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- 51 List of Persons not in the Company's Service, who have permission to proceed to or remain In India dated 20th. January 1758.
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- 58 Extract from the Company's Instructions to Captain John Samson of the Hardwicke & to the Commanders of their Ships outward bound in 1757.
- 59 Account of Goods over & wanting by the Ship Chesterfield arrived anno 1757 dated 23^d. Decr. 1757.
- 60 The Company's Indulgence to the Commanders & Officers of their Ships.
- 61 Copy of the Company's Commission, constituting Captain Wilson Commodore of all the Company's Ships & Vessels dated 23^d. Decr. 1757.
- 62 Commission to Captⁿ. Wilson to seize all Persons unlicensed to stay in India.
- 63 Copy of the Hardwicke's Victualling Bill.
- 64 Exemplification of Letters Patent under the seal of Great Britain bearing date at Westminster the 14th. January 1758—granting from his Majesty's to the Company, Plunder, Booty & Places taken in the East Indies, with Powers for the disposal of the Latter.

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PUBLIC DESPATCHES FROM ENGLAND FOR THE YEAR 1757-1758

Volume 61.

LIST OF THE COMPANIES PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE SHIP PITT.

- No. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 27th January 1758.
- 2 Triplicate of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 3^d. August 1757 sent ¶ Expedition Packet.
- 3 Duplicate of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 11th. November 1757 sent ¶ Hardwicke.
- 4 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 23th. Decr. 1757 sent by the Coast and China Ships.
- 5 List of Goods to be provided on the Coast of Choromandel for the Ships taken into the Companys Service in the year 1757 dated the said 23th. December.
- 6 Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Honble the Governour for the time being of Fort St. George ¶ Pitt. To be rec^d. from the Captain it being enclosed in the Companys packet to him.
- 7 Duplicate Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain bearing date at Westminster [*Sic*] the 19th. September 1757 granting from His Majesty to the Company the moiety of the Booty or plunder which has been or shall be made from the Nabob of Bengal the Private Property of His Majestys Subjects which has been or shall be retaken excepted.
- 8 Exemplification of Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain bearing date at Westminster [*Sic*] the 14th. Jañry. 1758 granting from His Majesty to the Company, Plunder Booty and Places taken in the East Indies with Powers for the disposal of the Latter in the manner therein mentioned, Both in the Box apart.
- 9 Invoice of the Ship Pitt for Fort St. George amounting to £29,811-15-8.
- 10 Second Bill of Loading of D^o.
- 11 Abstract of the Pitts Invoice for Canton.
- 12 Copy of the Companys Commission constituting Cap^t. Will^m. Wilson Commodore of all the Companys Ships and Vessels dated the 23th. December 1757.
- 13 List of Ships departed for and arrived from the East Indies since the Boscawen &c^a. Ships sailed. Signed by the Secretary.
- 14 Manifest of private Gold & Silver licensed to be shipped on board the Pitt for Fort St. George.
- 15 List of Persons not in the Companys Service permitted to proceed to and remain in the East Indies distinguishing such as have enter'd into Bond not to be chargeable there Signed by the Secretary.
- 16 Extracts from the Companys Instructions to the Commanders of their Ships outward bound in 1757.
- 17 The Companys Indulgence.
- 18 Copy of the Pitts Charterparty.
- 19 Copy of Captain Wilsons Instructions.

20 Copy of Captain Wilsons Commission to seize unlicensed persons.

21 Manifest of Goods and merchandize licensed to be shipp'd on board the Pitt.

22 Packet directed to Mess^{rs}. Henry Palmer, John Burrow, George Mandevile, Thomas Lockwood, Robert Mackett, Alexander Hume Richard Peisley, William Mackenzie, Joseph Harrington, Francis Wood John Hull and James Flint Supra Cargos of Council at Canton in China ¶ Pitt.

Mem^o. The five last articles are to be enclosed to the said Council in the Packet from Fort St. George for China ¶ Pitt.

23 Packet directed to the Honble William Watts, Charles Manningham Richard Becher and John Zephaniah Holwell Esq^{rs}. Major James Kilpatrick, Mess^{rs}. Paul Richard Pearkes, William Frankland Matthew Collett, William Mackett, Peter Amyatt, Thomas Boddam and Richard Court President and Council for all the Forces and affairs of the English Nation at Fort William in Bengal ¶ Pitt. To be sent by the first Conveyance, such excepted whereby the Packets transmitted by the Hardwicke and Rhoda shall be forwarded.

Mem^o. The Packet which was intended for Bombay by this Ship will be sent by the Admiral Watson.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE
BY THE SHIP HARDWICKE.

N^o. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 11th November 1757.

2 Duplicate of the Company's General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 3^d. August 1757 sent ¶ Expedition Packet.

3 Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Honble the Governour for the time being of Fort St. George ¶ Hardwicke To be received from Cap^t. Samson it being enclosed in the Companys Packet to him.

4 Duplicate Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain bearing date at Westminster the 19th. September 1757 granting from His Majesty to the Company the moiety of the Booty or Plunder which has been or shall be made from the Nabob of Bengal, the private Property of His Majestys subjects which has been or shall be retaken excepted.

5 Invoice of the Hardwicke for Fort St. George amounting to £.23961-14-6.

6 Bill of Loading of D^o.

7 Copy of the Hardwicke's Charterparty to be forwarded with the Ship, and

8 Copy of Captain Samsons Commission to seize unlicensed Persons.

9 Extracts from the Companys Instructions to Cap^t. Samson and the Commanders of their other Ships outward bound in 1757.

10 The Companys Indulgence.

11 Account of Coral licensed to be shipp'd on board the Hardwicke for Fort St. George to purchase Diamonds.

12 List of Ships departed for and arrived from the East Indies since the last advices.

13 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Hardwicke for the Coast and Bay.

14 Copy of the Hardwicke's victualling Bill—Both to be sent with the Ship.

15 List of 104 Soldiers on board the Hardwicke for Fort St. George with an account of their Country age and Occupation.

16 Account of the Tower Weight and Assays of Coins received from Fort St. George ¶ Chesterfield in 1757.

17 Copies of Nine papers referred to in M^r. George Jones's Remarks on the account of the late M^r. Thomas Eyre viz^t.

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- N^o. 1 Mr. Passwaters Extract from the Companys Cash account Sums Received and paid by Thomas Eyre November 1749.
 - 2 Thomas Eyres Extract of Sums rec'd and paid on the Companys account Novem^r. 1749.
 - 3 Receipts from the Sea Customer and payments to the Paymaster 1746 rec^d. from Mr. Jones 2^d. June 1749.
 - 4 Extract of Sea Customers Cash from the Books of Thomas Eyre dec^d.
 - 5 Statement of accounts between Mess^{rs}. Morse and Eyre by Nicholas Morse Esq^r.
 - 6 Account Sea Customs Cash delivered by Nich^s. Morse Esq^r.
 - 7 Thomas Eyre Paymasters Account adjusted.
 - 8 Statement of accounts between Mr. Morse and Thomas Eyre Sea Customer.
 - 9 Statement of accounts between Mr. Morse and Mr. Eyre Paymaster.
 - 18 Invoice of Medicines for Fort St. George ꝑ Hardwicke the value being included in the General Invoice.
 - 19 Covenants of Mr. Edward Cotsford Writer at Fort St. George to be dated executed witnessed and returned by the first Ship.
 - 20 Packet directed to the Honourable the President and Council for all the Forces and affairs of the English nation at Bombay.
To be forwarded as soon as possible after its receipt by the first and Safest Conveyance.
 - 21 Acts of the 30th. Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King George the 2^d.
- N.B.*—The List of Persons mentioned in the 84 paragraph of the General Letter will be sent by the Coast and China Ships.

LIST OF THE COMPANY'S PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE
BY THE SHIP LONDON.

- N^o. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 8th. March 1758.
- 2 Triplicate of the Companys General Letter ꝑ Pitt to Fort St. George under the 27th. January 1758.
- 3 Copy of the Companys General Letter to Fort Marlborough by the Egmont dated the 8th. February 1758.
- 4 Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Hon^{ble} the Governour for the time being of Fort St. George ꝑ London—To be received from Captain Allwright it being enclosed in the Companys Packet to him.
- 5 Invoice of the London for Fort St. George amounting to £ 35734-1-0.
- 6 Bill of Loading of D^o.
- 7 Abstract of the Warren's Invoice for Fort St. George.
- 8 Second Bill of Loading D^o.
- 9 Abstract of the Egmont's Invoice for Bencoolen.
- 10 Copy Letters of Patent of the 14th. January 1758 under the Great Seal of Great Britain as to plunder and other acquisitions made in the East Indies.
- 11 Account of Coral Jewels and Emeralds licensed to be shipped on board the London for Fort St. George to purchase Diamonds.
- 12 List of ships departed for and arrived from the East Indies since the last Advices.
- 13 List of Persons permitted to proceed to and remain in the East Indies since the last advices the Three former Articles signed by the Secretary.

14 Manifest of Private Gold and silver licensed to be shipped on board the London for Fort St. George.

to be for-
warded with
the ship to
Bengal.

15 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the London.

16 Copy of the London's Victualling Bill.

17 Copy of the Companys congratulatory Letter of the 8th. March 1753 to the Honble Robert Clive Esq^r. President and Governour of Fort William in Bengal.

18 Eight Blank Covenants to be filled up and Executed by such Persons as may have come of Age or been advanced in the Companys service and which are thereupon to be returned to England.

19 Account of the Weight and Tower Assays of Coins received in 1758 ¶ Walpole.

20 Two Books of New Charts for the Eastern Navigation wherein the Neptune Oriental has been chiefly considered and examined with Two Directories for the same included in the London's Invoice.

21 The Companys Additional General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 23^d. March 1758.

Mem^o.—The Third sett will be sent ¶ Prince George which ship and the Bombay Castle will bring D'Anville's Maps if they can be engraved before those ships sail as what were done in France are not procurable here.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE SHIP WARREN.

No. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 8th. March 1758.

2 Duplicate of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George ¶ Pitt dated the 27th. January 1758.

3 Copy of the Companys General Letter to Fort Marlborough by the Egmont dated the 8th. February 1758.

4 Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Honble the Governour for the time being of Fort St. George ¶ Warren—To be received from Captain Glover it being enclosed in the Companys packet to him.

5 Invoice of the Warren for Fort St. George amounting to £ 38668-19-4.

6 Bill of Loading of D^o.

7 Abstract of the Pitts Invoice for Fort St. George.

8 Second Bill of Loading of D^o.

9 Abstract of the Londons Invoice for Fort St. George.

10 Second Bill of Loading of D^o.

11 Abstract of the Egmonts Invoice for Bencoolen.

12 Copy Letters Patent of the 14th. Jañry. 1758 under the Great Seal of Great Britain as to plunder and other acquisitions made in the East Indies.

13 Account of Coral licensed to be shipped on board the Warren for Fort St. George to purchase Diamonds.

14 List of Ships departed for and arrived from the East Indies since the last advices.

15 List of Persons permitted to proceed to and remain in the East Indies since those advices the three last signed by the Secretary.

16 Manifest of Goods and merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Warren.

17 Copy of the Warrens victualling Bill.

to be for-
warded with
the ship to
Bengal.

18 Copy of the Companys Congratulatory Letter of the 8th March 1758 to the Honble Robert Clive Esq^r. President and Governour of Fort William in Bengal.

19 Manifest of Private Silver licensed to be shipped on board the Warren for Fort St. George.

20 Eight Blank Covenants to be filled up and executed by such Persons as may have become of age or been advanced in the Companys Service and which are thereupon to be returned to England.

21 Pattern of one Bale of Rattenets for Fort St. George by the Warren.

22 Account of the Weight and Tower Assays of coins received from Fort St. George ¶ Walpole.

23 Two Books of new Charts for the Eastern navigation wherein the Neptune Oriental has been chiefly considered and examined with two Directories for the same—included in the Warrens Invoice.

24 The Companys additional General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 23rd. March 1758.

Memo. The Third sett will be sent ¶ Prince George which ship and the Bombay Castle will bring D'Anville's Maps if they can be engraved before those ships sail as what were done in France are not procurable here.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE SHIP TILBURY.

No. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 23th. December 1757.

2 Copy of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George sent ¶ Hardwicke dated the 11th. November 1757.

3 Packet directed to the Honble the Governour for the time being of Fort St. George ¶ Tilbury.

To be received from Captain Mainwaring it being enclosed in the Companys Packet to him No. 8.

4 List of Goods to be provided on the Coast of Choromandel for the ships taken into the Companys Service in the year 1757, dated the said 23rd. December.

5 Invoice of Tilbury for Fort St. George amounting to £ 8,609-6-5.

6 Bill of Loading of D^o.

7 Abstract of the Rhoda's Invoice for Fort St. George.

8 Second Bill of Loading of D^o.

9 List of Ships departed for and arrived from the East Indies since the advices sent by the Boscawen &c^a. ships.

10 List of Persons not in the Companys service permitted to proceed to and remain in the East Indies, distinguishing such as have entered into Bond not to become chargeable—both signed by the Secretary.

11 Copy Commission constituting Capt. William Wilson Commodore of all the Companys Ships and Vessels.

12 Extracts of the Companys Instructions to the Commanders of their ships outward bound in 1757.

13 The Companys Indulgence.

14 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be laden on the Tilbury.

15 Copy of Tilburys Victualling Bill—The two last to be delivered to Mr. Harrington on the ships dispatch to Fort St. George.

16 Account of the Tower Weight and Assays of Coins received from Fort St. George ¶ Chesterfield in 1757.

17 List of Goods Over and Wanting by the Chesterfield arrived from Fort St. George in 1757.

18 Invoice of medicines for Fort St. George ¶ Tilbury—The value being included in the General Invoice.

19 Patterns of 49 Bales of Broad Cloth and 10 Bales of Long Ells for Fort St. George ¶ Tilbury in the Box—Apart.

20 Manifest of Private Silver licensed to be shipped on board the Tilbury for Fort St. George.

Memo.—Mr. Harrington if they are wanted is to produce to the Governour and Council.

Copy of the Tilburys Charterparty.

Copy of Captain Mainwarings Instructions, and Copy of his Commission to seize Unlicensed Persons.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE SHIP
BRITANNIA.

N^o. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 23rd. December 1757.

2 Copy of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George by Hardwicke dated the 11th. November 1757.

3 List of Goods to be provided on the Coast of Choromandel for the ships taken into the Companys service in the year 1757 dated the said 23^d. December.

4 Invoice of the Britannia for Fort St. George amounting to £ 7,745-5-10.

5 Bill of Loading of D^o.

6 Abstract of the Winchelsea Invoice for Fort St. George.

7 Second Bill of Loading of D^o.

8 List of ships departed for and arrived from the East Indies since the advices sent by the Boscawen &c^a. ships.

9 Account of Coral licensed to be shipped on the Britannia for Fort St. George to purchase Diamonds.

10 List of Persons not in the Companys service permitted to proceed to and remain in the East Indies distinguishing those who have entered into Bond not to become chargeable there—The three last signed by the Secretary.

11 The Companys Indulgence.

12 Copy of the Britannia's Charterparty.

13 Copy of Captain Blewitt's Instructions.

14 Copy of Captain Blewitt's Commission to seize Unlicensed Persons.

15 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Britannia.

16 Copy of the Britannia's Victualling Bill.

17 Packet directed to Mess^{rs}. Henry Palmer, John Burrow, George Mandevile, Thomas Lockwood, Robert Mackett, Alexander Hume, Richard Peisley, William Mackenzie, Joseph Harrington, Francis Wood, John Hull and James Flint Supra Cargoes of Council at Canton in China by Britannia.

Memo.—The Six last articles are to be enclosed to the said Council in the Packet from Fort St. George for China by the Britannia.

18 Account of Goods over and wanting by the ship Chesterfield arrived from Fort St. George in 1757.

19 Invoice of Medicines for Fort St. George by the Britannia, the value being included in the General Invoice.

20 Patterns of 46 Bales of Broad Cloth for Fort St. George by Britannia in the Box—apart.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE SHIP
WINCHELSEA.

N^o. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 23rd. December 1757.

2 List of goods to be provided on the Coast of Choromandel for the ships taken into the Companys Service in the year 1757 dated the same day.

3 Invoice of the Winchelsea for Fort St. George amounting to £ 8,064-0-2.

4 Bill of Loading of D^o.

5 Abstract of the Britannia's Invoice for Fort St. George.

6 Second Bill of Loading of D^o.

7 Manifest of Goods and merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Winchelsea.

8 Copy of the Winchelsea's Victualling Bill—The two last to be delivered to Mr. Hume on the ships dispatch from Fort St. George.

9 Invoice of medicines for Fort St. George & Winchelsea the value being included in the General Invoice.

10 Patterns of 46 Bales of Broad Cloth for Fort St. George & Winchelsea in the Box—apart.

Memo.—If it is requisit Mr. Hume in whose hands they are is to produce to the Governour and Council.

Copy of the Winchelsea's Charterparty.

Copy of Cap^t. Howes Instructions, and Copy of his Commission to seize unlicensed persons.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE SHIP
PRINCE OF WALES.

N^o. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 23rd. December 1757.

2 List of Goods to be provided on the Coast of Choromandel for the ships taken up in 1757 dated the same day.

3 Invoice of the Prince of Wales for Fort St. George amounting to £ 12,757-15-0.

4 Bill of Loading of D^o.

5 Abstract of the Shaftesbury's Invoice for Fort St. George.

6 Second Bill of Loading of D^o.

7 The Companys Indulgence.

8 Account of Coral licens'd to be shipp'd on the Prince of Wales for Fort St. George to purchase Diamonds.

9 Manifest of Private Gold and Silver licensed to be shipped on board the Prince of Wales for Fort St. George.

10 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Prince of Wales.

11 Copy of the Prince of Wales's Victualling Bill—The two last to be delivered to Mr. Mackett on the ships dispatch from Fort St. George.

12 Invoice of Medicines for Fort St. George—the value being included in the General Invoice.

13 Patterns of 100 Bales of Broad Cloth for Bombay by the way of Fort St. George & Prince of Walse as & the 4th. paragraph of the General Letter.

--To be sent with the Cloth—In the Box—apart.

Mem^o.—Mr. Mackett to whom they are delivered, is, if the Governour and Council think it necessary, to produce the following Copies viz^t.

Prince of Wales's Charterparty

Cap^t. Roberts's Instructions, and His Commission to seize Unlicensed persons.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE SHIP
SHAFTESBURY.

N^o. 1 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 23^d. December 1757.

2 List of Goods to be provided on the coast of Choromandel for the ships taken up in 1757 dated the same day.

3 Invoice of the Shaftesbury for Fort St. George amounting to £10,554-8-10.

4 Bill of Loading of D^o.

5 Abstract of the Prince of Wales's Invoice for Fort St. George.

6 Second Bill of Loading of D^o.

7 Copy of the Shaftesbury Charterparty.

8 Copy of Captain Inglis's Instructions.

9 Copy of Captain Inglis's Commission to seize Unlicensed Persons.

10 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Shaftesbury.

11 Copy of the Shaftesburys Victualling Bill.

12 Packet directed to Mess^{rs}. Henry Palmer, John Burrow, George Mandevile, Thomas Lockwood, Robert Mackett, Alexander Hume, Richard Peisley, William Mackenzie, Joseph Harrington, Francis Wood, John Hull and James Flint, Supra Cargos of Council at Canton in China ¶ Shaftesbury.

Memo.—The Six last articles are to be enclosed to the said Council in the Packet from Fort St. George for China by the Shaftesbury.

13 Invoice of Medicines for Fort St. George by the Shaftesbury—The value being included in the General Invoice.

14 Patterns of 46 Bales of Broad Cloth for Fort St. George by the Shaftesbury.

15 Patterns of 73 Bales of Broad Cloth as ¶ 4th. Para. of the General Letter for Bombay by the way of Fort St. George ¶ Shaftesbury to be sent with the Cloth—Both in the Box—apart.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE SHIP RHODA.

N^o. 1 The Cmpanys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 23^d. December 1757.

2 Triplicate of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 11th. November 1757 sent ¶ Hardwicke.

3 Packet from the Secret Committee directed to the Hoⁿble the Governour for the time being of Fort St. George ¶ Rhoda.

To be received from Captain M^o.Nemara it being enclosed in the Company's Packet to him N^o. 8.

4 List of Goods to be provided on the coast of Choromandel for the Ships taken into the Companys service in the year 1757 dated the said 23^d. December.

5 Invoice of the Rhoda for Fort St. George amountig to £7,778-10-6.

6 Bill of Loading of D^o.

7 Abstract of the Tilbury's Invoice for Fort St. George.

8 Second Bill of Loading of D^o.

9 Abstract of the Hardwicke's Invoice for Fort St. George.

10 Second Bill of Loading of D^o.

11 List of ships departed for and arrived from the East Indies since the Boscawen &c^a. sailed.

12 Account of coral and Amber licensed to be shipped on the Rhoda to purchase Diamonds both signed by the Secretary.

13 The Companys Indulgence.

14 Copy of the Rhoda's Charterparty.

15 Copy of Captain Mc.Nemara's Instructions.

16 Copy of Captain Mc. Nemara's Commission to seize Unlicensed persons.

17 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Rhoda.

18 Copy of the ship Rhoda's Victualling Bill.

19 Packet directed to Mess^{rs}. Henry Palmer, John Burrow, George Mandevile, Thomas Lockwood, Robert Mackett, Alexander Hume, Richard Peisley, William Mackenzie, Joseph Harrington, Francis Wood, John Hull and James Flint Supra Cargos of Council at Canton in China & Rhoda.

Memo.—The Six last articles are to be enclosed to the said Council in the Packet from Fort St. George for China by the Rhoda.

20 Copy of the Companys Commission to Captain William Wilson constituting him Commodore of all the Companys ships and vessels.

21 Account of the Tower Weight and Assays of coins received from Fort St. George & Chesterfield in 1757.

22 List of Goods over and wanting by the ship Chesterfield arrived from Fort St. George in 1757.

23 Copies of Nine Papers referred to in Mr. George Jones's Remarks on the accounts of the late Mr. Thomas Eyre as mentioned in the 98th. Para. of the General Letter to Fort St. George dated 11th. November 1757 viz^t.—

No. 1. Mr. Passwaters Extract from the Companys cash account sums received and paid by Thomas Eyre November 1749.

2 Thomas Eyres Extract of sums received and paid on the Companys account November 1749.

3 Receipts from the Sea Customer and Payments to the paymaster 1746 received from Mr. Jones 2^d. June 1749.

4 Extract of Sea Customers cash from the Books of Thomas Eyre Deceased.

5 Statement of accounts between Mess^{rs}. Morse and Eyre by Nicholas Morse Esq^{re}.

6 Account of Sea Custom cash delivered by Nicholas Morse Esq^{re}.

7 Thomas Eyre Paymaster's accounts adjusted.

8 Statement of accounts between Nicholas Morse Esq^{re}. and Thomas Eyre Sea Customer.

9 Statement of accounts between Nicholas Morse Esq^{re}. and Thomas Eyre Paymaster.

24 Extracts from the Companys Instructions to the Commanders of their ships Outward bound in 1757.

25 Packet directed to the Honble William Watts, Charles Manningham, Richard Becher, John Zephaniah Holwell, Esq^{res}. Major James Kilpatrick, Mess^{rs}. Paul Richard Pearkes, William Frankland Matthew Collet, William Mackett, Peter Amyatt, Thomas Boddam and Richard Court President and Council for all the Forces and affairs of the English Nation at Fort William in Bengal & Rhoda.

26 Packet directed to the Honble the President and Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Bombay & Rhoda.

Both the said Packets to be forwarded respectively by the first conveyances except such whereon the packets transmitted by the Hardwicke and Pitt shall be sent.

27 COVENANTS of Mr. Alexander Wishart Free Merchant at Fort St. George to be dated, executed, witnessed and returned by the first ship.

28 Patterns of 46 Bales of Broad Cloth for Fort St. George & Rhoda in the Box—apart.

29 List of Persons not in the Companys service permitted to proceed to and remain in the East Indies, distinguishing such as have entered into Bond not to be chargeable there.

Signed by the Secretary.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE WAY OF BOMBAY
BY THE SHIP STRETHAM.

N^o. 1 The Company's General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 5th. July 1758.

2 Extracts of the Company's General Letters to Bombay dated the 12th. May 5th. July 1758 relating to the West Coast.

3 List of ships taken up for the East Indies in 1758, and of such as have sailed for and arrived from the East Indies since the departure of the Rhoda & ca.

4 List of Persons not in the Company's service licensed to proceed to and remain in the East Indies since the same time—both signed by the Secretary.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE WAY OF BOMBAY
BY THE EASTCOURT.

N^o. 1 The Company's General Letter to Fort St. George dated 5th. July 1758.

2 Triplicate of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George sent & Warren & London dated the 12th. May 1758.

3 Extracts of the Companys General Letters to Bombay dated the 12th. May & 5th. July 1758 relating to the West Coast.

4 List of ships taken up for the East Indies in 1758 and of such as have sailed for & arrived from the East Indies since the departure of the ships for Coast & China.

5 List of Persons not in the Companys service permitted to proceed to the East Indies since the same time—both signed by the Secretary.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE SHIP
PRINCE GEORGE BY WAY OF BENGAL.

N^o. 1 The Company's General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 12th. May 1758.

2 Triplicate of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 8th. March preceding.

3 Triplicate of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 23rd. of that month—Both sent & Warren and London.

4 Account of the Weight & Tower assays of coins received by the ship Walpole in 1758 from Fort St. George.

5 List of Persons not in the Companys Service licens'd to proceed to and remain in India since the last advices, sign'd by the Secry.

6 Manifest of Private Gold & silver licensed to be shipp'd on the Prince George for the use of his Majesty's Detachment of Artillery on the Coast of Choromandel, to be received from Bengal with the Bullion, it being enclosed in that Presidency's Packet.

7 Eight Blank Covenants to be fill'd up & executed by such as may have come of age or been advanced in station in the Companys service, and thereupon returned.

8 Six new Variation charts for the use of the settlement with six Books describing the same.

9 Two Books of new Charts for the Eastern navigation wherein the Neptune Orientale has been chiefly consider'd and examined with two Directories for the same, the 3 last articles in the Box apart.

10 Account of the Cost of the said charts and Books.

Mem^o.—The maps according to D'Anville will be sent as soon as engraved.

11 [Copy] of the Company's Letter of the 8th. March 1758 to the Honble Robert Clive Esq^r. President and Governor of Fort William in Bengal sent by Warren, London and Prince George.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE BY THE SHIP
BOMBAY CASTLE BY WAY OF BENGAL.

No. 1 The Company's General Letter to Fort St. George dated the 12th. May 1758.

2 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George of the 8th. of March 1758.

3 The Companys General Letter to Fort St. George under the 23th. of said March, Both in the Fourth Transcript and sent in Triplicate by Warren, London and Prince George.

4 List of Persons not in the Companys Service permitted to proceed to India since the last advices, signed by the Secretary.

5 Six New Variation Charts for the use of the settlement with Six Books of the Description thereof, sent apart from this Packet which being enclosed in the Packet to Bengal is to be received from that Presidency.

6 Account of the cost of the said Charts and Books.

Mem^o. The maps after D'Anville will be sent by the first occasion after they are finished.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED AUGUST 3, 1757.

(*Public Despatches from England, Volume 61, pages 26 to 32*)

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

1 On the 4th. June We received by the Chesterfield dispatched by you, and the ships Edgecote & Portfield from Bombay the melancholy news of the loss of Fort William and the rest of the Companys Settlements in Bengal, on the 22^d. July Mr. Holwell, who arrived at Plymouth in the Syren Sloop directly from Bengal, gave a most agreeable turn to our thoughts, by bringing advice of the Re-Capture of Fort William by Admiral Watson's Squadron and the Forces under the Command of Colonel Clive, besides the general and Select Committee's Letters and others, by those conveyances, we have received the several separate addresses of many of Our servants in Bengal relative to the first mentioned Event.

2. Upon the arrival of the Syren we determined to send forthwith some directions more immediately necessary for the Conducting the Company's affairs in Bengal, which We now do by the Expedition Packet Burthen Fifty five Tons of which Captain James Barton goes Commander.

3. Upon duly considering the situation of affairs in Bengal, and the impossibility of forming a true Judgment in so short a time on the conduct and Behaviour of our servants there in the late Troubles, we have thought it necessary to dispatch this Vessel immediately thither, with our orders for suspending the present method of conducting the Companys Affairs by a President and Council, to revoke and make void the Commission sent by us in the Chesterfield dated 11th. February 1756 and to direct that for the present, and until we are enabled to Grant a new Commission, the undernamed Persons be a Committee which is to have the same power and authority as the President and Council have been usually invested with, and are to manage and transact the Companys affairs accordingly Viz^t.

Robert Clive Esqr. if in Bengal.

William Watts Esqr.

Major James Kilpatrick but never to rise higher in this Committee than third in station.

Mr. Charles Manningham.

Mr. Richard Becher.

Mr. Paul Richard Pearkes.

Mr. William Frankland.

Mr. Mathew Collett.

Mr. William Mackett.

Mr. Peter Amyatt.

Mr. Thomas Boddam.

if Colonel Clive should be returned to his Station upon the Choromandel Coast (as we have reason to hope and believe will be the Case) then Mr. Manningham is to take place of Major James Kilpatrick as Second in Rank, and in case of vacancies by death or absence in the Stations of First and Second, the next in turn below the Major are to fill up such vacancies.

4. Colonel Clive, Mr. Watts and Mr. Manningham are to preside in the said Committee for a month each in their turns, but in case of the death or absence of any of the said Gentlemen the First and Second for the time being are to preside alternately.

5. We have further ordered that the following named Persons be a Select Committee to manage & transact affairs upon the Plan laid down in our General Letter to the late President and Council of Bengal of the 11th. February 1756 (a copy whereof is herewith sent) viz^t.

Robert Clive Esqr. if in Bengal.

William Watts Esqr.

Major James Kilpatrick, but never to rise higher in this Committee than Third in Station.

Mr. Charles Manningham.

Mr. Richard Becher.

as it is proposed this Committee should always consist of Five persons, in case therefore of the death or absence of any of the beforementioned, Mr. Frankland is to fill up such vacancy, and the Gentlemen composing this Committee are to preside monthly in turn as directed with respect to the General Committee.

6. We have given you the beforegoing Informtion that you may transact all affairs with the said two Committees, until, as we before observed, we can settle a new Commission.

7. By the last Advices from Bengal we have some reason to flatter ourselves, that the Nabob has listened to pacifick measures, and that he has agreed to reinstate the Company in their possessions, Rights and privileges, as well as made an ample Restitution of the Losses we have sustained and the immense Expences we have and shall be put to; should an accommodation not be entirely agreed to upon the arrival of this vessel in Bengal, We have acquainted our Servants there that pacifick measures must if possible be the Foundation they are to build on, as the best means for promoting the Commercial Interest of the Company, and avoiding the heavy Expences which a State of War must necessarily produce, and the Comp^y. at this Juncture are so little able to bear; This we mention for your Information, but at the same time we do not mean it should any way interfere with your giving all necessary assistance in case Hostile measures are unavoidable and expedient. or leaving a sufficient number of our Forces in Bengal to render our Resettlement secure.

8. The Committee of Secrecy under the present Direction consists of the following Gentlemen Viz^t. John Payne Esq^r. the present Chairman of the Court, Laurence Sullivan Esq^r. Deputy together with Peter Godfrey, Christopher Burrow and Jones Raymond Esq^{rs}.

9. At the same time that Ciphers were sent to our President Mr. Pigot, and Mr. Bouchier Governour of Bombay, the Secret Committee transmitted them to Mr. Drake our late President of Fort William; If the Bengal Cipher has fallen into the hands of the French or others whose Inclinations or Interest might induce them to make an ill use of it, the Consequences might be very bad, we have therefore directed that a strict Enquiry be made whether it shared the Fate of the other Books & papers or not, and if it is in being and recoverable the Select Committee in Bengal are to keep possession of it until We appoint a president, who is then to have the Care of it as usual: If the Cipher is certainly lost they are to send notice thereof to You and Bombay that all Correspondence with us or any Body else in those Ciphers may be at an end.

10. In the first Paragraph you are advised of the arrival of the Chesterfield Edgecote and Portfield; The Ships Suffolk, Houghton and Godolphin, from China, arrived at Leith on the 24th. of June, but for further particulars we refer you to the accompanying List of the Arrival and Departure of Shipping.

11. We have taken into our Service this Season Twelve Ships, and stationed them according to the accompanying List, you will observe that there are only two for the Coast & Bay, viz^t. the Hardwicke and London, we have deferred taking up any others until we have further advices from Bengal.

12. You will observe by the said List when it is intended the Ships designed first for Fort St. George are to leave England, by which you may form a pretty good Judgment of the time of their arrival on your Coast; It is therefore recommended to the Care of Mr. Pigot to secure their Import at Fort St. George, by sending small Vessels into proper Stations to meet with them, and give the Commanders the necessary advices and Intelligence.

13. Upon the Arrival of this Vessel in Bengal Captⁿ. Barton, being to take upon him the Office of Master Attendant there, quits the Command to Mr. Thomas James his Chief Mate. We have directed the Committee of Bengal without loss of time to put her in compleat Order for her return to England and having sent on board their Dispatches containing a full account of their Situation, and all affairs material for our Information, to give the Commander Orders to proceed to you for the like advices of affairs upon the Coast of Chormandel which we recommend it to you to be as expeditious in as you can, and then dispatch her to us.

14. We have left it to the discretion of the Selection Committee at Fort William to give such directions to the Commander as may facilitate his passage, as well as prevent his falling into the hands of the Enemy, and if he should be under the necessity of calling at St. Helena, he is to stay there

no longer than to refresh the People, and then make the best of his way on his Voyage, without waiting to come in Company with any other ship, that Committee was also to furnish the Commander with the Signal and Instructions on putting into S^t. Helena. Mr. Pigot is to enquire of him whether this has been done, and if any part has been omitted he is to supply the defects with suitable Instructions agreeable to our before-mentioned Intentions.

15. The Select Committee were advised by the last Letters from hence that the French had been industrious in fitting out a number of Ships at Port L'Orient for the East Indies consisting of Twelve of the Company's, to be joined by six large Ships of the Kings and two Frigates, on board of which about Four thousand Land Forces were to be embarked under the Command of Mr. Lally; We are concerned to say this Information is in the main too true, for the Publick Papers mention the sailing of Seventeen ships from that place under the command of M. D'ache on the 30th. of April, with Three thousand Regular Forces Destined, according to common Report, for the East Indies.

16. The Distresses of our Servants in Bengal which you were acquainted with in July, were so great as to have required your sending a more speedy assistance to them, and it could but excite our Surprize as well as Concern to observe the months of August and September quite spent, a part of them in Debates which were ill timed, when you had Forces, Stores and Ammunition, together with a pretty considerable Marine Force of His Majestys, whose Admiral was both ready and willing to proceed with them, which delay hath been productive of many others, and exposed the whole Expedition to proceed at a much worse Season of the year, and if we are rightly informed much to the dissatisfaction of Admiral Watson, who hath shewn great zeal for the Companys Service, and whose particular Ones to us can [. . .] but excite the greatest Gratitude on our parts and require our warmest Thanks: should Our present address find him on the Coast of Choromandel, You are in our name to assure him of our high Sense of his great and Good Services, and make him the Tender of our most Grateful acknowledgments for the same.

17. It would give us the highest satisfaction could we see the same regard paid to the Interest of the Company, in every Instance of your Conduct, that we can but observe in the Agreement made by your Select Committee with the Admiral and his Officers previous to their proceeding on the Bengal Expedition, there are also some other parts of your Conduct which we shall not fail giving marks of our approbation of when we dispatch the Ship Hardwicke; But we cannot pass over one Step which hath been taken by your Select Committee which we look upon as the greatest and most unheard of Assumption of Power a Power which they were not Invested with, which we think ourselves not [authorised] to Delegate even to you, nor could we ever have thought [of] investing any one Person with on ever so extraordinary Occasion. You'll be at no loss to determine That can be no other than [the] uncontroleable One given to Colonel Clive who is thereby answerable for proceeding against the sense of every one [we] have been pleased to Dignify with the style and Title of President and Council at Bengal, If he should think [other] measures than they propose more proper to be pursued, and pursuing which the only Injunction he is laid under is for giving in Writing to us here and Your Presidencies his [reasons] for so doing.

18. Had we not the highest Opinion of Colonel Clive's Prudence and moderation, there would be no End to the disagreeable Reflections we might make on so extraordinary a Precedent; a Precedent though he is the object of we can but highly disapprove of, lest at any future time some Favourite might start up of Integrity and ability much inferior to him who might be intruded upon us and from private views and involve the Companys & a whole Settlement in Trouble & Confusion.

It is on his candour and Justice that we must also rely, and not on the Prudence of your Select Committee, in the disposal of no less than Four Lack of Rupees and a great Quantity of Stores Consigned to that Gentleman only;

how ready soever we may be to acknowledge they could not be more properly entrusted to a Single Person, we cannot agree to the necessity of it, or find a Precedent for such unlimited Power, and must on that Principle condemn it.
LONDON THE 3^o. AUGUST 1757.

We are
Your Loving Friends

JOHN PAYNE.
LAU SULIVAN.
P. GODFREY.
CHRIST^o. BURROW.
J. RAYMOND.
M. IMPEY.
M. WESTERN.
HENRY PLANT.
JAMES CREED.
JOHN MANSHIP.
CHA. GOUGH.
G. STEEVENS.
JOHN RAYMOND.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
JOHN BROWN.
JOHN DORRIEN.
THO^s. ROUS.
ROB. JONES.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED
NOVEMBER 11, 1757.

(*Public Despatches from England, Volume 61, pages 33 to 65.*)

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

1. Our General Letter last Season was dated the 25th. March and went by the ships Ilchester, Worcester, Grantham, Fox & Elizabeth, a short one of the 27th. of April was sent in Triplicate by the two first Named ships and the Fox. Upon the arrival of the Syren Sloop from Bengal with the important news of the retaking Fort William, We found it necessary to send some directions to our Servants there for the conducting and managing our Affairs for the present, We accordingly dispatched the Expedition Packet under the Command of Captain James Barton on the 3^d. of August, and she left the Downes on the 14th. of the same Month; by this Vessel We took y^e. opportunity of Writing you a short Letter dated the said 3^d. of August, a Duplicate whereof accompanys this, but she had the misfortune to be taken by a French Privateer the 29th. of the same Month, and carried into Vigo in Spain where Captain Barton and all the Ships Company were set at liberty; altho' the Packets were destroyed, some material directions respecting the Companys Affairs in Bengal were preserved, and the Captain together with his Son a Youth, are gone forward with them Overland by the way of Aleppo and Bussorah.

