries Sago Mother of Pearl & Birds Nest for her

The remains of the Musters which were not received at the London's departure must be transported to Canton & if you can obtain any other Specimens you are to do so

We permit the amount of the goods licensed to particulars last year and which were left behind at Sooloo to be laden on the Neptune for China & have also allowed M. Kelsall to send a Bale of Chints which was returned from Sooloo

You must be particularly attentive & on no Consideration to detain the Neptune so long at Sooloo as to make her arrival in China even precarious we therefore think it necessary to limit her Departure to the 15th Sep^r at farthest

You are permitted to call at Abai to take on board the Man left there for an Interpreter to the Royal Captain and if you meet the Goa Ambassador you will inform him that the Treaty concluded last Year if the Sultan approves of it shall be transmitted to the Compy

Captain Steward has been paid one hundred Pagodas for your Passage to Canton

When you have completed affairs at Sooloo you are to dispatch the Neptune to China & give in charge to the Captain the Packet herewith delivered you to the Supracargoes at Canton directing him for to follow their orders for his further Proceedings

The Captain has been apprized that he is not to carry on any Traffick at Sooloo on account of his Priviledge

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEO PIGOT & CA COUNCIL

FORT ST GEORGE
2^d JULY 1763

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET TO M^r ALEXANDER DALRYMPLE

- N^o 1 Instructions to M^r Dalrymple dated 2^d July 1763
- 2 Invoice of 20 Barrels of Gun Powder shipped on board the Neptune
- 3 Bill of Lading of Do
- 4 Copy of Capt^t Steward's Sailing Orders
- 5 Packet to the Supracargoes at Canton for Neptune

W^m ALDERSEY

Secy.

FORT ST GEORGE
2^d JULY 1763

N 70

TO CAPTAIN GABRIEL STEWARD
OF SHIP NEPTUNE

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship & the utmost Expedition being necessary you are without calling at Mallacca or any other place in your Passage to make the best of your way to Abai on the N W Coast of Borneo to receive on board a Man who was left there last Year for an Interpreter to the Royal Captain from thence you are to proceed between the Islands of Borneo and Palawan to Sooloo & on your arrival there follow such orders as you may receive from Mr Dalrymple who proceeds with you for your further proceedings

GEO PIGOT & C COUNCIL

DATED IN FORT ST GEORGE
4TH JULY 1763

N^o 71

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^a
DEPUTY GOV^a & C COUNCIL AT MANILHA

GENTLEMEN

The Hector carried you our last advices dated 24th of June Duplicate whereof We now forward to you by the Hawke

By this Ship We have consign d two and a half Lacks of Rupees to the Supracargoes at Canton you are therefore to send her on without delay with the inclosed Packet to the Supracargoes

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that since our last of the 24th of June the Plassey Falmouth & Deptford are arrived with us

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT & C^a COUNCIL

FORT ST GEORGE
19 JULY 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO MANILHA ☿ SHIP HAWKE

- N^o 1 General Letter Dated 19 July 1763
- 2 Dup^l D^o 24 June 1763
- 3 Invoice of Stationary ☿ Ship Hawke & bill of Lading
- 4 Copy Cap^{tn} Cottons Sailing Orders
- 5 Packet to the Supracargoes of Council at Canton ☿ Ship Hawke

W^m ALDERSEY

Secry

FORT ST GEORGE
19 JULY 1763

N 72

TO MESS^{RS} THOMAS FITZHUGH SAMUEL BLOUNT HENRY REVELL, HILLARY
TORRIANO NATHANIEL GARLAND ALEXANDER HUME MANN HORNER, BEN
JAMIN TORIN THOMAS SMITH ROBERT JOHN HARRISON WILLIAM ROUS &
THOMAS BEVAN SUPRACARGOES OF COUNCIL AT CANTON

GENTLEMEN

The Hector and Britannia carried you our Advices dated the 24th of June We have since wrote to you by the Neptune the 2^d of July of which Duplicate & Triplicate are respectively enclosed

By the Hawke we now consign to you two and a half lacks rupees agreeably to Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed This ship is to call at Manilla with advices and we have desir d the Gentlemen there to send her on to you without delay

Our Honble Masters Ship Deptford for coast and Bay arrived the 15th Instant

Captain Williams of the Hector carried away with him 49 Buoys and Buoy Ropes with the Chests of Treasure he receiv d on board here for China which he should have return d from his ship You will therefore be pleased to call upon him for the amount agreeable to the Account enclosed

Mr Dalrymple at his departure for Sooloo was furnish d with a sett of Weights and Scales which you will be pleased to receive from him on his arrival at Canton

We are
GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble Servants
GEO PIGOT & C^A COUNCIL.

FORT ST GEORGE
19th JULY 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON ꝑ SHIP HAWKE

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 19th July 1763
- 2 Duplicate D^o dated 2^d July 1763
- 3 Triplicate D^o dated 24 June 1763
- 4 Copy of the Company s Instructions to the Supracargoes of Council in China in 1763 dated 4 June 1762 ꝑ Ship Valentine
- 5 Invoice of the Hawke to Canton amounting to 11 017-15-2
- 6 Bill of lading of D
- 7 Copy of the Hawke s Charter party
- 8 Copy of Cap^t Cotton s Instructions
- 9 Copy of his Commission to seize unlicensed Persons
- 10 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be ship d on the Hawke
- 11 Copy of the Hawkes Victualling Bill
- 12 List of Goods & Merchandize landed at Fort St George by the Captain & Officers of the Ship Hawke.
- 13 Account of Copper deficient & Broad Cloth damag'd ꝑ Ship Hawke
- 14 Invoice of Treasure from Fort St George to Canton ꝑ Ship Hawke
- 15 Bill of Lading of D^o
- 16 Price Current of China Goods at Fort St George

W^M ALDERSEY
Sec^y

FORT ST GEORGE
19th JULY 1763

N^o 73

TO CAPTAIN JOHN COTTON
OF SHIP HAWKE

SIR

You are hereby order d to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the Port of Manilha where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governor & Council there whose Orders you are to follow for your future Proceedings

GEORGE FIGOT & C^A COUNCIL

DATED IN FORT S^T GEORGE
THE 20TH JULY 1763

N 74

TO CHARLES TURNER, ESQ^B
CHIEF & C^A COUNCIL
AT CUDDALORE

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv d your letter of the 4th Instant with the Bales you sent up in the Fort George on account of the Investment

Before any Measures can be taken with your Merchants on the Complaints you make against them in regard to the Investment you must call them before you and require their Reasons very particularly for their not complying with the Terms of their Contract—you will then acquaint us with the Result of your Enquiries and we shall send you such Directions thereon as we may see necessary In the mean time you are not to make them any further advances of Cash but settle the amount of the Cloth deliver d in out of the Advances already made them

We have chosen two Musters of the Salampores you have sent up which are return d to you & you will shew them to the Merchants & acquaint us what quantitys they will engage to provide answerable to them & at what prices

You must make it a Rule for future to note at the foot of every Letter you write to us the quantity of Cloth embaled and at the Wash

FORT S^T GEORGE
28 JULY 1763

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

GEO FIGOT
ROB^T PALK
CHA^S BOURCHIER
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^S ALEXANDER

N^o 75

TO CHARLES TURNER ESQ^r
CHIEF AT CUDDALORE

SIR

We have receiv d your Letter dated the 23^d Instant

You have our Permission to come to Madrass for the recovery of your Health & you are to deliver over the charge of the Garrison at your Departure to M^r John Calland

FORT S^t GEORGE
28 JULY 1763

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

GEO PIGOT
ROBT PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER

JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

N^o 76

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Our last to you was dated the 1st Inst^t We have since receiv d your favors of the 4th of April & 16th May

The Deptford is arriv d & shall shortly be dispatch d to you

We shall regulate our Conduct in respect to the Ships to be return d to Europe with your Investment agreeably to your advices of the 16th of May or as nearly thereto as we can in the mean time we think it proper to communicate to you our present Ideas of the Disposition which probably may be made of the Shipping in all parts

We think it will not be necessary to send any of the Year s Coast & Bay Ships to China in the room of the Osterly and Boscawen as we reckon fourteen ships may arrive there besides them viz^t

Havannah	} From Europe this year	} China Directly
Fgmt		
Cruttenden		
Glatton		
Pocock		
Neptune		
Hawke		
Falmouth		S Helena & China
		Bencoolin & China
		Coast & China

GEORVENOR of last Year Coast & China

Coast & Bay	Houghton	} remaining in India of last years ships and dispatch d this season	} China
Bombay	Britannia		
Do	Hector		
West Coast	Valentine		
	Earl Templ	sent from y West Coast to refit at Manilha & thence for	} China

