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necessity of either supporting Tellic[herr]y at a dead [...] [...] throwing it up, and these Sentiments we beg leave to aff[irm] were [not] influenced by any motives whatever wherein direct[ly] or indir[ectly] our own Interest was concern'd; But did arise from the best [of] judgment joyned with the opinion of those who understand [the] Scituation of this Country. We have already set forth acco[r]di[ng] to what we had been informed, that when this place florished most in the time of the Moors, it yeilded a Annual Revenue of Twelve thousand Rupees; But by the Canarees felling a Number of the Trees, the depopulation that has ensued from those Troubles, and others preceeding; It seems to us it will take up a considerable time to improve it, so as to produce the aforementioned Revenue, and the rather as the King of Cotata who borders thereon, appears very averse, to our being so near him, although he did, before we enter'd on Action, against the Canarees declare, he should never pretend to any claim thereto, after their being drove over Billiapatam River, yet so base are his Principles, he did in July last, cause one of our Inhabitants to be cruelly Murder'd purely to terrify People from settling on the Island; and the Moors not-withstanding we did obtain a Writing from the Heiress of Cannanore, previous to our being there, implying her full Consent for your Hon^{rs}. holding it, yet They now aim to repossess it, and have been trying by several indirect me[thods] to cause us to relinquish it, h[int]ing their willingness to lay down a Sum proportionate to the Expen[ce] you have been at in securing it. We on our parts have endeavoured to sound them if our retaining some strongholds there, and assigning them all the Grounds, in consideration of a certain [annu]al Payment as may be agreed on will satisfie them having in view thereby to preserve the Government to your Hon^{rs}. and securing you from the mischiefs, that in time might arise by their delivering it up Voluntarily, or Involuntarily to any other European, which considering their present declined State ought to be dreaded. But we cannot learn they are any wise inclinable to hold it on those terms, and we think it would be improper to recede from them, for our Prince will hardly ever be brought to consent to it's being under the Moors Government, paving a way thereby to their acquiting such power as might give him great Trouble to contend with hereafter. We have at present on this Island four Redoubts near the Sea, and apprehend one or two more small Works must be raised for the Security of the Inland Parts, all which in peaceable times will require (including the keeping Grove Island) lying within Musquett Shott of this, about one Hundred Men for their Garrison whose maintenance we compute at near Twelve Thousand Rupees Annually. To ease which some Revenue will arise Annually, perhaps of three thousand Rupees in the present State and which will be Yearly encreasing, according to the Number of People resorting thither, who becoming Interested thereon; we may conclude will be ready to contribute as far as they can towards its defence; your Hon^{rs}. have expended to this time Th[irt]y Seven thousand five hundred Rupees in Fortifying this Isla[n]d, which has been greatly augmented through the necessity we were under on our first possessing it of making small Work[s] for immediate Security, and which were afterwards pulled down for raising others that might prove durable, and requiring less Men in preserving them, and we are assured, notwithstanding our own judgment has been Chiefly applied in raising [those] Works, they are as small and strong as the Limited Expen[ce] we were willing to put your Hon^{rs}. to would allow, and for [...] we apprehend than would have Cost under the inspection [of] the Engineer sent out. We have taken the Liberty of hinting in our Letters at

the irregularity of Tellicherry Fort, its being Commande[d] by an adjacent Hill, and Surrounded with so many Defiles and Covers, that it would be difficult to discover an Enemy till just under the Limit Wall; and therefore admitting your Hon^{rs}. disposed effectually to secure your Trade on this Coast, we remarked, that the erecting a regular Fortress on Durmapatam and leaving Tellicherry, with only a small Work, and renderi[ng] the former the head Settlement on Account of it's preferable Situation, as well as being your own property, and under your Government, to be more eligible than dividing your Forces in the manner they now are, exposed to more hazards than otherwise they would be; But as the effecting this Scheme would unavoidably Occasion an immense Expence, we Conjecture your Hon^{rs}. may not approve of it. However we beg leave to offer it as our Opinion. That your relinquishing this Island may prove exceeding prejudicial to your Affairs, as we shall always dread you will not be free from Competitors in the Pepper Trade, and the Dutch in particular, we may conclude, will omit no Opportunities of gaining as much of it as they can; moreover our Experience cannot but excite an extraordinary jealousy of the French whose Conduct we shall have Occasion to speak of hereafter.

8. SINCE the Arrival of your present Chief at this Settlement, your Hon^{rs}. have been constantly Informed of the dangers your Trade lay exposed to from the Canarees Invasion, who at the time of our last Address, were Seated on the low Grounds of Durmapatam, and that the French were endeavouring to fix themselves at Agar. To which end they Dispatched one of their Council to Bednure, with sundry proposals in favour of that Rajah, provided he would Support them in their pretensions. these proceedings with the just reasons we had to apprehend the entire Destruction of Your Trade from the Continuance of the Canarees in this Country, compell'd us to join with our Prince and his Allies for effecting their Retreat, your Hon^{rs}. to bear the Expence of your own People and Vessells, and he to support all the Force he could raise. But as it was not in his power to procure Ammunition and Provisions for them, without our Assistance, we undertook to furnish him with both at his Expence, and for defraying which he deposited about Twenty Thousand Rupees, engaging in the most solemn manner to deliver us such Sums as might be requisite, before the said Deposit was expended, giving us to understand how easy it would be for him to raise them on being engaged in a manner so highly Acceptable to the whole Country. In this Confidence, and after making the necessary Preparations on our Side, we did on the 23^d. February last, write a peremptory Letter in the Princes behalf to the Canaree General, requiring him to retire with his Army on the other Side the River Billiapatam, which he had a right to demand, since their Engagements were to reduce his Subjects this way to his Obedience, and which they had entirely failed in, by assuming the Conquered Places to themselves. But without returning any Answer, They decamped of [*sic*] the 25th. and proceeded to their Fort at Cadalay, burning and destroying all they could light on in their way, whereby our Merchant Chatoo Chittee suffer'd greatly. On the 29th. They came back to Eddecaute Point near Agar, where they had a strong hold, and after Skirmishing some time with the Mallabars, joyned with a few of our People, They were forced back, and the place taken. And on the 17th. of March we drew near Cadalay with all our Force, the Victoria, and Four Gallivatts sent from Bombay, being Station'd so as to prevent the Enemy receiving Supplies of Provisions by Sea, and apprehending a nearer Approach to their Fort, and erecting Batteries against it, might effect it's reduction; the Malabars Agreed to March with us the next day early in the Morning for that purpose, accordingly we proceeded together, the former placing themselves on an Eminence adjacent to another where we lay; But before our Guns, and other necessary Implements could be put in Order, the Mallabars were routed, and the whole Canaree Force consisting of about five hundred Horse and three Thousand Foot, made five Attacks with great fury on ours, which were Sustained with the greatest firmness, for about Six Hours. The Guns from Cadalay two of which being Eighteen Pounders were constantly playing on our People, who finding it impossible to continue in that Scituation longer (being Deserted by the Mallabars) retreated in good Order to the Place they marched from with the loss of three

Killed and Twenty Wounded. In which posture we continued for some Days, finding it impracticable to erect the Batteries we proposed against the Fort since the Nairs were not to be depended upon, during which time the Dutch offer'd their Assistance to the Prince, by applying the Force they had sent up to act against the Canarees, though without effect, to joyn with him and [...] in the reduction of Cadalay, which lies within Gun Shott of their Fort at Cannanore on the opposite Side of the Bay, and the Prince was required by them to give a Writing, which he did, That the Fortress provided taken, should be Demolished, & no other erected there by whomsoever, and the Captain of Cannanore seeming jealous of us in particular, that we wanted to hold said Place; we thought proper, in order to [qu]iet them, to give a Writing declaring we had nothing to do with it, as it was the Princes Property. On the 30th, the Dutch Forces Landed consisting of three hundred Men, and the next day their Ships hauled in Shore and Cannonaded the Place and Camp, and agreed to March with our joint Forces the following Morning for erecting a Battery as near the Fortress as possible, accordingly we proceeded together joined by the Mallabars, and our Officers perceiving the Enemy to give way, advanced with great precipitation under the Walls, where a Number of the Enemy was destroy'd & by one means or other the Fort was enter'd and reduced by Seven a Clock, with the loss of five of our People killed and Eight Wounded. We on our parts did all that was possible to save the Lives of the Enemy after their Defeat, who were fired at by the Moors under whose Guns they retired for protection, and through our care near a Thousand Souls were Saved and sent to there [sic] own Country, which has Convinced those People, that Interest and not Revenge obliged us to take the methods we did; we sent People at the Princes request from hence to Raze the Fort, which was duly performed, and a Share of the Warlike Stores found therein sent us by the Dutch, conformable to our Agreement, who have kept during these Rains, four or five People on that Spot in a Cajan House. On the 14th. of May your Hon^{rs}. Forces returned hither after having Assisted the Prince in the Reduction of five Several Fortresses belonging to the Canarees, placed on the other Side Billiapatam, and the only one remaining in this Country is Neleasaron, we believe would have been also Subdued, had not the near Approach of the Rains forbid attempting it. They sent two Messengers hither about the same time demanding our reasons for acting against them, and requiring the Restitution of their places, which we Answer'd with counter Complaints, setting forth in many Instances their perfidious Behaviour, and that we were under a necessity for the preservation of your Hon^{rs}. Property, to pursue the methods we did, and that admitting us seated in the Kingdom of Canaras Dominions in possession of the same Priviledges we enjoy here, and his Country Invaded, He would undoubtedly have expected the like Assistance, we have afforded the King of Colastree. On the 24th. July the said Messengers returned hither giving us frivolous reasons in justification of their Masters Conduct towards us, and desiring we would in no wise hereafter interfere with the Quarrell between him and the Mallabars. This we signified to them, would in no wise suit us, as the Affairs of our Masters might again be brought into the same Dilemma as heretofore. But we should readily endeavour at effecting a Reconciliation between them, and induce the King of Colastree to make some Concessions, provided their Sovereign would Content himself with his own Territories, with these proposals they departed, and we heartily wish they may be listned to; various are the Reports concerning the Intentions of this King, some are, that at all hazards he will take Revenge, and that a Numerous Army of Horse and Foot will be convened for that purpose, but we are only sure of his having about Six hundred Horse and Five Thousand Foot on the Frontiers of his Country this way, which the Mallabars judge may be easily opposed by Guarding the passes of a River lying between them.

9. THE preceeding Narrative we presume will be acceptable to your Hon^{rs}. and we should be glad to Acquaint you of the Princes having made good his Engagements to us in the material Article of Mony. But on this Head we are to advise. that soon after our joyning him, his Deposit was expended, and howsoever, firmly he had engaged to Supply us, neither our frequent Messages to him, nor personall

Solicitations by the Chief could bring us the necessary Sums for defraying the pressing Occasions of the War, and this reduced us to the Dilemma of either Launching out, or Suffering the whole design to be Oversett, which would infallibly have been the Consequence of our not Supplying him, and as the latter might have brought on us unspeakable mischiefs, and probably have Occasion'd your Hon^{rs}. a much greater Loss than by Advancing him, we, though unwillingly ventured on that method, after having Assured him that according to your repeated Directions, we might incur your severest Censure, which Surely he ought not to expose us to, when the preservation of his Country depended on the Assistance given him from this Settlement. We are certain he has assigned sufficient Sums to be Collected from several parts, for the payment of what he Owes, and we are positively assured by him that your Hon^{rs}. will be soon in possession of the Amount he is indebted to you, which Stands at about twenty four Thousand Rupees. But this is become the more by our charging to his Account (not according to our first Agreement for our Paying the whole of our own People and Vessels) but by Debting him for the half of the Expence attending them to the time of the reduction of Cadalay, and the whole Expences of the Force we afterwards Assigned tow^{ds}. Subduing the other Fortresses. He continues very pressing with us to assist him against the design the Canarees have laid for Reentering this Country, and we have been as eager with him to furnish the necessary Sums, and take on himself [all] the Additional Expence your Hon^{rs}. bear on Account of th[e] War. Though we can get nothing from him but promises, that you shall not suffer in case he preserves his Country. And as we conceive your Hon^{rs}. Interest here immediately to depend on the preserving this Princes Authority, and the Success of the Canarees against him might throw your Affairs into the same difficulties they were heretofore in; we have been induced to promise him the application of your Forces to his Service, untill we receive Instructions from our Superiours at Bombay thereon, and we are at present exerting our Endeavours for bringing about an Accommodation between him and the Canarees, which we are the more earnest in, as otherwise we dread, that howsoever unwilling your Hon^{rs}. may be to bear the Extraordinary Expences you are at present Subject to, the same will be unavoidable, though we are very sensible how disagreeable it must be to have your Charges continued, after the Victories you have Obtained, and how much we may lay under your Censure on this Account, without our being able to apply any Remedy consistent with your future Interest.

10. As the Place called Agar scituated in the Country of Randotarra about Six Miles distant from hence N^o.ward furnishes us with a large Share of Pepper and considering the Scheme the French had laid for being introduced there by means of the Canarees before taken Notice of, we judged it necessary on their Retreat, to erect a small Tower capable of being Garrison'd by Twelve Men on a convenient Spot that way called Eddecaute as a proper means for securing your Hon^{rs}. Title to the Trade thereabouts, and we believe our Solicitations to the Prince for Assigning an Annual Assessment on the Lands lying there, will prove effectual, and if so, the Expence of maintaining the aforesaid Place will thereby be provided for.

11. SINCE writing the foregoing the French have received by a Ship directly from Europe a further Supply of Treasure than what we have mention'd in the 5th. Paragraph of this Letter; She seems to us to be about five hundred & fifty Tons, and is to continue at Mihie untill her Lading is compleated. The price of Pepper is hereby risen to near Seventy eight Rupees the Candy, and we conceive will advance still more as the Approaching Crop promises very ill; However your Hon^{rs}. may be Assured we shall do our utmost in serving you, but it will be impossible for us to procure it on more moderate Terms than our Neighbours.

12. WE have in a preceeding Paragraph given your Hon^{rs}. a full Narrative of the War with the Canarees, acquainted you that their King loudly threaten'd a Second Invasion, and our Prince had been deficient in the Payment of the Sums he had engaged to deliver us; yet that we should continue Assisting him, untill we receiv'd directions from Bombay. But to our great Concern we are disappointed therein, through the non receipt of our Letters sent from hence the

beginning of July last. We hold it the more necessary to give ^{s^d}. Assistance to the Prince as the Dutch have been trying to influence him, by offering to Compell the Canarees to remain quiet, provided he will assign them a Quantity of Pepper Annually at Thirteen Venetians, and an half, or nearest fifty four Rupees [∅] Candy; it shall be our Endeavours to prevent their Scheme taking Place, for if once the Prince accedes thereto, the Dutch Company either by the application of Force, or Bribery may draw to themselves the most considerable Share of the Trade, and indeed what with theirs and the French Schemes, we conceive this Settlement is likely to obtain very little Tranquility. At present our main Endeavours are directed for effecting a Peace with the Canarees, Prince and us, and we have some hopes of Succeeding, but after all, the Disposition even of the Mallabars in general is so much prone to mischievous Quarrells, that your Hon^{rs}. cannot reasonably expect to have your Expences lessned in the manner to be wished, nor can your Servants here hope to be exempt from constant Inquietudes and Vexation, & the rather since the Pepper Trade has so many Competitors, who carry on their several Views with much more eagerness than ever, owing as we must presume to the great demands made for that Commodity in Europe.

13. ON the 26th. June died Mr. Alexander Christie our Surgeon, after serving your Hon^{rs}. upwards of Twenty five Years with good repute; He has appointed his Widow (who takes Passage on the Britainia) The Chief and Mr. W^m. Forbes Trustees in India. And this Ship called here Yesterday in the Evening.

14. THE Chief begs leave to express his most grateful Sence of the Nomination your Hon^{rs}. have been pleased to make for his Succeeding to the Chair of Bombay, Assuring you he will ever Study to promote the Interest of his Employers to the utmost of his power, he is however under great Concern that his want of Health, and the uncommon Disquietudes of this Place, does not enable him to support the Weight of this Chiefship at present, and therefore he was induced to interceed in June last with the Presidency for being relieved, which he hopes may be granted, & he thereby have an Opportunity of recruiting his Spirits. We are with all imaginable Respect.

HON^{RS}. [*sic*] SIRs,

Your most Faithful, and most Obedient humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 13TH. 1736.
[∅] BRITAINIA.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TO THE HON^{OR} JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^{OR} SIR & SIRs,

THIS Accompanies Duplicate of our last Address [∅] Pattamar under the 30th. June Via Goa, wherein is a particular Account of our Purchases in Pepper to that time, amounting to three Thousand one hundred Seven Candies, twelve Maunds, since when Badamalla Putterah has deliver'd us Sixty nine Candies, two Maund at Seventy two Rupees, and we have Contracted with the Moors of our Buzar for two hundred & fifty Candies at Seventy three, and it's amount Advanced, so that our Purchases since January are three thousand four hundred twenty Six Candies, fourteen Maunds, whereof there is Outstanding Sixty five from Chatoo Chittee, and a hundred from the Moors, both which we expect to receive very speedily, and provided we do, we shall have in Warehouse ready for Exportation four

thousand one hundred forty three Candies without Accounting for the loss that may arise in keeping it. We have been very desirous of encreasing the Quantity, but our fears of making bad Debts impeeded it, as well as the advance in the price, and the difficulties of raising Mony here; besides it is Computed that about Seven hundred Candies have been carried to Callicutt, since the setting in of the Rains, and the French by receiving on the 11th. Ult^o. Thirty Six thousand Dollars, by one of their Ships which called at Mihie in her way to Pondicherry, and their immediately proceeding to Buy up raised the Price to Seventy five, which we are told they gave for two hundred & fifty Candies. And as a considerable Quantity must be procured by them for the Dispatch of an Europe Ship lying in their Road above Five hundred Tons which Arrived 24th. Ult^o. with a Supply of Treasure (the Quantity at present unknown) Sixty Soldiers and two Officers, we may conclude it will not be in our power to lay in any more Pepper till the Approaching Crop is gather'd, for our attempting to gett any of the little that is left of the Old would raise the price extravagantly, and we are afraid, from what appears, that the New Crop will in no wise Answer the Old, through the unseasonableness of the Munsoon [*sic*].

SINCE our last we have been obliged to borrow at Interest Thirty two thousand four hundred fifty one Rupees, two Quarters, Seventy three Raes; Namely, under the 31st. August of Susannah Christie and Trustees of Alexander Christie Deceased twelve thousand four Hundred fifty one Rupees, two Quarters Seventy three Raes, and under the 6th. Ult^o. of Eyta Chittee Twenty thousand, so that we are indebted exclusive of Interest Seventy Six thousand four hundred fifty one Rupees, two Quarters, Seventy three Raes. Our Balance on the 1st. Instant is no more than twelve hundred fifty nine Rupees, three Quarters, Seventy two Raes. The Gentlemen of Anjengo have repeatedly offer'd us to the Amount of twenty thousand Rupees in China Gold, but as Ten tale Weight of ninety three Touch would not produce here more than three hundred Sixty Six Rupees, and is Worth by their Information three hundred eighty three and an half, we preferred the keeping it there to bringing it hither, Subject to risque, and the rather as the Selling it even on the premention'd terms could not be done without some delay. Your Hon^r. &c^a. will consider how much we have laid out in Pepper, and for our Extravagant Charges, beside which Prince Cunhi Homo continues indebted to us Twenty four thousand Rupees as before advised, which we Assure your Hon^r. &c^a. is not owing to want of Solicitations from us, but through the Backwardness of those from whom he had Assigned the Payments.

WE have before informed your Hon^r. &c^a. that the Samorine will afford no Answer to our Letters, and therefore we have lately come to a Resolution of sending Mr. Richard Lynch to him in Company of our Callicutt Linguist for trying how far that method may avail, of which we shall make you Acquainted.

WE signified in our last the Moors being desirous of holding the Island Durmapatam, concerning which we are Assured, they have had repeated Consultations, without making any direct proposals to us, but rather aimed at raising us so many Troubles on Account thereof, as might compell us to resign to them it on their own terms. The better to come at this, the Heiress of Cannanore did the 28th. July apply to us for withdrawing our People from Grove Island, which we have acquainted you, lies within Musquett Shott of the other, Commands a great part of that Shore, as well as the enterance of the River Trentapatam, and we reflecting on the ill Consequences, that might arise by it's being wholly at her disposal, and liable to fall into the hands of the French or Dutch, and that it brought in no manner of advantage to her, we thought the Ties of Self preservation would justifie us in getting rid of her People, whom we could not trust, and accordingly they were sent away with Civilly letting her know that Ours were Sufficient to take care of the place, and when it suited us, we should resign it to her. This proceeding, we are since convinced was directed with Prudence, for she has Omitted no means whatever with our Prince, King of Cotata, Dutch, French, for obliging us to give up Durmapatam, and publicly threatens to attack us on that Account; But finding no Encouragement (save from Cotata) nothing as

Yet has happen'd. Your Hon^r. &c^a. will expect we should give you some reasons why the Heiress treats us in this manner, but in reality we know not one pretence she can have for it, as exclusive of its being deliver'd us authentickly by the Prince; You have enclosed Translate of her Letters to the Chief and Linguist, implying her full approbation of our possessing it and the Latter who was sent to her on the above Occasion, does assure us, he used all possible Arguments for encouraging her repossessing it, in case She esteemed herself in a Condition to maintain it against the Canarees, which She absolutely declared She was not, and therefore sent the premention'd Letters. The King of Cotata, we have already signified made a publick Declaration that he would quit all pretensions to this Island, on the Canarees being drove over Billiapatam, so that he has no room to demand anything of us; But as he is a most Avaritious and Deceitful Person, and apprehends we shall continue to bear his Insults, he did on the 3^d. July cause one of our Principal Tivees of the Island to be Murder'd on going by invitation of one of his Ministers over the River, and seems now to Side with the Moors for dislodging us therefrom, insomuch that daily Notice is brought us of his preparing to Attack us; But we conceive his Sole aim to be the inducing us to part with a Sum of Mony rather than Risque the Trade of his Country being Stopt to us, and deprived of sending Assistance to the Prince against the Canarees. We can only say on this head, that it is a Maxim with us to give no cause of Complaint to the Neighbouring powers, and avoid all we can the parting with any of our Hon^r Masters Mony to them, well knowing there would be no end of the latter, and that Friendship with such Dispositions is only to be preserved by being in a Condition of resisting their Villainous Attempts, and this our late Experience amply Demonstrates, for if they were to be gained by Services, our Hon^r Masters did enough the last Year to engage their perpetual Gratitude, & whatsoever Troubles may seem to arise by our holding this Island, we are firmly perswaded, 'tis not to be quitted without exposing the Trade of this Settlement to manifest mischiefs, by paving a way for the French or Dutch obtaining it by one means or other, and should the Moors become Masters of it, the latter can easily oblige their Relinquishing it to them.

In our last we Signified, The King of Bednures intending to make a vigorous push for regaining his Conquest, and it has been lately reported he has Assigned the Major part of his Revenues for carrying on the undertaking, and declares, he will furnish whatever more may be necessary from his own Coffers; On the other hand 'tis said, He is threat'ned by some Inland Powers, and that of the Seven thousand Foot, and Six hundred Horse, which he had convened near the Mallabar Frontiers, has withdraw [sic] a considerable Body thereof for his Defence inland. We on our parts have tried all means possible for effecting a Peace between him, Us, and the King of Colastree, and some of the formers People are now here to treat with us, but we can only learn as a certainty from them, their willingness to accommodate with us, on conditions we stand Neuter in the Contest between them and the Mallabars. They tell us however, the general pacification may probably be obtained by sending up one of our Gentlemen to Bednure; to this we think proper to give Ear, and have proposed that previous thereto, we have the freedom of their Ports, and that in such wise, the Sea might be open to them, Letters are sent to Mangalore by these Messengers on this Point, to which we expect Answers in a few days. We are most exceeding eager for introducing a general Accommodation, as we find the Prince Notoriously backward in discharging his Arrears, & providing a Sum for carrying on the Wars, and without which it will be impossible for us to continue our Assistance, but at the hazard of a great Sum, and if the Fortune of War should turn in favour of the Canarees, not only the Mony we have advanced will be lost, and ourselves render'd incapable of Accommodating with the Canarees, but the Prince might probably on such an Emergency readily listen to the Offers we hear have been made by the Dutch to compell the Canarees not to pass their own Territories, provided they are allowed to carry away Annually Seven hundred Candies Pepper at Thirteen Venetians and an half ³/₄ Candy, which they alledge the Country People ought to Submit to, as a reward for keeping out their Enemies. In fine. though

there seem'd the most pressing reasons for our getting rid of the Canarees at any Rate, as the sole means for preserving our Trade and Priviledges, yet 'tis too obvious now, that through the Supinness of the Mallabars, contentions with each other, and the several views of Europeans, our Hon^d Masters run a great Risque of being disappointed in the ends proposed, without they are inclinable to Submit to take the Burden of the War on themselves, and even were they so disposed, and the issue in the end proved insufficient for protecting the Mallabar Country, we are of Opinion, the Prince might renounce their Interest, by adhering to any proposals made by the French or Dutch, to whom he would be apt to give up any Priviledges, in Case they undertook to protect his Country. These considerations with the menaces of the Moors and Cotata before taken of, lay us under great difficulties how to act, since it appears, that if on the one hand, we proceed in the War, and no Mony Deposited, the Expence may prove immensely great, and at the same time the issue uncertain, and contrariwise our leaving the Prince to act by himself may as we have before said incline him to fall in either with the Dutch or French, and afford them certain Conditions in their favour. On the whole, we shall proceed by all means possible for obtaining the premention'd Peace, and as the Canarees have but a small Force at present on their Frontiers, and the Prince has applied to us for our Assistance towards reducing Neleasaron, their only Fort remaining in the Mallabar Country, we have Agreed to send what we can spare for joyning his, conceiving if that Fort be taken the Canaree Rajah will the sooner come into our proposals, and for inducing him thereto the Prince will Consent to him all the Elephants, Guns, and Horses he has taken.

THE French whether from an inclination that the Canarees should be Masters of this Country, or for enjoying the Rice Trade to themselves, have made large Offers of Men, Ammunition, Convoy to their Boats &c^a. But we apprehend their views to be, that the Prince may be brought into great Streights, and they then Wheel about with offers of assisting him, and thereby pave a way to their assigning him the Customs of Mihie, instead of Boyanore, and the rather as the Demise of the latter on the 3^d. of august, has thrown that Country into great Distraction, the Major part of the People inclining to our Prince, and as there is only a Woman to govern that Family, and the Ministers at Variance among themselves, things are not likely to remain in Tranquility that way. We are informed the French intend a considerable Armament for Mocha in order to gain Satisfaction for the abuses receiv'd at that Port, and we are Suspicious it will Arrive at Mihie early next Month, and continue till about Febr'y on this Coast for carrying on their Schemes either in favour of the Canarees or otherwise, but this is only a Surmise, founded on our Experience of their readiness to appear in Opposition to us.

OUR last informed your Hon^r. &c^a. Cadalay was demolished and that the Dutch kept Six Men there in a Cajan House where they still continue, and may probably raise a small Work there, notwithstanding their contrary Engagements with the Prince, we are the more apprehensive of this from their eagerness before taken Notice of to have a certain Quantity of Pepper on their own Terms Annually, which if the Prince should once agree to, they would find a way by Force of Compelling the Country People to Submit to it, and it will be easy for them to oblige the Moors of Cannanore to Assist them therein, being immediately under their Guns, and we have some jealousy the Latter may be put on by them for trying to gett Durmapatam, that it might in the end devolve to their Company. We are sorry to see this Settlement lyable to so many Evills, and that no sooner one is Surmounted, but another Presents, which we fear will continue to be the case, 'till the Prince is freed from his Troubles, for though his necessities may tempt him sometimes to deviate from the Gratitude he owes our Masters, yet we have cause to think, they are the first in his Esteem, and if his Authority be once Established, Tranquility may be expected to this Settlement.

By the Britainia who Imported the 12th. at Night and Sailed the 14th. we were very sorry to find our Address to your Hon^r. &c^a. under the 30th. June had not reached you, and least it should have miscarried in its Passage, from Goa, we dispatch this Boat belonging to the President with such a Cargo as could be

speedily got, and the rather as we understand, it has been reported that this Settlement was Cut off, which we presume had it's rise from the Moors, and sure we are the thing was related with great certainty throughout the Canaree Country, and at Goa; It will have this effect on us however, as to render us more Vigilant than ever. We are unwilling to detain the Boat for sending Copy of our Addresses to the Hon^{ble} Company of Britania, which shall be forwarded by the Success who will Sail in a day or two, We are with great Respect.

HON^{BLE} SIR AND SIRs,

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants,

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER THE 16TH. 1736.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^R. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
RICH^D. LYNCH.

P.S. Our Medicines are quit [*sic*] exhausted and the Number of Sick People renders it impossible for the Surgeon to undergo the fatigue; we beg therefore a Supply of Medicines, and a Mate to assist, and also entreat our Indents may be Complied with, which Accompanies this, from which your Hon^r. &c^a. may please to deduct any part you may have already sent this Season.

IDEM.

To M^R. THO^S. ROUT
MASTER OF THE DOLPHIN.

THE Dolphin Gallivatt as well as the Tiger, Antilope, and Fly being in readiness for Sailing, and have their respective Detachments on board, these are to direct you Wind and Weather permitting to proceed to the N^o.ward of Mount Dilly where you are to continue Cruising in such a manner as may prevent any Supplies whatever being carried into the Canaree place called Pungoy lying as we conceive two or more Leagues above Neleasaron. The better to Answer the above purport, we believe you may as you see convenient range up almost as high as Mangaseer, and then return back, always having in view to impend the Supplies above mention'd being thrown in, and as at present we are at War with the King of Canara you are to take every Opportunity for Seizing the Boats or Vessells belonging to him or his Subjects, taking care the People are not ill used nor any imbezement made by your Men.

WE think it will be proper that you keep together the better to resist any attempts that may be made on you either by the Vessells of War of the King of Canara, Savagees, or Angria, and if any thing of moment Occurs you may advise us by one of the two Tonies order'd to attend you. Water may be had at Neleasaron alias Ayconny Fort as well as Wood, & as to Provisions we shall Supply you from hence.

YOU are not to give Molestation to any Boats or Vessells, which carry European Pass, and Colours, passing and repassing, but in case you observe any endeavouring to Land Provisions, or Warlike Stores at Pungoy, or parts adjacent, you are to impend them. We are

Your Affectionate Friends

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER THE 14TH. 1736.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^R. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
RICH^D. LYNCH.

To M^r. RICHARD LYNCH.

S^r.

You are hereby directed to proceed this Evening for Callicutt, and deliver our Letter to the Linguist there with whom you are to proceed to Penany for seeing the Samorine, and carry the Chiefs Letter to him, importing that our Superiours are very much Surprized at his delaying to Pay what due from him to the Hoñ Company, as the periods are long since elapsed, and which they are apt to impute to the want of proper Application from hence, & therefore you are sent to require the Satisfying his Debt principal and Interest, when his Bonds will be deliver'd up to him, but should he put you off with evasive Excuses, you are to demand when and in what manner he proposes to comply, what our Superiours may if possible be Acquainted with his real Intentions, for taking such measures as may seem to them most Expedient, it is also represented to him that some Moors of Callicutt Buzar have wounded and Maltreated one of our Christian Servants, which the Linguist has Complained of, but without effect; you are therefore to endeavour at having of Offenders chastised; as soon as you have obtained an Answer to the Chiefs Letter, we would have you return hither. We are

SIR,

Your most Affect^a. Friends & Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^r. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

OCTOBER 16TH. 1736.

To THE HOÑ JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HOÑ SIR AND SIRs,

THIS Accompanies Duplicate of our last Address ¶ Shybar, under the 16th. Instant with Copy of what we wrote the Hoñ Court of Directors ¶ Ship Britainia.

M^r. RICHARD LYNCH is gone to the Samorine for Soliciting Payment of his Debt; and at the earnest request of our Prince we have sent to his Assistance all the Military Force we could Spare, and the Gallivatts are also out on the Cruize. Our present views are if possible to incline the Canarees to a Peace with the Prince and us, as the only means for avoiding our great Expences, and securing our future Interest. But as no Answer to the Letters sent to Mangalore by the Messengers before taken Notice of is Arrived, we are Unable to form a true judgment how things may Succeed. We are impatient for your Hon^r. & c^a. directions, how we are to govern ourselves in case the proposéd Peace cannot be Obtained, nor a Sufficient Sum from the Prince towards carrying on the War.

ON the Success Grab which carries this goes two Sepoys, who have been a long time Sick, Named Cand Nac Chanblia, Raganac Bapanac, who are Victualed till the last of November.

As we have wrote y^r. Hon^r. & c^a. so fully under the 30th. June, & 16th. Instant, we beg leave to Conclude with all imaginable Respect.

HOÑ S^r. & S^{rs}.

Y^r. most Obedient & most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^r. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLI^r.

OCTOBER 21ST. 1736.

TO THE HON^r JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT AND GOV^r. &C^a. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^r S^r. & SIRS,

OUR last waited on you by the Success under the 21st. Duplicate of which goes herewith, as well as Triplicate of that Shybar under the 16th. Instant.