2. On the 5th. of June we receiv'd your General Letter of the 21st. November 1756 by the Chesterfield, and a Duplicate of that of the 13th. of October preceding, the Original by a Danish ship not coming to hand until the 15th. of August; as all your Packets by the Chesterfield came safely to us, in course the Select Committee's Letters and all others were receiv'd—and on the 12th. of October your Select Committees Letters of the 28th. February and 11th. March last were received by the way of Bussorah and Aleppo.

3. Our Committee of Secrecy this season is composed of the following named Gentlemen viz^t. John Payne Esq^r. the present Chairman of the Court, Laurence Sullivan Esq^r. Deputy, together with Peter Godfrey, Christopher Burrow and Jones Raymond Esq^{rs}. whose directions and Instructions or ~~are~~ Three of them are to be duly observed.

4. As the intelligence and necessary directions with respect to the present Situation of Publick Affairs, so far as relate to the Company, are the proper department of the Secret Committee, We shall only inform you that the War between Great Britain & France continues with great Warmth, and that the Intelligence we sent by the Ships of last Season of the great armament made at Port L'Orient for an Expedition to the East Indies has been confirmed by the Publick News Papers, which mention the sailing of seventeen ships from that Place under the Command of Mons^r. Danche on the 30th. of April with Three thousand Land Forces on board, to be commanded by Mons^r. Lally; whether any ships sailed before these for India we are not informed, but it is not improbable but there might, as the French are too happy in their measures for concealing the Destination of their Shipping.

5. Your having this Information will necessarily have put you on your Guard, to prevent as much as lay in your Power the Intentions of the Enemy, not only against our Possessions and Trade under your management, but also of those on the Mallabar Coast, at Bengal, and in every part of India, Your utmost care and attention in our affairs were never more necessary than at this Juncture, and we must earnestly recommend your exerting yourselves in the various Events that may happen.

6. The Packet for Bengal by this Ship the Hardwicke being of great importance, you must forward it to the President and Council there, as soon as a very safe and early conveyance offers.

7. We proceed to give you the necessary Informations with our sentiments and directions in the usual Method as far as this early dispatch will admit of, and

FIRST OF SHIPPING.

8. The several ships taken into our Service this Season and their stations are as follow Viz^t.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders.	Consignment.
Hardwicke	499	John Samson	Coast and Bay.
Prince Henry	499	Thomas Best	S ^t . Helena & Limpo.
Osterley	499	Frederick Vincent	China directly.
Rhoda	499	John Macnemara	} Fort S ^t . George and China.
Tilbury	499	Roger Mainwaring	
Britannia	499	John Blewitt	
Winchelsea	499	Thomas Howe	
Shaftesbury	499	Cornelius Inglis	
Prince of Wales	499	William Roberts	} Coast and Bay.
Warren	499	Alphonsus Glover	
London	499	Richard Allwright	} S ^t . Helena and Bencoolen.
Egmont	499	John Venner	
Drake	499	Benjamin Fisher	} Bombay.
True Briton	425	Thomas Crichton	
Prince George	499	Lorenzo Collins	
Bombay Castle	499	Richard Doveton	

9. The Hardwicke is now under dispatch, and brings you this Letter. The Limpo ship and that for China directly, together with the ships for Fort S^t. George and China will leave England about the middle of December, the Coast and Bay, with the S^t. Helena and Bencoolen ships the end of January, and the Bombay ships about the end of March. These are the times We have determined upon, and unless such a series of contrary Winds as our ships met with last Season should set in, and unexpected hinderances occur, We hope the several ships beforementioned will be ready to proceed on their Voyages according to our Intentions.

10. We refer you to the accompanying Lists for the times and Places when and where the several ships from the different Parts of India and China have arrived this season, to which likewise you are referr'd for the Departure of the Company's Outward bound shipping.

11. Finding it inconvenient as well on account of the Hazard as for other Reasons, to send a ship to Madeira this season, We have determined not to order one thither for Wine until the next Year.

12. We are building for the Companys Service a Three Deck Ship of 400 Tons Burthen, to carry 24 Guns & Men answerable, she will be named the Dispatch, and is to be Commanded by Captain William Cooke, she will be Launched in a short time; altho she will be able to carry sufficient cargoes to render her useful and profitable to us, yet our Principal view is to employ her as an advice vessel, Her Destination is not yet determined upon, or the time of dispatch.

13. The Method of Transacting the Companys Affairs in China by a Number of sepearte Commissions, having been found inconvenient and disadvantageous in many respects, We have this year appointed one sett or commission only, consisting of Twelve supra Cargos, Four of whom are to be deemed Chiefs. Four seconds, and Four Thirds which Twelve Supra Cargos are to be a Council for managing the Companys Affairs in China, and take Rank in the order hereafter mentioned viz^t.

	Chiefs.				Rank in Council.
Mr. Henry Palmer	First in Council.
John Burrow	Second.
George Mandevile	Third.
Thomas Lockwood	Fourth.
Seconds.					
Robert Mackett	Fifth.
Alexander Hume	Sixth.
Richard Peisley	Seventh.
William Mackenzie	Eighth.
Thirds.					
Joseph Harrington	Ninth.
Francis Wood	Tenth.
John Hull	Eleventh.
James Flint	Twelfth.

14. Notwithstanding the beforementioned Persons are all included in One Commission, yet We have divided them so as to transact the Companys affairs both at Canton and at Limpo, Mess^{rs}. Palmer, Burrow, Lockwood, Mackett, Hume, Peisley, Harrington, Wood and Hull are accordingly to act at Canton, and Mess^{rs}. Mandevile, Mackenzie and Flint at Limpo, altho the Canton and Limpo supra cargoes will be at different Places still as before observed, they are Members of One Commission and Council, and as far as circumstances will admit, either in Person or by Correspondence in Writing, are to co-operate for the general benefit of their Employers.

15. The Osterly Capt. Vincent which will proceed directly to Canton with the Woollen consignment, the Prince Henry for Limpo, the Rhoda, Tilbury, Britannia, Winchelsea, Shaftesbury, and Prince of Wales bound first to Fort St. George and thence to Canton, also the Hawke expected to arrive at Canton from Bombay in the year 1758, as likewise all such ships as shall in that year arrive or be at Canton from any of the Companys settlements in India destitute of Supra Cargoes, customarily called Casual ships, are all to be under the management of the said Council.

16. Mess^{rs}. Lockwood and Peisley are now at Canton Mr. Flint is at Batavia, where the Prince Henry will be ordered to take him aboard to join Mess^{rs}. Mandevile and Mackenzie who proceed on that ship.

17. Mess^{rs}. Mackett, Hume, Harrington and Hull proceed singly on the ships bound first to Fort St. George & thence to Canton.

18. If you can provide any Redwood to be laden on the said ships without losing time, you may cause it to be shipped, but We would not have an hours time spent unnecessarily to retard their Voyages upon that or any other Account

whatsoever, after they have delivered the several Goods consigned to You, you must therefore give the Commanders Orders as soon as possible to make the best of their way for Canton, subject to such Orders as they may have received from the Secret Committee, or from any other Person or Persons authorized by that Committee.

19. Although we have no great reason to suppose You will lade any Goods for China on the said ships, yet if you do you are to receive the amount out of the Treasure designed for Canton, and you are accordingly to make the necessary Requisitions for the same of the Supra Cargos, or if none should be in the ship, of the Commander.

20. You are to give all proper Assistance to the Supra Cargos and Captains for the Expediting and Security of their Voyages, and the Governour must before their arrival, be thinking of and digesting the necessary measures accordingly.

21. The China Council will have directions to take upon them the management of what are called Casual ships as before mentioned, should you therefore by any unforeseen accidents be at a loss to dispatch home with the Assistance of our other Presidencies all the ships on your hands without recourse to China, such are to be deemed Casual Ships, and are to be dispatched to Canton accordingly and Consigned to the said Council with a cargo on each ship, to as large an amount as you can spare, not amounting to less in Treasure and Goods if you have any of the latter than Twenty thousand Pounds.

22. You will observe this ship the *Hardwicke* by Charterparty Agreement has half Kintlage in Iron, upon the apprehension of a scarcity of Salt Petre, however if a sufficient Quantity of Salt Petre can be had, you are not only to make up the Charterparty proportion but you are to load as much more as she can conveniently carry consistent with her bringing home the more valuable Parts of a Coast & Bay Investment & so as not to render her unfit for defendin^g herself properly in case of an Attack.

23. The foregoing directions with respect to the *Hardwicke* will serve as a Rule for the other ships to be laden home from the Coast and Bay, unless you hear further from Us on this head having regard however to the proportion of Iron Kintlage stipulated for in each ships Charterparty, if any; but you are to take notice that the other Coast and Bay ships will carry no Iron Kintlage.

24. The Quantity of Goods to be laden on the Coast and Bay ships over and above the Charterparty Tonnage must depend upon circumstances, and we shall accordingly rely on your discretion in concert with our other Presidencies, to Load and Dispatch home the several ships which are and may be on your hands in such a manner as shall appear most for the Companys Interest in general.

25. We have found it necessary to introduce some New Clauses into the Commanders Instructions with respect to destroying the Packets entrusted with them in case of danger from the Enemy, the sending them up to us from the first Port they arrive at in Great Britain or Ireland unless you have any extraordinary and particular reasons to the contrary, to prevent the Messengers delivering any Private Letters whatsoever until their arrival at the East India House, and to conceal all Intelligence until the Packets are deliver'd, for fuller Information you are referr'd to the said Instructions, which you are upon the dispatch of every ship to remind the Commander to observe.

26. You will observe by a New Clause in the Commanders Instructions that they are to take Receipts for all the Packets they are entrusted with by Us, and the Secret Committee to be produced to us upon their return home; that We may be satisfied they are all deliver'd, you are therefore hereby directed to cause Receipts to be given accordingly.

27. The Expedition to Bengal we observed detained our Freight^{ed} ships too long there, for the President and Council at Fort William, to comply with your desire of sending one in a proper Season to the West Coast for the surplus Pepper remaining after the Dispatch of the *Oxford*, It was well therefore that

We gave Orders to the Deputy Governour and Council (upon the supposition that you would not be able to spare any Tonnage) to give that ship as much Pepper as she could take in. The present circumstances render it difficult if not impossible to give any precise Orders with respect to your Conduct for providing Tonnage for the West Coast Surplus Pepper, We must therefore depend upon your Care and discretion for managing this Branch of affairs in the best manner you can in concert with our Servants in Bengal, bearing this in your mind that only one ship in a season proceeds directly from hence to the West Coast, and if it is possible we would always have such ship be fully laden, but this will greatly depend upon your directions when all circumstances have been duly consider'd.

28. In our General Letter last season directions were given for the building of the necessary vessels for the service of the West Coast at our Presidency of Bombay, which being more eligible than purchasing or Hiring for a time, we shall expect to hear by the ships of next season, that the loss of the Prince George has been remedied by this Method.

29. We observe you have ordered Three Long Boats to be built at Vizagapatam for the service of the West Coast, we do not know how well Work of that kind can be executed there, but this We are certain of, that whatever vessels or Boats are wanted for that Coast it will be best to have them from Bombay, as well for the Cheapness as their Goodness, and you are accordingly to cause them to be provided at that Presidency for the future.

30. Your not detaining the China Ships last season for Redwood was very right, considering the lateness of the Season, and upon the arrival of the next ships from hence tho' it should be much earlier, we would have them dispatched for Canton as before directed with the utmost expedition, without waiting for Redwood or any thing else that might retard their Departure.

31. On stating the ship Colchester's Account, the Owners produced some very material Letters which had passed between our servants at the Negrais and Cap^t. Mainwaring, together with a Protest of his, relative to that ships detention there, nothing whereof appears in your Letters or Registers, it is very likely the unsettled condition of that place may have prevented it, and altho' we do not see any reason for blaming you, We think it proper however to give you this intimation that the necessary Orders may be sent to every Settlement under your Presidency to take care in future to give you for Our Information, full accounts of all Transactions with the Captains of Our Ships, and transmit copies of all material Papers that pass between them and our servants, that we may be Masters of the Facts so as not to be at a loss to adjust accounts with the Owners in a fair and equitable manner.

32. Our Chief and Council at Anjengo Order'd Ten Malabar Men to be Transported to St^t. Helena to serve as slaves (who had been Officers to the King of Travancore) Five of them soon after their arrival desperately Hanged themselves, and the survivors threaten to destroy themselves rather than submit to any kind of Work, as the Governor and Council have represented that the having such Desperate Fellows upon the Island may be attended with bad consequences, We shall give Orders to all our settlements as We now do to you, that no such People Delinquents or Malefactors of any Kind, be for the future sent thither, however this is not to be construed so as to prevent your supplying the Island with as many useful slaves as you can procure, agreeable to our repeated recommendations.

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

33. We are providing the Woollen Goods intended for the several parts of India and China this season, those for your Presidency will consist of about Two hundred and thirty one Bales of Cloth, Ten Bales of LongElls and Fifty three Pieces of White Flannels agreeable to your Indent, besides which we shall consign to you about Four hundred and thirty seven Bales of Cloth

and One hundred Bales of LongElls but these two last mentioned articles are to be forwarded to Bengal if you have not disposed of your Old stock of Woollens, the other Exports will be nearly as follows viz^t.—

FOR BENGAL.

Two hundred and twenty Bales of Cloth, exclusive of the beforementioned Four hundred and thirty seven Bales of cloth, and One hundred Bales of Long Ells.

FOR BOMBAY.

Thirteen hundred and sixty five Bales of Cloth, One hundred and thirteen Bales of LongElls and Three Bales of Allopeens and Camblets.

FOR GOMBRON AND BUSSORAH.

Eight hundred and forty three Bales of Cloth, Twenty five Bales of Shalloons, and Two hundred and ten Bales of LongElls.

FOR CANTON.

Two hundred and fifty one Bales of cloth, Three hundred Bales of Longells and Two hundred and forty Pieces of Hairbines, serges & Camblets.

FOR LIMPO.

Forty Bales of Cloth and sixty Bales of Longells.

34. The President and Council of Bombay will be directed to forward to Bengal such a Quantity of Broad Longells, as they cannot dispose of, it appearing by their last advices that a very large Quantity remained unsold, had it not been for this circumstance, we should have complied with their Indent, which was for double the Quantity we propose as above to send this season to Bombay.

35. We shall in general comply with your several Indents, That, for Military Stores in particular, will if possible be entirely completed.

36. Considering the danger to which our Ships are exposed by having any considerable Quantity of Gun Powder laden on them, We should have been glad to have avoided sending any this season, however we have so far agreed to your Request, as to determine upon sending you about Four hundred Barrels in the whole, divided among the several ships bound to Fort St. George this season; In order to be satisfied of its goodness, we shall send none but what will be proved by the proper Officers at His Majesty's Magazine at Greenwich.

37. The proportion of the consignments laden on this Ship the Hardwicke, together with the Treasure, will appear by the Invoice to which you are refer'd.

38. Some Naval stores for the use of his Majestys squadron, also a chest of Medicines from the Honble Board of Ordnance are laden on this ship which are to be deliver'd to the proper Officers.

39. Notwithstanding the Treasure by this Ship as well as the several other particulars of the Cargo are consigned to you, it is our meaning however, that such part thereof, as are wanted for our service in Bengal and you can possible spare, are to be sent thither accordingly, and this you are to observe as a Rule with respect to future ships Cargos unless you have directions to the contrary.

40. We shall expect also to hear, that you have in like manner supplied our said Presidency upon its re-establishment, with what was immediately intended for it, agreeable to your promise, and with whatever else they may have wanted.

41. The taking of Chandernagore must have been the means of very largely supplying our settlements in Bengal with Ordnance and Naval Stores and possibly of assisting you in some particulars, we shall therefore in the Quantities to be sent from hence this season to Bengal, in particular have a regard accordingly to that supply.

42. Being informed that His Majesty's Ship the Kent was not in a condition to return to England, and is probably condemned, We hope our servants in Bengal, Bombay or Yourselves have taken the opportunity of requesting the Admiral to spare the Company her Guns upon being accountable to the Government for the value of them, should the Kent not yet be condemned, you must bear this Hint in mind if such an Event does happen to that, or any other of his Majestys ships.

43. It is with much concern we observe the large remains of Woollen Goods on the coming away of the Chesterfield, and the more so as We have great reason to continue in our former sentiments, That it is owing to your setting your Faces against Publick Sales, your assertion that selling our Goods at Publick Outcry appears to you by all the trials, but a Retale sale, is *very* extraordinary, and strongly points out your Inclinations to recur to the old Method of Private contracts to gratify the Private and lucrative views of the President and other of our servants, as was most certainly the case when that method was pursued, upon the whole, We will have, our repeated commands, for Publick Sales, dutifully obeyed, and expect you will throw no further Obstacles in the way, but promote their good success to the utmost of your Power as you value our future favour.

44. Although we would have you fix upon any the most advantageous method for Manufacturing Gun Powder by Contract, or otherways, We do not approve of your Contracting with any of our Covenant servants for the making of that article, particularly those of Council, You must therefore discontinue this practice, not only with respect to Gun Powder, but you are not to contract with Covenant Servants for the making, furnishing or supplying the Company with any other articles whatsoever.

45. As the Currency of Madrass Pagodas is in some measure impeded, by the Objections raised in the Northern Settlements to the quantity of Copper Alloy used in them, We approve for the reasons you give of your directing a greater Quantity of Silver in stead of Copper Alloy to be added in future, Agreeable to your Request We have got assayed at the Tower the Five Pagodas returned from Ingeram, and the Five recoined with Silver Alloy together with the several other Musters of Gold and Silver receiv'd by the Chesterfield, and refer you for the particulars to our Accountant's Remarks which you will receive in the Packet by the Ship Hardwicke.

46. In the Account of Remains received by the Chesterfield are set down 5708 Fuses of Sorts without distinguishing the Natures of the Shells they are for, the same error is committed with respect to the Canvas, for instead of particularizing how many Bolts remain of No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, it is only mentioned that 5207 Yards of Sorts are remaining. You must therefore give directions that a greater exactness be Observed in all future Accounts, that We may be better able to supply you with the proper Sortments of Stores or other Articles Indented for.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS.

47. We cannot look upon your Proceedings with respect to the Investment as related in the 37th. Paragraph of your Letter of the 21st. of November, without resentment, as it is apparent you are determined to oppose every measure that interferes with your Private Interest, to what else can we attribute that tenderness you express for the Company's Merchants, lest frequent Publications should lessen their character in the Eyes of the Publick. You did indeed upon the receipt of our repeated Orders give Publick Notice for Contracting for the Investment, and directed Our Servants at Fort St. David to do the same, but You add, that not one proposal had been offered at either Place to that time. This cannot, we conceive, be accounted for in any other manner, than, that the Merchants must have been industriously prevented or at least not encouraged as they ought to have been to deliver in Publick Proposals; Through the whole of your Transactions We are sorry to say there seems a settled design to deal with as few Persons as possible, that the Private Views and Emoluments of Our Servants may be more easily gratified and

obtained. We shall expect that every Individual in the Service will use his best endeavours to break thro' and defeat these pernicious Practices, and We do assure every one who exerts himself to effect, he may depend upon the Protection and Favour of the Company. In fine as we see no good reason to the contrary you are strictly to observe Our repeated Commands for giving Publick Notice to receive Proposals for your Investments and Contracting with such as offer upon the most reasonable Terms, Provided they are Persons of substance, and equal to the Undertaking.

48. We observe the steps you have taken to recover the long Outstanding Debts due from the Fort St. David Merchants, Andepeah or Cann Moodeliar and Tenneveroy Pillah, they will use every artifice to defer or entirely evade satisfaction as they seem hitherto to have done, but We shall depend upon you using the most effectual Measures to recover those Debts as far as their circumstances will permit.

49. We shall depend upon your utmost Vigilance and care to prevent the deficiencies in the Bales receiv'd from Your Settlement and as you have lately discovered that they have been Plundered in the Boats employed to Transport them on board Ship; you must severely punish the Offenders when they are detected, and the better to prevent such Villanies in future, You are to inform the Commanders it is our Order that One person at least belonging to the Ship, do proceed in every Boat which carries Bales on board.

50. If you can upon reasonable terms provide any sortments of Piece Goods nearly resembling the Fabricks of the Bengal Goods agreeable to what You intimate it may be of good service to the Company and We do accordingly recommend it to your attention and care.

51. It being impossible for us to send you a List of the Investment to be provided on the Coast of Choromandel by this conveyance or Remark upon those Goods receiv'd by the Chesterfield, We must defer the same until the Departure of the next Ships, In the mean time you are however to proceed carefully upon your Investment, taking the List of last season for your Guide, until you receive further Orders.

52. Presuming upon the Re-settlement of our Presidency of Bengal, that Our Servants will be able to procure the necessary Quantities of Salt Petre as usual, You must take care to remind them of sending such proportions from time to time as shall be wanted for the ships to be dispatch'd home from Fort St. George.

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

53. Although as We mentioned in Our last We had some reason to be dissatisfied with your not sending a more speedy assistance to Our servants in Bengal, and your giving such an extensive and uncontrolable Power to Colonel Clive, yet upon the whole We observe many Marks of care and good conduct which deserve our approbation. Notwithstanding We have received the most welcome and agreeable News of an accommodation with the Nabob greatly to the Companys advantage, and the taking of Chandernagore from the French, Yet the good Effects expected from these Events will very much depend upon your attention and readiness together with that of our Presidency of Bombay to give such speedy and ample assistance as may be necessary from time to time and your own circumstances will admit of. We shall accordingly expect You will convince us of your Duty and attention by keeping a constant Eye to this great Object, the safety whereof is of infinite concern to the Company.

54. The Agreement made with Admiral Watson before his Departure from Fort St. George, That all Plunder and Booty to be taken from the Moors in the Expedition at Bengal should be Deposited until his Majesty's Pleasure was known, was certainly a very prudent and proper Measure, and We have the

satisfaction of informing you that his Majesty has most Graciously confirmed this agreement by Letters Patent in Consequence of which the Company are fully entitled to the said Moiety by way of Compensation for the great damage which they have sustained and of their great Expences in the said Expedition. You will receive by this conveyance one of the said Original Grants which is to be kept by you or forwarded to Bengal wherever it may be wanted for the more effectual carrying the said agreement into Execution: We propose to send another by one of the next ships which being received One may then be deposited at Fort St. George and the other at Bengal.

55. Whether We were under any necessity of applying to the Crown in this case, or whether Our Charter may not have vested a Right to Caphires of that Nature as well as Ships taken by those acting under our commission We will not at present attempt to determine but for Our Information and your better Government in future, those Points are now under the consideration of Our greatest Lawyers and their Joint Opinions shall be forwarded to you, by the latter Ships.

56. We apprehend the Company have a Right to the whole of the Prize taken from the French by Commodore James called the *LeIndian* and the Governour and Council in Bengal ought to have taken charge of the same, but as We find Mr. James proposed to bring her to Fort St. George, we hope you have seen this affair in a proper light, and secured the produce thereof until you heard from Us. In our next advices we intend to give you our directions, not only in this case, but likewise in what manner You are to act with respect to Captures in general.

57. The French armament mentioned in the Introduction to this Letter would have given us more pain, had we not hopes that Commodore Stevens would get to India before it could be made use of greatly to our prejudice, to which adding the probable circumstance of a want of Provisions and other supplies it will meet with on arriving at the French Islands by the late blow in Bengal, We say we have great hopes the Enemy's designs have been baffled.

58. The mutual Harmony between our several Presidencies which has been so often recommended must be carefully cultivated as the best means in this time of danger, as well to annoy the Enemy as to Protect and defend the Companys Possessions, Trade & Privileges it is not possible to give you precise Rules of management, as the manner of acting must necessarily vary according to circumstances. We must therefore depend upon your Prudence and care to act for the best in the various Events as they occur, and We cannot help here taking notice that you have been rather too hasty in your Reflections upon the Presidency of Bombay, for being dilatory in sending assistance for the recovery of the Company's Settlements in Bengal, as you could not be perfectly acquainted with the Motives for their Conduct.

59. One great Object of your attention must be the decreasing the Nabob's Debt by all the ways you can think of, and as We hope the Measures you have already taken will contribute thereto. We shall depend a continuance of Your Care.

60. Having in our Letter of the 25th. March last, given our sentiments and directions very fully with respect to the settlement at the Negrais, We have nothing further to add thereto than that We expect no flattering Prospects will induce you to deviate therefrom, or run us into Expences contrary to Our meaning and directions.

FIFTHLY, OF FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

61. We are concerned to observe how greatly the cost of the Bridge upon the Island and the New Barracks exceed the Estimates made of the amount of those Works, We hope it has not been owing to any superfluous or unnecessary additions and Ornaments, the greatest care must be taken in future to be as exact as possible in all Estimates that you may not be led into Expences so unwarily, as you seem to have been in the beforementioned Instances.

62. It gives us much satisfaction to observe by the last Letters from the Select Committee that you have made so considerable a progress in the Works at Fort St. George, as to have rendered the West Side defensible, and by the same Letters we have reason to hope that the New Works to the Northward are by this time compleated.

63. We must leave it to your care and prudence to see that the Works in general are carried on as expeditiously as possible, and with the greatest Frugality and Oeconomy, agreeable to our repeated Recommendations always bearing in your mind the present Situation of the Company's Affairs, which cannot bear any expences that can be possibly avoided.

64. The reasons you give for rendering Devecotah tenable have weight in them, and therefore we cannot disapprove of the New Works you have ordered to be added to the Fort and the Repairs of the Old ones, but we shall expect to find the whole within the Compass of your Estimate of seven thousand Pagodas or but little exceeding that sum.

65. As it is impracticable to supply you from hence with Gun Powder in any degree adequate to your wants, and that it is at the same time attended with great danger to our shipping, you must exert your endeavours to bring that Manufacture to perfection in such Methods as you shall find most for the Company's Interest, but as we have mentioned under the Second Head our disapprobation of contracting with Our Covenant Servants, we cannot approve of your Engagements with Mr. Wynch, and afterwards with Mr. Bourchier. We have had assurances given us that great Quantities of Gun Powder may be made with you, and do insist upon it, that you give us reasons why it hath been so much neglected.

66. The late calamity in Bengal, has shewn us how much the Company's Settlements may be exposed, for want among other Military Stores of good Gun Powder we therefore direct that you do annually make a return by the first Ships of all sorts of ammunition & Military Stores upon hand together with the condition of the same, and you are further directed to cause frequent surveys to be made thereof, and cause the Gun Powder to be turned as often as necessary, that You may be satisfied they are at all times in a condition for service, Copies of which Surveys must likewise be transmitted to Us for Our Information.

67. In our Letter last season We left it to You to carry Our Orders into execution for an assessment on the Inhabitants towards the Expence of the Works whenever you find it may be done without discouraging circumstances. An assignment directly upon the Inhabitants may be at present found difficult, but We are opinion [*Sic*] an additional Duty upon Imports and Exports in the manner practised at Bombay, may be laid without hardship, and We do accordingly recommend it to You to settle such an additional Duty upon Trade as you shall upon the strictest examination find it will reasonably bear.

68. So long as the Honorary Privilege of the Noubit granted to Our late President Mr. Saunders produces a profit, by the Revenues assigned for its support, We shall approve of it, and no longer, and whenever the Expences thereof exceeds y^e. income, it must be lade aside.

69. We approve of the method you have taken to satisfy the Claimants of the Confiscated Houses at Madras, in restoring the Houses to them upon condition that they dispose of them to Europeans Protestants.

70. You acquaint Us that tho' the Poonamallee country has for the two last Years let for its full value, the Renter would venture on it with better spirits if the Term was enlarged, If you really find it will be in every respect more for the Company's advantage to extend the Term of that Farm, as well as of the rest of the New Districts for any time not exceeding Five Years, you are at liberty to do so, but We insist upon their being fairly & honestly put up at and disposed of by Publick Outcry.

71. The Expences of Your settlements are so excessive that the Profits on our Trade are entirely absorbed by them, the encrease, Security and good management of Our Rents and Revenues must therefore be your constant Care, in some measure to alleviate the pressure of Your Expences.

72. The reasons you gave against suffering Europeans to bid for and taking any Farms, or to be security for any Renters sufficiently justify your Resolution for preventing such a Practice, and therefore meets with our approval.

73. With respect to the difficulty you find in getting sufficient securities for the Renters of the Company's Farms, that, of the Poonamallee Country in particular, We can only say that adequate Securities either by Deposits or Substantial Persons are most certainly necessary, and that we must leave it to your Care to get the best you can.

74. We are informed by your Letter of the 21st. November 1756, that you had let Trevendaporam to Linga Chitty for Six thousand one hundred Pagodas for One Year, and you add, This Farm let in the last Cowle for five Years and Eight Months for Eight Thousand Pagodas Yearly, and may be worth that again if let for Five Years. This Addition is plainly intended as an excuse for your letting it at so low a Rate, but we are assured the Fact is, That y^e. Trevendaporam Farm being to be let, Notice was given thereof at Fort S^t. David, but it was put up and let at Madras; this Country joining the bounds of Fort S^t. David, those who occupied it before were Inhabitants of the latter place, and paid as you mention for the Annual Rent Pag^s. 8000 their time of holding it being almost expired, and their Business not permitting them with conveniency to go to Madras, Linga Chitty offered to transact the business for them, and they accordingly directed him to go as far as Nine thousand Pagodas, in case any offered to bid against them; the time came for letting, and Linga Chitty having by his Promises kept the Bidders at Fort S^t. David, had no Bidders against him (except Your Secretary who was directed by you to go as far as Six thousand Pagodas for the Company) Linga Chitty by this Artifice took it for himself at 6100 Pagodas, and not for his Employers, by which the Company are defrauded of near Three thousand Pagodas. You are hereby positively directed to make an immediate and strict Enquiry into this Information, and acquaint us with the Result thereof, and if you find the fact to be as We have stated it, that you do forthwith require Linga Chitty to refund the Difference, you are likewise to be as strict in examining whether any of Our Servants have been any way concerned in, or were privy to this Fraud, and who they are; and to prevent the like Abuses in future We direct, that the Farms which lay at or near Fort S^t. David, be put up to Publick Sale at that place where the people mostly reside who occupy them, and not at the Presidency, unless you give us very good reasons to the contrary.

SIXTHLY AND SEVENTHLY OF COVENANT AND MILITARY SERVANTS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

75. Upon your Representation of the Good Character and qualifications of the Rev^d. Mr. Richard Cobb and supposing it will be agreeable to Admiral Watson, We do agree to his being appointed one of the Company's Chaplains, and We leave it to him to make his Option either for Your Presidency upon the Rev^d. Mr. Palk's leaving it or to fill up one of the vacancies in Bengal, and he is to succeed accordingly either at one or the other.

76. It could not take up much time to consider of and appoint a proper Person to the Chiefship of Vizagapatam in the room of Mr. Boddam, and We look upon your Allegation of being so employed since the Receipt of our commands on this head, that You had not time to consider what we recommended, as a pretence to evade Our Orders, at least it has the appearance of such and wants explanation for had there been a properer Person than Mr. Andrews it must readily have occurred, and you might have made an immediate appointment agreeable to the liberty We gave you, We cannot therefore help concluding him the fittest Person for that Station, and unless you have satisfactory reasons to the contrary, we expect Our Orders have been accordingly fully complied with. We have no objection to Mr. Smith, on the contrary are well

pleased with the Character you give him, but the business of that Settlement certainly required a Person at the Head without loss of time of more Experience in the Company's Affairs than Mr. Smith can yet have attained.

77. We observe you have appointed Mr. James Bouchier Chief of Devoctah in preference to many other of Our Servants of a Superior Rank. Mr. Bouchier for what We know may discharge the Duty of that Post very well, but the Maxim of succeeding to Posts of Trust and Advantage according to Seniority in the Service, must never be deviated from without good reason.

78. We cannot approve of our Servants coming home by the way of China, for the future therefore instead of giving Permission for that purpose as you did to Mr. James Broadbent, We would have you give directions for their taking Passage on such Ships as are bound directly for England.

79. If Mr. Charles Simpson does not mend in his behaviour to your Satisfaction, You are at liberty to Dismiss him the Service and send him to England.

80. Captain Edmund Maskeline upon the Receipt of this Letter is to make his Option whether he will continue in the Military or return to the Civil Service, agreeable to the liberty We sometime ago gave, and according to the Choice he makes, he is to be fixed in one or the other.

81. It is somewhat surprizing to Us, that after such a particular Examination into the Conduct of Mr. Hopkins during his Residence at Devoctah, and your being fully satisfied of the many Overcharges in his Accounts, you did not entirely suspend him from the Service, as should always be the Case when you are convinced upon good proofs of the mismanagement and Infidelity of any of our Servants, We do not think Mr. Hopkins a proper Person to be continued in the Company's Service any longer, and you are accordingly to Dismiss him upon y^e. receipt of this Letter, You must use your best endeavours to recover what he has wronged the Company of.

82. We have chosen Four Writers to serve the Company on the Fort St. George Establishment, who are to be Ranked in the order they are named Viz^t. Edward Stracey, Edward Cotsford, Richard Lathom and James Lawrell their time is to commence as usual upon their arrival, and as Edward Cotsford is at Bombay, he is to have notice to come away to his Station by the first good conveyance, he must execute Writers Covenants, which are then to be transmitted to Us. The other three will take their Passage on the next Ships from hence.

83. We have also Appointed the following Writers for the Bengal Establishment Viz^t. James Barton, Charles Bennett, Nicholas Smith, Thomas Woodward, James Harris, John Wollaston, Russel Skinner, William Steers, Charles Harrington, Thomas Washington Winter, Oliver Webb, Hillary Vanneck Forriano and Richard Barwell, as many of these Young Gentlemen will take their Passage on the Coast and China Ships. We have thought it necessary to give you this information that You may forward them to Bengal by the first conveyances, and accommodate them during their stay at Fort St. George.

84. The usual Lists will be sent of the Names of all such Persons as are licensed by us to reside in India, as Free Merchants, in the seafaring way or otherways, to which therefore you are referr'd.

85. The present distressed Circumstances of the Company, and the regard and esteem Colonel Lawrence most certainly merits from the Company, have put Us under the greatest difficulty to know what Answer to give to that Paragraph of your Letter with respect to the extraordinary Allowance of One hundred Pagodas a Month you added to his Settled Salary, and We cannot determine upon any other method than in leaving it to the Honour of that Gentleman to acquaint you with what he thinks all circumstances considered a reasonable Addition, you are accordingly empowered to pay the same and we presuming upon his moderation shall readily acquiesce in such Allowance but we must tell you in plain terms, that if any other Person had been the Object, for your taking such an extraordinary liberty, We should have resented it in

the highest manner. Your assertion that the Colonels' appointment as settled by us is not equal to the advantages of one of the artillery companies is so very extraordinary, that we demand an immediate Explanation, for certain we are that if there is any foundation for such an assertion there must be some very iniquitous proceedings in the commanders of those companies, which are to be strictly scrutinized by you and set to rights without loss of time.

86. As you are well acquainted with our Intentions and directions that seniority should take place among our Military where there does not appear some Demerit on the one part, or extraordinary Merit on the other to justify a supercession, We hoped to have had no occasion to make any animadversions at present but you have obliged Us to the disagreeable necessity of complaining of your conduct to Lieutenant Stephen Augustus de Monchanin, by forcing him to apply to us for Justice on being superceded by Lieutenant Richard Smith his Junior, who without detracting from his Merit, certainly hath neither seen or done the like service, Mr. Monchanin's Vigilance and activity during his being in India (having been almost constantly in the Field) is well known, and Colonel Lawrence Judged him equal to the command of a company of Cōffrees and does not appear to have the least objection to his conduct and behaviour. We have therefore re-appointed him to be a Lieutenant upon the Fort St. George Establishment, and we peremptorily direct that he have the Command as Captain of one of the Companys on the first vacancy that shall happen after his arrival and that he do thereon take Rank next below Cap^t. Achilles Preston and before Cap^t. Richard Smith Cap^t. Monchanin accordingly takes his passage on this ship the Hardwicke.

87. The present circumstances of the Company as we have before observed will not admit of extraordinary expences, therefore if it is possible to do without a Town Major and thereby save such an additional Pay it will be most agreeable to Us and in general with respect to Our Forces we must earnestly recommend it to you to keep the Expences within the most reasonable bounds in every Instance that can possibly admit of it, and in particular the allowances of Batta have been carried to an extravagance, and altho' they are at present under some better Regulations than they have been, yet you must lose no opportunity of still abating them which they will very well bear.

88. The Company are under no Obligation to pay for the Fresh Provisions of any of the Officers belonging to Colonel Adlercron's Regiment in their Passage to England, your Promise therefore to Captain Carter to recommend it to us to make him an allowance for the Fresh Provisions of those Officers who proceeded on his ship was a wrong measure as it has produced some disagreeable Claims and altercations which might have been avoided.

89. We have appointed the following Persons to be Cadets in the Companys Forces upon the Fort St. George Establishment who are to be prefer'd if they behave well in the Order they are here named Viz^t. Lyon Scomberg, Frederick Daillan, Lawrence Mahilvane and Anthony Lewis Polier, Scomberg Daillan, and Polier now take their Passage on the Hardwicke.

90. The demand for the National Recruits is so great that we find it extremely difficult to procure any for the Company, however we are using our utmost endeavours by all the Methods we can think of to raise as many as the ships bound to India this season can conveniently transport, and we have the satisfaction of informing you that this ship the Hardwicke has about one hundred as will appear by the accompanying List.

91. M^{rs}. Elizabeth Dod having been permitted to send a Chest of Foreign Silver containing Nineteen hundred and twenty eight Ounces by the Grantham for the use of her son John Dod Writer at Bengal, who being dead she has desired it may be secured and disposed of either by you or Our Servants in Bengal, if the said Chest of Silver should be at Fort St. George, you are to receive the same accordingly into the Companys Cash, and give a sett of Certificates for the amount thereof payable to her as Administratrix to the deceased.

92. We are sensible the Bengal affairs have broke in upon your time so much as to divert your attention from many material branches of the Business of the Presidency we can therefore very readily excuse your Committee of Accounts for not making a further Progress, however so far as they have gone they have given us great satisfaction, and we are convinced, that if this Plan is regularly and faithfully pursued it will be of greatly utility to the Company, we shall therefore depend upon your care to see it constantly executed according to the full intent and design of its Institution.

