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FORT ST. GEORGE GENERAL, DATED 20TH AUGUST & 4TH SEPT. 1711, ROR. PER BOUVILLIER, 9TH SEPTEMBER 1712 AND PER TANKBRVILLE THE 17TH DITTO.

1. The last ship dispatcht was the Frederick her Letter began the 27th December and was finisht the 25th January 1710. She sail'd the 28th.

2. Shall carefully peruse and observe all the Company's orders, cautions and prohibitions and comply with all their promises in former Letters.

3. Shall comply with the Company's directions about the Howland gone for China when she arrives. Two Madras ships now at Canton with large stocks besides several sumnes sent on a Portugees for Gold and a man of war of Goa with a stock also for Gold so fear the Howland will not be early dispatcht nor any of the ships get profit, and they have as many ships already as can dispatch.

4. The 9th Paragraph advises the Company would send to the Bay 180,000l. to the Coast 90,000l. the residue of 270,000l. the Total to be sent to both places that season but having no Account of the Derby's Cargo don't know how much to send to the Bay could be glad this might be ascertain'd for the future to prevent disputes.

5. Shall endeavour to keep a good correspondence with the Bay and cooperate with them for the publick good and to that end shall advise them on all occasions. Capt. Upton on their hands and are in debt (for the Bales received from thence) the President hopes to amend this hereafter.

6. Clause in Captains Instructions to keep company together outward bound very proper in these times the President by his remarks outward bound thinks it ought to be in charterparty with a Penalty as per enclosed Papers between him and Capt. Upton, had he not been aboard the three ships had not kept company to Madras.

7. Beg pardon for not advising of the French ships under Monsieur Grange--

8. Shall write to the Bay to act in concert for the safety of the homeward bound ships.
9. They keep a good correspondence with Pondicherry and find it for the Company's interest and the Country ships.
10. Shall follow the Company's orders in the 16th Paragraph for employing their ships in India to satisfaction.
11. Shall take care all ships be survey'd and repair'd before they begin to lade.
12. Pardon beg'd for the Composition made with the Freighters of the Kent will study the Company's interest in all things which they hope is an answer to the 23d Paragraph.
13. The councillor at St. Davids blameworthy for not protesting against Captain Hudson and Captain Phripp because they would carry no Bales to Madras such neglects shall be remedy'd hereafter.
14. The Heathcote was ordered to be dispatch'd immediately Halifax and Frederick arriv'd too late to be unladen and sent to the Bay to get there in December. Did not think it advisable to send the secret orders overland but shall do it for the future since the Company seem to approve it if necessity requires. Halifax did go the China voyage but might have been sooner dispatch'd to the Bay.
15. Shall use words at length for numbers instead of figures the mistake in the Rupees sent to the Bay by the Summers was as the Company observed.
16. Have due supplies of Packing Stuff &c from the Bay when wanted.
17. Shall supply St. Helena with Arrack, Rice &c when reasonable or order more from the Bay.
18. Do observe the orders about lading Petre shall depend on the Bay for its fineness having their assurances to send only fine.
19. Shall observe the Secret Committee's orders.
20. Refer to the Consultations and former General Letter for the reasons for not despatching the Bouverie.
22. Glad to hear so many Ships arriv'd safe wish the same Success annually.
23. They wish the number of ships taken up for all parts of India may succeed well.
24. The Successes arrived in the Bay the 4th March the 27th May received from hence the Company's Letters by her of the 5th and 7th June.
25. Have advised the Halifax arriv'd the 32d March from China and being survey'd as per Consultations of the 20th March and 2d April advanced the Captain 2,000 Pounds he having desire'd a supply. The Fredericks Letter promised when the Halifax return'd from China her short tonnage and Damage of Goods from the Bay should be adjusted. Three of the Council were ordered to adjust with the Captain as per Consultation of the 18th April, 9th May they reported the Captain having no power from his Owners desire'd the account might be determined in England this was thought sufficient and so rested till the new President arrived.
26. Refer to Consultations of the 3d, 7th, 9th and 14th March for account of Captain Raymonds seizing a vessel in Madras Road come from Pondicherry belonging to the Moors his submission is some atonement for his indiscretion and the affront to the Government of Madras such proceedings terrify the Natives hurt the Revenues and may put the French upon retaliating if so the Bales from St. Davids may be seized and occasion great trouble and charge to free them. If the Captains were under a Penalty they would not take out letters of Marque as now they do the Governor (if the Company don't order the contrary) will fire on a ship that violates the freedom of the Port but can't answer for the tameness of the then Predecessor.
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27. Have for three years past been surrounded with the French yet preserved the Company's estate and shall still do so if the Captains rashness don't make the French alter their measures.

28. St. George arriv'd the 25th April last from Galley the 27th they asked his reasons for paring with the outward bound fleet and got into Madras Road. He might accompany the Bouverie. His reasons for setting with the outward bound fleet he might get into the Bay but by contrary winds did not touch there. The Windsor did not touch the Keys of the Fort were deliver'd him and the Balance of the ships and that he should stay so long at Galle hope the Company will enquire into it and prevent it for the future.

29. Refer to Consultation of the 27th, 10th and 21st May for an account of Captain Goodmans opening the Company's treasure at Galley or elsewhere some say it was at Madera the consultation being not fully express have made the following remark: The Captain never gave any Account of it till the silver was found wanting nor show'd any attestation of the fact signed as usual by his Officers the Captains account is 21 oz. less than the Invoice of Chest No. 149 and is the only chest he owns he open'd the Chests No. 54, 292, and 241 wanted 264 oz. Suppos'd to be open'd by his Officers following his example the bags of two appear'd plainly to have been open'd it is very strange Captain Goodman outward bound at a Dutch Port should be so pressing for money as if he had no stock of his own or the ships and that he should stay so long at Galley hope the Company will enquire into it and prevent it for the future.

30. Refer to Consultation of the 21st May how the damaged Cloth per St. George was adjusted the Captain sold it for less than half Invoice price.

31. Bale of Broadcloth No. B per St. George invoiced at 6 Cloth all scarlett had only 6 pieces Scarlet and 3 Medleys.

32. By Consultation of the 22nd May the St. George was lett to Messrs. Davenport and Molines for 8,000 Pagodas to Bengall and Surata and 15,000 if she went to Persia and to be return'd by the 9th August 1713 the 11th June sent her to Vizagapatam with Pagodas 11184:34: in money and goods from thence she was to go to the Bay with Rupce 406,000 being value 160380 Pagodas.

33. The 10th July arriv'd the Dartmouth Aurungsbee and Avrilla. The President and Council for the 11th his Commission being arrived in Cape and the Keys of the Fort were deliver'd him and the Ballance of the Cash being Pagodas 84601:161 by the late Governor.

34. Howland and Hester sail'd from the Cape for China the 29th April. The Wind sco'd not touch there Loyal Cooks Donnegal Blenheim King William Carleton 2 Bristol Privateers and their Prizes sail'd with the Dutch fleet for Europe 2d May the Fleet frigotts from Bombay arriv'd the Cape sail'd the 15th for St. Helena. The 4th May arriv'd the Frederick from Madras with Mr. Roberts on board at the Cape. The London part'd from the outward bound ships the 21st May 240 leagues to the Eastward of Cape Paul.

35. Mr. Raworth sent down with the 5 Europe ships to St. Davids to moderate the State of affairs there with 100 of their best soldiers one Ensign 4 Serjeants ammunition and provisions as per List enclosed they sail'd the 17th but by contrary winds did not arrive till the 9th August sail'd thence the 12th and got into Madras Road the 13th August forced to despatch them so early that might get into the Bay and might also hasten home the Bouverie.

36. The Tankerville left Bombay the 3d. May and arriv'd Madras the 22d. July Captain giving reasons for this deviation enter'd after the consultation of the 23th July which refer to the Company have not press him to be gone that he might accompany the Bouverie.

37. The Tankerville left the Dutchess and Catherine at Bombay the 1st. intended to go down the Malabar coast for pepper the other freighting for Peria.
38. Howland and Hester Sail'd from Batavia for Canton the 3d July. The Stringer Galley left Batavia the beginning of June; Rochester was at Chusan in March have no later news of her.

39. The Company's Country shipping of Madras are the President of 3 Masts 95 ton, the Madapollam Yatch 25 ton, the Rising Sun Smack about 70 tons,

40. The 12th June sent down the President to Metchlepatam to carry the present thence to the Bay how she had been employ'd before the former Council are to account for who had ordered her from Bengal to proceed to the West Coast but the Jane being expected and having no news from thence of their wanting Bay goods have ordered her to return to the Fort.

41. The Madapollam which was blown ashore at St. Davids in April 1710 stay'd there till February then brought bales to Madras and return'd back don't hear she has been employ'd since.

42. The Rising Sun Smack is at Vizagapatam ready to bring bales from thence for the Halifox for what is past submit to the Company's judgment for the future shall take care they sail as cheap as possible and be employ'd most for the Company's Interest shall send their accounts yearly to see what they get or loose valuing them in the books as they are worth and debit and credit them as fitted and employ'd.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

43. Hope to sell the woollen Manufactures as last at about 5f> per cent on Invoice if the troubles and Warrs in the Countrey can be accommodated.

44. Shortness of time and hurry of business causes the List of Europe Goods demanded to be imperfect hope by the Halifox to do it better the Merchants take them as invoiced and unopen'd from the Company's Godowns to their own, while the Company's careful method of providing the goods in England continues can always keep up the same method their lists always drawn out by the Merchants consent who have no notion of the difference of Lists nor nicety in Manufacturing so as they be of the usuall fineness and Colours the President will when has time enquire more particularly about this.

45. Shall send the answer to the 38th Paragraph apart with the patterns incloseil need not send the Lists which cost dearest.

46. Having Cash enough have no occasion to part with any of their woollen Manufacture can't at present tell how guilt Leather and other things will sell their custom is to sell all Europe goods by contract reserving only for Presents and the Garrisons use this encourages the giving a good price if sold by retail could not vend half the quantity nor keep up the price.

47. The Merchants having 200 Bales of last years cloth unopen'd this now some must ly by at present.

48. The Iron will turn to good account the low price of the Lead makes them desire so small a quantity have 537 Caudy in warehouse can't dispose of what is in Bengal the Pegu Lead deprettating it which sells from $4 to 5 Pagodas a Caudy they will not sell the English under $6 without the Company's order.

49. The Swans design'd for the Nabob dyed in the bad wheather no doge were put on board nor Cases of Cordials hear they were to come on the Jane.

50. Have paid the Sums ordered in the Company's Letter.

51. Have received no wine fruit &c. or Horses from Persia for want of those supplies are forced to buy what can get at Madras wherein shall be good husbands but it would have been cheaper to have been sent from England.

52. Desire 6 tons of Beer for the use of the Coast the cask full hop'd the beer well hop't and stow'd in the Ballast to prevent broaching this will save 200
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Pagodas a year. If wine is sent desire it may be good rough Florence White Mountain and Lisbon and some Canary for the sick propose this to save expenses which the President finds considerably increased which they will lessen as soon as possible.