These fourteen ships we imagine will be fully sufficient for all the Goods that can be provided in China this season

The Ships expected to be on this side of India are ten in Number viz^t

Osterly	} Now at Bengal		
Boscawen			
Admiral Pocock dispatch d from Bombay for this Place & Bengal			
Plassey		arriv d	} from Europe for Coast & Bay
Deptford		Do	
Lord Clive	} expected		
New Ship Pigou			
New Ship Rich ^d son			
Lord Mansfield	} from Europe for Bombay & thence for		} Coast & Bay
New Ship Maitland			

The two last Ships our Hon^{ble} Masters inform us they intend to dispatch to Bombay so early as they may be sent round to us this Season & that they are then to be deem d Coast & Bay Ships & are to be provided for accordingly Out of these ten ships you advise us that you shall have Cargoes for five & we think these may be the ships viz^t

Osterly
Boscawen
Deptford
Lord Mansfield
New Ship Maitland

We shall accordingly write the Gentlemen at Bombay to dispatch round the two last mention d as soon as possible after their arrival there

We shall dispatch one ship from hence in September & we keep the Plassey for that purpose as in course of her arrival she will enter first on Demorage We think we may besides provide about two hundred Tons of Bales for a March Ship but concerning this we shall advise you further hereafter

The Admiral Pocock we propose to send to Manilha that she may be their [sic] in readiness to assist in withdrawing that settlement and as we are inform d Cotton is in no demand with you we shall send to China the Cotton on board the Pocock consign d to you which we hope you will approve & we have taken the liberty to open the Packet address d to you from Bombay by that Ship to take out the Invoice of the Cotton the amount whereof we shall put to your Credit

According to this disposition there will remain three Ships on this side unprovided for these may probably be dispatch d to Manilha to bring away the Company s servants & Effects should the Receipt of the Definitive Treaty authorize such a measure & their arrival in time render it practicable other wise they must proceed to you

Your Honors &c will perceive that many things may happen so as to break this Disposition in any such case we shall give you as early Notice as possible

The third Copy of your Advices to Europe by the Royal George & Ashburnham shall be forwarded by our September Ship and the fourth Copy by one of King s Ships to be dispatch d from hence

In your Letter to us of the 10th of February 1763 We find this Passage By the Houghton you will receive all her own Consignments excepting 100 Bar^s of Gun Powder and five Pipes of Madeira Wine And in your subsequent Letter of the 14th of February you say At the desire of Major Adams we have landed from the Houghton the three Chests of Medecines which were Consign d to the King s Hospital at your place It does not appear by the Manifest that any Medicines were laden on the Houghton for the King s Hospital at this place and Captain Rogers affirms that there were not any By the Company s Invoice it appears there were two (not three) Chests of Medicines consign d to us and Capt Rogers informs us that he deliver d to you those two &

no more however as your advices are particular We could not do otherwise than deem the two Chests deficient referring it to be clear d up by your future advices We beg therefore you will be pleased to give us more particular Information concerning this matter

We are

FORT ST GEORGE
28 JULY 1763

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants

GEO PIGOT
ROB PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

N^o 77

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

With our last dated the 2^d Instant ☿ Pattamar of which Duplicate comes enclosed we forwarded a Packet receiv d from Europe by the Plassey for your Presidency We now send you that received by the Falmouth & have the pleasure to aquaint you that the Deptford arriv d here the 15th and his Majesty s Ship Liverpoole the 18th Instant

The Admiral Pocock imported the 26 Inst^t and brought us your favor of the 26 Ultimo

The Boscawen & Osterly being unable to get out of the River of Bengal the Gentlemen there intend to dispatch them to Europe from thence and as we shall have several ships on hand this year we purpose sending the Admiral Pocock to Manilha that she may be there in readiness to assist in withdrawing that Settlement when News shall be receiv d of the Definite Treaty having taken place and as we are inform d that Cotton is in no demand at Bengal we shall send that you consign d thither by the Admiral Pocock to China in the Falmouth now under dispatch

Our Hon^{ble} Master s having inform d us that they intend to dispatch the Lord Mansfield and a New Ship Maitland to Bombay so early as that they may be sent round to us this season and that they are then to be deem d Coast and Bay Ships and are to be provided for accordingly and as they will probably be of the Number intended to be dispatch d home from the Bay We are to request you will send them round to us as early as possible after their arrival with you

It is certain that the Company will sustain a Loss if our detention of the Salt Petre intended you by the Windsor should oblige you to keep a ship on demorage but as we should not have been able without that Assistance to have dispatch d home a Ship in September in either Case one Ship must have lain on Demorage and it is the same thing whether the Loss is incurred here or with you This however was not our motive for landing it here our reasons are explain d fully in our letter of the 7th of May

We have taken the opportunity of sending a supply of Rice to Fort Marlborough by the Ship Prince Henry and Luconia Snows and they will proceed thither in a day or two

The Hawke received her Dispatches for China the 20th Instant
Enclos d is a Bill of Exchange drawn on Colonel Morris by Captain George
Brown of His Majesty s 103^d Regiment for Pagodas 1015-33-60 advanc d here
on account of himself and the Officers under his Command

FORT S^r GEORGE
31st JULY 1763

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient humble servants
GEO PIGOT
ROB PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY 1st PATTAMAR

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 31st July 1763
- 2 Duplicate D dated 2^d July 1763
- 3 Packet receiv d from England for Bombay 1st Ship Falmouth
- 4 First Bill of Exchange on Colonel Morris for Pagodas 1015-33-60
drawn by Captain George Brown in favor of Bombay Presidency

WILL^m ALDERSEY
Secy

FORT S^r GEORGE
31st JULY 1763

N^o 78

TO THE HONBLE ROGER CARTER ESQ^s
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
AT FORT MARLBOROUGH

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Since we wrote to you by the Snows Greyhound and Leopard the 20th of
June we have receiv d your Letter dated the 10th of February

Our Honble Masters Ship Prince Henry Packet and Snow Luconia having
been directed to call here in their way from Bombay to your Presidency to land
a Detachment of his Majesty s Troops we take this opportunity of conveying
to you a further supply of Rice for the use of your settlement and enclosed is
an account of the Money advanced and Stores supplied these Vessells respec
tively

Samples of the Gold you advise in your Letter of the 20th Febr^y having
been forwarded to us from M^r Herbert at Batavia We have had them assay d
here and paid the conditional Certificates for the same according to their pro
duce in our Mint For further particulars we refer to the Copy of the Assay
Master s Report and Calculates of the same with the Minutes of Consultation
thereon which are enclosed

We have duely honor d the two setts of Bills you have drawn upon us for
Pagodas 553-26

Mr Herbert advices us that the Repairs of the Earl Temple having been absolutely refused at Batavia he purposed dispatching her to Manilha in time to save her Passage this season to—China in which case we hope the Consignments of Treasure we have made this season to the Supracargoes will enable them to provide her with a Cargo for Europe

We take this opportunity of sending over to you another Delinquent [*sic*] by Name Mootoo whom we recommend to you to employ in the same manner as those who were Embark d on the Snows Greyhound and Leopard

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that since our last the Honble Company s Ships Plassey Falmouth & Deptford and his Majesty s Ship Liverpoole from Europe are arrived here

FORT S^t GEORGE
31st JULY 1763

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient humble serv^{ts}

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JAMES ALEXANDER

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT MARLBOROUGH ꝑ^s SHIP PRINCE HENRY

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 31st July 1763
- 2 Triplicate D dated 20th June 1763
- 3 Invoice of Rice ꝑ^r Ship Prince Henry
- 4 Bill of Lading of D^o
- 5 Second Bill of Lading of Rice ꝑ^r Snow Luconia
- 6 Captain Hague s receipt for Pagodas 1000 advanc d him on account Ship Prince Henry
- 7 Copy Assay Masters report of Samples of Gold rece d from Mr Herbert at Batavia
- 8 Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation of the 8th & 27th July relating thereto
- 9 Dup^o Account of Stores supplied the Snow Luconia
- 10 Copy Capt^t Hague s Sailing Orders
- 11 Fort S^t George Acco^t Cur^t with Fort Marlborough for the year ending 30th April 1763
- 12 Account disbursements of Ship Prince Henry at Fort S^t George certified by the Master Attendant

WILL^m ALDERSEY
Secrv

FORT S GEORGE
1st AUGUST 1763

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT MARLBOROUGH ☿ SNOW LUCONIA