WE have acquainted your Hon^r. &c^a. in the foregoing Letters of our eager desire for effecting a Peace between the Canarees, Prince and us, and that we had consented to the sending a Person to Bednure on condition, that the formers Ports be open to us, to which an answer came last Night from Mangalore, refusing a Compliance, though insinuating that on the Person we propose sending getting thither, that point might probably be acceded to.

AFTER debating among ourselves on the above matter, and reflecting, that the Prince cannot, or will not raise mony for supporting the War, that the Mallabars in general are very supine, and negligent, and seem to aim at laying the main burden on our Hon^r Masters, that instead of receiving a grateful return for what they have already done, Cotata in particular is constantly threatening us, and that the War in such a State is not likely to be carried on with the necessary Vigour; we have agreed to send up a Person to Bednure, with the Canaree Messengers, for endeavouring to effect the premention'd Peace, or otherwise to conclude a seperate one between them and our Hon^r Masters, and this proceeding we are the more inclined to on a supposition your Commands may be not to proceed otherwise than in being previously secured of the necessary Quota of Mony from the Prince, beside, the Rajah of Bednure, as being powerful, may if we do not come to terms with him, keep up such a Force, if nothing more, as may oblige us to continue in Arms for an unlimited space, which Expence we judge will not be approved of. 'Tis however certain the above Resolution may be finally attended with Evills, in the manner represented in our foregoing Letters, but as we must come to a determination one way or other, and this seeming to us the most likely to square with your Sentiments, is the main cause for our taking it, though we apprehend, we shall have time enough to alter our measures provided your daily expected Orders should otherwise direct.

OUR Forces which we advised in our last to have been sent to the Prince are now employ'd in reducing Neleasaron Fort, which is the only one remaining in the Mallabar Country, and we are very solicitous of gaining it, as it will be of great service in our present Treaty with the Canarees, & enable us with a good Grace to make a seperate Peace, provided a general one is not attainable, for in such wise we may well declare to the Mallabars our Hon^r Masters have done their parts in effectually releiving their Country, and it behoves them to secure it in future. It has been our great care to furnish our People with every thing necessary for gaining the above Fortress, and securing themselves from any sudden Assault, and their present scituation being surrounded with Water, their Batteries raised and Guns planted, we hope, barring extraordinary Accidents, success may attend us; your Hon^r. &c^a. will conceive under what Anxiety we are, on the flower of our Garrison being abroad to the Number of two hundred soldiers a hundred, & ten sepoy, beside the Detachments for the four Gallivatts; and we should willingly have avoided running any risque of this kind, could we have had a prospect of putting an end to our Troubles by any other means.

THE Cranny of a Shybar belonging to Luckmansett of Bombay, representing his Pass with his scrutore was stole from him at Callicutt, we have given him one here at his request, and by her we send two sick sepoy named Canna Callianear, and Mal Naique Candraker who are Victualled to the Ult^o. November. There goes also on sd Shybar Sayd Fuckero who has deserted us twice; and as the Dolphins

Caulker is very ill and desirous of returning to Bombay he proceeds accordingly, and is paid to the last of August, & Victualled to the Ult^o. November. We are with great Respect.

HON SIR & SIRs,

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 27TH 1736
A SHYBAR

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^M. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

To M^R. WILLIAM FORBES.

S^R.

YOU are acquainted with the Contents of the two Letters receiv'd from Captain Gibbs, and therefore we desire for our better Information, that you will repair to him, & after consulting on the present State of things, we would have you if to be done with safety to continue our Forces either in Ayconny, or any other place of security that way.

IF you find Captⁿ. Gibbs' repairing hither will be of use for leading us more particularly into proper measures, for directing our future Conduct bring him with you, and leave the Command to Captⁿ. Mendonce, though in case you find it necessary to stay let him come by himself. We are

SIR,

Your humble servants

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 30TH. 1736.

STEPHEN LAW.
H^M. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

To CAPT^N. W^M. GIBBS.

SIR,

YOUR two Letters of Yesterday we have consider'd of in Council, and the result of our Determination is to appoint M^r. W^m. Forbes to repair to you, who after Consulting on the present Disposition of Affairs, you are to observe his directions, untill we can be advised more distinctly of things, the better to govern our future Conduct.

IN case that for the better conducting matters, M^r. Forbes finds it necessary to desire your repairing hither, in order to have the Benefit of your opinion, You are to do so, leaving the Command with Lieut^a. Mendonce, & are

SIR,

Your Affact^a. Friends and Servants

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 30TH. 1736/7

STEPHEN LAW.
H^M. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

TO CAPT^N. EDWARD AMYAND.

S^R.

THE Service requiring your repairing to our Camp at Neleasaron, you are accordingly to proceed thither, and I desire you will act under Captain Mendonza, whose Experience of the Country People, and his behaving much to their satisfaction, inclines us the more to give him the Chief Command.

You are sensible the Force we have abroad is the flower of our Garrison, and indeed our main strength, therefore our Instructions have been given not to attempt anything that may appear too hazardous, least therefrom we might meet with some fatal misfortune.

I earnestly recommend to you to preserve a strict harmony with Mr. Mendonza, who has the Command, and I hope his being a Foreigner will not induce you to think the worse of him, our views are directed for the good of the Service, and it behoves you to carry always the same sentiments, and above all things avoid any Conversation with the inferiour Officers, wherefrom you may be tempted to entertain any Ideas tending to introduce discontent and uneasiness among yourselves, or the People in general. I shall not add more on these points as I chiefly confide in your prudence and discretion, whose necessity I have plainly signified to you in our discourse. I wish you success, & am

SIR,

Your humble servant

STEPHEN LAW.

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER 3^D. 1736.

TO M^R. WILL^M. FORBES
AT AYCONNY FORT.

SIR,

YOUR Letter to the Chief of this day, came to hand just now, and after Capt^N. Amyand had receiv'd his Dispatches to repair to you.

As the sending you on the present Services was in order to put the Companies Affairs that way into the best posture you could, we are to suppose your Opinion for proceeding to Ayconny is the most eligible, and therefore we must acquiesce; however that our Forces may be together, to act as occasion requires, we direct that they all with the Warlike Implements remain at the place you may appoint, and as there does not seem to be any immediate Occasion for your continuing there, we desire you will repair hither. And are

SIR,

Your humble servants

STEPHEN LAW.

H^R. HOWARD.

W^M. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER 3^D. 1736.

TO CAPT^N. LEWIS MENDONZA
AT AYCONNY FORT.

SIR,

AFTER consulting with Capt^N. Gibbs we find nothing more can be well attempted at present, than the securing the Fort Ayconny, to which end I desire you will continue to Command there with two Ensigns, such as may be most convenient, together with as many People as you may think proper, for Security and the rest

of the People with the Officers let repair hither as soon as possible; you may remember to keep what Ammunition, Guns &c^a. Warlike Implements, & Provisions you may judge necessary, as well as Boats. I am

SIR,

Your Loving Friend

STEPHEN LAW.

TELL^{RY}.

NOVEMBER 4TH. 1736.

To M^R. WILLIAM FORBES.

S^R.

WHEN the Chief wrote M^R. Mendonce Yesterday about returning our People, we supposed you might be come away, but by your Letter of this date we find you stay, for knowing what the Prince has to propose, we also take notice of M^R. Mendonces opinion, for placing Captⁿ. Amyand with an Ensign, and a hundred Soldiers, and Sepoys in Mattalay Fort, and he with the like Number to remain in Aycönnny.

ON weighing the above proposal in regard to putting our People in Mattalay, we find by the Draught which you recommended to us brought by Captain Gibbs, that it stands full three Leagues up the River, and the Communication is very liable to be impeded, consequently on those terms we ought to be very cautious how we proceed, besides Captⁿ. Gibbs relates, that there was a Currant Report of the fourth King sending two Guns lately from said Fort Mattalay, and that he is absolutely in the Canaree Interest however we leave you to act in the above point as you find to be most necessary, being well assured you will duly consider the safety of our People, and we think proper to hint to you, that provided the proposed Parties should be sent to Mattalay, they had better be commanded by Cap^t. Mendonce, whose Experience of the Country and People must be much preferable to Captⁿ. Amyands, and as the s^d Place seems to us exposed to greater danger then Ayconny, he will be more fit to be there.

CAPT^N. AMYAND hinted in his Letter to the Chief, that six Hogsheads of Arrack were wanting, the same are now sent with two hundred Fish, forty pound of Biskett, & Twenty spung staffs; as to your coming here 'tis left entirely to you as you judge most proper. We are

SIR,

Your humble servants

STEPHEN LAW.

H^R. HOWARD.

W^M. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

NOVEMBER 5TH. 1736.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HON^{ORS}.

OUR last Address went by the Britannia under the 13th. Ult^o. Duplicate whereof accompanies this.

ON the 11th. Imported your Ship Lynn with a supply of two hundred thousand Rupees, & Military Stores, and our superiours of Bombay having acquainted us that she is let out for 480 Tons, of which she had receiv'd there fifty four Tons, fifty four [sic] and is to have at Anjengo 212 Tons in Pepper and Cloth, we have only laded here agreeable to our Instructions six hundred thirty eight Candies computed two hundred thirteen Tons, sixtyone Decimals, as ^{per} her Invoice and Bill of lading

herewith sent amounting to forty nine thousand three hundred eighty three Rupees, three Quarters, & sixty Raes, and now dispatch her to Anjengo; her delay here has not been owing to us, but to the Shifting and preparing her for taking in her Cargo.

WE have not been able since our last Address to procure any more Pepper through its scarcity and advance in the Price owing to the Exports of it to Callicutt and demands of the French, nor do we apprehend we can get any on moderate terms untill the gathering the Crop in January. We have now in Warehouse on the Departure of the Lynn without Accounting for loss in weight three thousand three hundred seventy Six Candies, and there is due to us from the Merchants about a hundred Candies, which we hope to receive speedily.

OUR late proceeding in sending Mr. Lynch to dun and threaten the Samorine has produced a better effect than we expected. For in last month he made good to us fifty thousand Callicutt Fanams, and since then thirty nine thousand five hundred Fanams more, as part of another sum of fifty thousand he promised to put us in possession of the 10th. Instant, and we do not doubt, but in a few days to have the remainder by the end of July ensuing, he has engaged to pay one hundred thousand fanams, also two hundred thousand the succeeding Year, and then to Ballance his Account in order to discharge the remainder with Speed. Your Hon^{rs}. may depend we shall omit no means in our power for securing this debt, and that we may not be disappointed we have privately promised his Ministers to allow them 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent on all the sums we may receive, which we are assured will be the best method towards clearing off this long depending Account, and since we are induced to do this with a true view to your Interest, we hope it will be approved of. Puniture Rajah only gives us good words, and which we fear will be all we shall have from him, though we will not entirely give it over. Mauna Bedda mother Queen and Durmett Ponnycarrys Accounts we are constantly striving to get cleared, but as yet we have no reasonable hope of Success.

YOUR Hon^{rs}. Commands to Bombay relating to this Settlement having been transmitted to us by this Ship in sundry Paragraphs, we shall beg leave to reply to what is material therein.

WE shall punctually in future transmit Your Hon^{rs}. an Account of such Goods as may be laded by your Commanders at this place on their Departure homeward, and by the latter Ships forward our Diary to about the time of their sailing, taking care to incert monthly therein the Amount of Pepper receiv'd, we shall also inclose a List of the Europeans Deceased, certified by the Secretary, and regard what you are pleased to recommend in respect to the Surplus of Tonnage on half Freight.

In regard to Durmapatam we have in our several Addresses at times given your Hon^{rs}. our reasons for attempting to lodge on that Island, and we must assure you nothing but the preservation of your Trade could have induced us to have encreased your Expences by said Acquisition; we shall proceed no farther in making any Fortifications there without Orders and endeavour all that is possible to obtain a competent Number of labouring People to cultivate and manure the Lands, for thereby raising such a Revenue as may in some measure relieve you in the charge in maintaining it: but we are greatly afraid that by supporting so many Fortresses our safety in time to come may be much exposed, and without doubt what with their Garrisons, Repairs &c^a. the Disbursements on this Settlement will be far too great for the Trade to bear, & therefore we were induced to make that extraordinary proposal for fixing chiefly on the Island, as being better in the several Instances already laid before you, though we were well convinced the executing such a project would be attended with an immense Sum at first, yet with the advantage in the end of being much more secure than we are at present, and by les'ning the Number of Fortresses, the Disbursements would be very much moderated in futurity. We have Acquainted your Hon^{rs}. by the Britania of the injuries we have receiv'd by the King of Cotatas killing one of our Inhabitants there, and since then the Moors of Cannanore have been exceeding busy in working up all the mischiefs they could for depriving us of it, although neither of those powers have the minutest reason, to be dissatisfied with any of our proceedings

towards them, contrariwise your Hon^{rs}. reliev'd Cotatas Country from the Canarees, and the Moors did previous to our being on the Island agree and approve of its remaining as your property, but the Eastern People in general are so Villainously disposed, that we ought to expect from them at all times the greatest baseness, and for guarding against which no other remedies will take place but mere Force.

We have taken the Liberty from time to time to give your Hon^{rs}. our Sentiments in regard to the Success of the King of Canara in the attack he has made on the Mallabar Country, and that we did apprehend your Interest could not otherwise be in any Security here, than in obliging them to retire, which in our last Letter we signified had been effected chiefly, through the Assistance given from this Settlement, yet that the Prince Cunhi Homo had proved very backward in paying us the sum we had advanced on that Service; and that as the sd King of Canara threatned a second Invasion, we had thought fit to promise the Prince the continuance of our Succours untill the Pleasure of our Superiours at Bombay should be known, and the rather as we had reason to dread, that our withdrawing from him might induce him to accept of any offers from the Dutch, or French tending to violate your Priviledges; and we made known to your Hon^{rs}. the former had been tampering with him with proposals to compell the Canarees to continue in their own Territories, provided they might have a certain Quantity of Pepper assigned them Annually at their own Price. Our superiours by this Ship have been pleased to give us their remarks on the above subject, that the Prince is very unreasonable in expecting so much from us, when he has failed in the delivery of the Sums he stood engaged for, that the continuance of the War would increase the Expence your Hon^{rs}. do already so much complain of, and yet the consequences of his applying to the Dutch or French might be very fatal; and therefore we must take care he does not encrease his Debt, and withall prevent all we can the Canarees entring his Country, in order to which we must keep our Gallivatts on the Cruice for hindering any Supplies being convey'd to the Canaree Army. But before the receipt of the above Commands from our Superiours, we had equipped out our Gallivatts to cruice on the Enemy, and assigned all the People we could spare for reducing their only Fortress called Neleasaron standing in the Mallabar Country, and we were the more desirous of gaining it as thereby the Prince would have a much securer Barrier, and so be in a better condition of keeping his Ground, and the Enemy on finding their own Country open might the readier listen to our repeated Solicitations for a general Pacification; but it has so hapned [*sic*] that after our Forces had planted their Batteries against the Fort and continued Connanading [*sic*] it some days, they were compelled to retire, or run the risque of their retreat being cutt off, and this was entirely owing to the supinness Dastardleness and unreasonable expectation of the Mallabars, that we should only Fight their Battles, while they looked on. and it appearing to us, that we shall fail in the Supplies the Prince had engaged to give us, & probably be left in a great measure to maintain the War, that he seems very regardless of the consequences thereof, and his Country Men in general equally if not much more indifferent therein, that if we don't accommodate our differences with the Canarees they may happen to overrun the Country and entail on us lasting Troubles, and that in such wise we shall be exposed withall to your highest displeasure, and farther that if our Forces should through the fortune of War be Subdued, we even run a hazard of being set on here by the King of Cotata, and the Moors underhand assisted by the French, and moreover we were even at all events to continue our Assistance to the Prince, and it should prove ineffectual for protecting his Country, he might be probably at last be induced to side with the Dutch, and assign them what they demand, when our Priviledges might be endanger'd notwithstanding all the Expence your Hon^{rs}. have been at in securing them. Therefore for the reasons above recited, and that your Hon^{rs}. seem no ways inclinable to bear the heavy Disbursements You have been exposed to, and imagine that Pepper may be purchased be whosoever Masters of the Country. We have come to a Resolution of Accommodating with the Canarees by a general Passification if attainable or otherwise by making a separate Peace, and for which end Mr. Lynch is gone

to Mangalore with two other sensible Persons to treat thereon, being encouraged to send him from some overtures made to us, but as yet we are not capable of making a regular judgment how this negotiation may terminate. We are very Sorry to observe that your Hon^{rs}. seem inclinable to believe we enter too much into political Schemes instead of attending our main Business for getting of Pepper, but we beg leave to say, that we no otherwise concern ourselves in sd Schemes, than as they are absolutely necessary for securing your Trade against the many Competitors there are to contend with, and we apprehend were we not to exercise our Vigilance your Hon^{rs}. might speedily experience very bad Mischiefs, 'tis in opposing such our thoughts are constantly employed as judging it incumbent on us to preserve what has Cost you so immensely in obtaining, our securing Durmapatam was on the same foundation, as well as our present Breach with the Canarees, and though the great Expence you have been subjected to is to be lamented yet our omitting to take those measures, we do conceive might have laid your Affairs under irretrievable misfortunes. However if your Hon^{rs}. will not acquiesce with any undertakings that may be attended with Expence, but that we must continue always in a Neutrall State, and let the several contending and ever jarring powers combat as they will, on a Supposition that Pepper may be always bought for Your Mony be whomsoever Masters of the Country. We have nothing to do but to pay a Strict Obedience to your Commands, and which we shall ever perform with the greatest Integrity and Faithfulness, humbly entreating you will believe we of ourselves do not benefit one fanam by anything that is issued, contrariwise we have incessant Troubles and disquietudes, and every Expence subjects us to extraordinary pains in keeping the Accounts, and in setting forth our Transactions, which are now rendered very Voluminous.

YOUR HON^{rs}. may be assured that the Merchant we employ in furnishing us with Pepper named Chatoo Chittee is the properest Person to be had for that service, and it is far better relying chiefly on him, than Contracting with several no ways his equal in Estate or Capacity; if we deal with many they cannot avoid interfering with one another, and thereby the Price is raised, whereas by keepnig to one so well versed in the Country he is always capable of managing in some measure the Markett, and we duly take care to be informed of the Price in the Neighbouring Buzars, before we close any Bargain with him, and so well have we conducted ourselves therein, that we are persuaded he seldom makes more than a trifling Proffit, and has been in the main a great sufferer through his not being able to recover the Sums he has advanced to the inferiour Merchants. Our Occupying any of your Servants in procuring Pepper in the inland Parts would not only prove hazardous in respect to their Safety, but infallibly enhance the Price; this Country not being in any manner under your influence as is that about Bencoolen, where the method your Hon^{rs}. propose is practiced with Success.

THE two Spaniards taken notice of by your Hon^{rs}. as carried home by Captⁿ. Tolson, were brought hither on Ship Cowan on her return from China, and where [sic] permitted to remain here a small time out of mere Courtesy, untill the Heathcote Arrived, when they agreed with the said Captain for their Passage. We have him no Instructions to carry them on his Ship, nor indeed did we imagine their going home would be disapproved of by your Hon^{rs}. & therefore we did not signifie to him our aversion to their proceeding, but in future we shall be more careful in notifying to you whatever may occur of this Sort.

THE Expence of this Settlement so justly Complained of by your Hon^{rs}. we do assure you gives us real uneasiness, and we are perfectly desirous of Curtailing, whenever it can be done with safety, but you will please to reflect in what a Distressed State the Mallabar Country was in on the Chiefs Arrival, and how near were we at that time, and since to loose your Trade, however amidst all these distractions your Ships have been dispatched fully Laded, and a much greater Quantity of Pepper purchased than heretofore, which end could not be obtained without keeping up a larger Force than usual for guarding against the Number of mischiefs that threatned. We have no way left to lower our Expences, but by Accommodating with the Canarees, which we are now endeavouring at, but

while we hold so many small Works, and have our Limits so extended the common Compliment of People kept here will not be sufficient, and Yet to vacate any of the said Works may be attended with Inconveniencies.

CAPTAIN CHARLES GILBERT of the Lynn has paid into your Treasury here, pursuant to the Liberty our Superiours have given, two thousand six hundred eighty two Rupees, & an half, for which we have passed two Certificates to him incerting that this Sum is said to be part of your Hon^{rs}. Indulgenec. We have demanded his rendering us an Account of the Goods he may have laded since his Departure from Bombay, to which he replies, he has not taken in any.

IN a Box with this Packett we transmit our Diary closed to the end of July last with the Books of Accounts Ballanced to the same time. We beg leave to Conclude with all imaginable Respect.

HON^{RS} SIRS

Your most Faithful and most Obedient humble Servants,

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER 22^D. 1736.
SHIP LYNN.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^H. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACKETT TO THE HON^{RS} COURT OF DIRECTORS SHIP LYNN
NOVEMBER 22^D. 1736.

Tellicherry General under said Date.
Duplicate of Ditto undr. 13th. Octobr. SHIP Britannia.
Diary & Consultations Comg. Augst. 1st. 1735. Ending July 31st. 1736.
Journal of Accounts Letter K. Ditto. Closed Ditto.
Ledger Do.
Invoice of Ship Lynn.
Bill of Lading Ditto.
List of the Packett.

TO CAPT^N. CHARLES GILBERT
COM^R. OF THE LYNN.

S^R.

WHEREAS you took aboard your Ship one John Morris formerly a soldier in the Hon^{rs} Companies Service at Bbay, who has had his discharge, with a design to proceed to England, but we find you have Landed him here, and as we apprehend he will be a dead charge to our Hon^{rs} Masters, being infirm, we desire you will receive the aforesaid John Morris aboard, and carry him to England. We are

SIR,

Your Humble Servants,

TELL^{RY}.
NOV^{BR}. 22^D. 1736.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^H. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

To M^r. RICHARD LYNCH.

S^r.

THIS Evening we receiv'd your Letter of the 15th. and observe the Canarees do not seem willing to approve of a General Peace, but will accommodate with us, however that Mallo, and Gunno Sonnay are to confer with Pedro Rangall and Antonio Paies, that you want to know whether Colastry will, condescend to deliver a Sum of Mony, and permit Pungay and Neleasaron to continue in the hands of the present Possessors, and if supposing a Cessation be obtained, we will consent to the drawing away our Gallivatts.

To the above Points, we shall now briefly reply, that you have done very right in insisting on the General Peace, which may be continued untill 'tis known, whether 'tis obtainable or not, but if it is not, then you must have recourse to your Instructions concerning a sepearte Peace; as to the point how far Colastry will condescend in paying a sum, and renouncing his Claim to the premention'd Places, there is no need to give a possitive reply, untill you are sure of the Canarees accepting your proposals of the General Peace. The Cessation is a matter of some moment to us, and therefore we wish it could be obtained without the Canarees being apprized we are earnest about it, you may assure them in case there be a Cessation our Gallivatts will remain quiet, and give no Molestation, save in preventing the carrying Supplies to the Army, which is always amongst Europeans acceded to. We concur in your Sentiments that the Factor has his ends in what he does, however it ought only to make us the more cautious how we confide in him. We will take care concerning the Supplies solicited from Goa, and prevent their being deliver'd if we can.

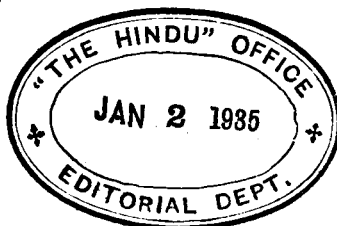
'Tis in vain enlarging till we know on what Basis things are likely to rest the conducting of which we must trust to your Discretion assisted by those who we believe are very well inclined to do their best on the present Service. Get notice of [*sic*] you can what Force the Canarees have now employ'd against the Mallabars. We are

S^r.

Your humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^r. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
Nov^{BR}. 22^D. 1736.



To M^r. RICHARD LYNCH,

S^r.

THIS Afternoon came to hand your Letter of the 16th. notifying that the Canarees by means of the Portuguese Factor had proposed, and you agreed to a Cessation of Arms, between the Parties engaged in the War, and to continue for one month, but that no Supplies should be carried to the Camp, or their Fortress of Neleasaron Repaired; all which we entirely approve of, and have accordingly now given Instructions to our People, and Gallivatts to observe it. The Linguist goes this Night to the Prince to engage him to consent to the same, and when that is settled, the Chiefs Letter, which the Linguist carries for the Governour of Mangalore will be sent to him to Pungoy, to impart to him that the sd Cessation is also observed by the Nairs.

WE observe the conference which passed between Pedro Rangall, and the Governour is [*sic*] respect to the King of Colastree, to which we can only at present say, that you must endeavour to know the ultimate Resolutions of the Canarees, when we shall be able to judge how far we may expect to prevail in satisfying both Parties, but we do not think there is any occasion for Pedro Rangalls coming hither.

PONDRA ANTA NAIQUES mony that was extorted from him ought to be restored, and wherein you must labour all that is possible, but we fear it will be difficult recovering the damages sustained at Agar for the reasons given that War was then about to be commenced.

We very much approve of your Proceedings hitherto, and you have done well in keeping the final Orders you have a Secrett, which caution was well judged among such Subtle People.

RAGAPADDELL you well know contracted a Debt with us Amounting to three thousand two hundred eighty three Fanams, twelve Vis, and as the same was not a matter of dispute, we did not insert it in your Instructions; Gopallaya was also Supplied by the Linguist by our Order with sundry necessaries as ^{an} Account Inclosed, there also goes that with Ragapaddell, both which you must endeavour to recover. We are

S^r.

Your humble servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^r. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
Nov^r. 22^d. 1736.

To CAPTⁿ. CHA^s. GILBERT
COM^r. OF THE SHIP LYNN.

S^r.

HAVING laded on board your Ship 638 of Pepper of 600 each, computed ^{Tons De[cs.]} to be 213. 61. You are now directed Wind and Weather permitting to proceed to Anjengo for receiving the remainder of your Cargo, where you are to follow the Instructions of the Chief and Factors.

We herewith deliver you a Box containing our Packett, and other Papers for the Hon^d Court of Directors, which you are to take care be deliver'd them, as also a small Letter apart. We wish you a good Voyage, and are

S^r.

Your most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^r. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
Nov^r. 22^d. 1736.

To WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.
CHIEF & C^a. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR AND SIRs,

THIS waites on you by Ship Lynn on whom we have laded 638 Candies of Pepper, of 600 the Candy, computed to be ^{lb.} 213. 61. we are informed by our Superiours at Bombay she receiv'd there ^{Tons Decs.} 54. 54 is let out for 480 Tons, and that you will please to deliver her the remainder, for which purpose we now dispatch her to you, and are

SIR AND SIRs,

Your most humble servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^r. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

TELL^{BY}. Nov^r. 22^d. 1736.

To CAPTⁿ. CHA^s. GILBERT
COM^r. OF THE LYNN.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to deliver in a List of such Goods, as you may have taken aboard Your Ship on your own proper Account, since your Departure from Bombay, to remain as a Register at this Settlement, agreeable to the Orders of our Superiours. & are

SIR,

Your most humble Servants,

TELL^{RY}. NOV^r. 22^d. 1736.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

To THE HON THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCH^s.
OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HON SIRS,

WE have address'd you at large by Ship Lynn who carries this, and inclosed our Packett in the Box containing our Diary, and Books of Accounts to the end of July last, which we have committed to the care of Captⁿ. Charles Gilbert.

On this Ship we have laded 638 Candies of Pepper computed

Tons	De[cs.]
213.	61

 and we are informed by our Superiours at Bombay, she receiv'd there

Tons	Decs.
54.	54.

 the remainder of her Tonnage for compleating her with 480 Tons, She is to take in at Anjengo from whence your Hon^{rs}. will be informed. We are with Respect.

HON SIRS,

Your Obedient & most humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER 22^d. 1736.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

To WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.
CHIEF & C^a. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR AND SIRS,

THIS Morning we receiv'd yours of the 11th. Instant; the thirty Barrells of Gunpowder deliver'd you from the Madrass Gally, & now sent on the Emelia Sloop have been landed here in good order, for the care of which we give you thanks.

THE Lynn imported here the 11th. Instant, and will depart this place to-morrow for receiving from you the remainder of her Cargo, she is mention'd to be let out for 480 Tons, has reced

Tons	Decs.
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 at Bombay, and

Tons	Decs.
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 here in Pepper.

WE now forward you two Quire of first Paper, being the 1/5 of what we have receiv'd, if you are able to return us as much it will be of Service as we are very much put to it to Copy our Books.

As we have no immediate occasion for the Sloop, we now dispatch her to you, & are.

S^{RS}.

Y^r. most humble Servants

TELL^{BY}. NOV^{BR}. 21ST. 1736.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^M. FORBES.

H^M. HOWARD.

W^M. JEYNSON.

TO THE HON^{OR} JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. & C^A. COUCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^{OR} SIR & SIRS

By Ship Lynn who imported here the 11th. Instant, we receiv'd your Commands of the 28th. Ult^O. and on the 23^d. Inst^A. those of the 9th. ~~of~~ Shybar.

On the 23^d. sailed the above Ship for Anjengo having receiv'd here 638
Candies of Pepper, computed, at ^{Tons} 213. ^{dec.} 61 and the Treasure and Stores sent by her were found to be right, save one Corge & a Quarter white, and the like Quantity of Blew Salloes, which we apprehend were never put up, the parcell N^O. 5. containing 3 Pieces of Red not being capable of holding more, nor were any other incerted in the Bill of Lading.

M^R. LYNCH in his Attendance on the Samorine was so Successful as to gain immediate Payment of fifty thousand Fanams, and since then our Callicutt Linguist has got as much more we are assured that one hundred thousand will be made good by the end of July ensuing, two hundred thousand the following Year, & then the Ballance due from him to be adjusted for its being speedily discharged.

As the purport of your Hon^R. & C^A. Commands relating to our Breach with the Canarees is of the highest importance and least we should act contrary to Your Intentions therein, we send this Boat Express, for having your immediate Instructions, and as to what other points necessary for us to reply to from your Commands now before us we shall beg leave to refer to another Opportunity.

FOR the reasons set forth in our Address under the 27th. Ult^O. whose Copy goes herewith, as well as for others contained in our Letter to the Hon^{OR} Court of Directors ~~of~~ Lynn, which is also now forwarded. We had appointed M^R. Richard Lynch to proceed to Mangalore for settling a General Peace, or if the same could not be attainable then to fix on a seperate one, between the Bednure Rajah, and our Hon^{OR} masters, the Scheme of both which your Hon^R. & C^A. will now perceive from the Copy of our Instructions to said M^R. Lynch, which goes inclosed.

THE General Peace being apparently necessary for us to Accomplish, for Surmounting the many Evills, already made known to you, you will please to observe we have directed that should be first insisted on, and accordingly we are advised from Mangalore nothing else as yet has been treated, but the Bednure Rajah wanting to hold some Share of the Mallabar Country, and which we are perswaded the Prince will not agree to, leads us to apprehend it will be impossible for us to establish the said General Peace, however that the same may be further discoursed on, a Cessation of Arms was settled between all Parties for a month to take place from the 16th Instant with conditions that no Supplies whatever be carried to the Canaree Camp by sea, nor the Fortification of Neleason repaired, and for hindering the sd supplies being throw [sic] in our Gallivatts remain at the Station appointed.

OUR reasons for thinking on a Seperate Peace with the Canarees, exclusive of those already laid before your Hon^r. &c^a. and to the Hoñ Company, were, That after our People had raised Batteries against Neleasaron, & Cannonaded it for eight days Successively our Forces were Obliged to retreat on the 28th. Ult^o. to avoid the hazard of their Communication being cutt off, and we are assured from Mr. William Forbes who was appointed there to inspect into the Conduct of our People, that the retreat was unavoidable, and that our Commanding Officer Mr. William Gibbs, as well as the others who concurred in the Proceedings had behaved with a becoming Conduct and Resolution; and that if the Prince had performed his promise of hindering any Supplies being thrown into the Fortress, which was easy for him to do, it would have been infallibly reduced, but the sd Prince had not any men ready, nor did he give himself any trouble, save in collecting Contributions from the Country nor would he even out of what he raised deliver us a single Fanam in Support of the Men we had sent with a Number of small Vessells to carry our Warlike Stores, Provisions &c^a. up the River near ten Miles, nor can we to this day prevail on him to part with his Mony, nor have we got any from him since our address to you in June.

WE say that for the above cause, as well as that from our Experience our Hoñ Masters were likely to bear the Weight of the War. That the Mallabars shew no manner of resolution in defending their Country contrariwise are constantly flying before their Enemies. That the Canaree Rajah is very powerful, and not improbable but he might subdue the Country, and entail lasting troubles on us. That if we continue to assist the Mallabars, and our endeavours prove not effectual for guarding them, the Prince at last might embrace the Dutch proposalls in prejudice of us. That our Orders are to be as frugall as possible. And that Cotata and the Moors were contriving us mischiefs. We had thought it most prudent to come to Terms with the Bednure Rajah, and that for satisfying the Prince, and guarding our Hoñ Masters Priviledges in the best manner possible in our present Circumstances, we recommended to Mr. Lynch the obtaining the 6th. Article contained in his Instructions.