53. Storekeepers account of demands sent is drawn up carefully and will always turn to account.

54. The Cutlery Haberdashery were act. sold at outcry its account enclosed the things of Iron and Steel perishable in that air refer to that account for what worth sending.

55. Account of coinage of the Averillas Gold sent it comes out better than standard but the Crown'd worse.

56. The silver snare and Angella per Frederick invoiced Standard proved twelve penny weight and a half worse as per Essay Masters report 4th July 1711 entered in Consultation.

57. Have coined what Rupees they could to Bend to the Bay-understanding the Batzy was 12 per cent in May and sent the rest down in Bullion rather than detain the ships-Calculate of the difference between Rupees Madras and the Bay sent for the Company to judge of whether for the small advantage made in the Bay should ruin the Madras Mint which brings in 10,000 Pagodas a year profit if the Company deserts the Mint others will. The Mint more flourishing than that at Golconda ever was. Those in the Bay desire silver uncoined for the benefit of their country Voyages shall take care of the Mint's credit till further orders.

58. Have sent to the Bay account of what Broadcloth is now at Madras and to know whether any will sell there.

59. Many remnants of cloth stuffs act. have been found in the Warehouse unsold and perishing will sell them all by outcry and for the future make it a rule to clear the Godowns yearly before a new Cargo comes.

60. Have no saddles left desire two rich saddles and Bridles to make a figure on particular occasions.

61. Have offered the St. Davids Merchants Part of the Broadcloth if will give advantage in the prices of their Goods if not would not disoblige the Madras Merchants who say can't give the prices unless have all.

62. Desire no Goods but all Silver which sets the trade of Madras going for want of silver many good designs lost and ships by idle silver renders better account than gold.

63. Shall add no more on this head intending to do it by the Halifax.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS HERE IN GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

64. The Contract made in September 1710 was for lading the Bouverie the next was the 19th June for the Halifax—the President has not attempted to make any further agreement till the former is completed—Shall by the Halifax give an account of what they shall do for the Sherborn or Averilla which hope will be to satisfaction.

65. On Inquiry find Mr. Frasers partiality to the Right hand Cast hinder'd his making any contract for several Months when had Money which disobliged Colloway and Vincattee Chitty and the others could not undertake without them till were at last forced to an Agreement for 800 Bales by the 10th October.

66. The Merchants say their accounts have not been settled with the Warehouse keeper since August 1706 and therefore they would not meddle very strange this might be in Governor Pitts time but it is certain by this letting matters ran behind hand there is great confusion in the Accoumts and 6 Chests Treasure delivered the 19th August 1706 to Colloway Chittie have not been accounted for as can yet be found.
67. Have sent 10,000 Pagodas to Vizagapatam Mr. Hastings promising to make large Investments.

68. A great sickness in the Cloth Country round about them has destroy'd 3/5 of the weavers so that thò Cotton in cheap Cloth is dear wherefore shall invest all they can at St. Davids and Vizagapatam rather than raise the price at Madras.

69. Have sent to St. Davids the Company's Paragraph relating to them with remarks and Instructions for their future conduct and ordered them to send a speedy answer.

70. Sorry the Company complain of the Kent and Summers Goods will endeavour to sort and pack so exactly as to prevent the Buyers complaint.

71. Will take all possible care in the package of goods that if ought is amiss it may be known whom to blame.

72. Hope so to reform the Warehouse business as may prevent abundance of mistakes the manner of keeping those accounts has occasion'd most of the confusion there.

73. Have published the Company's 65th Paragraph of their restraining the Company's servants and captains trade and paying in money into Cash at St. bd. a rupee which they pay may be set in Pagodas and at what rate Rupees are not the current Coins of Madrass and rise and fall 6 per cent the Current Rupee of Bengal is 10 per cent less in value than that of Madras which gives those in the Bay the advantage if buy them at Madras and pay them in the Bay it will make the Pagodas nearest to ten shillings in England the midling price being 355 Rupees for 100 Pagodas and ten per cent Batty to Bengal.

74. In answer to the Company's 49th Paragraph Say Mr. Hastings advises that he employ'd the Rising Sun Smack to give advice of the French to the Kent and Summers bound up from the Bay by Governor Pitt's order when he heard from Madras they had past Vizagapatam out of sight of the Place he then sent her up with the Bales but a few days two late for the Summers have no great occasion since to complain of Mr. Hastings.

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

75. By the Hudson's intended letter it is advised Joseph Cass consented to the removing the Present from MetchlepataOl the King's Gubardar who cost 150 rupees a month maintenance got rid of have added a fine clock set with rubies cost 300 Pagodas and the rich silks lately received that present in part of the 6 Elephants intended and which were sold for 7800 Pagodas the Cordials ship on the Jane would have been a gratefull article the Ship President left Madras 12th June arrived MetchlepataOl the 17th to take off the Present were forced to carry it off by power as per Mr. Noden's letter No. 87 the 24th June she sailed for Bengal to deliver the Present to the President and Council there.

76. The affair of the present being out of their hands most depend on those in the Bay for renewing old privileges and procuring new it was absolutely necessary it should go through Zoodoe Cass's hands to Cass Mooden who has the Government of Bengal.

77. Letters from the Council at Suratt dated the 4th September 1710 advise they intend to apply for Phirmauda for all the Company's settlements this will cost great presents to effect.

78. It seems as if the General at Bombay knew nothing of their application such a sort of management will be very expensive if carry'd on by two sorts of people and may be rendered ineffectual-the late President and Council's smart Letter to them enter'd No. 107 it is hoped will stop their proceedings they have returns'd no answer to it.
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9. Refer to President Fraser and Councils Letter how the villages given by Doud Caun came to be given up again will at the hazard of their lives -endeavour to preserve what the Company have left and endeavour to get what more they can in time whatever is granted by the Company shall be taken in the Companys name Governor Harrison promises his best endeavour to get and keep a going understanding with the Moore Government and if must give presents shall do it frugally and get what they can in return.

80. He will do all he can to be loved and fear'd by those under the Companys protection and hopes the Successes will answer expectation.

81. The Duan Saddatulla Caun who since Doud Cauns departure is Governor of those parts is now at war with the King of Miscore ten days journey off to the westward of Madras the Governor has wrote him a Letter and will keep a useful Correspondence with him will endeavour to regain the 5 villages.

82. Since the account given of sending a Country ship to relieve Vizagapatam shall now add what has since happen'd refer to the Company the reason given for employing the Recovery when two ships were there on Democag and the Captains excuses on the 6th April for not going down to countenance Vizagapatam on which Rice Stores and Pagodas 6000 were sent down on the Raworth bound to the Bay and no Europe ships sent to assist them.

83. Letter from Fukerla Caun was received 2d April and enter'd after the Consultation insisting on the reasons of his demand having the Companys seal &c. whereunto refer.

84. The 5th April were advised Vizagapatam was still closely besieged that Fukerla demanded 6500 Pagodas his debt and the Interest and profit thereon by trade and an allowance for his great charge the Mulle and Dubash attending Fukerla saw the Companys Seal to his Bond at the same time Naubah Habib Caun offer'd his mediation as per letter enter'd the 5th April President Fraser reta'ird a courteous answer ascerted N°. 189 The 23d May received account of the sad Streights Vizagapatam was reduced to for want of Stores and Provisions and Ensign Dixon kill'd as per Letter enter'd N°. 67 on which the St. George was designed thither but same day had account all was accommodated on paying Rupees 600/00. 5. the Particulars are in the Letter enter'd N°. 70.

85. Habib Cauns offer hasten'd the accommodation with Fukerla he has seized Fukerla and keeps him in prison will certainly squeeze him.

86. Paragraph 50 per Frederick advised about the troubles at St. Davids since they have had continual war with Syrup Sing Governor of Chingees and some Engagements in open field have always had the advantage the Enemy's army was usually 1000 horse and 1000 foot refer to Consultations for what was done towards an accommodation before hostility began attempting Reprisals upon them drew on a tedious expensive war. On President Harrisons arrival they sent down the 5 Europe ships with Deputy Governor Raworth Soldiers Ammunition &c. yet have employed persons to procure peace.

87. Syrup Sing is a Considerable Prince and a Rashpoot this Mogul's mother who of that family it is likely he has complained to the Mogull can't find President Fraser endeavour to waylay such complaints refer to a Letter from Arcot sent in the Packet advising the Duan is ordered to enquire into this dispute hope to counter work the intended mischief.

88. Have ordered the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. Davids to inquire strictly into the original causes of this trouble which hope to send speedily fear he who ought to make reparation for these dammages is escaped.

89. The Mogull Shaileem is a weak prince Caun Caunmaw dying lately Zolpahker Caun is now prime Vizier Mogull the Mogulls eldest sonne and he are in Interest. The Mogulls four Sons are near the Court watching opportunity to Struggle for the Empire-Hasamoodeen the second sonne Prince
of Bengal is most likely to succeed his capacity and Treasure being greatest Zulphecar Cunn is his Creature and may be serviceable to the English; for Zulphecar Cunn is angry for applying to Zoodie Cunn as appears when President Fraser wrote him last year about the 5 towns, President Harrison intends to write him to let him know he depends on Zulphecar for his sole Protector.

90. Hear a new Mahob is coming down and Doud Cunn made Suba of Gulconda.

91. The 24th instant the President had an answer to his Letter to the Duan with Vest and Surpaw.

92. General Letter by the Frederick Paragraph 46 advises the Redoubt about the 24th instant to have an answer to his Letter to the Duan with Vest and Surpaw.

93. This Guard House is 84 foot in front and 53 deep has a large hall and 4 lodging rooms the hall 38 foot long 20 deep and 17 high with 2 large galleries on Pilla on President Harrisons arrival is had cost Pagodas 5081: 11: 60 and by computation will cost 1500 Pagodas more to finish and furnish it with common necessaries and is only a good mansion house cooped up in a useless defenseless wall not fit to mount a Gun on.

94. The Council say they only consented to build a Guard House and Mr. Fraser ordered all the rest the 49th Paragraph of the Fredericks letter mentions how this building disgusted the Country hear an order is come from the King to the Duan to demolish it and forbid the like for the future as per Letter N° 20 had it been a guard house could not have been maintain'd being a mile and half from their works.

95. Governor Harrison has not had time to Survey the Fortifications. The Gunner is dangerously ill Mr. Hugonin design'd to succeed is at St. Davids and must stay till the war is ended. St. Thomas's Point must be rebuilt other places want great repairs have order'd St. Davids and Cuddalore to be Survey'd by a good Engineer at Pondicherry whom shall send for up to Madras.