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 31st July 1763
- 2 Invoice of Rice ☿ Snow Luconia
- 3 Bill of Lading of D^o
- 4 Second Bill of Lading of Rice ☿ Prince Henry
- 5 Account of Stores supplied the Snow Luconia
- 6 Copy Assay master s Report of Samples of Gold rece d from M Herbert at Batavia
- 7 Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation of the 8th & 27th July relating thereto
- 8 Cap^t Hague s second Receipt for Pag^s 1000 advanc d him account Ship Prince Henry
- 9 Duplicate Fort St^t George account Current with Fort Marlbro for the Year ending 30th April 1763
- 10 Copy Cap^t Caruther s Sailing Orders

WILL^m ALDERSEY
Sec^y

FORT S GEORGE
1st AUGUST 1763

N^o 79

TO CAPTAIN THOMAS HAGUE
OF THE SHIP PRINCE HENRY

SIR

The President & Council of Bombay having acquainted us that you have their Orders to proceed to Fort Marlborough after fulfilling the purposes for which you were directed to call at this Place We have nothing further to entrust to your Charge but the accompanying Packet for the President & Council of Fort Marlborough which you are to deliver on your arrival there and you are accordingly to make the best of your way thither agreeably to the Orders you have rece d from the President & Council of Bombay

GEO FIGOT & C COUNCIL

DATED IN FORT S^t GEORGE THE 1st DAY OF AUGUST 1763

N^o 80

The same

TO CAPT ROBT CARRUTHERS
OF SNOW LUCONIA

N^o 81

TO MESS^{rs} THOMAS FITZHEUGH SAMUEL BLOUNT HENRY REVEL HILLARY TORRIANO NATHANIEL GARLAND ALEX^s HUME MANN HORNER BENJAMIN TORIN THOMAS SMITH ROBERT JOHN HARRISON WILL^m ROUS AND THOMAS BEVAN SUPRACARGOES OF COUNCIL AT CANTON

GENTLEMEN

We wrote to you last by the Hawke the 19th July of which Duplicate is enclosed

We now dispatch to you the Falmouth on which we have laden six hundred Bales of Cotton receiv d here from Bombay by the Admiral Pocock which Ship we shall order to Manilha and the Cotton we now consign to you agreeable to Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed

By the Falmouth we send you a further Sum of two and a half lacks of Rupees which with the several Consignments already made to you this season amounts to sixteen Lacks agreeable to an Abstract thereof enclosed

His Majesty s Ship Liverpoole arriv d here the 18th of last Month she brings no later Advices than those we had before receiv d by the Company s Ships

We forward to you herewith a Packet from the Court of Directors receiv d by the Falmouth with several Papers agreeable to the List of the Packet

FORT ST GEORGE

8th AUGUST 1763

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble serv^{ts}

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD

JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON 卍 FALMOUTH

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 8th August 1763
- 2 Duplicate General letter dated 19th July 1763
- 3 Invoice of Ship Falmouth
- 4 Bill of Lading of D
- 5 Copy of the Falmouths Charter party
- 6 Copy of Captain O Hara s Instructions
- 7 Copy of his Commission to seize Unlicensed Persons
- 8 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipp d on board the Falmouth for Fort St George & China
- 9 List of Goods and Merchandize landed at Fort St George by the Captain and Officers of the Ship Hawke
- 10 Copy of the Falmouth s Victualling Bill
- 11 Account of Copper deficient and Broad Cloth damaged 卍 Fal mouth
- 12 Price Current of China Goods at Fort St George
- 13 Abstract of Consignments of Treasure to Canton 卍 Houghton Hector Britannia Hawke and Falmouth
- 14 Packet from the Honble Court of Directors to the Supracargoes at Canton receiv d 卍 Falmouth
- 15 Account Cost of 49 Buoys & Buoy Ropes Captain Williams of the Hector carried with him to be demanded in China
- 16 Copy of Captain O Hara s Sailing Orders

W^m ALDERSEY
Secry

FORT S GEORGE
8th AUGUST 1763

N^o 82

To CAP^t JEFFRIE O HARA
OF THE SHIP FALMOUTH

SIR

You are hereby order d to repair on board and make the best of your way to the River of Canton where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Supracargoes of Council there and follow their orders for your future Proceedings We wish you a good Voyage & Date this in Fort St George this 8th Day of August 1763

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

N 83

To CHARLES TURNER ESQ^a
CHIEF &^c COUNCIL
AT CUDDALORE

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv d your Letter of the 26 Ultimo

By the Representation of your Merchants which you have transmitted to Us we observe that the dearness of Cotton is their pretence for not having full fill d the Terms of their Contract for the Investment Allowing this in some measure to have been the case it could be no excuse for such Cloth as they did bring in to be short of Measure and so Inferiour to Muster that the greatest part of it has been rejected and as it appears they have been so very backward in their endeavours to fulfill their Engagements We now direct that you receive all the Cloth they can bring in and if they still declare that they cannot perform their Contract they are to pay in their Ballances forthwith and you may assure them that a Publick Example will be made of them and their Families for abusing the Confidence placed in them in this Material Branch of the Company s Affairs

Your Indents for Broad Cloth and Stationary shall be complied with

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

N^o 84

TO THE HONBLE CHAS^s CROMMELIN ESQ^r
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
 OF BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We acquainted you in our Letter of the 18th of June that we should forward to you by the first good opportunities the Bales of Woollen Goods for your Presidency which our Honble Masters advise us they shall send out this Season on the Coast Ships By the Plassey they have Consign d to us

Broad Cloth	424 Bales
Long Ells	76 d
	500

five hundred Bales which we have ladden and Consign d to you on the Ship Winchelsea Cap^t Thomas How as ₹ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed These Bales were carefully examin d here when they were landed from the Plassey and the damage adjusted with the Commander of that Ship agreeably to Charter party which Account we shall transmitt to Europe that the Amount may be settl d there between the Company and the Owners The Particulars of the damage & state of the Bales as they were then found will appear to you by a paper inclos d sign d by our Import Warehouse keeper so that if on landing the Bales any further damage should be found the Commander of the Winchelsea is to be answerable for the same

Our Honble Masters Ship Deptford being here and it appearing to us that she had on board 508 Bales Consign d to the Presidency of Bengal but to be forwarded to you in like manner as those abovemention d which were Consign d to Us We have caus d them to be transported on board of the Winchelsea and Cap^t How having receiv d them all as sound should any damage appear on these he is answerable for the whole as these Bales are not consign d to us we cannot send you an Invoice of them neither have we brought them on our Books but we shall write to the Gentlemen at Bengal to adjust this Consignment with your Presidency in the same manner as if the Bales had been actually rece d there and consign d to you from thence

The Winchelsea being Freightred from the Company for a certain term we have agreed with the Freighters & Commander for the abovemention d Consign^{ts} at the rate of two and half Pagodas ₹ Bale to be paid by you on deli very thereof at the Exchange of 330 Bombay Rupees ₹ 100 Pagodas

The Bales being transfer d from the Deptford to the Winchelsea without landing here the account taken between the two Ships makes the number to 512 Bales but as it appears by the Abstract of the Invoice which the Court of Directors have sent us that no more than 510 were Consign d and of them Cap^t Tryon informs us two were return d being damag d We have taken a Bill of Lading from Cap^t Howe for 508 and given Cap^t Tryon a Receipt for that number only if more should be deliver d to you the Cause will probably be explain d to you by the Gentlemen at Bengal to whom we write on this subject

By the Hawke and Falmouth we receiv d two Packets for your Presidency which have been forwarded by separate Pattamars The Deptford also brought one which we send to you by this opportunity

FORT S^t GEORGE
 12th AUGUST 1763

We are
 HONBLE SIR & SIRs
 Your most Obedient humble Serv^{ts}
 GEO PIGOT
 ROB^t PALK
 CHA^s BOURCHIER
 RICH^d FAIRFIELD
 JOSIAS DUPRE
 JA^s ALEXANDER

P S—The Invoice of Bales is forwarded by Pattamar with another Copy of this Letter

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY ☿ WINCHELSEA

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 12th August
- *2 Invoice of Ship Winchelsea
- 3 Bill of Lading
- 4 Account of Damage & State of 500 Bales of Broad Cloth and long Ells for Bombay ☿ Winchelsea
- 5 General Letter from England for Bombay received ☿ Deptford
- 5 Patterns of 424 Bales of Broad Cloth and 76 Bales of Long Ells received ☿ Plassey for Bombay

W^m ALDERSEY
Secy

FORT S^t GEORGE
12th AUGUST 1763

* N 2 To be forwarded overland

N^o 85

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We wrote to you by the Winchelsea the 12th Instant of which Duplicate accompanies this & have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Lord Clive for Coast & Bay arrived the 13th she left England the 25 of March in company with the Lord Mansfield for your side The other ships for Coast & Bay were expected to sail about three Weeks after