WE observe by your Hon^r. &c^a. Commands before us you seem inclinable to continue the War, for preventing the fatall Consequences that might otherwise ensue, by compelling the Prince to embrace the Dutch or French; Yet at the same time you are pleased to caution us in the material Article of Expencc, and wherein Our Hoñ Masters from the Paragraphs transmitted us seem no ways inclinable to Submit to, this being considered, as well as the improbability that appears of getting mony from the Mallabars, that the fortune of War is precarious, and the Canarees talk of Marching their Forces into the Mallabar Country, through that of one Pallerion an inland power, which we are informed is feasible, and that perhaps our Sea Force through one incident or other may not prove capable of hindering their being Supplied. We on the whole are unwilling to determine positively one way or other, but shall endeavour to keep our present Treaty with the Canarees in Suspence untill we receive finall Instructions for your Hon^r. &c^a. which we hope may arrive speedily. Our Linguist is now with the Prince at Neleasaron for perswading him to come into the Cessation, and which he has accepted, and then for easing our grievous Disbursements we propose drawing away our People for the present, and the Chief will repair to him this Evening for being thoroughly satisfied whether we may be certain of the necessary Supplies in future, apprehending that if they can be obtained your Hon^r. &c^a. will approve of carrying on the war, untill the Mallabar Country and our Priviledges are brought into a tolerable Security.

THE CHIEF considering that it is our Hoñ Masters pleasure, that he continues in charge of this Settlement, & other weighty reasons likewise occurring to him for his so doing, he is determin'd with your Permission to remain here accordingly.

THE Armament the French design against Mocha, arrived a few days ago at Mihie, and They are now aiming by threats to induce Boyanore, to permitt their

securing an adjacent Hill that overlooks their Fort; we are under no other apprehensions of their prejudicing us in our Affairs with the Canarees, than by private Intrigues carry'd on, through their Agents at Mangalore. We are with great Respect.

HON SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient & most humble Servants.

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER 25TH. 1736.
P. SHYBAR

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^M. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

To STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R.

WORSPL^E. SIR,

YOUR Favour of Yesterday we receiv'd this Evening, and have considered its Contents, and are of opinion from the late Advices receiv'd from our Superiours, they seem more inclinable to carry on the War, than risque the Consequences of the Dutch, or French striking in with the Prince, on our withdrawing from him, therefore we conceive it is most eligible to accept of the Sum you mention and continue the War, however if any other expedient Occurs to your Worship, which you think may be more for the Hoñ Companies Interest, we shall readily concur therein.

WHEN the Munchua arrives we shall follow your directions about the Provisions for the Gallivatts, and send her away as fast as we can. We are sorry to observe the Canarees are likely to prove Deceitful, with their Cessation of Arms, it is well the Gallivatts prevented their throwing Provisions into Pungoy. We wish you a safe and speedy return and are.

WORSPL^E. SIR,

Your most Obed^t. humble Servants,

TELLICHERRY
NOV^{BR}. 27TH. 1736.

W^M. FORBES.
H^M. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.

To M^R. RICHARD LYNCH.

SIR.

YESTERDAY Noon I receiv'd your Letter of the 25th. to myself and Factors.

THE Governour of Mangalores Answer to the Remonstrate you deliver'd him, is in a great measure to be approved of, on a Supposition he will duly make good his Promises therein contained.

THE Mony forced from Pondra Anta Naique ought in justice to be restored to him, or rather deposited with us for our delivering it, and this I hint as not knowing whether the Gov^R. of Bombay has made good any part of it, that if he has so much as paid may be returned him, and the remainder to Pondra Anta Naique.

You shall have Ragonats grants, as soon as possible, together with an Account of the Adlamy unjustly taken from us, since the delivery of sd Grants, and since you thought proper to promise the return of the two Paderies, we took last Season, we shall comply with it, provided we can get them from those to whom they were Sold, otherwise the Value shall be allow'd.

THE LINGUIST who came here before me, forwarded my Letter to Surapaya implying that the Cessation should take place agreeable to the terms you had fixed it, to which an Answer is come Complaining of the Nairs being on the Canaree side, and having committed Hostilities; to make easy this matter we have caused the Nairs to retire this way, of which I now give Notice to Surapaya by Letter, requiring the Cessation be duly observed on his part, & that it may continue, untill we

have accommodated the Affairs you are now treating, and I have represented how grossly he has abused us in sending the Padieries with Supplies, contrary to his Engagements. You must do all you can for keeping the Cessation steady.

You must continue your Conferences for accommodating the intended Peace, but on no Account let the Canarees know we will be content with a Seperate one in exclusion of Colastree, when they appear eager to settle only with us, proceed to fix on the Points recommended, and now and then inculcate, that we can have no solid Security otherwise than in maintaining Colastree in the possession of his Dominions. I am forced to recommend this part to you with the more earnestness as our late Letters from Bombay, will not enable us to resolve on a Seperate Peace, untill we hear farther from the Gov^r. &c^a. whither we have wrote by a Saudo Express. I have wrote to Pedro Rangall & Ant^o. Paes much to the purport of the Proceeding as we can perhaps better explain our views to them by writing, than you can in discourse. I will send a Munchua to you speedily, that of Ponchas being in want of going to Callicutt.

PRAY continue to give us notice of the Canarees real Intentions, in the best manner you can learn them, & if their Forces be deminished or augmented, & whether they be duly paid. I am

SIR,

Your humble Servant
STEPHEN LAW.

MATTALAY IN NELEASARON RIVER
NOVBER 28TH. 1736.

TO THE HON^{OR} JOHN HORNE ESQ^A.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^{OR} SIR & SIRS,

By a Boat we dispatched hence the 25th. Ult^o. we acknowledged the receipt of your Commands p Lynn under the 28th. October, and those of the 9th. last month p Shybar, Duplicate whereof is enclosed, but it being impossible for us to Answer fully then those Letters we shall now do it, as well as the short stay of this Ship will permit.

THE Cardamums you Hon^r. &c^a. have directed us to provide for the returning Ships in January, shall be procured on the best terms in our power, though this Commodity being much more sought for than heretofore, will contribute towards enhancing the Price.

OUR remains in Pepper this day are ^{Candies} 3376, without reckoning the deficiency that may arise by keeping it, and there is standing out with the Merchants one hundred Candies. For the reasons we have before given, it seems to us impracticable to procure any more till the New Crop comes in, & we apprehend the produce of it will be much inferiour to the last Years.

WE have no expectation that our sending even a large Quantity of Pepper to Callicutt would keep down the Price at that place, as there is so constant a resort of Buyers, so that we shall cease that method, untill a prospect may offer of it's Utility.

WITH the Supply of Treasure your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleas'd to furnish us, we have been enabled to discharge the bonds we have Issued at Interest, and which are returned to you cancell'd in this Packett Viz^t.

	Principal	Interest	Am ^o . paid
1 To Badamalla Putterah dated 15 th . April 1736	30000 — —	1750 — —	31750 — —
1 To Will ^m . Forbes 1 st . June ..	6000 — —	270 — —	6270 — —
1 To Hugh Howard D ^o . ..	8000 — —	360 — —	8360 — —
1 To Susan ⁿ . Christie &c ^a . Trustees. 31 st . Aug st . ..	12451 2 73	252 1 96	12704 — 69
1 To Eyta Chittee, 6 th . Sept ^r .	20000 ..	383 1 32	20383 1 32
5 Bonds	76451 2 73	3015 3 28	79467 2 1

WHEN we inform'd you Hon^r. &c^a. in our last of our having recover'd one hundred thousand Fanams from the Samorine, we omitte'd to set forth, that on very good encouragement given us a Bribe to the Ministers might effectually secure to our Hon^r Masters the whole Debt, we had been induced to promise the most leading ones a Gratuity of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent on all Sums now and hereafter paid, and as this was done with a sincere view for the Interest of the Service we are engaged in, we hope it will gain you Hon^r. &c^a. approval. We have very little hopes of equal Success with Puniture Rajah, the Mother Queen, and Durmett Ponnycarree yet we shall loose no Occasion of gaining the discharge of those Debts if possible.

ON consideration that the Houses of Tellicherry Buzar are entirely protected by our Hon^r Masters, the Ground on which they stand of no Utility to Narranport Nair, nor could ever have been, we were induced prior to your Commands, to levy a small Tax on them, & we do not find it has given any disgust to said Nair.

YOUR HON^r. &c^a. may be assured we are very desirous of rendering the Island Durmapatam as profitable as possible to our Hon^r Masters, but through the possitive Orders of the Heiress of Cannanore to all her Cast; not to settle thereon, and the base proceedings of the King of Cotata, we have not been able to acquire many Inhabitants, and consequently while things stand in this State, the Revenues must prove very inconsiderable. We shall observe punctually your Commands for not Farming out this Island to that turbulent Woman though indeed she declines now having any manner of discourse whatever with us about it, and is daily striving to do us all the underhand mischiefs that her Diabolical Disposition can invent, declaring we have deceiv'd her, and gained the Place by a false Grant, through a large Sum to her Chief Scrivan Mussan, and to render this Accusation of the more weight, she has taken away his life, although he insisted on proving his Innocence. She is underhand treating with the Canarees for facilitating their entrance into this Country, and we are told has applied her endeavours for frustrating us in obtaining the Pepper produced about Billiapatam. We can get no other Answer to our Remonstrance on her base Practices, than a flat denial of being any ways concern'd in any Such. We are the more Surprized at her proceedings, as that Family never presumed heretofore to disoblige any of the European powers, and reflecting that our taking no notice, may occasion us some real mischiefs, we have been induced to deny her a Pass now desired for her Ship bound to Suratt, and would have proceeded further in showing our due Resentment, but that we are apprehensive your Hon^r. &c^a. might blame us, we shall be glad of your Directions how to behave should her base Practices continue.

YOUR HON^r. &c^a. Commands for not lading more than the Charter Party Tonnage on board our Hon^rble Masters Ships, unless desired by the Commanders at half Freight shall be duly obey'd, as well as in the manner of transmitting our Diary to the Hon^r Company, that to the last of July together with our Books of Accounts were forwarded $\frac{1}{2}$ Lynn, we shall also observe your directions in sending an exact List of all Europeans employ'd here, and such as may Die or Desert, but we know not to what time you would be pleas'd to have it. We shall also make the use requested of the Proclamations sent us.

Nor having sufficient Relieves for the Island Durmapatam, when the Canarees were seated thereon we were induced to give An Allowance to the Officers and Military there on constant Duty, and which has been continued since as all manner of necessaries are carried from hence, and it would be impracticable otherwise for the People to procure Subsistance without to [*sic*] many daily leaving their Posts, besides whenever the Garrisons here a fixed to a certain Number, we shall not be capable of changing the Men on the Island, without rendering the Duty exceeding severe, and from whence Desertions discontents, and other mischiefs may arise, and in the present time, they are so long and often out on Command, that it would occasion great uneasiness to those on Durmapatam were we to withdraw wholly their Allowance, and put them on a Footing with those of Moylan and Putinha, where they can with much more ease purchase their necessaries.

YOUR HON^r. &c^a. Commands for admitting Lieutenant James Sterling into the Command of the Company under Lieut^a. Lane is complied with, & the latter will repair up by next Conveyance, being now out on Duty.

THE Soldiers Debts we shall endeavour to fix in the manner directed of which we are unable to reply particularly at this time.

THE Crews of the Gallivats sent hither last Season having been paid here for January last agreeable to the demand made by them, we have taken the five hundred Seventy three Rupees, & Seventy three Raes, sent into the Treasury, and shall Credit their heads on our Books for the same.

WE have receiv'd the Abstract of the two Gallivatts last appointed here, but not their List of Stores, which we entreat may be sent us.

To the Sepoys here we never propos'd giving their whole pay, save to a few that we are assured have no Families at Bombay, a List whereof goes inclos'd, to eleven of whom we have made good their full Pay from the 1st. Decber 1735. the three others incerted in the List came down with Captⁿ. Inchbird who demand the same. We beg an Account may be transmitted us of the particulars we are to Credit the Presidency for on Account the whole Detachment of Sepoys, that it may be brought on our Books.

CAPTⁿ. CHARLES GILBERT of the Lynn chusing to Pay us two thousand Six hundred eighty two Rupees, & an half, we gave him a Certificate of our receiving it agreeable to your directions, and we notified the same in our Address by him to the Hon^d Company, as also that he had not taken on board any private Trade since his Departure from Bombay.

MR. THOMAS MOOR appointed by your Hon^r. &c^a. as Surgeon of this Place is employ'd accordingly, & as we cannot possibly be without an able Mate, and doubting whether it may be in our power to get one equal to Mr. Rose, we have for the present Agreed to allow him forty Rupees a month, which we conceive he merits.

By the Rectified Invoice transmitted by your Hon^r. &c^a. of the things consign'd us in April last, we observe an error to have been made in carrying out the Value of the Lead of one hundred & Sixty Rupees, which we do now allow for on the present Books, by Debting that Head To Account Currant Bombay for the above Sum, we do also recharge our Garrison Stores with fifteen Rupees, one Quarter, which by the Invoice now receiv'd appears to be charged for three hundred & fifty Cohorn Fusees, not expressed in the Original, although accounted for in the Addition.

SHIP DEFENCE Captⁿ. James Montgomery imported here the 2^d. at Night, and brought us five hundred Seventy two Bags of Rice with an Invoice thereof from the Hon^d President and Council of Bengall amounting to Currant Rupees eleven hundred two, eight Fanams, nine Cash, they write us they will cause us to be Supplied with the remainder desired by some other Ships, so as to compleat us with from four to five thousand Bags; we propose landing the whole Quantity here from the uncertainty we are under of Accommodating with the Canarees, but as it may happen that a loss may arise by a larger Supply from Bombay, we desire your Hon^r. &c^a. will not send us any untill we are obliged to apply for it. We hope in case our Hon^d Masters should prove Sufferers by our precaution in gaining the above Supply from Bengall, that we shall not be blamed, since the matter appeared to us at the time of our Soliciting it to be of the utmost importance.

By our Advices from Mr. Lynch at Mangalore and those appointed to assist him in the design of effecting a general Pacification with the Canarees, we cannot as yet imagine we may bring the same to a Successful Issue, the Bednure Rajah rather from the reinforcements sent to his Army, and appropriation of his Revenues to support it, leads us to judge the War will be carried on with Vigour, when the Cessation is expired, which is to last to the 16th. Instant. That Mallabars on the other hand are very remiss, and greatly disunited among themselves so that we cannot hope they will make a suitable Opposition for preventing the Enemys entring their Country. The Chief returned lately from the Prince, and after Debating with him copiously on the present State of Affairs demanded the Arrears due to our Hon^d Masters, and a Deposit of Money for defraying the Expence we may be exposed to hereafter, at last the Prince offer'd forty thousand Rupees,

and the Chief insisted on Sixty thousand to be immediately paid down, but without settling on this point they seperated in order to meet again speedily for a farther Discussion, and our People being much fatigued, and sickly they were brought hither, save about one hundred left at the Princes earnest request for the Security of the Fort called Ayconny Situated at the Entrance of Neleasaron River distance hence about twelve Leagues.

WE have signified to your Hon^r. &c^a. that the Mallabars are not likely to put us in possession of a suitable Sum to defray our heavy Disbursements, nor are they from what appears, resolute in keeping out the Enemy, so that if we continue our Assistance to them, the issue will be uncertain, yet not the expence, and therefore we had attempted to concert a Seperate Peace, which however we should not adjust, till we have your Instructions. We are pretty much in the Dark what views the Dutch may have, that they did offer the Prince to keep out the Enemy on the conditions we signified, we apprehend may be depended on, but since then we do not find that matter has been prosecuted; a large force has been given out would speedily Arrive at Cochin, but the Ship already got there, has brought none, though 'tis said their troubles at Ceylone are accommodated and if so, they may bring a good Body from thence very Speedily. The French we conceive are only aiming to engross the Rice Trade; and take very little thought about the Consequences of the Canaree attempts. The Latter are soliciting them for Ammunition and Convoys for their Vessells, which will we think be denied, but we are very jealous the Portugueze may listen to their request, though the Chief has lately address'd the Vice Roy on this point, which we beg your Hon^r. &c^a. will enforce. In fine, reflecting on the Conduct of the Mallabars, the seeming resolution of the King of Bednure, the heavy Expences we shall unavoidably be exposed to from the continuance of the War, with the precariousness of it's issue. We are very much at a loss how to direct our Conduct, and therefore we impatiently wait for your Hon^r. &c^a. directions.

OUR Gallivatts were kept on their Station till the 30th. Ult^o. and had a few days before drove two or three boats ashore and several others under a Fort of the Canarees as they were attempting to Supply their Army with Provisions with Portugueze Colours, but having certain intelligence that five Grabs and Six Gallivatts belonging to Angria were Anchor'd at mangaseer Bar, held a Correspondence with the Canarees, and receiv'd Refreshments from them and Presents, we were compelled to cause our Gallivatts to retire into the Rivers of Neleasaron and Billiapatam, where they still continue, whether the Grabs &c^a. may assist the Canarees in the manner as has been reported, or if they came solely for Booty we know not, but we are under a weighty concern for their appearance for if they attempt Convoying the Enemies Boats we shall be utterly incapable of preventing them with the Force under our Direction.

THOMAS HARRIS Master of the Fly Gallivatt being found unfit for that Station we thought proper to remove him and have appointed Joseph Blomart late Gunner of the Dolphin in his Stead, the former being Sick we must defer returning him till another Opportunity. Antonio Gomez Master of the Tyger being very old, and infirm and not capable at present of executing that Command, we now permit him to go up on the Defence paid and Victualled to the last of December. That Vessell is now in charge of John Sanders who seems very deserving, and as the sd Gomez is an old Servant and destitute, we beg leave to recommend him to your Hon^r. &c^a. favour.

THE Hon^r President and Council of Madrass having lately transmitted us an Account of the charges attended the Recruits sent us Amounting to two thousand four hundred fifty Seven Pagodas, twenty seven fanams, three Cash, reduced by us into Rupees at three hundred Sixteen ¹³ hundred Pagodas making Seven thousand seven hundred sixty Six Rupees, two Quarters, eight Raes, we shall duly give Credit for the same, part of which from the advices receiv'd is accounted for on the last, and the remainder to compleat the above Sum will be brought on the present Books, & that your Hon^r. &c^a. may observe how prodigiously great that Expence has been we now Inclose copy thereof.

OUR Expence of Gunpowder, Shott and Cohorns having lately proved pretty considerable we cannot avoid Soliciting for farther Supplies, agreeable to the Accompanying indent, and we entreat particularly for Drums of which we have not one to spare, also Lanthorns and Tar, and a proof for Powder. The Gunpowder lodged at Anjengo from the Madrass Gally in April last has been brought up on the Emelia Sloop. Your Hon^r. &c^a. Supply of Stationary Ware will in no wise Answer, and therefore we beseech you will farther Assist us, or we shall be incapable of carrying on our Business.

As some of us are frequently obliged to be Absent, and the Affairs of the Settlement render'd now more Voluminous than [sic] usual, we are obliged to intreat for an able Assistant whose assiduity may be of great benefit in many Respects.

By this Ship Defence we transmit our Diary and Books of Accounts to the Ultimo July, from whence your Hon^r. &c^a. will remark the excessive Expence of this Settlement which we think is not likely to be reduced till a Peace is established, assured your Hon^r. &c^a. may be we are as careful as possible in every Item thereof, but we shall never be capable of Answering your Hon^r. &c^a. nor our Hon^d Masters expectations till things are brought into their former State. We continue to induce our Invoices outwards and Inwards at five fanams the Rupee, because it exactly answers the true Value, whereas by formerly Rating the Issues for Pepper at five Fanams one quarter the Rupee, and afterwards accounting for it when exported at five, an imaginary proffitt appeared on the Rupees, which in effect was thrown on the Pepper, by making it overcharged one quarter of a fanam on every Rupee, than in really [sic] it Cost, as for Example, a Candy of Pepper bought at Seventy Rupees at five fanams, one Quarter each amounts to three hundred sixty Seven Fanams, & an half, which reduced at five as was then practiced comes out at Seven three [sic] Rupees, & an half.

SINCE writing the above we are assured by Cunhiseu the Cardamum Merchant that the Heiress of Cannanore has influenced the King of Cotata in such a manner, that he has forbid any Cardamums being brought from his Country to us, and we really apprehend that unless some effectual method is applied to curb this insolent and vile woman many embarrassments will accrue to our Affairs We have acquainted your Hon^r. &c^a. of our denying her a Pass for her Ship now intended for Suratt, and we shall continue to do the same to any others untill she is brought to a just Sence of her illegal pretentions to Durmapatam, to which we sincerely aver, she has no manner of Title. It does not become us to dictate to your Hon^r. &c^a. but we beg leave humbly to represent, that the Seizing and detaining, any or all her Ships will be the most suitable expedient for stoping [sic] her career.

THE Chief and Mr. William Forbes as Trustees to Alexander Christie Deceased having desired Mr. Tho^s. Stonestreet to Solicit your Hon^r. &c^a. for Bills to the Amount of thirteen thousand seven hundred fifty seven Rupees, two Quarters, seventy three Raes, to be paid for by him, and as the Deceased served our Hon^d Masters twenty five Years at this place, and has left a Widow, and three Children, we are induced to supplicate your Hon^r. &c^a. that the Exchange may be allow'd at two Shillings, & Six Pence, or if that is impracticable that you will please to make a favourable mention thereof to our Hon^d Masters.

THE Defence will proceed with the French Ships intended for mocho [sic] as far as Goa; Mons^r. has had sundry disputes with Boyanore, but the latter has not acceded to any think [sic] demanded. We are with great Respect.

HON^d SIR AND SIRs,

Your most Obedient humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
DECEMBER THE 4TH. 1736.
DEFENCE

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACKETT TO BOMBAY DECEMBER THE 4TH. 1736  SHIP
DEFENCE.

Tellicherry General under said date.
 Duplicate of Ditto dated the 25th. November.
 Indent of Stores.
 List of 11 Sepoys, which have reced their whole pay here, & of 3 who demand
 the same.
 Five Cancelled Bonds.
 Copy of the Madrass Genl. Accot. of the Expedition to Tellicherry.
 Diary and Consultations Comg. Aug^t. 1st. 1735. Ending July 31st. 1736.
 Journal of Accounts Letter K Com. Ditto. Close'd Ditto.
 Ledger Do.
 List of the Packett.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
 CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIRS,

THE Family of Ally Rajah having lately made Sundry attempts to disturb this Settlement, and proceeded even to prevent what in them lies the access of Pepper and Cardamums to us. We have been induced to deny a Pass to a Ship of theirs now in readiness to Sail for Suratt, and as we understand a Munchua of Ninety Candies, or thereabouts has been sent to Quyletch, or Manapar this Season, without applying to us as usual for our Pass, We desire that in case s^d. Munchua should come to your Place, or be found by your round Vessell you will please to detain her, untill we make Application to you for her releasment, and for your better discovering this Vessell, we now send a Moor herewith who will make know [*sic*] to you which is the s^d Munchua. You will readily conceive we take the above method for inducing Ally Rajah to behave better to us in future, without meaning to come to open Hostilities, & therefore we are assured you will give the proper Instructions that no Imbezlement be made of her Cargo. It Occurs to us that the Boat we mention of Ally Rajahs may have a Pass from us under a false Name, and if so it ought not in reason to be regarded. We are

SIRS,

Your most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
 W^M. FORBES.
 H^R. HOWARD.
 W^M. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
 DECEMBER 6TH. 1736.

TO M^R. RICHARD LYNCH.

S^R.

YOUR Letter to the Chief of the 28th. with those to us of the 30th. Ult^o. and 4th. Instant have been receiv'd.

You did very well in advising Mr. Rout of the appearance of Angrias Fleet, as thereby he had an Opportunity of Securing all the Gallivatts in Neleasaron and Billiapatam Rivers, but they are now on their way to their appointed Stations, since we are assured that Enemy is retired.

As you are very desirous of having a Munchua to transport you to Pungoy, or otherwise we this Night send you one hired of the Linguist on whose return you may if you can conveniently get it, lade a Quantity of Rice on the Hoñ Companies Account thereby easing her Charges, & we shall send you by her wherewith to Pay for it.

By your Advices of the 30th. Ult^o. & 4th. Instant, we observe how cold and indifferent the Canarees are in prosecuting the terms of the Peace they were so lately earnest in effecting. The Governour Surapaya by way of excusing himself as we imagine lays great blame in his Letter to the Chief touching the Mallabars demolishing part of the Fort called Mattalay, and at times firing at his People, he likewise declares we offended in maltreating his Boats, and in fine he seems inclinable to break the truce, but we apprehend he will consider better of it on receipt of the Accompanying Answer, which after your having Read, and shewn to your Assistants dispatch to him, and when his Answer comes open it, translate it into Portugeze and transmit us, you must tell him if you have Opportunity that we have done our Parts in compelling the Mallabars to retire from the other side the River whither they had passed, and that if he failes in observing the Cessation, or commences Hostilities till you are withdrawn, we shall resent his proceedings by all the Violencies we can offer both by Sea and Land.

THE Chief has already wrote the Vice Roy not to give any assistance to the Canarees. & we are almost convinced he will not do otherwise, yet as this point is of great Consequence, we now enclose another Letter to him, which do you forward by Pattamar or otherwise immediately, the Portugeze Gallies at Onore are there for transporting of Pepper.

It appears to us that the cause of the Canarees present coldness in the Treaty is owing to the Kings aversion to accomodate with Colastry, & as you have hitherto declined hinting to them we will make a Peace in any other manner, they are very much perplexed, therefore, in order to put things forward do you proceed to Pungoy, and make known to Surapaya we proposed a General Peace considering the same to be of common benefit to all parties; however we are content to lay that aside, & you proceed on the points we have recommended exclusive of s^d General Peace, & for settling thereof he may appoint a proper Person to repair hither with you for our agreeing with him on all the depending heads, by this means we shall keep our Treaty on foot untill we receive finall Resolutions from Bombay. But you must insist that during your Treaty there, & the stay of their Messenger here all Hostilities must cease on every side, & wherein we will take care the Mallabars do not transgress, you must press this earnestly, & moreover that we cannot otherwise manage our Concerns with the Mallabars in respect to our forsaking their Interest, without having the s^d Cessation observed.

As it is not safe trusting the original Grants of Ragonat out of our Office, we now send you it's Copy attested by the Canaree Prisoners, also the Companies demand on Account the Adlamy taken contrary to s^d Grants, with what belongs to Domingos, Manoell, & Pedro Rodriguiz, and likewise the particulars of the damages done to Chatoo Chittee, all which you must use as occasions may require. We are

S^r.

Your most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^r. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

DECEMBER THE 7TH. 1736.

To M^r. RICHARD LYNCH,

SIR,

THIS accompanies the Linguists Munchua which we have hired to attend you according to your request, and as on her Return a Lading of Rice will in some measure atone for her Charges, we now send you in charge of Ventura de Souza three hundred fifty four Gubbers in Tale Nett 349.6. to procure it, and have sent four Soldiers in her pursuant to your late desire. We are

SIR,

Your humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

DECEMBER THE 7TH. 1736.

To M^r. LYNCH.

S^r.

THIS Morning we receiv'd your Letter of the 9th. owning your having Ours of the 7th.

WE are sorry to observe the King of Bednure continues resolute in carrying on his attempts against the Mallabars, & has at last determin'd that Regonatt shall Command his Forces. And since you find your stay likely to prove of little efficacy you are about to leave the Canaree Country, and repair to Ayconny. If you have no reasons forbiding we should be glad you repaired to Pungoy, & there represent to Surapaya agreeable to what we hinted in our last touching a Seperate Peace with us, & that a Person of Consequence may be appointed to come hither with you for that purpose, however if proceeding in this manner may not be suitable we must leave you to take such measures as you and those with you judge to be best, for we will not possitively lay you under a necessity of Attempting things which you on the Spot may have just cause to disapprove, & therefore do you proceed as is most eligible in your own judgment. We are,

SIR,

Your humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

DECEMBER 11TH. 1736.

To M^r. RICHARD LYNCH,

SIR,

ON the 13th. we receiv'd your Letter of the 11th. Insta. and very much approve of the Protest you deliver'd to Ventasso Mallo, and Gunny Sonnyay who were appointed by Surapaya to treat with you.

IT occurs to us that you ought to press for your dispatches with great earnestness, & that a possitive reply be given to your proposals for the General, or Seperate Peace, if the former is listned to, you have full Directions thereon, & for the latter you have the same, namely to settle the Points, & then repair hither with a Canaree Messenger for our determination, but if neither is regarded then you must loose no time in departing, for it will be to no purpose tending on the cunning Artifices of those People. But provided they are inclinable to continue the Conferences in a manner from whence a Conclusion may be expected, you must insist that no manner of Hostilities be commenced by their Army, for if such should be offer'd we possitively direct you to come away.

IN case a Lading of Rice be procurable for the Munchua omit not to get it.
 You may keep this Tony to attend you, in your going to Pungoy or otherwise.
 We are.

SIR

Your humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
 W^m. FORBES.
 H^m. HOWARD.
 W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHEBBY
 DECEMBER 15TH. 1736.

TO THE HON^{OR} JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.
 PRESIDENT AND GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON SIR & SIRS,

OUR last Address went by the Defence Captⁿ. James Montgomery under the
 4th. Instant whose Duplicate Accompanies this.

THE Canarees are now with about twelve thousand Men, Horse and Foot, on
 the Frontiers of their Territories near Neleasaron, and 'tis said they are resolutely
 bent to enter the Mallabar Country, the King of Bednure has assigned Mony for
 paying the Army, and will not listen to any proposals we could make for a General
 Pacification, otherwise than being permitted to hold a share of Colastrees Domi-
 nions, & which the latter will never be brought to consent to give up, but on the
 last extremity.

WE have fully acquainted your Hon^r. & c^a. in our several Addresses, that the
 Prince is likely in [*sic*] fail us in the Supplies he is engaged to deliver us, &
 therefore the main Stress of the War will probably lie on our Hon^r Masters, and
 yet if we should withdraw from him, he will readily throw himself into the Dutch
 power, & this will appear better to you from our Consultation of the 14th. Instant
 transmitted herewith.

MR. RICHARD LYNCH returned here the 19th. attended by a Canaree Messen-
 ger in discourse with whom we find he will give us Satisfaction in some measure
 in the several points demaned by us, & as to the material one of securing our
 Limits, we conceive the King of Bednure will be brought to agree, that the River
 of Billiapatam may remain exempted from any Dominion, or authority of his,
 that no Fortresses, shall be built by him on the side of sd River within the reach
 of Cannon, and our Redoubt at Madacarra, for defending the Bar be preserved
 to us. That he will not attempt passing to the S^o. ward of said River, confirm all
 the Priviledges granted the Hon^r Company by Colastree, and in every respect
 behave to us with Sincerity and Friendship.

WE are very well aware how little dependance is to be made on the engage-
 ments of the King of Bednure, & therefore have earnestly strove to effect a
 General Peace, so that each power remain with their respective Territories, but
 as this desirable point is by no means attainable, we must either content ourselves
 with a Seperate Peace, or prosecute the War on the best terms we can.

IT [*sic*] we strike up the Seperate Peace we shall be eased in our Expences,
 but the Enemy will be enabled to Subdue the Mallabars with much more facility
 than when joined with us, to provide against which perhaps the Prince may em-
 brace the Dutch in the manner we have observed, and will appear by our Accom-
 panying Consultation, & which perhaps may be attended with heavy mischiefs to
 our Trade.

IF we continue the War and fail in the Supplies that ought to be deliver'd
 us by the Prince (which really we think we shall not attain) then our Disbursements
 will be exceeding large, & not improbable but many things may intervein, so as
 to render, our efforts for keeping out the Enemy abortive, for the most Force
 we can Spare even with draining our Garrisons too much, & equipping the Galli-
 vatts, will not exceed one hundred & eighty Military, & about a hundred Sepoys
 who are of a very bad sort, and should fatigues continue long, many of our Men

will become Sick, others perhaps fall in Action, and if an unfortunate Event should happen (which is not unlikely considering the little Courage of the Mallabars who are to Support us) then our Settlements here will be render'd extream weak, and at last when the Prince finds our Abilities such as cannot save his Country, he will without hesitation Strike in with the Dutch and afford them the points they may demand whereby all our Expences, Toiles, and Vexations may terminate in a fatall disappointment in the ends proposed. We do not pretend to be well versed in the regard each European power ought to preserve to each other, but we are not without apprehensions, that the Canarees on finding us bent on distressing them, may by overtures to the Portugueze incline them to wage War with Colas-tree, nor can we be fully assured the Dutch may not even Side with them, also as they have threatned the Prince they will do in case of his non Compliance with their demands. And in fine should your Hon^r. &c^a. Commands be for presecuting [*sic*] the War, we hope you will not think of Streighning [*sic*] us in the Expence, for it appears to us that we shall not only be compelled to Support our own People, but also the Nairs, or they will soon forsake us, for dependance on the Prince we cannot have, which we have too often Experienced: and for rendering our efforts effectual, as the Natives are not Soldiers your Hon^r. &c^a. will we conceive find it the cheapest and surest method to reinforce us with all the Men you possibly can, and Vessells of War, whereby a Speedy period of these troubles may in all probability be attained with a lasting Reputation to our Hon^r Employers. For our parts we are in the greatest Dilemma all things consider'd how to proceed, since it seems impossible for us to Steer so as may exempt us from Censure.

WE are now delaying coming to any conclusion with the Canaree Messenger, in hopes of receiving your Speedy Answer to our Address of the 25th. November, but most of us are of Opinion, and the Chief in particular, that our Hon^r Masters will never approve of our prosecuting the War on the conditions which in all likelihood may attend it.