93. The Shroff and his assistants who so egregiously imposed on you in sealing up Fanams for Pagodas deserved some severer Treatment than being only obliged to replace the difference and as you inform Us that he still remains indebted to the Company upwards of Two thousand Pagodas for part of the Rent of the Poonamallee Country which he was entrusted to Collect, but that his Houses and other Effects will be sufficient to answer that sum. We shall depend upon your recovering it without regard to the Man for he deserves no favour, Upon the discovery of this Fraud, we observe you have discontinued the Practicē of sealing Bags of money which we entirely approve of & expect it will never be renewed.

94. We have adjusted with the claimants and discharged Bill of Exchange drawn upon us the 1st. October 1746 by Mr. Morse and Governour and the then Council of Fort St. George for Three thousand Pagodas payable to Mr. Samuel Bennett, having by agreement reserved thereout the sum of Eight hundred and twenty six pounds Eighteen shillings and eight Pence in part of satisfaction of Cap^t. Robert Osbornes Respondentia Debt to the Company of Two thousand Pounds in the Voyage the Princess Mary was taken by the French, it appearing that Nine hundred Pounds part of the said Bill was the produce of his Effects carried out in that Voyage.

95. We have also discharged the Debt due to John Gray deceased Carpenter at Fort St. George when it was taken by the French the Ballance whereof after deducting the Twelve hundred Pagodas advanced on account at Fort St. David, and allowing for Interest being Eight hundred and seventy four pounds fifteen shillings and one penny on the Receipt of which sum his Representatives have given the proper Discharges for all claims and Demands whatsoever on the Company.

96. We have examined your Statement of Coja Shaumir Sultan's Account, and likewise that drawn out by himself which latter we do fully agree with you, appears to be the equitable and proper Statement, and consequently that you have short paid him Three thousand one hundred and sixty five Rupees three annas and Nine Pies, you are therefore to pay him that further sum, but without any Interest thereon, and take his discharge in full.

97. The China Jesuits have made representations to us as well as to you against paying off the Old Madras Bond for Pag^s. 20,000 which was given at the rate of Six P. Cent, but as we do not see any reason to suppose it irredeemable, as they alledge, we approve of your determination to have paid it off had circumstances permitted, and we direct that you discharge it whenever you find the most convenient opportunity.

98. We observe the steps you have taken in regard to the Examination of the late Mr. Thomas Eyre's Accounts, both as Seacustomer and Paymaster, and the Opinion you give on the justness of the same but those accounts are far from appearing to us sufficiently clear and explicit for the forming any determination thereupon. Indeed, you refer us to Papers which were ordered to be laid before your Committee of Accounts (28 January 1756) and which were to have been transmitted to us in the Packet, but as only some of them appear to be entered in your Book of Consultations (6 November) and as none else have been received by the Packet, it is impossible for us to see the Grounds you had for your Determination in this Affair. It is the more difficult for us to concur with your Opinion, as we find you have not removed the Objections made in Mr. George Jones's Remarks which we had transmitted to you, and

which from the Knowledge he must have had by being an Agent in this Transaction appear to us worthy of attention. Those Remarks are said to be unintelligible for want of the Papers he refers to. As you yourselves had sent us those Extracts We could not but conclude that you were in possession either of the Originals or Copies of them, but as that is not the Case, We now transmit you Copies of the Nine Papers referr'd to in Mr. Jones's Remarks and We trust that upon a revisal of the whole you will clear up the difficulties that remain in the account by Mr. Jones's Observations thereon, and send us such a Statement as may satisfy us whether the claim made by Mr. Percival, as Executor to the late Mr. Eyre is just or not.

99. It is pretty extraordinary that the late Mr. Stratton should have never made any claim for the Money his son now alleges to be due to him from the Company either at Fort St. George or in England, and we shall expect that you have carefully examined every Item in the Account with the Vouchers you have called upon Mr. Stratton to produce before we give any other directions. Than that you are not to pay any part of this demand without our express consent.

100. When you are examining into Mr. Stratton's account it is requisite you should likewise enquire of him whether he has any Papers which will explain the Payment of Five thousand Pagodas said to have been made by Mr. Stratton in June and July 1746 and which are brought into Mr. Eyre's accounts as per No. 6 of the accompanying Papers, or whether the said Payments were made by Mr. Stratton on account of his Office as Sea Customer and successor to Mr. Eyre in that Post and consequently may have some connexion with Mr. Stratton's claim so that the accounting for one sum may entirely clear the other.

101. Mr. Saunders assures us that Captain Schaub's Original Muster Rolls were never deliver'd to him, or does he know any thing of them, and as the Paymaster is the Person to whom in the course of Business they are deliver'd, they ought to be found in that Office. The Originals being lost or mislaid we observe Captain Schaub disputes the justness of the Paymaster's copies we must leave it to you to determine upon the authenticity of them and recover accordingly from Captain Schaub what you really think he has Overcharged the Company, but we cannot help saying that however difficult it may be to come at Legal Proofs, there is upon laying all circumstances together, too much reason to suspect Capt. Schaub has not acted fairly by the Company.

102. In the Duplicate Letter by the Expedition Packet which accompany's this, you will observe that upon the supposition of the Ciphers being lost in Bengal all correspondence therein is directed to be at an End everywhere. We have upon reconsidering the same, thought proper to revoke that direction, and it is hereby ordered that the Correspondence in That Cipher be carried on in the usual manner with this addition, that every letter written therein for the future must be signed by the Person or Persons sending the same, but in the usual manner of Writing their name and names (and not in Cipher) which will be the means of authenticating every letter, and prevent Impositions, should you be advised from Bengal that the Cipher is really lost, in such case a copy of that in your Presidents hands must be sent to the President for the time being at Fort William by the most secure conveyance you can to prevent its falling into the Enemy's or any other hands.

103. You will observe by our letter of the 3^d. of August last, we appointed a Committee to transact the Company's affairs in Bengal as therein mentioned, We are now to inform you that since Writing that Letter, We are come to a determination that they shall be conducted and carried on by a President and Council in the manner hereafter mentioned and We have accordingly revoked and made void the directions in the said letter of the 3^d. August, so far as relates to the appointment of the said Committee, and in lieu thereof have ordained, constituted and appointed the following named Persons to be the President and Council for Ordering, Governing and managing the

Company's affairs at Fort William in Bengal, and all its dependant Places and Settlements, with as full Power and Authority as the President's and Councils of Bengal have been usually invested with viz^t.

William Watts Esqr.
 Charles Manningham Esqr.
 Richard Becher Esqr.
 John Zephaniah Holwell Esqr.
 Major James Kilpatrick, who is never
 to rise higher during his Council than
 fifth in Station.
 Mr. Paul Richard Pearkes.
 Mr. William Frankland.
 Mr. Mathew Collett.
 Mr. William Mackett.
 Mr. Peter Amyatt.
 Mr. Thomas Boddam.
 Mr. Richard Court.

104. Mr. Watts, Mr. Manningham, Mr. Becher and Mr. Holwell are to be each of them President of the said Council and Governour of and for all the Company's Affairs in Bengal for the Term of Four Months, Mr. Watts is to have the first term to commence upon the Receipt hereof upon the Expiration of which first term of Four Months, then Mr. Manningham is to be President for the like Term and in this manner they are to succeed each other alternately.

105. It being necessary in the present situation, that there should be a Select Committee to transact Affairs with the Country Government and other matters which require secrecy, We have directed that the following Persons be a Select Committee accordingly viz^t.

William Watts Esqr.
 Charles Manningham Esqr.
 Richard Becher Esqr.
 John Zephaniah Holwell Esqr.
 Major James Kilpatrick, when Military
 Affairs are under consideration, and
 then only.

106. Mr. Watts, Mr. Manningham, Mr. Becher and Mr. Holwell are to Preside alternately in the said Committee for Four Months, in the same manner as before directed with respect to the Council.

107. The Committee is to consist of Four Persons only except when Military Affairs are under consideration, then it will be five by the addition of the Major as mentioned above.

EIGHTHLY CONCERNING THE WEST COAST.

108. You have been fully authorized by our directions last season to take care to supply the West Coast of Sumatra with the necessary vessels for the service of our Settlements there from Bombay and agreeable to what We have mentioned under the First head of this letter, whatever vessels and boats are in future wanted for that service we would have them built at Bombay. We have it in our Thoughts to Order the President and Council at Bombay to send to the West Coast annually one of Our Cruizers for the Protection of our Trade and Settlements there, as well against Our open Enemy the French, as to prevent any attempts and encroachments of the Dutch in violation of the Treaties of Peace, and the Friendship between the two Nations which we only throw out at present by way of intimation, as We shall more maturely consider the same before the dispatch of the Storeship.

109. As the Presidency of Bombay can most conveniently supply Our West Coast Settlements with proper vessels, Men to Navigate them, Workmen and

Materials of all kinds as well for the Land as the sea service, Salt, Rice, Provisions and necessaries of almost all the sorts wanted, we would for the future have a regular Intercourse kept up between Our Servants on the West Coast and the said Presidency, which we shall signify accordingly to them, and We expect and direct that you do every thing in your Power to carry the same into execution with all possible facility. We do not mean by this to prevent the like intercourse with our Servants in Bengal, on the contrary, it is our intention that all necessary assistance be as effectually & fully drawn from that Presidency as may be most for the Company's Interest & the situation of affairs will permit.

110. We observe you were fearful it would not be in your Power to send a supply of salt to Fort Marlborough, the want of which would in its consequences hurt their Investment, this in particular is an article plentifully produced at Bombay, and it is our pleasure that you assist our servants on the West Coast, to be supplied therewith directly from that Presidency, as likewise with any thing else that may be necessary and wanted for the real service of the Company.

111. The increase of the Pepper Investment is the main object We have in view to answer the Expences of the West Coast Settlements. You must therefore constantly inculcate the importance of it to our servants and press upon them the necessity of careful surveys as the most natural method for answering our Expectations.

112. If you cannot spare any capable persons to carry on the necessary Works and Repairs upon the West Coast you must acquaint the Presidency of Bombay that it is our pleasure to send some from thence as well persons to direct and superintend, as common Workmen who have been used to & understand the several branches of Building Work.

113. We gave our sentiments and directions with respect to the New Settlements of Nattal and Tappanouly very fully in our letters of last season, to which therefore you are referr'd as we see no reason for altering our opinion.

114. Since writing the beforegoing we have taken up another Ship for Fort St. George named the Pitt, Let for 600 Tons, to carry 250 Men, and 50 Guns, whereof Cap^t. William Wilson goes Commander, her time of Dispatch is to be the same as the Coast and China Ships.

LONDON,

11TH. NOVEM^B. 1757.

WE ARE

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS

JOHN PAYNE.
LAW SULIVAN.
P. GODFREY.
CHRISTO BURROW.
J. RAYMOND.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
JOHN MANSHIPP.
THO^S. ROUS.
HEN^Y. SAVAGE.
ROB. JONES.
JOHN DORRIEN.
CHA^S. GOUGH.
G. STEEVENS.
JOHN BROWN.
MAXIM^N. WESTERN.
HEN. HADLEY.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
JAMES CREED.
GEO. DUDLEY.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED DECEMBER 23, 1757.

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OUR PRESIDENT AND COUCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

1. Our last letter was by the *Hardwicke* under date of the 11th. of November whch ship sailed from Spithead on the 18th. instant. You will receive a Duplicate and Triplicate by the *Pitt* and *Rhoda* and copies by the *Tilbury* and *Britannia*.

2. As we writ to you very fully in that letter, we have little further to say for the present, than what relates to the ships now under Dispatch, and by which you will receive this letter viz^t. The *Pitt* Commodore William Wilson, the *Rhoda* Capt. John Mchemara *Tilbury* Roger Mainwaring, *Britannia* John Blewitt, *Winchelsea* Thomas Howe, *Shaftesbury* Cornelius Inglis, and *Prince of Wales* William Roberts, all bound first to Fort St. George and thence to Canton in China.

3. Having, in our beforementioned letter, given you a General Idea of the Consignments intended for your Presidency this season, we shall now refer you to the Particulars laden on the said Eight ships, as they stand on the Invoices and Bills of Lading sent in their respective Packets.

4. You will observe by the Invoices of the *Prince of Wales* and *Shaftesbury* that there are laden One Hundred Bales of cloth by the former, and seventy three Bales by the last mentioned as part of the quantity intended for Bombay Presidency. The said Bales are therefore to be forwarded thither by the first good conveyances which offer, taking care at the same time to send the President & Council regular Invoices & Bills of Lading thereof.

5. By the *Pitt* we have consigned to you Twenty Chests of Treasure, and Five Chests on each of the other Ships, making in the whole on the Seven Ships Fifty chests, although this is not so large a supply as we could wish, yet, agreeable to our repeated Directions, we shall depend upon our Presidency at Fort William being assisted with a necessary and due proportion thereof.

6. In Supplying Fort William with Treasure, you will attend to the Advices you receive from thence as to its being coined or sent in Bullion, the latter no doubt will be most eligible in many respects, especially by saving much time, if in consequence of the late Treaty with the Nâbob of Bengal the President and Council have set up a Mint at Calcutta on the Companys Account.

7. A considerable Quantity of Naval and Victualling Stores for the Service of His Majesty's Squadron are laden on several of these ships the proper Officers will be advised of the particulars by the Navy and Victualling Boards, and if any difficulties arise you are to give all necessary assistance to see they are duly delivered.

8. Having by the *Hardwicke* acquainted you with our earnest desire of having these ships unloaded without loss of time, in order for their speedy departure for China, we flatter ourselves you will have provided Boats and be ready in every respect to expedite their departure accordingly, their early arrival at Canton being of great Importance to the Company.

9. In the close of our last letter you were informed, we had taken up the ship *Pitt* of 600 Tons 250 Men and 50 Guns Captain William Wilson Commander, we are to acquaint you that altho' she is one of the ships now consigned to you in a Mercantile way, and is, as well as the others, to be dispatched as soon as unladen for Canton, yet it is our intencion to make the proper use of her as a Ship of Force. We have therefore thought proper to constitute and appoint the Commander thereof, the said Captain William Wilson to be Commodore of all ships and vessels Freightd by or belonging to the Company now bound to the East Indies, and all such as he shall meet with or join in the whole course of his voyage Outward bound in the East Indies China or elsewhere within the Limits of Our Charter, and Homeward bound until his arrival in England, and being directed to protect and defend as much as lies in his power all such ships and vessels from the assaults and insult of the

French or any other Enemy whatsoever, the Commanders of the Company's ships whenever they are in Company with the said Commodore are to follow all such Orders, Directions and Instructions which he shall think proper to give them for the purposes aforesaid.

10. These are the general Powers with which our said Commodore is invested, but he is still to act under the Direction of the Company's Agents Agreeable to Charterparty & his Instructions, and as before observed being to proceed to Canton, the Secret Committee will inform our President of the necessary Instructions to be given to him, as well as to the Commanders of the Ships which are to have the benefit of his Convoy in that voyage.

11. You were acquainted in our last letter that the ship we were building for the service of the Company was to be named the Dispatch, we have since named her the Admiral Watson in compliment to that brave and deserving Officer.

12. Mr. John Hull mentioned in our last to be one of our Supracargos for China cannot, on account of his bad state of health, proceed thither, that commission therefore consists of Eleven persons only.

13. Being, under the present circumstances, satisfied of the utility of having some of our Supracargos reside the season round in China, we have accordingly directed Messrs. Thomas Lockwood Robert Mackett, Richard Peisley and Francis Wood to continue at Canton for the year 1759 for certain purposes mentioned in their Instructions, not material for your Information, however your being apprized of such a Residence may be necessary, especially if you should have occasion to send to Canton at any time a ship or ships described in our last letter under the Name of Casual Ones.

14. We now transmit to you a list of the Investment to be made the ensuing season upon the Coast of Choromandel, to which you are to give all due attention and strictly comply with the Commands therein given.

15. The Situation of Publick affairs are much the same as were represented to you by the Hardwicke, and as there is not the least prospect of Peace, you are to be constantly and strictly on your guard.

16. We have not yet been able to give you the necessary Informations and directions with respect to Captures which we promised in our last, they being still under the consideration of the most Eminent Lawyers, but we hope to send them by the Coast and Bay Ships.

17. You were acquainted in our letter by the Hardwicke that we sent you by that ship about One hundred Recruits for our own Forces, and that we were using our utmost Endeavours, by every method we could think of, to raise as many as the ships bound to India this season can conveniently carry, we accordingly made all the efforts and tryed every Expedient either to raise Natives or Foreigners in our power, but all to no purpose, the situation of Publick affairs being such as to render all our attempts ineffectual, under these difficulties his Majesty was most graciously pleased to give Orders for assisting the Company with about One thousand Men, to be draughted out of the New raised Regiments we were in hopes that these Troops would be under the Command of the Company's Officers and that they would be sent without Field Officers, or with any other Subalterns, in order to prevent the like difficulties and inconveniencies which have happened with respect to Colonel Adlercron's Regiment, but although no endeavours have been omitted to send them upon this Plan, His Majesty's Ministers could not be prevailed on to vary their own Disposition and Method, which is, That this Body of Forces, instead of being a Regiment under the Command of a Colonel, is called a Battallion and is to be Commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel and two Majors, who are Lieutenant Colonel William Draper and the Majors Cholmondeley Brereton, and George Monson. The assurances we have had from the King's Ministers that it is recommended to those Gentlemen in the strongest Terms to avoid all alterations and to contribute every thing in their power for the Service of the Company, and the great readiness which the Colonel expresses to co-operate with the Company's Officers in every measure tending thereto, give us great hopes that this Body of Forces will be of good Service.

18. On your part we expect and direct that you take the utmost care to cultivate and preserve a good harmony and concord between his Majesty's and our Troops, you are to carry it with great civility to Colonel Draper, to treat all the Officers in a Gentlemanlike and Friendly manner, and in general your Behaviour is to be such as will best contribute to engage them readily and willingly to co-operate with you in every measure for the common Benefit of the service.

19. This Battallion consists of Nine Companies, and as beforementioned is under the command of Lieut. Colonel Draper and the Majors Brereton & Monson, there is a Chaplain belonging to it, also an Adjutant, a Quarter Master, a Surgeon & his three Mates.

20. The Lieutenant Colonel and Major Brereton with two Companies Embark on the Pitt, Major Monson with one Company on the Winchelsea, and a Company on each of the ships Rhoda Tilbury, Britannia, Shaftesbury and Prince of Wales, the remaining Company will follow in equal divisions upon the Bengal ships Warren & London who will call at Fort St. George to land them.

21. We pay here the Commanders of the said ships for dieting in a handsome manner at their respective Tables the sums of Fifty Pounds each for the Lieutenant Colonel and the Two Majors, and for all the other Commission Officers Thirty Pounds each, we also pay the Owners Ten pounds a head for the Diet and Accommodations of the Private Men and all others and have laid in a Quantity of Brandy on every ship to be duly distributed among the soldiers in proper quantities from time to time as may best tend to their Refreshment and Support, We have also directed that the Surgeon of each ship, except the Pitt on which the Surgeon of the Battallion proceeds, do attend upon and take as proper care of all the Officers and Private men as of their own Ships Company, and to encourage him thereto we have informed him we have given you directions to pay him the like Head money as is usually paid for our own Recruits which we now accordingly do if you find they have done their Duty in this Respect.

22. To these Encouragements we have added in each Commanders Instructions a strong Injunction to afford both the Officers and Private Men all suitable accommodations behaving with Politeness to the First and the utmost Humanity to the latter, that there may be no occasion given for Discontent you are therefore upon the arrival of every ship to make a strict and particular Enquiry into the Behaviour of the Commander and his ships Company in this respect and report the same to us, as We are determined highly to resent any ill usage they may meet with.

23. When Colonel Adlercron went out you were directed to make him an allowance of Five Pagodas or Forty Shillings a day to defray the Expence of House Rent and for keeping a Table for himself, the Lieutenant Colonel, Major, and such other Officers as he should think proper, but as it will be more agreeable to Lieutenant Colonel Draper not to be obliged to keep a Publick Table, we have agreed to vary the Method of such allowance and instead of one Officers having the whole you are to divide & pay it in the following manner viz^t. To Lieutenant Colonel Draper Four Hundred Pounds a year, To Major Brereton Two hundred pounds a year and to Major Monson Two hundred pounds a year, to defray the expence of House Rent and entertaining their Officers at such times as they shall think fit, which said allowances are to commence upon the arrival of those Gentlemen respectively upon the Coast of Choromandel, and continued during their being in His Majesty's Service in India, and is to be in full consideration of all expences whatsoever excepting Batta in the Field.

24. We take it for granted that, upon your receiving Advice of His Majesty's recalling Colonel Adlercron, the beforementioned allowance of Forty shillings a day to that Gentleman ceased as being then no longer the Commanding Officer.

25. For the better encouragement of the Officers and Soldiers of this Battalion we have determined to put them on the same Footing with respect to Pay, as the Companys own Forces, you are therefore hereby directed to pay them out of our cash the difference between his Majesty's and the Company's Pay in the following manner viz^t.

To the Captain of each Company—Two shillings a day.

Lieutenant—One shilling.

Ensign—One shilling.

Servants—Two pence each.

Corporals—Two pence each.

Drummers—Two pence d^o.

Private Men—Two pence d^o.

26. You are also to pay to the following Persons the allowances set against their names as follows viz^t.

To the Chaplain of the Battallion—One Shilling a day.

Surgeon—One shilling.

Adjutant—One shilling.

Quarter Master—One shilling.

Three Surgeon's Mates—Ten pence each.

27. It is our meaning that the King's Troops should not only be equal in Pay to the Company's but that they should also be upon the same footing as to allowances in the Field.

28. With respect to the Garrison, it has been represented to us that his Majesty always allows to his Troops here Fire and Candle, if this is allowed our own Troops it is to be allowed to the Kings, and you are to accommodate them in the best manner you can with Barracks or other convenient Places to lodge in when they are not in the Field.

29. When they are in the Field they are to have exactly the same allowances as the Company's Troops whatsoever they are, But as that allowance called Batta hath been carried to a very great degree of Profusion, you are hereby positively directed to take a Review of all your late appointments of it, and reduce it as much as possible, so as that it may be settled upon a reasonable and equitable Footing, this Direction Colonel Draper is apprized of, and we have reason, from his very candid behaviour to flatter ourselves he will give you all the assistance in his power to facilitate so necessary a measure, whatever Batta so adjusted is paid to the Company's Forces must be allowed and paid equally to his Majesty's.

30. You are to observe both with respect to pay & batta that no allowance be made to any Officer or Officers or any other Person or Persons either [. . .] Troops in a double capacity excepting [Adjutant or Quarter] Master only, who, on account of . . . expences are to be paid in a double capacity [as] Lieutenant and Adjutant, and Lieutenant and Quarter Master.

31. We are informed that when the King's Troops take the Field here they are allowed at the Publick expence, Forage Wood and Straw, whether this is the case with the Company's Troops we are not apprized, and it may, for ought we know be included in the allowance of Batta, however you cannot be at a loss to settle this point when you attend to this general Direction, That his Majestys Troops and the Companys are to be upon an equal Footing, that is whatever their Pay and Allowances fall short of Ours the difference is to be paid by you on the behalf of the Company, but no Innovations are to be made.

32. When Colonel Adlercron's Regiment went out We gave you particular Directions how to act in case it was supplied with money stores or necessaries on his Majestys account, Those are to be your Guide in the present occasion with respect to the Battallion.

33. We should have mentioned to you before, that one reason for his Majesty's not naming a Colonel to the Battallion was, out of regard to Lieutenant Colonels Lawrence & Clive, who, by having commissions of an Older Date than Lieutenant Colonel Draper's will not be Superseded by the last named Gentleman.

34. Besides the Four Persons mentioned in the 89th. Paragraph of our general letter by the Hardwicke thereby appointed Cadets in our Forces upon the Fort St. George Establishment, We have chosen John Stacey who is to Rank next to Anthony Lewis Polier the last of the said Four, and is to be preferred in turn according to his Behaviour, he takes his Passage on the Pitt.

35. You were acquainted in the said letter that We had appointed Edward Stracey, Edward Cotsford, Richard Lathom & James Lawrell to be Writers on your Establishment we have since that time appointed Richard Clive to the same station who is to Rank next after James Lawrell.

36. We received by the Chesterfield the Commissary's Books from Fort St. George from the 1st. March 1751 to 30th. April 1756 and our auditor having examined those for the year ending 1755 with your General Books and the General Books from Fort St. David for that year, they are found so very different as to be rendered almost useless; For instance by your Books ending April 1755 there appears a Ballance of Rupees 18327-15-13 in Mr. Ormes hands which by the Commissary's Book for that year is no more than Pag^s. 281-17. The Commissary's Book likewise mentions a Ballance of Rs. 6800 due to Mr. Orme which is not taken notice of in your Books; The several Commissary's accounts are also blended together in such manner that they are unintelligible, it does not appear why Mr. Orme in the Commissary's Book is not charged with the Pag^s. 219-11-40 and Rupees 142115-1 placed to Mr. Maunsell's Debit as well as with all the other sums mentioned in Mr. Maunsell's account. In Page 185 of your Journal Mr. Orme is charged with Pagodas 8507-27-2 for difference of Exchange, but this sum does not appear by the Commissary's Book. Mr. Orme is also charged in Journal Page 182 with Pag^s. 187173-32-25 disbursed at Fort St. David, but this sum should have been Pag^s. 187216-29-14 if it was intended to consist of the Ballances due from Mr. Maunsell & Mr. Bouchier agreeable to the Fort St. David Journal Page 148 and with Pag^{ds}. 65270-9-63 advanced out of the Company's cash as ~~in~~ Journal Pages 114, 122, 131, 149 and 159 which by the Commissary's Book is Pag^s. 33,000 and Rupees 96,000 of which Mr. Orme has paid in Pag^s. 6000 Mr. Orme has likewise credit in Journal Page 187 for Pagodas 4242 disbursed for the Military at Fort St. David which by the Commissary's Book is Pagodas 26888-5-54 Mr. Orme is charged in the Commissary's Book with Pagodas 1385 and Rupees 13982 received by Mr. Bouchier from Fort St. David, whereas by the Fort St. David Journal Page 148 Mr. Bouchier's Balance appears to be Pagodas 6026-19.

37. In the Commissary's Books the Pay Rolls of the Military, also various Disbursements by Mr. Palk and the Military Officers which consist of very large sums, are inserted in general articles without particularizing the number of Men or mentioning the purport of those expences, and it does not appear that these accounts have had any check or passed under any Examination, we therefore direct that the Committee of Accounts do Examine the several accounts Muster Rolls and vouchers whence those expences from the 1st. March 1751 are drawn and Report their Opinion thereon and that the Committee have regard at the same time to the stores advanced on the Nabobs account from time to time as well as the Commissary's Disbursements; Directions must likewise be given to the Commissary that in future the several charges defrayed in Rupees are to be computed in Pagodas in order that they may agree with the General Books, and that the number of Men in each Muster Roll be mentioned and the several Disbursements be explained in the fullest manner.

38. We observe by the Military Paymasters accounts at Fort St. David for the year ending 1755 that over and above the allowance to Colonel Adlercron there is a Monthly Charge of Pag^s. 1400 Gratuity to the Kings Troops without specifying the Particulars of that charge; By this Irregularity it is impossible for us to judge how far you have deviated from our Orders of the 2^d. March 1754 and as this sum of Pag^s. 1400 appears to us greatly to exceed the allowances granted in our above Order, We direct that you transmit us a list of the Officers and Private Men in each Company together with the several allowances that were made them.

39. Upon examination of your General Journal ending April 1755 it appears that the Silver which was consigned from London to Bengal ₹ ships Denham, York, Norfolk and Anson in December 1753 and January 1754 was landed at Fort St. George and for which Bengal Presidency has credit in Pages 46 and 59 instead of account current London, part of the above silver was afterwards sent to Bengal as by your Journal Pages 47 and 57 ₹ York and Denham, for which account current London has credit in the Bengal Books, some goods and stores also consigned from hence to Bengal were landed at Fort St. George and credit given in like manner as above to Bengal in your Journal Pages 71, 75 and 77 ₹ Norfolk Page 51 ₹ Denham and Page 179 ₹ York. By this means there arises the Inconvenience of not finding the consignments from Europe acknowledged in your Books under the proper Head of account current London as they ought to be.

40. Credit is likewise given to Bengal in your Books for charges on goods ₹ Britannia and Kent which differs Rupees 3533-12-6 from what is charged in the Bengal Books, occasioned by the Bengal Books charging only for Gunny Bags to the amount of Rupees 2925-14-6 whereas your Journal Pages 123 and 143 acknowledge Rupees 6459-11 for Gunny Bags, Twine, Packers and other Expences, Bengal is likewise Debited with sundry articles not mentioned in their Books as by your journal Pages 9, 25, 47, 70 and 92 for charges on goods ₹ Syren, St. George, York, Anson, Kent and Britannia, also Page 92 charges on Treasure Page 11 Stores supplied the Syren, Page 95 Timber & Handspikes ₹ Porto Bello and Page 109 Packages short received ₹ Ganges.

41. In your Books the Batta upon the Arcot Rupees consigned to Bengal is charged Nine ₹ cent which in the Bengal Books is acknowledged only Eight ₹ cent.

42. The Batta upon the Madras Rupees you send to Bengal is acknowledged at Ten ₹ cent, but no Batta at all is charged upon those Rupees by your Books.

43. In Page 11 of your Journal, Bengal has Credit for Pagodas 1177-15 for Thirty Pipes of Madeira Wine received from thence in May 1754 which is not mentioned in the Bengal Books.

44. These variations in the accounts of different Presidencies make it highly necessary that accounts current should be transmitted as consignments are sent from one place to another in order that the Books of each Presidency may be continually adjusted so as to agree with each other.

45. In Page 190 of your Journal the Remains at Ganjam Presidency are charged Pag^s. 17697-13-38; This sum agrees with the Ganjam Books ending April 1750 but as there have been no Books received from thence since that time, it is necessary you should acquaint us whether there have been any farther Transactions, and if not, what is become of the above Remains.

46. The addition of His Majesty's Troops to our present strength upon the Choromandel Coast will, we make no doubt enable you to spare some of our own very safely to be fixed upon the Bengal Establishment which cannot be any otherways settled for the present at least than by a Draught from Fort St. George, The Garrison for Fort William we would have consist of Five Hundred Europeans at least, Officers included, you must therefore Draught off such a number of the Troops on your Establishment as will make the said number of Five hundred Effective Europeans at least which from thence forward are to be fixed on the Bengal Establishment.

47. Those which on the Receipt of this shall be at Bengal, we suppose will make up part of the said number, the rest must be made up by a Draught from the rest of our Troops, as soon after the arrival of his Majesty's as you can conveniently.

48. You are to consider also whether it may not be necessary to supply that Presidency with a Body of good Seapoys, and if it is, you are to send them a proper number accordingly as for as the President and Council shall advise you may be wanted and you can spare or assist them with.

49. Although we have directed the Bengal Establishment to consist of the beforementioned number of Europeans, we do not mean you should desist from giving all the assistance in your power whenever that Settlement stands in need thereof, on the contrary we shall depend upon your care and attention for the preservation of that valuable Settlement being equally exerted as for those under your more immediate care at least so far as you are able.

50. We have good assurances from His Majesty's Ministers that Two Men of War will be sent out this season to strengthen the Squadron already in the East Indies when we are acquainted with their Names and time of sailing we shall give you all further and necessary Information relative to them.

51. You have already been directed to Signify the high sense We, as a Court of Directors entertain of the Services of Vice Admiral Watson and Vice Admiral Pocock we have now the pleasure of informing you that at a General Court of the Proprietors of the East India Company held the 21st. instant, the following Resolution was unanimously agreed to viz^t.

“Resolved That the Thanks of this General Court be given to Vice Admiral Watson and to Vice Admiral Pocock for their Eminent and Signal Services to this Company.”

52. If those Gentlemen or either of them should be on the Coast of Chormandel or elsewhere in India where they can be writ to you are to inform them of the said Resolution and at the same time to let them know how much pleasure it gives us to transmit so agreeable a Testimony of their great Merit.

53. It is with equal pleasure we also transmit another Unanimous Resolution of the same Court with respect to the Services of Lieutenant Colonel Clive which is to be immediately communicated to him viz^t.—

“Resolved That the Thanks of this General Court be given to Lieutenant Colonel Robert Clive for his Eminent and Signal Services to this Company.”

LONDON,
23^d. DECEM^r. 1757.

We are
Your loving Friends

JOHN PAYNE.
LAU. SULIVAN.
P. GODFREY.
J. RAYMOND.
CHRISTO BURROW.
HENRY PLANT.
THO^s. PHIPPS.
THO^s. ROUS.
GEO. DUDLEY.
MAXIMⁿ. WESTERN.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
ROB. JONES.
HEN. HADLEY.
JOHN MANSHIP.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
CHA. GOUGH.
JOHN DORRIEN.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE DATED JANUARY 27, 1758.

[*Public Despatches from England, Volume 61, Pages 79-80.*]

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

In our letter of the 23^d. of December you are informed that We consigned you on the Pitt Twenty Chests of Treasure. We have since then determined to send you to a large amount on that ship, instead therefore of Twenty Chests of Silver We now consign to you on the Pitt Two Chests and an half of Gold which are equal in value to about Thirty Chests of Silver.

We have permitted Cap^t. Wilson to carry out Two Chests Buccaneer Guns for the purchase of Refreshments at Madagascar in case he shall be under the necessity of touching at any Place on that Island, if he does not call there he is to deliver them to you at the prime Cost on the Company's account, upon his arrival therefore you are to call upon him for the same and pay him the Amount accordingly.

To prevent any Inconveniencies or Disappointments which may happen in case of the Death of Commodore William Wilson, it is Our pleasure and We accordingly direct that the Person who succeeds to the Command of the ship Pitt be the Company's Commodore, and is to be regarded and obeyed as such, this you are to take due Notice of and so far as you are concerned see that it is observed accordingly.

Since the date of Our last Letter We have received certain Intelligence that part of the great Armament you have already been informed sailed from Port L'Orient the last spring is put into Rio Janeiro on the Coast of Brazil to refresh and recover the Sick people which were very many, the ships which put in a[t] this place are seven large ones with a great Number of Men on board, although they had lost many in their passage; they were left there the end of August and purposed to proceed on their Voyage the Month following.

We take this opportunity of sending you by the Pitt as being the safest Conveyance, Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain bearing date at Westminster the 14th. January 1758, relative to Plunder, Booty and places taken during War or Hostilities from His Majesty's or the Company's Enemies; a Copy will be sent you by One of the Coast and Bay ships. As these Letters Patent came to Our Hands so late that We cannot by this Conveyance send you any Directions, they must be deferr'd for Our next Letter, in the mean time an Inspection of the said Letters Patent will give you sufficient Information.

LONDON,
THE 27TH. JANRY. 1758.

WE ARE
YOUR LOVING FRIENDS

JOHN PAYNE.
LAU. SULIVAN.
P. GODFREY.
I. RAYMOND.
CHRISTO. BURROW.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
JOHN MANSHIP.
MAXIM^N. WESTERN.
JAMES CREED.
ROB. JONES.
HEN^Y. SAVAGE.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
G. STEEVENS.
JOHN RAYMOND.
GEO. DUDLEY.
HEN. HADLEY.
CHA. GOUGH.
JOHN DORRIEN.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT MARLBOROUGH DATED FEBRUARY 8, 1758.

[*Public Despatches from England, Volume 61, Pages 81 to 100.*]

OUR DEPUTY GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL
AT FORT MARLBOROUGH.

1. We writ to you last season under date of the 29th. December 1756 in Triplicate by the Falmouth and by the way of Fort St. George, also the 25th. March following in Duplicate by the Ilchester & Grantham, on the latter of which Roger Carter Esquire took his Passage with Our Commission constituting him Our Deputy Governour and the other Persons therein mentioned of Council at Fort Marlborough, Triplicate of that Letter is herewith enclosed, the Said two ships and the Worcester likewise carried a Separate Letter of the same Date to be opened by the Deputy Governour and Second and Third of Council to be communicated to You when it should be requisit.

2. The Oxford brought Us your Letter of the 27th. February 1757 one from Mr. Pybus of the same date, with another of the 5th. April preceding, and a Letter under date of the 4th. of March last from Mr. Richard Wyatt Resident at Manna.

3. Our Committee of Secrecy for this season consists of John Payne, Laurence Sullivan, Peter Godfrey, Christopher Burrow & Jones Raymond Esqrs. whose Orders or those of any Three of them are to meet with the most punctual Obedience from whomsoever they shall be addressed to.

4. The War between Great Britain and France continues to be very vigorously pursued, You were last Year advised of the Intelligence received of the formidable Armament making at Port L'Orient for an Expedition to the East Indies, the Publick News Papers have confirmed it and mentioned the sailing of seventeen ships from thence under the command of Mr. Dahche on the 30th. of April last with Three Thousand Land Forces on board to be commanded by Monsr. Lally. We have very lately been informed by certain Advices from the Brazils, that part of this Armament in July last put into Rio de Janeiro for the refreshment and recovery of their numerous Sick, among them were seven large Ships with a great number of Men on board, although they had lost many in their passage, they continued there the End of last August, and proposed to proceed on their Voyage in the following Month.

5. It is hereupon of the last importance that You should pursue the Measures that have been already begun for putting Our Settlements on the West Coast in the most defensible posture, that You may be on your guard to prevent as much as lays in your Power the intentions of the Enemy by any detachment of this force against Our Possessions and Trade under your management, your utmost Care and Attention in Our Affairs were never more necessary than at this Juncture, and We most earnestly enjoin your exerting yourselves in a suitable manner with the diligence and spirit requisit on so interesting occasion.

6. We suppose Our Deputy Governour Mr. Carter will have for some considerable time before this reaches You got to his Station, having a great reliance on his Capacity, Integrity and general Knowledge of our Affairs on the West Coast, as well as his being well acquainted with our sentiments respecting them, we shall therefore in Confidence of his Endeavours for the Good of the Company have the less occasion to be very full in this Letter, however such Directions Remarks and Observations as are necessary are here conveyed to You in the usual Method.

FIRST OF SHIPPING.

7. The Ships We have entertained in Our Service this Season with their Burthen, Commanders and Consignment are viz^t.—

Hardwicke	..	..	499	John Samson	..	..	Coast and Bay.
Prince Henry	..	..	499	Thomas Best	..	..	St. Helena & Limpo.
Osterley	..	..	499	Frederick Vincent	..	..	China directly.