We are

FORT S^t GEORGE
15th AUGUST 1763

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient humble Servants

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY ☿ PATTAMAR

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 15th August 1763
- 2 Duplicate D dated 12th D^o
- 3 Triplicate D^o dated 31st July 1763
- 4 Invoice of Ship Winchelsea for Bombay

W^m ALDERSEY
Secy

FORT S^t GEORGE
15th AUGUST 1763

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N^o 86

TO DAWSONNE DRAKE ESQ^r
CHIEF & C^a COUNCIL AT MANILHA

GENTLEMEN

We wrote you by the Hector and Hawke under date the 24th June and 19th Ult Duplicate and Triplicate of which are now enclosed

This Ship the Admiral Pocock arriv d here from Bombay the 26th of last Month our Intentions in sending her to you will appear in a Letter to you from the other Department to which we refer

Being in want of Timber and Plank and the Gentlemen at Bengal have wrote to us for a supply We desire you will send us all that can be procur d by the earliest Opportunities particularly those of the largest Demensions [*sic*]

The Lord Clive from Europe arriv d here the 13th Instant

FORT ST GEORGE
16th AUGUST 1763

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your affectionate Friends

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE

N^o 87

TO CAP^t THOMAS RIDDEL
OF SHIP ADMIRAL POCOCK

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Manilha where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governor and Council there whose orders you are to follow for your future proceedings We wish you a good Voyage & date this in Fort St George the 17th day of August 1763

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE

N^o 88

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQ^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Deptford having deliver d her consignments for this Place now proceeds to you agreeably to her Destination

Our Honble Masters inform us that for want of Room in the Bombay ships of this Season they should send a great part of the Woollen Goods intended for that Presidency on the Coast and China and Coast and Bay Ships the Winchelsea touching here in her way to Bombay We have taken that opportunity

to Freight on her 500 Bales which we receiv d by the Plassey at the same time it appearing to us by an Abstract of the Deptfords Invoice for Fort William that there were Woollen Goods on board which Cap^t Tryon inform d us were intended for Bombay We thought it best to send those also by the same Conveyance and they have accordingly been laden on the Winchelsea the Freight is to be paid at Bombay at the rate of 2½ Pagodas ꝯ Bale Exchange at 330 Bombay Rupees ꝯ 100 Pagodas

By the abovemention d Abstract of the Deptfords Invoice for Fort William it appears that the Consignment to you consists of

509 Bales of Broad Cloth &
1 D Long Ells

510

but Cap^t Tryon informs us that two of these Bales were return d being damag d so that there sho d be only 508 Bales but the Bales having been transported from the Deptford to the Winchelsea without being landed the account taken by the two Ships makes the number amount to 512 This probably is a mistake We have however advis d the Gentlemen of Bombay thereof but have given Cap^t Tryon a receipt for no more than 508 and taken a Bill of Lading of Cap^t Howe for the same number & we beg when you deliver Cap^t Tryon his Bill of Lading discharg d that you will receive from him our Import Warehouse keepers Receipt Altho we have forwarded the Deptfords Bales yet as they were not consign d to us We have not brought them on our Books but have wrote to the Gentlemen at Bombay that they will receive the Invoice from you and pass them to account as you shall advise

By the Neptune our Honble Masters consign d to us 500 Bales of Cloth 1 Bale of Camblets & Allepins & one Case of Brocades to be forwarded to you and we accordingly now consign the same to you by the Deptford except only one piece of Brocade which we have taken the liberty to keep the damage these Goods suffered in the passage from Europe has been adjusted with the Captain of the Neptune an account where of is enclosed sho d any further damage appear on your recit of the Bales Cap^t Tryon is to be answerable for the same

As it is our Intention to dispatch the Plassey to Europe in October We have landed from her the Consignment to your Presidency and shall forward the same to you as Conveyances offer such part as we now send by the Deptford will appear by a list in the Packet the Europe Invoice of them have been already forwarded to you We cannot bring them on our Books you will therefore be pleased to inform us in what manner you bring them on your Books if to the immediate Credit of Account Current London We shall not have occasion to make an Entry if to our Credit you will then be pleased to send us a Copy of the original Invoice that we may pass them in Conformity We consign to you by the Deptford a quantity of Redwood agreeable to Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed

As we cannot at present supply you with any Timber or Plank as you desire in your Letter of the 4th of April We have directed the Gentlemen at Manilha to send us all that can be procured being also greatly in want of the same Articles for our own occasions We have ordered some Coir Cables of the sizes you desire to be made not having any Europe in Store

M Croke who came out with his Family this Year with permission from our Honble Masters to reside at Calcutta has requested that he may remain on the Coast being in an infirm state and finding the Climate agree with his Con-
sitution We enclose Copy of his letter to us on this occasion and desire you will acquaint us what the Company have been pleased to write concerning his Gratuity or any thing else that may be necessary for our information

The Bill of Exchange for AR^s 10511 4 advis d in your your letter of the 17th June has been duely accepted and paid

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Lord Clive arriv d here the 13th Instant she left England the 26th March the rest of the ships for Coast & Bay were expected to sail about 3 Weeks after

We are

FORT S^t GEORGE
16th AUGUST 1763

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t humble Serv^t.

GEO PYGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE

P S —The Plassey having some private Consignments on board of Coral and Silver for your Presidency We have ship d them on the Deptford and consigned them to your Honour &c as ⌘ Bill of Lading enclosed several necessaries for particular Persons by the Plassey we have also ship d on the Deptford Capt Tryons receipt for which we likewise he — — — —

LIST OF THE COMPANY S PACKET TO FORT WILLIAM ⌘ DEPTFORD

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 16th August 1763
- 2 Duplicate D dated 28th July 1763
- 3 Invoice of Ship Deptford
- 4 Bill of Lading of D^o
- 5 Copy of the Deptford s Charter Party
- 6 Copy of Cap^t Tryon s Commission to seize unlicensed Persons
- 7 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be ship d on board the Deptford for Coast & Bay
- 8 Copy of the Deptford s Victualling Bill
- 9 List of Goods & Merchandize landed at Fort S^t George by the Captain & Officers of the Ship Deptford
- 10 Copy of a Letter from M Edward Croke concerning a Gratuity appointed him by the Company
- 11 Account of Stores Deficient ⌘ Ship Deptford
- 12 List of Gunpowder & Copper laden on board the Ship Deptford being part of the Consignment for Bengal ⌘ Plassey
- 13 Account of damag d Cloth reced from Europe for Bengal ⌘^r Ship Neptune
- 14 Acco^t of Private Consignm^t from Europe ⌘ Ship Plassey ship d on board the Deptford for Fort William
- 15 Packet from Bombay for Fort William ⌘ Ship Admiral Pocock
- 16 Copy of Captain Tryon s sailing orders

FORT S^t GEORGE 17th AUGUST 1763

W^m ALDERSEY
Secy

N^o 89

TO CAP^t WILL^m TRYON
OF THE SHIP DEPTFORD

SIR

You are hereby order d to repair on board & make the best of your way to the River of Bengal as far up as Rogues River from whence you are to forward the Packet herewith deliver d you to the President and Council of Fort William and on no account to carry your Ship higher up without their particular Directions

We wish you a good Vovage and date this in Fort S^t George this 16th day of August 1763

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

N^o 90

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VAN SITTART ESQ^s
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

The Deptford carried you our last Advices dated the 16th Instant of which a Duplicate comes enclosed

You have already been acquainted from the other Department of the arrival of the Lapwing from Europe the 19th Instant with the Definitive Treaty concluded with France & Spain & as measures have already been concerted for withdrawing Manilha We shall dispatch to you the Lord Clive and the two other expected Coast & Bay Ships as soon as their Consignments for this place are deliver d

Our Disbursements of Cash being at present large We must request that you will not draw upon us further at present if it can possibly be avoided

Enclosed is Copy of a Paragraph from the Company s General Letter relating to Mr Will^m Barwell which we desire you will be pleased to communicate to him if he should be at Bengal

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient humble Serv^t

FORT S^t GEORGE
24th AUGUST 1763

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE

N^o 91

To JOHN PYBUS ESQ^r
CHIEF AT MAZULIPATAM

SIR

We now dispatch the Lord Clive to you with the remainder of your Indent for Stores you will cause them to be landed with all Expedition that Captain Webber may make the best of his way to Fort William agreeably to his Instructions a copy of which is enclosed

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST GEORGE
3^d SEPTEMBER 1763