OUR Gallivatts are out on the Cruice, & two hundred of our men in Ayconny Fort lying at the Entrance of Neleasaron River, we are very fearful of the Canarees passing, for if they should, it will be hardly possible for us to accomplish a Seperate Peace without highly disgusting the Mallabars who in such wise would charge us with Treacherry on leaving them at such a juncture. The Gov^r. of Mangalore has promis'd a Cessation till this Messenger returns, but we have not entire dependance on it, and therefore we shall be extreamly uneasy till your Commands are receiv'd for enabling our taking a final Resolution.

WE have omitted to Acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. that the three thousand five hundred Rupees taken notice of in our Consultation of the 14th. has been deliver'd us by the Prince, and no more, we should also have inform'd you that our expedition to Neleasaron will cost nearest for the forty Days it lasted Seven thousand Rupees excluding the Payment of our Men, and the Gallivatts.

CHATOO CHITTEE although indebted to us fifty six Candies seven Maund of Pepper has Solicited us this day for ten thousand Rupees for enabling him to secure the approaching new Pepper, and as we conceive he is more trustworthy than any other Person this way, and our advancing the Mony will prove a means of getting a good Supply; we have complied with his request.

WE now return to Bombay eight Lascars belonging to the Antilope and Fly Gallivatts as ³⁹ List, who have been a long while Sick. They are paid to the last of this Month, and Victualled to the Ultimo January; we request your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to Supply us with the like Number in their Stead. We are with all imaginable Respect.

HON^r SIR AND SIRs,

You most Obedient and most humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^r. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
DECEMBER 24TH: 1736.
J^o. SHYBAR

TO THE HON^r JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL OF BEAY.

HON SIR & SIRs,

OUR last Address went by the Palky Shybar under the 24th. Ultimo, whose Duplicate accompanies this, together with Copy of our Consultation of the 14th.

YOUR Hon^r. & C^a. will observe by another Consultation now transmitted of the 30th. December, that the Prince from the many pompous offers of the Dutch in his favour seems eagerly disposed to Side with them for opposing the Canarees, and we presume may readily grant that Company the Priviledges demanded.

YET from the best information we can obtain the Dutch are labouring all thats possible for coming to an immediate accommodation with the Canarees, and which we the rather Credit, since we cannot learn that they have brought any force to Cochin this Season, and sure we are they greatly are in want of Rice for the Support of their Settlements, the Harvest of Paddy having proved very bad this Year, and indeed from weighing all Circumstances we are entirely of Opinion, the Dutch are only Striving by their Policies of threatening to join with the Prince actually to conclude a Speedy Peace with the Canarees, and then leave s^d Prince Shift for himself. But supposing the case might prove otherwise, and we were to enter with our Offers of supporting the War in Conjunction with him. The Dutch might admitting them so disposed apply forcible measures for obliging him to consent to put them in possession of the Grants demanded, and in such wise our continuing to assist s^d Prince might not produce to us the Security proposed in impeeding the Dutch schemes from taking effect. Though considering the Situation of our Works that are placed so conveniently for commanding the common outlets of the Pepper we may be always capable on shewing a becoming Resolution to hinder the Dutch Company from enjoying a farther Share of the Trade than is in their power to gain now at Cannanore.

WE have constantly represented, and must still do it, that our prosecuting the War will probably be attended with grievous Disbursements, and yet in case our efforts are render'd incapable of preserving the Mallabar Country, the Prince will readily Strike in with any European power and assign them Priviledges contrary to those we have obtained; in lieu of the Services they may perform by protecting his Dominions; and therefore on the whole we are greatly perplexed and the rather since the Bednure Rajah seems firmly fixed in carrying on the War, and wherein he is not Slack in issuing the necessary Sums: While our Prince and others so immediately interested in the Country will not part with their Mony, and Experimentally that at all times when we appear most active they are most remiss, and from such a conduct the war is rather made ours than their care; nor can any ties of Gratitude bind the Avaritious and unreasonable People. We have in our last acquainted your Hon^r. & C^a. that the Canarees seem willing to engage for securing our Limits from Billiapatam River Southward which tract comprehends the whole produce of Pepper that falls to our Share, & it may be presumed they may not be capable admitting they carry on their Conquest of preserving it long, as nothing but keeping up a large Army can render the Mallabars quiet, and sure we are they will not have it in their power to raise wherewith from the Country to maintain said Army. Beside should the present Bednure Rajah expire it is more than probable his Successor would not be inclined to persue the same ambitious Schemes evidently tending to produce the ruin of the Canaree Dominions. The Messenger that came with M^r. Lynch still continues here for having our Ultimate Resolutions, and which we cannot now take for want of your Commands hourly expected.

WE are sorry to Acquaint your Hon^r. & C^a. that the price of Pepper is likely to be kept up from the large Supplies carried by Land to Callicutt in Spight of all the French endeavours for preventing it, and as this practice will also very sencibly affect us, we are striving to prevail on the Women in Government of Boyanores Country to put a Stop to it which they can easily do.

ON the 27th. Ult^o. we receiv'd a Letter from the Chief & Factors of Anjengo setting forth the impossibility of procuring Coins, & therefore M^r. Wake drew on the Chief here for Seven thousand Rupees payable to our Hoñ Masters Cask which was accordingly made good.

AFTER closing our Letter of the 24th. four of the Lascars mention'd to have been sent up, were put a Shore by the People of the Shybar, who now proceed. Pasqual De Souza Soldier, requesting to return to Bombay, we have accordingly permitted him, & is paid to the Ultimo December.

M^r. EDMUND MASSEY Supracargo of Ship Prince Frederick arrived this Evening, & brought us a Letter from the Gov^r. & Council of Bengall, advising of their having Contracted with him to deliver us three thousand four hundred fifty Bags of Rice at the rate of three & an half, Suratt Rupees $\frac{3}{4}$ Bag, which we shall take a Shore, & pay him for accordingly. We are with great Respect.

HON SIR & SIRs,

Your most Obed^t. & most hum Servants.

TELLICHERRY

JANRY 2^d. 1736/7.

P.S. The Crannys of the Shybars make so much Scruple in carrying the Lascars that we have been Obliged to entreat Captⁿ. Dunn to take them aboard who has Complied therewith.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.

CHIEF & C^a. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIRs,

YOUR Letter of the 18th. Ult^o. came to hand the 27th. with the enclosed Bill of Exchange drawn by M^r. Wake on the Chief for Seven thousand new Bombay Rupees, payable into our Hoñ Masters Cash here, which he has accepted & sd Amount was made good by him the 28th. Ult^o. for which, account Currant Bombay will be Credited on our Books. We are

SIRs,

Your most hum Servants.

TELLICHERRY

JANUARY 6TH. 1736/7.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELL^{BY}. JANRY 18TH. 1736/7.

TO CAPTⁿ. LUIS MENDONZA,

& THE OTHER OFFICERS AT AYCONNY.

GENTLEMEN,

THIS Evening I receiv'd your Letter of this date with a Person said to belong to the Dutch of Cannanore, and a Braminee of our Princes, who you acquainted me wanted to sound the River, know your Strength, and such like uncommon things, and as this proceeding may be justly esteemed very extraordinary, and in the utmost degree disrespectful, we have come to a determination of keeping the Person, nominated as the Dutch Servant a Prisoner untill we can be well informed of the reasons for taking such Liberties in a place under our Hoñ. Masters protection.

You did exceeding well in your proceedings touching the above, and I desire you will in future keep up a strict regard, that no European Nation, or others come into your Rivers, without giving justifiable reasons for it, or rather have our leave, and you are positively enjoined to suffer no disregard to be shewn us, for we are determined to maintain our just prerogatives while we continue there. I am

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friend and Servant

STEPHEN LAW.

P.S. Hasten the Gallivatts namely the Fly and Darmouse to join the others as soon as possible.

To CAPT^N. EDWARD WILLIAMSON
COMMANDER OF SHIP DECKER.

SIR,

OUR HO^N. Masters having been pleased to direct our lading aboard your Ship as much Pepper as you can conveniently take in, we desire you will inform us the Quantity you can receive, which is in readiness to be sent off. We are

SIR,

Your very humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.

W^M. FORBES.

H^R. HOWARD.

W^M. JEYNSON.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY THE 24TH. 1736/7.

To WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR AND SIRs,

ON the 22^d. Instant we receiv'd your Letter of the 13th. ^{of} Boat and Yesterday its Duplicate ^{of} Ship Decker, on whom we are about lading what Pepper She can conveniently take in and propose to dispatch her for Bombay to Morrow.

WE are very glad your Sloop had the fortune of bringing in the Cannanore Munchua, and we now cannot avoid requesting you will cause her to be forwarded hither under the charge of any of the Ships, that may can on you bound this way, or with your Sloop, but we beg leave to caution your taking such measures as may best Occur for Preventing any treachery to the Sloops Crew, Since the Moors are very dextrous at such practices; We shall in no wise do any injury to the effects of the Tranvancore Merchants, yet if they are unwilling they should be brought up we leave it to you to return them, or proceed as you may judge most proper for satisfying them. We have in view to compound with the Cannanore people for the Restitution of their Vessel and Cargo on receiving a proper Security, that their future conduct will be more faithful to us, than it has been for some time past. We wish we could have avoided giving you this trouble, but it was not in our power, without subjecting our HO^N Masters to manifest inconveniencies.

As Dollars are not to be put off here on the terms they will produce in the Bombay Mint, we shall not Land any Mony from the Decker, although our HO^N Masters have permitted us to receive whatever we might require, exclusive of the two Chests, which you are pleas'd to tender us, nor shall we expect any farther Sums from you on Account the twenty five thousand Rupees, you had in view to remit us.

WE are extream sencible of your care in recruiting us with Military, and shall accordingly receive the Seven able Men you have put on board the Decker, and we beg to know whether it will be necessary for us to return all your Detachment, when in our power, or if we may keep some of those content to stay with us. We are.

SIR.

Your most humble Servants.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^r. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
JANUARY 25TH. 1736/7.

TO THE HON JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON SIR & SIRs,

OUR last Address was under the 2^d. Instant, whose Duplicate accompanies this, and since on the fifth we receiv'd your Commands of the 23^d. Ultimo.

By the Copy of our Consultations of the 6th. & 11th. Instant now sent form'd after the receipt of your Hon^r. & C^a. Letter above mention'd, you will please to observe our reasons for determining on a seperate Peace with the Canarees; and are entirely of opinion that we had no other method to take, for it was too Obvious the Carnatick Rajah had determin'd at all events to revenge himself on the Malabars, and with the few People we could spare it seem'd very improbable, we should be able to impede the execution of his intentions, especially as the Mallabars had in so many plain instances shewed an extream Cowardice, and the Prince could not be perswaded to advance a Sum of Mony for supporting a competent Number of Forces; and assured we were that provided we had determin'd to continue the War, the main Stress would light on us, and unless our Hon^r. Masters had Submitted to the maintaining the Nairs, we should soon have been forsaken, and left to guard the Frontiers ourselves, with an inconsiderable force, to which in case any misfortune had hapned [*sic*], we have the strongest motives to believe our Settlements here would have been disturbed by even some of the powers this way, and in such a State we leave your Hon^r. & C^a. to judge of the Consequence, begging [*sic*] you will also please to consider that the Prince would then have immediately thrown himself on the Dutch, and assigned them any Priviledges howsoever detrimental to the Interest of our H^o. Masters; Yet supposing as remarked in our former Letters, that we had determin'd to run all risques for preserving the Friendship of our Prince, and opposing the Dutch Schemes, we must conclude that the issue would have been very precarious, and it may reasonably be imagined that Company would never want pretences to fall on him with Violence towards compelling him to resign to them the Priviledges demanded. So that on the whole our Hon^r. Masters after issuing immense Sums, would be far from a prospect of reaping a suitable Security to their Affairs, and our persisting in the contest purely as an expedient for preventing the threatenng mischiefs from the Dutch seem'd to us to carry no probability of Success. Beside the rendering ourselves ready in submitting to all the unreasonable demands of the Prince might in time to come expose us to continual Disquietudes, and the heaviest Expences, and whenever we seem'd slack in gratifying him he would immediately become disgusted, and perhaps fly off from our Interest; however we are very sencible of the importance of our keeping on good terms with this Prince, which we assure your Hon^r. & C^a. we have extreamly at Heart, and our endeavours shall not be wanting, nor have they in demonstrating [*sic*] to him 'tis our Hon^r. Masters Interest, as well as his, that a well cemented Friendship be reciprocally maintained on a reasonable Foundation. But we cannot think it would be agreeable to them, or your Hon^r. & C^a. to protect this Country while he resolves to regard nothing more than enriching his Cooffers.

ON the 9th. the Canaree Army forced the pass of Neleaseron with very little opposition and loss, and since then have been ravaging, and destroying the Country. And on the 13th. we had the misfortune to blow up the Magazine of Ayconny Fort, lying at the entrance of Neleaseron River, by which means we lost Seventy Barrells of Gunpowder of which was a great part Europe a Number of Cohorns and Granados, as well as Arms, Provisions &c^a. computed by us at Six thousand Rupees value, we had Six of our Military & Gunners, & one Sepoy killed, and three are now in danger, the Accident is ascribed to one John Hull the Person recommended by our Hoñ. Masters, and sent out on the King William as a Bombardier, thro his using an Iron Hammer instead of a Mallet in taking out a Granado Fusee, which sett fire to some Combustibles lying by, and the Magazine Door being open the Gunpowder immediately took, whose force threw down some of the Fort wall, and 'twas happy for us the Canarees then in Sight did not make an immediate Attack; we have with the utmost Diligence caused the necessary repairs to be made, and Supplied it with Gunpowder, and what other things wanted in order to preserve the Place for the present, with the five Officers, and two hundred Military, and Sepoys now there.

YOUR HON^{rs}. &c^a. will observe we are about concluding our Peace with the Canarees as enter'd in the accompanying Consultations, and we conceive we shall not be dissappointed in bringing it to a Speedy period, though we had never undertaken it provided the Prince could have been brought to exert a Resolution for defending his Territories. We are told he has great promises from the Dutch, that they will drive the Canarees over Canharotta River, protect his Country in future, Subdue the Moors, and King of Cotata, and then he is to assign them a thousand Candies Pepper annually at fifty Six Rupees the Candy; and to which end 'tis reported Writings have been mutually passed, and a force is said to be preparing to come from Cochin, but it's impossible for us to judge with any certainty what may be the Consequence of these Agreements, yet it seems to us most probable that things will terminate in a disgust between the parties, through the Difficulties that must result in compelling the Canarees to resign a part of their Acquisitions on one hand, and on the other in causing the delivery of the ascertained Pepper on such low terms, indeed we believe the Mallabars will never keep up to that part willingly, and it will occasion constant expence to compel them to it R Force. Yet prove this howsoever, we presume 'tis our Interest to accommodate as soon as possible with the Canarees and had the same been done sometime since it would have saved us a good Sum, and eas'd us in other Respects, Our Hoñ. Masters have their Fortresses conveniently placed for securing the common outlets of the Pepper, by means of Durmapatam, Eddecaute, and Madacarra, and we conceive it to be our immediate Duty to support their title against whomsoever, where those places Command, and to which end admitting our peace concluded a good Garrison will be unavoidable for some time, untill we can better judge of the event of the threatning Commotions. We are sencible how difficult a Situation we are in, and how much we may be expos'd to censure hereafter, through the incidents that may arise, but considering the unaccountable disposition of the Mallabars, and the unwillingness of our Hoñ. Masters to bear the main Burthen of the War, we hope on due reflection, that our proceedings will be found as well directed as is possible in Circumstances so precarious, and assured your Hon^{rs}. &c^a. may be, we have no other views, than to promote the welfare of our Employers.

ON the 24th. Instant imported Ship Decker Captain Edward Williamson from Great Britain, when we receiv'd the Comands of our Hoñ. Masters, under the 2^d. July a Copy whereof goes inclosed, we have avoided Landing any part of the Treasure as Dollars will not pass here but to loss, and the Europe Commodities not promising so advantagious a Sale as at Bombay, we have declined meddling with any. We have laded on this Ship an hundred Candies Pepper, being all the Captain could receive as R Invoice amounting to thirty eight thousand four hundred Sixty one Fanams, and have taken a Shore fifteen Barrells of Europe Gunpowder, Ten of which fine, and five Cannon, which we are render'd greatly in want of through the fatal Accident at Ayconny. M^r. Wake and the Gentlemen

of Anjengo sent us on her Seven Dutch Men for our detaining them here, or sending them up, but having already a Number of that Nation, we have continued them aboard, and in lieu landed the like Number of Englishmen, whose Names are inclosed; proposing that when we come to a Regulation of a charges to send away all the Sepoys we can Spare as being at near as great expence as the Soldiers, yet not near so good.

By three Shybars now on departure we send three Sick Sepoys named Fuckree Muhmud. Sheak Ismael, & Sheak Nunn, the latter being one of those who has receiv'd pay here to the Ult^o. January.

INCLOSED is our Indent for Stores, which we beg may be complied with especially the Gunpowder, Flints, a piece of Scarlett Cloth, Granados, Cohorns, Drums, Tar, and Canvas, of all which we are in want. We also transmitt a Copy of our Treasury Account carried on from the 1st. December to the present time, which shews the Amount we have advanced for Pepper, Cardamoms, and Rice. We are exerting our utmost endeavours for procuring of Pepper, but the Crop is really bad, and we greatly fear it will be much dearer than usual this Season, and the Quantity smaller. We are with Great Respect.

HON^r SIR AND SIRs,

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^r. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

JANUARY THE 26TH. 1736/7.

DECKER

TO CAPTⁿ. EDWARD WILLIAMSON
COM^d. OF SHIP DECKER.

SIR,

WE having Laden on board your Ship an hundred Candies Pepper being all you acquaint us can be taken in; You are hereby order'd Wind and Weather permitting to weigh Anchor, and make the best of your way for Bombay, whither you are to proceed directly without touching at any place in your passage up; and this we are led to enjoyn your observance of, from the directions of our Hoff-Masters so to do.

HEREWITH we deliver you our Packett to the Hoff. President & Council of Bombay, to whom please to deliver it immediately on your Arrival there. We are

SIR,

Your very humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^r. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

JANRY 26TH. 1736/7.

LIST OF TELL^{RY}. PAQUETT TO BOMBAY ^{BY} SHIP DECKER JANRY 26TH. 1736/7.

Tellicherry General under s^d Date.
 Duplicate of Ditto, dated the 2^d. Instant.
 Copy of Consultations on the 30th. Dec^r, & 6th. 11th. Instant.
 ... Companies Letter under the 2^d. July 1736.
 ... Chief & Factors L^re to Captⁿ. Williamson, & his Answer.
 Indent of Stores.
 Invoice of the Decker.
 Bill of Lading Ditto.
 Account of Old and unserviceable Stores sent up.
 List of Seven Soldiers landed for the Decker, & 7 Dutch Men sent up from Anjo.
 Treasury Account from the 1st. Dec^r. 1736 to the 25th. January 1736/7.
 List of the Pacquett.

TO CAPT^N. JAMES MONTGOMERY
 COM^R. OF THE SHIP DEFENCE.

SIR,

You are hereby order'd to send a Shore in such Boats as will be sent off by Mr. W^m. Forbes Warehousekeeper, all the Stores laden on board your Ship by the Hoⁿ. President & Council of Bombay and Consigned to this Settlement. We are

SIR,

Your humble Servants.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^M. FORBES.

H^R. HOWARD.

W^M. JEYNSON.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
 JANRY 29TH. 1736/7.

TO CAPT^N. RICHARD SHUTE
 COM^R. OF SHIP WYNDHAM

SIR,

You are hereby order'd to send a Shore in such Boats as will be sent off by Mr. W^m. Forbes Warehousek^r. all the Treasure and Stores laden on Board your Ship, by the Hoⁿ. President and Council of Bombay, & Consign'd to this Settlement, taking care the Treasure be well Roped and Bouyed [*sic*] We are.

SIR

Your humble Servants.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^M. FORBES.

H^R. HOWARD.

W^M. JEYNSON.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELL^{RY}. JANUARY 29TH. 1736/7.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HON^{RS}.

1. OUR last Address went by the Lynn, under the 22^d. November, whose Duplicate, with Copy of that Ships Invoice goes herewith.

2. ON the 24th. Ultimo we receiv'd your Hon^{RS}. Commands by Ship Decker, and shall strictly observe the points you are pleas'd to recommend; we laded on her one hundred Candies Pepper, being all the Command^r. could receive, and Dispatched her on the 26th. for Bombay. We chose not to land any Treasure as the Foreign Silver will not produce within five ₹ Cent, or thereabouts of what it Yields in the Bombay Mint, and we expected ample Supplies thence for carrying on our Investments, and providing for our Expences, wherein we have not been disappointed of. The main Articles of her Cargo, we would have taken a part a Shore for vending had there been a probability of rendering the same of advantage, but as we could not hope for such as would be equal to the prices above, we chose to continue every thing on board, save fifteen Barrells of Gunpowder, which we were bare of; we also Landed seven English Soldiers, having but few of our own Nation in the Settlements, and in lieu of them, we forwarded seven Dutch Men, transmitted us by the Chief and Factors of Anjengo.

3. ON the 29th. Ultimo in the Evening imported with us your Ships Wyndham and Defence, by whom we receiv'd one hundred thousand Rupees from the Presidency, and are promis'd a farther Supply before the Rains, what relates to the lading of these Ships we notifie in a subsequent Paragraph Number 10.

4. THE one hundred thousand Fanams, which we inform'd your Hon^{RS}. was to be made good by the Samorine in consequence of Mr. Lynch's Solicitation in November last, has been fully paid, and no endeavours in us, shall be wanting to recover the whole Debt, nor are we regardless of those from the King of Punture, Mother Queen, and Durmett Ponycarree, though we must say there is a great risque of loosing the Same; as to what relates to the Prince Cunhi Homo, and his Account we shall Set forth in it's proper place.

5. THE large Quantity of Pepper continued to be carried to Callicutt computed this Season to have amounted to about fourteen hundred Candies, with the pressing demands of the French, and the badness of the Crop now gathering, through the want of the usual Raines, will render this Commodity dearer & Scarcer than Customary, however your Hon^{RS}. may be confident nothing on our parts shall be omitted for procuring as much as is possible, & on the best terms in our power. The Cardamoms now laded on these Ships are really not so good as in former times, owing as we must presume to the unusual demands for them, which tempts the Sellers to mix the Second with the head sort, and which we can in no wise prevent while there are so many Buyers for them, nor can we for the same reason fix on a method for rendering the Pepper cleaner and freer from small Stones, as the Mallabars are a Sort of Men that will not recede from their bad practices, but by Compulsion, and this we judge is not adviseable to exercise as things stand at present.

6. YOUR HON^{RS}. have been duly inform'd by all opportunities of the distracted condition of the Country we are in, as well as of the threatenng mischiefs from the Invasion of the King of Canara, that we had oppos'd his Arms in Conjunction with our Prince and happily forced them away from the many Fortresses they held, yet that a Second attempt was about to be made, and accordingly on the 9th. Ultimo, they enter'd the Mallabar Frontiers [*sic*] with fifteen thousand Men, with little or no opposition, and have since then been ravaging the Country in a deplorable manner. We also acquainted you in our last ₹ Lynn, that on being disappointed of the mony our Prince stood obliged to pay us for carrying on the War, and that neither your Hon^{RS}. or our Superiours seem'd inclinable to issue so largely for protecting the Country at your own Expence, we had thought its best to enter on a Treaty with the Canarees for a General Peace, or on that

not being attainable, which was not, to fix a Seperate one between us, however as some Evils seem'd to be apprehended, in regard to the Dutch &c^a. from sd. Seperate Peace, we Strove to Spin out our Conferences, untill we might have the necessary Instructions from our Superiours, which Arrived us the 5th. Ultimo, and are to be seen in our Accompanying Diary Page 98. Wherein finding we were not authorized to prosecute the Contest, but on the restrictions there laid down, and which appeared to us in no manner sufficient to conduct it to a Successful issue, by compelling the Enemy to keep within the limits of their own Territories, we judged it most expedient to settle our Seperate Peace on the conditions stated in our Diary Page 102, and the rather as we utterly despair'd of gaining Mony from the Prince, That if we Spent ever so largely, & not Succeeded, he would at last Strike in with the Dutch, French, or whomsoever, and assign them Priviledges in prejudice of those your Hon^{rs}. have obtained; and moreover the Dutch might on the other hand, notwithstanding the immense Expence we might put you to, attack said Prince, and compell him by the dint of their Arms to give his Assent to what they might have in view to demand, so that we consider'd our continuing the War from our Jealousies of them carried no prospect of Answering the end proposed; & consequently we run the risque of exposing ourselves to your highest displeasure; we likewise reflected how unreasonable it was in this Prince to expect we should undertake the saving his Country without any exercise of his own endeavours, or the Application of his Treasure, when we have no other Interest therein, than the Buying our Goods, and Paying him Duties on the footing of Merchants, and we conceiv'd our Submitting to such a severe Task might tempt him on all future Occasions to require the Same, to the rendering your Hon^{rs}. Settlement rather a dead charge to you than otherwise. Nay in Prudence we could not acquiesce to this for while our Forces were abroad in serving with the warmest Zeal these ungrateful People, we were loudly threatned to be attack'd by the King of Cotata assisted by the Moors of Cannanore, and we have so bad an Opinion of them as to believe that in case a misfortune had attended our small force they would readily have taken the Occasion of falling on us, and then we should have been embarrassed on every side without being able to judge of the Consequences We say the above considerations led us to enter on a Seperate Peace with the Canarees, as the General one was not attainable, and we now apprehend that in a few days a period will be put to our Troubles with them as Mr. Lynch is gone to Mangalore to Settle all remaining points, and in case our Limits are preserved to us from Billiapatam Southward, which tract includes all the Pepper we think your Trade will be secured in respect to the Canarees. But other menaces arise from the Dutch, who seem to have had an evill Eye to our carrying away so much Pepper from this Settlement, and therefore have been using all possible Arts to obtain a Share on more moderate terms than we purchase, they accordingly made an effort some time since for prevailing on the Prince to assign a Quantity annually at an under rate, and joined thereto terrible threats, that they would Side with the Canarees in rooting him out in case he refused, then they applied mollifying conditions, and offer'd to restore to him all his Territories subdued by the Canarees, as far as a place called Canharottu, protect his Dominions in future; and bring the Moors with the King of Cotata to his Obedience, in case he would engage to deliver their Company one thousand Candies of Pepper annually at fifty Six Rupees ¹/₃ Candy, and this Prince judging our Forces were not of themselves capable of keeping out his Enemies, and that we were often Soliciting for mony on Account our Disbursements on the War, which he loved too well to part with, 'ts said he has listned at last to their proposals, and expects a Force very Speedily to execute the premention'd points. We are of course allarmed in some measure at the Conduct of our Rivals, but certain we are they will never be able to execute their project without a constant and considerable Force being kept up, for as this Prince is most remarkable in his Affection to Mony, he will never be prevailed on to pay the difference of the Price thè Dutch demand & what it usually Sells for, nor will his obstinate Subjects part with their Goods in a way so much to their prejudice: Yet supposing things in respect should to the Dutch terminate in the full completion of their Wishes, we do conceive it was not justifiable in us to Support the War, when the

main Burthen so visibly tended to light on your Hon^{rs}. and when nothing but our Success (of which great doubt was to be made) could have prevented his embracing at last whomsoever for gaining his views in keeping out his Enemies, and when after all the Dutch might easily determine to compell him by Force to grant them what they wanted. On the whole considering how displeasing our charges are to your Hon^{rs}. that we had no authority to continue our Contest with the Canarees at your Expence, nor could it with our Force from all appearance prove sufficient to protect this Country against so powerful an adversary as the King of Bednure, while the Mallabars would hardly do anything for themselves, contrariwise some of them were threatning us at the instant we were engaged in their Service, & that we ran the greatest risque of being unequally engaged different ways to the hazard of all our possessions in this Country. We hope our conduct in fixing the Separate Peace will obtain your approbation, especially as the strongholds your Hon^{rs}. maintain of Tellicherry, Durmapatam, Eddecaute situated near Agar, as well as Madacarra at the entrance of Billiapatam River, and know to the former Chief Robert Adams Esq^r. may be esteemed a good foundation for protecting the Trade against the Dutch, or whatever European Nation, and we do apprehend your Hon^{rs}. have as legal a Title to support your acquisitions with as much vigour as our Rivals practice in the Places they command. Yet we have a nice point to conduct for preserving the Prince Cunhi Homo in your Interest, and we do hope our endeavours therein may Answer barring some small matters wherein he cannot avoid gratifying the Dutch in case they afford him the promis'd assistance. but as is before repeatedly remarked, we had only to choose either the preserving his Country at your Cost, incident to many hazards, or take the Peace we are about to conclude; indeed we should willingly have gone on in the War some time longer as the same appeared rather agreeable to our Superiours, but then our known experience that the Mallabars will not part with their Mony, nor use even common means for to help themselves, and that we should unavoidably have been brought into supporting the main burthen, under the most imminent danger of loosing our small force, and thereby hazarding your Settlements, you will please to consider we have for the foregoing reasons chose to extricate ourselves from the disagreeable Situation we were in, on a Supposition, that let what will be the consequence your Hon^{rs}. will be inclined to judge favourably of our intentions as we cannot be imagined to have any advantage in view separate from yours, nor could we hope by remaining in the State we were; to be capable of executing the War, all things consider'd without manifest danger and difficulty, that must naturally have arose from being joined with a People notoriously Cowardly, base, & Avaritious.

7. OUR charges will however be large as we maintain so many strongholds extended along Shore, in order to prevent the exportation of Pepper, nor can we quit any of our places without being Subject to future damage, so that what with the advanced price, allowing for our Expences, and for the Freight home we are sencible, the resulting Proffitts will be but small, and some Years the Produce may happen to be so inconsiderable as will not enable us to export any Quantity. So that in fine your Hon^{rs}. Interest is from the European Competitors, the intestine Troubles in the Country, and various other incidents so frequently starting, render'd but very precarious, & we have no present prospect that these things will alter to your advantage, for one evil is no sooner removed but another presents, and in this State the Settlement has continued for some time past. We are perfectly apprized that in order to recommend ourselves to your Hon^{rs}. we ought to reduce the charges and Supply a large Quantity of Pepper annually, and you may be entirely perswaded we have both these points at heart, and will do our utmost therein, without running to such an extream as may endanger your places, for their preservation depends on Force, and we can never hope to carry on your Affairs here on other terms.

8. EXCLUSIVE of the former Balance due from the Prince Cunhi Homo of forty three thousand eight hundred Sixteen Fanams, Six Vis, he is pretty considerably indebted to us on Account the Wars, the Amount whereof we cannot justly ascertain at present, but we compute at between forty or fifty thousand Rupees, which shall be recover'd if in our power

9. THE CHIEF and Mr. William Forbes as Trustees to Alexander Christie Deceased, applied to our Superiours for bills on your Hon^{rs}. for the nett Amount due to the Estate, of thirteen thousand one hundred fifty five Rupees, two Quarters, Seventy three Raes, intreating the terms might be at two Shillings, & Six Pence the Rupee; but we find our request could not be granted. We therefore humbly beg leave to represent that he served you twenty five Years, and leaving a Widow, and three Children, your Hon^{rs}. favour to them in the Exchange will be of great benefit to them.

10. WE have laded on the Wyndham five and half Candies of Cardamoms, and one thousand twenty five three Quarters Candies of Pepper, amounting as ₤ the Invoice and Bill Lading [*sic*] Inclosed to four hundred five thousand Seven hundred eighty two Fanams, twelve Vis; This Ship we are inform'd from our Superiours by a Calculate sent us should have from us for compleating her Tonnage to four hundred and Eighty Tons, as far as two hundred Seventy Tons, & an half, and whatever more the Commander might request for in writing, and promise in behalf of the Owner to carry at low Freight, we were directed to Supply, so that She has had of us two hundred twenty four Candies, three Quarters, of Pepper over and above her Charter party Tonnage, as does appear by the Accompanying original request made us by the Commander.

11. WE shall transmit Duplicate of this Letter by the Defence, who is not yet fully laded, and therefore cannot possibly depart till to Morrow for joining the Wyndham at Cochin, and on knowing the Quantity the former carries, we shall apprise your Hon^{rs}. of our remains in Warehouse. We beg leave to Subscribe with all imaginable Respect.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HON^{RS}.

Your Hon^{rs}. most Obedient most

Faithfull humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.

W^M. FORBES.

H^E. HOWARD.

W^M. JEYNSON.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY THE 5TH. 1736/7.
₤ WYNDHAM

TO THE HON COURT OF DIRECTORS &C^A.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HON^{RS}.

YESTERDAY we addressed you at large by the Wyndham, as ₤ Duplicate of her Letter now forwarded.

THIS goes by the Defence Cap^{tn}. James Montgomery, and incloses her Invoice and Bill of Lading, for five & an half Candies of Cardamums, and one thousand forty Candies of Pepper, Amounting to four hundred eleven thousand one hundred thirty Six Fanams, twelve Vis, of this Pepper two hundred Seventy nine Candies is to be carried at a low Freight, agreeable to the Commanders Accompanying original request, and which is Calculated from the Notice sent us by our Superiours at Bombay, that she had there two hundred twenty two Tons, ninety two Decimals,
dec.

and wanting to be compleated by us two hundred fifty seven Tons, 08 both which Amounted to four hundred eighty Tons, being what She lets out for by Charter Party. The said Commanders request for the Surplus is drawn up, as near as we can to the sence of the Instructions, we have receiv'd by these Ships.