Pitt	600	William Wilson, Com- modore.	}	
Rhoda	499	John M ^c . Nemara	..	} FORT St. GEORGE & CHINA.
Tilbury	..	..	499	Roger Mainwaring	..
Britannia	..	..	499	John Blewitt	..
Winchelsea	..	..	499	Thomas Howe	..
Shaftesbury	..	..	499	Cornelius Inglis	..
Prince of Wales	499	William Robert	..	} COAST & BAY. St. Helena & Bencoolen.
Warren	..	..	499	Alphonsus Glover	..
London	..	..	499	Richard Allwright	..
Egmont	..	..	499	John Venner	..
Drake	499	Benjamin Fisher	..	} BOMBAY.
True Briton	..	..	425	Thomas Crichton	..
Prince George	..	..	499	Lorenzo Collins	..
Bombay Castle	..	..	499	Richard Doveton	..

8. Besides the above We have built for Our Service a Three Deck Ship of 400 Tons to mount 24 Guns and carry 80 Men named the Admiral Vernon, commanded by Captain William Cooke, We propose to dispatch her some time next Month for Persia to proceed thence to Bombay, her future destination will depend upon the State of Affairs in India as Our Servants at that Presidency will be advised, Our Principal Intentions were for employing her as an Advice Vessel.

9. The Pitt carrying 250 Men and 50 Guns besides the service it is proposed she should perform in the Mercantile way, is engaged as a ship of Force, We have therefore thought proper to constitute and appoint the Commander thereof Captain William Wilson to be Commodore of all ships and vessels freighted by or belonging to the Company now bound to the East Indies, and all such as he shall meet with or join in the whole Course of his Voyage untill his return to England, directing him to protect and defend as much as lyes in his Power all such Ships and Vessels from the Assaults and Insults of the French or any other Enemy, the Commanders of the Companys ships at any time in Company are to follow all such Orders as he may give them for those purposes, but he is still to act under the direction of the Company's Agents agreeable to the Charterparty and his Instructions, If any further intimations on this point appear necessary Our Deputy Governour will receive them from the Secret Committee.

10. To prevent any Inconveniencies or Disappointments in case of the Death of Commodore Wilson, whoever succeeds to the Command of the ship Pitt is to be the Company's Commodore, and be regarded and obeyed as such accordingly.

11. On the necessity of giving some particular Directions to Our Servants in Bengal on the Important Turn which Our Affairs there had taken, the Expedition Packet Captain James Barton sailed with them from the Downs the 13th. of August last, but on the 29th. of the same Month was unfortunately taken by a French Privateer and carried into Vigo, where Captain Barton and his Crew were released, and he set forward with intentions to proceed to India Overland.

12. We can with pleasure intimate to You the successful Arrival of all our expected Shipping this Season, the times when and the Ports which they reached are specified in the accompanying List whereto You are also referred for the departure of such as are sailed and now proceeding to India.

13. We have found it necessary to introduce some new Clauses into the Commanders Instructions in respect to the Packets and Letters they are charged with, their speedy delivery to Us and the Conduct of the Messengers to whom they are entrusted, the enclosed Extracts of the Instructions will give you fuller Information of Our Intentions on those points.

14. You will also observe that the Commanders are to take receipts for all the Packets they are entrusted with by Us or the Secret Committee, to be produced on their return to England, that We may be satisfied of their delivery, You are therefore hereby directed to cause Receipts to be given accordingly.

15. The Method of Transacting the Company's Affairs in China by a number of separate Commissions having been found inconvenient and disadvantageous in many respects, We have this Year appointed One Sett or Commission only consisting of Twelve Supra Cargoes four of whom are to be deemed Chiefs, Four Seconds and Four Thirds, who are to be a Council for managing the Company's Affairs in China and take rank in the order hereafter mention'd viz^t.

CHIEFS.

Mr. Henry Palmer—First in Council.
John Burrow—Second.
George Mandevile—Third.
Thomas Lockwood—Fourth.

SECONDS.

Robert Mackett—Fifth.
Alexander Hume—Sixth.
Richard Peisley—Seventh.
William Mackenzie—Eighth.

THIRDS.

Mr. Joseph Harrington—Ninth.
Francis Wood—Tenth.
John Hull—Eleventh.
James Flint—Twelfth.

but Mr. Hull being on Account of his bad state of Health disabled from proceeding according to Our Appointment, the Council now consists of Eleven Persons only.

16. Notwithstanding the beforementioned Persons are all included in one Commission, We have appointed Mess^{rs}. Palmer, Burrow, Lockwood, Mackett, Hume, Peisley, Harrington and Wood to transact our affairs at Canton and Mess^{rs}. Mandevile, Mackenzie and Flint at Limpao, yet as far as circumstances will admit they are as Members of one Council either in Person or by correspondence in writing to co-operate for the General Benefit of us their Employers, and in consequence are to take charge of all such ships as shall arrive at Conton in 1758 from any of Our Settlements in India destitute of Supra Cargoes and customarily called Casual Ships.

17. Satisfied under the present circumstances of the utility of a Residence at Canton, we have directed Messrs. Lockwood, Mackett, Peisley and Wood where the first and third of them now are, to continue there for the year 1759 for certain purposes mentioned in their Instructions, any part whereof regarding your Coast will be communicated from the Secret Committee to the Deputy Governour.

18. We have given the most pressing orders to our Governour and Council at St. Helena to dispatch this ship the Egmont to you with the greatest expedition, and we hope She will be with You in good time, upon her arrival you are to employ her in the most advantageous manner, and give her as early a dispatch for England as possible.

19. The quantity of Pepper to be laden on the Egmont must in a great measure be left to your Discretion, as it will depend upon the Informations you have or shall receive from the Presidencys of Fort St. George and Fort William with respect to any ship or ships they may send in consequence of our Recommendations to them to fill up on the West Coast, we shall only say that that you are to load as much upon the Egmont over and above her Charterparty Tonnage as she can carry without being cumbered or rendered in any degree unfit for sailing, or defence in case of being attacked in the voyage and provided you can spare such a surplus Tonnage without prejudice to the loading home any ship or ships you may have good reason by your Advices from our said Presidencys to expect from one or other of them.

20. We have not for a considerable time past received any Lists of the Private Trade laden on our returning ships, if the Commander & Officers of the Egmont or any future ships delay registering their Private Trade with

you, you are to demand their doing it in Writing a sufficient time before their departure and acquaint them if they neglect or refuse to do it that they will certainly incur our highest displeasure as well as be liable to the Charterparty Penaltys.

21. Our Chief and Council of Anjengo having ordered Ten Mallabar Men to be transported to St. Helena to serve as slaves (who had been Officers in the King of Travancore's Service) Five of them soon after their arrival desperately hanged themselves and the survivors threatened to put a period to their lives rather than submit to any kind of work. Noguidah Pokalluma Malay sometime since sent from the West Coast is exactly under the same situation, as all these people are entirely useless, excessively troublesome and a certain dead weight and the having such desperate people upon the Island may be attended with other bad consequences, we have given orders to all our Settlements as we now do to you, that no such people Delinquents or Malefactors of any kind be for the future sent thither, however, this is not to be construed so as to prevent your supplying the Island with useful slaves whenever you are in a condition to spare any, But if there are any people that it will be necessary to banish from the West Coast, you may send them to Fort St. George or any other of our Presidencies with a request that they may be secured so as not to be able to come back again.

22. We acquainted you in our last letter we should make an enquiry into Captain Fernel's Behaviour on settling the ship Exeter's accounts, we accordingly did so, and for a time suspended him the Company's service for his Breach of your Orders in not endeavouring to gain his Passage to Natal, but putting into and staying at Moco Moco as complained of in your General Letter of the 31st. January 1756. As we are determined to support your Authority, by having all necessary orders to the Commanders punctually obeyed, We did not restore him until upon a further Enquiry we were satisfied that Captain Fernel did not appear to have acted upon any views of Interest, but to have erred in Judgment rather than to have been guilty of a wilful Breach of Orders.

23. This is a proper place to take notice of some Transactions between you and Captain Stevens of the Oxford, in which we cannot but observe that Resentment and Passion have had a great share, as well on your part as the Captains and that in consequence things have been heighthen'd and aggravated on both sides which in all future altercations must be avoided by you with the greatest care, however as we said before in the case of Captain Fernel, that we would support your just authority, you may depend upon our shewing a proper Resentment against any Captains, when we are convinced they have undeservedly used You Ill, or disobeyed your just orders. To come to the Point, as Captain Stevens had our leave to go to Betavia, his calling at that place therefore was not Blamable, but his refusing to take in Timber when There on our Account at present seems very Blameworthy, however as he alledges it was not ready, and that if he had stayed until it was, there would have been a great loss of time, we therefore have referred this matter for a further consideration, and you may be assured if Captain Stevens's conduct in this respect, upon a further enquiry deserves our Resentment it will certainly meet with it.

24. We do not think Captain Stevens is to be blamed for refusing to enter into the engagement you mention, to exclude his owners from any Pretensions to Demorage on his going to Manna to fill up with Pepper, as the Charterparty is certainly in his favour, and in all future cases of this kind, you are to give such orders as you shall upon the whole think most fitting for the Company's Interest, and leave the adjusting the Demorage to Us.

25. You misconstrued the Charterparty with respect to removing William Justice the Fifth Mate, your Power thereby extends only to removing Persons who behave Ill, not to distress the ships Company, although we must pronounce you wrong in this Transaction, yet We shall take due notice of the disorderly Behaviour of Browne the Second Mate on this occasion.

26. Your refusing to deliver up to Captain Stevens his Surgeon's Mate who had deserted from his ship on his reclaiming him cannot be justified but his thinking that he might by way of Reprizal entertain any of our Military

free from any Penalty had he carried this measure into execution, he would have found to his cost he had been greatly mistaken and indeed this Threat seems to be the effect of Resentment.

27. His refusal to carry to St. Helena the Five Criminals seems at present to be a direct breach of Orders, and his Charterparty and unless some mitigating circumstances appear in his favour on our further enquiry, we shall consider it as such, but we cannot help remarking that you seemed to connive at their Escape from the Officer of the Main Guard in whose custody Captain Stevens left them on purpose to aggravate and make this Affair appear as odious as you could.

28. Upon the whole although Captain Stevens has in many respects been greatly to blame, We are of opinion you have also suffered your Resentments to mislead you, which we have been at the Pains of Pointing out, that you may avoid such kind of conduct in future.

29. You may in future lodge positive Orders at Batavia for the Captains of our Storeships taking in Timber or any other Articles you want which shall be tendered him there on the Company's Account in virtue of such Orders, signifying therein that their owners may depend upon having a reasonable and equitable Allowance made for such service, if it shall appear the ship stays longer than usual on that account. As it has been before observed the Timber for the Oxford was not ready, you must send early notice in future to Mr. Garden or whoever else is your Agent on the occasion, to purchase and be ready to ship the Timber or other Articles you Indent for so that there may be no time lost, or detention of the ship.

30. What has been said with respect to Captain Steven's refusal to carry the Five Criminals is not to invalidate the Orders given in the 21th. Paragraph, by which you are forbid sending such kind of People in future to St. Helena.

31. You give us a very blind account of the loss of our sloop the Swallow and there seems to be some fault in this Affair, which you have a mind to cover, We expect to [hear] some more satisfactory Account in this particular and that you will be more explicit in matters of consequence in future.

32. Having given the necessary Directions last season both to Bombay and Fort St. George for your being supplied with the proper vessels for your service to be built at the first named Place, We shall hope to hear that you have either received them or that they are shortly expected.

33. We are very sensible of the Difficultys you are under for want of Proper People to Repair, Navigate and Manage your sloops, vessels and Boats, We will recommend it in the strongest Terms to our President and Council at Bombay to supply you in the best manner they can, as being better able to do it than either of our other Presidencys.

34. We shall endeavour to send you some skilful Persons from hence, if we succeed we shall mention them in the sequel of this letter.

35. As the Presidency of Bombay can most conveniently supply you as before observed with proper vessels, men to navigate them, also Workmen and Materials of all kinds, as well for the Land as the Sea Service, Salt, Rice, Provisions and Necessarys of almost all the sorts wanted. We would for the future have a regular intercourse kept up between you and our said Presidency, which we shall signify accordingly to the Governour and Council there, this is notified to your Superiours at Fort St. George, who have our Directions to do everything in their Power to carry the same into execution with all possible facility, We do not mean by this to prevent the like intercourse with our servants in Bengal, on the contrary it is our intention that all necessary assistance be as effectually drawn from that Presidency as may be most for the Company's Interest and the situation of Affairs will allow.

36. If one of our Bombay Cruizers can be annually spared to cruize upon the West Coast of Sumatra for the Protection of our Trade and Settlements, as well against our open Enemy the French, as to prevent any attempts and Encroachments of the Dutch, we are satisfied it will be a very proper and useful measure, and we shall accordingly recommend it to our President and

Council of Bombay to put it, if they possibly can, into practice, in your next advices to Bombay you are to mention this Scheme, and give them your sentiments as to the best means of facilitating the execution of it with the least charge to us.

37. With respect [to the] . . . complaint you make of the Bengal Traders interfering with the Company in Ophium, Iron and Salt at the Ports near Natal, we hope the late Regulations made by us will remove all difficultys, but if any arise, state them to Us in the fullest manner for our Information and Directions, but be sure to take care to collect from all Persons in the most exact manner the stipulated customs on all their Trade upon your Coast.

38. There is a very skilful Man in shipping affairs now resident at Bombay or one of its subordinates viz^t. Mr. Edward Roach, we shall recommend it to our Governour and Council to send him to your assistance, you are to inform us in case of his arrival in what manner he is employed, that we may determine upon a suitable recompence for his services.

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

39. You are referred to the Egmont's Invoice for the Particulars and value of the several consignments to you this season, and how far they agree with your Indents, and you will observe that we have given due attention to your pressing Instances for Flour.

40. We have consigned to you by the said ship Thirty Chests of Treasure but as the Expences of our Island S^t. Helena by the encrease of the Garrison require larger remittances than usual, we have given the Governour and Council at that Island leave to detain Two Chests part of the said Thirty Chests should they be in real want of so much, and directed them to send you due notice of what they detain in consequence of our Permission.

41. Your Account of Remains transmitted to Us by the Oxford is very defective in many Articles, in particular by not describing the several species of Cordage and Canvas, the sizes of the Blocks, nor the Weights of each Anchor and Grapnall, we are at a loss likewise for the size of some particular Ordnance Stohes, the nature of the Guns they were intended for not being described, you must be more careful for the future as you will be otherwise liable to frequent disappointments.

42. If a regular intercourse can be settled between our Presidency of Bombay and the West Coast Settlements, as from what has been already observed there seems to be but little reason to doubt there will, you may then be supplied with a sufficiency of Rice among other Necessarys, to prevent such apprehensions of a Scarcity as you mention on the Disappointment of a supply from Fort S^t. George, you must therefore make the necessary applications to Bombay accordingly from time to time.

43. The Copper Tunnels you mention were by mistake inserted in the Oxford's S^t. Helena Invoice instead of that for your Settlement, we therefore now agreeable to your Request enclose a Paper which contains the Invoice Price of them.

THIRDLY AND FOURTHLY OF INVESTMENTS, COUNTRY GOVERNMENT &C^A.

44. The general view you give us of the situation of the Pepper Investment affords a pleasing prospect, and We have reason to believe that Mr. Carter's Care and Vigilance will add to our satisfaction, by using all the means in his Power for encreasing the produce of Pepper at the several Settlements and Plantations, we have of late so fully given our Sentiments and Directions on this important Head, that we have very little more to say than to recommend it to you and all our servants in general, to exert your endeavours for the encrease of the Investment to the utmost extent, that We may at least see the West Coast Settlements an object worthy our most serious attention.

45. The present Tranquillity upon your Coast is a very favourable circumstance, and We shall depend upon your making the best use of it, and in

case of the Death of the Sultan of Moco Moco, that you will with the utmost Vigilance and Care prevent as much as lyes in your Power any Disturbances which may be prejudicial to your Investments.

46. We approve of your raising the Price of Pepper at Cawoor from Eight to Ten Dollars, as it was in consequence of an agreement Mr. Everest made with the People of that Place to encourage the Produce of Pepper which we find is encreasing, at the same time We must recommend it to you to take care that this Encouragement does not occasion an advance at other Settlements.

47. We shall depend upon it that on Mr. Carter's arrival our late Orders and particularly those of last year with respect to withdrawing any Settlements which will not answer the Expence of maintaining them have been well weighed and considered, and that we shall have the result of your Sentiments and Proceedings thereupon. It is said in your letter to Us of the 27th. of February 1757 in answer to what We had writ on this subject, that you flatter yourselves the footing the Settlements are now put upon will induce us to consider them as well worth maintaining, This is too vague Reply for Us to be satisfied with, especially as We know how disadvantageous many of them have in general been, and in particular Croee, which seems to have been your favourite Settlement is one of the most disadvantageous ones to the Company, it appearing by a calculation now before Us, that the Pepper produced there for three years has in a medium amounted to near Ten Pence a Pound, to which adding, that this Place has been by its unhealthy situation the Grave of so many of our servants and People, it evidently shews the necessity of your strictest enquiry as to the Utility of it in present or the future, We shall therefore expect a full and explicit account of every Settlement upon the Coast with respect to the advantages, disadvantages and general utility of each of them together with your impartial Opinion thereupon, that We may be satisfied which are worth preserving and cherishing, and which ought to be thrown up.

48. As good White Pepper will sell to advantage, you are to send us annually about Five Tons thereof, which must be put up in small Bags and Invoiced distinctly from the rest of the Pepper.

49 We are pleased to observe the Sugar and Arrack Works are in a promising way, this is an undertaking that may be of great service and deserves your utmost attention and care to encourage and improve which We shall therefore depend upon your exerting until it is brought to perfection.

50. By a Letter we directed to the Deputy Governour and Second and Third in Council dated the 25th. of March last and which was in a proper time to be laid before you, We ordered the Settlements made at Natal and Tappanouly to be withdrawn, We have since reflected upon the encreasing Encroachments of the Dutch, which might be greatly encouraged, by giving them up and considering that there is a prospect of our Settlements upon the West Coast being in a very improving condition, especially if there could be a convenient Harbour, of which they are entirely destitute, excepting that at Tappanouly, which is a very good one, for these reasons if the Orders in our said letter have not been carried into execution, we are induced to countermand them, and you are accordingly hereby directed to keep Possession for the Company of the said two Places of Natal and Tappanouly at as moderate an Expence as possible until you have our further Orders, and you are in the mean time to consider and point out how and in what manner those Settlements may be rendered of most use and advantageous to the Company, you must get a good Draught made of the Harbour with the proper Soundings inserted therein, together with such Remarks as may tend to the Security of shipping, you are to report to Us from time to time your Proceedings with respect to these Places and also send all necessary Remarks & Observations for our better Information, If you have in consequence of our said Letter of the 25th. March last withdrawn Natal and Tappanouly, considering the different situation of Affairs from the Improvements We have reason to expect

on the West Coast, You are hereby authorized to take Possession of them again, if it can be effected without any great expence, and you are satisfied the holding them may be of Advantage to the Company.

51. It is with great Concern We observe the continual Injurious Treatment and Behaviour of the Dutch, and we should make an immediate Application to the Administration for satisfaction, could We lay our Complaints before them in such a proper manner as it will be expected they should be, when they become the Objects of a National concern, but the way you have represented your Grievances is so irregular, The Facts and Proofs so dispersed and unconnected, that we must wait until we are furnished with Materials for applying properly. You must therefore collect all the matters and facts you have to complain of together and state them in an exact, full and explicit manner, annexing thereto all the necessary Authoritys and Evidences in support of the same, all this must be done in separate and distinct letters to us from time to time as in the year 1748 on the case of the taking of the two Prows then mentioned and the inhumane Treatment of the People thereof by the Dutch, we shall then be enabled to apply properly, and we make no doubt effectually for redress. In the mean time you must represent your complaints, as they arise to your superiours at Madrass for their Interposition, Assistance and Relief.

52. Whenever you receive any Injuries from the Dutch, you are to protest against them in the most formal and regular Manner, wherein the Facts are to be fully stated, and you are to send to us by the earliest opportunities authenticated copies of such Protests.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS AND REVENUES.

53. With respect to your Fortifications and Buildings, we have only to refer you to our last years and the preceding letters, with this addition that if the President and Council of Fort St. George cannot spare any capable Persons to carry on the necessary works and repairs, they are directed to acquaint the Presidency of Bombay, that it is our pleasure they send you some from thence, as well Persons to direct and superintend, as common Workmen, who have been used to and understand the several Branches of Building Work, you are therefore to use the most pressing Instances to the President and Council of Bombay to supply you with Workmen accordingly we shall by the next ships inform the said President and Council of this our Pleasure, and lay our Commands upon them in such a manner as we hope will effectually answer the Intention.

54. It is extremely difficult to engage good Workmen to proceed from hence, however we are using our endeavours, and shall acquaint you, if we succeed, under the following Head of the Persons entertained with the Allowances they are to have.

55. We have spoken so fully in our former letters upon the Head of Revenues and no New matter arising from your last advices that we have only to recommend it to you to improve them as much as their nature will admit of without oppression, and that you do not suffer Private Traders to elude the Payment of all regular Dutys.

SIXTHLY OF COVENANT SERVANTS, THE MILITARY AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

56. We have appointed Henry Plowman, James Tierney and Alexander Wood Factors on the West Coast Establishment, and they accordingly take Passage on this ship the Egmont, upon their arrival they are to be ranked in the order they are named next after those who you were advised of last season.

57. As these Three Factors are well versed in Business, We make no doubt of their proving very useful servants, and we hope their addition to those we have sent for the two years past will enable you to carry on the Business with a good deal of Ease.

58. You are as usual to make an Enquiry upon the arrival of the Egmont as to the usage the said Three Factors met with in their Passage, and give us an Account thereof, that if they have had any reasonable causes for complaint, we may shew a proper Resentment wherever it may be due.

59. We do insist upon our repeated Orders being complied with for all our Covenant Servants giving the usual securitys, the accompanying list will shew you which of them are to be called upon for this purpose, we direct therefore that you immediately require the Persons therein named to write to and press their Friends in England to give Security for them without Delay.

60. We shall depend upon it that on the arrival of Mr. Carter he has made an Enquiry into the Character and Qualifications of our several servants, and that in consequence thereof any of them who it shall appear to you have been really injured have met with a suitable Redress.

61. Mr. Pybus's taking upon himself without the concurrence of the rest of the Council to suspend Mr. Richard Preston was a most Arbitrary and Unprecedented act of power, which we highly disapprove of and resent and the more so, as it too evidently appears to have been the result of Personal prejudice and Malice, we cannot but suppose that the suspension has been since reversed either by Orders from the Presidency or on Mr. Carter's arrival, but if this should not be the case you are immediately to restore Mr. Preston to his station and Rank the Service, and if any Stoppage has been made of his salary and customary allowances, the arrears are to be made good to him.

62. If any Deputy Governour shall in future take such an unwarrantable liberty of suspending any of our servants without the consent of the Majority of the Council duly summoned for the purpose as Mr. Pybus has done, he may depend upon our proceeding against him with the utmost severity.

63. What we have here said with respect to Mr. Pybus and Mr. Preston is by no means meant to countenance a disrespectful and unbecoming behaviour in any of our servants to the Deputy Governour for the time being, on the contrary, you may be assured it will meet with its just Reward from Us, upon our being properly informed of it by your General Letters, whether Mr. Preston has been to blame in this respect we cannot pretend to determine, as We have only the prejudiced Evidence of Mr. Pybus to form our Judgment upon.

64 We acquainted you in our letter last season that from what We had heard that there was no objection against John Ogier's being restored to his former standing and We recommended him accordingly to you, as it is mentioned in your Consultations the 8th. of November 1756, that his Department since his making concession to the supervisors for his unbecoming Behaviour and their Dismissing him the service has been regular and decent, We see no good reason against admitting him to his Original Standing, which however We shall leave to your prudence to determine upon, giving Us your Reasons for your Conduct herein.

65 From what appears in your Letters and Consultations with respect to Bastion Smith, there seems to be very little to expect from his services, however as his Friends have interested themselves by applications to Us in his Favour, We would have you revise his case, and considering well his capacity, conduct and Behaviour, take off the Bar to his rising in the service, if it shall appear to you to be a right measure but not otherwise as you on the spot will be best able to judge on this occasion.

66. We observe that on the Deputy Governour's representing Edward Gillson as a useless servant, you dismissed him from our service as a Covenant Servant merely upon such Representation, without any Enquiry whatsoever, such irregular Proceedings are extremely disagreeable to Us, and as We have good reason to believe he is not that useless servant the late Deputy Governour asserts, and has been greatly injured by this procedure, you are to restore him to his Original Station and Standing in our Service unless you have sufficient reason to the contrary.

67. Bastion Smith having paid to you the Bond of Five hundred Dollars he entered into for the Payment of the late Robert Dunkley's Deficiencies, he has represented to Us some Hardships in the case, which it is impossible for Us to judge of, and therefore We transmit you a copy of that part of his Representation relating thereto, as We have already empowered you in general to adjust all the Deficiencies in the most equitable manner, We have only to recommend Smith's Request to your consideration in that way, and give him relief if you are of opinion there is reason for it.

68. In answer to your desire with respect to stopping Dollars One thousand three hundred eighty six 176 at the Instance of Mr. Hurlock's Attorneys out of some Certificates granted in favour of the Estate of Robert Jones deceased in the year 1753. We are to inform you that those Certificates have been long since discharged.

69. A Memorial has been presented to Us by Jan Dirk Van Clootwyk Esqr. late Governour of Macassar relating to a Debt of Five hundred and twenty five Dollars due to him from Diong Maccooly Captain of the Bugguese at Fort Marlborough, a copy whereof We now send you, if the Allegations therein are true, it seems to be a very dishonest Transaction, however you are hereby directed to examine into the same in the strictest manner, and if you find it is a just Debt you are to cause Diong Maccooly to pay the amount thereof together with the usual Interest thereon to such Person or Persons as shall be authorized to receive the same by the said Mr. Clootwyk.

70. We send by this ship about Seventy Recruits for your Military, as will more particularly appear by the accompanying list, We have given positive Orders to the Governour and Council of St. Helena not to detain any of them upon any pretence whatsoever.

71. We enclose for your Information and most strict Enquiry a Paragraph of a letter from Bastion Smith to Us dated the 1st January 1757 wherein he asserts that the Bugguese have not been reviewed ever since Mr. Combes's departure for England, that Mr. Gun the Paymaster had ordered him several times to acquaint Diong Maccooley Captain of the Bugguese to bring his People and receive their pay, which he absolutely refused, and it has run up to two, three and sometimes four Months pay in Arrears, and that Mr. Pybus afterwards laid his Injunctions on the Paymaster to pay Diong Maccooly the amount of a fictitious Roll, when to his Bastion Smith's certain knowledge he had not a fourth of them in pay. This is a charge of a most heinous nature which you must enquire into in the strictest manner possible, and send Us the result thereof with your opinion upon the whole, if Diong Maccooly appears to you evidently guilty, you are to recover what he has wronged us of, We suppose Mr. Pybus will have left the West Coast, however let Us have your sentiments upon his conduct in this Transaction, but in Justice to him, let him be acquainted by the first opportunity with the charge and the Evidence in support of it, that We may not condemn him unheard, being willing to presume he can justify himself.

72. John Jacob Pelar your Armourer has sent us a Petition as a copy enclosed, desiring an advance of pay for the reasons therein mentioned or leave to quit his present Trust, as you represent him to be a good Workman and one you had great occasion for, We leave it to you to do therein as you shall think reasonable and fitting.

73. We have appointed John Aspiner to be a Mason at your Settlement, as he is recommended to Us as a good Workman, We have agreed that he shall be paid after the rate of Nine Pounds Sterling a Month to commence on his arrival in the Egmont, which is to be in full for Pay or Salary and all other allowances whatsoever. As a further Encouragement We have paid him here Ten Pounds by way of gratuity to fit him out.

SUPPLEMENT.

74. The Edgocote in her late voyage from Mocha run a Ground on the Streights of Babelmandel, she afterwards refitted at Bombay, where enquiry should have been made into the occasion of her running aground, and as some inconveniencys arise from that omission, We think it proper to direct to all our Settlements that it be a standing Order in future, in case an accident of any sort shall happen to any of the Company's ships an enquiry be made into it, if in Port immediately, if at sea, then on her first arrival, which enquiry shall be particularly entered on your Consultations for Our Information.

75. The Exportation of Flour being at this time generally prohibited, though with an exception in the Company's favour by an Act passed last Session of Parliament enclosed, it is very necessary that you should, and We enjoin your strictest obedience thereto, and that you do minutely inform yourselves in returning to Us Certificates in Triplicate for the satisfaction of the Officers of the Crown, and in Discharge of the security given on this occasion, according to the form herewith sent.

76. John Ashburner who had our Permission to proceed last season to the West Coast is appointed a Writer on the Fort Marlborough Establishment and he is accordingly to serve the Company for Five years in that Station from the time of your receiving this letter, you are to see that he executes the accompanying Covenants, which must be transmitted to Us upon the return of the Egmont.

LONDON,

8TH. FEBRUARY 1758.

WE ARE

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS

JOHN MANSHIP.
HEN^R. SAVAGE.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
JOHN DORRIEN.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
G. STEVENS.
HENRY PLANT.
HEN. HADLEY.
MAXIM^N. WESTERN.
JOHN RAYMOND.
CHA. GOUGH.
JOHN PAYNE.
LAU. SULLIVAN.
P. GODFREY.
I. RAYMOND.
M. IMPEY.
THO^S. PHIPPS.
CHRISTO. BURROW.
GEO. DUDLEY.
JAMES CREED.
ROB. JONES.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED MARCH 8, 1758.

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OUR PRESIDENT AND

COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

1. We writ to you by the Pitt, Rhoda, Tilbury Britannia, Winchelsea-Shaftesbury and Prince of Wales under date of the 23rd. of December. We sent you a short letter also by the Pitt of the 27th. January following a Duplicate and Triplicate whereof are forwarded to you by the two ships now under dispatch, We writ you another short letter by the said ships dated the 15th. February. Various and unexpected Incidents occurred which prevented the

said ships proceeding on their voyages so soon as we intended and hoped for, however they sailed at the times and from the places mentioned in the accompanying lists.

2. His Majesty having been most graciously pleased to order the Grafton Man of War of 70 and the Sunderland of 60 Guns to proceed to the East Indies to join the Squadron already there, they accordingly sailed with the Company's several ships under their convoy as mentioned in the said lists.

3. The ships Warren and London by which you will receive this letter are consigned to Bengal but are first to call at Fort St. George to land the Remainder part of His Majesty's Battalion, all their Treasure and some few consignments the particulars of which will appear by the Invoices and Bills of Lading.

4. The Treasure by these ships was intended all or the greater part of it for Bengal, but as it appears by the advices We very lately received from the President and Council at Fort William they had from the late very extraordinary Revolution such a Flow of Cash that they desired no more might be sent them, the whole therefore of the Treasure laden on both these ships comes consigned to you.

5. As soon as His Majesty's Troops are disembarked, the Treasure and the few consignments to you are delivered, you are to dispatch these ships to Bengal without loss of time.

6. The Edgecote in her late voyage from Mocha run aground in the Streights of Babelmandel, by which the ship and Cargo were much damaged, she afterwards refitted at Bombay where Enquiry should have been made into the Occasion of her running aground, and as some inconveniencies arise from that Omission. We think it proper to direct that it be a Standing Order at Fort St. George as well as at all Our other settlements, that in case an accident of any sort shall happen to any of the Company's ships, an Enquiry be made into it, if in Port immediately, if at sea, then on her first arrival, which Enquiry shall be particularly entered on your Consultations for Our Information.

7. In order to reduce the price of copper and put an End to the too good Understanding, We suspected among the Dealers therein and considering the large quantity you had on hand upon the coming away of your last advices We have lately decreased Our investment thereof by the shipping of this season.

8. We have met with some insinuations (which had they amounted to something more like proofs, We should have made a further Enquiry into) that it hath encouraged the officers of some of our ships to take on board that commodity unlicensed and for their own account, being determined to prevent such daring breaches of their Oath and Obligation, and to show Our highest resentment to those guilty of them, if you have any regard to Our future favour, you are on the arrival of the several ships to cause the strictest search and enquiry to be made for that commodity by every possible method, and in case of a discovery not only to seize the same but even grant Rewards to discover the proprietor and report impartially the Result of such Enquiry to us by the first ships. and you are hereby strictly enjoined to attend to and carry into Execution Our former Orders for the discovery of and seizure of all unlicensed Goods in general.

9. Should His Majesty's ships call at Madeira and carry our Coast and China ships with them (which considering the lateness of the season We hope will not be the Case) Our Correspondents at that Island are desired to send aboard the Company's ships to the Amount of One hundred and forty pipes of wine in the whole or such a proportion thereof as they can take in consigning the same to you, however although it is thus consigned you are to forward a large proportion thereof to Our President and Council of Bengal as far as a Moiety if it can be possibly spared.

10. We will suffer no Bullion imported at Fort St. George to be coined or sold elsewhere, it shall be coined in Our Mint only, and those who do not chuse to do this may carry or return the same to the place it came from, but as this Indulgence may be abused and under pretence of carrying it back may convey it to Our European or other Neighbours, We order that all such Bullion shall pay us a Duty or half $\frac{3}{4}$ cent when exported, and for the better knowing what Gold and Silver is brought into Fort St. George Our Sea Custom Master must certify to Our Mint Master the persons and Quantities imported, and tho' Bullion pays no Customs, still let the same be entered on Our Customs Books as regularly as Merchandize.

11. Mr. Edward Wharton having been permitted to send seven hundred and forty seven Ounces of Foreign Silver by the Walpole to Nathan Drake late a Writer in Bengal since deceased, has desired it may be secured and disposed of either by you or Our Servants at Fort William, if the said silver therefore should be at Fort St. George, you are to receive the same into the Company's Cash, and give a set of Certificates for the amount payable to Mr. Edward Wharton as Administrator to the said Nathan Drake.

12. We have signified to the President and Council at Fort William that if the situation of the Company's affairs should be such as to have detained Colonel Clive in Bengal until the Receipt of Our Letters to them by these ships, it is Our Pleasure and orders notwithstanding any former directions that he continue to be the Commander-in-Chief of all Our Forces there, that he be always of Council in which his Rank is to be next to the presiding President for the time being, and that he do preside at and be the Chief Member of their Select Committee, these Directions are to be in force so long as Colonel Clive's stay in Bengal shall be found necessary for the good of the Company.

13. As the very being of Our Settlements in Bengal will greatly depend upon Our forces being at all times under the Command of a capable and good officer, which it is with great pleasure We observe is the present Case with respect to Major Kilpatrick, and who we should be extremely glad could long fill that station, but as he has intimated to us his intentions of leaving India on account of his bad state of health, in case of a Vacancy therefore of the post of Major of Our Garrison at Fort William by his death or any other Event it is Our pleasure that Paul Philip Polier de Bottens Esq., Our Major at Fort St. George, who was originally on the Bengal Establishment have his option of succeeding to such vacant majorship, but if Major Polier rather chuses to stay at Fort St. George, then it is Our pleasure and Directions that Cap^t. John Calliaud at present likewise on your establishment do remove from thence and succeed to such vacant Majorship in Bengal. In case of a vacancy We have given directions to the President and Council at Fort William to send immediate notice thereof to you that one or other of those gentlemen may set out to take the command of Our Forces in Bengal accordingly without loss of time.

14. It has been represented to us that one Samuel Shepherd Fennings who went out from hence as a soldier in our service for Fort St. George in the year 1745 by the name of Samuel Fenyns and appears to have belonged to Cap^t. Maskelyne's Company at Fort St. David in August 1755 being of a family of character and a considerable fortune to the amount of about Four thousand pounds having devolved to him, his Friends desire he may be discharged from the Company's service and come to England, you are therefore to make an enquiry after the said Fennings, give him a discharge from Our service and liberty to return on any one of our ships, if he has received any Bounty for relisting, you are either to receive back from him so much thereof as shall appear reasonable, or if he cannot discharge it, acquaint us with the amount, his friends having given bond to discharge the same here.

15. Henry Crabb Boulton Esq^r. has acquainted us that Henry Harling[s] who went out surgeon of the Delawar and was discharged at Fort St. George has drawn several Bills on him for some Hundred pounds. although M^r. Boulton has no money or effects in his hands of the said Harlings, has no connections with and hardly any knowledge of him, as people in India may be exposed to great impositions by such practices, and a man of this character is very undeserving of Our protection, you are hereby directed to send him to England by one of the first conveyances, and if he should be removed to any of Our other Presidencies you are to signify this Our Order to the Governour and Council of such settlement where he shall be resident that he may be immediately sent home from thence.

16. We have given M^r. Samuel Talcott leave to reside in India under Free Merchants Covenants, and he accordingly took his passage on the Pitt it has been since suggested to us that he is determined to go and settle in China, which if he should do without your leave he forfeits his Covenants, being determined that no person shall settle in China without Our express leave, as knowing how injurious it may be to the Company, you are therefore to prevent the said Talcot's going thither to reside, and if he should be gone, you are to advise our supra Cargos thereof and acquaint them it is Our pleasure that they send him home from thence.

17. In the 140th. Paragraph of your General Letter of the 21st. November 1756 you take notice of a difficulty in making Deposits into your cash pursuant to orders from the Mayors Court by reason it some time happens four or five days may elapse between the order of the Mayor's Court and the meeting of a Board during which time the money must remain in the hands of the Register at the Risque of the Court.

18. The establishment of the office of Accountant-General was calculated to avoid every possibility of risque to the suitors by depositing their money or effects pursuant to the orders of the Mayor's Court, it was never intended that the Register of the Mayor's Court or any other officer should have the custody of either, though for ever so short a time, and if the instructions We have already given upon this head are any way defective the difficulty may be obviated by pursuing the following method viz^t., When an order is made for paying any money or depositing any effects into Our Treasury the suitor, whose duty it is to make such deposit should either forthwith or within the time limited by the Court carry such order to the Accountant-General who is immediately to give a Certificate directed to the Governour and Council for them to receive such deposit pursuant to the order (specifying the order in the body of the certificate) If the Board is sitting the Deposit to be received and a Receipt given for it, and immediately filed with the Accountant-General, and if it should happen that no Board should be sitting when the Deposit is to be made, in such case let it be made with the Governour, and his Receipt taken for it, and at the next Consultation let the Governour and also the Accountant-General each of them lay before the Board an account in writing of all Deposits made since the last meeting of the Board, and the account of such Deposits entered among the consultations of the Board at that Meeting.