GEO FIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
CHA^s TURNER
JOSIAS DUPRE

N^o 92

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We wrote to you last in Duplicate the 24th of August The Lord Clive having deliver d her Consignments for this Place we now dispatch her to Mazulipatam to land some stores for that Settlement after which she is to proceed immediately to you and we consign d to you on her a quantity of Redwood as ^{per} Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed

By the Hawke were consign d to us to be forwarded to you 288 Bales of Woollen Goods—considering the Troubles in which the Province is involved We conclude that you would find difficulty in disposing of your whole Consignment this Year at the same time judging that a part will answer here we have taken the liberty of detaining 188 Bales & now forward the remainder to you being 100 Bales by the Lord Clive as ^{per} Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed you will also find in the Packet a particular account of the State of these Bales The damage found on landing them from the Hawke has been adjusted with the Commander of that Ship Capt^t Webber must answer for the rest should any further appear

A list is also enclosed in the Packet of such thing as have been landed from the Plassey and are forwarded on the Lord Clive

As our Honble Masters have recommended that if any Ship should be detain d in India for a Country Voyage the Lord Clive should have the Preference if your Honors &c have not any more material Service for that Ship her return hither with a Cargo of Rice on the Honble Company s Account as early as possible would be very acceptable

Enclosed are Extracts of several Paragraphs from the Company s General Letter dated the 9th of March one of which mentions the appointment of M Joseph Macdonald to be a Factor on the Fort Marlborough Establishment being inform d he is at present at Bengal We desire you will apprise him thereof

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that our Hon ble Masters Ship Pigot from England arriv d here the 27th of last month

FORT ST GEORGE
3^d SEPTEMBER 1763

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble servants

GEO PIGOT
ROB PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
CHA^s TURNER
JOSIAS DUPRE

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT WILLIAM ꝯ SHIP LORD CLIVE

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 3^d September 1763
2 Invoice of Ship Lord Clive
3 Bill of Lading D
4 Copy Charterparty of Ship Lord Clive
5 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize ꝯ Lord Clive
6 Copy Lord Clive s Victualling Bill
7 Copy Cap^t Webber s Commission to seize unlicensed Persons
8 List of Goods and Merchandize Landed at Fort St George by the Captain & Officers of Ship Lord Clive
9 12 95 and 98 Parag^s of the Company s General Letter to Fort St George dated 9th March 1763
10 Account of Stores deficient ꝯ Ship Lord Clive
11 Account of Broad Cloth damag d ꝯ Ship Lord Clive
12 Account State of Broad Cloth ꝯ Ship Hawke for Bengal
13 Rectified Invoice of the Ship Windsor rece d from Bombay
14 List of the Plassey s Consignments for Bengal Ship d on the Lord Clive
15 Copy Capt Webber s sailing orders

W^m ALDERSEY
Sec^{ry}

FORT ST GEORGE
4TH SEPT^R 1763

N^o 93

TO CAP^T WILLIAM WEBBER
OF SHIP LORD CLIVE

SIR

You are hereby directed to repair on Board and make the best of your way to Mazulipatam where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to M John Pybus the Chief there & land the Stores you have on board for that Place with all Expedition as soon as M Pvb^{us} shall have signified to you that he has no further occasion for your detention there you are without delay to proceed to the River of Bengal as far up as Rogues River from whence

you are to forward the Packet herewith deliver d you to the President & Council of Fort William and on no account to carry your Ship higher without their particular directions We wish you a good Voyage & date this in Fort St George the 4th day of September 1763

GEO PIGOT
 ROBT PALK
 CHAS BOURCHIER
 R FAIRFIELD
 CHS TURNER
 JOSIAS DUPRE

N^o 94

To M^r JOHN CALLAND
 & C^a COUNCIL
 AT CUDDALORE

GENTLEMEN

We have rece d your Letter of the 30th of last Month

As we observe you have a large Ballance of Cash remaining you will on receipt hereof send twenty thousand Pagodas to M Floyer the Paymaster at Trichenopoly under a proper Escort of Sepoys

In regard to the Turn d out Cloth in your Warehouse such of it as on a careful Examination you think may be reced for the Company may be taken in at a Discount of 10 % C^t the rest must be return d to the Merch^{ts} they paying the 10 % C^t Custom unless by reason of the large Ballances in their hands you judge it necessary to detain it some time longer

We are

GENTLEMEN

FORT ST GEORGE
 13th SEPTEMBER 1763

Your affectionate Friends

GEO PIGOT
 ROBT PALK
 CHS BOURCHIER
 RICH^d FAIRFIELD
 CHAS TURNER
 JOSIAS DUPRE

N^o 95

To JOHN PYBUS ESQ^r
 CHIEF OF MAZULIPATAM

SIR

The Farms of the Pettah Juncan Mazulipatam & Ponraua Salt and Narsapore Tenn being nearly expired you will be pleased on receipt hereof to advertise that seal d Proposals will be receiv d for reletting the same for the Term of one Year from the expiration of their respective dates and send to Us such Proposals as you may receive in consequence by the 10th of October when they will be relet to the highest Bidders provided they are Persons of Substance & Credit

The Black Prisoner you mention to be in confinement for Murder must be sent up to Madras by the first opportunity and as there are no Witnesses to prove it & he acknowledges the fact you must take down his Confession & transmitted to us sign d by the Prisoner that he may take his Tryal at the next sessions

FORT ST GEORGE
15th SEPT^r 1763

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CH^s BOURCHIER
RICH FAIRFIELD
CH^s TURNER
JOSIAS DUPRE

N^o 96

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Our last to you was dated the 16th of August of which Duplicate accompanies this

The Gentlemen at Bengal in the last Advices we receiv d from them on the subject of shipping dated in May acquainted us that they expected to be able to provide Cargoes for five ships this season of which the Boscawen & Osterly were to have been two and as we judg d that the Lord Mansfield and new Ship Maitland destin d first to your side might have been of the Number we therefore desir d in ours of the 31st of July that they might be sent round to us as soon as possible after their arrival with you at that time we thought that three of our ships might have been employ d from hence to Manilha to assist in withdrawing that Garrison upon receiving News of a Peace—but as other Measures have been since resolved upon for that purpose We shall dispatch them to the Bay agreeably to their Destination considering at the same time that the late Troubles which have arisen in Bengal may possibly prevent the Gentlemen there providing for the number of Ships they before intended We refer it to your determination whether it will not be most advisable to detain the Lord Mansfield & New Ship Maitland on your Side if you should be able to find Employment for them

M George Pitcairn who came from Bombay in the Hector having receiv d his Allowances nere for the Months of May June & July We enclose an account for the same for which we shall debit your Presidency

You have been inform d from the other Department of the arrival of the Lapwing judging it necessary to return her to our Honble Masters with Advices she sail d for England the 6th Instant

The Pigot for Coast & Bay arriv d with us the 27th of August

FORT ST GEORGE
15th SEPT^r 1763

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient humble Serv^{ts}

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CH^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
CH^s TURNER
JOSIAS DUPRE

N^o 97

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQ^r
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^a COUNCIL
 OF FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Enclosed is Duplicate of our letter by the Lord Clive dated the 3^d Instant

We now dispatch the Pigot to you with a further suply of Redwood agreeable to Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed

We also forward to you by this opportunity sundry stores for your Presidency landed here from the Plassey of which a list is transmitted herewith

Our Honble Master s Snow Lapwing was dispatch d from hence to Europe the 5th Instant and by her we forwarded the fourth Copy of your Advices to Europe by the Royal George & Earl of Ashburnham The Third Copy you transmitted to us with your Letter of the 16th of May has been sent to Bombay to be forwarded from thence

The Patterns of Broad Cloth for your Presidency by the Neptune comes a number in this Ship s Packet

We are

FORT S^r GEORGE

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

17th SEPTEMBER 1763

Your most obedient humble Servant

GEO PIGOT
 ROB^t PALK
 CHA^s BOURCHIER
 RICH^d FAIRFIELD
 CHA^s TURNER
 JOSIAS DUPRE

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT WILLIAM P SHIP PIGOT

- N^o 1 General Letter dated 17th September 1763
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WILL^m ALDERSEY

Sec^{ry}

FORT S^r GEORGE

17th SEPTEMBER 1763

N^o 98

To CAP^t GEORGE RICHARDSON
OF THE SHIP PIGOT

SIR

You are hereby directed to repair on board and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal as far up as Rogues River from whence you are to forward the Packet herewith deliver d you to the President & Council of Fort William and on no account to carry your Ship higher up without their particular Directions

We wish you a good Voyage & date this in Fort St George the 17th day of September 1763