96. The Hospital and free Guardhouse ready to fall better'should be rebuilt than repaired.

97. The Godowns in a very bad condition for want of repairs the white Ants, having eaten up the horses which the goods lay on and some of the goods have ordered new ones to be made of Teak Shall proceed further after the rains. The College where the Factors lodg'd is falling to the ground for want of repairs none dare lie in it the Company's servants doubt to what formerly and all single are forced to get them lodgings where they can being thus Separated can't be taken care of as if under the Superiours eye, when St. Thomas's Point is don shall go about the Hospital and College will build strong plain useful and with frugality, wonders Mr. Fraser should lay out so much at Egmore when he knew of these absolutely necessary works and recommended them to President Harrison on his first arrival.

98. The foundation of the Mount house is laid and a stop put to it by the Havildar at St. Thoma will endeavour to secure what already don from the weather till have don other thingli more materiall or till further orders.

99. Several of the largest Guns to the Sea being unserviceable have wrote for new ones.

100. Those who have boasted of the large Articles of the Revenue have to swell is let all the buildings run to ruins which had they been kept in repair might have lasted many years and saved much money in the main which will now prove a heavy charge that will be frugal.

101. The Books not being balanced can't write so well about the Revenues but shall by the Halifax Shall observe orders relating to their augmentation and raising new ones without oppression or offending the Government.
102. Mr. Fraser thought he wrote the Revenues amounted to Pagodas 105,000 could not satisfy the Council that it was right suppose he meant the balance of the account of Profit and loss the Revenues for 10 years past were never more than Pagodas 79,382: 34: 2.

103. Refer to Consultations of the 9th and 18th about Mr. Fraser consenting to the landing Elephants at Trivelloa, paying only the St. Thomas duty—against the Council's opinion his reasons were the duty would otherwise have been lost refer to Consultations for what they have done on that affair till receive the Company's orders shall not permit his departure without security to pay the money on demand.

104. The Mogul's Embassador to Pegu brought thence this year 12 Elephants which they let go Custom free.

105. The measuring of corn formerly let at 200 Pagodas a year the 2nd. April last was let at Pagodas 920 and is no way grievous to the people.

106. The old Tobacco and Beetle Farmers are in prison utterly insolvent desire the Company's orders whether shall keep them for life. The New pay duty and are in Credit.

107. Shall after the ships dispatch apply to a thorough Reformation of abuses in several branches of the Revenues which hope will be established to satisfaction.

108. The St. David's war has made grain so dear most of the poor Inhabitants have left the bounds—what care has been taken to supply them ordered the Custom on it to be abated if necessary to encourage its Importation.

109. Have grain in plenty and cheap shall lay in stores when proper.

110. The Stewards' expenses enlarged much occasion'd by the unusual number of servants sent out refer to the List to see how many those mark'd G eat at the Company's table the rest have diet money have order'd three of the Council to examine his Accounts and report have too many eaters and too few fit for business.

111. Mr. Fraser soon after he was President took away Colloway and Vincattee Chitees Cowl for renting the Company's villages for 10 years without any consent of Council and the villages immediately put into Canning Chitty's hands one of the right hand cast his reasons entered in the Consultation of the 28th August that was done to blacken the left hand cast the accusation against Colloway and Vincattee being never prov'd whereupon have restored their Cowl and made the Merchants sensible the Company allow'd no such Practice which have tended to the divisions of the Casts and hinder'd you Investments will keep the balance even between all the Inhabitants to preserve peace.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS & WRITERS OFFICERS & SOLDIERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

112. Many of the young men are useless will improve such as are willing to learn hope the Company will forbear sending more and when do send any let them be better qualify'd.

113. Have but 4 Factors Mr. Woodward and Whitecoote 2 of them not serviceable as some of the writers who give great hopes among whom Josi Cooke John Mason Alexander Bennett Nathaniel Turner Abel Langelier John Perry and John Ellerson shall countenance the deserving and send home th irreclaimable.

114. Thomas Thompson who came a soldier on the Dartmouth being a able accountant is taken into the Accountant Office and to instruct the Writer in accounts.

115. The 7th January last William Harris writer was sent down Vizagapatam Mr. Horden is to come from thence by leave of the Council.
116. Thomas Gray and George Wahup writers went with Mr. Raworth to St. David Nathaniel Turner came thence to Fort St. George.

117. Robert Berriman was on the 28th May entertain'd Factor for Bencoolen when the Jone arrives shall send him if wanted.

118. Mr. John Rudge Merchapt dy'd the 9th June last intestate his account current in the Paokett Mr. Holcombe's Widow dy'd the 1st June Mr. Lewes who had the charge of her affairs is ordered to deliver in List of all debts due to her late Husband at Vizagapatam but little hopes of recovering anything and pay her effects into Cash.

119. Mr. Weld succeeds Mr. Bulteel of Councill at Fort St. Davids and Henry Cotterell made youngest.

120. Mr. William Warre acted as Secretary to the 28th June when Joseph Smart was admitted in his place Mr. Thomas Cooke made Receiver at the Sea Gate well qualify'd for any business.

121. Mr. Richard Hunt desiring not to go to St. Davids was admitted to Councill on the death of Mr. Fleetwood.

122. Mr. Jones Chaplain has paid 20£ part of the 50£ advanced him will pay the residue in September.

123. Mr. Chadsley Surgeon dy'd the 30th May Mr. Anthony Supply put in his stead the unhealthy Season makes them want 2 surgeons the hospitaU for 12 months past has had always 40 or 50 Persons in it wants 3 or 4 Surgeons Mates initiated in Anatomy and Physick and sent to supply other Factories the Surgeon at Fort St. Davids is a freeman of Pondjcherry and acts at present but will not be obliged to stay a good man may be sure of that post.

124. Mr. Chadsley arriv'd the 11th July dy'd the 30th May what due to him remains in cash he owes moneys and nothing left to pay them.

125. The Councill of Fort St. Davids complain'd of heard by Private Letters of battles burning and plundering villages but no letter from them till they threats with Private Letters but none to the President and Council Mr. Farmer Deputy Governor complained of for his want of Courage and leaving all affairs to Captain Roach he behav'd himself gallantly has shown no more spirit in the rest of the Company's affairs.

126. This made them send Mr. Raworth with directions to visit the Bounds See them secure and encourage the Inhabitants not to desert.

127. The soldiers but indifferent men sent to St. Davids 66 to Vizagapatam have still on the Muster 314 of which 40 in the Hospitalls Boys 38 and 82 Topasses the remainder very indifferent fellows.

128. Desire what soldiers are sent may be sound good men mount the Guard which the Moor's Governours &c. seeing have but a mean opinion of the English strength.

129. Desire the Company will prevent captains making the soldiers the drudges of the ships may make them watch and work.

130. Desire 2 able Sergeants may be sent out as Ensigns have no Sergeant there fit what now received learnt to exercise since they came ahoara.

131. Desire the Company will prevent captains making the soldiers the drudges of the ships may make them watch and work.
133. Shall want recruits if the St. Davids war continues.

134. Desire the Company will observe what wrote by the Frederick about leasing the Officers pay now have more need for them.

135. Captain Seaton at his desire went down to the Bay to settle his affairs from whence promis’d to proceed for England for which has given Pagodas 2,000 security.

136. Captain James Davis at his desire discharge’d the 2& August have much better men than he.

137. In the Packet are the Surgeons receipts for the moneys paid them for the soldiers.

138. Ensign Dutton dying at St. Davids last April Mr. Benjamin Hobbs succeeds him.

139. Ensign Dixon being kill’d at Visagapatam his widow is allow’d 5 Pagodas a month while such.

140. Mr. Jer: Harrison making such hast from Bencoolen where he went to Supervise left business half don the Consultations unfinished Account remains on that Coast imperfect the Setting Tryamong left to Captain Phrip.

141. Mr. Harrisons pretence was shortness of time that hinder’d his looking back but if the Captains Journall be examined may see where the ship stay’d to dispose of their private trade for might have been there sooner nor does he give any reason for hurrying away on the Sherborne.

142. Mr. Harrisons papers give no clear information of what he has don has given no diary of his proceedings all the charge against Mr. Skingle is an Account Currant which is in the Packett and makes him Debtor dollars 9,140 but no particulars or West Coast books to make it out so can’t proceed further against him.

143. He has little to say for his folly and infidelity and as little left to make restitution here.

144. Have heard nothing from the West Coast since the Frederick the Jane not arriv’d and the 119 Paragraph of the Company’s General Letter directing not to make any Reformation till they hear she is miscarry’d must wait with patience till then or She arrives.

145. The Gulcondah arriv’d from Batavia was at Bencoolen in April Last the Med frigot was dispatch’t in time for a Summer ship but she did not get from Batavia and thro’ the Straits of Sunda till June shall endeavour to break this Custom.

146. Wonder had no letters from Bencoolen should think the Factory wanted nothing shall supply them with a vessell to fetch them necessaries from Batavia as Arrack &c. to prevent sending Europe ships thither which Vessells may fetch the pepper from the subordinate Factories Pepper may be got enough if have but money and if Bencoolen be in honest hands they should never want money Demorage will be thereby saved.

147. Hope by the next ships to send account of the Jane’s arrivall and dispatch with full instructions for Bencoolen.

148. On President Harrisons arrivall the books were so backward can’t be balanced now hope to send them by the Halifax.

149. No Journal Parcels were ever read in Consultation while Mr. Mouttague was Second and since when read are full of errors and so negligently don must revise the books before can be balanced shall take better care in future.
The answer to the Accountants letter of the 9th January 1709 enclosed what deficient about Vizagapatam now supply'd.

Have paid the Bill to John George Hugh.

shall by the Halifax send the answer to the Paragraph about goods wanting in the Heathcote.

Three hundred ounces of silver receiv'd per Aurungzebe more than Invoice.

Shall mark every bale of cloth at one corner with the 2 letters of the sorters name to show who it is.

The New Companies Metchlepatam debt remains as it did by President Fraser's not concealing the Company's orders the Merchants insist on all and will not compound they renew'd their demands on Governor Harrison and are much exasperated but he has no Instructions what to do they say must apply to the Moors Government.

156. The Dutch Japan ships being attack'd last December in Malacca Road they have 6 good ships on the Coast of which 4 in a body at Negapatam proceeding along Coast to take in the Goods ready at each factory to Metchlepatam will sail thence to Batavia the 20th September their Japan ships will now sail not by Malacca but thr' the Straits of Sunda their Bay ships keep all in a body.

157. Dutch Investments have not been so considerable this year as usual occasion'd by want of manufacturers and troubles in the country.

Have no news of the 2 French ships which were ready to sail from St. Malo's wish they be not gone to the Bay where they will do irreparable mischief.

161. John & Elizabeth and Mermaid are all now in India have been solely employ'd in the Persia trade on freight those in the Bay by letting a ship of the Company's might have stopt that Trade it is pity the Company don't let one yearly John & Elizabeth it is said will go for Europe this Season both daily expected from Persia shall have no encouragement at Madras beyond the law.

162. Twelve hundred and two Bags and a half of Petre on the Bouverie and Four hundred sixty five and a half on the Hallifax more than Charter-party at the Captains request enclosed.

163. Mr. Edward Fleetwood dy'd the 10th February 1710 lamented.

164. Because the Bouverie and Tankerville will reach the Dutch at the Cape have put on board no stores for St. Helena shall send 10 bales long Cloth per Success.