19. The Governour and Council of Bengal having on the 6th. August 1756 when they were at Fulda granted Certificates for the sum of Twenty two thousand Arcot Rupees said to be paid into Our Treasury there for Bills of Exchange on the 6th. June preceding, on the authority only of M^r. Billers the Sub-Treasurer's attestation that such a sum had been so paid in, a Copy of which attestation or certificate of M^r. Billers is mentioned in their Consultations on the said 6th. of August to have been forwarded to you, there being some Circumstances in this Transaction which appear very extraordinary We have forbid payment of that sum until they are cleared up, and in order thereto,

it is very material for us to be informed of the Tenour of Mr. Biller's attestation or certificate, you are to send us that copy therefore which was transmitted to you, or at least an authenticated copy thereof by the first Conveyance.

20. We have thought proper to comply with the repeated requests of the Governour and Council of Bengal for taking off the prohibition that confined the Trade from thence to the Choromandel Coast to Madras only. We do accordingly hereby order the said prohibition to be taken off, and you are to take notice that our servants in Bengal shall in future be under no other restrictions with respect to trade than those of any other of Our Presidencies.

21. We now send for your Information and guidance copies of our General Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Marlborough by the Egmont dated the 8th. February 1758, all the Orders and Directions in which so far as they have any relation to your conduct for the support, Assistance and general Welfare of our settlements upon the West Coast are to be as punctually observed and obeyed as if they were particularly addressed to you, referring you therefore to that Letter We have little to add on this head to what We said by the Hardwicke.

22. We recommend it to you in the strongest manner to facilitate as much as lyes in your power the mutual intercourse between Our West Coast settlements and the presidencies of Bengal and Bombay that they may be assisted by those Presidencies in their various exigencies in the manner pointed out in the said letter.

23. It was intimated to you in our letter by the Hardwicke that We had it in our Thoughts order one of our Bombay Cruizers annually to the West Coast for the protection of our trade and settlements there, We are now satisfied it will be a very proper and useful measure, and shall accordingly recommend it to our President and Council of Bombay to put it if they possibly can into practice.

24. For the reasons given in our said letter by the Egmont, you will observe we have altered our settlements with respect to the settlements of Nattall and Tappanouly and have directed our servants on the West Coast to keep possession of them at as moderate an expence as possible until they have our further orders.

25. You are to attend very particularly to that part of our said letter which regards the injurious treatment the Company as well as our servants upon the West Coast meet with from the Dutch, and you are to interpose, assist and relieve them whenever there shall be a necessity for it, and make the strongest representations and applications to the Government of Batavia for redress whenever there shall be occasion for them.

26. On the 11th. February which was after our dispatching the Egmont and since writing the beforegoing, We received a letter by the way of Persia from the Council at Fort Marlborough dated the 2nd. June last wherein they represent the extreme Distress of our settlements there for the necessaries of life as well as all manner of other supplies and the bad consequences they are apprehensive of from their Forlorn and destitute situation, it grieves us to find those settlements so totally neglected by you, and We demand your reasons for your not supplying and assisting our said settlements upon the pressing and repeated applications of our servants there and you may depend upon it that if they do not appear thoroughly satisfactory you shall feel the weight of our resentment, and it is our express commands that in future you take all opportunities of relieving, supplying and assisting them to the utmost of your power.

27. Besides the Cadets advised in our letters of the 11th November and the 23rd. December last, we have appointed Alexander Smith, James Morgan and Edward Ironside Cadets on your establishment who are also to be preferred in turn according to their behaviour.

28. Mr. Manningham being sent from the Governour and Council in Bengal to you on affairs of great importance, after the late unhappy calamity, his speedy return was of the utmost consequence, however We find some person at Fort St. George without regard to the general good of the company in so extraordinary a situation, arrested him on account of some private transactions, and thereby prevented his return. We cannot but highly resent such a proceeding on so particular an occasion and we therefore direct that you do in your next advices point out to us the person who has thus set our interest at nought, and the circumstances of the case for our information and orders thereon.

29. Having heard by the late Dispatches from Bengal that Capt. D'Flens is dead who commanded the first Company of Artillery on the Fort St. George Establishment, we take it for granted Capt. Brohier of the second Company has succeeded on course to that Command, his services merit our regard. We, therefore, give this intimation to prevent his being superseded.

30. James Lawrell who you were informed in our letter of the 11th. November last to have been chosen a Writer for Fort St. George; we have since thought proper to fix upon the Bengal Establishment, you are therefore to strike his name out of your list.

31. In our General Letters of the 11th. November and 23rd. December last, We acquainted you that the matter of captures was under the consideration of the most eminent Lawyers, and finding in the course of our Consultations with them that they were not satisfied whether the several Charters formerly granted to the Company were sufficiently explicit to answer all our purposes, and they recommending it to us rather to endeavour to obtain such a Grant as might remove all Doubts, we accordingly made our application to His Majesty who by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain bearing date the 14th. January last has been graciously pleased to grant to the Company for their own use (under the exceptions therein mentioned) all such plunder and Booty &c. as our land or sea forces may take from our enemies by sea or land and likewise such territories &c. as we may acquire by Treaty, Grant or Conquest, we sent you by the Pitt, one of the Grants under the Great Seal, and copies thereof come by these ships, to which for your fuller information you are referred.

32. You will observe that the Company in virtue of the said Grant are entitled to the whole of the plunder and Booty which shall be taken in wars, Hostilities or Expeditions by the Company's own land or sea forces, but as we are willing to give all reasonable encouragement to our said forces We do agree and accordingly direct that the plunder or Booty so taken be divided into two parts, one Moiety or Part whereof is to be given among the Captors and the other part or Moiety is to be carried to the Credit of the Company excepting in Land Operations you are to observe that Cannon, Ammunition and Military Stores of all kinds are not to come into the Division but are to belong entirely to the Company, but if any ships shall be taken the value of the ship, Cargo, Ammunition, Stores and everything belonging thereto are to be equally divided between the Company and the Captors as before directed, as to the manner of dividing the moiety allotted for the captors and the proportions of each and every person concerned according to their several Ranks and Stations in the service. We must leave it to your discretion to act therein in such a manner as shall appear to you upon the whole to be most reasonable and equitable, sending us an account in every instance, how and in what manner you distribute the same distinguishing therein how much to each Commission and Warrant Officer and how much a piece to each private man (and as you will probably have divided the plunder which was taken upon the late Expedition to Bengal under the agreement which you previously entered into with the King's forces, whereby one moiety was to belong to the Captors, we desire you will send us a particular account how the proportion which belonged to Our Forces was distributed, and that you

will also procure and send to us the account in what manner the King's Forces distributed among themselves the proportion which belonged to them.)

33. By the said Grant all plunder or Booty taken in War, Hostilities or Expeditions where any of His Majesty's Forces by Land or sea shall be appointed and commanded to act in conjunction with the ships and Forces of the Company is reserved for distribution in such manner and proportions as the King shall think fit, in consequence all such plunder or Booty or the produce thereof must be kept entire, previous therefore to any Expeditions you are to make an agreement with His Majesty's Officers that the same be delivered into your possession or the produce thereof, giving us an exact account of the same that we may make the necessary applications to His Majesty for the Division thereof, presuming that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant one half of such plunder or Booty to the Company as he has done by Letters Patent of the 19th. of September last in consequence of the Agreement made between you and the King's Forces in the Expedition against the then Nabob of Bengal and that the other half will be set apart for the use of the Captors, in order to facilitate our Application, therefore for obtaining such a Grant or Grants it will be necessary for you previous to all and any Expeditions to make a particular Agreement as you did in the beforementioned case with His Majesty's Officers that one moiety of all plunder and Booty taken where the King's and Company's Forces act jointly as aforesaid be set apart or reserved for the Company and the other Moiety for the use of the Captors, and it will be necessary also that you make particular Agreements in what manner and in what proportions the Captor's Moiety is to be divided among the King's and Company's Forces in which the plan We presume you proceeded upon in the before mentioned Agreement with His Majesty's Officers may be your Guide, unless a better and more equitable one can be substituted in its room, as we shall give the like instructions to our other Presidencies you must send as soon as possible copies of your said Agreement for dividing the Captor's Moiety among the King's and Company's Officers for their Information and Guidance.

34. In the case of the Capture of the French ship called the Le Indian by Commodore James we must suppose that if she was brought to Fort St. George you have secured the ship and cargo or the produce thereof, but as on the supposition of her being French Property the same cannot be divided before she has been legally condemned in the High Court of Admiralty here, you must cause the necessary Depositions to be taken of the people belonging to the Le Indian to prove her to be French property, which together with the Original Books and papers belonging to the ship must be transmitted to the Court of Admiralty and some of the people of the said ship whose Evidence may be strongest to prove it French Property must be sent also to give Evidence for the same purpose as this ship was taken by the Company's Forces only we presume the King will grant the whole of the Capture to the Company, in which case it is our intention that one moiety shall be set apart for the use of the Company and the other moiety be divided among the Captors, but We shall give more particular Directions where such a grant is obtained and you are positively directed not to make any division without our express directions.

35. On the 14th. of last month We received by the Diligent Schooner from Bengal the most agreeable news of the late extraordinary revolution in Bengal, which has proved so advantageous to the Company as to exceed the most sanguine expectations at the same time however We are informed by letters from Mr. Percival of the Capture of Vizagapatam and the rest of the Northern Settlement on your coast by the French, this is a great allay to our joy, but We are not without hopes that with your Care and attention in laying hold of all favourable circumstances which may offer, we shall again be in possession of them.

36. On the 16th. of last Month the Walpole arrived at Cork in Ireland and on the 27th. the purser brought to us your packets in which were the following letters viz^t.—

From yourselves of the 6th. June and 30th. July 1757, and Mr. Call of the 25th. June 1757, addressed to us, and

From your Select Committee of the 6th. June and 30th. July 1757. The President of the 1st. August 1757.

Col. Lawrence of the 7th. July 1757 and

From Cap^t. Brohier of the 14th. March 1757, severally addressed to our Select Committee.

37. These ships the Warren and London being so near the time of their dispatch, we must defer our observations on the contents of those Letters to the next opportunity, which will be shortly by the ships hereafter mentioned.

38. The Diligent Schooner arrived at Limerick in Ireland and it would have been extremely convenient to have returned her from thence to India directly, but We were defeated in Our design by the President and Council of Fort William permitting the Commander to take on board a Private adventure, as all vessels on which goods are laden for England must by Law import here, it leads us therefore to lay down this as a standing Rule, That you are not to allow or suffer any goods for trade to be shipped on any small vessel dispatched to us with a View only of bringing Advices.

39. The flowing Cash in Bengal in consequence of the late happy Revolution will enable the President and Council to supply you plentifully as well for your Investments and Expences as for your sending some Treasure next season to Canton on the Company's account where it will prove of great service, We have given Our Orders accordingly to the President and Council there, and it must be your Business to remind and press their being observed.

40. In consideration of the eminent and repeated services Colonel Robert Clive has rendered to this Company, and in particular for the share he had in bringing about the late glorious and advantageous Revolution in Bengal, We have appointed him sole President and Governour of Fort William in case it shall suit his Health and Convenience to continue in India, and he is accordingly empowered and directed in concert with the several Gentlemen mentioned in Our Letter to you of the 11th. November last who are to be of Council in the Order they are named to govern and manage all the Company's Affairs at Fort William in Bengal and its Dependencies, with as full power and authority as the Governour and Council of Bengal have been usually invested with.

41. Colonel Clive as Governour is on course to be added to the Select Committee mentioned in Our said Letter of the 11th. November of which he is to be the Chief and constant presiding member.

42. In case Colonel Clive shall be desirous of returning to England and accordingly leaves India or of his Decease, then the Rotation of the four Gentlemen who are to preside alternately as President and Governour and in the Select Committee is immediately to take place in the manner mentioned in Our said General Letter of the 11th. November.

43. By this appointment of Colonel Clive to the Government of Fort William the Station of Second in Council of Our Presidency of Fort St. George will be vacant, We have therefore appointed and do hereby order and direct that Mr. Robert Orme, be Second in Council of Our Presidency of Fort St. George, and that in case of the Death or coming away of Our Governour Mr. Pigot he is to be succeeded as Governour and President of Fort St. George by the said Mr. Robert Orme.

44. Our Servants in Bengal having very pressingly wrote for Men and Stores We have in some degree to answer their Demands determined to consign two ships more to them, viz^t. The Prince George Cap^t. Lorenzo Collins

and the Bombay Castle Cap^t. Richard Doveton having for this purpose altered their stations from Bombay for the Coast and Bay they are accordingly getting ready with all possible Expedition.

45. In view of the said two Ships We have taken up and stationed for Bombay the Eastcourt Cap^t. Arthur Evans and the Stretham Cap^t. Charles Mason Burthen 499 Tons each.

LONDON,
8TH. MARCH 1758.

WE ARE
Your Loving Friends

JOHN PAYNE.
I. RAYMOND.
CHRIST^O. BURROW.
M. IMPEY.
JOHN MANSHIP.
JOHN RAYMOND.
ROB. JONES.
JOHN DORRIEN.
G. STEEVENS.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
JOHN BROWNE.
M. WESTERN.
HEN. HADLEY.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
CHA. GOUGH.
THO^S. SAUNDERS.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED FEBRUARY 15, 1758.

(*Public Despatches from England, Volume 61, Pages 115-116.*)

OUR PRESIDENT AND
COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Yesterday we received from our Presidency in Bengal advices by the Diligent Schooner (sent Express) of a most extraordinary and unexpected Revolution in Our Affairs there which we shall not here take any further notice of than as it respects the Destination of the Treasure for this Years Export.

As it appears therefore from the said advices that the Governour and Council at Fort William had such a Flow of Cash from the late extraordinary Revolution that they desired none might be sent them from you or Bombay, nay, even there is no reason to doubt but that they will supply you with whatever you may want, and in consequence the large remittance which went by the ships of last season both for the Coast and Bay will all or the greatest part of it remain with you, and be more than sufficient for your Expences and Investment, We have therefore thought proper to make the following Alterations in the disposition of the Treasure this season.

The ships Rhoda, Tilbury, Britannia, Winchelsea, Shaftesbury and Prince of Wales having on board each of them Five Chests of Silver amounting together to thirty Chests which are consigned to you, it is our Orders and Directions that the whole be continued on board for our service in China, and you are accordingly to consign the same to our Supra Cargos at Canton and advise them of these Our Directions.

The Pitt being at present Wind-bound in the Downes We have ordered the Commander to proceed with the first fair Wind to Portsmouth and deliver to Our Agent there the Thirty five Chests of Silver, We had consigned to Our Supra Cargos in China in order to supply the same, you are hereby directed to lade on the said ship out of the Treasure in your Possession the full quantity and value of Thirty five Chests of Silver and consign the same in like manner to our Supra Cargos in Canton.

It will be a most acceptable Piece of Service if you can send by the China Ships even to a more considerable amount in Treasure to Our said Supra Cargos on the Company's Account, and in order that you may be in some degree able to form a Judgment to what Extent you may go. We are to inform you that besides the Gold in the Pitt which is consigned to you in value about Thirty thousand pounds. We shall send to you likewise in Gold on the Ships Warren and London to the amount of seventy thousand pounds together. These supplies with what is mentioned in the preceding part of this Letter We apprehend will be fully sufficient for your Investment and Expences.

LONDON
THE 15TH. FEBRUARY 1758.

WE ARE
YOUR LOVING FRIENDS

JOHN PAYNE.
P. GODFREY.
MICHL. IMPEY.
G. STEEVENS.
CHA: GOUGH.
M. WESTERN.
HEN. HADLEY.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
JOHN DORRIEN.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
THO^S. ROUS.
HENRY SAVAGE.
THO^S. PHIPPS.
JAMES CREED.
CHRISTO. BURROW.
JOHN RAYMOND.
JOHN MANSHIP.

LETTER TO THE HON'BLE ROBERT CLIVE DATED MARCH 8, 1758.

[*Public Despatches from England, Vol. 61, page 117.*]

SIR

Our Sentiments of Gratitude for the many great Services you have rendered to this Company together with the Thanks of the General Court have been hitherto conveyed through the channel of our General Letters, but the late extraordinary and unexpected Revolution in Bengal in which you had so great a share of action both in the Cabinet and the Field merits our more particular Regard, and we do accordingly embrace this opportunity of returning you our most sincere and hearty thanks for the zeal good conduct and intrepidity which you have so eminently exerted on this Glorious Occasion as well as for the great and solid advantages resulting therefrom to the East India Company.

We earnestly wish your health may permit your continuance in India for such a further Term as will give you an opportunity of Securing the Foundation you have laid as likewise to give your assistance in putting the Company's Mercantile and Civil affairs on a proper and advantageous footing upon the plans now transmitted.

For this purpose, as well as in consideration of your eminent services we have appointed you Governor and President of Fort William in Bengal and

its Dependancies, in the manner mentioned in the General Letter by this Conveyance to which we have annexed an additional allowance of One Thousand Pounds a year as a Testimony of Our Great Regard for you,

LONDON

8TH MARCH 1758.

WE ARE

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS

JOHN DORRIEN.
G. STEEVENS.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
JOHN BROWNE.
M. WESTERN.
HEN. HADLEY.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
CHA: GOUGH.
THO^S. SAUNDERS.
JOHN PAYNE.
LAU SULIVAN.
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JOHN MANSHIP.
THO^S. PHIPPS.
JOHN RAYMOND.
ROB. JONES.

THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE Esq^r.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED MARCH 23, 1758.

[*Public Despatches from England, Vol. 61, pages 118 to 120.*]

OUR PRESIDENT AND

COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

1. Since signing our Letter of the 8th. Instant a Quarterly General Court of the Proprietors of the East India Company hath been held when they came to the following Resolution Viz^t.—

At a General Court of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies held at their House in Leadenhall Street on Wednesday the 15th. March 1758.

RESOLVED That the appointed Rotation of Four Governours of Bengal as successors to Colonel Clive be immediately abolished, and that each of the Company's Principal Settlements continue to be as heretofore Governed and directed by a President and Council.

2. In Pursuance of which Resolution we have by our Letters to Bengal by these ships abolished and Anulled the said Rotation of Four Persons who were appointed to succeed alternately as noticed to you in our Letters of the 11th. November last and the 8th Instant, by the Latter of which you will observe the said Rotation was to take place on the Death or absence of Colonel Robert Clive whom we then appointed to be the Sole President and Governour of Fort William, which appointment we have confirmed, and for the more effectual carrying into Execution the said recited Order or Resolution of the General Court, We have Ordained, Constituted and appointed the following named Persons to be in Conjunction with Colonel Clive of Council for Ordering, Governing and managing all the Company's affairs at Fort William in Bengal and all its dependent Places and Settlements with as full Power and Authority as the Presidents and Councils in Bengal have been usually Invested with Viz^t.—

William Watts Esq^r. Second in Council next after our said President Robert Clive Esq^r.

James Kilpatrick Esq^r. as Major and Third of Council and to remain so without rising to a Superior Rank therein.

Charles Manningham Esqr.—Fourth.
Richard Becher Esqr.—Fifth.
John Zephaniah Holwell Esqr.—Sixth.
Mr. Paul Richard Pearkes—Seventh.
Mr. William Frankland—Eighth.
Mr. Matthew Collet—Ninth.
Mr. William Mackett—Tenth.
Mr. Peter Amyatt—Eleventh.
Mr. Thomas Boddam—Twelfth.
Mr. Richard Court—Thirteenth.

3. In case of the Death or abesnce of Colonel Robert Clive we have directed that Charles Manningham Esqr. do succeed as President and Governor of Fort William in case of the death or absence of Those two Gentlemen, John Zephaniah Holwell Esqr., is to succeed and in case of the Death or absence of the said Three Gentlemen Richard Becher Esqr., is to succeed.

4. Colonel Clive as President or the President for the time being is in course to be of the Select Committee as appointed by our Letters to Bengal and mentioned in our Letters to you of the 11th. November last and the 8th. Instant of which he is to be the Chief and Constant Presiding Member and we have directed in case of a vacancy or vacancys happening therein by Death or absence of any Members thereof they are to be filled up by such Person or Persons as the President for the time being and the rest of the Select Committee shall think fit.

LONDON

23^d. MARCH 1758.

WE ARE

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS.

JOHN PAYNE.
CHRISTO. BURROW.
I. RAYMOND.
M. IMPEY.
THO^s. SAUNDERS.
CHRISTO BURROW.
MAXIMⁿ. WESTERN.
JOHN DORRIEN.
G. STEEVENS.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
HEN. HADLEY.
JOHN BROWN.
JOHN RAYMOND.
ROB. JONES.
JAMES CREED.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT S^t. GEORGE, DATED MAY 12, 1758.

[*Public Despatches from England, Vol. 61, pages 121 to 128.*]

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL
AT FORT S^t. GEORGE.

1. In our letter by the ships Warren and London of the 8th. of March we advised you of the arrival of the Walpole and of the Receipt of the several Packets and Letters you sent by her, upon which for want of time we cannot make any remarks in this Letter.

2. The Secret Committee observing how great a share of Business has fallen under the management of your Select Committee, have laid before us the Directions they sent thereupon in their Letter of the 11th. of November which We entirely approve of, and we are the more confirmed in the propriety of them upon observing the Bulk and Number of the Books and papers received by the Walpole containing their Transactions and Proceedings.

3. We are to inform you therefore as Our President and Council, that the affairs which have fallen under the management of the Select Committee are too many and gradually encreasing its Power in general is more extensive than was originally intended, and indeed the diverting the Current of Business from the General Council besides many other inconveniencys multiplies Books and Papers, and renders it extreemly difficult to turn to and connect many Transactions, but what is of great moment the Select Committees corresponding with the Secret Committee upon many affairs which ought not and were not designed to be concealed is improper and in fact that Committee generally lays before Us such Correspondence, to remedy all which for the future and in order to regulate your Proceedings, You and the Select Committee are to observe that the principal Objects of the Select Committees Business are to be the transacting and negotiating matters with the European Powers so far as Secrecy is absolutely necessary and not otherwise, also the concerting the necessary Planns and Measures for Military Operations to be laid before you the President and Council for your Determination and ordering them to be carried into execution if approved of, that Committee will easily judge of such whereof the nature and circumstances require Secrecy, and that they should not be immediately made Publick, in such they are to use their Discretion and reserve as a part of their province as a Select Committee and Correspond with Our Secret Committee accordingly thereupon, in general nothing is to be concealed from the President and Council but what in its nature and circumstances ought to be really Secret, and might be prejudicial to the Company if discovered for a time at least, in consequence whatever matters and Transactions are not of a Secret Nature must stand upon your Consultations and be advised to us in your General Letters and the rest must be communicated by the Select Committee to Our Secret Committee; altho' the Nabob's Debt cannot be kept a Secret and the reducing it as much as possible must be the Business and care of the Governour and Council, yet all animadversions and Remarks thereon will be better to be confined between the Select Committee and Our Secret Committee we mean such as may be prejudicial to the Credit of the Company if discovered, That then the oeconomy and Military Expenses of the Army, the Fortications and many other matters will be kept in their proper channel and the inconveniencys we have mentioned remedied, Similar Directions are given to Our Presidencys of Bombay and Fort William.

4. Our Secret Committee for the present Direction consists of the following Gentlemen Laurence Sullivan Esqr. the present Chairman of the Court, Roger Drake Esqr. Deputy, Christopher Burrow, Nathaniel Newnham Junr. and Henry Plant Esquires. Three of whom being a Quorum the Orders and Directions [they] shall think proper to send from time to time must [be duly] attended to and obeyed by whomsoever they are [addressed].

5. In our Letter of the 8th. of March we Dir[ected that Mr]. Robert Orme should be Second in Council of our presiden[cy of Fort] St. George, and in case of the Death or coming away of [Mr. Pigot] he is to be succeeded as Governour and President of Fort St. George by Mr. Orme, We have since then reflected that it will be extreemly necessary for Mr. Orme to be constantly resident at Fort St. George, where by his abilitys he may be of much more service [to] the Company than by removing to Fort St. David, it is therefore [our] Pleasure and Orders that he do continue at Fort St. George.

6. As Mr. Orme is thus to continue at Fort St. George you are to appoint some other member of your Council to be Deputy Governour of Fort St. David, and as you must be the best Judges of the fittest Person for that Station, We shall leave it to you to fix upon such an one on whose abilities and qualifications for [such] important a . . . you can most depend.

7. You [are] also to appoint one other of Our Covenant Servants to be Second of Fort St. David on whose abilities and Qualifications you can likewise depend, but We do not confine you [to] the Rule laid down in Our

General Letter of the 19th. December 175—by which the Station of Second at Fort St. David was always [to] be filled up by one of your Council but leave it to your discretion to appoint one of the Fort St. George Council or any other Covenant Servants thereto, who may be equal to the Station.

8. It is necessary to inform you that since our . . . the 23rd. of March last after many Debates the majority . . . did on the 11th. of April make the following appointment:—

Colonel Robert Clive President and Governour.

William Watts Esq^r.—Second.

Major James Kilpatrick Third and to remain so without rising to a superior Rank therein.

Charles Manningham Esq^r.—Fourth.

Mr. Richard Becher—Fifth.

Mr. Paul Richard Pearkes—Sixth.

Mr. William Frankland—Seventh.

Mr. Matthew Collett—Eighth.

Mr. John Zephaniah Holwell—Ninth.

Mr. William Mackett—Tenth.

Mr. Peter Amyatt—Eleventh.

Mr. Thomas Boddam—Twelfth.

Mr. Richard Court—Thirteenth.

9. In case of the Death or absence of Colonel Clive Mr. Watts succeeds to the Chair as President and Governour and in case of the Death or absence of Mr. Watts then Mr. Manningham succeeds to the Chair.

10. The Select Committee at Fort William consists of Five Persons namely President Clive, Mr. Watts, Major Kilpatrick or the Major for the time being, Mr. Manningham and Mr. Becher and in case of a Vacancy or Vacancies therein by Death or Absence of any member or members thereof they are to be filled up by such person or Persons as the President for the time being and the rest of the Select Committee shall think fit.

11. Upon a Perusal of the Accounts we have received from Mr. Perceval our late Chief of Vizagapatam and Captain Brohier who was there when that place was invested by the French we can see no reason to find fault with the Conduct of Mr. Perceval in Surrendering it, as it could not be maintained against such a Superior Force, his Saving the Company's Effects Books and Papers was a good Service and seems to be all that could be done on the occasion, as by this misfortune, Mr. Perceval, besides the disappointment of enjoying that Chiefship has been a considerable Sufferer and as We have a good opinion of his Capacity and Experience, We recommend it to you to appoint him to some Station where he may be of use to the Company as well as advantageous to himself.

12. We must here observe that as it is natural to suppose attacks will be made upon Our Settlements during the continuance of the War, we shall expect that Our Chiefs and other Servants at such Settlements, will exert themselves in making a proper Defence when attacked and do not Surrender unless there is an absolute necessity for it.

13. The Loss of the Northern Settlements is of so great Importance to the Company that we shall depend upon your having done and continuing to do everything in your power for their Recovery, according to the best of your ability and Circumstances, and whenever there are any reasonable hopes of succeeding.

14. Since what we writ to you in the 34th. Paragraph of our General Letter of the 8th. of March, with respect to the Capture of the French Ship called L'Indian we have received by the Walpole a Letter from Captain James containing a very full detail of the whole affair and his Proceedings thereon, also the Depositions of Two of the Lieutenants taken before Governour Pigot, Mr. Powney, Mr. Orme and Mr. Smith, in the Capacity of His Majesty's

Justices of Peace for the Town of Madrass to prove that the said Ship L' Indian with her Cargo was at the time of her being Surrendered to Captain James the Property of the East India Company of France, We have laid the whole before Council for their opinion in what manner we are to proceed, but as none of the said Ships Books and Papers have been transmitted to England or any Persons belonging to the Ship sent to prove before the Court of Admiralty her being French Property, It is doubtful whether the said Depositions only will be sufficient to procure a Condemnation, If therefore it lies in your power to cause the Original Books and papers to be transmitted to Us or send any persons belonging to the Ship for the purpose aforesaid, you are to do it by the first Conveyance, also authenticated Copys by another Conveyance, keeping the like also by you, in the mean time if the Ship and Cargo or the produce thereof should be in your hands, you are to secure the same and make no Division thereof until you have our further directions agreeable to Our said General Letter of the 8th. March.

15. In order to Guard as much as lies in Our Power against those striking Calamities that have befall us in the Captures of Our Settlements of Madrass and Bengal, we have appointed a Succession of Capable Officers to the Chief Command of Our Military, still as these must be governed by the Civil Branch, we cannot deem Our Settlements in that state of Security, as they must be if the Military Powers could operate without such Controul in times of danger, We therefore having with great attention well weighed this important Subject, do now lay down the following Rules to all Our Presidencies and which your Our Governour and Council must strictly adhere to.

16. That whensoever it shall be your misfortune to have the Settlement attacked by any Enemy whatever; the Powers of the Governour and Council are so far as respects its Defence then to be Suspended, and the Sole Authority shall be vested in Our President, Colonel Laurence, the Major, the Engineer for the time being and the next most capable military Officer to be appointed by the said Persons, and should there happen, in chusing such Officer, to be an equality of Voices in which case the Governour and Council are to appoint the Person, and these are to be the Military Government in this Exigency, and whoever is defectivè in his Duty must be tryed by a General Court Martial, and We lay it down to you as a Standing Rule, that no Fortification be given up without a Breach made and Standing One Assault unless you are in want of Ammunition and Provisions. This Military Authority is to Exist no longer than whilst the Enemy is before the place and the Settlement in Danger, but when it's restored to a State of Safety this Military Government is then immediately to be dissolved, the President and Council are to reassume their own Powers and Our Affairs are to be conducted by the same authority as now exists, but should it ever be your misfortune to be reduced to Extremities, and the said Military Power under the necessity of Compromising with the Enemy, We direct, that such Treaty or Agreement be considered and digested by Our Governour and Council and it must receive their approbation.

17. We have already laid down some directions respecting the Powder and Ammunition and the Surveying of Our Military Stores, that they are always good and sufficient, but We now judge it necessary to place this important Trust with a Committee, who are accordingly every three Months or oftener if you judge it necessary to examine and Survey Our Magazines, the Fortifications, Ramparts, Guns, Carriages, Platforms, Arms, Granary in short to take under their Consideration and Inspection even the most minute articles, and constantly to remark to the Board all Defects and Deficiencies, it being Our Meaning and Intention, that Our Settlement should be kept in all respects in a State of Defence, and provided with Ammunition and Provision, We will therefore have no Quantities of Ammunition (particularly Powder) or Military Stores sent from your Garrison to other places without a Report first made to you by this Committee, assigning Reasons for their approval or disapproval, the whole of their Transactions are to be Entered on

your Consultations, but for our Observation let them be transmitted to Us separately, and we appoint Colonel Lawrence and the Major and Engineer for the time being to be this Committee.

18. As we would have equal care taken of Fort St. David we shall leave it to you to consider of Similar Plans for the Defence of that important Place, and you are to give the necessary Orders accordingly.

LONDON
12TH. MAY 1758.

WE ARE
YOUR LOVING FRIENDS

LAU SULIVAN.
R. DRAKE.
N. NEWNHAM JUN^R.
CHRISTO BURROW.
HENRY PLANT.
CHA. CUTTS.
G. ROOKE.
H^R. CRABB BOULTON.
HENRY SAVAGE.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
JOHN HARRISON.
HEN. HADLEY.
FRED^R. PIGOU.
JOHN RAYMOND.
JOHN BROWNE.
JOHN MANSHIP.
JOHN DORRIEN.
G. STEEVENS.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED JULY 5, 1758

[*Public Despatches from England, Volume 61, pages 129 to 143.*]

OUR PRESIDENT AND
COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

The Prince Henry Packet arrived at Kinsale in Ireland on the 14th. of May from whence Captain Reynolds immediately sent us the several Packets he was entrusted with in which among others We received your General Letter of the 15th. of November 1757, also Three Letters from your Select Committee to our Secret Committee, under dates of the 13th. and 20th. of October, and 10th. November and a Letter from President Pigot to the Secret Committee dated the 19th. of the last named Month, Mr. Call's Letter of the 30th. of October relative to the Fortifications is likewise received.

2. In our Letters of the 8th. of March and 12th. of May, we mentioned the Receipt of your several advices by the Walpole and acquainted you that we could not then find to remark upon them; The late departure of the ships Eastcourt and Stretham gives us this opportunity of writing by the way of Bombay, what follows therefore are our Sentiments and Observations together with some Directions resulting from a Perusal of your several advices both by the Walpole and Prince Henry. We mean not only your General advices, but agreeable to the Plan laid down in our Letter of the 12th. of May, Those from the Select Committee also; We begin with your General advices, first promising that as we have been very full in our several Letters to you of this Season, we shall have the less occasion to enlarge in this.

3. It is with much concern we observe the ships Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock and Princess Augusta were so late as the 6th. of September, before they imported at Fort St. George and were consequently too late to gain their Passage to Canton, the Measures taken for the Security of those ships and their Cargos upon the arrival of the French squadron at Pondicherry meets with our approbation and we make no doubt of a continuance of your care and vigilance for the Safety as well as Those as the Company's Shipping in general.

4. Nothing but real necessity arising from unforeseen Events can Justify your altering the Destination of our shipping and you are never to take a Liberty of this kind but in such cases only; We do not mean by this to find fault with you for appointing the Princess Augusta and Norfolk two of the said China ship to be partly laden at Fort St. George and fill up with Pepper on the West Coast, and then proceed home, on the contrary considering all circumstances We think you have judged properly, and upon the whole acted for the best, as it is to be presumed the Coast and Bay Ships will have arrived time enough for your sending two of them to China in the room of the Princess Augusta and Norfolk. We must here remark that the China Trade is of so great importance to the Company, that so far from not having the full number of ships designed by us to be employed therein sent thither with the whole amount of their respective Invoices we shall expect you do agreeable to our former intimations encourage that Trade as much as possible, by sending such ships thither which cannot otherways be employed and remitting to our Supra Cargos such part of your surplus stock from time to time as can be safely conveyed thither.

5. From the manner of your Expression we apprehend you fixed upon the ships to be sent home by Lott, if that was the case we approve it as being the best method to prevent complaints of Partiality which must always be avoided.

6. As the Tavistock was found on a Survey to be unfit to proceed to England, you did very right in Protesting against her.

7. It is with concern we find you had not dispatched the Princess Augusta and Norfolk when the Prince Henry came away so late as the 21st. day of November. We have often mentioned the danger ships are exposed to by laying in your Road at that hazardous Season and exhorted you to get them away earlier; you mention indeed that the detention of those ships had been unavoidably prolonged, and the West Coast Consignments were not all on board, but why they were not does not appear we shall therefore expect more particular reasons for this dangerous Detention. we do assure you that if any accident should happen you will meet with our severest Resentment if you do not give the most satisfactory reasons for detaining ships so late in the Season.

8. The Duke which you purchased principally for the service of the West Coast seems to be very dear in the first instance, and likely to prove very expensive had she been a good Vessel in all probability she would not have lost her Voyage thither and returned to Fort St. George in the leaky condition you mention, We cannot therefore approve of your buying her especially as you may, by giving timely notice to Bombay, have such ships or vessels built as are really wanted in a good and substantive manner, and upon much better Terms than you can generally purchase any, We therefore forbid your buying or causing to be built on your Coast any ships or Vessels either for the Bencoolen or any other Service; But you are to take under your consideration in time what may be really wanted, and write to the President and Council at Bombay to build them for you on the Company's account, as you have sent to the West Coast the Neptune Sloop bought by you, and our servants there have purchased another called the Marlbro, you imagine there will be no occasion to build any others for the present at Bombay, We hope there will not, but whenever they are wanted our beforegoing directions must be strictly observed, upon the whole your sudden and extraordinary purchases of Vessels appear very suspicious, because you long knew the wants of the West Coasts Settlements and might have provided for them in a proper time, We therefore expect to be informed whether the Duke was regularly surveyed by whom and whom she was purchased of.

9. We are surprized at your Conduct in sending home the Prince Henry without any other Cargo than some Redwood, when you had so many Bales on hand, whereof she was capable of showing a considerable number, which would have contributed much to alleviate her Expences; We expect you will give us your reasons for this piece of Negligence, to give it no worse a term.

10. In return to what you say with respect to the manner of providing the Investments at your Presidency we observed, that although the much higher price of Provisions along the Coast than in the Inland Countries may prevent the manufacturers from fixing in our Settlements and for that reason (for the present at least) our Recommendations for promoting the Manufacture of Cloth as at Calcutta cannot be carried into Execution yet we are of opinion the dealing with a greater number of Persons may, if you sincerely set about it, be accomplished and we earnestly recommend it to you to lose no opportunity of introducing as many New Contractors as possible; In the present Method of conducting the Investment it is very little short of a Monopoly in the hands of those you term the Old Merchants, That no other Substantial Persons, after repeated Notices were willing to engage in the Investments even on the usual terms of advances appears so very extraordinary, that we cannot account for it in any other manner than by supposing that so far from New Bidders being Countenanced great pains must be taken to discourage them.

11. We are entirely at a loss to account for the Introduction of the Method of providing the Investments at Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Madapollam by our Chiefs of those Settlements, it certainly was a very bad one and afforded great opportunities for unfair practices, and if we are ever so happy as to be again in Possession of those places, it must totally be laid aside, and it must be observed as an invariable Maxim, not only at Those, but at the Presi[dency] Settlement under your Direction that the Governour . . . of the Company's Servants are not to have any . . . interested in the Investments on their Private Accounts directly or indirectly in any shape whatsoever.

12. Whenever those Settlements may be recovered or restored you are to consider what will be the best method of providing the Investment whether by Contracts with the Merchants, or by the Bengal Method of Gomastahs or any other which shall appear to be most advantageous to the Company and when you have determined upon the same you are to give Orders accordingly, observing that agreeable to the preceding Paragraph, none of our Servants are in any shape to be interested therein.

13. We see no reason for allowing any extraordinary Gratuities to the Chiefs of Vizagapatam or at other Northern Settlements, however if there is a necessity for it and you will point out to us and explain what allowances may be reasonable to be made we will take the same into consideration and give you our directions thereupon by the first opportunity.