GEO PIGOT
ROB PALK
CH^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE

N^o 99

To THE HONBLE HERMAN ABBESTIE ESQ^r
PRES^t AND GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL AT
TRANQUEBAR

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

In consequence of your application to us desiring we would write to the President & Council of Bombay to afford all the assistance in their power to the Crew of the Danish Ship which unfortunately fell into the hands of the Morattas We are now to acquaint you that we have receiv d a Letter from Bombay enclosing a Bill of Exchange drawn on you by M H F Hinckel for Pagodas 1875 payable at 10 days sight being the amount supplied by them for the use of the People belonging to that ship which Bill we now tender for acceptance

We are

FORT S^t GEORGE
23 SEPT^r 1763

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient hum Serv^{ts}

GEO PIGOT
ROB^t PALK
CHA BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA ALEXANDER

N^o 100

To JOHN SMITH ESQ^r
CHIEF & C^a COUNCIL
AT VIZAGAPATAM

GENTLEMEN

We have reced your Letter dated the 13th Inst^t

When the Bales come up we shall be the better able to judge what further Orders it may be necessary to send you on the subject of the Investment We have order d a Muster to be sent you of the Cloth proper for Chints

You must observe in future to note at the foot of every Letter you write to us the quantity of Cloth you have embal d and at the Wash

FORT S^T GEORGE
28TH SEPT^R 1763

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

GEO PIGOT
ROB^T PALK
RICH^D FAIRFIELD
CHA^S TURNER

JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^S ALEXANDER

N^o 101

To JOHN PYBUS ESQ^R
CHIEF AT MAZULIPATAM

SIR

We have rece d your Letters of the 16th & 17th Instant

As we do not think it expedient at present to let out the Mazulipatam Farms for a longer Term than one Year you must advertize them accordingly agreeably to our Instructions contain d in our Letter of the 15th Instant and the Person who may have the Rent of the Salt Farm must take off the Salt remaining with you belonging to the old Renter at a Stated Price which you will settle on the best Terms you can and if there is no hopes of recovering the Ballance that may then remain due from the old Renter it must be wrote off

You must observe in future to note at the foot of every Letter you write to us the quantity of Cloth embal d and at the Wash

FORT S^T GEORGE
28TH SEPTEMBER 1763

We are
SIR
Your most affectionate Friends

GEO PIGOT
ROB^T PALK
CHA^S BOURCHIER
RICH^D FAIRFIELD

JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^S ALEXANDER

N^o 102

To M^R JOHN CALLAND
& C^A COUNCIL AT CUDDALORE

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv d your Letter of the 19th Instant

We neither have nor intend to shew any Indulgence to our Merchants in regard to the Customs they are to pay for turned out Cloth and you may acquaint your Merchants that they are not to expect any

The Plassey will sail by the last of the Month for Cuddalore to bring up your Bales and you must not detain her any longer than is necessary for putting them on board

We have just rece d your Letter of the 26 As you aquant us that Irshippa Chitty has Cloth in your Godown to near the amount of his Debt and is willing to proceed with his Contract upon the Terms we have requir d you have our liberty to make him a further advance

FORT S^t GEORGE
28th SEPTEMBER 1763

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

GEO PIGOT
ROB PALK
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

N^o 103

TO JOHN CALLAND
& C^a COUNCIL AT CUDDALORE

GENTLEMEN

Agreably to what we wrote you the 28 We now dispatch the Plassey to you to bring up your Bales which you are to ship off with the utmost dispatch & return her without delay

FORT S^t GEORGE
29th SEPT^r 1763

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends
GEO PIGOT & C^a COUNCIL

N^o 104

TO CAPTAIN JAMES WARD
OF THE SHIP PLASSEY

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Cuddalore where on your arrival you are to deliver the accom panying Packet to M Calland & C^a Council there and follow their orders for your future Proceedings

DATED IN FORT S^t GEORGE
THIS 29th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1763

GEO PIGOT
ROB PALK
CH^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
JOSIAS DUPRE
JA^s ALEXANDER

N 105

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQ^r
 PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^a COUNCIL
 OF FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIRS

We wrote to you by the Pigot the 17th Instant The Swift Schooner from Bombay has since sail d for your Presidency and enclosed is an account of Provisions supplid that Vessel at this Place

Having made a Calculate of the quantity of Goods w^{ch} will remain in our Warehouse after the departure of the Plassey together with what we may reasonably expect our Merchants will bring in between this and the latter end of January we think we may venture to promise your Honor &c that we shall have Goods to make up about three hundred or three hundr^d and fifty Tons if therefore your Honor &c will please to send us two Ships early in the Month of January reserving room in each for about 150 Tons We think we shall be able to compleat their Tonnage and dispatch them in good time but we entreat you that these Ships may depart from Bengal by Christmass or very early in January otherwise they may be unfortunate in their Passage and get as late from hence as the Warren & Clinton have the two last Seasons

Should the affairs at your Presidency take that happy Turn we wish to them we hope your Honors &c^a will remember that a supply of Bullion as earl^y as possible will be of great benefit to our Honble Master s China Trade and we shall be glad whenever SaltPetre is procurable to be supplied with as large a quantity as your own demands and those of Bombay will admit of

We are

FORT ST GEORGE

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

29TH SEPTEMBER 1763Your most Obedient hum Serv^t

GEO PIGOT
 ROB^t PALK
 CH^s BOURCHIER
 RICH^d FAIRFIELD
 CHA^s TURNER
 JOSIAS DUPRE
 JA^s ALEXANDER

N 106

TO M^r JOHN CALLAND
 AT CUDDALORE

SIR

We have received your Letters dated the 23^d of Octobr and 5th Instant The Plassey return d here the 31st Ultimo with your Bales which having been examin d you will receive herewith the Remarks which have been made thereon

Your Indent for Medicines we have ordered to be complied with as far as the several Articles can be spar d from our Stores

Enclosed is a List of the Countries the Nabob has lately assign d over to the Company which are to be lett by Publick Outcry the 1st of December you will therefore give Publick Notice that such Persons who are inclin d to bid for them must repair to Madras by the 25th of this Month

As we expect to have a ship from Bengal early in January to fill up here for Europe you will not fail to send us as large a quantity of your Investment as possible and to acquaint us how many Bales we may expect by that time

The Plassey sail d for England the 14th Instant M Pigot took his Passage in her and M Palk succeeds him in the Government of this Presidency

FORT ST GEORGE
17TH NOVEMBER 1763

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends

ROBT PALK
STRINGER LAWRENCE
CHA^S BOURCHIER
RICH^D FAIRFIELD
SAM ARDLEY
CHA^S TURNER
THO^S HEATH

N 107

TO JOHN SMITH
CHIEF & C^A COUNCIL
OF VIZAGAPATAM

GENTLEMEN

We received your Letter dated the 9th Ultimo by the Ship Union advising of your having sent us in her 216 Bales of your Investment We are sorry to inform you of our having been totally deprived of that Consignment by the Loss of the Ship in a violent Gale of Wind on the 21st of last Month which also proved fatal to many other Vessells at that time riding in this Road

As you represent to us that you are in want of Cash for your Investment we have desired M Pybus to supply you from Mazulipatam if possible for your present occasions

Having reason to apprehend a great scarcity of Grain at this Place we must recommend to you very particularly to promote the Importation of it from the Countries in your Neighbourhood as much and as early as possible

As we expect to have a Ship from Bengal early in January to fill up here from Europe you will not fail to send us as large a quantity of your Investment as possible and to acquaint us how many Bales we may expect by that time

The Plassey sail d for England the 14th Instant M Pigot took his passage in her and M Palk succeeds him in the Government for this Presidency

FORT ST GEORGE
17TH NOVEMBER 1763

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

ROBT PALK
STRIN LAWRENCE
CH^S BOURCHIER
RICH^D FAIRFIELD
SAM^L ARDLEY
CHA^S TURNER
THO^S HEATH

N^o 108

To JOHN PYBUS ESQ^R
CHIEF OF MAZULIPATAM

SIR

We have received your Letters dated the 7th 20th & 26th of last Month

The Cloths you sent up by the Success Snow having been examin d enclosed are the remarks which have been made thereupon and to which you will be pleas d to attend

The Proposals you have transmitted to us for Renting some of the North ward Farms for the present Year having been examin d We have accepted the following

Gahin Labdien	for the Pettah Juncan at Rup	24 000- -
Rustum Allay Cawn & Meer Sait Hussein	} Masulipatam & Ponraua Salt	70 000- -