165. Messrs. Bulkley and Benyon have the care of Captain Staeys effects shall send the account when settled.

166. Have ordered an investment at St. Davids hope will make a tolerable contract notwithstanding their troubles.

167. Are contracting at Madras for the Metchlepatam goods order'd which will cost dearer than if bought up there yet dare not send down money-those Merchants to whom the New Company are indebted are properest to deal with.

168. No Sallampores under 60 Pagodas a Corge proper for painting 2 Pieces deliver'd out for a Muster 600 Pieces order'd to be provided.
169. Two thousand of the Enemy's horse and foot attack'd 90 English in 3 divisions at St. Davids commanded by Captain Roach Captain Coventry and Ensign Somerville the Ensign presently run and all his men but the Sergeant followed Captain Coventry soon after kill'd Captain Roach with 40 men kept the field till succors came from the Deputy Governor in this action lost 17 men of which 8 Europeans beside the Officers all but Captain Coventry kill'd running away have order'd them not to expose their men in small parties.

170. When the Enemy attack'd them they sent in Letters and people to treat for an accommodation.

171. Such was the want of circumspection of the Deputy Governor and then Councill at St. Davids that they at once wanted rice and paddy-making no provision nor desiring no supply from Madrass when 20 wounded men were brought in had no Surgeons Instruments to dress them.

172. One of the Danish Missionaries takes passage on the Tankerville but deny'd another at the desire of the Governor of Trincombar the Danish Mission is an imposition on the Creoulous the Collections for them not employ'd as the givers design so hope they will be stoppt in England.

173. Having advice 6 French ships cruiz'd of Point Palmeras they detain'd the Companys ships some days but finding the report false shall send them immediately for the Bay.

174. The 30th August Mr. Thomas Lovell design'd home resign'd in Councill his share in the trust of Mrs. Nickes estate the other 2 trustees Messrs. Warre and Lawes appearing they sign'd all 3 the Account Current to that time adjusted.

175. Messrs. Johnson and Collisson Supra Cargos of the Concord appeared in Consultation the 30th August and made oath 1,000 rupees was lent Captain Arlond for the ships use in the Bay Captain Arlond having carry'd the Bonds with him to England.

176. They intreat in behalf of all the Inhabitants that no ships may be sent to Madrass by way of China because it will ruine the Place and is little advantage to the Company.

177. The fear of the Arabs has lost the trade to Mooha that to Suratt too hazardous whilst Colla Jangana cruizes on the coast.

178. The French being yearly on the Coast their ships in the Bay dare not stir cut and so loose their freights a Congo Arab got it last year.

179. Linnen sent from France to Mexico has spoil'd the Manilla trade and the silk is sent from Oanton thither.

180. The China trade is the life of the town and employs near half its stock the Mint and Revenues will suffer if that fails.

181. They beg pardon for their freedom in a matter so nearly concerning them and shall acquiesce in the Companys determination.

182. The St. George having been longer in the Bay than the Dartmouth have hang'd her to go the freight voyage and wrote to the Bay to hasten home the St. George.

183. The Concord got to the Cape one day too late for the Dutch.

184. The Cutlery ware falsely invoiced when came to deliver it after the outcry found horn handles instead of tortois and bone instead of Ivory.

185. Gunner Atkinson dy'd the 28th August an able experienced officer. Gunner Hugon now at St. Davids design'd to succeed he has shown distinguishing bravery there.

186. Mr. Samuel Manning long since went for Europe shall observe the orders about tea by the Howland. Can't now send copy of the Charter shall endeavour to recover the money of the Boatmen and by the Halifax write about Coral.
187. The 3d September arriv'd the John and Elizabeth from Persia, the London arriv'd there 29th June.

188. They will, by the next supply the omissions in this Letter occasion'd by hurry.

EDW. BULKLEY. E. HARRISON.
WM. JENNINGS. THO. PERERU.
BERNARD BENYON. HEN. DAVENPORT.
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RICHARD HUNT.

GOVERNOR HARRISON LETTER DATED 3d SEPT., & 16th OCT., 1711. REC. PER BOUVERIE FROM HOLLAND 9th AUG. 1712 AND PER HALIFAX DITO DIT.

1. He wrote last from the Cape by the Frederick and Fleet. Sall'd hence the 16th May with 3 large Dutch ships to 30th Latitude the 31st May the London left them to go within Madagascar the 1st July made Ceylon the 6th send boat ashore in Travancore Bay for news heard 4 French ships were gone half empty to Europe Surat Letters say 6 French ships expected this Season at Poncherry 7th anchored at Negapatam The 10th came to anchor in Madras Road all the men well.

2. Refer to Consultations for what don at and since his arrivall shall advise of things recommended to him by his Instructions.

FIRST AS TO SHIPPING.

3. He found the Bouverie and Halifax unrigg'd in the road their kintlage on board the Sherborn at anchor in St. Davids Road he forthwith ordered up for fear of the French if any should arrive.

4. The Bouverie might have been dispatcht by the middle of February the Bay complained of for keeping her so long there when the Tankerville.

5. Sall'd thence the 20th November. Two French ships of 40 and 26 Guns cruized of Ballasore all 4 had but 1200 Bales aboard when sail'd for Europe.

6. The want of the Jane a great disappointment. Mr. Skingle is at Madras but can't examine him to purpose for want ot accusers.

7. Have no news of the Derby-the Averilla ordered to come to Madras by the 1st December before the French return from Mergen shall send her to St. Davids refer to the Generall Letter for the rest.

OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

8. Colloway and Vincattee Chittee keep up the price of the Manufacture not half the vent for it as last year the Camps being at a great distance all Goods are cheaper they selling best when the Camp near.

9. St. Davids Merchants not men of substance Mr. Roberts has extorted from them a great deal dare not divide the Breadfouth to them.

10. Are trying to get them a third of it that may find out the true profit of it and find out what quantity will sell.

11. Desire Silver and no Gold the want of it damps their trade which has decay'd ever since Mr. Pitt left the Place no good management therein nor profit thereby the Bay Factors by paying no Custom and disposing of all freight from thence to Suratt and Persia get profit must pay them ten per cent commission for freight on the ships they send down will rather lade on a Dane or Arab by which the Broker gets the freight and the President the commision.

12. Shall send a perfect list of Europe Goods by the Halifax being bent on promoting its vend.
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INVESTMENTS FOR EUROPE.

13. Have near completed a Contract at St. Davids by Mr. Raworth's diligence Mr. Farmer could do nothing in it was of a mean spirit all the People would have deserted the Bounds had not Mr. Raworth arriv'd.

14. Have received a good letter from Mr. Raworth and Council in answer to what wrote them which comes in the Packett and is wrote with honour and honesty Mr. Roberts ought to have been stopp'd to make satisfaction for the Chingee war.

15. Mr. Roberts at the Cape made him his attorney to send home his effects but finding he had embroyl'd affairs would not act have in Council attack'd his effects in his attorneys Raworth's hands till have the Compaiey's orders to discharge them and hopes for the Company's protection therein if Mr. Roberts is not punish'd none will be deter'd from such ill practices.

16. The Merchants behindhand on account of Mr. Addison's and Mr. Frazer's investment not prudent to contract with them at present till find encouragement.

TRADE OF INDIA & COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

17. Refer to the Generall Letter on this Account will do all he can to appease the troubles encourage trade and peace with the Country Governors and make all easy and then hopes for the Company's favour.

18. Fear it was wrong to send the Moguls present to the Bay have wrote to Zulphacar Cau to palliate the matter.

19. Fear must make use of the Duan to end the war at St. Davids Mr. Roberts made himself liable for the Renters and they escaping Syrup Sing claim'd them or their debt and yet the late President and Council let him go off the shore and ordered to get reparation for seizing the two Officers on which the English burnt and plunder'd their villages and kill'd a great Braminy in cold blood had he from Negapatam had an Account of the war would have touch'd there and might have put an end to it refer to Consultations and Letters for what done since Syrup Sing so treacherous can't depend on any adjustment with him.

FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS & REVENUES.

20. Refer to the Generall Letter for these Egmore building is of no nse and contrary to what agreed in Consultation has cost a great deal of money which might have been well laid out in repairs about the works at Madras which are ready to fall desire the Company's orders about it.

21. Can't yet make a thorough survey will always regard the Revenues they are well paid shall endeavour to find new ones.

FACTORS, WRITERS, SOLDIERS &c.

22. Hope Farmers succession to St. Davids will be altered is fitt to follow not to lead has no spirit and thereby discouraged everybody. Mr. Hattell formerly had like to have lost Coddaire but Mr. Haines's resolution preserv'd it.

23. Hast of the ships dispatch'd makes him leave off beg pardon for his first letter for to look back into former orders and the Secretary is unskillfull but have no better shall make good omissions by the Halifax.

1. Since the foregoing by the Bouverie all time spent to get a lading for the Halifax want of 203 Baies from St. Davids formerly contracted for occasion'd it.

2. The list of Manufactures wrote for drawn with the best advice doubt not to sell the quantity yearly but it may be not at 55 per cent on Invoice.

3. Cutlery ware Hats for. not proper to send were forced to sell the Woollen Goods to the St. Davids Merchants to be deliver'd at Madras as they bring in goods the Madras Merchants would have beat down the price shall now find the profit made on it.
4. Cotton so dear was forced to send it to Vingappatam to carry on the investment there which they paid 24 Pagodas for a candy the price being usually but 14 to 16 it is now at Madras 19 to 20 Pagodas therefore don't attempt a new investment here but strive to get in the remains of former contracts.

5. The practice at Madras has been not to observe how contracts have been comply'd so that the merchants deliver in but few course goods because little gott thereby new contracts have been made when great part of the old have not been brought in.

6. Have therefore settled a new method at each factory that may at one view see what is wanting of each specie to complete every contract easy to guess why it was not always so.

7. Is labouring to end the troubles at St. Davids the St. Davids letter tells the author had he been at Madras should have detain'd him till had settled all 4000 Pagodas of his left behind which shall keep attach'd till further orders some gone home with him were sharers in his foul perquisites. Before he left St. Davids he made those he fled sign a paper to the contrary, abhorrence of his principles makes this be written.

8. Syropop Sings demands so unreasonable can't offer anything—the English began the war—Mr. Fraser prevail'd on Mr. Roberts can't find any orders for the war but reinforcements sent down to repel the enemy's assaults in June Mr. Farmer without leave from Madras burns and pillages the country and corn to the amount of 21,000 Pagodas this exacerbated the enemy beyond reconciliation a Brannin of great veneration was kill'd in cold blood would willingly compose all with sword in hand best to treat.

9. Is laboured to end the troubles at St. Davids the St. Davids letter tells the author had he been at Madras should have detain'd him till had settled all 4000 Pagodas of his left behind which shall keep attach'd till further orders some gone home with him were sharers in his foul perquisites. Before he left St. Davids he made those he fled sign a paper to the contrary, abhorrence of his principles makes this be written.