14. We have considered of what you say with respect to Mr. John Calland, who, on Mr. Wescott's quitting Ingeram was left in charge of that Settlement, and upon its being taken by the French lost a parcel of Cloth to the amount of Pagodas 3411. 23. 32. which he had provided for the Company though without supplies or Directions from you to make an Investment, and for which he asserts that he is personally answerable to the Merchants, having given them his Bond for the same; and as upon the whole you represent it appears to you, that Mr. Calland has been guilty of a Fault, it was committed through inadvertency and even with a good intention and recommend his case for Favour. We are thereupon induced to take upon us that Loss, and you are accordingly to pay the said Sum of Pagodas 3411. 23. 32. to Mr. Calland if the Merchants insist upon its . . . them; If this case had not appeared very . . . have met with this favourable Reception . . . therefore satisfied it cannot by any means be drawn into a Precedent to countenance any of our Servants in acting without proper directions.

15. We observe that there are not any Betellees in either the Norfolk or Princess Augusta though large Quantities are constantly ordered, nor is any reason given for the Omission, These are articles very much wanted, and you are to use your utmost Endeavours to Send the full Quantities ordered every year.

16. We must here take notice that the Bettellees by the Walpole are now upon them, and they appear to be worse than any which have been Imported for many years, you must be extremely careful therefore to get the Fabrick of Bettellees improved as much as possible. No other Goods by that Ship are yet upon shew, therefore We cannot make any Remarks thereon.

17. We gave you our sentiments and directions with respect to the Negrais very fully in our Letter of the 25th March 1757 and not seeing any reason for being of a different opinion, they are to be complied with. We have been at so large an Expence on account of the Settlement at that Place, and the unsettled condition of the Pegu Country promises so very little advantage especially in the present Situation of the Company's Affairs that we cannot think of making any New Settlements. Schemes of this kind must be deferred for more tranquil times. You are therefore not to be induced by flattering Prospects to run as into Expences, by making any new Settlements. We have presented the King of the Burmur's Letter to his Majesty if his Majesty should think fit to make a Reply, it shall be transmitted to you to be delivered together with a Letter from the Company in answer to That from the King of the Burmurs, in the mean time if you think it necessary you may make an apology for our not transmitting them.

18. Although Cap^t. Howes was a Man of Merit and Abilities and had he lived might have done us service in the Post you appointed him to as Chief of the Negrais, yet we cannot approve of such an appointment as it breaks in upon the general Rule of having all Chiefships filled by our Servants on the Civil Line and which in future you are not to deviate from.

19. As it did not appear to you that the King of Siam in any degree countenanced the Outrage committed by his Governour at Junkseylone, in seizing the Northumberland Snow and massacring the People belonging to her, you acted very prudently in not seizing that Kings Three ships laying in the Fort St^t. George Road; as steps of that kind ought not at any time to be taken but with great deliberation, and the utmost caution; However, if in this and he should refuse to comply with the Demand you have sent by his said Three Ships of Satisfaction for the Losses and Injuries sustained, We think you will be well justified in making Reprisals.

20. As the French in all probability have before this time taken the advantage of their great Force in India to make some attempts upon our Principal Settlements, it is with particular satisfaction we observe the Progress made in your Fortifications, and We hope to hear by your next advices that you have been so indefatigable as to have near compleated your Works or at least have put them in a very good posture of Defence. We must acquiesce in the Charges resulting from the Demolishing Houses and Buildings when it is absolutely necessary, and this We must suppose to be the Case of Those you have lately consented to have pulled down. We hope you have taken particular care to prevent any Building being Erected that may incommode the Fortifications and Works and it must be a Standing Rule with you that if such shall at any time be erected they are to be pulled down entirely at the Expence of the Proprietors.

21. From the Engineers account we have the pleasure to observe Fort St^t. David is in such a good condition, as to give us little reason to fear any attempts upon it, provided it is properly Garrisoned, which we make no doubt you have taken effectual care of.

22. You acted properly with respect to the Application made to you by Mr. Wynch for the appointments as Deputy Governour of Fort St^t. David during the absence of Colonel Clive and as we deem it an affair of a private nature between those two Gentlemen, it is very right it should be left to Colonel Clive's equitable consideration.

23. In answer to the 52nd Paragraph of your General Letter of the 6th June, We cannot approve of making certain allowances to the Surgeon to provide Europe Medicines at their own Expence which method must therefore be

entirely laid aside and you are to supply all the Subordinate Settlements in future with such Medicines as are really wanted and no more according to regular Indents to be transmitted to you from time to time.

24. We do not directly understand the paragraph in your Letter by the Prince Henry about Charles Simpson, whether you mean by Striking him off the Salary Account a Dismission from the Service or a Suspension; we have already by the Hardwicke acquainted you in answer to some former complaints against him that if he does not mend in his Behaviour to your satisfaction you are at liberty to dismiss him the Service, and send him to England, the fresh Instance you mention of his misbehaviour makes it necessary to confirm the said direction and which you are therefore punctually to comply with.

25. We have agreed to the Request of Mr. John Whitehill for permission to remain in India; Free Merchants Covenants will be sent for his executing by the next Conveyance.

26. Although we have a thorough sense of the abilities and Merit of Mr. Call yet your taking the liberty of increasing his allowance as Assistant Engineer from thirty to sixty pagodas a Month (equal to Mr. Brohier's pay) without previously asking our Leave is a most unwarrantable Step, and which we highly disapprove, but as we have a great regard for Mr. Call, we will not revoke what you have done, if you take any such extraordinary Liberties again, you may depend upon our resenting them as they deserve.

27. We could not have imagined that the Directions we gave for your Indenting for Accoutrements for the Troop of Horse would produce such a Request as you make with respect to the sending out Hatts on account of the Captains of our Military, it is too trifling an affair for us to attend to, especially as it must necessarily occasion a good deal of Trouble, and We shall not therefore comply with it.

28. The ordering one of our Outward bound ships to call at Madagascar to purchase slaves for the use of our Settlements on the West Coast will be inconvenient, and at this time dangerous we shall therefore give the necessary Directions to our Presidents and Councils of Bombay and Bengal to take proper measures for supplying them.

29. In the beginning of this Letter, We have directed that whatever Vessels are wanted for the Service of the West Coast in future must be built at Bombay, we have only to add that We expect you will strictly comply therewith.

30. You desire that we would give orders to confine the Trade of the West Coast to our Servants there and prohibit all Vessels from the Presidencies of Bombay and Fort William from trading thither, but as we see no reason for deviating from the Directions and Regulations we gave and made last year for a reciprocal Freedom of Trade, instead therefore of complying with your said Request we now confirm those Orders and Regulations being fully satisfied our Servants on the West Coast will find their advantage in them, as well as that they will prove of general Utility.

31. We gave you our Sentiments and Directions very fully by the Hardwicke with respect to the opening and settling an Intercourse between Bombay and the West Coast for a further Explanation and your better Information We now send you Extracts from our General Letters to the President and Council of Bombay relative to the West Coast Affairs, to all which you are to pay due obedience so far as it may any way concern you, and the effectually carrying our intentions into Execution.

32. From what you mention in your Letter by the Walpole We expect to have your further Thoughts upon the Letters delivered to you by the Mayor's Court and shall therefore for the present defer making any Observations on the Proceedings there mentioned in the mean time we expect you will support our just authority, Which we are sorry to say that Court seems to make very free with.

33. We proceed to take some notice of the several Letters from the Select Committee under dates of the 6th of June, 30th. July, the 13th. and 20th. of October, and the 10th. of November 1757. As they principally consist of a Detail of Affairs to the times of the said several Dates, very properly given for our Information, the greater part therefore requires no further Remarks, than that in general it appears great care has been taken and good Dispositions made to Defend our principal Settlements against the impending Danger of the French Force in India. The fluctuation in and the different circumstances of affairs which at this time must unavoidably happen, renders it impossible to give particular Directions for your Conduct. We shall therefore rely upon your behaving properly in every Exigency and Event as they arise and depend upon such a continuance of your care and attention in the Defence of Company's Settlements and Property as will supply the place of particular Directions.

34. The account you give of Captⁿ. Cailliaud's Behaviour in general and particularly his good Conduct in securing Trichenopoly as mentioned in the Letter of the 6th. June, tend to confirm the good opinion we before entertained of his Merit, which we shall take all proper opportunities of shewing.

35. It is with great satisfaction we take notice of that part of the Letter of the 30th. of July relating to Colonel Lawrence, his joining the Army under the command of Colonel Adlercron as a Volunteer evidently shows his Willingness to promote the Publick Service on any Terms, you may accordingly let him know we have a just sence of this Instance of his Zeal in particular as well as of his conduct and behaviour in general.

36. Upon the review of the great Superiority of the French Force in India as mentioned in the Letter of the 13th. October you judged very right in suspending all operations of the and determining to keep our Troops collected in the several Garrisons, and as from the good condition of the Works at Fort St. George and Fort St. David we are not in pain for those places, so from the representation of the posture of Trichinopoly and other Garrisons we hope they will be maintained against the attacks of the Enemy.

37. We flatter ourselves that the junction of the ships under the Command of Commodore Steevens, with those Comanded by Admiral Pocock and their arrival on the Coast of Choromandel will have put you in a better situation, for the Defence of our Settlements at least, and here we must express our approbation of the measures taken for effecting the joining of the said Two Squadrons as soon as possible, and in such a manner as might prevent their being attacked separately for as you rightly observe the French Squadron was too strong for either of them; We hope your next advices will inform us this junction has been happily Effected.

38. The Letter of the 10th. of November, being the latest Date from the Select Committee informs us that as the Troops were drawn into Garrison upon the arrival of the French Fleet it was not thought prudent to venture them abroad again considering the vast superiority of the Enemy, We have before expressed our approbation of this measure, we shall only add that We must depend upon your assurances that when the Rainy Season was over and the Enemy again in motion, you took care to be as well prepared as possible on all sides.

39. You have given very good reasons for pressing the Return of some of the Troops you sent to Bengal, and we are thereupon satisfied you do not deserve the imputation of the Select Committee at Fort William in not consulting the general Good of the Company when you pressed such a Return. Both Committees acted properly agreeable to the then circumstances.

40. You give a very Melancholy view of the situation of the Nabob's Debt which amounted to so immense a Sum on the 30th. of April 1757 as Pagodas 1191324.21. 6 the great Superiority of the Enemy there is too much reason to believe will intercept and cut off many of the Resources for the lessening it.

arising from the Nabobs assignment, Mortgaged Countries, Revenues and others and although we must submit to unavoidable Losses, yet we hope you will be able to secure as considerable Funds towards the Discharge thereof as the circumstances and the situation of affairs will admit of at least you are to use your best Endeavours for this purpose.

41. The necessity of your using all the means in your power to secure as large an Income from the Nabob as he can possibly allow appears in a most striking Light in the Minutes of the Select Committee the 21st. February 1757 when that Committee was deliberating upon sending a supply of Money to Bengal, It is there asserted *the Monthly Disbursements of your Presidency, are nearly one Laack of Pagodas, supposing that there be no army in the Field, or other extraordinary Call* whether the advances for the Investments are included in this Estimate do not appear, but supposing they are, yet by far the greater part of this Excessive sum is expended in Military Operations, which if not in a great measure Reimbursed by the Nabob must be such a Wound as will bleed the Company's Capital to Death; This subject has been often dwelt on both to you and the Select Committee and we must now again exhort you in the most pressing manner to use the utmost Frugality in your Expences and secure as large an Income from the Nabob as possible.

42. It is with much concern we observe that the Nabob's Debt, has had an increase by your consenting to Deduct out of the second half of his assignment of Eight Laacks to the Company the sum of Two hundred and fifty Thousand Rupees for payment of the Chout to the Morattas, it would have been happy you could have prevailed on the Morattas to have desisted from this Demand, but as we suppose you used your best endeavours for that purpose, and that as you assert the Company's Revenues would have suffered for exceeding the sum paid, We must acquiesce in this Measure. But as you inform us that the Moratta Vackeel at Pondicherry has not got any thing from the French on account of the Chout, and that you have urged this in several Letters to Ballazerow as an Argument for his taking part against the French, and preventing their making themselves Masters of the Country, we hope your Representations may produce some good Effects but whatever the result may be the measure is right.

43. If the Nabob's Residence at Madras is really necessary it must be submitted to, but you must take care it does not occasion any extraordinary Expences to the Company for we have formerly felt the Weight and inconvenience of such a Residence.

44. We are very sensible in the present situation of Affairs that the Expedition formerly projected to be carried into the Decan in conjunction with the Morattas is impracticable, you have done right however in communicating to the Presidency of Bombay what our Secret Committee writ on that Subject.

45. It certainly is of very great importance to keep well with the King of Tanjour, and we shall depend upon your doing every thing in your power to preserve his alliance agreeable to the assurance of the Select Committee.

46. We very much approve of the Steps taken to engage so many of the private Men belonging to Col. Adlercrons Regiment to serve the Company as are mentioned in the Letter of the 10th. of November, and we could have wished you had influence enough to have prevailed upon more Officers than Lieutenant Carnack to engage, this Gentleman we observe is among the Number of those you wished to remain, We are therefore well pleased you gave him a Captain's Commission.

47. As Colonel Adlercron's continuance in India could not but be very detrimental to the Publick Service, the Steps therefore taken to urge his return in the most pressing manner meets with our approbation.

48. Although we are not fond of promoting Foreigners to Commands in our Service, especially principal ones, and shall always be very cautious in

doing it, yet as Mr. Polier has a general good Character as an Officer, and a Gentleman, and has behaved well in our Service, We hope no inconvenience will arise from our appointment of him to be the Major of our Forces.

49. In answer to the 35th. Para. of the Select Committee's Letter of the 10th. of November relating to some ill usage Four Recruits pretend to have received here, We are to acquaint you that we have Examined into the same as well as the Method made use of by our Officers in raising Recruits, and as we find that no Soldiers are at any time sent, but such as Enter Voluntarily at the East India House, we are satisfied the complaint of the said Four Recruits is without Foundation. We cannot comply with your Request for transmitting to India the Contracts entered into by Recruits, as the Persons who are Securitys for the performance thereof reside here.

50 We have taken up Twenty one ships for carrying on our Trade the ensuing season to the several parts of India and China, and you are referred for the Ports they are stationed for, to the accompanying List, signed by our Secretary.

WE ARE

LONDON 5TH. JULY 1758.

Your loving friends

LAU. SULLIVAN.
 CHRISTO. BURROW.
 NATHE-NEWNHAM, JUN^R.
 CHA. CUTTS.
 JOHN BOYD.
 JOHN MANSHIP.
 G. ROOKE.
 HENRY PLANT.
 HEN^R. SAVAGE.
 WILL. BARWELL.
 JOHN HARRISON.
 THOMAS ROWS.
 GEO. DUDLEY.
 JOHN BROWNE.
 TIMOTHY TULLIE.
 JAMES CREED.
 H^R. CRABB BOULTON.
 G. STEEVENS.
 HEN. HADLEY.
 JOHN DORRIEN.
 JOHN RAYMOND.

LETTER TO CAPTAIN BARTON, DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1757.

[*Public Despatches from England, Volume 61, page 144.*]

SIR

The Loss of the Expedition Packet gave the Court of Directors a sensible Concern, and the more so far the extraordinary Fatigue which as the Consequence of it you have suffered, your Letter of the 23rd. September was laid before them on Wednesday last, wherein you advise you were just then going to take your passage in a Vessel for Genoa from whence you hoped to get a Vessel for Scanderoon, in order to proceed to Bengal Overland. Although you do not mention in that Letter; anything respecting your health yet the Gentlemen are informed it is in so bad a state, that if you pursue your design it may prove fatal to you, I have therefore their Commands to signify to you that you have their entire Consent, to return to England if

you think proper, to take your passage on one of the Company's Ships, bound to India this Season, Your Proceeding Overland being the less necessary, as the Hardwicke was dispatched last Week with the necessary Orders and Directions for the President and Council of Bengal.

EAST INDIA HOUSE
LONDON, 18TH. NOVEMBER 1757.

I am
SIR,

Your most obedient servant

Captain James Barton.

ROBERT JAMES
Secretary.

MADEIRA
8TH. APRIL 1758.

LETTER FROM MADEIRA DATED APRIL 8, 1758

[*Public Despatches from England, Volume 61, page 145.*]

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

GENTLEMEN

This God Willing you will receive ꝑ the Rhoda Cap^t. John McNemarra Commander, On whom by order of the Court of Directors of the Hon^{ble} United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, we have shipt to your address, Ten Pipes of Wine, for which you have here Inclosed Bill of Lading, also Invoice of their Cost Amounting to 805 \$ 809^{rs}. In w^{ch}. is Included the proportion of the Cost of the staves & hoops for these 10 pipes. Annexed to the Invoice you have the Company's Accompt. Current, whereby you will perceive that besides these 10 pipes of Wine, we have shipt farther for Accompt. of the Hon^{ble} Company 75 Pipes w^{ch}. makes the whole of what have now shipt 85 Pipes. These Wines are of the Vintage 1756 & part of 140 Pipes bought by Order of the Court of Directors last Year, what remains In Our hands, we also Charge In the Accompt. Current, according to the Directions received from them, & transmit you the whole of this affair for your Government.

You have also the Accompt. of the Staves & hoops received & Expended & An Accompt. of the Marks Number & Contents of these Ten Pipes, In the Manner practised last Year to which beg leave to be referred.

The ships are ready for the sea & will sail tomorrow Morning under Convo^y of his Majesty's ships Grafton & Sunderland, We sincerely Wish them a safe & quick passage to you & are most respectfully.

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obed^t. hble serv^{ts}.
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This God Willing you will receive ꝑ the Shaftesbury Cap^t. Cornelius Inglis, on whom by order of the Court of Directors of the Hon^{ble} United

Company of Merchants of England tradeing to the East Indies we have shipt to your address Twenty Pipes of Wine for w^{ch}. you have here inclosed Bill of Lading Also Invoice of their cost amounting to 1611 \$ 635^{rs}. In which is Included the proportion of the Cost of the staves & hoops for these Twenty Pipes. Annexed to the Invoice you have the Company's Accompt. Current, whereby you will perceiue that besides these 20 Pipes of Wine, we have shipt farther for Accompt. of the Hon^{ble} Company 65 Pipes, w^{ch}. makes the whole of what have now shipt 85 Pipes. These Wines are of the Vintage 1758 & part of 140 Pipes bought by order of the Court of Directors last Year; what Remains In Our hands we also Charge In the Accompt. Current according to the Directions received from them & transmitt you the whole of this affair for your Government.

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8TH. APRIL, 1758.

GENTLEMEN

This God Willing you will receive ¶ the Britannia Capⁿ. John Blewitt Commander, On whom by order of the Court of Directors of the Hon'ble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies we have shipt to your address Fifteen Pipes of Wine, for w^{ch}. you have here Inclosed Bill of Lading, also Invoice of their cost amounting to 1208 \$ 722^{rs}. In w^{ch}. is Included the proportion of the Cost of the Staves & hoops for these Fifteen Pipes. Annexed to the Inve. you have the Companys accompt. Current whereby you will perceive that besides these 15 Pipes of Wine we have shipt farther for accompt. of the Hon'ble Company 70 Pipes w^{ch}. makes the whole of what we have now Shipt 85 Pipes. These Wines are of the Vintage 1756 & Part of 140 Pipes bought by order of the Court of Directors last Year, what remains In our hands we also Charge In the accompt. Current according to the directions received from them, & transmitt you the whole of this affair for your Government.

You have also the accompt. of the staves & hoops received & Expended & an accompt. of the Marks Number & Contents of these 15 Pipes, In the Manner practised last Year to which beg leave to be referr'd.

The ships are ready for the sea & will sail tomorrow Morning under Convoy of his Majesty's Ships Grafton & Sunderland we sincerely wish them a safe & quick passage to you & are most Respectfully

GENTLEMEN

Your most obed^t. hble Serv^{ts}.

CHAMBERS HICCOX & CHAMBERS.

LETTER FROM MADEIRA DATED APRIL 8, 1758.

[*Public Despatches from England, Volume 61, page 149.*]

THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL

AT FORT ST. GEORGE ON THE
COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

GENTLEMEN

This God Willing you will receive ¶ the Winchelsea the Hon'ble Thomas Howe Esqr. Commander, On whom by order of the Court of Directors of the Hon'ble. United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, we have shipt to your address Ten Pipes of Wine for w^{ch}. you have here Inclosed Bill of Lading, also Invoice of their Cost amounting to 805 \$ 809^{rs}. In w^{ch}. is Included the proportion of the Cost of the Staves & hoops for these Ten Pipes. Annexed to the Invoice you have the Companys accompt. Current, whereby you will perceive that besides these 10 Pipes. Wine, we have Shipt farther for accompt. of the Hon'ble Company 75 pipes, w^{ch}. makes the whole of what have now shipt 85 Pipes. These Wines are of the Vintage 1756 & Part of 140 Pipes bought by Order of the Court of Directors last year, what remains In Our hands, we also Charge In the accompt. Current, according to the Directions received from them, & transmitt you the whole of this affair for your Government.

You have also the accompt. of the staves and hoops received & Expended & an accompt. of the Marks Number & Contents of these Ten Pipes In the Manner practised last Year to which beg leave to be referr'd.

The Ships are ready for the sea & will sail tomorrow Morning under Convoy of his Majesty's ships Grafton & Sunderland, We sincerely wish them a safe and quick passage to you & are most respectfully

GENTLEMEN

Your most obed^t. hble. Serv^{ts}.

CHAMBERS HICCOX & CHAMBERS.

LETTER FROM MADEIRA DATED APRIL 8, 1758.

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THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL

AT FORT ST. GEORGE ON THE

COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.

MADEIRA,

8TH. APRIL 1758.

GENTLEMEN

This God Willing you will receive of the Prince of Wales Capⁿ. William Roberts On whom by order of the Court of Directors of the Hon^{'ble} United Company of Merchants of Eng^d., trading to the East Indies we have shipt to your address Ten Pipes of Wine for w^{ch}. you have here Inclosed Bill of Lading also Invoice of their Cost amounting to 805 \$ 809 In which is Included the proportion of the Cost of the Staves & hoops for these Ten Pipes. Annexed to the Invoice you have the Companys acc^t. Current, whereby you will perceive that besides these 10 Pipes of Wine, we have shipt farther for accompt. of the Hon^{'ble} Company 75 Pipes, w^{ch}. makes the whole quantity of what have now shipt 85 Pipes. These Wines are of the Vintage 1756 & Part of 140 Pipes bought by order of the Court of Directors last Year, rem^s. In our hands, we also Charge In the accompt. Current. according to the Directions received from them, & transmitt you the whole of this affair for your Government.

You have also an accompt. of the staves and hoops received and Expended & an accompt. of the Masks Number & Contents of these Ten Pipes, In the Manner practised last year to which beg leave to be referr'd.

The ships are ready for the sea & Will sail tomorrow Morning under Convoy of his Majesty's Ships Grafton & Sunderland, We sincerely Wish them a safe & quick passage to you & are most Respectfully

GENTLEMEN

Your most obed^t. hble Serv^{ts}.

CHAMBERS HICCOX & CHAMBERS.

EXTRACT FROM THE COMPANY'S ADVICES TO THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF BOMBAY RELATING TO THE WEST COAST AFFAIRS.

Our settlement of Bencoolen is become an Object of great Jealousy to the Dutch at Batavia who take all opportunitys to embarrass and distress them and in their present defenceless state they are obliged to submit to the most injurious usage, in order to protect this rising Colony, and to encourage their Manufactures, by giving them an intercourse with your Markets we have determined upon the following Regulations which we direct be put in execution so soon as the season offers and to be continued unless your own safety requires you to stop.

We would have one of your Capital Cruizers sent to Bencoolen properly Manned and there Stationed under the Orders of our Deputy Governour and Council, and this Vessel you are to relieve annually, the Necessaries they are

constantly in want of as salt, Grain, Surat Goods &c^s. you will lade upon her at your own Discretion, hereafter they will make their Indents regularly, and the Cruizer will be constantly returned to you with our sugars, arrack, Camphire, Benjamin, Cassia & whatever else may be there cultivated proper for your Markets, and thus we judge that the resulting Profits will more than Ballance her Expences and perhaps open a considerable Trade to India enlarge our Customs encrease their Inhabitants and put Bencoolen upon a respectable Footing, always endeavour that the Commander appointed to this station, is a sensible and Resolute but cool Man otherwise our affairs may be unnecessarily embroiled by disputes with the Dutch; As the Navigation round Sumatra and Borneo and the several Passages into the China Seas are not well known in England direct the Commander in the various Cruizes he may be ordered, to be circumspect in his observations and Remarks, inserting the whole in his Journal which is to be transmitted us.

We last year signified our Intentions to you of having Two sloops of about Eighty Tons each to be built and sent to the West Coast of Sumatra, we since find the President and Council of Fort St. George have purchased one for that service, you must therefore Govern yourselves as to Building one or two according to the advices you shall receive from our Deputy Governor and Council.

As our servants upon the West Coast are under great Difficulties for want of proper People to repair, Navigate and Manage their sloops, Vessels and Boats, we earnestly recommend it to you to supply them in the best manner you can, as being better able to do it than either of our other Presidencies.

Mr. Edward Roach being a very skilful Man in shipping affairs may be of great use there, we would have you therefore endeavour to prevail upon him to settle at Fort Marlborough; If he proceeds thither you may assure him we will order him a suitable Recompence for his services and you are to defray all the Charges of his Passage thither.

We would have a regular intercourse kept up with our servants on the West Coast, and you are according to the best of your ability to comply with their Indents and Requests for Materials and Workmen of all kinds as well for the Land as the sea service, salt, Rice, Provisions and other necessaries which we apprehend you may be well able to do and in particular we earnestly recommend to send them some capable People to carry on the necessary Works & Repairs there, as well Persons Qualified to direct and superintend as common Workmen.

The President and Council of Fort St. George have desired that we would give Orders to confine the Trade of the West Coast to our servants there and Prohibit all Vessels from your Presidency and Bengal from trading thither; But as we see no reason for deviating from the Directions and Regulations we gave and made last year for a Reciprocal Freedom of Trade instead therefore of complying with the said Request, we now confirm those Orders and Regulations being fully satisfied our servants on the West Coast will find their advantage in them as well as that they will prove of general Utility.

We have in former Letters mentioned the distresses of our Servants at Bencoolen for want of Labouring People and have directed you to assist them whenever its in your Power Our Governour and Council of Madrass by the last ships declare their inability to procure slaves for that settlement; As your Merchants, we are informed have an intercourse with Mozambique and Madagascar, and make the Coffrees a part of their Traffick, We order that you purchase all the slaves procurable Men, Women and Children for our Settlement of Bencoolen and convey them thither by the Cruizer we have ordered upon that Station or by any other speedy method that may offer, and if the Traders will Contract with you to bring to Bombay or carry directly to Bencoolen a Number at times not to exceed 500 We earnestly recommend to you the engaging with them on the best terms in your Power.

(Extract from the Company's advices to Bombay relating to the West Coast Affairs, No. 2.)

MANIFEST of Private Silver & Gold Lycenced to be shipped on board the Prince of Wales for Fort St. George on account of the following Persons. Vizt.

	Oz.	dwt.	grs.
For Mr. Archdale Palmer Writer One Chest Marked A P N ^o . 2 .. @	530	0	0
Paul Rich ^d . Fearkes Esq ^t . at Bengal for the use of Nichs. Smith Writer a small Box of Gold marked N S	50	16	6
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	Oz.	580	16 6
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BULLION OFFICE,
EAST INDIA HOUSE,
21st. Decem^r. 1757.

JN^o. SEDGWICK.

MANIFEST of Private Gold & Silver Lycenced to be shipped on board the London for Fort St. George on account of the following Persons vizt.

	Oz.	dwt.	grs.
For the Missionaries on the Coast			
One Chest marked D.M. No. 7 qt.	1,760	0	0
Col ^o . W ^m . Draper, being six months subsistence for the Troops order'd to serve in the East Indies			
One Chest of Gold WD N ^o . 2	1,663	2	0
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	Oz ^s .	3,423	2 0
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BULLION OFFICE,
EAST INDIA HOUSE,
10th MARCH 1758

JN^o. SEDGWICK.

MANIFEST of Private Gold & Silver Lycenced to be shipped on board the Pitt for Fort St. George on account of the following Persons Vizt.

	Oz.	dwt.	grs.
For Col ^o . W ^m . Draper Commander of the Battalion imbarked for the East Indies, One Chest of Gold marked WD N ^o . 3 being for the Pay of the said Battalion	Qt.	1,829	17 1
Capt. W ^m . Wilson Commander, One Chest of Silver marked WW N ^o . 1	Qt	4,189	5 0
Mr. W ^m . Maltby One Chest marked W M N ^o . ..		1,859	15 0
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	Oz ^s .	7,878	17 1
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BULLION OFFICE,
EAST INDIA HOUSE,
28th. Jan^{ry}. 1758.

JN^o. SEDGWICK.

MANIFEST of Private Silver Lyncenced to be shipped on board the Tilbury for Fort St. George on account of the following Persons Viz^t.

	Oz. dw ^t . gr.
For Rob ^t . Orme Esq ^r . for the Use of Edw ^d . Stracey Writer One Bag marked E. Stracery Put into a chest marked. ES.H.P. N ^o . 5 Qt. . .	400 0 0
Henry Parsons Writer One Bag marked H P put in the same Chest	174 17 0
Cap ^t . Roger Mainwaring on the Company's Indulgence Three Chests marked R.M. N ^o . 1 a ³ .	8,391 0 0
	Oz ^s . 8,965 17 0

BULLION OFFICE,
EAST INDIA HOUSE,
21st. Decem^r. 1759.

JN^o. SEDGWICK.

1757

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANDIZE AND FOREIGN SILVER LICENSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP BRITANNIA CAPTAIN JOHN BLEWITT COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZ^t.

CAPTⁿ. JOHN BLEWITT.

J B	1 a 34	Thirty four Casks Nails and other Wro . Iron 6 Tons	£ 180 0 0
	1 a 16	Sixteen Casks White Lead 4 Tons	110 0 0
	1 a 2	Two Chests } cutlery One Cask }	200 0 0
	1 a 3	Three Cases Looking Glasses and Plate Glass }	250 0 0
	4 a 5	Two Chests Window Glass	200 0 0
	1 a 5 8 & 9	Seven Bales q . 125 Bolts Canvas	420 0 0
	1 a 15	Fifteen Keggs Quicksilver	260 0 0
	1 a 5	Five Bales Russea Hides	30 0 0
	8	One Barrel Verdigrease	80 0 0
	1 a 2	Two Keggs cinnabar	200 0 0
		One Box Gold Thread and Lace	50 0 0
Directed		One Box Hosiery	50 0 0
J B		One Cask sadlery	50 0 0
	1 a 3	Three Cases Glass Lanthorns	36 0 0
	1 a 3	One Case Stationary	140 0 0
	1 a 2	Three Cases Shreds of Cloth	60 0 0
	1	Two Cases Bunting	30 0 0
	1	One case q ^t . Six Remnants of Cloth each 6 Yards.	
	1 & 2	Two Shroud Hawsers	6 1/2 In ^s .
	3	One ditto	6 . . .
	4	One ditto	5 1/2 . . .
	5 & 6	Two ditto	4 1/2 . . .
	7 a 38	Thirty two Coils Cordage from 2 Ins. to 3 1/2 Ins. }	Tons 7 6 201 0 0
		Thirty two Barr ^s . Tar }	6 Tons 50 0 0
		Sixteen do. Pitch }	
	1 a 7	Seven Barrels smalts	80 0 0
		On his Indulgence also Thirty Tons Flints in lieu of Ballast for sale at China. In foreign silver for the ships stock	499 0 0

		GEORGE DRAKE Ch: Mate.				
G D	1 & 2	Two Chests Wine				50 0 0
	1a 4	Four Cases Glass Plates				40 0 0
		One Case Glass Lanthorns				10 0 0
	1	One Box Gold thread				50 0 0
	1a 3	Three Casks Red Lead		1 Ton		18 0 0
		One Box Window Glass				16 0 0
		AND ^w . ROSS 2 ^d . Mate.				
A R.	1a 2	Two Bales Russia Hides				40 0 0
		One Box Crown Glass				6 0 0
	1a 2	Two Chests Cutlery				45 0 0
	1	One Cask Glass Beads				20 0 0
	1	One Case Looking Glasses				12 0 0
		JOHN PARSLOW 3 ^d . Mate.				
J P.A.	1	One Case Hatts				40 0 0
		One Box Gold Thread and Gold and Silver Lace.				35 0 0
	1	One Chest Cutlery				20 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Half Chests of Wine				25 0 0
J P	1a 3	Three Casks Red Lead		12		10 0 0
		JOHN McQUEEN SURGEON.				
J M ^c		One Cask Cutlery				40 0 0
		One box Gold Thread				34 0 0
		JOHN KERRICK SURGEONS Mate.				
J K		One Case Cutlery				15 0 0
		One Box Gold Thread				10 0 0
		On their Indulgencies				
Mr. CLIVE TO LIEUT. COL. CLIVE AT FORT St. GEORGE.						
Directed	1 & 2 1 a 4	Six Chests Wine.				
		George Steevens Esq ^r . to Commodore Cha ^s . Steevens.				
Directed		One Case Minced Meats, One Case Hams, One Cask and One Box Tongues, One Box Mustard seed & ca. Two Cases Pickles, One Box Currants Four Firkins Butter and six Boxes Cheese Freight free being for the use of the above Persons.				
		Tho ^s . Godfrey Esq ^r . to Robert Orme and Jn ^o . Walsh Esq ^r ^s . in the absence of either of them to the other & Mr. Henry Vansittart.				
A B	N 1	One Case Coral Beads	£	425	—	—
IG	N 14	One Case Ditto		300	—	—
						£ 725 0 0

On which he has paid Freight and Permission into the Companys Treasury & Given Bond Pursuant to Order of Court.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
LONDON the 22 DEC^r. 1757.

G. HIGGENSON.

1757

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANDIZE AND FOREIGN SILVER LICENC'D
BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED
EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP TILBURY CAPT^N.
ROGER MAINWARING COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZ^t.

CAPT^N. ROGER MAINWARING.

R M	1 a 5	Five Casks Red Lead	}	..	6 Tons.	£ 148	0	0
	6 a 19	Fourteen D ^o . White Lead						
	1 a 14	Fourteen Sheets Lead	..	..	4 Do.	68	0	0
		Two Shroud Hawsers 6 Ins.	..	..	}	4 Do.	112	0
		Two Do. 5½	..	..		
		Twenty two Coils Cordage from	..	..		
		2 to 4 In ^s.	..	..		
		Half a Coil Tiller Rope	..	..		
	1 & 2	Two Chests Cutlery and Spectacles	..	..		50	0	0
	1 & 2	Two Cases Looking Glasses	..	..		27	0	0
	1 a 3	Three Cases Glass Ware	..	..		11	0	0
	1 & 2	Two Casks Glass Beads	..	..		90	0	0
	4	One Trunk Hosiery	..	..		60	0	0
	1 a 3	Three Cases Shreds Cloth	..	..		150	0	0
	1	One Case q ^t . 6 Remnants Cloth each 6 Yards	..	..		30	0	0
		One Bale q ^t . 17 Bolts Canvas	..	..		50	0	0
		In Foreign Silver	..	..		2,197	0	0
		On his Indulgence.						
		Also thirty Tons of Flints in lieu of Ballast for sale at China.						
		In Foreign Silver for the Ships Stock	..	..		499	0	0

GEORGE BERR CHIEF MATE.

G B		One Case Looking Glasses	..	..	..	..	30	0	0
	1 & 2	Two Cases Plate Glass	..	..	..	..	}	16	0
	1	One Case Glass Ware	..	..	..	..
	3	One Chest Crown Glass	..	..	..	..
		One Chest Cutlery	..	..	..	..	35	0	0
		One Chest Stationary	..	..	..	..	35	0	0

DAVID PHILLIPS 2d: Mate.

D P	1 & 2	Two Casks Glass Beads	..	..	..	..	40	0	0
	1	One Bale q ^t . 20 Pa. Canvass	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
	1 & 2	Two half Chests of Wine	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
	1	One Box Gold thread & Gold and Silver Lace	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
		One Chest Stationary	..	..	..	..	15	0	0
		One Chest Cutlery	..	..	..	..	30	0	0

HUGH DUFF 3rd. Mate.

H D	1 & 2	Two Casks Glass Beads	..	..	..	..	43	0	0
	1	One Chest Cutlery	..	..	..	..	28	0	0
	1	One Box Gold thread	..	..	..	..	50	0	0

THOMAS CARNEGIE SURGEON.

C		Two Cases Crown Glass	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
T C		One Chest Cutlery & Spectacles	..	..	..	..	24	0	0
		One Box Gold & Silver thread and Lace	40	0	0

WARREN MOORE MIDSHIPMAN.

W M		One Box Hosiery and Hatts	20	0	0
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JOHN PIGOT SURGEONS MATE.

	1	One Case Plate Glass	10	0	0
	1	One Box Hatts	15	0	0
		On their Indulgence.							

M^r. ROBERT SMITH to M^r. JOHN LEWIN SMITH at
FORT S^t. GEORGE.

Directed One Half Chest Cyder.
One Half Chest Wine.
One Box Shoes, Wiggs & other Necessaries.

HENRY SAVAGE ESQ^r. to M^r. GEORGE DOLBIN at
FORT S^t. GEORGE.

Directed One Case q^t. a Harpsecond & 1 Box Books and
Instruments.
Freight free being for the use of the above Persons.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
LONDON THE 22 DEC^r. 1757.

G. HIGGINSON.

1757

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANTIZE AND FOREIGN SILVER LICENC'D
BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED
EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP RHODA CAPTⁿ. JOHN
M^o. NEMARA COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, VIZ^t.

CAPTⁿ. JOHN MCNEMARA.