The only Proposals receiv d for Renting the Narsapore Town were those accompanying your Letter of the 20th Ultimo from Rajah Hary at Rup 2100 the same Terms on which it was let the last Year As we are inform d he is a Pollygar who commands a considerable Force we should prefer giving the Rent of this Town to any other Person of Credit who should be inclin d to take it on the same Terms if however that cannot be done you may let it to Rajah Hary as you represent him to be a Man of fair Character and who has been hitherto punctual in his Payments

As we expect to have a Ship from Bengal early in January to fill up here for Europe you will not fail to send us as large a quantity of your Investment as possible and to acquaint us how many Bales we may expect by that time The Chief and Council of Vizagapatam having applied to us for a supply of Cash for their Investment you will be pleased to furnish them with as much as you can conveniently spare of the Ballance in your hands

Having reason to apprehend a great scarcity of Grain at this Place we must recommend to you very particularly to promote the Importation of it from the Countries in your Neighbourhood as much and as early as possible

The Plassey sail d for England the 14th Instant M Pigot took his Pass age in her and M Palk succeeds him in the Government of this Presidency

FORT S^T GEORGE
17TH NOVEMBER 1763

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends

ROB PALK
STRIN LAWRENCE
CHA^S BOURCHIER
RICH^D FAIRFIELD
SAM^L ARDLEY
CHA^S TURNER
THO^S HEATH

N^o 109

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQ
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Since writing to you the 29th of September we have receiv d your several Letters dated the 29th August 5th & 23^d of September and 3^d Ultimo

We are glad to observe your Honor &c Intention of sending such of our Honble Master s Ships as cannot be provided with Caigoes for Europe to us with Grain having great reason to expect a great scarcity at this Place and we are to entreat that you will also furnish us with as large & early supplies as possible by every other means in your power

We had a Violent Gale of Wind here the 21st of last Month which prov d fatal to all the Vessels that attempted to ride it out in this Road consisting of two Country Ships (the Union & Fazalahack) nine Snows a Ketch and ten Grain Boats His Majesty s Ships Norfolk Weymouth & America put to sea the 20th on the first appearance of bad weather They return d into the Road the 24th dismasted The Company s Ship Plassey having been dispatch d to Cuddalore the 30th of September escap d the fury of the Winds and return d here in good Condition the 31st of last Month She receiv d her Dispatches for England the 14th Instant M Pigot embark d in her and is succeeded by M Palk in the Government of this Presidency

The Norfolk Wymouth and America having got up Jury Masts Admiral Cornish sail d with those Ships for Trincamalley the 9th Instant from whence after giving them the necessary Repair he purposes returning to England

Our Honble Master s Ship the British King arriv d here the 30th of last month and will proceed to you in a few days

We are

FORT ST GEORGE
18TH NOVEMBER 1763

HONBLE SIR & SIRs
Your most Obedient hum Serv^t

ROB^t PALK
STRIN LAWRENCE
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
SAM ARDLEY
CHA^s TURNER
THO^s HEATH

N^o 110

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & C^A COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We have receiv d your several Letters dated the 14th & 16th of August 1st 3^d and 17th of September The Bills you advise in your Letters of the 16th of August & 3^d of September to have drawn upon us in favour of Lieutenant Wood have been duely honor d

We are sorry you were disappointed in your Intentions of employing the Lord Mansfield and Earl of Bute at Freight as we see no probability of our being able to provide for all the Tonnage of Ships destin d to this side of India this Season

The British King arriv'd here the 30th of last Month she left England the 1st of May The Pitt has not yet appear'd

We advis'd your Honoi &c in our Letter of the 15th of June of our having landed here from the Hector the Treasure & Small Arms intended for Anjengo The former consisted of a Box of Venetians valued at Rup^s 43 200 also a Chest containing ten thousand Rupees The Rupees (10 000) we shall detain here as those Gentlemen have lately drawn upon us for nineteen thousand and we are at present in much want of Silver We shall also detain the small Arms having great occasion for them The Box of Gold may be forward'd to Anjengo by the first opportunity

We had a violent Gale of Wind here the 21st of last Month which prov'd fatal to all the Vessells that attempted to Ride it out in this Road consisting of two County Ships nine snows a Ketch and ten Grain Boats His Majesty's Ships Norfolk Weymouth & America put to Sea on the first appearance of bad Weather They return'd into the Road the 24th dismasted The Company's Ship Plassey having been dispatch'd to Cuddalore the 30th of September escap'd the fury of the Winds and return'd here in good Condition the 31st of last Month she receiv'd her dispatches for England the 14th Instant M Pigoit embark'd in her and is succeeded by M Palk in the Government of this Presidency

The Norfolk Weymouth & America having got up Jury Masts Admiral Cornish sail'd with those Ships to Trincomally the 9th Instant from whence after giving them the necessary Repair he purposes returning to England taking with him also the Chatham & intending to send the Baleine to Bombay

Enclosed is Major Duff's first Bill of Exchange on Major Munro for Bombay Rupees 7 984 being for the sum of Pagodas 2495 advanced him the 21st of September for the subsistence of the detachment of His Majesty's 89th Regiment under his Command and for which we have debited your Presidency

The Current Exchange of Rupees here at present is 330 ¹/₂ 100 Pagodas

The Accounts Current with Cap^t Lysaught and Lieut Morgan enclosed in your Letter of the 17th of September shall be tender'd on the return of those Gentlemen from Camp

FORT ST GEORGE
22nd NOVEMBER 1763

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t hum Serv^{ts}

ROB^t PALK
STRIN LAWRENCE
CH^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
SAM^l ARDLEY
CHA^s TURNER
THEO^s HEATH

N 111

To THO^s WHITEHILL ESQ^r
CHIEF & C^a COUNCIL AT ANJENGO

GENTLEMEN

We have receiv d your Letter dated the 19th & 31^t of August advising of your having drawn upon us for nineteen thousand Bombay Rupees in favor of Nella Kantaker which has been duely honor d and we shall detain here the ten thousand Rupees landed from the Hector which was design d for your Place as we shall also the small Arms being in great want of them the Box of Venetians we purpose forwarding to you by the first opportunity

Our Honble Masters Ship British King arrived from England the 30th of last Month

The Plassey sail d for England the 14th Instant M Pigot embark d in her and is succeeded by M Palk in the Government of this Presidency

FORT ST GEORGE
22^d NOV^r 1763

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient Servants

ROB^t PALK
STRIN LAWRENCE
CH^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
SAM^l ARDLEY
CHA^s TURNER
THO HEATH

N^o 112

To WILLIAM HORNBY ESQ^r
CHIEF & C COUNCIL AT
TELLICHERY

GENTIEMEN

We have received your Letter dated 9th August

The Consignments intended by the Hector for Anjengo you make enquiry after were landed at this Place of which we duely advised the Presidency of Bombay & Gentlemen at Anjengo the Chest containing ten thousand Rupees We shall detain here as the Chief & Council there have lately drawn upon us for nineteen thousand Rupees we shall also detain the small Aims being in great want of them The Box of Venetians We purpose forwarding by the first Opportunity

Our Honble Master s Ship British King arriv d from England the 30th Ultimo

The Plassey sail d for England the 14th Instant M Pigot embark d in her and is succeeded by M^r Palk in the Government of this Presidency

FORT ST GEORGE
22^d NOVEMBER 1763

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient Servants

ROB^t PALK
STRIN LAWRENCE
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
SAM^l ARDLEY
CHA^s TURNER
THO^s HEATH

N 113

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQ
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

We wrote to you the 18th Instant by the George Ketch of which Duplicate has been forwarded by the Tappies and a Triplicate accompanies this

The British King now proceeds to you with a quantity of Redwood as ^{per} Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed and we take this opportunity also of sending you a suply of heavy Guns and shott agreeable to a List transmitted in the Packet

Your Honor &c are advised in a seperate Letter of our having detain d here from the British King thirty Chests of Small Arms intended for your Presidency we desire you will acquaint us with the Prices thereof in your Invoice from England that we may give your settlement due Credit for the same

His Majesty s Squadron being in the greatest want of Masts & Yards after the late Storm We were under the necessity of sparing them those Consign d to you by the Plassey being one Topmast one Topsail Yard Two Sloops Booms and four Spires Amounting in the whole by the Abstract of that Ship s Invoice to £ 35-1- or Pag 87-22-40 for which sum we have given your Settlement due Credit

The British King having brought us 474 Bales of Broad Cloth and Long Ells for Bombay which compleat the Number our Honble Masters mention to have sent for that Presidency on the Coast & Bay Ships leaves us no Room to doubt but the Bales we transported from the Deptford to the Winchelsea were intended for your Presidency into which mistake we were led by the Information of Cap^t Tryon to remedy which as much as is in our power We have sent by this Ship the abovemention d 474 Bales intended for Bombay also 30 Bales of Ordinary Red being part of the 188 of your Consignment that we mention d to have taken out of the Hawke which will not sell here the Invoice & Bill of Lading for the whole come enclosed