10. The Dutch will make their present first to the Mogull which should not have suffered.

11. Sorry he is necessitated to build shall do it frugally and make it last.

12. Shall next month consider the revenues rectify what amiss and endeavour to raise more.

13. Want rain so grain rises found no store when he arrived.

14. Can't send the books the former being erroneous must be rectify'd in these the council's frequent shifting has caused much confusion in the books and warehouse necessary every person should keep his old employ, till the balancing that year's books and account remains settled.

15. Proposes the 3d of council should be export warehousekeeper the 4th in Bengal this will make the business be better done the 5th in council to be customer 6th paymaster 7th land customer 8th renter General so each of the council will have work.

16. Pray the Metchilapatam merchants may be made easy lest it bring the country upon them they have the new company's seal for the money.

17. Words Mr. Pitt should write he could make it up for pagodas 25,000 when he would have offered 50,000. Can't meddle without positive orders desires 600 bales cloth extraordinary good part fine on this occasion could be glad this was well ended to prevent trouble can't borrow 1000 pagodas of the merchants if wanted to fill up a ship.

18. Shall not write singly again except what not fit for a general letter.
Despatches to England, 1711—14

1. Their last was by the Bouverie dispatch'd the 4th September with Copy Coast & Bay. The 5th instant sent a short letter by way of Trincomalee advising what ships might be expected with lists of what wanted &c, hoping they might pass thro' the Channell and bring in the advices in May.

2. This comes by the Halifax and Success with Copies of former Letters and other papers shall now advise what has happen'd since and supply former omissions.

First Concerning your shipping out and home.

3. The 5th September sent to the Bay the Dartmouth Aurungzebe Averilla and Sherborne with rupees 72,400 and the stores for the Bay from England all their Invoices being Pagodas 23,340; 25 fanams refer to the Bouveries letter why they kept them so long on the Coast.

4. The Halifax on the Captains request enclosed had 300 Bags of Petre more. The 7th September she was survey'd and found in good condition refer to the Captains answer enter'd in Consultation about the Goods from Bengal damaged and his bringing less than his Tonnage suppose those in the Bay have given the Company a full account of the whole. Account of the rated damage of the Petre and the Tonnage he brought were sent by the Frederick.

5. The 13th September hired the Essex for Pagodas 200 to carry provisions to St. Davids and to bring back bales for the Halifax.

6. The 13th September arriv'd the 'Mermaid' a separate Stock ship from Bussorah and Gombroon. The London was lading the 6th August on freight for Surat. Agent Locke desires to return for Europe overland.

7. Fearing the Jane will not arrive in time to be sent to Bencoolen and that by Mr. Harrison's account there is no Petre or redwood there which will be wanted for the Thistlegorm and Toddington have sent 400 Bags Petre and 80 Candy of redwood by the Elizabeth bound to Batavia as per Consultation of the 17th September when the President arrives from the Bay shall send more and have wrote to the Bay to send some on freight by ships bound to Batavia have heard nothing from Bencoolen since the 13th September 1710 but understand by Mr. Skingle and others last come from thence had no more in the Godowns than would serve for the Need.

8. Will for the future take such care of the West Coast as not to need such extraordinary methods to supply it.

9. By reason of the wars at St. Davids have hired a sloop at Thirty Pagodas a month to carry Letters and always load her with grain and stores and keep her employ'd.

10. Refer to Consultation for account of the difference between Captain Hudson and his Doctor there is care taken the ship shall be supply'd since the captain will leave him behind.

11. Fifty Pagodas paid the Dutch at Jaffnapatam for the hire of their vessels who got the Sherborne off Molly Vally Shoal which is charged to the Sherbornes account.

12. The Success left Bengal the 9th of September arriv'd Madras 1st instant the Council in the Bay hope to dispatch most of their ships to join the Dutch.

13. The Dartmouth Aurungzebe Averilla and Sherborne were off Point Palmeras the 12th September standing in to Ballasore.

14. The 6th instant arriv'd the Rising Sun Smack with 108 Bales Longcloth Sallampores and strip'd Betallies from Vizagapatam.
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SECONDLY COMPRISING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

15. Refer to the Bouveries letter for what wrote under this head. more perfect list sent of Manufactures desired.

16. Have persuaded the Merchants to dispose of most of the 200 Bales of Broadcloth they had by them when the Bouverie was dispatcht the Merchants had formed a design to get an abatement on the Woollen goods received lately by the Shipping pretending the quantity was to great the St. Davids Merchants being willing to contract for 80,000 Paggodas if they might have a share of the Broad Cloth at 55 per cent on Invoice and the Madras Merchants resolving against a Partition and being willing the others should have all for this year have contrac­ted with those at St. Davids for the whole to be deliver'd to their orders at Madras as they bring in their Goods at St. Davids so now the Town will be clear against the arrivall of the next Cargo.

17. Letters from the Bay advise they had sold all the Companies Broadcloth last year at 100 per cent had they advised Madras thereof would have supply'd them with 2 or 300 Bales more wonder they have not demanded more from England though should it cheaper answer to their complaint of some Cloth carry'd from Madras to the Bay and sold at under rates they do all they can to hinder its being sent from the Coast to the Bay.

18. Refer to the Consultation of the 16th March why 16 Bales were permitt­ed to be carry'd to the Bay—which perhaps has occasioned the Complaint.

19. Stationary ware sent the two last years proves bad and particularly most of the Paper and Quills desire 2 or 3 Chests for sale as per List best to put it in the Gunroom and not in the hold or Broad room where it is damp the Letters being cram'd close in the Packetts and put in the bread room made them stick together as not to be separated without tearing the covers and the Wafers were all in a Lump.

20. Complain of the flints being defective and unserviceable to the hazard of the soldiery lives when in action beg great care may be taken therein.

21. Corall for three or four years has yielded a tolerable profit but the Armenians importing quantities this year from Persia great part is unsold They bring it cheaper by way of Persia than it is procured from England.

22. The fine Bead Corall is chiefly vended in China that markett glutted by the quantities carry'd from Lisbon to Macao ten pecul was import'd there last year.

23. The Armenians send their factors on the Danes ships with Coast and Bay goods and the next year bring English and Dutch Broadcloth this carry'd on by the Armenians in Holland Aga Perez Correspondent in London and two Armenians at Madras.

24. The Remedy proposed for this is to oblige the Armenians who live under the English protection and use their passes not to meddle with the trade of Europe the Armenians of substance will not leave Madras and the profitable trade of it they have now at least half the Private Trade of India at least to Manilla China and Pagu which are the most advantagious branches.

25. Desire the Companies direction therein in the meantime do what they can to hinder the Sale of their Broadcloth or their sending Goods to Trincombar.

26. The iron in the Bouveries Invoice amounting to £ 540 : 6: is not reckon'd in the total which should be £ 60917 : 1 : 9d and was but £ 60376 : 15 : 9d the Accountant has rectify'd the mistake in the books.

27. Guilt leather carpets are useful for presents but not yet demanded for sale.
THIRTY TOUCHING YOUR INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

28. By last advised had contracted for 800 Bales for the Halifax before President Harrison arrived of which 200 were to be deliver'd at St. Davids but by reason of the flying Parties are not yet done.

29. Have with much ado got goods enough at Madrass to fill up the Halifax Cotton is risen from 14 and 15 to 18 and 19 Pagodas per Candy and what they sent to Vizagapatam was sold at 24, the Mortality and wars make Manufacturers scarce had not the Madrass Merchants exerted themselves to oblige the new President this Contract had not been comply'd with for they lose considerably by it.

30. No Goods of the Europe sortments have been made in the parts about Madrass except this Contract which by reason of the disappointment at St. Davids they had agreed in Consultation the 24th September to buy up any goods rather than send the ship dead freighted. Could not get one Bale of Longcloth Sallampores Bottelies or Morees in all Madrass which never was so before.

31. Tho' this account may be look'd on as given for private ends yet everybody on the place and those now going home will confirm it.

32. Were obliged to buy up 20 Candy of white Pepper at 24 Pagodas a Candy to fill up the Halifax which they were necessitated to do so hope to be excused.

33. So much being standing out on Mr. Addisons contract made them not enter on a new one and because expect an abatement on the prices now there is a likelihood of better times therefore shall defer agreeing for any Considerable Investment if can do it without prejudice to the Companys affairs.

34. The 6th instant received 103 Bales from Vizagapatam of Longcloths Sallampores and Striped Bottelies but those sent last being brown can't now send them are promised 100 Bales more in December.

35. Contract made 10th September last at St. Davids for 80,000 Pagodas to be deliver'd by the 20th February and to be paid for all the Broadcloth as before mentioned the Deputy Governour particularly commended for this the late Deputy Governour always complained of the difficulties of making Contracts during the troubles and is suspected of underhand dealings to hinder this Contract which if can be plainly made appear shall be bound to punish to deter others.

36. Hope to dispatch the ships next season early and rich repartition of the Coast and Bay Cargos too hazardous during the war while the French are on the Coast unless have secure opportunitys of sending goods up and down of which desire further orders.

37. Can't purchase Metchelepam goods because the Merchants will have money advanced and the Goods delivered at Metchelepam which can't agree to till the New Companys Debt is adjusted have bought up about 20 Corg Metchelepam handkerchiefs.

38. Mr. Pitts advice of 2500 Bales lying ready at Madrass when he left it a mistake as per Consultation 7th May last.

39. On opening some of the St. Davids Bales to repack them find the goods 15 to 20 percent worse than those of Madrass which the Merchants at Madrass are sensible of tho' they do all they can to hinder the Merchants seeing of them have sent a piece of Longcloth Midling No. 2 down to St. Davids which is as bad as the lowest Madrass ordinary and reprimanded the sorters and enjoyned them severely to be more carefull for the future and ordered the Deputy Governour to have an eye over them hope the Company will examine all the Cargos now sent and those blamed only that deserve it if the tickets should be wanting in any Bales the 2 first letters of the sorters name will be seen which have been put on every Bale pack'd since President Harrisons arrivall.
40. On complaint in Consultation of the 27th September of fine goods not answering the 2d number being the lowest the Company order for each piece he kept to compare by when the goods arrive in England.

41. Hard to alter the Weavers old Method of making cloth of a raw spongy uneven thread but will endeavour it by degrees their present Musters are of a long standing desire Musters yearly from England to sort by and that half of each piece be kept to compare by when the goods arrive in England.

42. As to the Complaint of uneavens of Sorting it often happens that pieces worse than No. 1 and yet better than No. 2 are put to No. 2 which is rather an advantage they use all imaginable exactness and hope will be no more cause of complaint.

FORTH Hal TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERALL & THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

43. The free trade of India still declines the ships are most arriv'd safe yet have but very little advantage Country near them in quiet. The Duans being at war with the King of Mysore obstructs the Island trade and keeps down the price of Goods no likely hood of quiet in the Empire till a more active Prince is on the throne.