J M	1 a 16	Sixteen Casks Red & White Lead	6 Tons.	£ 120 0 0
	1 a ½	Seventy two Barrells Tar	9 do.	70 0 0
	1 a 12	Twelve Sheets Lead	4 do.	70 0 0
	1 a 3	Three Casks Locks Hinges and other Wro ^t . Iron	6 do.	180 0 0
	4 a 8	Five Casks Nails		
		Twenty four Anchors from 1½ to 3. Thirty Graporalls from 2½ to 3 ..		
	1 a 9	Nine Cases Looking Glasses and Glass Plates ..		350 0 0
1.2	4 a 6	Five Chests Cutlery	}	260 0 0
	3	One Chest Spectacles		
	1 a 7	Seven Casks Glass Beads		180 0 0
	1 a 4	Four Bales q ^t . 54 Bolts Canvas		160 0 0
	1 a 4	Four Casks Gensang		60 0 0
	1 a 9	Nine Chests Window Glass		80 0 0
	1	One Case q ^t . six Remnants Cloth each six Yards.		30 0 0
	1	One Box Gold Thread		200 0 0
		On his Indulgence		
		In Foreign Silver for the Ships Stock		499 0 0

ARTHUR MORRIS CH. MATE.

A M	1 & 2	Two Hhds Glass Ware		40 0 0
		One Case Plate Glass		30 0 0
	1	One Chest Cutlery		50 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Boxes Crown Glass		10 0 0
		Two Boxes Gold Thread and Lace		100 0 0
		One Cask White Lead	6	10 0 0
		One Half Chest Sallard Oil		5 0 0

LEWIS MORSE 2^d. Mate.

L M		One Hhd Glass Ware and Corks		15 0 0
	1	One Chest Cutlery and Spectacles		25 0 0
M	1 & 2	Two Bales q ^t . 20 Bolts Canvas		30 0 0
L M	1	One Box Gold Thread & Gold & Silver Lace		40 0 0
		One Half Chest Oil		5 0 0
		On their Indulgences.		

ALEX^r. CRIE 3^d. Mate.

A † C	1 & 2	Two Casks Brasiery and Locks		40 0 0
	1	One Case Hatis		20 0 0
A C	1	One Cask Glass Beads		18 0 0
A † C	1 & 2	Two Chests Window Glass		10 0 0

		EDWD. WOODINGTON PURSER.				
IM	5 a 7	Three Casks Gensang	--	..	..	£ 40 0 0
IW	1 & 2	Two Chests shreds Cloth	..	..	..	40 0 0
		WILL ^d . LINDSAY 4 th . MATE.				
WL	1	One Box Hatts	..	..	..	14 0 0
W	◇ T	One Cask Cutlery	..	..	..	30 0 0
WLL	4	One Case Plate Glass	..	..	..	20 0 0
		THO ^s . UVEDALE 5 th . MATE.				
TU	.. 1	One Chest Cutlery	..	..	..	15 0 0
		One Case and One Chest Glass Ware and Lanthorns	..	..	..	13 0 0
		One Box Gold Thread	..	..	..	12 0 0
		DAVID LINDSAY SURGEON.				
DL	.. 1 a 3	Three Cases Plate Glass	..	--	..	60 0 0
		Two Cases Medicines	..	..	..	14 0 0
		JOHN MITCHELL GUNNER.				
JM	.. 1 & 2	Two Cases Plate Glass	..	..	..	28 0 0
JM		One Case Cutlery	--	..	..	40 0 0
		DAN ^d . CAMPBELL SURG ^s . MATE.				
DC	1	One Cask Glass Beads	..	..	..	20 0 0
		One Case Glass Ware	..	..	..	6 0 0
		On their Indulgences				
		M ^r . JAMES ADAMS to M ^r . W ^m . PERCEVAL at FORT S ^t . GEORGE.				
Directed		One Chest Wine				
		M ^r . KELLSA to CAPT ⁿ . EDM ^d . MASKELYNE AT FORT S ^t . GEORGE.				
Directed		One Box q ^t . 3 Hatts 10 ^{pr} . Shoes 6 Wiggs & some Magazines.				
		M ^{rs} . WYVILL to GEORGE PIGOT Esq ^r . at DITTO				
Directed 1 a 4		Two Chests and two Half Chests Wine				
		M ^r . HENRY NORRIS to M ^r . HUGH NORRIS at DITTO.				
Directed		One Box q ^t . Hatts Wiggs Shoes and other Necessaries				
		Freight free being for the use of the above Persons				
		FOR FORT S ^t . GEORGE				
		M ^r . MORSE FRANKS to Nicholas Morse Esq ^r . & M ^r . W ^m . Percevall absent either of them to Gov ^r . Pigot, absent to M ^r . George Stratton.				
R						
A. S	No. 1	One Case Coral Beads...	..	..	..	540 0 0
		MESS ^{rs} . ISAAC & SAM ^l . SOLLY to M ^r . ANDREW ROSS.				
I S	No. 1	One Case Coral Beads	..	..	248 4 0	
S						
J S	No. 1	One Barrel Amber Beads	..	..	98 3 4	
		MESS ^{rs} . ABR ^m . & JACOB FRANCO to M ^r . SOLOMON FRANCO.				
☆	No. 39	One Case Coral Beads	..	..	620 0 0	
M	.. 7	One Case Ditto	..	..	500 0 0	
R F	.. 1	One Case Ditto	..	..	230 0 0	
M	⊞ R 14	One Case Ditto	..	..	570 0 0	
						1,920 0 0

On which they have paid Freight & Permission into the Company's Treasury, and given Bond, Pursuant to Order of Co^t.

EAST INDIA HOUSE
LONDON THE 22^d. DEC^r. 1757.

G. HIGGINSON.

1757

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANDIZE AND FOREIGN SILVER LICENSED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP WINCHELSEA CAPTAIN THOMAS HOWE COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZ.

		CAPTAIN THOMAS HOWE.			
T H	1 a 14	Fourteen Sheets Lead	4 Tons	£ 70	0 0
	1 a 160	One hundred and sixty half Faggotts Steel	4 Tons	110	0 0
	1 a 9	Nine Casks Nails	} 4½ Tons	150	0 0
	1 a 19	Nineteen Anchors from 2½ to 3 .. .			
	1 a 28	Twenty Eight Barrels Tar	4 Tons	35	0 0
	1 a 8	Eight Casks Glass Beads		300	0 0
	1 a 10	Ten Cases Looking Glasses and Plate Glass ..		190	0 0
	1 a 13	Thirteen Cases Brown Glass	}	180	0 0
	1 a 3	Three Cases Glass Ware			
		Five Chests Cutlery		300	0 0
	1 a 9	Nine Bales Bulgia Hides		380	0 0
	1 a 4	Four Bales q ^t . 96 Bolts Canvas		120	0 0
		One Cask Twine		40	0 0
	1 a 14	Fourteen Barrels Smalts		150	0 0
	1	One Case q ^t . Six Remnants Cloth each Six Yards		30	0 0
		Four Bales and Twenty Bundles Shreads Cloth. On his Indulgence.		150	0 0
		Also Thirty Tons Flints in lieu of Ballast for sale at China.			
		In Foreign Silver for the Ships Stock		499	0 0
		EVAN JONES CHIEF MATE.			
E I	1 1 a 3	Four Chests Wine		87	0 0
	1 & 2	Two Hhds Glass Ware		40	0 0
	1	One Chest Cutlery & Spectacles		40	0 0
	1 & 2	Two Cases Drugs		50	0 0
		W ^m . MARTER SECOND MATE.			
W M	1 & 2	Two Keggs Vermillion		50	0 0
	1 a 3	Three Cases Plate Glass		60	0 0
		One Chest Cutlery		20	0 0
	1 & 2	Two Casks Rabbit Skins		50	0 0
	1 a 3	Three Casks Red Lead	12	10	0 0
		On their Indulgences.			
		THOMAS CORNISH 3 ^d Mate.			
T C	1	One Chest Cutlery		30	0 0
		JOHN HOW PURSER.			
H	1	One Hhd	} Lanthorns	60	0 0
	2 a 4	Three Cases .. .			
	4	One Hhd Glass Ware		50	0 0
		PATRICK INGLES 4th Mate.			
P I	1 & 2	Two Chests Cutlery		40	0 0
		ROBERT FISHER SURGEON.			
R F	1	One Chest Cutlery		15	0 0
	3	One Box Hatts		18	0 0
	1 & 2	Two Cases Looking Glasses		25	0 0
		On their Indulgences.			

Directed .. Mr. W^m. VILE to Mr. ROB^t. ORME AT FORT ST. GEORGE.
 One Case q^t. two Pair Stands for Cardle Shades.
 W & V 1 a 3 JOSEPH FOWKE Esq^r. to MESS^{rs}. WALSH & VANSITTART AT Do.
 Three Chests Wine.
 Directed 1 a 3 GEORGE STEEVENS Esq^r. TO COMMODORE CHA^s. STEEVENS.
 Three Half Chests Wine.
 Freight free being for the Use of the above Per-
 sons.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
 LONDON THE 22nd DEC^r. 1757.

GEORGE HIGGINSON.

1757

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANTIZE AND FOREIGN SILVER LICENSED
 BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED
 EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP PRINCE OF WALES
 CAPTAIN WILLIAM ROBERTS COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZ^t.

CAPTAIN WILL^m ROBERTS.

WR	1 a 24	Twenty four Casks red Lead	10 Tons	£ 170 0 0
	1 a 12	Twelve Sheets Lead	4 Tons	70 0 0
	1 a 30	Thirty small Anchors from 1 to 3	3 Tons	90 0 0
	1	One Chest Cutlery		100 0 0
	1	One Case containing 6 Remnants Cloth each	6 Yds.	30 0 0
	1 a 4	Four Bales q ^t . 80 Bolts Convass		120 0 0
	1	One Box Gold thread Lace and Buttons		300 0 0
	1	One Case Rabbit Skins		50 0 0
		One Box Hatts		40 0 0
		Fourteen Bundles shreds of Cloth		100 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Cases Stationary		50 0 0
		Two Boxes Medicines		20 0 0
	1 a 4	Four Cases Plate Glass		150 0 0
	3 a 11	Nine Chests Window Glass		65 0 0
	1 a 5	Five Cases Glassware		130 0 0
		Two Hawsers of 6 In ^s	} 6 Tons.	168 0 0
		Two Do. 5		
		Twenty four Coils Cordage from 2 In ^s . to 3½ In ^s		
		One Box Coral Beads		550 0 0
		On his Indulgence		
		In foreign Silver for the Ships stock		499 0 0

JONATHAN COURT C. MATE.

IC	1	One Cask Glass Beads		50 0 0
		One Case Plate Glass		50 0 0
	1	One Box Gold Thread and Lace		40 0 0
		One Box Hosiery		40 0 0
Directed		One Trunk } Hatts		45 0 0
IC		One Box }		
			Ton.	
	1 a 4	Four Casks Red Lead	1/2	27 0 0
		On his Indulgence		

WATKIN PARTINTON 2^d MATE.

Directed	1 & 2	Two Chests Wine		50 0 0
W P		One Case Bark		30 0 0
	1	One Box Gold Thread and Lace		30 0 0
	1	One Case Cutlery		20 0 0
		One Case Hatts		20 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Casks Red Lead	10	9 0 0

		GODFREY FAUSSETT 3 ^D MATE.				
G F	3	One Case Stationary	..	..	..	£ 10 0 0
	1	One Chest Cutlery	..	..	..	25 0 0
	2	One Case Coffin Furniture	..	..	..	20 0 0
	1	One Box Gold Thread	..	..	..	30 0 0
		One Cask Sadlery	..	..	..	25 0 0
		ROBERT TIDMAS PURSER.				
R T	1	One Chest Stationary	..	..	..	25 0 0
		One Chest Glass Shades and Drinking Glasses	..			12 0 0
	1	One Chest Beer	..	..	..	5 0 0
	1	One Chest Cutlery	..	..	..	20 0 0
	1	One Box Gold Thread	..	..	..	80 0 0
		JOHN KIDD 5 TH MATE.				
J K		One Chest Stationary	..	..	..	30 0 0
		One Cask Cutlery	..	..	..	25 0 0
		THOMAS BROWN SURGEON.				
T B	1	One Box Gold Thread	..	..	..	46 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Cases Looking Glasses & Glass Plates	..			24 0 0
		One Cask Gensang	..	..	..	4 0 0
		ROBERT HUNTER SURGEONS MATE.				
R H		One Box Gold Thread	..	..	..	20 0 0
		One Chest Cutlery	..	..	..	15 0 0
		On their Indulgences				
		M^{RS}. WYVILL TO GEORGE PIGOT Esq^r. AT FORT ST. GEORGE.				
Direct^d.	1 & 4	Two Chests & 2 half Chests Wine.				
		M^R. WALTER HOLT TO M^R. EDWARD EDWARDS AT D^O.				
Directed		One $\frac{1}{2}$ Chest Pymmont Water.				
		M. WILLIAM COTSFORD TO M^R. CHARLES BOURCHIER AT D^O.				
Directed	1 & 2	One Case q ^h . Books, Wearing Apparel & Necessaries.				
		Two Chests Wine.				
		M^R. WILLI^M. WYNCH TO M^R. ALEX^S. WYNCH D^O.				
Directed	2 & 3	Two Chests Wine.				
		M^R. FRANCIS MAGNUS TO M^R. J^N. PYBUS D^O.				
Direct^d.	1 & 2.	Two Chests Wine.				
		One Box Wearing Apparel.				
		M^R. CLIVE TO LIEU^R. COL. CLIVE AT D^O.				
Direct^d.	1 & 3.	Three Chests Wine.				
		One Box Sweetmeats.				
		Freight free being for the use of the above Persons.				
F		MESS^{RS}. ABRAHAM & JACOB FRANCO TO M^R. SOLOMON FRANCO.				
LLN	16	One Chest Coral Beads	..	..	£ 615 0 0	
	19	One Chest Do.	..	..	410 0 0	
						<u>1,025 0 0</u>

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

EAST INDIA HOUSE

LONDON THE 22^D. DEC^R. 1757.

G. HIGGINSON.

1757

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANTIZE AND FOREIGN SILVER LICENCED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP PITT CAPTAIN WILLIAM WILSON COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZ^t.

		CAPTAIN WILLIAM WILSON.				
W W	No. 1 a 14	Fourteen sheets Lead	.. ..	4 Tons.	£ 70 0 0
	1 a 37	Thirty seven Casks Red Lead	.. ..	15 Do.	263 0 0
	1 a 3	Three Chests Cutlery	.. ..	..	350 0 0
	1 a 17	Seventeen Casks Glass Beads	.. ..	..	650 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Boxes } Gold Thread	.. ..	..	400 0 0
		One Cask }				
		One Case q ^t . Six Remnants Cloth each six yards.	.. ..	..	30 0 0
		In Foreign Silver	.. ..	..	1,237 0 0
		On his Indulgeance				
		In Foreign Silver for the Ships Stock	.. ..	..	600 0 0
JOSEPH JACKSON CHIEF MATE.						
◆	1 a 3	Three Chests Glass Beads	.. ..	..	90 0 0
◆	1 & 2	Two Chests } Cutlery	.. ..	..	190 0 0
◆		One Chest }				
CC		One Chest }				
TV						
JEFFY. JACKSON SECOND MATE.						
♥	1 a 8	Eight Casks Glass Beads	.. ..	..	220 0 0
PHILIP LEGEY T THIRD MATE.						
M L	1	One Cask Gensang	.. ..	..	45 0 0
PL	2	One Box Hatts	.. ..	..	20 0 0
		One Box Gold Thread	.. ..	..	28 0 0
	1 a 3	Two Casks and one Firkin Red Lead	.. ..	1 Ton.	18 0 0
HUMPHREY FRANCIS FOURTH MATE.						
1 F	1	One Chest Cutlery	.. ..	..	50 0 0
		One Case Glass Plates	.. ..	..	30 0 0
	5	One Box Rabbit Skins	.. ..	..	10 0 0
		On their Indulgences.				
JAMES EVERS FIFTH MATE.						
1 E	1	One Chest Cutlery	.. ..	..	20 0 0
	2	One Case Stationary	.. ..	..	15 0 0
	3	One Box Hatts	.. ..	..	20 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Firkins Red Lead	.. ..	6	5 0 0
ALEX ^r . HENDERSON SURGEON.						
A H	4	One Case Looking Glasses	.. ..	..	10 0 0
	1	One Box Gold Thread	.. ..	..	20 0 0
	1	One Cask Gensang	.. ..	..	20 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Firkins Red Lead	.. ..	6	5 0 0
STEPHEN WILLIAMS MIDSHIP ⁿ .						
S W		One Chest Cutlery	.. ..	..	14 0 0
	1	Case Plate Glass	.. ..	..	14 0 0
JAMES SMALLWOOD MIDSHIP ⁿ .						
I S		One Chest Cutlery	.. ..	..	15 0 0
Directed		One Case Hatts	.. ..	..	20 0 0
		On their Indulgences.				

EAST INDIA HOUSE

LONDON THE 24th. JANUARY 1758

G. HIGGINSON.

1757-58-6A*

1757

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANDIZE AND FOREIGN SILVER LICENCED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP LONDON CAPTAIN RICHARD ALLWRIGHT COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, VIZ^t.

CAPT. RP. ALLWRIGHT.

R A	1 a 8	Eight Casks Red Lead	6 Tons	£ 135 0 0
	9 a 17	Nine Casks White Lead	4 Tons	70 0 0
	1 a 12	Twelve Sheets Lead		
		Twenty small Anchors from $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3	1 12	
		Forty small Iron Potts. Twenty six Bundles Iron hoops		
		Eighteen Casks Nails, Locks, Hinges, Tackle hooks & Thimbles	2 13	400 0 0
		Two Cases q ^t . small stilliards, scales & saws		
		Twenty small Grapnell from $\frac{3}{4}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 5	
		One hundred and sixty half Faggots		
		Steel	4 Tons	112 0 0
	44 a 12	Ten Chests q ^t . 1900 Sword Blades		100 0 0
	1. 1. 1 a 3	Five Chests Cutlery		165 0 0
	1 a 5	Two Casks and two Cases Lanthorns and one Case with Ball W ^{ts} .		50 0 0
	1 a 4	Four Cases Looking Glasses		100 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Hnds Drinking Glasses		18 0 0
	1 a 3	Three Barrels Lump Glass		30 0 0
	1 a 4	Four Cases Glassware		100 0 0
	1 a 4	Four Cases Crown Glass		25 0 0
	1 a 6	Six Bales Bulgia Hides		230 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Bales q ^t . 50 Bolts Canvas		120 0 0
	1	One Box Gold Thread and Gold and Silver Lace.		150 0 0
	1 a 3	Three Barrels Painters Colours		20 0 0
	1 a 20	Twenty Keggs Quick silver		300 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Boxes Amber Beads		125 0 0
		Seven Barrels Tarr and Eight Barrels Pitch	2 Tons	15 0 0
	1	One Case q ^t . six Remnants Cloth each six yards		30 0 0
	1	One Chest Brasiery		35 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Chests Medicines		30 0 0
		On his Indulgence.		
		In Foreign Silver for the Ships Stock		499 0 0
CHARLES MEARS CHIEF MATE.				
CM	1 a 3	Three Casks Glass Beads		60 0 0
	1	One Drinking Glasses		12 0 0
CM	1 a 3	Three Cases Looking Glasses		64 0 0
	1	One Chest Cutlery		40 0 0
CM	1	One Chest Wine		18 0 0
JOHN PRINCE 2 ND MATE.				
I	F	} . . . 1	One Chest Wine	125 0 0
x	P			
	B			
LP	1 & 2	Two Chests Do.		
LP	1 & 2	Two Chests Do.		
RICHARD SCARR PURSER.				
RS	1 & 2	Two Cases		40 0 0
	1	One Cask Glass Beads		30 0 0
	1	One Chest Cutlery		25 0 0
	1 & 1	One Trunk Hosiery and Haberdashery & One Box Ribbons		40 0 0

		JOHN JUSTICE FOURTH MATE.								
I I	1	One Box Hatts	..	..	..	..	35	0	0
		One Chest Cutlery	..	..	..	..	15	0	0
Directed	1	One Chest Wine	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
I I		One Chest Crown Glass	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
		WILLIAM TILLY FIFTH MATE.								
W T		One Box Hatts	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
		One Chest Cutlery	..	..	..	..	20	0	0
		JOHN ISHERWOOD SURGEON.								
I	1 & 2	Two Barrells Lump Glass	..	..	..	..	20	0	0
CM										
II		One Case Hosiery	..	..	..	..	45	0	0
		JOS. CLARKE CARPENTER.								
IC		One Case Drinking Glasses	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
C		One Chest Cutlery	..	..	..	..	23	0	0
I H										
		EDWARD ISHERWOOD MIDSHIP ⁿ .								
E I	1	One Case Looking Glasses	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
	1	One Box Cutlery	..	..	..	..	20	0	0
		On their Indulgences.								
Directed	..	HENRY ALLEN ESQ ^r . TO M ^r . GEO ^r . GRAY JUN ^r . AT BENGAL.								
		One Case q ^t . 3 Hatts 2 P ^s Silk for Breeches 2 P ^s Bed Ticking, a Gadde with Furniture, 2 Whips a Violin some Books & Scotch snuff.								
Directed	..	M ^r . THOMAS WATTS TO M ^r . HUGH WATTS AT DITTO.								
		One Chest Wearing Apparel & Necessarys .. Freight free being for the use of the above Persons.								
Directed	..	M ^r . MARY SAY TO M ^r . PHILIP DACRES AT BENGALL.								
		One Box of Shoes, Stockings a Hatt & Wigs, some Books & Stationary.								
DM	3 & 4	THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE TO THE PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL.								
	1 & 2	Two Chests Beer.								
	5 & 6	Two Cases Stationary Books, Glew, a Press for cutting Books & some Cutlery.								
		Two Cheeses in Lead.								
Directed	1 & 2	D ^r . THO ^s . MANNINGHAM TO CHA ^s . MANNINGHAM ESQ ^r . AT BENGAL.								
		Two Chests Wine.								
Directed	..	THO ^s . FRANKLAND ESQ ^r . TO W ^m . FRANKLAND ESQ ^r . AT BENGAL.								
		One Chest Wine.								
Directed	..	M ^r . W ^m . ROGERS TO M ^r . CHA ^s . ROGERS AT DITTO.								
		One Trunk q ^t . a Remnant Cloth for a Suit one Hatt one Wig.								
		2 pair Shoes & Stockings a few Books & Some Garden Seeds.								
Directed	..	M ^r . GEORGE LEYCESTER TO M ^r . RALPH LEYCESTER AT DITTO.								
		One Chest one Box of Simple Waters, Beer, Bottled Fruit, Silk & Worsted P ^s for Breeches some Cutlery, Books & a Scale.								
Directed	..	M ^r . ANNSAVILL TO M ^r . HENRY PARSONS AT FORT S ^t . GEORGE.								
		One Box q ^t . 3 Hatts a Doz ⁿ . Knives & Forks some Silver Spoons and small Pictures.								

		MR. THO ^s . HOWITT TO MR. SAM ^l . HOWITT AT BENGAL.		
Directed	3	One Case q ^t . Ticking for 2 Beds 3 Wigs 3 Hatts 12 pair Stockings 2 pair Worsted Breeches and Cloth for two Coats.		
		MESS ^{rs} . JAMES & GEO. WEBSTER TO MR. JOHN MARTIN SURGEON OF HIS MAJESY'S SHIP ELIZABETH.		
Directed	3	Three Chests Medicines & Drugs.		
		MESS ^{rs} . COTES & FAZAKERLEY TO LIEUT ^t . COLL. DRAPER.		
Directed 8 & 10	16	Two Chests Wine, One of Shrub and one of Water. DITTO MAJOR BRERETON.		
Directed	1 & 2	Two Chests Wine.		
		MR. RICHARD CLIVE TO LIEUT ^t . COLL. CLIVE AT FORT S ^t . GEORGE.		
Directed	1	One Chest Wine.		
		MR. HENRY GODDE TO GEO. PIGOT ESQ ^r . AT DITTO.		
Directed	..	One Box Sadlery.		
		MR. WILLIAM ALEXANDER TO MR. JAMES ALEXANDER AT DITTO.		
Directed	1	One Chest Beer and Rum. Freight free being for the use of the above Per- sons.		
		MR. STEPHAN COGIGIAN TO SHAMIR SULTAN AT FORT S ^t . GEORGE.		
S S No. 1		One Box Emeralds	£450	0 0
		MR. JUDAH SUPINO TO MESS ^{rs} . JOHN WALSH & HENRY VANSITTART OR EITHER OF THEM, & IN ABSENCE OF BOTH TO THE GOVERNOUR IN BEING & NICHOLAS MORSE, ESQ ^r . AT DITTO.		
I S	No. 14	One Box Coral Beads	520	0 0
S				
S G	1	One Box .. Ditto	550	0 0
N				
A S	1	One Box .. Ditto	305	0 0
F				
		MR. DAVID DE CASTRO TO MESS ^{rs} . WALSH & VANSITTART DO.		
G C	No. 1	One Chest Coral Beads	540	0 0
C				
		DITTO TO MESS ^{rs} . DAVID LOPES FERNANDES SAM ^l & DANIEL DE CASTRO AT D ^o .		
C G	No. 1	One Chest Coral Beads	£250	0 0
P				
⊠	No. 2	One Box Jewells in said Chest	405	0 0
		MR. PETER MEYER & Co. TO MR. PETER MARIETTE DO.	£ 655	0 0
C G	No. 1	One Case Coral Beads	204	0 0
P				
M		MR. JOSEPH SALVADOR TO MESS ^{rs} . WALSH & VANSITTART D ^o .		
F				
S C	No. 1 & 2	Two Chests Coral Beads	1330	0 0

On which they have paid freight & Permission into the Companys Treasury
and given Bond pursuant to order of Court.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
LONDON, THE 13TH MARCH 1758.

G. HIGGINSON.

1757

A MANIFEST OF GOODS MERCHANTIZE AND FOREIGN SILVER LICENCED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY TO BE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP SHAFTSBURY CAPTⁿ. CORNELIUS INGLIS COMMANDER BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, VIZ^t.:—

CAPTAIN CORN^s. INGLIS.

-CI	1 a 15	Fifteen Sheets Lead	4 Tons	£ 70 0 0
	1 a 50	Fifty Coils Cordage from 1 In. to 3½ In. .. ..	.. 6 Tons	168 0 0
	1 a 12	Twelve Cases q ^t . 3,000 Sword Blades		360 0 0
	1 a 3	Three Chests Cutlery		120 0 0
	13 & 14	Two Chests Spectacles and Burning Glasses ..		70 0 0
	1 a 10	Ten Casks Glass Beads		225 0 0
	1 a 4	Four Casks Shreds of Cloth		150 0 0
	1 a 4	Four Cases Glass Plates		100 0 0
	1 a 6	Six Cases Looking Glasses		180 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Boxes Gold Thread		600 0 0
	1 a 18	Eighteen Bales q ^t . 300 Bolts Canvas		492 0 0
		1 One Case q ^t . six Remnants of Cloth each six yards		30 0 0
		On his Indulgence		
		In Foreign Silver for the Ships Stock		499 0 0

Also Thirty Tons Flints in lieu of Ballast for sale at China.

PATRICK CRICHTON CHIEF MATE.

-C -PC	1 & 2	Two Cases Plate Glass		135 0 0
	3 a 5	Three Chests Looking Glasses and Plate Glass ..}		10 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Chests Window Glass		60 0 3
	1 a 5	Three Chests and Two Half Chests Wine ..		30 0 0
	1	One Box Gold Thread		30 0 0

JAMES BURROUGHS 2^d MATE.

-B	1	One Chest Small Looking Glasses and Spectacles.		30 0 0
	1	One Cask Glass Beads		40 0 0
	2	One Box Gold Thread		55 0 0
	1 & 3	Three Casks Red Lead	26	24 0 0

HUGH STACKHOUSE 3^d MATE.

-H S	1	One Chest Cutlery		15 0 0
	2	One Small Cask Glass Beads		14 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Chests Glass Shades and Drinking Glasses...		20 0 0
	1	One Case Crown Glass		8 0 0

On their Indulgences.

W^m. BACHOP PURSER.

-WB Directed. WB B	1 a 3	Three Cases Looking Glasses		50 0 0
	1	One Case Cutlery		20 0 0
		One Bo. Hatts		10 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Cases Lanthorns and Glass Bottoms ..		16 0 0
	One Cask Lanthorns		7 0 0	

W^m. FLETCHER FOURTH MATE.

-CHF -WF	2	One Chest Wine		10 0 0
	2	One Box Gold Thread		60 0 0
	1 & 2	One Cask and one Firkin Red Lead	11	14 0 0

JAMES LOHIMER SURGEON.

-I L -LR	3	One Chest Drinking Glasses		20 0 0
	1 & 2	Two Boxes Window Glass		30 0 0
	1	One Box Gold Thread		20 0 0

THOMAS HILL CARP^r.

CH H 1 & 5 Two Chests Wine 26 0 0
On their Indulgences.

ALEX^r. MACPHERSON ESQ^r. TO THE REV^d. M^r. ROB^t. PALK AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Directed 1 & 2 Two Chests Wine.

M^r. WILL^m. WYNCH TO M^r. ALEX^r. WYNCH AT DITTO.

Directed 1 & 2 One Chest Wine and One Box Hatts Wiggs and sweetmeats.

M^{rs}. ELIZABETH ANDREWS TO M^r. JOHN ANDREW AT DITTO.

Directed Two Boxes sweetmeats and Fruits and One Box Herbs.
Freight free being for the use of the above Persons.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
LONDON, THE 22ND. DEC^R. 1757.

G. HIGGINSON.

ACCOUNT OF THE WEIGHTS AND TOWER ASSAYS OF THE FOLLOW^g.
RUPEES AND PAGODAS RECEIVED FROM FORT ST. GEORGE

Recd. the 5th June 1757.

☞ CHESTERFIELD.

					Oz.	dwts.	Gr.		dw.	gr.
Arcot Rupees	..	40	..	..	w	14.	14.	—	each	7 8-4/10
for assay	Rupees	5	..	each Br.						
		9	..							2 1/2
		6	..							3
		6	..							3 1/2
Madras Rupees	..	4	..		1	9	19			7 10 1/2
		2	..	Br.						12
		2	..							12 1/2
Madras Pagodas	..	5	..			11	2			2 5-1/5
	Pagodas.	2	..	W ^o .						1 1 3/4
		3	..							1 2
Returned from Ingeram.										
Madras Pagodas	..	5	..	W ^o .		—	11	—		2 4-4/5
		1	..							1 1 3/4
		1	..							1.2
		2	..							1.2 3/4
		1	..							1.3 1/4
Musters										
Madras Pagodas	..	4	..	W ^o .		—	8	19		2 4 1/2
		1	..							1 1 3/4
		3	..							1 2
Silver alloy										
Current Pagodas	..	5	..	W ^o .		—	10	22		2 4-2/5
		3	..							3 —
		1	..							3 — 1/4
		1	..							3 — 1/4
Copper alloy										
Current Pagoda	..	5	..	W ^o .		—	10	22		2 4-2/5
		3	..							2 3 1/2
		2	..							3 —

LONDON, 20TH. SEP^R. 1757.

EDW^p. HOLDWELL Account.

ACCOUNT OF THE WEIGHTS & TOWER ASSAYS OF THE FOLLOWING RUPEES & PAGODAS RECEIVED FROM FORT ST. GEORGE.

Recd. 2^d. March 1758.

WALPOLE

						dw. gr.		dw. gr.	
						W.	Car	each	
Madras Pagodas	..	3	..	..	..	6	16	2	5-1/3
	No.	1	..	W.	W ^o				
		2	..	2.5	1				
		3	..	2.5	1				
		3	..	2.6	1				
Current Pagodas	..	5	..	..	..	10	22	2	4-2/5
		4	..	..	W ^o				
		5	..	2.5	3				
		6	..	2.4	2				
		7	..	2.4	2				
		8	..	2.4	3				
		8	..	2.4	3				
Madras Rupees	..	3	..	..	..	oz.	dw.	gr.	
	No.	1	..	7.12	Br.	1	2	12	7 12
		2	..	7.12					
		3	..	7.12					
Arcot Rupees	..	12	..	..	..	4	8	3	7 8 1/2
		4	..	7.7	Br.				
		5	..	7.8					
		6	..	7.8					
		7	..	7.6					
		8	..	7.10					
		9	..	7.7					
	No.	10	..	7.9					
		11	..	7.8					
		12	..	7.11					
		13	..	7.8					
		14	..	7.8					
		15	..	7.9					

LONDON 14TH MARCH 1758

EDW^D. HOLDWELL.

LIST OF SHIPS DEPARTED FOR AND ARRIVED FROM THE EAST INDIES SINCE THE LAST ADVICES.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders.	Consignment.	When sailed from	
				Downes.	St. Hellens.
Prince Henry ..	499	Thomas Best ..	St. Helena & Limpo.	30 th Dec ^r . 1757.	} 25 th Jan ^r . 1758.
Osterley ..	499	Frederick Vincent.	China directly..	15 ^h Jan ^r . 1758.	
Rhoda ..	499	John M ^c nemara ..	} Fort St. George & China.	} 30 th Dec. 1757.	} 6 th . March
Britannia ..	499	John Blewitt ..			
Winchelsea ..	499	Thomas Howe ..			
Shaftesbury ..	499	Cornelius Inglis ..			
Tilbury ..	499	Roger Mainwaring			
Prince of Wales.	499	William Roberts.			
Pitt ..	499	William Wilson ..			
Egmont ..	499	John Venner ..	St. Helena & Bencoolen.	18 th Feb ^r . 1758.	

Ships.	From whence.	ARRIVED AT	
		St. Helena.	Corke.
Diligent Schooner..	Bengal ..	9 th Febr ^r . 1758.	.....
Walpole ..	Fort St. George ..	11 th Nov ^r .	16 th Febr ^r . 1758.

Mem^o.—His Majestys ships Grafton and Sunderland sailed from St. Hellens the 6th March 1758 for the East Indies.

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
LONDON 16TH MARCH 1758.

ROB^t. JAMES,

Sec^y.

LIST OF SHIPS SAILED FOR AND ARRIVAL FROM THE EAST INDIES SINCE THE SAILING OF THE BOSCAWEN & C^s.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders.	Consignment.	When sailed from	
				Downes.	St. Hellens.
Worcester ..	499	Edward Tidde- man.	Coast & Bay.	18 th April 1757.	
Fox ..	499	Alexander Hume.			
Ilchester ..	499	John Tedd ..			
Grantham ..	499	John Oliver ..	Coast & Bay.	2 ^d May ..	4 th May 1757
Elizabeth ..	499	Robert Burdett			
Prince Edward.	499	James Haldane ..	Persia & Bom- bay.	22 ^d May. ..	2 nd June.
Hawke ..	499	Richard Drake ..	Bombay ..		
Latham ..	499	John Foot			
York ..	499	Peter Lascelles ..			
Lord Anson ..	499	Edward Lord Chick.	Coast & Bay.	25 th Nov- em ^r .	18 th Dec .
Hardwicke ..	499	John Samson ..			

ARRIVED

At the several Ports of

Ships.	From whence.	At the several Ports of						
		St. Helena.	Limerick.	Corke.	Leith.	Plymouth.	Portsmo.	Downes.
Portfield ..	Bombay ..	17 th Febr ^y .	28 th May.	..	..	..	..	3 ^d July.
Edgecote ..	Mocha & Bombay.	D ^o .	D ^o.	..	..	..	..	D ^o .
Chesterfield ..	Fort St. George.	26 th Febr ^y .	Do.	..	..	..	..	Do.
Suffolk ..	China ..	1 st April.	..	..	24 th June.	..	..	..
Houghton ..								
Godolphin ..	Bengal ..	..	..	..	..	18 th July.	12 th Sep.	5 th Oct ^o .
Syren Sloop ..								
Clinton ..	Bombay ..	17 th May.	..	22 nd Aug.	..	..	11 th Sep.	D ^o .
Hector ..								
King's Fisher Sloop of War.	Bengal ..	17 th July.	..	..	..	..	23 rd Sep.	..
Oxford ..	Bencoolen ..	21 st June.	..	..	..	..	6 th Nov.	29 th Oct.
Harcourt ..	China ..	27 th June.	..	..	..	..	D ^o .	D ^o .
Stormont ..								
Griffin ..	Bengal ..	30 th June.	..	..	..	..	D ^o .	D ^o .
Delawar ..								

Mem^o.—The Warwick sailed alone from Madeira the 6th May and His Majesty's Squadron under the Command of Commodore Steevens sailed from the same Place the 12th of that month & the Expedition Packet Cap^t. James Barton for Bengal Sailed from the Downes the 14th Aug^t. & was taken by the French the 29th. of the same month.

EAST INDIA HOUSE

LONDON THE 28th. DECEMBER 1757.ROB^t. JAMES,
Secretary.

N.B.—The Ilchester, Worcester, Grantham, Fox & Elizabeth put into the Bay of All Saints the 26th July 1757 and sailed thence the 15th August following.

LIST OF SHIPS SAILED AND TAKEN UP AND OF THOSE ARRIVED FROM
THE EAST INDIES SINCE THE LAST ADVICES.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders.	Consignment.	When sailed from	
				Downes.	St. Hellens.
Worcester ..	499	Edward Tiddeman.	Coast & Bay ..	18 th April 1757.	4 th May.
Fox ..	499	Alexander Hume.			
Ilchester ..	499	John Tedd ..	Persia & Bombay.	2 ^d . May ..	4 th May.
Grantham ..	499	John Oliver ..			
Elizabeth ..	499	Robert Burdett ..	Bombay ..	22 ^a . do.	2 ^d . June
Prince Edward ..	499	James Haldane ..			
Hawke ..	499	Richard Drake ..	Edward Lord Chick.		
Latham ..	499	John Foot ..			
York ..	499	Peter Lascelles ..			
Lord Anson ..	499	Edward Lord Chick.			

TAKEN UP IN 1757.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders.	Consignment.	About what time to be dispatched.
Osterley ..	499	Frederick Vincent	China directly ..	15 th December.
Prince Henry ..	499	Thomas Best ..	S ^t . Helena & Limpao.	
Rhoda ..	499	John M ^c nemara ..	Fort S ^t . George & China.	26 th January 1758.
Tilbury ..	499	Roger Mainwaring.		
Britannia ..	499	John Blewitt ..	Coast & Bay ..	26 th March.
Winchelsea ..	499	Thomas Howe ..		
Shaftesbury ..	499	Cornelius Inglis ..	Bombay ..	
Prince of Wales.	499	William Roberts ..		
Egmont ..	499	John Venner ..	S ^t . Helena & Bencoolen.	
London ..	499	Richard Allwright.	Coast & Bay ..	
Warren ..	499	Alphonsus Glover.		
Drake ..	499	Benjamin Fisher ..	Bombay ..	
True Britton ..	425	Thomas Crichton.		
Prince George ..	499	Lorenzo Collins ..		
Bombay Castle ..	499	Richard Doveton.		