WE compute that our Remains of Pepper in Warehouse of the old Crop, on departure of the Wyndham and Defence, amounts to twelve hundred Candies, and the produce of this Season being very bad, we greatly fear our purchases cannot be made to extend to above two thousand Candies, though your Hon^{rs}. may be confident. nothing on our parts will be omitted for getting the most that's possible.

THE List of Papers shews your Hon^{rs}. those now sent and our Diary Page 112. represents the misfortune attending the blowing up the Magazine of Ayconny situated at the entrance of Neleasaron River, and adjacent to the Canaree Territories, we are extreemly concern'd at the Same, yet the preventing it was impracticable in us, nor can we avoid in cases of that Sort, trusting to the Conduct of those whom we esteemed most worthy, and we beg leave to assert that our caution in all respects is constantly exerted. We are with all imaginable Respect.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HON^{RS}.

Your Hon^{rs}. most Faithful and most
Obedient humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^R. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY 6TH. 1736/7
☿ DEFENCE

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACKETT TO THE HON[~] COMPANY ☿ WYNDHAM UNDER
THE 5TH. FEBRUARY 1736/7. VIZ.

- No. 1. Tellicherry General under s^d date.
2. List of Ships & Vessells imported & Exported at Tellry. Commencing Jañry 27th. 1735/6. Ending February 5th. 1736/7.
3. Price Currant of Goods at Tellry. & Callicutt, with the rate of Coins at each place taken January 31st. 1733/7.
4. List of Europeans belonging to Tellicherry Garrison, & of those Deceased Commencing Jañry 1735/6 Ending Jañry 1736/7.
5. Captain Richard Shuter of Ship Wyndham request for Surplus of Tonnage.
6. Manifest of Private Trade laden on board Ship Wyndham Since her departure from Bombay.
7. Invoice of Ship Wyndham.
8. Bill of Lading Ditto.
9. List of Packett.

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACKETT TO THE HON[~] COMPANY ☿ DEFENCE
DATED FEBRY 6TH. 1736/7.

- No. 1. Tellicherry Gen^l. under s^d date.
2. Duplicate of Ditto ☿ Wyndham of the 5th.
3. Ditto. Lynn dated November 22^d. 1736.
4. Copy of the Lynn's Invoice to England.
5. Ditto ... Wyndhams Do.
6. List of Ships & Vessells imported & Exported at Tellicherry Commg. January 27th. 1735/6 Ending February 6th. 1736/7.
7. Do. of Europeans belonging to Tellry. Garrison, & of those Deceased Commencing January 1735/6. Ending Ditto 1736/7.
8. Captⁿ. James Montgomery of Ship Defence request for Surplus of Tonnage.
9. Manifest of private Trade laden on board Ship Defence, Since her Departure from Bombay.
10. Price Currant of Goods at Tellry. and Callicutt, with the rate of Coins at each place taken January 31st. 1736/7.
11. Invoice of Ship Defence.
12. Bill of Lading Ditto.
13. Diary and Consultations Com^g. Aug^t. 1st. 1736. Ending Febr^y 2^d. 1736/7.
14. List of the Packett.

To CAPTⁿ. RICHARD SHUTER
COM^r. OF SHIP WYNDHAM

SIR,

YOUR Ship loading being compleated, you are hereby order'd Wind & Weather permitting to weigh Anchor, and make the best of your way for S^t. Helena, and from thence you are to proceed to the River of Thames with all convenient speed, following such Orders as you may have receiv'd from the Hoⁿ President & Council of Bbay, during the prosecution of your Voyage. Herewith we deliver you a Packett for the Hoⁿ Court of Directors, which we desire you will forward to them in the most safe and Expeditious manner possible from the first port you Arrive at in England. We wish you a good Voyage. And are

SIR

TELLICHERRY

FEBRY 5TH. 1736/7.

Your very hum^l Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICH^d. LYNCH.

To CAPTⁿ. JAMES MONTGOMERY
COM^r. OF SHIP DEFENCE.

SIR,

YOUR Ships loading being Compleated, you are hereby order'd Wind and Weather permitting to weigh Anchor, and make the best of your way, for S^t. Helena, and from thence you are to proceed to the River of Thames, with all convenient Speed, following such orders as you may have receiv'd from the Hoⁿ President and Council of Bombay, during the prosecution of your Voyage.

HEREWITH we deliver you a Box directed to the Hoⁿ Court of Directors, which we desire you will forward to them, in the most safe and expeditious manner possible, from the first port you Arrive at in England. We wish you a good Voyage, And are

SIR

TELLICHERRY

FEBRUARY 6TH. 1736/7.

Your very hum^l Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

To THE HOⁿ JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT AND GOV^r. &C^a. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^r SIR AND SIRs,

OUR last Address went by the Decker under the 26th. Ultimo, Duplicate whereof goes herewith, and on the 29th. we receiv'd your Commands of the 21st. ☞ Ships Wyndham and Defence, inclosing us Invoice and Bill of Lading for Treasure and Stores transmitted us by them, which were found to answer right.

In a former Letter in Answer to that your Hon^r. &c^a. sent us ☞ Lynn we notified our not having receiv'd one Corge and a Quarter White, and the like quantity of Blue Salloes but since on examining the Bales of Dungaree Sail Cloth, they were found under their Wrappers, so that the Lynns, Invoice will have due Credit, for the Amount charged us.

In order to induce the Heiress of Cannanore to treat us with juster measures, we sometime since applied to the Gentlemen of Anjengo for detaining her Mun- chua, that had Sailed without our Pass to Quiletech, & they have accordingly

carried her in thither, yet as the Vessells being with us here, may probably occasion on opening for a reconciliation, we have desired she may be convoy'd up in Charge of their Sloop, and we Shall readily embrace any fair proposals for establishing the former good understanding, though we assure your Hon^r. &c^a. that base Woman has left no means untried for involving us in the Severest troubles, and She has now two hundred Moors with the Canaree Army.

THE List of Europeans in the Service here has been transmitted our Hon^d Masters & Defence, and a Copy now goes herewith to your Hon^r. &c^a.

WE are Sorry to observe it will not be in our power to prevent a loss on the Bengall Rice we have landed, as that of Mangalore is likely to be had on reasonable terms, and these People in General have a great aversion to the former, when the latter is to be procur'd, however when our provident motives are consider'd, and the prospect when we sent for it, that it might probably be required for supporting the Princes Forces, as well as our own People, we hope our proceedings will be favourably judged of.

WE have at large set forth our reasons for Striking up a seperate Peace with the Canarees, and which will also appear by the Copy of our Address to our Hon^d Masters & Wyndham and Defence; and indeed from what has hitherto occurred we continue to judge, we have proceeded in the only manner that was justifiable, considering the failure of the Prince, and the resolution of the King of Bednure, with the Schemes laid by the Dutch. For we could not have carried on the War, but under the greatest hazard, and at a monstrous Expence, and the want of Success would have thrown the Prince into our Rivals Schemes at last; and yet for us to have prosecuted it as a security against the latter, we conceive would have failed us entirely as they have it always in their power to apply forcible measures for compelling said Prince to comply with any demands they may make, and if their views are extended, we could not prevent their taking effect, through our contest being kept up with the Canarees. Mr. Lynch is now gone to conclude with the Gov^r. of Mangalore, and we believe in our next we shall be able to acquaint you of the true State thereof, which is not practicable to perform now as several objections have often arose on both Sides; our Munchuas are on their way for obtaining their Cargoes of Rice, which we are very earnest in securing, as our Garrison People will never be brought to eat any other, but on the greatest extremity, and provided we have the liberty of the Carnatick Ports our Gallivatts will be drawn off, and on a Security of the Peace, our Forces at Ayconny shall be withdrawn, which we impatiently long for, our men being uneasy with constant Duty, and we are forced even to Supply the Mallabars that are there for it's defence, or they would have left us sometime since, by this your Hon^r. &c^a. may consider our motives in saying the main burthen would light on us, was justly grounded. The Canarees are sole Masters of the parts adjacent to their Army, lying on the side of Neleasaron River, and have committed terrible depradations without meeting with any Opposition from the Mallabars, nor have the latter any Forces together, an Head to conduct, or Mony to pay them. The Prince is amused by the Dutch who give out that a large Body of People will speedily arrive at Cannanore, under the Commondore of Cochins Comand, thence to proceed for obliging the Canarees to forsake their conquest as far as Canharotu River, and in lieu of this Service the Prince is to assign them annually one thousand Candies of Pepper at fifty Six Rupees & Candy, what may be the event of all this we cannot be certain, but conceive the whole will terminate in a Quarrell between him and the Dutch.

WE are really concern'd that the Success in taking one of Angrias Grabs, should be followed with the loss of the Neptune, which is a great diminution of the Marine Force.

WE beg leave to repeat our request for an able Assistant when in your power, as the business really requires more hands.

As your Hon^r. &c^a. could not favour the Estate of Docter Christie in the exchange, we took the liberty of recommending it to your Hon^d Masters, in compliance with the request made by the Deceased.

ON the 5th. Instant the Wyndham was dispatched with five Candies, and an half of Cardamums, and one thousand twenty five Candies, three Quarters of Pepper, amounting as per her accompanying Invoice to four hundred five thousand seven hundred eighty two Fanams, twelve Vis, wherein is concluded two hundred twenty four Candies, three quarters, to be carried at low Freight, agreeable to the Commanders request transmitted by her & whose Copy is now sent.

ON the 6th. Instant the Defence departed with five Candies, & an half, Cardamums, and one thousand forty Candies of Pepper amounting to four hundred eleven thousand one hundred thirty six Fanams, twelve Vis, of which two hundred seventy nine Candies is at low Freight, as appears by the Commanders request forwarded by her, and the Copy sent in this Packett; your Hon^r. & c^a. will please to observe, that the said request for the respective Surplus is drawn out, as near as we could to the directions given us by these Ships, who proposed joining at Cochin, their delay here was somewhat the longer, as we had not as great a quantity imbailed, never imagining they could have wanted it.

WE compute that we have not above twelve hundred Candies remaining of the old Crop, and that of this Year being really bad and likely to have many purchasers, we greatly fear it will not be in our power to secure above two thousand Candies, and therefore Should our Hon^r Masters send out three Ships next Season it seems hardly possible to provide for their Tonnage, and the Deckers in due time, however our endeavours will be exerted to the utmost.

ON the 8th. Instant we contracted with Chatoo Chitty for one thousand Candies Pepper at Seventy four Rupees per Candy, of which he has deliver'd us to this day two hundred fifty Candies, and has been advanced to the amount of forty five thousand, eight hundred fifty eight Rupees, three quarters, thirty Raes; we could not avoid confiding in this Person, as no others seems so capable of serving us. Badamalla Putterah has deliver'd us an hundred sixty one Candies, and is advanced ten thousand Rupees, but as the mony is not paid, till his Pepper is weighed, we shall be obliged to allow him something more, than we account for with the Chitty, of the new Crop we have by us five hundred Candies, and more will be daily coming in.

WE beg pardon for not forwarding the Deckers Charter party by her, which was quite forgott, till the day after she Sailed, & the Boat we sent to overtake her met with no Success; therefore we transmit now it in our present Packett.

CAPTⁿ. SHUTER made no application to us for receiving any Mony into the Cash.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM LANE now proceeds to Bombay, and is paid to the Ultimo February; we likewise send up Tome Perero Topass criminal, who has been guilty of attempting to commit a Rape, for which he has receiv'd corporal Punishment.

THE HEIRESS of Cannanore has at last dispatched her Ship to Suratt without our pass, but 'tis said though with no certainty she carries Dutch Colours: it would be of singular benefit to this Settlement, could she be seized for without such treatment, we believe she will not be quiet.

- THIS goes by the Hallifax Captⁿ. John Aston, who imported in Company of the Pelham bound to Gombroon the 8th. Instant, they propose proceeding up together a part of the way. We are with great Respect

HON^r SIR & SIRs,

Your most Obedient & most hum^l Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY 12TH. 1736/7.
per HALLIFAX

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACQUETT TO BOMBAY ³⁰ HALLIFAX DATED FEBRUARY THE
12TH. 1736/7. VZ.

Tellicherry General under sd̄ date.
Duplicate Do. dated Janry 26th. ³⁰ Decker.
Copies of Ditto to the Hon Company under the 5th. ³⁰ Wyndham.
Ditto Do. Do. 6th. Defence.
Ship Wyndhams Invoice.
Bill of Lading.
Ship Defence Invoice.
Bill of Lading.
Deckers Charter Party.
Treasury Account for January.
List of Europeans in this Garrison.
Copies of Capt^{ns}. Shuters & Montgomerys request for Surplus of Tonage.
List of the Packett.

TO JOHN LAMBTON ESQ^r.
CHIEF & CA. FACTORS AT SURATT.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have committed to the care of Captⁿ. John Aston a Paquett for the Hon^d President and Council of Bombay, but in case he should not touch there, he will deliver it you, and we request the same may be forwarded to them in the most safe and expeditious manner, as it contains advices of importance, We have not to add, but that we are.

GENTLEMEN

Your most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY 12TH. 1736/7.

TO CAPTⁿ. JOHN ASTON
COM^{rs}. OF THE HALLIFAX.

SIR,

WE desire you care in the delivery of the accompanying packett to the Hon^d President & Council of Bombay, in case you touch at said port, but otherwise please to deliver it to the Chief and Factors at Suratt; we also desire you will receive on board your Ship, with his necessaries Lieutenant Lane, & carry him to Bombay or Suratt, and afford him suitable accommodation during his Passage.

We are,

SIR,

Your very humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY 12TH. 1736/7.

TO CAPT^M. WILL^M. GIBBS
AT AYCONNY FORT.

SIR,

WITH Robin goes the necessary embarkations to transport your Stores and People hither, which you are to set about and perform with all convenient speed. It occurs to us that it will be best embarking the great Guns, especially, those of the largest size first, & then the other materials and Provisions; taking care a suitable time be chose for the Jangados to come out of the River. When you set about the above design, we recommend to you to have all your Men under Arms, their Boxes and Pouches filled with Cartridges, a Number of Men provided with hand Granados, your six field pieces alias brass Guns loaded, primed, & Match lighted and by you, & every other step taken that is expedient for your security, and then March out for embarking when your Guns &c^a. implements are gone off.

WE have not the minutest cause to apprehend any Treachery, but Vigilance and care is necessary in all Military concerns, and as Commission'd Officers are of great importance, for preserving due order, we now assist you with Lieutenant Sterling.

BE as cautious as may be that your People enter into no disputes, or Quarrells with the Nairs, who on this occasion may perhaps say some tart things as you are about leaving them,

THE Linguist goes now to the Prince, whatever advices he may happen to send you, we desire you will follow.

WE judge you will do best in retreating from your Battery at the Rivers mouth, when the Fort is vacated, however do therein as you judge best; we last night order'd two of the small Gallivatts to repair to you, for countenancing you in the above, they are to be under your Command, and may accompany you down.

LET Narranports Nairs and Teveys accompany you by Sea, which we believe will be very agreeable to them, but if any don't choose it leave it to their pleasure.

WE now send Mr. Seaton the Gunners Mate, and another who may be serviceable to you, as you have so few Gunners, there also goes five maund Biskett, least you should not have an Opportunity to dress Victuals in your way down. We are

SIR

Your most Affectionate Friends,

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^M. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY 16TH. 1736/7.

TO M^R. WILLIAM FEELING
CHIEF FOR AFFAIRS OF THE NOBLE DUTCH COMPANY
AT CANNANORE.

SIR, AND MUCH ESTEEMED FRIEND,

YOUR Letter of the 18th. February N.S. should have been replied to sooner, could we have found a proper Person to explain it's purport.

WE are somewhat surprized you should judge our proceedings in regard to Peter Brulle to be in any wise inconsistent, for we presume, had any of the Servants of our Company taken the liberty he did in any place under your protection [*sic*] he would have met with the severest resentment, whereas out of regard to the strict harmony subsisting between our Nations, and in hopes we should have no occasion of complaints in future, we only laid him under a gentle Restraint.

THE enclosed Paper attested by our Secretary, and sent us by our Officers in charge of Ayconny, will represent to you the irregular and unbecoming Conduct of your Servant aforesaid, which surely must appear to you to be in all respects derogatory [*sic*] to the regard that is due to your national Flag; and therefore might have led you to acknowledged [*sic*] our mildness, instead of accusing us of the least want of the Esteem, we are so desirous of shewing you on all Occasions; however we are sorry to say, we are obliged to protest against you for the aforesaid proceeding, and in behalf of the Hon English East India Company. We are

SIR & MUCH ESTEEMED FRIENDS

Your most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WM. FORBES.

H^r. HOWARD.

WM. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

FEBRY 17TH. 1736/7. O.S.

TO ENSIGN HENRY FORBES.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to repair to Madacarra, for taking that Fortress under your command, and as we are about making some additions thereto, for the better Security thereof, I desire you will give your Assistance therein, so that the same may proceed with all possible expedition, the Rainny Season being near us, as well as the Canaree Army, in whose Friendship we cannot have entire Confidence.

IN case you find any thing at present wanting for the immediate safety of the Place advise me, that we may assist you.

ALL Boats that enter the River are to be hailed by you, and you are not to suffer any Pepper to be brought out, but what may be intended for this Settlement, and to prevent any abuse therein, send a Soldier in every such Boat with a Note, but in case there should be a Soldier belonging to the Prince therein, in such wise you need send none.

You are not to permit any Vessells carrying European Colours to enter the River, without leave from hence, and should any attempt it, you are to impede them by force, first declaring your Orders are such, as will not justify you to let them pass.

SHOULD any Canaree Vessells attempt to come into the River bring them to, and direct them to obtain from hence a Licence, before they presume to frequent the parts that way, or otherwise you must be obliged to maltreat them, and after saying this oblige them to go out.

ALL Mallabar Boats that enter the River you may lett pass, as well as such that are going out, in case they do not carry Pepper.

YOUR People are on the footing of those at Durmapatam in respect to their monthly allowance. I am

SIR

Your Friend and Servant

STEPHEN LAW.

TELLICHERRY

FEBRUARY 26TH. 1736/7.

To M^r. THOMAS ROUT.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to repair hither immediately on receipt hereof with all the Gallivatts under your Command, & in case any of the Munchuas are loaded, and in readiness to come away (of which Antonio Paies will give you notice) bring them along with you. I am

SIR,

Your most Affectionate Friend.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY 28TH. 1736/7.

STEPHEN LAW.

To M^r. ISAAC HOPE
MASTER OF THE ANJENGO SLOOP.

You are hereby directed to deliver to the Owner, the Boat you brought up from Anjengo, taking care nothing belonging to her be stolen.

By Order of the Worsp^l. Stephen Law Esq^r. Chief &c^a. Factors.

TELLBY. MARCH 2^D. 1736/7.

W^m. JEYNSON Sec^{ry}.

To CAPTⁿ. JOHN RAWLINSON.

SIR,

HAVING something to propose to you in regard to employing your Vessel; we desire you will repair hither with all speed with sd Vessell, and on board the Fly we send twenty Lascars to assist you in Navigating her up. We are

SIR,

Your very humble Servant,

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLBY. MARCH 7TH. 1736/7.

To WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.
CHIEF &C^a. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR AND SIRS,

ON the 28th. Ultimo we receiv'd your Letter of the 9th. by the Emelia Sloop, from whom we landed all the Bales, and other particulars sent on her belonging to the Cannanore Munchua, also another small Parcell not incerted in the Account transmitted us.

IN our Letter of this day you will observe one Protocarem Paqui has engaged to Navigate te Munchua up hither for putting her into our possession, and we have therefore desired your delivering her to his People sent for conducting her.

THE small Island Boat you order'd up in charge of the Sloop, we have been induced to clear, as it appeared to us the Heiress of Cannanore had no concern in her.

HAVING fixed our Peace with the Canafees, we now return your Detachment as mention'd in the accompanying List, wherein is the Names of those already gone to you, and such as remain at their request, they are all paid to the last February, & have Provisions sent on board for their passage down according to the accompanying Account, they have also their Arms, Boxes, and three hundred spare Cartridges.

CONSIDERING that it will not be proper to commit the care of the People to the Corporals, we have appointed Ensign Roderick Forbes to proceed on the Sloop, and when any Conveyance offers, we beg he may be sent to Madrass, where he belongs, he is paid to the last of April, and has diet Mony allowed him for fifteen days the time we suppose the Sloop may take for getting to you.

YOUR Packett for Bombay shall be forwarded by a Shybar speedily to depart. We are

SIR AND SIRs,

Your most humble servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY,
MARCH 8TH. 1736/7.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR AND SIRs,

ONE Protocarem Paqui a Moor Merchant of Callicutt having engaged to navigate the Cannanore Munchua hither at his expence, and put her into our possession, we desire you will please to cause her to be deliver'd to one Coyamee Agi, and Pacurro who now proceed with People for the above purpose; the Jaggaree on board may be continued on her, though if to be done without inconveniency, we wish it could we [*sic*] weighed for preventing any disputes hereafter.

WE shall be careful in distributing the Cargo belonging to the above Vessel, and we shall expect your advice of the share appertaining to the Travancore Merchants, that we may commit no errors.

We are,

SIR AND SIRs,

Your most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY, MARCH THE 8TH. 1736/7.

TO ENSIGN RODERICK FORBES.

SIR,

WE have put aboard the Emelia Sloop two Corporalls, and twenty Centinells belonging to Anjengo with each Mans Arms, Box, Bayonett, and a small Chest containing three hundred Cartridges exclusive of what is contain'd in their Boxes.

YOU are to proceed with the above Men under your Command to Anjengo, taking care to preserve good order among them, and for the preventing any mischief ensuing, through their Arms being in their own possession, you had best place them in the Cabin, or wheresoever is most convenient, & from whence you may deliver them out easily on any occasion.

WE have desired the Chief & c^a. at Anjengo to procure you a Conveyance to Madrass this Season, whither you are accordingly to repair, and during your stay at Anjengo, you are to be under the direction of William Wake Esq^r. Your pay has been made good to you till the last of April, and diet Mony for fifteen days; the time you may perhaps require for your Passage down.

WHEN the Anjengo Detachment came they brought twenty five Arms, Boxes, and Bayonets, of which twenty two are return'd with the Men that now go, and three firelocks &c^a. are deliver'd to the Master of the Sloop, so that the whole number receiv'd is made good, for the People we have put aboard the following Provisions, which 'tis supposed may serve for their Passage down, which if any-thing should be wanted supply them, and render an Account to Mr. Wake; Ghee 1 Maund seven Pound, Rice Sixteen Bales, Biskett three Maund, Goa Arrack ninety Bottles, Salt Fish an hundred, Fire Wood a Thousand. I wish you a good Voyage. I am

SIR

Your humble servant

STEPHEN LAW.

TELLRY. MARCH 8TH. 1736/7.

TO SERJEANT RICHARD COX.

You hereby are directed to repair on board the largest Munchua now going to Mangalore with twelve Men appointed under your Command, and in the other Munchua goes Serjeant Arthur Julap with ten men.

'Tis reported that there are several Savagee Gallivatts infesting the Seas near the above place, but unless they should come to molest you, don't you have anything to do with them, as you are only designed to action the Defensive.

ON your Arrival at Mangalore you will receive Instructions from one Antonio Paes in respect to your return hither, to whom we have wrote to continue you in these Munchuas, or put you on board such others as are bound hither laded with the Hofi Companies Rice, which Munchuas you are not only to defend, but also to protect any others that may sail in your Company, & recomended to your care.

YOU must take care to be in a constant readiness for meeting your Enemy, and you are well supplied with everything for that purpose, there is also on board each Munchua a sufficient Quantity of Ammunition for the great Guns.

BE sure that both in going up and coming back, you do not seperate, but keep so near one the other as may enable you to aid and assist each. I am

YOUR FRIEND

STEPHEN LAW.

TELLICHERRY
MARCH 8TH. 1736/7.

TO THE HON^R JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^R SIR AND SIRS,

OUR last Address went by the Hallifax under the 12th. February, whose Duplicate accompanies this.

WE have made known to your Hon^r. &c^a. the difficulties we are liable to this Season in procuring of Pepper, through the small produce, and the export of it to Callicutt, as yet we have not been able to contract for more than one thousand Candies at Seventy four with Chatoo Chitty as already advised, the whole Amount has been advanced him, and yet he has not weighed to us more than five hundred sixty five Candies, and an half, and well assured we are he will be render'd a considerable sufferer by this bargain. Badamalla Putterah has deliver'd us three hundred eighty Candies, and one Shavary Putterah two hundred seventeen Candies, and an half; which we have paid them for at Seventy Six Rupees the Candy, but neither them or the Chitty can be prevailed on to supply us with more on Account of the price rising daily, and the small remains in the Country, so that we have been under a necessity of employing the Moors of our Buzar, who with the utmost

entreaty cannot be brought to agree for above two hundred fifty Candies at seventy Six, although we advance them the full amount, we have now in Warehouse of the New Crop eleven hundred sixty three Candies, exclusive of about twelve hundred of the old, and we greatly fear our whole purchases this Season will not exceed two thousand Candies, which will probably be far short of what will be wanted for the return of the Ships expected from England, and therefore your Hon^r. &c^a. may perhaps judge it necessary to endeavour at obtaining a Quantity at Carwar or Onore.

By the accompanying narrative distinctly drawn up on Mr. Lynch's return from seeing the Governour of Mangalore, your Hon^r. &c^a. will observe the terms on which we have been induced to enter on a separate Peace with the Carnatick Rajah, and we are assured that Kings Ratification will be delivered us by the time Limited. We shall add nothing more in justification of our proceedings therein, save that in our judgments we were compelled to take this step, or run our Hon^r Masters into a precarious contest at an unlimited expence, and wherefrom our Rivals the Dutch might in the conclusion prove the only gainers; indeed there are some exceptions to be taken to the plan of our Peace, and which we plainly discover'd, but then we could not mend them, without supporting farther our dispute, under many apparent hazards and difficulties.

OUR reasons for securing the Fortress at Madacarra lying at the entrance of Billiapatam River, and thereby adding to the Expence of the Settlement, are laid down in the Consultation now transmitted, and we hope when all Circumstances are consider'd, we shall have the Satisfaction to find your Hon^r. &c^a. approve of it, as it appears to be a necessary and unavoidable means for having the Pepper brought annually to us that way. The Dutch are much incensed at this procedure, and have been using their utmost efforts with the Prince by threats and otherwise for inducing him to dislodge us from that place, but he declared to them he will in no wise execute anything to the prejudice of the English whose Friendship he stands engaged to maintain, That when they the Dutch drive the Canarees out of the Mallabar country, as far as Canharotu, he will then duly perform his promise is [*sic*] assigning them annually one thousand Candies Pepper at fifty six Rupees the Candy, which he can easily collect from the parts Northward of Billiapatam is [*sic*] such a manner as may not at all interfere with the places wherefrom the English carry on their Trade. The Dutch have now a large Ship one Brigantine and two Sloops off Neleasaron River, and have seen the Canaree Generall, but we are not perfectly apprized of their ultimate intentions, though 'tis given out they will make no Peace, unless the Mallabar Territories are restored entirely to Colastry, & security given that no future hostilities be committed. The Prince seems already to distrust their intentions, and we believe is really concern'd that he ever enter'd into any conferences with them, and indeed we are afraid they will make large demands on him without in any degree performing the points they stand engaged for, but we apprehend their present force is too inconsiderable to attack the Canarees were they inclined.

On the 19th. February we withdrew from Ayconny leaving that Fortress in charge of the Nairs, but as no care had been taken to furnish it with Ammunition, Provisions &c^a. the Canarees had Surrounded it by the 23^d. and were assisted by the Portugueze Friggatt, with four large Guns, an hundred Barrells Gunpowder and fifteen hundred Shott, and the Prince apprehending his Men could not defend the place, wrote us to save them if possible, which we endeavoured at and succeeded, through sending an Officer with a Letter to the Canaree Generall who gave the Nairs a secure retreat, & the place was enter'd the 24th.

WE cannot form any regular judgment of the Canaree designs, but 'tis very probable they only mean to maintain their footing from Ayconny Northward, yet they demand the Country above Billiapatam River, while the Prince seems fixed in not agreeing to their holding even the Fortress of Neleasaron bordering on the Canaree Territories.

YOUR HON^r. &c^a. will be apt to reflect as we do, that notwithstanding our heavy disbursements for procuring a suitable Stability to our Hon^r Masters Interest at this Settlement, the same is still precarious, and may probably continue so

hereafter, as there are so many Competitors for the Trade, nor can it be expected that our charges can be duly moderated, while we are obliged to maintain so many places, and this will expose us to displeasure, without our being capable of applying a remedy.

In one of the Consultations already transmitted you we have given our reasons why we did not accept of the hundred Pagodas tender'd us by the Canarees for satisfaction on Account of what had been seized by them from the Cumberland Gally, though we fear Mr. Rawlinson will be disappointed in even obtaining so much by means of the Dutch. The fifteen hundred Pagodas to be paid on Account the Bombay Merchant, with the other Articles incerted in Mr. Lynch's Narrative, we shall adjust hereafter on being in possession of all the Canarees are obliged to make good, but we propose causing the present intended for the King, to be defrayed pro rata out of the whole recover'd, unless your Hon^r. &c^a. should please otherwise to direct.

On the 28th. Ultimo the Anjengo Sloop brought us the Cargo of Ally Rajahs Munchua part whereof we have deliver'd out to the Freighters belonging to Callicut and this way, and a Moor Merchant having engaged to Navigate her up hither (which the Gentlemen of Anjengo were unwilling to do, least the Dutch should interfere) we have given him leave to conduct her to us, and in case we can bring the Heiress to acknowledge her late base practices, and lead us to expect a different behaviour towards us in future, we shall then be reconciled to her, though to give the same the more weight, we wish the Cruicers may be so fortunate as to secure her Ship, which we have notified to your Hon^r. &c^a. is gone to Suratt without our Pass. We returned the Anjengo Detachment on sd Sloop, under the Command of the Madrass Ensign, who will proceed from thence home.

We have been devising how to return our Supernumery [*sic*] People and the Gallivatts, but conferring with the Masters they seem to apprehend it will be hardly practicable for them to carry up a sufficient Supply of Water and Provisions for their Passage, even admitting they touch at Goa, and since the Northwesters will blow very strong at this Season, and there is danger to be apprehended from Angria, some of the Vessells are but in an indifferent condition, and the loss of any of them may expose us to Censure, we have at last on the non appearance of any of the Cruizers resolved to put all the Sepoys we can spare, as well as the Lascars on board a new Grab built by Mr. Rawlinson provided we can prevail on him to proceed up for a reasonable Freight, and to which end we have dispatched the Fly with a number of hands to Callicutt for conducting sd Grab hither, intending to send her away with all expedition, then haul up the Gallivatts here under the charge of their Masters, and some few others for continuing here the raines, after which we presume your Hon^r. &c^a. will not find it difficult to supply them with hands sufficient for Navigating them to Bombay; we are obliged to take this method for relieving us in the Expence of maintaining a Number of useless People, who would otherwise swell our Accounts greatly.

In this Packett we forward your Hon^r. &c^a. an abstract of the effective men, which we suppose will remain at this Settlement after such of the Madrass Detachment as are desirous of going do return, you will also therein perceive the compliment of Men we have assigned for constant Residence at each place, and for the whole Relieves, which we presume are not over allowed considering the magnitude and irregularity of Tellicherry Fort, and the unsettled state of the Times, and as we cannot hope to be capable of transacting our Affairs otherwise than by retaining a suitable force for protecting them, yet should there hereafter happen to be a better prospect of Tranquility a Reduction may easily be made. Tis a heavy misfortune that we are compelled to maintain so many Fortresses being in number eleven, exclusive of Codollee and Mooharra at present under the care of Narranports Nairs, nor can we undertake to lessen any save Putinha, and some of us are apprehensive that mischief may result thereby, however we do not give over the thoughts of razing that place before the Raines. Codollee stands near the entrance of the River opposite to Durmapatam, and is made of Earth, but it is so large, and taken so little care of by the Nairs, that we are very apprehensive it will not

be safe trusting it in their hands, which led us to request leave for erecting a small Tower capable of being Garrison'd by ten Men, and thereby preserve our Communication with the River, and the Island Durmapatam in such a manner as may not expose us to future Evills by being in the hands of said Nairs. . .

On the 1st. Instant we made a trial for taking some small Customs as were formerly paid to the Moors, when they were Masters of Durmapatam, but the King of Cotata instantly opposed it, and appeared with a Number of Men on his own side of the River using many threatenng words, which led us to forbear proceeding in the matter, least we should be engaged in a Quarrel with him, and yet to have omitted attempting to collect what had been usually paid might justly lay us under censure. 'Tis King tis too evident will not give over his pretentions to Durmapatam, nor let slip any opportunity for embroiling us and our Affairs, he has since the Year 1729 increased the Customs of Seven fanams and a quarter, then paid on the Pepper brought from his Country to nineteen fanams, three quarter, of which he has added two and an half this present Season, and we may be assured he will proceed annually to enlarge his Revenues at our Expençe, and in the end 'tis to be feared, he will compell the Settlement to resist him.