44. Have endeavoured to make peace with the Enemy but he demanding the money due from the Renters which Mr. Roberts let escape he promis'd the Contrary and a compensation for burning the villages and the Crop on the ground in all 20,000 Pagodas can't consent thereto.

45. Hope by the next ship to write the war is ended if must pay money will begin with that of Mr. Roberts's attach'd who brought these troubles on them.

46. Refer to the Generall Letter from Fort St. Davids of the 30th August sent by the Bouverie for answer to the Company's letter relating to the place and for a true account of Mr. Roberts ill practices.

47. Letters from the Councill in the Bay advise they have received from Metchelpatam the rest of the present part of which being unfitt have return'd to Madrass as per Invoice and List of what is desired in lieu there will be great loss by what return'd.

48. The President and Councill complain'd of for returning severall of the things and particularly a noble Gold bowl made in China and sold at the price it cost there and was esteem'd one of the most valuable artioles if want Cash shall sell or mint if not shall keep it till further order.

49. Have sent to the Bay an account of the Priviledges desir'd for the Coast if the Moguls second sonne succeeds thr8 whose hands this present goes it is well if not all is lost. Zulphacar Caun who is now the greatest man in the Empire is disobliged by this.

50. The Duans sonnes came to visit them at Madrass and to buy Horses &c, they were splendidly entertain'd and presented as per Consultation of the 17th September.
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FIFTHLY

YOUR LORDSHIP'S BUILDINGS & REVENUES.

54. Refer to the Bouvier’s letter for what wrote must build a Hospitall for the sick soldiers, now hire a house for them the Hospitall ready to fall.

55. Have stop all the finishing Egmore house and Redoubt till have the Company’s orders.

56. Could not send a true view of the Revenues there being many mistakes found in the Accounts the quit rents are found to be deficient are enquiring into the occasion to remedy them and prevent the like shall send a full account per next.

57. Can’t survey the fortifications till the Halifax is dispatched.

58. Are petitioned to farm the Toddy which shall examine.

59. The Caste as well reconciled as ever and very peaceable shall keep them so.

SIXTHLY FOR WRITERS OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

60. Refer to Consultation of the 13th October for the summe expended since Mr. Pitt’s time in Stewards expenses shall make further enquirys into this mis-management and regulate the expenses what they can considering the unnecessary number of servants.

61. Mr. George Lewis the Minister desires for England next year pray to have a man of temper moderate principles and great sobriety turbulent spirits will set all in a flame Mr. Lewis has contributed to the prosperity of the place earnestly wish for such another.

62. Mr. Jones the other Minister very sickly would be glad of a Chaplain might send him to St. Davids.

MEMORANDUM: No 63.

64. Mr. Henry Smith Writer being indisposed at his desire returns home.

65. Mr. John Burnell who was an Ensign at Bombay having some skill in fortifications have entertained an Ensign shall use him about the buildings and repairs.

66. Lieutenants George Viver and Ensign Samuel Williams cashiered being found dead drunk at their posts at Cuddalore as per Consultation of the 20th September being the Ensign first fault think to do something for him or must keep his children.

67. Lieutenants Edmond Howson is sent to Cuddalore to supply Vivers room, Gunner HugoDin succeeds Captain Coventry who was kill’d by the Example of the loss occasioned by Ensign Sommervilles Cowardice hope no Officers will be sent but what are of approved Courage and not persons of unknown characters.

68. Dr. Francis Jolly entertained Surgeon at Fort St. Davids is well qualify’d.

69. Have entertained Madura Pilla an able man to teach the Company’s servants Persian.

70. Refer to Consultation 10th September about Jacob Vanbassayons barbarously murdering Sergeant Parsons and Derrick Johnsons his Accomplice therein at St. Davids.

71. Some persons doubt whether they can punish such Criminals with death unless such power be procured there will be no living in safety among such reproaches desire the Company’s direction whether may try such by a Court Martial.

72. John Bailie soldier at Vizagapatam deserted to the Enemy when Puckett’s Gurr besieged it and directed them to play their guns on the Factory where weakest and made several attacks that hazarded the loss of it he was caught in Bengal and is now prisoner at Madrass where shall punish him.
73. This present year has been very sickly many Europeans and inhabitants of the Black town have dyed for several months have had 40 to 50 men at a time in the Hospital 21 soldiers dy'd since the 10th July must build an Hospital or will all dye the Surgeons commended.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

74. The Jane being not arriv'd have wrote to the West Coast that they lade the Thistleworth and Todington early and sent proper rules for them to observe shall speedily send thither the Rising Sun Smack to Benjocool with Petre and redwood thence to go to Batavia for Arrack for the place and supply of the ships.

75. Have not granted Mr. Skingle as yet leave to return to England waiting for the Jane to get living witnesses of the charge against him Mr. Griffith as it is said is gone directly for Benjocool Mr. Skingle has no money or effects as can hear of.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING YOUR ACOMPT.

76. Mr. Frederick the Acomptant and Mr. Hunt who is desired to assist him are constantly employ'd therein but the many errors in Mr. Mountague's time who left them to a raw young lad taken off the Guard hinder'd their finishing them it had been better to have begun them anew they are balanced but can't be copy'd over for this ship refer to Consultation 21th July how the accounts were on the Presidents arrival.

77. Shall observe the Company's directions about the books and when have time settle rules for their more easy ballancing yearly.

78. Shall send their report on the next ship with the books which hope ill be full.

79. Metchlepdam Merchants have been often with the President about the New Company's debt he don't find he is empowered to end it if it be not one time or other prove troublesome to the Company.

OF THE DUTCH FRENCH AND DANES.

80. The Dutch left the Coast the 20th September they took in their last goods at Metchlepdam are expected with a strong body in February.

81. Two St. Malloes ships bound for Mocha took a great Dutch ship in April near the Cape, these were the three Captain Phillipp saw near Cape Agulhas they took out all the money and best of their goods the prize not being able to get her passage bore away and arrived Pondicherry the 23th September and are going back to Mocha to join the two.

82. Hear the two French ships expected on the Coast wanting Bullion are coming round by Peru and will arrive next season.

83. No ship arriv'd from Denmark this year only one goes thither and will sail this day.

OF THE SEPARATE STOCK SHIPS.

84. John and Elizabeth and Mermaid are gon to the Bay for freight neither having Stock enough to go home.

85. The Oxford on the 14th September fell in with the great Dutch prize off Batticola taking her for a Dutch ship enquired of her for news and was taken they arriv'd together at Pondicherry where the Merchants of Madras bought her.

SEUPLMENT OF WHAT WAS OMITTED IN THE FOREGOING & WHAT HAS OCCURRED SINCE OCTOBER 13th.

86. In the Bouvetries Invoice 12 Bales St. Davids Bettelles N°. 25 Invoiced 48 Corge should be 69 Corge and 16 Bales N°. 26 invoiced 64 Corge should be 80 Corge the difference is 25 Corge value Pagodas 234 : 18 : 25. which shall be rectify'd in the books.
87. Have sent on the Mermaid to the Bay several things to be added to the present as per List demanded and now sent.
88. Propose the ships for Bencoolen should come out early and touch at the Fort for Kintlager.
89. Shall send Captain Stacey's account per next ship.
90. Bills drawn for 600 Pagodas part of Mr. Philip Richardson's estate paid into Cash by Mr. Bulkley.
91. Bill of Exchange sent in the Paokett for £600 drawn by Captain William How on Aron Pacheco payable to Mr. William Eston Chief of Gombrone and wrote to Mr. Eston that he pray the Company to receive and pay it to Mr. William Lees poor relations in part of what left them by Mr. Lees will.
92. One hundred Pagodas supply'd Captain Thomas Clapham of the Successo for necessitys as per his request sent.
93. The Rising Sun fill'd up with Petre and Redwood to be carry'd to the West Coast.
94. Laughlin Makensey Sargeant returned on the Successo being guilty of notorious crimes.
95. Refer to Consultation of October 15th for the Messrs. Davenport and Martin Warehousekeepers report about goods wanting per Heathoote in answer to the Generall Letter.
96. Want of 200 Bales from St. Davids kept the ship several days much ado to fill her up but 8 bales of the 10 ordered to St. Helena on the Successo sent as per Invoice detc.
97. Captain Hudson on the 15th instant requesting 150 Bags more of Petre enabled them to fill the ship up.
98. On Captain Claphams request sent have supply'd him with 80 Pagodas more.
99. Yesterday arrived the President from the Bay with Petre and packing bunt but having no stores proper for Bencoolen shall send her back and order her thence to Bencoolen.
100. Having no opportunity to send Petre from the Bay to Bencoolen have agreed to send on the Oxford 1500 Bags at a Pagoda per Bag and to carry two or three hundred Candy of Redwood in the bargain.
101. The ship being full and the season late shall add no more.

Edw. Bulkley  E. Harrison
Wm. Jennings  Tho. Frederick
Bernard Berton  Henry Davenport
William Ward  W. Martin


1. Have wrote largely by the Bouverie and Tankerville dispatch'd the 4th September and shall do the same by the Halifax which hope to send away by the 10th October yet having this opportunity by the Danes ship send the enclosed account that it may arrive early.

2. Enclosed send abstracts of the Bouveries and Halifaxs Invoice with Lists of Stores and Goods wanted.
3. Can't be exact in the account of the Hallifaxes Invoice being in daily expectation of Goods from Vinasapam and St. Davids.

4. Intend to dispatch the Averilla in December to reach the Dutch, she is ordered up early from the Bay design to fill her up at St. Davids.

5. Might have laden a bigger ship by January but then must have been too late for the Dutch and run in danger of the French if had been sent to St. Davids.

6. Are engaged in an expensive war with Syroop Sing Governonr of Chingee the St. Davids bounds besieged, can get in no goods or grain from the Country, forced to send Grain to St. Davids this war has been ever since the Frederick was dispatched yet no care taken to supply them with Grain or other Provisions for which the then Deputy Governonr was Culpable refer to their letters for the Account and cause of the war Mr. Roberts the occasion of it for his own base lure it has cost a great summe and will more to finish it besides want of investments.

7. Are dayly laboning to accommodate matters which hope to Effect by January.

8. Expect the St. George and Sherborn may be dispatcht from the Bay to reach the Dutch, but have no letters from thence since the 10th July President Harrison arrived with the three ships.

9. The Dutchess and Katherine are at Bombay the London arrived Penza the 29th June-Godolphin laden with coffee from Mocha cast away at Bombay the 6th August and all lost, Howland and Hester gone from Batavio for Canton, no news of the Rochesters dispatch from Chusan.

10. Two French ships from Cadiz took a Dutch ship outward bound near the Cape in April with 100,000 Dollars in money, which they carry'd with them from Mocha leaving the ship to follow them, who not getting into the Gulph made by Zeylon for the Coast and off the Fryershood took the Oxford who lay by to speak with them and carry'd her the 25th September to Pondicherry the Dutch ship is of Amsterdam of their biggest rate she fought well, these three Captain Phrip saw off Cape Agullas and by night escaped them.