ARRIVED

Ships.	From whence.	At the several places of						
		St. Helena.	Lime- rick.	Corke.	Leith.	Plymouth.	Portsmo.	Downes.
Portfield ..	Bombay ..	17 th Febv.	28 th May	..	..	..	..	3 rd July
Edgecote ..	Mocha & Bombay.	D ^o .	Do.	..	..	..	..	Do.
Chesterfield.	Fort S ^t . George.	26 th do.	Do.	..	..	..	..	Do.
Suffolk ..	China ..	1 st April.	..	..	24 th June.	..	..	..
Houghton ..								
Godolphin ..	Bengal ..	..	..	..	..	18 th July.	12 th Sep.	5 th Oct.
Syren Sloop.								
Clinton ..	Bombay ..	17 th May	..	22 nd Aug.	..	..	11 th Sep.	..
Hector ..	Bengal ..	17 th July	..	..	..	..	23 rd Sep.	..
Kings Fisher Sloop of War.								
Oxford ..	Bencoolen.	21 st June.	..	..	..	..	6 th Nov.	..

Harcourt ..	} China ..	27 th	..	..	..	..	6 th Nov.	..
Stormont ..		June.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Griffin ..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Delawar ..	Bengal ..	30 th	..	..	..	..	Do.	..
		June.	..	..	..	..	..	..

Mem^o.—The Warwick sailed alone from Madeira the 6th May and His Majestys Squadron under the Command of Commodore Stevens Sailed from the same Place the 12th of that month.

EAST INDIA HOUSE

LONDON THE 11TH NOVEMBER 1757.

ROB^t. JAMES

Secretary.

LIST OF PERSONS NOT IN THE COMPANY'S SERVICE WHO HAVE THEIR PERMISSION TO PROCEED TO AND REMAIN IN THE EAST INDIES SINCE THE LAST ADVICES.

Persons.	Capacity.	Place.	Ship.
Francis Redman ..	Mariner ..	Bombay ..	Stretham.
Clement Crook ..	D ^o .	Bengal ..	P ^{ce} . George.
Frances Nind ..	Passenger ..	D ^o .	D ^o .

The above persons have each given the Company security in £200 not to become chargeable to them in the East Indies.

James Price ..	Free Merchant ..	Bombay ..	Abroad.
Francis Douglas ..	D ^o .	Bengal ..	Bombay Castle.
Robert Sloper Jun ^r . ..	D ^o .	Fort St. George ..	P ^{ce} . George.
Thomas Motte ..	D ^o .	Bengal ..	Bombay Castle.
Joseph jekyll ..	D ^o .	Bombay ..	Drake.
George Boswell ..	D ^o .	Bengal ..	P ^{ce} . George.
William Maltby ..	D ^o .	Do. ..	Pitt.
William Plaisted ..	Passenger ..	Do. ..	London.
Lewis Dencker ..	D ^o .	Fort St. George ..	D ^o .
Elizabeth Smith ..	D ^o .	Do. ..	Warren.
Thomas Fenwick ..	D ^o .	Bengal ..	London.
Charles Hopkins ..	D ^o .	Fort St. George ..	Bombay Castle.
Cusanna Brereton ..	D ^o .	Bengal ..	D ^o .
William Brereton ..	D ^o .	Do. ..	D ^o .
Margaret Brereton ..	D ^o .	Do. ..	D ^o .
Anne Spears ..	D ^o .	Do. ..	Prince George.

EAST INDIA HOUSE

LONDON 13TH MAY 1758.

ROB^t. JAMES.

Secretary.

LIST OF PERSONS NOT IN THE COMPANY'S SERVICE WHO HAVE THEIR PERMISSION TO PROCEED TO OR REMAIN IN THE EAST INDIES SINCE THE LAST ADVICES.

Names.	Capacity.	Place they go to.	Ship.
Mary Chitty ..	Passenger ..	Bengal ..	.....
Dorothy Rumbold ..	D ^o .	Fort St. George ..	Rhoda.
George Ward ..	Mariner ..	.....	Shaftesbury.
Hugh Baillie ..	D ^o .	Bengal ..	Abroad.
George Troutback ..	To reside at ..	Fort St. George ..	.....

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

Names.	Capacity.	Place they go to.	Ship.
William Bodle	Free Merchant ..	Bengal	Abroad.
Alexander Wishart ..	D ^o	Fort St. George ..	D ^o .
Samuel Talcot	D ^o	D ^o	Pitt.
W ^m . Henry Southby ..	D ^o	D ^o	Rhoda.
Francis Hare	D ^o	Bengal	Warren.
Derby Grady	D ^o	Bombay	Rhoda.
William Maltby	D ^o	Bengal	Pitt.
Adriana Cecilia Pearkes ..	Passenger	D ^o .. ..	.....
John William Holwell ..	D ^o	D ^o	Warren.
Anna Holwell	D ^o	D ^o	D ^o .
Eliza Holwell	D ^o	D ^o	D ^o .
Frances Empson	Passenger	Fort St. George ..	London.
Elizabeth Empson	D ^o	D ^o	D ^o .
Anne Clive	D ^o	D ^o	Warren.
Elizabeth Southby	D ^o	D ^o	Rhoda.

EAST INDIA HOUSE, LONDON
THE 28TH JANUARY 1758

ROB^T. JAMES
Secretary.

LIST OF PERSONS NOT IN THE COMPANY'S SERVICE WHO HAVE THEIR PERMISSION TO PROCEED TO OR REMAIN IN THE EAST INDIES SINCE THE ADVICES BY THE COAST AND CHINA SHIPS.

Names.	Station.	Place.	Ships.
William Maltby	Free Merchant ..	Bengal	Pitt.
George Boswell	D ^o	D ^o .. ..	.....
William Plaisted	Passenger (M ^r . Plaisted's son.)	D ^o	London.
Lewis Dencker	D ^o . to return to	Fort St. George ..	D ^o .
Elizabeth Smith	Passenger	D ^o	Warren.
Charles Hopkins	D ^o . to return to	D ^o .. ..	.....

EAST INDIA HOUSE
LONDON THE 16TH MARCH 1758.

ROB^T. JAMES
Secretary.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED ON THE COAST OF CHOBOMANDEL FOR THE SHIPS TAKEN UP INTO THE COMPANY'S SERVICE IN THE YEAR 1757.

	Pieces.
ALLEJARS, none.	
BETTELEES, of N ^{os} . 25 & 26 five hundred pieces and N ^{os} . 28 & 29 five hundred, but most of the head sorts, Two thousand pieces Some Reason should be assigned why We have not received One piece this Year.	2,00[0]
DITTO ORINGAL, fine, see that both selvages are of equal goodness, and take great Care to keep up the Quality. Two thousand ..	2,00[0]
Ditto PULLICAT, the very best sort you can procure, Eighteen hundred pieces of two Covids broad, Five hundred pieces of three Covids and two hundred of four Covids, and take particular Care the Quality be exceeding good, Two thousand five hundred	2,500

The Quality as well of Pullicats as Oringals of all sorts tho' pretty near the same as for two Years past continues still to be much inferior to that We have received in former Years; by the Chesterfield We have received a new sort of each of a

rather lighter Quality and smaller Thread than the Old ones, these are distinguished in the Invoice by a Letter N from whence We suppose them to be of a new fabrick, which should be encouraged, but if possible improved and procured of a more Wiery Thread, and made more even; could the Pullicats be procured of a still superior Quality tho' the price was a little higher they would answer better.

CAMBRICK BETTELLEES, thin, none at any rate.

DITTO thick, None at any rate.

By ships Hardwicke and Eastcourt We received a few Bales of Bettellees plain, flower'd and a few Pieces border'd, part of which came from Vizagapatam and part from Ingeram, the latter were much superior in Quality to the former, and you may encourage the making of more at the latter place, but not at the former unless the Quality is amended; of the sort $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 two Covids broad, you may send Five hundred pieces of those of Four Covids One hundred pieces, of the flower'd sort two Covids broad Five hundred pieces, but none of Four Covids broad, Eleven hundred pieces ..

1100

If any plain Bettellees of the Quality of those procured of two Covids wide could be made into Handkerchiefs and border'd so as to be exactly square, if the Breadth was to be a small matter under two Covids wide and the Borders to be a little varied you may send Three hundred

300

CHINTS MOOREES Ordinary they must be full twenty eight Covids long. One thousand

1000

What we have received of this kind this Year, are all of Old, ill chosen Patterns; if they cannot be procured with an Assortment of new ones, you may omit the Article

DITTO, fine. One thousand five hundred

1500

The Patterns in general of what We have receiv'd by the Chesterfield are too small, and much alike, We do insist on your procuring One third part of differing large new Patterns; Thirty Pieces of each Bale to be of differing Coloured Grounds, and you should encourage the painting of more Cloth at Vizagapatam

CALLOWAPORES, they must be of a bright red, unless they can be reduced in price We would not have any, but if they can send Five hundred ..

500

DIMITTIES FORT S^t. DAVID. None.

GINGHAMS, small White. None.

DITTO, Blue with variety of Stripes, One half very broad and no Packthread or Checks on any account. Two hundred

200

DITTO, Red of the same stripes without Checks. Two Hundred

200

DITTO, Clouded. None.

DITTO, Checked on a red Ground. None.

IZZAREES fine, F1 and 2. None.

DITTO superfine. None.

LONGCLOTHS Ordinary. Fifty thousand

50000

DITTO Middling. Twenty thousand

20000

DITTO Fine. Ten thousand

10000

Tho' the ordinary Cloths in general are better than they were, they are by no means such as We formerly had, but of all of them none are equal to the Salem Cloth, which it must be your endeavour to encrease and encourage the Manufacture of, and were the Quality (which it appears you are endeavouring to keep up) still further improved, We should be glad to have three times the Quantity of them, and the number Cloth whether Maddapollam, Worriapollam, Madrass or Fort S^t. David decreased in proportion. There is another Quality in those Cloths which is very material to be attended to, that of Breadth and Length, in which the Ingeram and Vizagapatam Cloths are extremely defective, in breadth many of them are but bare yard broad, and many of them but Thirty four yards and half long, it is not to be conceived how disadvantageous that Length is to the Buyers and how much less they sell for at Our sales, you must by all

means procure the Goods of both those manufactures to be kept up to the Breadth of former Years, and still more attentive to their being made full Seventy two Covids long.

You must also keep all the Fine Longcloth up to the Length of seventy two or seventy three Covids; some of the F D and F M Cloth of Chesterfield held but Thirty five yards, We have found several of the Bales said to be unstiffen'd which were stiffen'd, and others unstiffen'd said to be stiffen'd, by the Carelessness of those entrusted with putting in the Packing Notes and whenever there is a difference of Price in the Invoice such Bales should be distinguished both in the Invoice and on the Bale.

LONGCLOTH, superfine about six Pagodas, let them be as thick as possible you can procure, they must be made up square as formerly order'd. Eight hundred	800
DITTO, Blue, deep dye, ordinary and middling, One thousand five hundred	1500
LAMPASSES, Five hundred.. .. .	500

We find no reason assigned why none have been sent.

MOOREES fine. Two thousand	2000
DITTO, superfine. Eight hundred	800
DITTO, Ordinary. Four thousand	4000

You must still continue to make them Fourteen Yards long.

All the Moorees received this Year by the Chesterfield are much inferior to what We have had for some Years past, but none so much as the low ones.

BOMALS SOOT, Red of a bright clear Colour. Three thousand	3000
DITTO, Blue, Seven thousand	7000

You must endeavour to procure as much as you can of this Article, the Old Sort selling the best.

DITTO PULLICAT. None.

DITTO METCHLEPATAM OR SASTRACUNDY BOMALS without Glazing, One thousand five hundred	1500
SASTRACUNDIES of a bright Red, Two thousand	2000
SALLAMPORES Ordinary, Twenty thousand	20000
DITTO middling, Twenty five thousand	25000
DITTO fine, Eight thousand	8000

The Madrass Cloths are very narrow and short, you must have them made thirty two or thirty three Covids long. The Vizagapatam Cloths in general prove and sell the best.

You are not to send any Brown Sallampores or Long cloths on any account.

SARRASSES, None.

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

You may send three or four Bales of Dungarees.

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

We shall order Our servants in the Bay to supply you with a few fine Jugdea Baftaes, which must be printed with a variety of beautiful patterns, but not in the expensive manner of the Madrass Chints; you must send three fourths white Grounds and One Quarter Coloured Grounds, and the Colours more lively with as much variety as you [. . .]

REDWOOD as usual.

SALT PETRE as General Letter.

Put the Commanders in mind that they lay sufficient Dunnage on the Salt Petre before they stow the Bales, it being of that penetrating [nature] it often damages the Cloth as it has formerly happened.

The Indigo We received by the Chesterfield was of so very bad Quality that the Kings Officers would scarcely pass it as such, but would have charged it as a Manufactured Blue, which would have made it liable to a high duty, but being sensible it would fetch very little did at last exempt it from the Duty, among that from Fort St. Davids the fou[r] Duppers called Lahore were the best ; they are like to produce so little, th[at] we must not attempt bringing any more from the Coast of Choromandel.

We are

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS

LONDON
23TH. DECEM^R. 1757.

JOHN MANSHIP.
TIMOTHY TULLIE.
JOHN PAYNE.
P. GODFREY.
CHA. GOUGH.
JOHN DORRIEN.
J. RAYMOND.
CHRISTO BURROW.
HENRY PLANK.
THO^S. PHIPPS.
THO^S. ROUS.
GEO. DUDLEY.
MAXIM^N. WESTERN.
CHARLES CHAMBERS.
ROB. JONES.
HEN. HADLEY.
LAU. SULIVAN.

POSTSCRIPT,

Though the Complaint in regard to the Damaged pieces found in Bales is in great measure stopped, yet we must observe to you that in the only Bale We received of Sallampores V₁ there were found nine pieces very much damaged and two pieces more in another Bale Vo. 1.

Signed by Order of the Court of Directors.

LONDON
10TH. MAY 1758.

ROB^T. JAMES
Secretary.

ACCOUNT OF BOOKS BY THE BOMBAY CASTLE FOR FORT ST. GEORGE, VIZ.
New Charts of the Variation 6 with Books amounting to £ 1 13 0

LONDON 10th May 1758.

ACCOUNT OF BOOKS of PRINCE GEORGE FOR FORT ST. GEORGE VIZ.
New Charts of the Variation 6—with Books at 5-6—amounting to .. £ 1 13 0
Herberts new Directory for the East Indies, etc., 2 Sets 6 6 0
£ 7 19 0

EXTRACTS FROM THE COMPANY'S INSTRUCTIONS TO CAPTAIN THOMAS BEST OF THE PRINCE HENRY AND TO THE COMMANDERS OF THEIR SHIPS OUTWARD BOUND IN 1757.

Your Boat's arrival at Banks's, and not your anchoring in the Road is, for the future, to be deemed your arrival and the Company's ships are to take precedence accordingly.

At whatever Port you shall arrive Homeward bound in Great Britain or Ireland, you must give immediate advice thereof to the Court of Directors by an Express Messenger, who is to be a trusty Officer belonging to the ship, under whose Care must be sent up all your Packets, as well Secret as Publick, excepting only the large Ones containing the Books of our settlements if you have any such aboard which may be kept until your arrival in the River of Thames, if their Bulk is such as will render the bringing them up very

inconvenient, You must likewise in your Letter by the said Messenger, and by the first Post send all the Indian News of Consequence you can recollect with the Company's Packets, you are likewise to send up all the Private Letters on board your ship made up into a separate Packet or Packets positively enjoining the Messenger to put none of the letters he is entrusted with into the Post Office, This Order for sending up the Packets must be particularly observed notwithstanding any Directions you may receive from the Company's Agents in India, unless it shall be signified to you that there are particular and extraordinary Reasons to the contrary.

You are upon the dispatching away the said Messenger to give him Instructions in Writing, inserting the Descriptions of the several Packets sent by him, with Orders to deliver the same immediately at the East India House with the said Instructions to the Secretary, without stopping at any Inn or Place whatsoever in London, and you are to strictly enjoin him to conceal all Intelligence until the said Packets are delivered as aforesaid.

You are to take a Receipt or Receipts from the supra Cargoes, Governours, Secretaries or other proper Person or Persons for each and every Packet entrusted by us or the Secret Committee to your Care for our Agents in India & China which Receipt or Receipts are to be produced to us upon your Return to England that we may be satisfied you have deliver'd all your Packets.

EXTRACT FROM THE COMPANY'S INSTRUCTIONS TO CAPTAIN JOHN SAMSON OF THE SHIP HARDWICKE & THE COMMANDERS OF THEIR OTHER SHIPS OUTWARD BOUND IN 1757.

Para. 65. You are both Outward* and Homeward bound and during the whole Course of your Voyage, to keep all the Company's Packets whatsoever at hand, and particularly those of a Secret Nature, that they may be ready to be thrown into the Sea, which you are hereby directed to do, in case of your ship's being in danger of being taken by the Enemy, but not until the last Extremity, and in order that they may be effectually prevented from falling into the Enemy's hands You must take care that there is always such sufficient Weight affixed thereto as will immediately sink them.

66. At whatever Port You shall arrive Homeward bound in Great Britain or Ireland, You must give immediate Advice thereof to the Court of Directors by an Express Messenger Who is to be a trusty Officer belonging to the Ship, under whose care must be sent up all the Packets as well Secret as Public excepting only the large ones containing the Books of Our Settlements, if you shall have any such aboard, which may be kept until your arrival in the River of Thames if their Bulk is such as will render the bringing them up very inconvenient, you must likewise in your Letter by the said Messenger and by the first Post send all the Indian News of consequence you can recollect with the Company's Packets, You are likewise to send up all the Private Letters on board your Ship made up into a separate Packet or Packets positively enjoining the Messenger to put none of the Letters he is entrusted with into the Post Office, This Order for sending up the Packets must be particularly observed, notwithstanding any directions you may receive from the Company's Agents in India, unless it shall be signified to you that there are particular & extraordinary Reasons to the contrary.

67. You are upon dispatching away the said Messenger to give him Instructions in Writing, inserting the Descriptions of the several Packets sent by him, with Orders to deliver the same immediately at the East India House with the said Instructions to the Secretary without stopping at any Inn or Place whatsoever in London, and You are strictly to enjoin him to conceal all Intelligence until the said Packets are delivered as aforesaid.

68. All Orders and Instructions that you may receive from the Secret Committee for the time being, as likewise all such of a Secret Nature which shall be delivered to you by the Companys Governour, Chiefs, or any other Agents during the whole Course of your Voyage are to be carefully preserved together, & upon your return to England, they are all to be delivered to the Company's Secretary, in the meantime you are to keep them inviolably Secret.

70. You are to take a Receipt or Receipts from the Governor Secretary or other proper Person or Persons for each and every Packet entrusted by us or the Secret Committee to your Care for Our Agents in India which Receipt or Receipts are to be produced to us upon your return to England, that we may be satisfied you have delivered all your Packets.

ACCOUNT OF GOODS OVER AND WANTING BY THE SHIP CHESTERFIELD
ARRIV'D ANNO 1757

	Longcloth N ^o . 1	Wanting B ^a .	..	1	
	2	Over	..	1	
	V2	Wanting	..	1	
	VO3	Over	..	1	
	VS1	Wanting	..	1	
	VS2	d ^o .	..	1	
	VS3	Over	..	3	
	M2	d ^o .	..	2	
	M3	d ^o .	..	3	
	MO2	Wanting	..	2	
meas ^d . sorted & embald In ^c . Andrews	MO3	d ^o .	..	3	Wanting P ^c .
	12M	Over	..	1	
	13M	Wanting	..	1	
	M1M	Over	..	3	
	M2M	Wanting	..	6	
	M3M	Over	..	2	
	FV1	Wanting	..	2	
	FV2	Over	..	2	
	FM1	d ^o .	..	1	
no ticket in the Bale	FM2	Wanting	..	2	wanting P ^c . 2
	FM3	Over	..	1	
Sallampores	1M	Wanting	..	1	
	2M	Over	..	1	

No appearance of Plunder in the above Bales where pieces are wanting.

EAST INDIA HOUSE
23 DEC^r. 1757
JOB WILLIAMS.

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

WHEREAS We the said *Court of Directors* being willing to give all fitting Encouragement to the Commanders, Officers, and Seamen, on board the Ships which shall, from Time to Time, be employed to and from the *East Indies*, and within the Limits of the COMPANY'S Charter, We do hereby declare as follows, Viz.

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

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

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

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

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

AGATES,	China WARE, not In CHINA Ships, to the Gross Amount of Two Hundred Pounds at the Company's Candle,	RATTANS, Two Hundred Bundles for each One Hundred Tons the Ship is lett for, but upon all Exceedings to pay Ten Shillings each Bundle, as far as one Hundred Bundles, and all farther Exceedings to be forfeited,
AMBERGEEASE,		
AMMONIACUM,		
ARRACK, Four Leaguers for each One Hundred Tons the Ship is Lett for, paying upon what exceeds that Quantity One Shilling and Six Pence per Gallon, over and above all other Duties,	CIVET,	
	CORDIVANTS and all Sorts of Leather,	
	CORNELIAN RINGS,	
	CUBEBS,	
	DIAMONDS, PEARLS, and all Precious Stones,	RHUBABB,
ASSA-FOETIDA,	EBONY WOOD,	RICE,
BENJAMIN,	GALLINGAL,	ROMAN VITRIOL,
BEZOAR STONES,	GOA STONES	SAFFLOWEE,
CABINETS, not in CHINA Ships,	GOLD,	SAGOE,
CAMBOGIUM,	JAPAN WARE, not in CHINA Ships,	SAL ARMONIACK,
CAMPBIRE,	LACKS of all Sorts,	SANGUIS DRACONIS,
		SCAMONY,

CANES,	LACQUER'D WARE, not in CHINA Ships,	SEALING WAX,
CARDEMOMS,	LAPIS LAZULI,	SENNA,
CASSIA FISTULA,	LAPIS TUTICE,	SKREENS, not in China Ships,
CASSIA LIGNEA,	LONG PEPPER,	SPICES, Viz. CINNAMON, CLOVES, MACE, NUTMEGS, and their Oils,
CHINA FANS AND PICTURES, not in CHINA Ships,	MIRABOLANS,	SPIKENARD,
CHINA IMAGES AND PICTURES, not in CHINA Ships,	MUSK,	SUGAR CANDY,
CHINA ROOTS	MYRRH,	TAMARINDS,
CHINA WARE,		TEA IN CHINA ships, and in them only, Two Hundred Weight for each Hundred Ton the Ship is Lett for,
	NUX VOMICA,	TORTOISE-SHELLS,
CABINETS,	OLIBANUM,	TUTENAGUE,
CHINA FANS AND PICTURES, In CHINA Ships and in them only Four Tons, for each One Hundred Tons the Ship is Lett for, and on all Exceedings to Pay Thirty Pounds for each Ton, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity.	OPIUM,	WORMSEEDS,
CHINA IMAGES AND PICTURES,	OPPOPONAX,	
JAPAN WARE,	ORPIMENT,	
LACQUER'D WARE,	OSTRICH'S FEATHERS	
SKREENS,	RANGOES	

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

And We do hereby Declare, That upon all the abovementioned Goods there shall be charged and paid the Customs, the Company's Duty of Five PER CENT. (except ARRACK, on which Six Pence PER GALLON shall be paid instead of the Five PER CENT.) and the Customary CHARGE of Two PER CENT. for Warehouse-room, on all Goods, excepting CHINA-WARE AND LACQUER'D-WARE, whereon FOUR PER CENT. SHALL BE PAID.

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

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

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

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

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

TO ALL PEOPLE TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES SEND GREETING. NOW KNOW YE—

That We the said United Company reposing especial Trust and Confidence in the Courage Fidelity and Circumspection of CAPTAIN WILLIAM WILSON Commander of the ship PITT do by these Presents Constitute and appoint you the said Captain William Wilson to be Commodore of all ships and vessels Freightd by or belonging to us the said Company now bound to the East Indies, and all such as you may meet with or shall join you in the whole course of your voyage outward bound, in the East Indies, China or elsewhere within the Limits of Our Charter and Homeward bound until your arrival in England, giving you full Power and authority to Take, sink, Burn, and Destroy all and every ship or Ships of War or Force belonging to the French or to any Pirates Freebooters and Robbers on the High seas or to any Enemies of our Sovereign Lord the King and his Subjects who shall attack your Ship the Pitt or any of the ships at any time under your Convoy or by any ways or means intercept or hinder the Commerce and Trade of us the said Company, and also to Protect and Defend all ships and Vessels belonging to us the said Company from all the assaults and Insults of any Enemy whatsoever wherever you meet them; and We do likewise hereby Will and Command all Commanders Inferior Officers and Mariners of the said ships and Vessels to obey you as their Commodore so long as they are under your Convoy, and we do likewise Will and Command that you do strictly follow and observe all such Orders Directions and Instructions which you shall receive from the Court of Directors and their secret Committee for the time being Our Governours and Councils, Supracargoes or other of the Company's agents properly authorized by the Court of Directors or the secret Committee aforesaid for your future Government. IN WITNESS whereof the said United Company have hereunto caused their Common Seal to be affixed this Twenty third day of December in the Thirty first Year of the Reign of His most Excellent Majesty George the Second by the Grace of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Seven.

L.S.
SIGNED by Order of the Court of Directors of the said United Company
ROB^t. JAMES
Secretary.

TO ALL PEOPLE TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, THE United Company of Merchants of England, Trading to the East-Indies, SEND GREETING. WHEREAS IN AND BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT MADE IN THE FIFTH YEAR OF HIS LATE MAJESTY'S REIGN, IT IS (AMONGST OTHER THINGS) ENACTED, That if any of his Majesty's Subjects should, from and after the twentieth Day of FEBRUARY, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighteen, sail, go, or repair to, or be in the EAST-INDIES, in the Countries and Parts of ASIA and AFRICA, or in such Places of ASIA, AFRICA, and AMERICA, or any of them, beyond the Cape of BONA ESPERANZA to the STREIGHTS OF MAGELLAN, where any Trade or Traffick of Merchandize is or may be used or had, contrary to the Laws then in being, or the Tenor of the said Act; such Persons, so offending, should be liable to such Punishment as by any Law in being might be inflicted for such Offence; and that it should and might be lawful to and for the UNITED COMPANY OF

MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND, TRADING TO THE EAST-INDIES, and their Successors, to take, arrest and seize, or cause to be taken, arrested and seized, such Person or Persons, being a Subject or Subjects of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, at any Place or Places where he or they shall be found, within the Limits or Places aforesaid; and the Person and Persons so taken, arrested and seized, to send and remit to ENGLAND, there to answer for the Offence aforesaid, according to due Course of Law. AND IT WAS IN AND BY THE SAID ACT PROVIDED AND ENACTED, THAT THE SAID ACT SHOULD CONTINUE IN FORCE FOR FIVE YEARS, AND FROM THENCE TO THE END OF THE THEN NEXT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT, AND NO LONGER. AND WHEREAS IN AND BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT MADE IN THE NINTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS LATE MAJESTY KING GEORGE, THE SAID ACT OF THE FIFTH YEAR OF HIS SAID LATE MAJESTY WAS FURTHER CONTINUED IN FORCE FOR SEVEN YEARS, FROM THE 25TH. DAY OF MARCH, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE, AND FROM THENCE TO THE END OF THE THEN NEXT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT. AND WHEREAS BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT MADE IN THE FIFTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY THE SAID FIRST MENTIONED ACT IS REVIVED, AND FURTHER CONTINUED IN FORCE FOR SEVEN YEARS, FROM THE FIRST DAY OF MAY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO, AND FROM THENCE TO THE END OF THE THEN NEXT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT. AND WHEREAS BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT MADE IN THE THIRTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY, THE LAST BECITED ACT OF THE FIFTH YEAR OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY IS CONTINUED TILL THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN. AND BY ANOTHER ACT OF PARLIAMENT, MADE IN THE TWENTIETH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY, THE SAME ACT IS FURTHER CONTINUED FROM THE EXPIRATION THEREOF UNTIL THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF MARCH, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY; AS IN AND BY THE SAID ACTS, RELATION BEING THEREUNTO HAD, MAY MORE FULLY APPEAR. NOW KNOW YE, THAT WE THE SAID United Company do (BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER GRANTED TO US BY THE ABOVEMENTIONED ACT, AND ACTS OF PARLIAMENT) HEREBY AUTHORISE AND EMPOWER Captain JOHN SAMSON Commander of the ship Hardwicke and the Commander for the time being PURSUANT TO THE POWERS OF THE SAID ACTS TO TAKE, ARREST, AND SEIZE, ALL AND EVERY PERSON AND PERSONS, BEING A SUBJECT OR SUBJECTS OF HIS MAJESTY, HIS HEIRS OR SUCCESSORS, OFFENDING AGAINST THE LAWS AFORESAID, WITHIN THE PLACES AFORESAID; AND THE PERSON, AND PERSONS SO TAKEN, ARRESTED AND SEIZED, TO SEND AND REMIT TO England, TO ANSWER FOR HIS OR THEIR OFFENCE, ACCORDING TO DUE COURSE OF LAW. IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE SAID United Company HAVE HEREUNTO CAUSED THEIR COMMON SEAL TO BE AFFIXED, THIS Eleventh DAY OF November in the YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY SEVEN.

VICTUALLING-BILL, AND STORES OF THE SHIP HARDWICKE CAPTAIN JOHN SAMSON COMMANDER, BURTHEN, 499 TONS, 99 MEN, 26 GUNS, BOUND FOR COAST AND BAY.

Viz.

Ale, Strong Beer, Cyder or Mum, in Casks or Bottle, according to Bulk.	} Five Tons.
Beef, Pork, Bacon, Sewit and Tongues.	Twenty-five Tons.
Beer Strong, in Casks (not Bottles) ..	Six Tons.
Beer Small	Forty Tons.
Bread	Thirty Thousand Weight.
Butter	Thirty Firkins.
Brandy and ENGLISH Spirits	Two Hundred and fifty Gallons.
Billet Wood	Twenty-five Thousand.
Brimstone	Two Hundred Weight.
Coals	Fifty Chaldrons.
Candles	Fifty Dozen.

Cheese	Fifty Hundred Weight.
Chirurgery and Drugs	Fifty Pounds Value.
Canvass	Twenty Bolts.
Flower	Seventy Hundred Weight.
Fish $\frac{3}{4}$ Tale	Seven Thousand.
Fruit	Fifteen Hundred Weight.
Gunpowder	Fifty Barrels.
Iron Shot	Four Tons.
Iron for Store	Four Tons.
Lime Juice	One Hundred Gallons.
Lead Shot of Sorts	Five Hundred Weight.
Mustard-seed	Ten Bushels.
Oatmeal	Fifty Bushels.
Oil, Sweet and Lamp	Three hundred Gallons.
Oats, Barley and Bran	Three Hundred Bushels.
Oranges and Lemons	Six Chests.
Pease	One Hundred and eighty Bushels.
Pitch	Twenty Barrels.
Red and White Herring and Salmon	Five Barrels.
Rosin	Six Hundred Weight.
Spare Cordage	Five Tons.
Shoe Lead for Store	Two Tons & half.
Sauces of all Sorts	Five Cases.
Salt, White and Bay	Forty Bushels.
Sugar and Spice	Fifteen Hundred Weight.
Slops	Two Chests.
Tobacco	Twenty Hundred Weight.
Tobacco Pipes	One Hundred Groce.
Tar	Twenty Barrels.
Turpentine	Three Barrels.
Vinegar	Six Hogsheads.
Wine in Cask and Bottles, according to Bulk, accounting thirty-six Dozen to a Ton.	} Six Tons.
Water, what shall be thought fit, but not less than.	} Forty Tons.
Also one Case or Cask of Brandy or Strong Waters for each Seaman, not exceeding—	} Six Gallons.

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

EAST INDIA HOUSE,
THE 12TH. NOV^R. 1757.
G. HIGGINSON

By the Committee of Shipping
of the Court of Directors.

GEORGE the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth To ALL TO WHOM these Presents shall come Greeting WHEREAS by Virtue of several Charters or Letters Patent heretofore granted by divers of our Royal Predecessors to different Companys of Merchants of London and of England Trading to the East Indies which have formerly been incorporated such former Company's have had Power to send Ships of War to their settlements in the East Indies to Raise and keep a Military Force and to make Peace or War with any Princes or People not Christians in any Places of their Trade and also to right and recompence themselves upon the Goods Estate or People of those Parts by whom they should sustain any Injury Loss or Damage or upon any other People that should any way interrupt wrong or injure them in their Trade within the Limits of their Charters AND WHEREAS by virtue of a Charter or Letters Patent Granted by our Royal Predecessor King William the 3^d. of Glorious Memory bearing date at Westm^r. the 5th. day of September in the 10th. year of his Reign and by virtue of our Royal Charter or Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain bearing date at Westminster the 8th. day of Janr'y in the 26th. Year of our Reign The United Company of Merch^{ts}. of England Trading to the East Indies have power to raise and maintain such a Body of standing Forces at their several settlements in the East Indies and such a number of Seamen and Ships of Defence as shall be Necessary for the safeguard and Defence of the same and to take & surprize all & every Person and Persons with their ships Armour & Ammunition & other Goods as shall in an Hostile manner invade or attempt the defeating or destruction of said United Comp^a's. Settlements or our subjects inhabiting therein & upon just Cause to invade & Destroy the Enemies of the same AND WHEREAS many Troubles have of late years arisen in the East Indies and the said United Comp^a. have been obliged at very great Expence to carry on War in those parts against the French and likewise ag^t. the Nabob of Bengall & other Princes or Governments in India and some of the Territories & Possessions Goods Merchandizes Treasure & other things belonging to the said United Comp^a. in India having been taken from them by the said Nabob of Bengall have been since retaken by the Ships of War & Forces maintained raised & paid by the said United Comp^a. in Conjunction with some of our Royal Ships of War & Forces which we have been Graciously pleased to send to the East Indies for the Defence & assistance of the said United Comp^a. ag^t. their Enemies and other Territories or Districts Goods Merchandizes & Effects have been Conquered & taken from some of the said Princes or Governm^{ts}. in India at variance with the said United Company by the ships & Forces of the said United Comp^a. alone AND WHEREAS it is expedient for the said United Comp^a. in order to Enable them to support the great Burthen & Expence of the War they are now engaged in and of such Wars as they may hereafter have with any of their or of our Enemies in India & the better to Enable them from Time to Time to make Peace on Terms advantageous to their Trade That we should make them such Grant & Give them such Powers as hereinafter are contained NOW KNOW YE that we well weighing how highly it Imports the Honour and Welfare of this our Realm & our good subjects thereof that all fitting Assistance & Encouragem^t. sho^d. be given to the said United Company & in performance of divers Covenants between our Royal Predecessors & the said Company for granting to them all such further reasonable powers & Priviledges as may be adviseable for the better support & Improvement of ther Trade HAVE of our Especial Grace certain Knowledge & mere motion Given and Granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do Give & Grant unto the said United Comp^a. of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies their successors & assigns All such Booty or Plunder Ships Vessells Goods Merchandizes Treasure & other things w^t.soever wch. since our Royal Letters Patent of the 19th. day of Sep^r. last past have been or shall be taken or seized from any

of the Enemies of the ^{sd.} comp^{a.} or any of our Enemies in the East Indies by any ships or Forces or the said Comp^{a.} Employed by them or on their behalf within any Places or limits of their Trade prescribed to them by any of the Charters Granted by us or any of our Royal Predecessors PROVIDED always that the said Plunder or Booty as aforesaid be taken or seized during Wars or Hostilities begin & Carried on in Order to right & recompence the said Company upon the goods Estates or People of those Parts from whom they shall sustain or shall have just & well grounded Cause to fear any Injury loss or Damage or upon any other People who shall Interrupt wrong or injure them in their said Trade within the Limits of their said Charters or who shall in an Hostile manner invade or attempt to weaken or destroy the settlements of the said Comp^{a.} or to Injure our subjects or others Trading or residing within the said Settlements or in any manner under our Protection within the said Places or Limits AND further PROVIDED always that the Booty or Plunder as afores^{d.} be taken in Wars Hostilities or Expeditions begun undertaken carried on & completed by the Forces raised & paid by the said Comp^{a.} alone or by the ships Employed at their sole Expence SAVING our Prerogative Royal to distribute the said Plunder or Booty in such manner & proportions as we shall think fit in all cases where any of the Forces by Land or Sea of us our Heirs and Successors shall be appointed & commanded to act in Conjunction with the ships or Forces of the said Company and EXCEPTING always out of this our Grant all such ships Vessells Goods Merchandizes Treasure & other Things whatsoever wch. have been or shall be forcibly taken or detained by the Enemy from any of our subjects or others Trading or residing within the places or limits aforesaid under our Protection & which have been or shall be retaken in Consequence of any Warrs Hostilities or Expeditions as aforesaid, it being agreeable to Justice and Equity & to our Royal purpose that the same shall be Restored to the Orig^{l.} owners respectively as far as may be on Payment of reasonable salvage AND further We have of our like especial Grace certain Knowledge & meer Motion given and granted & by these presents for us our Heirs & Successors Do give and grant unto the said United Comp^{a.} of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies their successors & assigns that they the said United Comp^{a.} their successors & assigns shall & may by any Treaty or Treaties of Peace made or to be made between them or any of their officers servants or agents Employed on their behalf and any of the Indian Princes or Governments to cede restore or dispose of any Fortresses districts or Territories acquired by conquest from any of the said Indian Princes or Governments during the late Troubles between the said Comp^{a.} & the Nabob of Bengal or which shall be acquired by Conquest in Time coming PROVIDED always that the said Comp^{a.} shall not have any power or authority w^{t.}soever to cede restore or dispose of any settlements Fortresses Districts or Territories Conquered from the subjects of any European power without the special licence & approbation of us our Heirs and Successors AND WE do for us our Heirs & successors Grant & declare that these our Letters Patent or the Inrollment thereof shall be in and by all things valid & effectual in the Law according to the true intent and meaning of the same and shall be taken construed & adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the said Company as well in our Courts of Record as elsewhere notwithstanding any nonrecital misrecital Defect Incertainty or Imperfection in these our Letters Patent IN WITNESS whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent Witness ourself at Westminister the 14^{th.} day of Janr'y in the 31^{st.} Year of our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal.

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