LIEUTENANT MENDONZA on the 28th. Ultimo desired us in a Petition to permit of his resigning the Service in consideration of his Infirmities, and incapacity to perform the duties of his employ, and we accordingly acquiesed in granting his request.

By the best computation we can at present make the Prince Cunhi Homo stands indebted to us on Account his Wars with the Canarees about forty four thousand Rupees exclusive of his former Balance, and yet we have only charged him for the one half of the Disbursements while our People were employed against the Enemy, we shall take all means possible for recovering this Mony, or such a part as we can without disobliging him by too earnest Solicitations.

On the 26th. Ultimo the Vice Roy of Goa in a Letter to the Chief desired the restoring to a Friggatt bound to Callicutt all the Portugueze in our Service of which he sent a List to the Number of twenty five Men, and as your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleased to direct our performing this, we caused all the single men to repair on board, being eight but as the others were married and have been many Years in the Place, we judged it to be in all respects unreasonable to force them away, considering how miserable would be their condition in an employ that does not afford the common necessaries of Life.

We have got in a good part of the Rice we sent to be provided at Mangalore, and should have had all in case the Portugueze would have permitted it to be brought away, they not only maltreat our People there, but by Violence assume to themselves the Liberty of seizing at their own price the major part of what is brought into the Place. Our Bengall Rice yet sticks on hand and must in the end subject us to a considerable Loss.

By the Cazuree and Sallamaty Shybars who carries this Letter and it's Duplicate, we have put on board twenty four Men belonging to the small Gallivatts last sent us, who are victualled to the middle of April, but have receiv'd no pay here; with the List goes the Account of what we have supplied them for their passage up, and desire your Hon^r. &c^a. will cause the Casks to be taken into the charge of the proper Officer as they belong to the Company. On the Sallamaty, proceed up Bewagee Halvaldah and Bewarout Sepoys, who are Victualled to the last of April. We are

HON^r SIR & SIRs

Your most Faithful & most Obedient hum^l Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
MARCH 17TH. 1736/7.
SHYBAR

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACKETT TO BOMBAY ꞑ SHYBAR SA[LL]AMATY
MARCH 17TH. 1736/7.

Tellicherry General under sd̄ date.
Duplicate of Ditto dated February the 12th. ꞑ Hallifax.
Copy of Mr. Lynch's Narrative with a Consultation under the 16th. Ultimo,
and part of another dated the 26th. relating to Madacarra.
Treasury Account for February.
Abstract of Telly. Garrison, with the disposition of the several Guards.
List of 24 Coolies belonging to the Gallivatts returned to Bombay.
Anjengo Packett.
List of the Packett.

LIST OF TELL^{RY}. PACKETT TO BBAY ꞑ SHYBAR CAZUREE THE 17TH. MARCH
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TO ENSIGN HENRY FORBES,
AT MADACARRA.

SIR,

By a Letter which you wrote the Chief of Yesterdays date, we observe the proceedings of the Dutch boat, and the disregard that was paid to the several Shott you fired for bringing her to.

THE Entrance of Billiapatam River being under the Command of our Guns, we have undoubtedly a right to compell everyone that resorts that way to pay us the respect due, and would be demanded by any European Nation, more especially the Dutch in all their places under their jurisdiction; and therefore that we may not be wanting on our parts in an essential part of our just Prerogative, we do direct that from hence forward should the Dutch or any other Vessells appertaining to whatsoever European, attempt to enter the River you immediately fire a Shott to bring her or them to, and in case the same is not Answer'd by a Compliance, you are to endeavour by all means in your power to force it, by a discharge of your Artillery, and small Arms in such a manner as may effectually answer the intent, and to which end do you plant as many Guns as you can to the Rivers Mouth, and what spare Guns you may have below the Fort facing the Entrance, so that our views may be Answer'd in a sure Command of the River, and provided such Vessel or Vessells belonging to Europeans should repair to you, then you are to let those aboard know, you have our positive Orders not to suffer them to go up the River which way soever, without they can produce a Licence from under our hands, and then you are to compell them to retire over the Bar.

It may perhaps happen that the Dutch may presume to attempt a Lodgment at Mattamy, and of this do you keep a watchful Eye, in order that if you perceive any such thing, you are immediately to oppose them, in case they are under the reach of your Shott. You are now supplied with two Cohorn Shells, and more Ammunition for that purpose, and as soon as possible we will place the Dolphin at the entrance of the River for the better guarding it, as we are determin'd to defend and maintain the just Rights of our Masters to the extent of our Abilities. We are

TELLICHERRY
MARCH 18TH. 1736/7.

SIR,
Your Affectionate Friends

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^R. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TO CAPTAINS FRAMPTON LEWIS, JOHN BENSON,
AND HENRY EATON COM^{RS}. OF THE BBAY CRUIZERS.

GENTLEMEN

I am directed by Stephen Law Esqr. Chief &c^a. Factors to enquire of you, how many Sepoys and Lascars belonging to the Hoñ Company you can take aboard each Vessell for carrying them up to Bombay; it is recommended to you to receive as many of them as you possibly can, in order to ease our Hoñ Masters of the Expence in maintaining several useless People; they will be provided with Provisions here, and in case you are in want of Water Casks you may be supplied therewith. I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most humble Servant

TELL^{RY}. MARCH 27TH. 1737.

W^M. JEYNSON
Sec^{ry}.

TO CAPT^{NS}. FRAMPTON LEWIS, JOHN BENSON,
AND HENRY EATON COM^{RS}. OF THE BBAY CRUIZERS.

GENTLEMEN,

You are hereby directed Wind and Weather permitted to weigh Anchor, and proceed to the port of Callicutt, where on your Arrival you are to receive on board such a quantity of Timber & Plank as may be tender'd you by Francisco Dias our Linguist, in which we recommend to you the utmost dispatch possible, remember to keep what is for the Service of Bombay apart, that we may take it ashore here in case we judge it necessary. We limit your stay at Callicutt to the last of this month, when you are to make the best of your way for this place.

As there is more than ordinary Scarcity of Water here, we would have you Supply yourselves at Callicutt, which you may do with more facility and dispatch. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your humble Servants,

TELLICHERRY
MARCH 27TH. 1737.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^M. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TO THE COM^{RS}. OF THE BOMBAY CRUIZERS.

GENTLEMEN,

THERE being some Lacadiva Coir belonging to the Hoñ Company lying at Callicut, and as it will be of Service to have it carried up to Bombay, you are to receive the same aboard your Vessells, but as it may be an hindrance to your carrying so large a quantity of Pepper as you might otherwise do, we shall reship it on the Martha Grab on your Arrival here. We are

SIRS,

Your humble Servants,

TELLICHERRY
MARCH 29TH. 1737.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^M. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TO THE HON JOHN HORNE ESQ^a.

PRESID^r. & GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL OF BBAY.

HON SIR AND SIRS,

SINCE our last Address ^{to} Shybar of the 17th. Ultimo, we receiv'd of the 23^d. March your Commands of the 22^d. February, and the 11th. past Month by the Cruizers.

WE read with the utmost attention and regard the motives inducing your Hon^r. & C^a. to give us your directions for carrying on the War against the Canarees, as it appears to you the only expedient for preventing the Dutch Schemes from taking effect, That you imagine the Prince has been inclined to listen to s^d Dutch, through our Backwardness in launching out Mony for his Service; & there being but about two Months remaining of the Season for the Canarees executing their designs, and you conceive our acting in Conjunction with the Mallabars vigorously against them may so far distress them as to bring them to an inclination for Peace, while we solicit the Prince to agree to such terms as the Canarees may accept, you therefore prefer pursuing the War to risquing the fatal consequences that might otherwise ensue, imagining at the same time we should not think of a Seperate Peace but on the last extremity, yet if we have concluded it you are pleased to forbid us breaking it, though you are the more averse to s^d Peace since the Canarees are to be esteemed a Treacherous and Deceitful People, and that on the whole it is likely to prove only a temporary Remedy, whereas you understand it to have been in our power to have cutt off the Canarees Provisions by Sea, and thereby have obliged them to retire from the Mallabar Country, and effectually to perform this Service you had thought proper to appoint the Cruizers for remaining with us as long as the Season would permit.

To all which we humbly beg leave to reply, first assuring you, we shall represent nothing but what is Truth, founded on a disinterested Judgment, and which has ever attended us in every Item of our proceedings. The Prince was undoubtedly led the sooner to incline to the Dutch proposals, through our unwillingness to launch out sufficiently for defraying the Expence in resisting his Enemy, but then admitting we had gratified him in that point, he would have insisted on our Peoples joining his on the Frontiers for impeeding their entrance, and yet is it to be supposed that an hundred & Eighty Soldiers, and eighty or a hundred Sepoys without allowing for such as might fall in Action and render'd Sick, could have made head against two thousand Horse, and upwards of ten thousand Foot, while the Nairs even if Paid and supported by us were not to be relied on as was sufficiently experienced at Cadalay, and lately at Neleasaron, where they gave way without losing two Men at the time of the Canarees forcing the passes, which were so many that it wou'd have been impossible to have kept our Men embodied, and in case a Defeat had happened to us, we leave your Hon^r. & C^a. to reflect in what a Security the Settlement had been, when drained of the major part of it's able Men; and the King of Cotata excited by the Moors ready to attack us. But we will suppose on reflecting on the hazards above recited we had resolved not to keep our Force on the Frontiers but secure Ayconny, and in such wise it may be conjectured, and has been proved the Canarees were at liberty to ravage the Mallabar Country as far as they pleased, unless the want of Provisions should have constrained them to retire, and this point, we mean in respect to impeding their getting Provisions requires our observations: Our Gallivatts we own did their utmost in performing the above Service, and we formerly conjectured it might have been render'd effectual by their means, but experience obliged us to alter our Sentiments, through the Canarees by the Force of a remarkable Industry and Diligence, having constant Supplies brought to them with Oxen and Men, insomuch that M^r. Lynch assured us Rice at the Camp of Mattalay was Sold at Six fanams, & an half the Bale in February, and no complaint made of the want of it, and having the river free to them as far as below Ayconny, which we could not deprive them of, easy would it have been for them to convey it by Boats, whereof they had a great Number for supplying their Army as they marched Southward, and moreover

as our Gallivatts would not have been capable of keeping the Seas during the hard North Westers, the Canaree Boats could not have been hindered from throwing large Quantities into Pungoy, and their other Southern Places, from whence conveying it to their Army would not have been difficult: 'tis however certain the article of Provisions was of importance to the Canarees, yet we are of opinion the difficulties attending the getting it would not have obliged them to quit their views on the Mallabars, for the King of Bednure was fixed on prosecuting the War at all events, and spared no expence therein. These Circumstances being consider'd we may rationally say a General Peace was not likely to be attained by prosecuting the War, for the Canarees demanded and persisted on keeping a large part of Colastrees Dominions, while the latter positively and repeatedly declared he would never be brought to resign to them even Neleasaron, our Assistance admitting our continuing in the War could not have been extended farther than doing what Service in our power by Sea, and keeping a footing in Ayconny for an uncertain space, and yet supposing our People Shut up there in the Laines, which most probably must have been the case, are we not to apprehend that many would fall Sick, others render'd uneasy through fatigues, and those in the places this way highly discontented by being detained on constant Duty, we could give no Supplies to our Men in the Munsoon, either by Sea or Land, nor could we procure Provisions of the proper kinds for their Stores; the Canarees can bear a long encampment and sustain it easier than our Men, and although ours might have defended the Fort bad as it was we must say it could not however have been done without the severest inconveniencies and hazard, and some of us think it would have been almost impracticable. By what is above remarked we apprehend your Hon^r. &c^a. will conceive it was difficult, nay impossible for us to have conducted the War in such a manner as might preserve the Mallabar Territories, and we may also add the Prince would not have been satisfied without it, which consideration together with our Soliciting him for Mony, inclined him to listen to the Dutch offers, for not only protecting his Country, but restoring what the Mallabars had lost as far as Canharotu extending Six Leagues, and it is evident he had in view to gratify the Dutch by assigning them a thousand Candies of Pepper annually at fifty six Rupees the Candy, and he likewise imagined we should find ourselves obliged to join them, and though before his having conferred with them He promised us to launch out Mony, and we declared we should cheerfully risque our fate with him in such wise; yet he at last told us he had no Mony, but that we might continue to issue for his Service, and in case his Kingdom was preserved we should be no Sufferers in the end. On the whole we were brought into one or other of these Dilemmas, first to defend and protect the Mallabars at our own Expence, and trust to a future recompence. Secondly to join the Dutch while their particular Interest was advancing by it. Or thirdly to strike up the seperate Peace lately concluded. In case we had taken the first we think we have given ample reasons why there was little probability of Answering the end proposed with our limited Force, and while the Mallabars could not be brought to give a suitable assistance; beside we had no Authority to engage in that manner as will sufficiently appear by the several Commands given us by your Hon^r. &c^a. and yet admitting we had run into that Scheme are we not to suppose the Prince would on failure of our Success have readily embraced the Dutch or whomsoever without preserving any remembrance, or but very little of the pains and Expence exerted by us for his Service. Had we taken the Second, little benefit could have accrued to us, contrariwise the Success we might jointly have met with, must have terminated to the advantage of the Dutch, in permitting them to gain the proposed Quantity of Pepper on their own terms, and therefore if neither of the preceeding methods were suitable, what remain'd for us to choose, but to get out of the War by a Separate Peace, being perswaded on our parts, that our continuing in a State offensive against the Canarees, did not promise us any Security, that the Dutch might not under any pretences have fallen on the Prince for compelling him to assign them what they Demanded; nor would the Assistance afforded him by us have prevented his siding at last with them, on our efforts not effectually answering for preserving his Territories, and this we had small hopes of.

We cannot help remarking with extream concern that our Affairs here have been very intricate, for to have carried on the War exposed to so many hazards, and at so grievous an Expençe, and yet not to have the ends proposed Answered would have laid us under censure, and the more as our Hon^r. &c^a. before gave us, did not seem likely to procure us the desired advantage, yet if in the end either through the Dutch or Canarees means any prejudice arises we may expect to have our Conduct blamed, and all this does in our humble Opinion proceed from the want of a suitable Resolution, which ought to have been taken in case it was necessary, for prosecuting the War vigorously proved the Expençe or event howsoever, and in order to which Vessells suitable, and more good Soldiers should have been appointed.

We Acquiesce in your Hon^r. &c^a. Sentiments that the Canarees are a treacherous People, and that the Dutch will do their utmost for undermining us in the Trade, as to the former we must keep a watchful Eye on them, and when they begin to break their Articles, if 'tis in our power we ought to compell them to treat us otherwise, & which 'twill be easier for us to do at Billiapatam than farther Northward. The Dutch have performed as yet none of the Services promised the Prince, and therefore he declares he will break off all future Correspondence with them, and indeed hitherto he has given us no reason to believe he has any Inclination to desert our Interest, or even to put us and them on a levell; But as your Hon^r. &c^a. conjecture there is the greatest reason to apprehend the heaviest mischiefs from our Rivalls in future, through our intercourse being kept up between them and the Prince; it will be easy for us from what now appears to draw him entirely off from them, provided we resolutely undertake the giving him such Assistance, as may preserve his Dominions from being possessed by the Canarees and this point must be left for your serious Determination, and we shall never want Occasions of meddling with them. The Dutch are very eager for depriving us of Madacarra, and under pretence of seeing the Prince that way they enter'd the River on the 17th. Ultimo with some Officers in their Pinnace, but our People some obliged them to retire over the Bar, this was only a triall how far we would condescend, for we are assured from the Prince himself he had not made any promise of meeting them thereabouts, but at the usual Place to the N^o.ward at the Fort called Madday. We have transmitted your Hon^r. &c^a. our Resolution about Fortifying sd place of Madacarra and beg you will please to consider thereof, for our having your Directions, whether to remain there, or settle on the Point of Mattamy, provided no extraordinary impediments may arise from such an attempt. We shall strenuously endeavour for hindering the Dutch, or whomsoever from violating our Trade in any of the Parts under our Jurisdiction, and if this is pursued we are not without hopes of preserving our Authority in the manner they do in all places Subject to them, and sure we are we have as legal a Title.

THE Timber your Hon^r. &c^a. apprehended to have been some time since ordered for Gombroon, we knew nothing of till [sic] the receipt of your Commands by these Vessells, and then we instantly applied to Callicutt for preparing all that was possible to be in readiness by the 31st. Ultimo; what has been got will be seen by the Account now transmitted, which also includes a remainder of Teake, and Beety Plank, we were long since directed to provide for Bombay, but we must defer notifying the Value of the whole untill the next Opportunity, our Linguist not being capable of giving it us; the Vessells sailed for Callicutt the 27th. and left that place the time we had Limited being the 31st. They arrived here the 3^d. and we assure your Hon^r. &c^a. we have omitted no pains in their speedy dispatch, we could not lade any Pepper, before their going down, as the Commanders represented the Timber ought to be put at the bottom of their Vessells, what is still wanting for completing the whole now ordered for Gombroon, we shall have in readiness after the Raines.

In our last we signified to your Hon^r. &c^a. our intention of hiring the Martha-Grab for conveying our supernumery [sic] Sepoys and Lascars, and though we were desirous on the Vessells arrivall of altering that design, and sending them on the

Cruizers, we found our so doing would pester them so much as might render them incapable of carrying away the Pepper required to be sent, therefore we resolved on Freighting the prementioned Grab for thirteen hundred Rupees, and for having the more room in their Vessells, we shipt a part of the Bombay Timber on the Martha, also thirty two Candies three Quarters Lacadevia Coir, which we conceive may be of use to you, and is what we were obliged to take in Barter for Bengall Rice, we have also sent on her forty Jars Ghee, a part of which will go for Supplying the Lascars and Sepoys, and the remainder we presume may be acceptable to you, while our keeping it here might occasion a loss since we have lessened so considerably the Number of Men to whom we used to distribute it.

In this Packett goes the Account of Provisions laded on each Vessel, and the List of People sent; the Sepoys have all had from us their compleat Allowance of Rice to the 10th. Instant, Ghee, and Fire Wood to the 5th. and therefore you may please to order the Account to be made up accordingly on their Arrival: the Lascars are all paid to the last of February, and Victualled a Shore to the Ultimo March. Thomas Harris late Master of the Fly goes on the Carolina Gally paid to the end of April, and Dieted to the last of March.

WE now also forward a List of the present People that continue here for the Service of the Gallivatts, and also of the Bombay Sepoys, by the former your Hon^r. &c^a. will be able to judge the Number of Men requisite for Navigating up the Gallivatts after the Rains. We have now in our Service one hundred Sepoys including those entered in the s^d List belonging to Bombay, the remainder are what we had some time since hired from Carwar, and are esteemed preferable to the others; We beg the Account of Pay chargeable to this Settlement for the Bombay Sepoys may be forwarded us as soon as possible, that the same may be brought on these Books, and that notice may be given us of what may be put to our Account for Provisions.

WE have Contracted for to this day two thousand thirteen Candies, three Quarters Pepper of the new Crop, and of which there is outstanding five hundred fifty seven Candies three Quarters, and our Remains in Warehouse, exclusive of what is now Laded on the Cruizers will be two thousand three hundred forty Candies; our utmost endeavours shall be exerted for procuring all that is possible, but we are afraid we shall not in all exceed two thousand five hundred Candies, the Price being advanced to Seventy eight, and the Chitty must inevitably suffer considerably by what he has engaged for, nor can he comply with his Bargain without great difficulty, he is still to weigh us near four hundred Candies, and the remainder for making up the premention'd quantity outstanding, is to be made good by the Moors of our Buzar.

THE Accompanying Invoice and Bill of Lading shew that two hundred seventy seven Candies, and an half of Pepper is Shipt on the Britannia Grab, Carolina and Rose Gallies Amounting to fanams Tellicheiry one hundred six thousand seven hundred Sixty, and for the forty Jars of Ghee, and thirty two Candies one Quarter Lacadevia Coir laded on the Martha, we charge therein nine thousand five hundred, fifty three Fanams three Quarters, we shall also Debt the Presidency for one hundred eight one [sic] Firelocks, ninety six Cutlasses, and a hundred eighty one Bandolas carried up by the Sepoys.

HAVING been obliged to Supply the Martha Grab &c^a. with the Gallivatts Water Casks for the use of the Sepoys and Lascars as ^ᵀ Account enclosed, we request you will not fail in returning us the like Number after the Rains.

SEVERAL of our Garrison Soldiers being uneasy here, and wanting to return to Bombay, we have permitted Sixteen Europeans as ^ᵀ List to repair up, and two Topasses who have Families all paid to the last March, and we taken ashore fourteen Europeans. There is one Samuel Axtell among those we send, who was put a Shore here by Captⁿ. Wilkie, as being in such a condition that he apprehended he might infect his Crew, and we since have endeavoured without effect to procure him a Passage home on other Ships.

WE have receiv'd a Protest from the Dutch on Account of our People firing on theirs from Madacarra Fort, as taken notice of in the foregoing part of this Letter, we do not as yet perfectly understand the purport of sd Protest, when we do, we shall give a suitable reply, and transmit them both to your Hon^r. &c^a. We are most respectfully.

HON SIR AND SIRs,

Your most Obedient hum Servants

TELLICHERRY APRIL THE 5TH. 1737.

P.S. We had everything in readiness for sending away the Vessells last Night, but Captⁿ. Rawlinson not being in a condition for Sailing we were obliged to detain them till [sic] now; & for making the more room for the many People on his Grab, we have relanded fifteen Candies one quarter of the Coir which will render the Invoice four hundred eleven Rupees three Quarters less, than is mention'd in the foregoing Letter.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLBY. APRIL 6TH. 1737.

BRITAINNIA GRAB.

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACKETT TO BOMBAY ^{CO} BRITAINNIA GRAB APRIL 5TH. 1737.

Tellicherry General under sd date and Duplicate.
Copy of Mr. Lynchs Narrative with Consultations.
Paymasters Account for February.
Treasury Account for March.
Abstract of Tellicherry Garrison.
Invoice of the Cruizers, & Martha Grab.
Bills of Lading Ditto.
Account of Provisions supplied the Cruizers here, & Callicutt.
List of People belonging to the Gallivatts proceed to Bbay.
General List of Sepoys. Ditto.
Ditto remaining here.
Account of Provisions for the Sepoys and Lascars.
List of People belonging to the Gallivatts remaining.
Receipt of Arms &c^a. sent with the Sepoys.
Captⁿ. Rawlinsons receipt for Potts & Water Casks.
Eatons Ditto.
List of Europeans changed from the Cruizers, with those of this Garrison.
Do. of the Packett.

TO CAPTⁿ. FRAMPTON LEWIS
COM^d. OF THE BRITAINNIA GRAB.

SIR,

You are hereby directed Wind and Weather permitted to weigh Anchor in Company of the Rose, Princess Caroline Gallies, and Martha Grab, and make the best of your way for Bombay, following such Orders as you may have receiv'd from the Hon^d President and Council during the Prosecution of your Voyage thither; the accompanying Packett for them, we desire you will deliver immediately on your Arrival.

THE Martha Grab Captⁿ. John Rawlinson being Freight^d up to Bombay by the Hoⁿ Company for transporting sundry of their Supernumerary People thither, you are therefore to take her under your charge, and the Commander has our orders to observe yours during your Passage up. We are

SIR,

Your humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL 6TH. 1737.

TO CAPTⁿ. JOHN BENSON
COM^d. OF THE ROSE GALLY.

SIR,

You are hereby directed Wind and Weather permitting to weigh Anchor in Company of the Britannia Grab, Princess Caroline Gally, and Martha Grab, making the best of your way for Bombay and following such orders as may be given you by Captⁿ. Frampton Lewis during your Passage up. The accompanying Packett for the Hoⁿble President and Council, we desire you will deliver immediately on your Arrival at Bombay. We are

SIR,

Your humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL 6TH. 1737.

TO CAPTⁿ. HENRY EATON
COM^d. OF THE PRINCESS CAROLINE GALLY.

SIR,

You are hereby directed Wind & Weather permitting to weigh Anchor in Company of the Britannia Grab, Rose Gally, and Martha Grab, and make the best of your way for Bombay, following such orders as may be given you by Captain Frampton Lewis during your Passage up. We are

SIR,

Your humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL 6TH. 1737.

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TO CAPT^N. JOHN RAWLINSON
COM^R. OF THE MARTHA GRAB.

SIR,

WHEREAS you have Lett your Vessell to the Hoñ Company for transporting sundry of our Supermunerary [*sic*] People to Bombay, at a Freight of thirteen hundred Rupees you are hereby Ordered Wind and Weather permitting to weigh Anchor in Company of the Cruizers, and make the best of your way thither, where on your Arrival land the People with such other things as belong to the Hoñ Company, agreeable to your Bill of Lading, you are to follow such orders as may be given you by Captain Frampton Lewis during your Passage up, and take especial care you do not loose Company of the Convoy. We are

SIR

Your humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^R. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL 6TH. 1737.

TO CAPTAINS FRAMPTON LEWIS
JOHN BENSON, AND HENRY EATON.

SIRS,

OUR Superiours of Bombay having represented their earnest desire of your speedily [*sic*] arrivall there with all the People we can possibly spare, as well as the Gallivatts, we are induced the better for directing our Conduct to desire you will give us your Opinions on the following heads.

WHETHER you conceive the Dolphin, Antilope and Fly Gallivatts can be supposed capable of proceeding up with a probability of safety at this late Season of the Year; they are indeed from what appears in a good condition for the Sea, and are severally provided with good Decks.

WHETHER the Martha Grab lately dispatched in your Company with our Supernumery [*sic*] People is likely to prove a hindrance by going with you, towards your speedily arrival at Bombay, for in case that should be apprehended, we can put all the Men she has on board your Vessells, and reland some of the Pepper from you, the better to afford you room for Water and Provisions, and convenience for sd People: we desire you will maturely weigh the above points for our taking the most elligible measures on the present exigency of Affairs. We are

SIRS,

Your humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^R. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 9TH. 1737.

TO THE HON JOHN HORNE ESQ^B.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON SIR AND SIRs,

YESTERDAY evening came to hand your Commands of the 31st. March whose contents gives us a very sencible concern.

THE BRITAINNIA, Rose and Carolina left us the 6th. with one hundred ninety seven Sepoys, but being still near us through the hard North Westers. that have lately blown, we instantly called them in, and they are now in the road, for taking up with them the Dolphin, Antilope, and Fly Gallivatts, which we are hauling off, and preparing with all Expedition, and hope to send them away by to Morrow. The Martha Grab will also proceed in their Company, and carries a great part of the People, the Commanders apprehending 'twill be best causing her to join them for the conveniency of having more Water, and on considering she is not likely to prove any hindrance to their speedy getting up. We find on a due Survey of our Force, and providing for the many out places we are obliged to hold, it will not be consistent with our safety to drain the Settlement of more People than is premention'd, and the rather since we can in no wise depend on the fidelity of the Mallabars, or well on the Canarees. The Vcssells are filling up their Water again, and we are getting all the Casks possibly for them that they may not be under a necessity of stoping at Goa. Our Arms are also under examination for sending up the most we can. The Tiger Gallivatt is at Callicutt repairing not being in a condition to keep the Sea, and the Darmouse and Turoy by not having Decks we judge cannot proceed nor are they we presume likely to be wanted. We shall address your Hon^r. & c^a. more at large by the Cruizers, and are.

HON SIR AND SIRs,

Your most Obedient and Faithful humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^M. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

APRIL THE 9TH. 1737.

Ⓕ BOAT

TO THE HON JOHN HORNE ESQ^B.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON SIR AND SIRs;

ON the 6th. Instant we addressed you at large by the Cruizers, and Yesterday by the return of the Express Boat we acknowledged the receipt of your Commands under the 31st. Ultimo, whose Duplicate accompanies this.

WE are very desirous of complying with your Hon^r. & c^a. directions in transmitting up all the People possible, which we are sensible are so much wanted on the present unhappy Occasion, but our out places being so many, and so little Dependance to be had on those who border near us, nor yet on the Canaree Faith, we apprehend all things being considered 'tis not safe for us to spare more Men than the hundred ninety seven Sepoys we have already mentioned and which will the better appear by the Inclosed abstract of the allotment made to all our Garrisons, where 'tis plain we have limited ourselves as much as possible, beside as the News of the approach of the Murattas has already got into the place, and other Confirmations, will speedily arrive, we may reasonably apprehend all those that bear us hatred, will be ready enough to take hold of such an occasion to disturb us, and we must have a particular regard to the securing Madacarra, since the Canarees from what appears wont be long in getting to Billiapatam River. This place is large, ill Built, and the Limitt Walls extream low, so that on any attack we should be greatly streightned in defending it.

WE find on a Survey of our Arms that we have no more than two hundred forty seven Serviceable in the Stores, & some of which are but indifferent, but as your Hon^r. &c^a. may be in great want, we have sent on board the Britannia a hundred new Firelocks in four Chests, and sorry we are it is not safe for us to spare more, we lost many at Ayconny, and others by the late Service we have had for them are rendered pretty much damaged, nor can we mend them here in a proper manner the Armourer formerly sent being too lasy [*sic*] and often Sick.

THE DOLPHIN, Antilope and Fly now proceed in Company of the Cruizers, and have each their proper Stores and Complements of Masters and People, a List whereof goes in this Packett, but by sending these Vessells most of the Lascars said in our Advices of the 6th. to go by the Martha Grab are taken from her for their Service, which will appear by the Papers now transmitted, we also send up Paul Regnand Master of the Turoy, and have only kept here Thomas Bird Master of the Darmouse to take care of the small Gallivatts Stores, and he with one Topass named Francisco Toree his Gunner are the only Men kept on their Rolls. The Tiger which we have already mention'd to be at Callicutt for a thorough repair, which she absolutely requires has only a Master, one Gunner, Serang, and four Lascars belonging to her, so that when these Gallivatts remaining with us are ordered up they must be Supplied with People for their being Navigated from your Hon^r. &c^a.

YOUR Hon^r. &c^a. will observe by the Copy of our Letter to the Commanders of the Cruizers and their Answer now sent, our reasons for permitting the Martha to proceed in their Company.

THE Dutch are returning back to Cochin without accommodating with the Canarees, so that we may conceive their intentions are to serve the Mallabars next Season in opposing their Enemies, with a view to gain advantages in the Pepper Trade, but be that event howsoever 'tis a great satisfaction to us, that we are withdrawn from a War not in our power to have supported without an extravagant Expence, and a much larger force. The Prince came here this Morning, but not having yet conferred with him we can only surmise he wants us to launch out in giving him Assistance suitable to his necessities of Men, Mony, and Stores for opposing the Canarees, we shall conduct ourselves in the most prudent manner we can for preserving his Friendship and rendering him averse to the Schemes the Dutch may have laid; and herein we shall not be able to avoid Expence.

THE Martha being pestered with the Number of People she carries and otherwise we have taken ashore all the Lacadevia Coir mention'd in our Invoice of the 6th. to be sent on her, therefore we shall discount the amount. And are most Respectfully.

HON^r SIR AND SIRs,

Yours most Obedient and most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

• TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 10TH. 1737.
BRITAINNIA GRAB.

P.S.

M^r. THOMAS ROUT having on all the Services we have employ'd him in, behaved with a good Share of Discretion, and Diligence, we cannot in justice avoid making a favourable mention of him to your Hon^r. &c^a.

TO CAPT^{NS}. FRAMPTON LEWIS, JOHN BENSON,
& HENRY EATON COM^{RS}. OF THE BEAY CRUIZERS.

GENTLEMEN,

You are hereby directed Wind and Weather permitting to weigh Anchor in Company of the Martha Grab, Dolphin, Antilope, and Fly Gallivatts, whom you are to take under your charge, & make the best of your way for Bombay, we recommend to you the gaining your Passage as expeditiously as possible, as your speedy Arrival there is of the utmost Consequence. We are.

GENTLEMEN,

Your humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^R. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 10TH. 1737.

[Li]ST OF TELLICHERRY PAQUETT TO BOMBAY [¶] BRITAINNIA GRAB UNDER
APRIL 10^[TH] 1737.

Tellicherry General under sd date.
Duplicate of Ditto dated the 9th. Instant.
Tellicherry Gen^l. to the Com^{RS}. of the Cruizers, and their Answer.
Abstract of our People at the several Outposts and Tellicherry.
List of the People belonging to the Gallivatts.
Account of the Dolphin Antilope, and Fly Stores.

TO M^R. ADRIAN HARSTEED
SECOND FOR THE NOBLE DUTCH COMPANIES AFFAIRS
ON THE MALLABAR COAST,
AND CAPTAIN RENICUS SIERSMA COMM^R. OF THE MILITARY.

SIRS, AND MUCH ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

ON the 4th. Instant we had the Honour of your Letter of the 19th. N.S representing that our Officer in Command of Madacarra at the entrance of Billiapatam River, had on the 28th. Ultimo N.S. on your going that way fired several Shott at the Boat in which you were, and positively by message forbid you to continue, or land thereabouts, notwithstanding your having made him acquainted, that your repairing there was in order to transact your Affairs with the Prince of Cherrica, that you imagined this notice would have induced him to a more civil Behaviour, but instead thereof he reiterated him refusal for your stay, all which you are pleased to impute to his Rashness, & Indiscretion, that it is contrary to the good understanding happily Subsisting between our Nations, and such as you never practice towards us in the places under the authority of the Noble Dutch Company, where our People have always liberty to Land under their Flag, all Honour, Civility, and Assistance shewn to us, and which daily appears. That the Hofi the Commandore, & Council of Cochin being made Acquainted with this, they have thought proper to direct your informing us of the premention'd particulars, for our making an Example of our Officer, to deter others from the like, you are also pleased to protest in the Name of the Noble Dutch Company, that should the like rash Person fall in your way again, you will not Answer for what may happen, as the Companies respect will not permit of conniving at it, and which in Friendship you recommend to us to take as a warning.