The Assay Master having represented to us that he is in great want of Assay Parting Glasses We must request you will se[nd us by th]e very first opportunity seven or Eight dozen if they can possibly be spared

The Chrter Party of the British King & others Papers as usual are enclosed as mentioned in the List of the Packet

We are

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Your most obedient hum^e Serv^{ts}

ROB^t PALK
STRIN LAWRENCE
CH^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
SAM^l ARDLEY
CH^s TURNER
THO^s HEATH

FORT S^t GEORGE

22 NOVEMBER 1763

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- 11 Account of Stores deficient ꝯ D
The Two last Papers to be forwarded to Europe on that Ship
- 12 List of Trench Guns & Shott ship d on the British King for Fort Will^m
- 13 Invoice of Small Arms consign d to Bengal ꝯ Ship Pigot
- 14 Copy Cap^t Pigou s sailing Orders

W^m ALD[ERSEY
Secrv]

FORT ST^t GEORGE
22^d NOVEMBER 1763

N 114

TO CAPTAIN PETER PIGOU
OF THE SHIP BRITISH KING

SIR

You are hereby directed to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal as far up as Rogues River from whence you are to forward the Packet herewith deliver d you to the President & Council of Fort William and on no account to carry your Ship higher up without their particular Directions We wish you a good Voyage & date this in Fort St^t George this 22^d Day of November 1763

ROB^t PALK
STRIN LAWRENCE
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
SAM^l ARDLEY
CHA^s TURNER
THO^s HEATH

N^o 115

To JOHN PYBUS ESQ^r
CHIEF OF MAZULIPATAM

SIR

The Chief & Council of Vizagapatam having desired a supply of Gun Powder you will take the first opportunity of conveying to them twelve Barrels from your Stores

FORT ST GEORGE
29TH NOVEMBER 1763

We are

SIR

Your affectionate Friends-

ROB^t PALK
STRIN LAWRENCE
CH^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
SAM^l ARDLEY
CHA^s TURNER
THO^s HEATH

N 116

To JOHN SMITH ESQ^r
CHIEF & C^A COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM

GENTLEMEN

We have rece d your Letter dated the 26th of last Month with the Accounts and Papers enclosed

In the Estimate you have transmitted to us of the expence in repairing the Company s Buildings at Vizagapatam there are some that do not appear to us necessary particularly the Hospital & Guard Houses as it has never been our Intention to keep any considerable Garrison there You have our permission to lay out as far as five hundred Pagodas in repairing the Godowns and such other Buildings as are of immediate Consequence to preserve them from decay

The same reason makes it unnecessary also to give any particular directions on Lieutenant Smiths Report to you concerning Repairs to the Works & Military Stores required to put the Town in a State of defence Your best security will be to maintain a good understanding with the Country Powers in your Neighbourhood which must therefore be your constant and principal Attention—and if you should ever be in danger of an attack as it will be in vain to think of preparing to resist any Force of Consequence you must secure the Company s effects & retire to Madras or Bengal as the Season may best serve and remain always prepared as well as possible for such an Emergency

M Pybus is directed to supply you when he has an opportunity with some Barrels of Gun Powder principally intended for your small Arms and we shall furnish you from time to time with such other Stores as we have and may appear necessary

We have a great demand for small Arms and our Stock is very small

The remainder of your Indent for Stores shall be sent as soon as they can be spared

FORT S^r GEORGE
29th NOVEMBER 1763

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

ROB^t PALK
STRIN LAWRENCE
CH^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
SAM^l ARDLEY
CHA^s TURNER
THO^s HEATH

N^o 117

To M^r JOHN CALLAND
AT CUDDALORE

SIR

We have received your favour dated the 26 Ultimo and are sorry you should have further occasion to complain of your Merchants after we have so severely warn d them for their past misconduct—you will on receipt of this aquaint Streshalaputty and Nella Chitty that if they do not in the space of one Month exert themselves by bringing in as much cloth as may be reasonably expected of them by that time they must be sent to Madras that proper measures may be taken with them for their backwardness & not complying with the Terms of their Contract

The Villages of Chinnamanaick Pollan & Naidput have been let to Rent to Nella Chitty and Ramalinga for a Term commencing from the 16th of October last to the 31st July 1764 for Pagodas 1270 Our Principal Intention in obtaining the Grant of these Villages from the Nabob was on account of their being chiefly Inhabitated by Weavers to whom all possible Encouragement must be given that every means in our power may be employ[ed] the Company s Investment and altho you do not give us hopes of above 200 Bales by the end of January we depend on your best endeavours to procure as much more as possible as we apprehend if we are not well assisted from the Subordnates that we may fall short of a Loading for next Dispatch

We are
SIR
Your most affectionate Friends

FORT S^r GEORGE
7th DECEMBER 1763

ROB PALK
STRIN LAWRENCE
CHA^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
SAM^l ARDLEY
CHA^s TURNER

N^o 118

To JOHN PYBUS ESQ^R
CHIEF AT MAZULIPATAM

SIR

We have received your letter dated the 27th of last Month and enclose Cowles for the three Farms dependent on Mazulipatam which have been lately Relet as we advised you in our Letter of the 17th Nov

You will observe by the Cowle for the Salt Farm that we have assented to the Conditions proposed by the late Bidders Rustum Ally Cawn and Meersaid Hussein although we cannot approve of their extending the payment of their Kists four Months beyond the expiration of the Cowle If therefore you apprehend that this may in the end be productive of Inconveniences and you can obtain the same Rent it Let for last Year of 80 000 Rupees by extending the Term of the Cowle to three or five Years you have our permission to do so not [with]standing our [] Orders on this subject and in that [] Payments [] heretofore [] and we should think that the extending the Farm to three or five Years might enable you to induce the proposer to take off the Quantity of old Salt you mentioned in your Letter of the 16th Sept^r to have taken Possession of as security for the Ballance due from Murseed Hussain & Timajee amounting by your Estimation to about 24 000 Rupees We are led to entertain this hope by your said Letter of the 16th September last as to the Ballance that may remain due over and above the said Salt you must use your best endeavours to receive it of those Renters

We are

Sir

FORT S^r GEORGE16th DECE^r 1768

Your affectionate Friends

ROB^r PALK
STRIN LAWRENCE
CH^s BOURCHIER
RICH^d FAIRFIELD
SAM^l ARDLEY
CHA^s TURNER
THO^s HEATH
JOHN CALI

N^o 119

To JOHN SMITH ESQ^R
CHIEF & C^A COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letter dated the 5th Instant

As we depend much on the subordinates to assist us in the Investment for the next Dispatch we rely on your exerting your utmost endeavours to get in as much Cloth as possible to send up in January and indeed unless [] be found to extend your Invest[ment] [] not be equivalent to the [] your Neighbourhood have not hitherto much affected your Investment and we have no reason to apprehend any Disturbances from Sillaram Raees who has always profess d Friendship which is a favourable Circumstance to the Merchants and you will let them know that we expect no further Complaints of their Cloth being Inferious to Muster which you represent to have been so much the case with that they have lately brought in

We are glad to observe the Farms you have Relet at your Settlement are increased in their Value

FORT S GEORGE
22^D DECEMBER 1763

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Your affectionate Friends
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To JOHN PYBUS ESQ^R
CHIEF OF MAZULIPATAM

SIR

We have receiv'd [your] Letter dated the 13th Instant with the Accounts of your settlements for November and the Books ending the 30th of April last

We observe at the Foot of your Letter 24 Bales of Bro[ad Clo]th are noted All the Cloth you send us must be Wash[ed] []ll be of no use [] ensuing Dispatch in which [] the subordinates ar[e] []ales You give us hopes by the middle or end of January

FORT S^T GEORGE
29TH DEC^R 1763

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To THE HON^{BLE} HENRY VANSITTART ESQ^R
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR & COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

We have receiv d your Letter of the 10th Ultimo aquainting us of your Intention to dispatch the Deptford to us with 250 Tons of Salt Petre to fill up here for Europe

As we are in great want of this Article both for our own occasions and to enable us to send a ship home in October next We are to request that if it should be in your [power to] assist us with a further supply of 100 Tons by the lat[er] ships

We shall prepare the Stores we are [to] send to the West Coast against the arrival of the Lord Clive that she may have as quick a dispatch from hence as possible

FORT ST GEORGE
29TH DEC^R 1763

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants

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WILLIAM ALDERSEY
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