11. Have letters from the Bay by the Successe of the 31st August the present not yet sent to Court great part of it return'd as unfitt.

12. They promise their utmost industry.

P.S.—The Oxford left the Jane near Madeira no news of her since.

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FORT ST. GEORGE GENERAL DATED 22ND. DEO. 1711 AND 4TH & 7TH JANUARY
1711-12. RECEIVED PER AVVILILLA 20TH SEPTMBERS 1712.

1. Their last was by the Halilax and Successe dispatch'd the 17th October by whom sent duplicates of the Bouveries and Tankervilles letters with other Papers Books &c.

2. The Rising Sun sail'd for Bencoolen the 17th October.

3. The 24th October dispatch'd the President for Bengal with 54 Candy and 4 1b Iron wrote for and desired them to return her with stores for the West Coast with all expedition, the 27th October the Oxford sail'd for Bencoolen with
1500 Bags Petre and 250 Candy Redwood as per Consultation 16th October this with what sent per Elizabeth Gally and Rising Sun will furnish kintlage for that years shipping for want of kintlage fear some ships have been lost and among others the Anna and Westmoreland.

4. From Negapatam have news the 2 French ships intended for Mocha took the Dutchman off Vingalore rocks near Goa the 29th September and carry'd her to Callicutt the 8th October Captain Blaccon lost his arm in the engagement, on which sent an account thereof to the Bay and all other the Settlements, the 20th November had more particulars of it from Anjengo and Callicutt as per Papers No. 19 had further advice that the French ships sail'd from Callicutt the 17th October and were seen off Mangalore the 25th where they had chased abore several Rice Vessells and a Portugese frigot their Convoy.

5. The 26th November had news from Pondicherry said two ships would come on the Coast as soon as the season permitts which is expected because the Governor at Pondicherry wants money for subsistence.

6. Expect these ships will come out of Madagascar in two or three years would clear the Anna and hire the Mary for the voyage to Europe.

7. By a Danish ship bound to Malacca and Jeebore gave orders that if any danger in those Streights they should send advice boats to cruise in the Streights of Singapore and order the Howland to Batavia to come with the Dutch fleet.

8. By letters from Anjengo and Callicutt the 10th November the Dutch ship s Dale and Mr. Weltden and family on her and sent his boat ashore the 18th November to Callicutt then past by.

9. Bombay letters 9th November advise 20 Chests of Treasure was taken in the Dutchman the Katherine was at Bombay-London not arriv'd from Persia nor any ship from Europe the Godolphin from Mocha with Coffee ship wreck'd on Bombay Island most of her Cargo lost-sorry for these misfortunes—Seven Dutch ships bound to Suratt and Persia instead of ranging along the coast keep out of sight of land and past by Bombay the 1st November.

10. Arrivills said's from Bengal the 4th December arriv'd Madras the 19th-Darby arriv'd Balacore the 20th November parted with the Jane near the line-Patana boats not then come down—the Sherborne and Mr. Wilmun and family on her and St. George would be first dispatch't troubles at Cemambour with the Duan continue, all Goods and provisions there dear.

11. The French report the Pyrates at Madagascar are building a large new ship to be sure to infest the Indian Seas, proposed to send two early ships for Suratt yearly well manned to visit the Pyrates Ports and burn their vessels, thin in two or three years would clear the seas of them and reduce to the English honour.

12. Captain Hurst's request in the Bay for Petre not being sent up have obliged him to renew it, which is in the Packets.

13. Redwood being wanted in the Bay the Anvallia was taken out after losses which took up some time to put in again at the Fort under her Petre.

14. The Merchants at Madras consented those at St. Davids should have all the Broadcloth hereafter they could make no advantage by it in the end to deter them from medling with it for the future.
18. The Madrass Merchants had before stock'd the neighbouring places with the St. Georges Cargo, 150 Bales deliver'd those of St. Davids but little of it disposed of, the Mogula army being at Delhi and no horse near who take off the Cloth hinder the Vest of it, the Roads infested by the wars between the Nabobs and Country Rajahs can't send Bulky Goods into the Country this makes it fall hard on the contractors who are not men of substance, however shall encourage them to send it out of town to make room for the next years Cargo's if they can't vend it will if desired from the Bay send some thither.

16. Desire the Company will rather abate than exceed in the List of Manufactures demanded, till the Country is better settled.

17. Design when the Country shipping arrive to make a publick sale of all remains in Warehouse. Several things by perishing, woolen Cloth especially the Green by lying in Warehouse breed a worm, have therefore made an order to sell all remains as soon as a new Cargo arrives.

18. By the Halifax received from the Bay some salted Provisions which they write came from England but little disposed of the rest putrify'd is bury'd.

THOUGHT TOUCHING YOUR INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

19. Advised in the last of the 80,000 Pagodas contract made at St. Davids having ask for the Averilla and things can't be worse have deferred making a new Contract at Madrass in hopes to get the Merchants keep up to old Musters and abate in the price.

20. Shall have a Cargo for a 400 ton ship in September and provide for another in December to join the Dutch at the Cape the best way to avoid the French.

21. Can't provide the Metchlepatam Goods there will endeavour to make them at Madrass if can get them cheap and the Chay well fix'd.

22. Have wrote to Vizagapatam to get the Weavers thither from Metchlepatam hope by September to get those goods one way or other.

23. Eighty five Bales Longcloth Sallampores and Striped Betellees on this ship received from Vizagapatam the Betellees well wash'd hope they will prove good.

24. Mr. Hastings writes there is a set of sufficient Merchants at Vizagapatam will contract for 50,000 Pagodas or more in Longcloth Sallampores and Betellees for next Season have promised to send him money next Season for must advance on all places on the Coast except Madrass, shall caution him not to advance a great summe to run a risk.

25. Three hundred ninety one Bales on the Averilla-100 more their Merchants have brought in from Porto Novo to St. Davids the rest of her Cargo will be compleated at St. Davids.


27. Sorry must complain of Mr. Farmers St. Davids investment this ship but if should be silent might be censur'd.

28. Seventy Bales of Longcloth brown received in October for the Halifax came too late, when it came to be washed found it much inferior to the Madras Musters, wherefore complained of it to the now Deputy Governor of whom hope for better hereafter, can expect no thorough reformation till the Company distinguish the best and worst sortments.

29. Will not without necessity take in goods worse than Muster and if they do will have proportionable abatements in full Council.
FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL. THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

30. All their shipping being abroad can add nothing to their last.
31. King Shaw Alums weak Government who keeps encampt at Delhi gives opportunity to the Nabob &c. to commit ravages so that all trade almost is destroy'd no Merchants come down to buy up goods.

32. The inland trade of Madrass grows worse. The Duan is return'd to Arcott having obliged the King of Misore to pay 5 lack Rupees. Shaw Alums has don him new honour ther upon-they are at present on good terms with him which will preserve he is secretly an enemy to the English, cunning and covetous he sent the President a sad horse and vest as a particular token of his favour are trying if can retrieve the 5 villages on advantageous terms but will not lanch out money on a precarious title, these 5 villages are part of what was long since made over to Zulphaur Com for his Jaggeer and Doud Cauns always paid Zulphaur Cauns treasurer 2,300 Pagodas yearly for them, which this covetous Duan will not do Strange the English should let them but at 1,200 Pagodas a year, when Dond Caun left those parts the villages devolv'd to the Owner, and the Duan being answerable for the Revenue took possession of them, being in vain to defend by force some of them being 6 and 8 miles off except would draw a war on themselves if Zulphaur granted them or others it would be good only for his life when the Subaship is given to another must give him what presents he will demand therefore shall consider well and rather endeavour to increase the Revenue.

33. Ammin Caun a great favourite of Zulphaur Caun and Nabob of the Chirpy Countrey whom the Duan joyned against Misore sent a Civill letter and Serpaw to the President desiring his officers might buy up horses elephants and rich goods which was granted and great Civillity show'd them.

34. The Averilla brought letters from the Bay advising Zoode Caun was displaoed believe it is don by Zulphaour Caun who manages all affairs of the Empire and that they intend to send the present forward to Patna speedily, but don't say under whose management, it is said Mr. Robert 'oulks will be the Second who understands Persians well, the Success will depend on the Capacity and Conduct of those who go with the present have sent account of their grants to get them confirmed, it is not customary to insert many Particulars in a Royal Grant it will be well if can enjoy their old Priviledges for the Country Government about them are contriving to get money from them.

35. The origin all Cowls for the settlement of Madrass granted by the Rajahs missing hear Mr. Yale sent them up by sea by Sir John Childs order to Suratt and the ship never heard of.

36. Zoodez Cauns Government given to the Duan and the troubles with him yet continue all Goods risen there 20 per cent and it is not-easy to reduce them.

37. Nebob Habib Caun at war with the Rajah Ananterauze a friend to the English, has desired Mr. Hastings assistance to whom have wrote to avoid taking either side.

38. The country round Matchlepatam at wars the Dutch kill'd Mahomed Year Beague with a great shot when he came to plunder the town his Father is come with a potent army for revenge-so all trade is at a stand.

39. When the Halifax sail'd had hopes the war at St. Davids would have ended, the Rajahs chief favourite coming in to their bounds the 20th October to treat, a truce concluded on their army withdraw on which got in all the grain and provisions procurable and a handsome quantity of Cloth by small parcels which enabled the dispatching the Averilla.
40. Near two months spent in endeavours to make a peace had consented to make up the matter as cheap as possible on Mr. Raworth's writing they were come to the terms following.

41. Their lowest demand was Rupees 50,000, and to make over the Reuters debt with the Interest to be recover'd of them or Mr. Roberts. They offered to quit all claim to the Companys bounds to give villages &c. that would bring in Pagodas 2778 a year and a durable peace with releuse of the Prisoners and a present worth 500 Pagodas.

42. Mr. Raworth ordered to make an end as per Consultation 26th November but they retracted all and demanded Coddalore and Trepopolore as belonging to them, and sent an impudent letter as per Consultation of 26th December and next morning laid an ambush and fired on the men who went to relieve the out guard th'o none fell.

43. Mr. Fraser and Mr. Farmer who managed this matter without a fair result of Councill did not consider the power of the People, the Prince subject to the Mogull Governour of one of the strongest places in the Empire nor ought they to have ravaged the country burnt their villages and corn and kill'd the people, which could never regain the two Prisoners who were out of the bounds without leave and did not defend themselves as they ought when seized.

44. Some of the Council proposed to stop Mr. Roberts but Mr. Fraser did not hearken, then by Mr. Farmer's advice made presents to Sirrup Sing to release the 2 Prisoners who believing them men of great value kept them, and the presents,
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52. They only approv'd Mr. Farmer's project of reprisal by seizing Syrup Sings Relations, instead of which they kill'd the Chief man who defended himself bravely.

53. Then Mr. Farmer alone orders the soldiers to kill burn and destroy all before them for 14 miles together this has made the Enemy implacable.