IN reply to this we do sincerely assure you, that it is our real intentions always to behave towards those of your Nation with the utmost Civility, Respect, and kindness, agreeable to the good harmony Subsisting between our States, and we

must at the same time own, that at your principal Settlements, which are the only ones we go to, our People have for some Years past, met with a very obliging Treatment, and you may do us the justice to believe, we are entirely disposed to return the same on all Occasions that offer, and of which we are ever glad to give you proofs.

THE Fortress of Madacarra lies in a part very little frequented, and is designed for the Security of our Companies Interest that way, and though we should be unwilling to suppose those belonging to the Noble Dutch Company, considering the strict alliance in Europe would go about to prejudice us in any wise, yet there are those of other Nations that might attempt it, and therefore for preventing every-thing of that Sort, we were induced to give Instructions to our Officer there, not to permit of any Vessells, or Boats to repair that way without having our previous Licence, and this method we are of Opinion, Gentlemen, we may Lawfully practice nor could we imagine you in particular would censure it, as it seems to us to Square so exactly with your own Conduct in all your places Subordinate to the principal Settlements: to illustrate which we will suppose any belonging to us should offer to enter the River of Chittoa for proceeding up for making a Visit to the Samorine, or King of Cochin: can we in such wise imagine we should not be impeded, and the like at Cranganore, or any others your out Residences. Nay we are apprehensive that our barely attempting to pass any of your Fortresses without repairing to them first. would instantly be resented in the severest manner, and sure we are none of our Nation can or do proceed with their Ships to Mud-Bay, or pass up any of your Rivers subordinate to Cochin, without first soliciting for, and obtaining a Passport from the Commdore.

OUR Officer we presume would not have fired at your Boat had you condescended to call at the Fortress, but as you did not he discharged a Musquett to bring her too, and then sent a Person to intreat your retiring thence as it would be a breach of his Orders to permit you to remain there without a Licence from hence; and when your Answer came refusing to comply he judged it incumbent on him to behave in a manner contrary to his Inclinations. On the whole Gentlemen, if those of your Nation do actually suffer ours to enter into your Rivers for transacting any Affairs we may have to do in the places Subordinate to your head Settlements, without any hindrance, or Molestation, or Licence from them, then indeed we stand obliged to behave to you in the same maner, but if otherwise, and which seems to us too evident then you cannot in reason expect the Liberty you require, nor can you in justice complain at meeting with the same treatment from us, as in the like case you would certainly exercise towards us, for surely there is too much wisdom in you to dispute that we have as Legal a Title to our possessions as any other Nation, and consequently justified in preserving it, and on this foundation your Protest and threats carry no manner of weigh [*sic*] nor ought we to regard them.

WE recommend the above, Gentlemen, to your serious Consideration, and if in anything we should be mistaken, though we really think we are not, we shall be glad to be better informed, but in this we are very positive, that our aim is always directed to behave to you with the greatest Honour, and Respect being

SIRS, AND MUCH ESTEEMED FRIENDS

Your most humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^a. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 8TH. 1737.

TO THE HON JOHN STACKHOUSE ESQ^B.

PRESIDENT AND GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL OF BENGALL.

HON SIR AND SIRs,

WE have receiv'd the Letters you favoured us with under the 21st. October, and 3^d. December.

THE Defence Landed here the five hundred seventy two Bags of Rice laded on her by your Hon^r. &c^a. which we have Credited the Presidency of Bombay for, conformable to the Invoice receiv'd Amounting to Currant Rupees eleven hundred two, eight Anas, and nine Cash. Mr. Massey delivered us all he had, and we made good the Value at three, and an half Suratt Rupees each, as we did to Mess^{rs}. Sutcliff and Cruttende[n] for fourteen hundred sixty seven Bags; but as your Hon^r. &c^a. intended us no more by them than one thousand Bags, we have receiv'd of the Chief here three hundred twenty seven Rupees, three Quarters, sixty Raes, being the difference of the four hundred sixty Seven Bags on what they were rated at, and what they Sold for here, & this Squares with the agreement we made with those Gentlemen, they consenting to refund on account the Quantity which might be Landed over and above what your Hon^r. &c^a. might order, and though in this Affair our Hon^r Masters will be render'd Sufferers, through the Rice being Old, and at a pretty high price, yet we return you our humble thanks for your care in Supplying us.

WE have come to an Accommodation with the Carnatick Rajah, but so base are his Principles, that we cannot have entire confidence in his Friendship.

THIS waites on you by our Hon^r Masters Ship Decker Captⁿ. Edward Williamson on whom we have Laded eleven hundred eighty Six Candies of Pepper, agreeable to her Invoice, and Bill Ladnig [sic] enclosed amounting to ninety four thousand nine hundred ninety five Rupees, one quarter, sixty Raes, one half of this Pepper our Superiours of Bombay have directed us to Consign to your Hon^r. &c^a. and the other half to Madrass; which we accordingly comply with, and shall refer you to the Advices you may receive from the latter Presidency touching the quantity they may take out there. We are informed that the Copper she has on board is in part of her Kintlage seventy eight Tons, which with the Commanders and Officers Priviledge amounts to ninety three Tons, and the above Pepper added thereto compleats her full Tonnage of four hundred ninety Tons. We are most Respectfully

HON SIR AND SIRs,

Your most Obedient humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^e. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

APRIL THE 25th. 1737.

DECKER.

TO THE HON RICHARD BENYON ESQ^B.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF MADRAS.

HON SIR AND SIRs,

WE sometime since received your Letter of the 14th. October accompanying a correct Account of the charge attending the Detachment and Stores sent us, which we have duly credited the Presidency of Bombay for.

PURSUANT to the Liberty your Hon^r. &c^a. are pleased to give us, we have detained all the private Men here who have not Families, and now return on the Decker your two Officers, a Serjeant, Drummer, and four Topasses, all paid to the last of April, we cannot avoid expressing our Satisfaction in the Conduct of your

Officers, as well as the Serjeant who we should gladly have kept had we not apprehended it might prove prejudicial to his preferment. There is one Peter Doncarr that came with Capⁿ. Amyand, who we enter in our Gunners Crew, and as he has receiv'd a severe blow in the Service we beg leave to recommend him to your Notice.

WE have accommodated our difference with the Canarees as not being able to continue the War on the Princes terms, though we are sorry to say we cannot have much confidence in the faith of our new Friends.

THIS goes by our Hoñ Masters Ship Decker who we are informed from Bombay has on board seventy eight Tons Copper, and is in part of her Kintlage, the Commanders, and Officers Priviledge is fifteen Tons both which amounts to ninety three, and we have laded on her at this place eleven hundred eighty Six Candies Pepper, as ^{pp} Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed amounting to Rupees ninety four thousand nine hundred ninety five one quarter and sixty Raes, this Pepper we reckon to be three hundred ninety Seven Tons, which with the foregoing compleats whats [sic] she is let out for of four hundred ninety Tons. The one half of the Pepper we are directed to Consign to your Hon^r. &c^a. and the other half to the President and Council of Bengall, which we mention in the Invoice and must now leave your Hon^r. &c^a. to inform them of the quantity you take out, we have transmitted an Invoice and Bill of Lading thither likewise. And are very Respectfully

HON SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 25TH. 1737.
^{pp} DECKER

TO CAPⁿ. EDWARD WILLIAMSON
COM^d. OF SHIP DECKER.

SIR,

YOUR Tonnage being fully Compleated with Pepper these are to direct you Wind and Weather permitting to proceed for Madrass, where you are to deliver such a part of sd Pepper to the Hoñ President and Council there as they may direct, and the remainder to be carried to Bengall, but in this particular we refer you to such Instructions as may have been given you by the Hoñ President and Council of Bombay.

WE have sent on board your Ship Captain Edward Amyand a Military Officer with five Topass Soldiers, who we desire you will carry to Madrass to which place they belong, and are,

SIR,

Your most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL THE 25TH. 1737.

TO THE HON JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^a. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON SIR AND SIRs,

WE addressed you last time by the Britainia Grab under the 10th. Ultimo, and on the 17th. we receiv'd your Commands of the 11th. ⚔ Decker, who was dispatched hence for Madrass the 25th. with eleven hundred eighty six Candies Pepper, but of this as well as other particulars necessary to inform you, we shall write at large by your own Pattamars, who we shall dispatch some time this Month.

THE Heiress of Cannanore by means of her Husband has engaged to behave to us in future with a becoming regard, and therefore on the 30th. Ultimo, we were induced to restore the Munchua detained at our request by the Gentlemen of Anjengo, and afterwards brought up hither; and we now beg leave to entreat your Hon^r. &c^a. will give no molestation to her Ship supposed to have arrived at Suratt, or if she has been Seized that you will please to restore her entirely with all the Effects, and afford her a Passport to all those of our Nation to give her no impediment, this Pattamar is sent by her purposely with this Letter, and not being sure of it's Security do not add more than our being with much Respect.

HON SIR AND SIRs,

Your most Obedient, & most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

Hⁿ. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

MAY THE 11TH. 1737.

⚔ PATTAMAR

TO THE HON JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^a. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON SIR AND SIRs,

WE addressed you on the 10th. April by the Cruizers, & under the 11th. Ultimo by a Pattamar sent by the Family of Ally Rajah, Duplicate of which accompanies this.

ON the 17th. April we received your Commands of the 11th. ⚔ Decker who left us for Madrass the 25th. and as the Weather has been very favourable, we have no reason to doubt her safety. The Copy of her Invoice, and Bill Lading [*sic*] now forwarded under numbers 15, & 16, shews that we Laded on her eleven hundred eighty six Candies of Pepper, amounting to ninety four thousand nine hundred ninety five Rupees, one quarter, sixty Raes, consigning one half to the Presidency of Madrass, and the other half to Bengall; that quantity Completed her full Tonnage of three hundred ninety seven Tons, and is valued as near as possible to a just proportion of the first Cost on the whole Bought to the time of her departure.

THE Treasure and Stores supplied us by the above Ship were delivered us agreeable to her Invoice amounting to Eighty thousand one hundred thirty nine Rupees, ten Raes.

WE are extream sorry we should misconceive the orders given us touching the Surplus Tonnage laded on the Defence, and Wyndham, by expressing in the Commanders request for it, that it should be carried at a low Freight, instead of incerting half Freight. We assure your Hon^r. &c^a. this error in us did not arise from a want of due consideration, for we did previous to the drawing out the request; carefully peruse your Commands thereon received ⚔ Lynn, and the above Ships, as well as the 15th. Paragraph of the Hon Companies Letter by her, and in fine concluded we ought to use the words low Freight, since they seem'd to square best

with what had been in Generall intimated, but you may be assured that in future we shall punctually observe to cause any such Circumstance to be expressed at half Freight.

THE Mast required for Bengall has been long Since ordered to be procured at Callicutt, but our Linguist has not hitherto been able to obtain one of the Dimentions directed, but he gives us hopes of having it after the Rains, though had it been in readiness we apprehend the Decker would not have carried it.

WE are perfectly apprized of the large quantity of Pepper that will be wanted for dispatching the Tonnage likely to be on your hands the ensuing Season, but the Crop on the present Year has been worse than heretofore. The French have sent away a good share on private and publick Account, and Callicutt has much drained this Country of it, so that on the application of our utmost endeavours we have as yet been able to Contract for no more than two thousand three hundred seventeen Candies, fourteen maund, Since January last, nor do we conceive we shall have it in our power to obtain in the whole above two thousand five hundred Candies. The following explains to you the Nature of our Purchases hitherto: what has been received into Warehouse, and what is outstanding viz.

	Amount reced.			Amount Outstanding.	
	Cands.	Cans.	Md.	Ca.	Md.
ACCOUNT OF PURCHASES					
Chatoo Chitty at 74	1000	—	752	11	247 9
Badamalla Putterah viz.					
Ca. Md.					
380 2 at 76.					
123 4 @ 78.					
503 6	503	6	503	6	..
Shavary Putterah at 76	217	14	217	14	..
Cuniseu of Cotata @ 78	250	—	117	15	132 5
Nellate Tupy, & 3 Moors in the					
Buzar at 76	250	—	193	18	56 2
Nelleratt Assem @ 76	25	—	17	4	7 16
Bought of Sundry Persons & pd.					
for it on delivery @ 76	56	14	56	14	..
Usem Cutty of Irricure 76	15	—	11	16	3 4
	2317	14	1870	18	446 16

OUR Remains in Warehouse to this day is fifteen hundred seventy two Candies, which added to the Amount outstanding, and including the Surplus we expect to get for compleating the two thousand five hundred Candies abovemention'd, we shall have only in readiness even admitting the several Contractors answer their Engagements two thousand two hundred one Candies, which will be far short we fear of what may be wanted, and therefore we presume your Hon^r. &c^a. will be under a necessity of buying some at Carwar and Onore; and we must observe that it is more than probable some of the above Persons may not fully weigh us their whole Amount untill next January, or February. The ensuing Crop we can in no wise judge of at present, but we are assured the late drought has destroy'd many of the Pepper Vines, and if the Rains do not prove favourable a scarcity must happen. We would willingly have recourse to Callicutt for getting some there, but we apprehend the quantity would be very small, and draining that Place might advance the Price there, and so prove a stronger Temptation to the carrying it thither from the parts hereabouts.

OUR outstanding Credits continue as we have before advised, the Samorine shall be applied to in July for Paying the hundred thousand Fanams he stands at that time engaged to deliver us. Puniture Rajah has not been served with the Arrest of Braminees we proposed, because we are very dubious it would only prove an expence, and indeed we fear what he, Ponicarry, and the Mother Queen owes will never be recovered, though we shall embrace all suitable Opportunities for obtaining what is possible.

'Tis with concern we acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. how ill we have succeeded in the cultivation of Durmapatam, all Sorts of People being full of apprehensions of base practices from the King of Cotata, and therefore are terrified from settling there; and for us to hire Men on purpose to go on with it's improvement we conjecture would only tend to the wasting of Mony. The Salt from which we had hopes of reaping benefit is now at a lower Value than it has been for some Years past, and indeed unless we are so fortunate as to prevail on a number of Labouring People to abide on the Island, we shall not be able to render it's Revenues even what they were esteemed to have been when in the possession of the Prince, and King of Cotata; we are applying all means possible for inducing a resort of People thither that may proceed in tillage, as well as contribute towards it's defence. Our other small Revenues are on the footing heretofore, and which will hardly be augmented in any reasonable time.

OUR Bengall Rice is near vended though with a considerable loss, but as the Provision thereof was intended for the Princes Service, we have carried a Share of s^d Loss to his Account. We are supplied with ten thousand Bales from Mangalore which Cost us with charges included nearest seven Fanams three quarters the bale, and we deliver it to our Military and others depending on us at eight.

THE President and Council of Madrass having permitted our detaining here such of their Detachment as had not Families; we returned them on the Decker only the two Officers, a Serjeant, Drummer, and four Topasses. As we have before mention'd the Anjengo Military repaired thither in March. We say nothing here of the present State of our Garrison as your Hon^r. &c^a. are apprized thereof from the Abstracts forwarded.

DOCTOR MOORE'S Salary is made good to his from the 1st. of July last in pursuance of your Commands.

THE Accounts of the Detachments hither ^{to} Robert in November 1734, and Wilmington in February 1734/5 have been render'd to us very confused, through the Officers transmitting us their several demands, exclusive of that signed by your Paymaster, and we comparing one with the other did conceive the said Officers Accounts contained the whole the People were indebted, as the Article of Cloathing was incerted by 'em. For the better settling however the s^d Account, we transmit your Hon^r. &c^a. under N^o. 6 the List of the Detachments with their Debts as made out by your Paymaster in one Column, in another the Sums we have collected in the whole, what yet due, and notice of the overpayments by several of the Men, and in an Account Currant at the foot 'tis explained that Captain Kerr is to make good thereon forty three Rupees, one quarter, twenty eight Raes, recovered by him, and the remainder being Six hundred fifty Rupees, three quarters, is receivd into our Cash; you will observe there are Sundry Men yet indebted who are not here, and others that are here have paid more than they were charged by the Paymaster, and now we must intreat your Hon^r. &c^a. to inform us whether any more Stoppages are to be made, and whether those who seem to have overpaid are to have anything restored; but we cannot help remarking that if the Officers demands are still to be satisfied it will give exceeding discontent, and to us it seems that many of the Men have been trusted even by the Paymaster's Account very considerably, and several Complain they are overcharged. We beg leave to repeat than [*sic*] no more has been recovered from the Detachments than is specified in the premention'd Account, which your Hon^r. &c^a. may please to appropriate as you think proper.

WE have received the Account of the Sepoys from July last, but as for the space between that and the 1st. January 1734/5 no Account hath been sent us, and consequently no Credit given on our Books, we have inclosed transmitted under N^o. 7. an Abstract of what we esteem must be charged to this Settlement from said date to the Ultimo July next, and which is taken from our Paymasters Account wherein he monthly incerts the number of Men of Service, and who received diet, we also notifie therein the several Sums advanced the Subadars here, and what has been made good to those Sepoys who had not Families at Bombay in order that the whole Account may be regularly adjusted, and if any errors do appear we may be

apprized in time for making our Adjustment with the Presidency on next Books, and on these carrying on for being closed in July we shall enter the Amount we judge ought to be charged us pursuant to the Account now stated, and sent.

UNDER N^o. 8 we forward a List of the People of the Darmouse, and Turay Gallivatts with the Account of Wages supposed to be paid at Bombay, the Master, and Gunner of the former who remain here are reckoned to the Ultimo July and the others to the 15th. April and 15th. May, when this presum'd they might Arrive with you, if any mistakes are committed we desire to be informed for our rectifying thereof.

WE had determined in order to reduce our charges and Outworks to have demolished Putinha on the setting in of the Rains, but Mons^r. Tremisot Chief of Mihie dying the 1st. of May, and Succeeded by M^r. Bunel the Second who we apprehended might be too much influenced by the third M^r. Louet a Person of remarkable turbulency, and not knowing what Schemes might be set on foot for molesting us. We agreed to deferr executing our Resolution till August next, when we may be better able to judge of the dispositions of those now in the Government of Mihie.

OUR Redoubt at Madacarra is not yet fully Completed, but however is in a defensible State, we are sorry to find the expence will exceed the Sum we had mention'd in our Consultation sent you of the 26th. February, though we assure your Hon^r. &c^a. there is all possible care taken for avoiding all unnecessary charges; our aim has been to render the place small and strong capable of being preserved by a few men, and we hope no censure will attend our beginning the work without your previous leave, which to have waited for might have been attended with detriment.

UNDER N^o. 14th. we transmit a rectified Invoice of what sent on the 9th. April last by the Bombay Cruizers amounting to one hundred thirty thousand six hundred fourteen Fanams, nine Vis, which we Debt the Presidency for as we shall do the value of twenty Barrells damaged Gunpowder weighing two thousand two hundred forty four pounds laded on the Martha when we are apprized of it's worth; we desire to be informed likewise what we are to charge for the old Arms sent up on the Scarborough in November 1735, others ⚔ Neptune Grab in April 1736, and the last forwarded ⚔ Decker in January.

OUR Treasury Account for May under N^o. 3 will shew your Hon^r. &c^a. our present remains, having paid for all the Pepper contained in the preceeding Account of our Contracts, and therefore you will be able to judge what Supplies are necessary for defraying our Charges and providing of what Pepper may be procurable.

THE DUTCH after having several conferences with the Canaree Generall without being capable of effecting the Accommodation they proposed by inducing them to restore the Mallabar Country to the Prince; went away to Cochin the latter end of April, threatening to return early in the Season in order to force the Canarees to a Compliance of what demanded; but the Second of Cochin and the Captain charged with the above affair did before their leaving Cannanore write us a Letter of Complaint touching the Behaviour of our Officer of Madacarra, Translate whereof with our Answer thereto are now forwarded under N^o. 9, and we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will not disapprove of ours reasons given therein, nor do we believe it will be disagreeable to you that we on all future occasions maintain the same points in vindicating our title to the Rivers and Places under the Command of our Fortresses.


THE CANAREES have employ'd many Artificers for securing their fort of Ayconny, and 'tis now render'd as strong as the nature of it's figure will admit, in April they made a feint of attacking Madday now in the hands of our Prince, and defended with Sixty of his Christian Soldiers and Nairs, but presently drew off; this Place stands on an eminence Northward of Madacarra about four Miles, the Fortification being made with Stone laid in Earth, is not likely to make any great resistance against Cannon; though we conceive it will not be in any danger till the opening of the Season as the Canaree Army seem determin'd to continue in their present encampment four Miles distant from Madday somewhat Inland. They

have at two several times appeared in small parties on the neck of Land near Madacarra, but as their so doing was contrary to their Engagements our People from the Fortress, and small Gallivatt placed at the entrance of the River, fired a few Shott on them with which they retired.

OUR Messenger sent with the Present to the King of Bednure returned in April with a Letter to the Chief whose translate goes under N^o. 5 but although we are assured the Ratification of our Articles has been transmitted by him to Surapaya the Governour of Mangalore the latter yet detaines it from us though applied to for it, we suppose he has in view to perswade our permitting his Vessells with Provisions to enter the River Billiapatam previous to delivering it to us, but as our compliance would not only be a baseness to the Mallabars as well as giving up a point we had so often refused to consent to, and even declared we would enter on no Peace with such a Condition; so we shall in no wise deviate therefrom prove the Consequence howsoever, having sufficient Experience that acceding to anything we are not bound to by our Articles would bring on many more unjust demands: but the better to keep them in awe we conceive it will be necessary to have the Dolphin Gallivatt to join the Tiger now repairing at Callicutt, and send up the two small ones now here: and we entreat your Hon^r. &c^a. will if possible gratify us therein, although the expence in detaining those two large Gallivatts here will prove so considerable. We have recovered to the Amount of three thousand Pagodas in part of the Sum which does appear by Mr. Lynch's Narrative to be engaged for to us by the Governour of Mangalore; and we believe the sum outstanding will be made good speedily as the time for paying it is expired, when the whole is collected we propose dividing it in the manner we have before notified to your Hon^r. &c^a.

ON the 13th. April the Prince Cunhi Homo had a long Conference with us, intimating that he had hopes we would have sustained the War, and joined the Dutch in the manner we did in reducing Cadalay, assuring us the issue should not have terminated to our disadvantage, as he never intended to gratifie that Company with the one thousand Candies Pepper on low terms, otherwise than from the parts at present under the Canaree Dominion, nor could they require anything from him untill the Enemy were made to forsake the Mallabar Territories. That at present he is divested of the aid he expected from them, as they are retired to Cochin, nor is he likely to be Succoured by us since our Peace with the Canarees is concluded. He is therefore in great Streights and wished we could yet afford him the necessary for preserving his Country, and we may be confident he will in no wise ever permit the Dutch to interfere with us in the Trade we have hitherto carried on; but if we cannot do him this Service we must not be dissatisfied if he hereafters [*sic*] listens to them in his distress; though nothing shall induce him to swerve from the Friendship he is determined to maintain with the English: during this discourse notice was brought him of the Canarees having approached Madday the Place before mention'd, and that his People therein were unprovided with Warlike Stores and Provisions for defending it, he therefore pressed us to furnish him immediately with every Specie, and we considering it would be most agreeable to your Hon^r. &c^a. to gratifie him, did spare in Gunpowder, Arms, Shott &c^a. to the Amount of seven thousand one hundred forty nine Fanams, three Vis, which has been of the greatest Service in preserving the Place; and after signing an Ola to us for his debt which amounted exclusive of the above Supply to two hundred Sixty one thousand six hundred thirty two Tellicherry Fanams, fourteen Vis, he hasted away. We have since then recovered from the Achamars of Randotarra on his Account twenty four thousand eight hundred and eight Fanams.

WE are not without apprehensions the Dutch by not hitherto concluding their disputes with the Canarees may have in view to make a vigorous effort the next Season, and then engage our Prince to comply with the proposed conditions in their favour, in prejudice of our Interest, and to prevent which it occurs to us, that he may by a Supply of Mony, perhaps five or six thousand fanams monthly, be prevailed on to enter into an engagement with us, not in any wise to join them, but this point ought to be settled with him speedily, before he has any certainty of

their actually intending to apply the force talked of. Though tis to be considered whether this method may sufficiently enable him to stop the Career of the Canarees, or if for guarding against the Evills your Hon^r. &c^a. apprehend in your Commands  Decker, we ought rather still to aid the Prince openly in defending his Country, and we shall not want pretences for justifying the same to the Canarees as signified in our Address of the 5th. April. Indeed we of ourselves are greatly to seek in the present case, the Peace we concluded was in our judgment unavoidable for the reasons already laid before you; and 'tis not improbable but the Dutch may on a farther consideration esteem the restoring the Mallabar Country as an undertaking too difficult as well as expensive, and therefore give it up on the other hand the Canarees may become lukewarm in a Conquest that does not promise them any thing more than satisfying their Revenge. On the whole we must submit to your Hon^r. &c^a. determination though we confess that if our Hon^d. Masters are willing to bear the charge of protecting the Mallabar Country it will probably for some time at least render the Prince, and those now under the Canaree Tyranny, highly obliged, but the Execution thereof we conceive cannot be without a large Force, and most extraordinary Sums.

THE King of Cotata having been for some time past engaged in a dispute with his Subjects who opposed him in collecting some severe Taxes, we are now free from his Molestations, but as his disposition is remarkably haughty, and he averse to our possessing Durmapatam we may justly apprehend he will whenever 'tis in his power give us trouble and we fear in the end we shall be under a necessity of resisting him. Boyanores Country is also greatly disturbed, through one of the principal Mens aiming at grasping the Government from the late Boyanores Family, and 'tis not unlikely but a Civil War may be begun there, thus are the Mallabar Powers embroiled among themselves while the Canarees are subduing the Country.

OUR Paymasters account for May goes under N^o. 4 which still continues to run very high though there are several charges that will speedily cease, but in our present State of maintaining so many places it will be impossible to bring the Expences into the Limitations that may be expected, and yet there are many reasons occurring for keeping said places for the protection of the Trade.

OUR Indent for Stores under N^o. 12 we intreat may be complied with, as well as the Surgeons number 13th. and we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will give us a suitable Supply of Stationary Ware, which we are generally very bare of.

M^r. RICHARD LYNCH humbly intreats your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to permit of his return to Bombay, and we cannot avoid beseeching you will afford us two able Assistants who we assure you may be employed to the great advantage of the Settlement.

WE have already apprized Your Hon^r. &c^a. of our accommodating with the Moors of Cannanore, who have since given us no reason of Complaint. We are with all imaginable Respect.

HON SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient & most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

JUNE THE 9TH. 1737.

 PATTAMAR

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PAQUETT TO BOMBAY DATED JUNE THE 9TH. 1737
 PATTAMAR.

- No. 1. Tellicherry General under sd̄ date.
2. Duplicate of ditto dated May the 11th. 1737.
3. Treasury Account for May.
4. Paymasters Account ditto.
5. Translate of the King of Bednures Letter to the Chief April 10th. 1737.
6. List of the Bombay Detachments, with the Amount of each Mans Original debt &c^a.
7. Abstract of the Sepoys and Officers Pay at Tellicherry from the 1st. of January 1734/5 to the Ultimo July 1737.
8. Account of Wages due to the People belonging to the Darimous and Turay Gallivatts.
9. Translate of a Letter from the Dutch Second, and Captain of Cochin dated April the 19th. 1737. with our Answer.
10. List of Ships & Vessells Imported & Exported at Tellicherry Commencing September 10th. 1736 Ending April 26th. 1737.
11. Price Currant of Goods at Tellicherry and Callicutt with the rate of Coins at each Place taken June 1737.
12. Indent of Stores.
13. Ditto Medicines
14. Invoice P the Bombay Cruizers, & Martha Grab in April 1737.
15. Copy of Ship Deckers Invoice to Madrass and Bengall ditto.
16. Bill of Lading ditto.
17. List of the Packett.

INDENT OF STORES WANTED FOR THE USE OF TELLICHERRY, FORWARDED TO
 BOMBAY THE 9TH. JUNE 1737 PATTAMAR VIZ.

Firelocks	..	..	..	..	100
Cannon Cartridge Paper	..	..	..	..	4 Reams
Flints	..	..	..	..	5000
Buff Belts	..	..	..	..	100
Holland Duck	..	..	..	..	10 Bolts
Europe Twine	..	..	..	..	200 lb.
Bengall ditto	..	..	..	..	200 lb.
Copper Plate	..	..	..	..	100 lb.
Lath Nails	..	..	..	..	200 lb. very much wanted.
Pump ditto	..	..	..	..	100 lb.
Iron 200 Barrs viz					
ba.					
100 flat					} Barrs
100 Square					
200					
Padlocks	..	..	..	..	10
Guimlets	..	..	..	..	12
Files	..	..	..	..	50
Rasps large	..	..	..	..	12
Drums	..	..	..	..	4
Gunpowder 50 Barrells viz					
10 Europe fine.					
15 ditto Cannon.					
5 Bombay fine.					
20 ditto Cannon.					
50					
Round shott 4000 viz.					
1000 of 2 Ounces.					
2000 4 D ^o .					
1000 8 D.					
4000					

Cohorn Shells 400 of 4½ Inch.
 Brass Mortars 2 4½ D°.
 Tar . . . 10 Barrells.
 Bouch Barrells 24.
 Gunners Bitts 6 dozen of Sorts.
 Fuzees of Sorts 1200 viz.
 200 Bomb of 7¾ Inch.
 500 Cohorn 4½ ditto.
 500 Hand Granados of 2¾ Inch.

1200

Broad Cloth 4 Pieces viz.
 1 P^s. of Officers.
 2 d°. Coarse Soldiers.
 1 d°. of Green for the Office.

4 Pieces.

Perpetts 6 Pieces blue.
 Stationary Ware viz.
 1ream of 1 Paper.
 2 Ditto 2 d°.
 1 Ditto 3 d°.
 ½ Ditto of Post d°.
 2 Ditto small d°.
 1 Quire of blue d°.
 500 Quils.
 3 Ink Glasses.
 12 Papers Ink Powder.
 3 Penknives.
 3 Rulers.
 2 Ivory Folders.
 2 Pieces red Tape.
 ½ lb. of Pounce.
 ½ lb. Wafers.
 2 lb. of Sealing Wax.
 1 Pair of Compasses.

STEPHEN LAW.
 W^m. FORBES.
 H^m. HOWARD.
 W^m. JEYNSON.
 RICHARD LYNCH.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.
 CHIEF & C^a. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR, AND SIRs,

ON the 21st. April we received Your Letter of the 25th. March by the Cannanore Munchua, and on the 5th. Instant, that of the 24th. May.

ENSIGN RODERICK FORBES was very right in acquainting you he received no more than twenty Firelocks, Boxes, and Bayonets, but Captain Gibbs had orders and says he did deliver two others into the hands of the Master of your Sloop, which makes up the number we advised of twenty two, and which we hope you will find to be so an [*sic*] further enquiry; the Firelock and pair of Pistolls carried down by the aforesaid Ensign we received by the Cannanore Munchua.

THE Family of Ally Rajah having given us Assurances of a more Friendly behaviour in future, we have been induced to restore the Munchua to them with all the particulars we received, save such as belonged to particular Freighters, and we have made them all easy, although there was a Complaint of the loss of a few of their things, which we are persuaded was not in your power to Remedy

The eighty seven Rupees, three quarters, and fifty Raes, you had expended on this Vessell is made good to the Chief here, who will Account with Mr. Wake for it.

You were very kind in forwarding us with so much Speed the advices received from Madrass with the List of Ships sent out by our Hon. Masters this Year, we shall do our parts for Answering the demands on us for completing the large Tonnage, that will be required from this Side, but are sorry to say Pepper is very Scarce and dear. We have as yet no Letters from Madrass nor does any thing material occur for Communicating to you. We are

SIR AND SIRs,

Your most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^e. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY,
JUNE THE 11TH. 1737.
PATTAMAR

TO THE HON^r JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR & C^a. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^r SIR AND SIRs

THIS accompanies Duplicate of our last Address of the 9th. Instant, with Copies of the several Papers then forwarded.

THERE has nothing material occurred since, save that the Fort of Madday belonging to the Prince is fallen down on one side through the Rains, and 'tis said the Canarees are making a Bridge over the River inland, for giving them an easy access to the parts bordering on Billiapatam, while said Prince seems very unactive, and either has not Mony, or will not issue it for supporting a Body of Nairs, nay he even drew away the two hundred he had appointed for the Defence of the prementioned Fort, but hath since remanded them back, and we are told, is repairing it with what expedition he can. 'Tis too evident there is a remarkable supineness in the Mallabars in Generall, nor can they be assisted openly without our bearing the main Burthen of the War, we shall be glad to have your Hon^r. & C^a. directions as soon as possible, whether to aid the Prince with a monthly Allowance of five or Six thousand Fanams, as proposed in our last, appear openly against the Canarees in defending his Country, or continue entirely Neutrall; indeed there will occur we presume, many objections to your Hon^r & C^a. in each of the premention'd cases, but we believe the Assistance of the Mony will prevent his entering into any measures with the Dutch, though it may not prove effectual for preserving his Dominions, against his Enemies.

WE find it impracticable at present to made [sic] any Contracts for Pepper, which is very Scarce, and at eighty Rupees the Candy, for two or three days past, we have had no Rain, and should the dry Weather continue it will extreamply prejudice the Pepper Vines, and every thing else. We beg leave to Conclude with all imaginable Respect.

HON SIR AND SIRs,

Your most faithful, & most Obedient humble Serv^{ts}.

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^e. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
JUNE THE 15TH. 1737.
PATTAMAR

TRANSLATE OF PRINCE CUNHI HOMOS OLA DELIVERED US THE 5TH. JULY 1737.

As there hath hitherto Subsisted a reciprocal Friendship between me, and those of my Palace with the English Company, sundry Priviledges have been granted to sd Company, and which I am determined to maintain, nor will I enter on any terms of Amity with any European Nation whatever in prejudice of them, but should such apply to me on any mattersoever I engage not to transact anything with them without the Consent and approval of those in the direction of Tellicherry, and in all things give the strongest proofs of my sincerest attachment to sd English Company, hoping at the same time they will contribute what in their power towards the Prosperity of this Kingdom. Given this Month of July 1737.

Mallabar 912.

TRANSLATE OF PRINCE CUNHI HOMO'S OLA DELIVERED THE 5TH. JULY 1737,
BUT BEARS DATE IN MARCH 1736.

BESIDE the Fortresses hitherto granted to the English Company by me and my Predecessors in this Kingdom, I do now empower them to erect another at the entrance of the River Billiapatam on the spot called Madacarra, there to enjoy the sole Traffick of Pepper and Cardamums produced in those parts, and moreover with an Intent that they do prevent the Canarees frequenting with their Vessells for molesting me that way. I do also empower the said Company to erect another Fortress on the point of Eddecaute for the better Security of their Trade carried on in the Country of Randotarra. Given in March 1736.

MALLABAR 910.

TO ENSIGN HENRY FORBES
IN COMMAND OF MADACARRA.

SIR,

HAVING some motives immediately pressing us to provide for the Security of Your Fortress, we now send Captⁿ. Gibbs to consider with you on the following points namely.

- 1st. Howmany Men and of what denomination are required for the preserving your place, against the Enemy you may apprehend will come against you.
2. The quantity of Ammunition and Provision wanting of all kinds, and how the same may be secured in the present condition of your Magazine.
3. To consult with him of all other expedients suitable for annoying those who may attack you.

You have plain and possitive Instructions from us under the 13th. April how to treat the Canarees should they presume to approach your place, which we now enforce by enjoining you to do them all the mischief you can, should they appear within the reach of your Shott, and the better to do this the Master of the Gallivatt repairs to you for Launching the Vessell who you must Station where she may best Command the point of Mattamy.

Do you weigh and consider every Circumstance with Capⁿ. Gibbs, and omit nothing that is material for maintaining the Reputation, and Security of the Hoñ Companies Affairs committed to your charge. We are

SIR

Your most Affectionate Friends,

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
AUGUST THE 5TH. 1737.

TO THE HON JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON SIR AND SIRs,

HAVING an Opportunity by a private Pattamar we now transmit Triplicate of our Address under the 9th. and Duplicate of the 15th. June.

THE Prince Cunhi Homo came hither yesterday and represented how much he is Streightned [*sic*] for want of Mony, towards enabling him to keep up a competent number of Nairs for resisting the Canarees, and that unless we can contribute something he shall be under a necessity of suffering them to force the passes of Maddy, and Talliparambu, when they will soon appear on the borders of Billiapatam River. He also set forth his being in no wise desirous of cultivating a Friendship with any other European power, for obtaining their Assistance, and though we might censure his Conduct, touching his late transactions with the Dutch, he could assure us he had no other intention therein, than to have assigned them such a Share of Pepper as is produced in the parts now absolutely under the Canaree Dominion, which as they the Dutch offered to restore to the Mallabars, he imagined we could not be rendered sufferers by Granting to them what at present we are totally excluded from. And in fine prove the event howsoever he will not Swerve from his Resolution of solely relying on the Friendship of our Hon Masters, to solicit a Loane we would not attempt as he is already so greatly indebted, but hoped we would so consider his present necessities, as that he may be rendered able to make head against his Enemies, for otherwise the Consequences will prove very fatal to the Country in General, & to himself such as might oblige him to repair to the Country of Travancore, whose King being his near Relation has sent him several pressing invitations to repair to him, where he may in future spend his days with the greatest Tranquility.

YOUR HON^R. & C^A. will please to consider the many reasons that naturally offer for gratifying this Prince in some measure as he is in all appearance well attackt [*sic*] to us, and that if we should afford him only professions and Compliments he might be tempted to listen to the Dutch once more, from whence the mischiefs already apprehended might result. We therefore in hopes our Conduct might not be displeasing to you did tender him a Present, or aid of one thousand Rupees per Month, to be continued untill we might receive your Directions therein, and hinted to him how Agreeable it would be to your Hon^r. & C^a. to have a Writing promising in the express terms not to have any future intercourse with whatsoever Europeans without our privity and Consent, this he immediately granted as per Translate of his Ola herewith forwarded. But assured us the Sum offered was short of his necessities, and though he could not claim even that or more, yet he wished we could augment it, however he would repair to his Palace for trying to put his Affairs in such a State as might probably answer his views for keeping the Enemy at a Stand, and in case he has a prospect of succeeding he will then claim the prementioned, but if not he will decline receiving it, this declaration we have no cause to suppose proceeded from his slighting our offers, but from an unwillingness to put our Hon Masters to an Expencc not likely to prove of utility. We shall not take upon us to say much on the State of things this way, as your Hon^r. & C^a. will judge better than we of the mischiefs threatning the Settlement, in case the Prince looses his authority, through the Success of his Enemy, or should to avoid it engage with the Dutch. For our parts we have all along discovered the dangers, but then we had no hopes of applying a remedy, without issuing such Sums as we had no reason to believe would be approved of, nor could we on any just grounds suppose ourselves capable of maintaining the late Contest with the Force under our Direction.

As we had not hitherto obtained a Grant from the Prince for holding the Fortress of Eddecaute and Madacarra, we took the opportunity on his being here

to solicit it, and which he readily delivered us as P . Translate herewith sent, which we made to bear Date in March 1736 the time of our assuming those Places. We are

HON^r SIR AND SIRs,

Your most Obedient hum^l Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY,
JULY THE 6TH. 1737.
(VIA GOA) P Boat

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^r.
CHIEF OF TELLICHERRY, & M^r. LYNCH.

GENTLEMEN,

WE received your Letter of this date, & observe what you write about the Peace to be settled between the King of Bednure, and Prince of Colastree, Maddy River to separate their respective borders, & what else you mention in your Letter, & that Saturday next is the time fixed for exchanging the Articles on the point of Mattamy, where the Chief cannot avoid being present, to all which we have no Objections, & concur with you in Opinion, that it's better finishing things in that manner, as the Prince will not spend Mony to preserve his Country, than put the Hon^r Company to a great expence about an uncertain Contest.

CAPTⁿ. STERLING goes with twenty Men, a Drum, & Pair of Colours, which we think may be spared without detriment to this Settlement, we send the case of Arrack, 20 Bucketts, 5 Quire of Paper, likewise we wish you Success, & a speedy return, being with Respect.

GENTLEMEN,

Your most Obedient humble Servants,

W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
AUGUST THE 25TH. 1737.

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^r.
CHIEF OF TELLICHERRY, & M^r. LYNCH.

GENTLEMEN,

YOUR Letter of the 28th. Instant, came to hand this Morning, & observe what you write about the Canarées timorousness in coming to exchange the Articles of Peace with the Prince, & the fatigue they put you to in waiting for them, & the method you propose for bringing about the desired issue, in which we wish you Success, & that matters may be finished to your Satisfaction. There goes ^{Ma.} 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Biskett, and some Bread, with 3 quire of Paper, Pens, Ink, Wafers, & Wax. We are with Respect.

SIRS,

Your most Obedient humble Servants,

W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.

TELL^{RY}. AUGST. 29TH. 1737.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR AND SIRs,

THE enclosed is a Letter transmitted us by the Hon^{ble} President and Council of Bombay, which came to hand the 26th. Ult^o. by the Bombay Sloop, with directions to forward it by the first Opportunity, and which you will receive by a Munchua now on Departure for your Port, the Weather not permitting her being dispatched sooner.

TOME CONSECON a Soldier of this Garrison, has Liberty to proceed on her to bring up his Family.

THE two Musquetts deficient in those brought hither by your Detachment are now returned, and we are,

SIR AND SIRs,

Your most Hum^{ble} Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
W^M. FORBES.
H^M. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
SEPT^R. 17TH. 1737.

TO THE HON^{ble} JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^{ble} SIR & SIRs,

A Goa Boat coming in this Evening on her return from Mihie, whither she is said to have been express, gives us an Opportunity of writing this short Letter.

INCLOSED you have what we drew out under the 6th. July, which we expected to have forwarded by a private Pattamar, we were told would be dispatched from Mihie, but did not proceed.

THE SHIP FAME lay off here the 15th. Ultimo, & sent a Shore some private Letters, Sailing directly away; and on the 26th. we received your Hon^r. & C^a. Commands of the 19th. of that Month by Bombay Sloop who left us the next day after being provided with some Iron Work she wanted. The General Letter she brought to be forwarded to Anjengo went thither Yesterday by a Munchua being the first Opportunity that offered. We beg you will excuse our present Conciseness herein as we have not time to be more Prolix.

IN our Address of the 9th. June by Pattamar we mention'd our having Contracted this Season commencing January last for ^{Candies. md.} 2317. 14. of Pepper, of which we have only recovered to this day ^{Cands. md.} 2045., 10 the remainder being ^{Ca. md.} 272. 4 is still standing out with Chautoo Chittee chiefly, and we are apprehensive, he cannot weigh us the whole, he is indebted till the new Crop is gathered, the price being risen to eighty four Rupees the Candy, through the demands of the French, and as our Submitting to pay so exorbitantly for it would highly prejudice our future purchases, we have determin'd to make none at that rate, conceiving it will be more eligible to buy a small quantity at Carwar, or Onore, for completing the Tonnage immediately required, than Subject our Hon^{ble} Masters to a severe loss hereafter at this place, for 'tis notorious that once acquiescing thereto would dis-^{Can^s. Md.} able us from lowering the value; our Stock in Warehouse at this time is 1692. 1. and adding thereto the preceeding Amount of ^{Cands. Md.} 272. 4. outstanding admitting we do receive it, your Hon^r. & C^a. cannot depend on more than ^{Cands. Md.} 1964. 5. Of old

Pepper; nor shall we attempt procuring any at Onore, as we have no Embarkations to bring it from thence with safety: you will please to remark that the last ^{Cand's. Md.} mention'd with 353. 9. laden on the Decker adjusts the Purchases of this Season.

THE Mother Queen has at last paid us sixteen thousand Fanams, being the amount of her Debt with the Interest doubled; and we are in hopes that on, or about November next we may recover the hundred C Fanams which the Samorine engaged to deliver us in July last.

THE accompanying Letter intended to have been sent under the 6th. July represents the necessity we deem'd ourselves under for allowing the Prince one thousand Rupees ₹ Mensem towards enabling him to contend with the Canarees, and we have supplied him since that time with the amount of 3444. ^{rup's. q^{rs}. rases} 3. 25. Two thousand Rupees of which will be bore by our Hoñ Masters, and the remainder ^{rup's. q^{rs}. rases} being 1444. 3. 25. is carried to his Debt. We soon found verified, what we had before conjectured that this Prince would not be capable of contending with his Enemies for in the beginning of August they drew near the Fort of Madday, and in a few days had batter'd the Walls in such a manner, that the sixty Christian Soldiers in it, and the Nairs deem'd it would be not long tenable, and as the Reduction thereof paved the way for their coming to Billiapatam River, we laboured all in our power for establishing a Peace, for which end the Chief with Mr. Rich^d. Lynch, and our Linguist were absent fourteen days, and at last were so fortunate as to fix it agreeable to the Articles now forwarded. The King of Bednures Confirmation is expected daily, and we have hopes they will arise no rupture between them for some time. The Fort of Madday lies about five Miles to the Northward of Billiapatam River, and is near Mount Dilly, yet the resignation of such a part of the Mallabar Country was unavoidable, as the Prince was not to be prevailed on to launch out for maintaining even eight hundred Nairs, and had not we submitted to the issuing the premention'd on his account such difficulties might have arise [*sic*] as to render the Peace precarious, and therefore we presume this part of our Conduct will not be disagreeable.

IN Confidence that the above Peace will stand good we have enter'd on a Reduction of our Charges, by dismissing forty five Carwar Sepoys, and twenty seven belonging to Bombay will be sent up by first Opportunity. The Tiger Gallivatt is well repaired at Callicutt, and who with the two small ones we propose returning whenever People arrive from your Hon^r. &c^a. for navigating them up. In our next we shall transmitt the present Regulation made for our standing Garrisons assuring you we have no other regard therein than what is conducive to the safety of the Settlement. We are most Respectfully

HON^r SIR & SIRs,

Your most Obedient & most hum^l Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^m. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

• TELlichERRY
SEPT^r. 18th. 1737.
(VIA GOA)

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BOMBAY DATED SEPTEMBER 18th. 1737. VIA GOA.

Tellicherry General under s^d date.
Ditto dated the 6th. July 1737.
Duplicate of Ditto the 15th. June.
Triplicate of D^o. 9. D^o.
Translate of the Princes Olas.
Copy of the Articles of Peace between the Mallabars & Canarees.
List of the Packet.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HON^{OR}S.

OUR last Address waited on you by the Defence under the 6th. February whose Duplicate goes inclosed under N^o. 2.

ON the 17th. April imported your Ship Decker, & Sailed the 25th. on whom we laded agreeable to the Commands of the Presidency Eleven hundred eighty six Candies of Pepper amounting to ninety four thousand nine hundred ninety five Rupees, one quarter, sixty Raes, which was Consigned to Madrass and Bengall, half to each, and by this Ship we received a Supply of eighty thousand Rupees.

ON the 23^d. March arrived the Britannia Grab, Rose, and Carolina Gallies from Bombay, who we were impower'd to employ against the Canarees, untill the 10th. April, then to return them up with some Timber directed to be provided for the use of Gombroon Factory, and such a quantity of Pepper as they might be able to carry: but as we had previous to their arrival accommodated with the Canarees, we only detain'd them till the 6th. which was unavoidable, through the Timber not being in readiness, and they carried two hundred seventy seven Candies, & an half of Pepper valued twenty one thousand three hundred fifty two Rupees; the Martha Grab hired here for conveying up our Supernumerary People sailed also in their Company: but on the 8th. came a Letter from the Presidency giving notice of the loss of Sallsett, and requiring our forwarding up all the Men we could spare, also Arms, this induced us to call in the Cruizers then in Sight, and on the 10th. we dispatched them with the Martha Grab, and three Gallivatts with one hundred ninety seven Sepoys, a hundred sixteen Lascars, and a hundred new Firelocks.

THE scarcity of Pepper this year has been such, and the Demands of Callicutt and Mihee so great, that we have been unable to Contract for more than ^{cans. md.} 2317. 14 Candies, and yet of that there is outstanding in the hands of the Merchants ^{cands. md.} 307. 11 but for your Hon^{OR}S. clearer view we Inclose under N^o. 3 the State of this head, taken from our Books closed the 31st. July 1736, which have been forwarded, and you will therein discover the quantities received since, with the value, and what has been sent away, likewise the present Remains in Warehouse of ^{cans. md.} 1709. 2. and adding thereto what is outstanding of ^{cans. md.} 307. 11. we are not likely to have ^{cans. md.} more in readiness untill January next than 2035. 2 which we dread may be too little for the dispatch of the departing Ships, and therefore we have taken the Liberty of recommending to the consideration of our Superiours, whether it may not be eligible to purchase some at Carwar or Onore, although the Price may be high.

AT present no Pepper is to be bought under Eighty four Rupees the Candy, and even to this we are assured the French have Submitted, but since our paying so dear for it might tend to influence the Owners to expect a high rate for the approaching Crop, we have declined Purchasing any lately, and the rather since tis to be imagined we might not at that exorbitant Price be able to get above Seventy or Eighty Candies.

THE extraordinary drought this Season has destroyed many of the Pepper Vines, and we have the greatest reason to believe the produce will be inconsiderable, though we cannot make a true judgment how much we may be capable of securing, nor at what price, all we can promise is the application of our best endeavours for Serving your Hon^{OR}S. to the utmost of our power.

WE have lately recovered the Mother Queens Debt which stood at Eight thousand Callicutt Fanams Principal, and in consideration of the long Interest due she was prevailed on to allow us the like Sum, making sixteen thousand in all.

though there will arise some deductions for what has been expended in several Arrests. The Samorine has not yet delivered us the one hundred thousand Fanams he engaged to pay in July last, but we believe we shall get it in November. From Durmett Ponycarre and Puniture Rajah we can obtain nothing as yet, but we shall carefully watch all Opportunities to recover something if possible. Prince Cunhi Homo to our great Concern has increased his Debt, through the Assistance we gave him in the War with the Canarees to forty eight thousand four hundred eighty three Rupees, one quarter, & ten Raes, which we shall earnestly strive to obtain from him.

IN our Address by the Wyndham we set forth our reasons why we deem'd ourselves to be under a necessity of making a Separate Peace with the Canarees, which was concluded the 9th. Febr'y on the conditions now sent under N^o. 6 and on the 19th. of that Month we withdrew our Forces from the Fort of Ayconny, which place very soon after fell into their hands, as the Prince would not assign the proper necessaries for defending it. The Dutch in order to gain a Peace with the Canarees, and at the same time an entrance into the Pepper Trade on conditions advantageous to themselves in the manner we before have represented, did appear in March last with sundry Vessells, and various conferences were held between them and the Canarees, as also with the Prince; but in fine they found their Force would not prove sufficient for making good their pompous promises to him, and they returned in April to Cochin without succeeding in anything they had proposed, though they threaten to come this Season with such a power as may be effectual for their intended purposes.

BEFORE the rains we were induced to grant him to the Amount of fourteen hundred twenty nine Rupees, three quarters, thirty five Raes in Warlike Stores by Loan to enable him to preserve a Fortress called Madday situate on this side Mount Dilly, and which was the rather Consented to as he was then disgusted with our striking up our seperate Peace, and we had some difficulty in keeping him on the same Friendly terms as formerly. In July he came hither, and notified his inability for contending with the Canarees without farther Assistance, which we judged ourselves compelled to listen to, or he might be tempted to renew his Conferences with the Dutch & our Superiours dreading the same, as well as ourselves we at last agreed to assign him one thousand Rupees monthly at your Hon^{rs}. expence to capacitate him in the preservation of the remains of his Country, taker then a writing from him whose Translate goes under N^o. 5 implying he will not hereafter transact whatever matter with any other European power, without our approbation being first had. The beginning of August the Canarees approached his Fort of Madday, and with a Bombardment for several days, and drawing near with Gabions it was soon brought into a ruinous State, not in a condition to be defended much longer, and as its reduction would give them a free access to Billiapatam River, and perhaps prove thereby intrumental [*sic*] for engaging us in a Contest with them, while the Prince seem'd unactive, as well as to the last degree avaritious. We judged we had only left to mediate a Peace, to which end the Chief with M^r. Richard Lynch and the Linguist repairs to Billiapatam, and though sd Prince could not defend himself nor rely on the Fidelity of the Nairs, many going over to the Canarees with the fifth King, and others wavering, he was hardly to be prevailed on to consent to the resigning by treaty what he was unable to defend: however on the 26th. the Peace was Concluded according to the Tenour of the Paper which now goes under N^o. 4. and on the 30th. we had a meeting with the Canaree General, and Prince at the entrance of Billiapatam River, when the Articles were exchanged, and we hope we may for some time be free from any molestation. The bringing about this desirable affair subjected your Hon^{rs}. to the expence of near five hundred Rupees, and we could not avoid lending the Prince fourteen hundred forty four Rupees, three quarters, twenty five Raes, for maintaining only Eight hundred Nairs, for the time the Conferences lasted, and we allowed him two thousand Rupees in Consequence of our promise made in July last, which is before taken notice of.

THE Fort of Madday now in possession of the Canarees, and from whence Northward remains to them, lies between five and Six Miles distant from Billiapatam River, and we apprehend the Mallabars have by the present treaty resigned to the extent of Sixteen Miles in Length, but the Breadth inland to the foot of the hills Eastward we cannot assert with certainty.

BY our fortunately concluding the abovementioned Peace we are in hopes our future Expence may be greatly moderated, and in this important affair we have proceeded with the utmost attention, for in April as remarked in the 3^d. Paragraph we returned to Bombay a hundred ninety Seven Sepoys, & one hundred sixteen Lascars in three Gallivatts, we remanded back twenty two Men to Anjengo of their Detachment, & forwarded to Madrass two Officers, one Serjeant, and five Soldièrs being a part of those sent to our Assistance the preceeding Year. In this month we have dismissed fortyfive Carwar Sepoys, and intend to cause twenty seven more belonging to Bombay to repair up by first Opportunity, yet as we hold so many small Works and Tellicherry Fort is large and irregular we presume the security of the whole requires the allotment we have made as ¶ the accompanying Abstract under N^o. 7.

OUR charges for the last Year which will appear in our Books closed to the 31st. July, amounts to Rupees one hundred thirty six thous^d. one hundred forty two, & an half; this is certainly a great Sum and must sencibly affect you, yet the troubles we have supported against so powerful an Adversary as was the King of Bednure rendered it impossible for us to avoid the same, and we esteem it a most fortunate event, in freeing the Settlement at last, from the severe mischiefs, which have threatned ever since the Chief's Arrival and from whence a most painful anxiety and fatigue has attended us. The above Amount is the more through our not Crediting the Presidency the preceeding Year for the pay advanced to the Family of the Sepoys sent us.

THE design which seemed to us to have been laid by the Dutch for eating us out of the Trade, and apprehending they might have in view to shut us out of Billiapatam River in particular; from whence we annually import five hundred Candies Pepper, with our dread that the Canarees might on the other hand attempt to render themselves Masters thereof, did induce us as appears by our Agreement enter'd into with them mention'd to be sent under N^o. 6 to cause them to assign over to us a small Fortress called Madacarra placed at the entrance of sd River, and wherein we had kept some People at the Princes charge ever since it's being taken from the sd Canarees. But this place being in no proper State of Defence, and the loss of it productive of the mischiefs recited, we thought it our Duty to add such works as might render it secure, & in March last we Commenced the same, so that it is near now Completed with a strong Wall, mounts Eight Guns, and may be preserved in peaceable times with the Complement assigned of twenty five Men including an Ensign, the Cost of which Work is six thousand seven hundred twenty four Rupees, & forty Raes. There is also another Battery near erected lately when we were allarmed with repeated notice of the Canarees having determined to violate their Articles by forcibly passing the River, but we shall raze the same at the close of the Season.

WE had before the Rain's under consideration the vacating and demolishing a small Redoubt named Putinha, Situated inland of Moylan, and raised for the Security of the district, against one Curringhoda Nair, but the French Chief Mons^r. Tremisott dying the 1st. of May, and not being sure of the Friendly disposition of the Successor, we suspended our design for the present, though we are still in hopes we may quit it with safety, and therefore in the Paper now forwarded containing the Complement of Men under No. 7. we have left out the twenty two military appropriated at this time for it's Garrison.

THE Hon^{ble} President and Council of Bombay having lately transmitted us sundry Paragraphs of your Commands to them namely, 21.38 ¶ Wilmington, and 4.29.35.36. & 54th. ¶ Grafton relating to this Settlement, we shall now proceed to give the necessary Reply thereto.

In the 21st.] Paragraph ¶ Wilmington you are pleased to impute the fault lay on us, through the extraordinary quantity of trash taken out of the Pepper laded on the Queen Caroline, remarking that it is double to what found heretofore; but we must beg your Hon^{rs}. will consider that no more than one hundred sixty Candies was received by her here, and the remainder at Anjengo, and since no notice is taken of that sent by us on the Scarborough we presume it answered as heretofore, from whence it may be concluded the extraordinary difference in that ¶ Queen Caroline arose from the Anjengo Pepper. We are sensible ours is far from being clean, and yet we cannot remedy it, when 'tis received from the Country, nor can we clean it thoroughly admitting your Hon^{rs}. willing to bear the loss, unless we are provided with the proper Implements in the manner they are at Bencoolen, and the method for using them pointed out to us: at present we are at some pains in taking out the small Stones, but anything we can devise here for freeing it of dust will be attended with Expence, and not Answer right at last.

WE humbly beg that our Diaries and Consultations may be carefully perused in relation to Durmapatam Island, and then we hope the severe Sentiments entertained in your 38th. Paragraph ¶ Grafton will not continue to lie on us, for it is very evident we never thought of settling thereon untill absolute necessity called upon us to secure it against the attempts of the Canarees and French, conceiving our permitting it to remain in possession of those capable of destroying your Interest, would have exposed us to your last displeasure; indeed we considered that you had laid out exorbitant Sums for preserving the Pepper Trade, and yet our holding s^d Island as an unavoidable expedient tending to the same end, would so far increase your Expences as to render the whole a annual charge vastly too high, & Tellicherry being a place of little Strength, through its exceeding irregularity, commanded by an adjacent Hill, & with many Defiles and Ditches near it. We therefore on a Supposition that an entire Security would be judged necessary, did leave it to be weighed by our Superiours, whether a good place on Durmapatam, and reducing Tellicherry to a small Work might not in the Compass of some Years prove a less expence, then holding both it and the Island, & though this is not found to square with your Sentiments, yet we still apprehend our proposal not entirely Contemptible if all Circumstances are duly weighed, & we can assert with the utmost truth, that we consulted nothing therein but your Interest.

THIS Place has now four small Redoubts on it, and to which we have assigned Sixty nine Men, including an Ensign, and Exclusive of eight more on Grove Island, which lies almost contiguous to the entrance of the River Trentapatam, and must therefore be preserved, but we are apprehensive that on any emergency it would be found extream difficult to secure so many Works as we at present hold. The Revenues from s^d Island have hitherto not amounted to more than twenty two hundred Rupees annual, but we hope and expect they will be augmented, when we can prevail on a suitable Number of Labouring People to settle thereon, and which will the readier resort thither on being assured of due Protection from the Treachery of the Neighbouring King of Cotata, who in July 1736, inhumanly Butchered one of your Men purely to terrifie others from repairing to us, and he moreover has this Year impeded our collecting such small Duties as we were authorized to take by Virtue of the Grant given your Hon^{rs}. by the Prince, which implies that s^d Place shall remain as your Property, together with the Barrs & Rivers leading to it, and Cotata repeatedly declared he would ratifie the same on the expulsion of the Canarees, though he has as yet failed in the performance of his promise, nor is it in our power to incline this King to a more favourable regard to us.

THE late heavy expences attending us, and taken notice of by your Hon^{rs}. as rising upon you from Year to Year we are extream Sorry for, but we certainly could not avoid this evil, otherwise than by Suffering the Canarees to Master the Country, and with it your Trade, from whence the severest Duties would have been laid on the Pepper, and through the resort of many Buyers, 'tis more than probable we might not in such wise be capable of furnishing the Tonnage of a Single Ship, indeed your Hon^{rs}. are pleased to imagine it may be bought on the Coast at all

times for ready Money, but we experimentally find there is more sought for at Callicut than can be got at the rate of a hundred Rupees for Candy and upwards; Carwar and Onore do not yeild much, and Cost above Ninety Rupees this Candy, and exclusive of those places prementioned 'tis not to be had save at Cochin, and there it is very uncertain.

THE unsettled State of this Country taken notice of by your Hon^{rs}. to have always Subsisted, and therefore not to be remedied by us, otherwise than by maintaining a Friendly Correspondence between the contending Parties, is a matter we shall steadily regard, but it unhappily falls out, through the disposition of the contending Parties, that a total Neutrality is not always possible, for as it has been a standing maxim here to prefer the Prince Cunhi Homo to all others, so we cannot help gratifying him at certain times in such a manner, as may give some dissatisfaction to others.

To the 36 Paragraph of your Hon^{rs}. Commands to Bombay, containing Gov^r. Adams's remarks, we may say the less as the Canarees are now at a good distance from us, and we hope they will so observe their late Treaty with the Mallabars and us, as to give no farther Molestation, the steps we took for obtaining which were such as occurred, and we are perswaded have proved of more Validity, than could have been the Presidents Letter to the Bednure Rajah stoping up his Ports, our Princes expostulations for perswading their retiring, though we presume these methods were inculcated, from a consideration of the former State of the Canara and Mallabar powers, which is now exceedingly altered.

THE proposall of a Single Work on Durmapatam and hoisting our Flag for preserving our Title thereto, we judge would not be enough, as there are two Rivers, & which must be Commaded, & there is no eminence between them from whence a Shott could impede the access of Boats.

FOR contending with any of the Mallabar Powers near us we humbly conceive it to be the worst maxim to employ Nairs, who are seldom Faithful, hardly ever exert a suitable Resolution, remarkable for misapplying the Powder and Shott, delivered them, subject to no discipline, and who are from the advantage resulting to them by our quarrells always ready to carry us into all the mischief they can, therefore we are steady in this belief that a due force of our own kept up, will both in respect to safety and Expence prove in the end a better method than hiring Nairs.

THE CHIEF most gratefully acknowledges the favour in augmenting his Board Wages, and hopes when things are maturely weighed, he will be found to have dedicated his most faithful and diligent endeavours in the discharge of the Trust reposed in him. We are in hopes that in future our Expences will be so far moderated as may well be bore by the Pepper exported, which point we shall most intently regard.

WE are very sorry we should mistake in the manner of drawing out the Commanders of the Wyndhams and Defences request for a Surplus of Pepper, by inserting the term low Freight, instead of half freight, But this did not arise otherwise than from our observing the Words to have been promiscuously used in the Paragraphs of your Hon^{rs}. Commands to Bombay, & thence to us, particularly in the Letter we received by those Ships, tis mentioned low Freight, we hope however this involuntary error will be pardoned, & we shall in future punctually conform to the directions we have since received for expressing any such Surplus to be at half Freight.

THE foregoing we wrote some time since in expectation of the Arrival of Ship Mountague, who imported the 23^d. Ultimo, her continuance here has been in no wise owing to us, but to the Commander, who came ill ashore, & still remains so.

WE have now received Intelligence, that the Bednure Rajah will not confirm the Peace made by his General with the Prince taken Notice of under the 9th. Paragraph, and that one Ragonat, who was formerly at the head of his Army against the Mallabars, is appointed to the Command with full Powers to carry on the War.

WE cannot be certain whether this News be true, but provided the Troubles are rekin[dl]ed, it will be extream difficult for us to Support your Interest, while the Mallabars are divided among themselves, & will not part with their Mony; and we are very apprehensive the Canarees will (unless we engage for opposing them) be soon capable of giving Laws to the Country, & thereby fill us with the same melancholy apprehensions we entertained they were Expelled.

NOTWITHSTANDING we are not in a condition to spare any Europeans from this Settlement, we have been compelled to permit John Christian a Serjeant, who has behaved well, and Joshua Taylor a Corporal of little worth, to return home on the Mountague, as the time which they were obliged to serve, has been long since expired. We [hav]e also taken a Shore from sd̄ Ship one Jn^o. House & in his stead se[nt] aboard Joseph Jones a Mariner; The former is apprehensive he may by this Exchange loos[e his wages] a[nd we] have assured him that your Hon^{rs}. will be pleased to direct th[at justice] be done him therein.

WE have required Capⁿ. Seale to deliver in an [account] of what Goods he may have taken aboard the Montague on his [own] proper Account since his Departure from Bombay, who acquaints us [that he] has not Laded any. We are with most profound Respect.

HON SIRS,

Your most Obedient and most Faithful humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
W^m. FORBES.
H^d. HOWARD.
W^m. JEYNSON.
RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
NOV^r. 2^d. 1737.
☞ MOUNTAGUE

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PACKET TO THE HON^{ble} COMPANY ☞ SHIP MOUNTAGUE
DATED THE 2^d. NOV^r. 1737.

Telly. General under sd̄ date.
Duplicate of D^o. ☞ Defence undr. 6th. Febr̄y 1736/7.
Calculate of Pepper exported from Telly. & Acco^{ts}. Remains.
Copy of the Articles of Peace enter'd into between the Canarees & Mallabars August the 26th. 1737.
Translate of Prince Cunhi Homo's Ola.
Copy of the Articles of Peace enter'd into between the Hon^{ble} Company and Canarees.
Abstract of Tellicherry Garrison, & disposition of the several Guards.
List of the Packet.

TO CAPTⁿ. DANIEL SEALE
COM^{dr}. OF SHIP MOUNTAGUE.

TELL^{RY}. NOV^r. 2^d. 1737.

SIR,

I am directed by Stephen Law Esq^r. Chief &c^a. Factors to require your delivering us a List of Goods, & there [sic] value, as you may have taken aboard your Ship on your own proper Acco[unt] since your Departure from Bombay to remain as a Register at this Settlement, agreeable to the standing Orders of the Hon^{ble} Company.

BY ORDER of the Worsp^l. Stephen Law Esq^r.
Chief &c^a. Factors at Tellicherry.

W^m. JEYNSON
Sec^{ry}.

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