54. Refer to Fort St. Davids General Letter of the 25th October enter'd N°. 142 wherein they own Syrup Sings demands above the Renters Debt was on account of destroying 60,000 Pagodas of Grains and killing the Pandarum at Yembollum, and desire to disburse considerably out of the Company's Cash to make up the difference, till they say they had not authority to kill burn and destroy.

55. Have ever since President Harrison's arrivall endeavour'd to end these troubles honourably, he thought it necessary as things had been carry'd to make a good figure, since the war was begun in defending the Company's bounds without advancing into the Enemy's Country.

56. By letters from Mr. Hastings of the 11th December hear the Nabob Habib Caull plunders and burns all the Country, all trade stopt and can get in no more goods.

57. The free trade from Madras to the Bay which used to increase the Revenue is lost to the English the Moors and Armenians get it all.

58. The Company in the Bay brag they put a stop to the English going up into the Country by alleging to the Company it raised their investments.

59. This appears by the Moors and Armenians selling Bay goods at Madras at the Sea Gate for good profit, when the English can't get their principal for the same sorts at the same prices.

60. Desire the Company to consider what damage it can be for the English to go up into the Country for Ophium &c. which the Company don't want for England, hope the Company will favour them therein, the Broker by his power secures all freights to be at the Presidents disposal, so that must pay ten per cent commission or can get no freight.

61. The use they have made of this point gained is the President and Chief of Patna got 30 to 40 per cent on all goods brought from Patna to Calcutta besides what got on the goods up, can get no goods but from them, the same is done at all other the Company's settlements, and where the Company have none the Broker gets the profit because no European is suffered to make his own investment in the country.

62. The free trade from Madras to the Bay which used to increase the Revenue is lost to the English the Moors and Armenians get it all.
67. The great decay of the Trade at Madras makes them solicit the Company's favour.

FIFTHLY YOUR FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS & REVENUES.

68. Are building a Guard house and Hospital for the Soldiers near the River side as per plan sent hope to finish it by the next Season.

69. Shall apply fines and forfeitures to the use of this building and subscribe themselves and get others to do the same, hope to finish all and have a fund for the hospital to relieve the Poor at as little expense to the Company as Egmore building has cost tho' it is not finished.

70. Draught of the Egmore Guard house sent desire orders whether shall finish it and to what use to put it.

71. Shall not meddle with the intended house at the Mount till have done the more necessary works.

72. Most of the great Gun carriages defective wont bear the guns firing are repairing them to the seaward, afterwards shall repair all the rest.

73. Twenty long field pieces wanted which carry 2 lb. shot, with the shot &c. materials.

74. Shall rebuild St. Thomas's Point when can get bricks enough ready.

75. Shall defer medling with the College till the other works are compleated tho' make a hard shift for the Factors and Writers.

76. Have under consideration excising Toddy Tamarind and Salt and when can obviate the Inconvenience shall grant a farm of them.

77. Formally when goods were sold for being brought into town without paying the duty used to release them on paying double this not being sufficient have ordered they shall be forfeited § to the Company § to the Informer which has had a good effect as per Consultations 19th November and 13th December.

78. Have reformed in other employments as have found the abuses all which shall enter in Consultation.

79. Refer to the Consultation 30th November for what done about the quit rents, shall recover what they can of the old deficieny and put it on a better foot to ease others hereafter and to help the poor and make the rich bear it.

80. The Farmers of the measuring duty on grain exacting on the Poor have taken away their Cowl as per Consultation 17th December and shall fine them, have let the Farm to another on easier terms to the poor but at the same rent.

81. The Revenues are paid at the times appointed and under good managers.

82. Want of rain made grain excessive dear, receiving 600 Bags Rice by the Averilla sold it presently to the Poor, since the vessels bring in more daily.

83. President Fraser laid up no store because he said... it was so cheap only a little damaged Bengali Rice which is since sent to St. Davids, shall take better care at both places forced to supply St. Davids to the damage of Madras.

84. The Mint house being ready to fall and standing inconvenient for the Soldiers have purchased a convenient house and ground for a new one as per Consultation 15th December the Mint Bramins shall contribute thereto the old house repaired would have cost half what gave for the other.

SIXTHLY FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS SOLDIERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

85. Mr. Richard Horden arriving from Vizagapatam in October is undersearcher at the Sea gate.

86. Ninth November try'd John Baillie who deserted at Vizagapatam as per Consultation was prov'd guilty, has twice ran the gauntlets was design'd a 3d course but he stab'd himself with a penknife tho' not mortally, he is a hardened villain and deserves to be hanged if were sure they had power.
87. Several Persons sent home for vile actions have got out again to other places beg the Company's care to prevent the like and that they may refuse taking them ashore, would have sent Bailie home but fear he would do more mischief.

88. Joseph Paddle made an ensign at St. Davids at the Deputy Governor's desire, several of the soldiers there deserted to the Enemy.

89. Mr. Robert Jones Minister dy'd the 12th November left little behind him, had paid what he owed the Company, Mr. Lewes intends home next year.

90. Padre Milton displaced from Coddalore and Padre Manoel de Silva equested, believe their Morals are both alike.

91. Refer to Consultation for what done about reducing the Stewards' expences of dyet which will appear monthly hereafter, when stores are laid in in quantities that months expence must be greater, shall reduce the whole annual expence one third if could have liquors as wrote for or Madeira wine could reduce it more, refer to the Packet for what wrote for.

92. Several Pieces longcloth and Sallampores in warehouse damaged eaten with ants and rotten 88 per Consultation 23th November know not whom to fix the fault on, shall dy the best for the West Coast and make the rest if tollerable into shirts.

93. Coventry Gifford writer dy'd 2d. December gave by will his effects to Benjamin Russell, Ensign Zachary Highlord dy'd at Vizagapatam the 12th December.

94. Mr. Ferd: Coningsby indebted to the Warehouse Pagodas 111: 11. Mr. Raworth is to send account Particulars in the Packet have ordered no factor or writer shall be trusted by the Warehousekeeper above a year's salary.

95. In November at St. Davids George Brand Gent. at Arms killed John Hughes the Cooks, expect him up to be try'd here.

96. Mr. Chitty in the Bay indebted to the Company Rupees 20836: 12: n. Of which have stop'd above 12000 shall seiz any of his effects whenoan to make good the remainder.

97. Mr. Richard Skingle goes home on the Averilla as per Consultation 20th December has given bond to appear before the Company, Mr. Jer: Harrison secured all his effects he could find on the summe total of his Debt in the Account Currant, ballance due thereon is Pagodas 576: 9: 13. Debts on the West Coast may make that good.

98. Mr. Harrison and Captain Philip seized a Parcel of Mr. Skingle's Coast and Bay goods pretending could not sell them when indeed they had too many of their own to put off, nor would they lett him sell his own and they took the money, so they were brought to Madrass and sold at 25 per cent less than they lost.

99. Mr. Thomas Way entertained Supervisor of the works at 10 Pagodas a month while employ'd therein.

100. Have ordered St. Davids to discharge what Pecus they can and set defensively in their own bounds, and endeavour an accommodation-Stewards Expenses much more in Mr. Roberts time than in Mr. Raworth's.

101. Their best soldiers sent to St. Davids those at Madras not to be depended upon, must keep fair with the Duan and avoid disputes, and fewer soldiers at St. Davids can't defend the bounds.

102. Can't yet try the murtherer of Sarjeant Parsons the evidence being at St. Davids will if possible hang him for so barbarous a murder.

103. Mr. John Rudge deceased his Account Currant &c. comes in the Packet the Ballance Pagodas 185: 17: 7. paid into Cash.

104. Dr. Chadleys Account Currant sent but he owes more than the ballance which must dvided proportionally.
106. Can't send Mr. Robert Jones's account currant yet.
107. What soldiers shall be sent pray they may be fit for soldiers.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING YOUR ACCOUNTS.

108. The books of accounts now sent balanced and signed as ordered the President and Council can't be answerable for mistakes they had no hand in shall take care for the future they be duly kept up, with they had been better wrote.
109. Several sums stand as debts transferred from others scarce anybody left to inform how they arose or what done to get them in when the Averill in is gun will require the best they can most of the Debtors now living worth little.
110. The Accountants Office is in the greatest confusion impossible to trace accounts of long standing, the office itself inconvenient so fitting presses to keep books in order or preserve them from the worms, material papers thrown in heaps and lost, when rebuild the Colledge shall make a Commodious Office to keep all in.
111. Great part of the Warehousekeeper and Sea Customers debts in last books since received and shall the remainder, the Warehousekeeper debits himself for what he delivers to other people, and sometimes they are insolvent shall remedy this inconvenience for the future.
112. Old Compays accounts and account Cash at St. Davids never closed when Mr. Roberts delivered up the Garrison to Mr. Fraser.
113. What the Farmers of towns stand debtors in the books will be duly paid.
114. M. Empson Warehousekeepers Account was in Confusion when he dy'd and so little done to it since fear shall not settle it as it should be.
115. Chattes one of the Joynt Stock merchants Debtor Pagodas 2648 is dy'd insolvent.
116. Quolla Mulla &c. Brickmakers stand debtors for money advanced when Mr. Marshall was Paymaster for brick and stone for buildings but can't find how the Debts arose or were left unpaid or any such Persons.
117. In Consultation 7th November agreed to write off several accounts that stood open, Pryaman Settlement is yet debtor for a great summe, desire to open a new head for the West Coast for what will be transected hereafter and let the old account stand open.
118. Edward Mau Master of Arms deceased stands debtor Pagodas 24: 24. was insolvent, Governour Fitt was verbal security for him.
119. Next books shall be more exact will make regulations for the ease of others and to prevent irregularities in the warehouse and other employs of years past.

SUPPLEMENT OF WHAT WAS OMITTED IN THE FOREGOING AND WHAT HAS OCCURR'D SINCE 6TH JANUARY 1711.

120. Have no advice from the West Coast, when the Darby left the Jane she was sickly and short of provisions and the Chief mate talked of going to Brasile, the Suratt ships talks'd the same before they left England, they were not on the Malabar Coast the 7th December.
121. Letters from Callicutt of the 7th December advise the French viz. two St. Maloe men, the Dutch Prize and Dutchess have not been seen on that Coast, since the 10th November believe they are gone towards Pondicherry and will stay in India another year, shall take the best care to secure the Company's ships.

122. On the 17th November the Callicutt Letters say the Siddle landed at Mangalore burnt and destroyed all before them and after 5 days carry'd away the Prisoners and Plunder, threatens Callicutt with the same he suffer'd the English to carry off their Effects.

123. The Cargoes of this years shipping being part of former investments don't send masters.

124. Pray the New Company's debt at Metchlepatam may be compounded to prevent trouble from the Government.

125. Messrs. Fraser and Wright whom the New Company empowered to compound said debt abused their trust and advised the Merchants not to do it till they told them they had no power to deal with them and paid them a good summe of money towards their Charges in coming from Metchlepatam of all which the Merchants will make oath.

126. The present Governor finds this affair was recommended to President Addison and devolved on Mr. Fraser, who telling the Merchants he had power to compound it they reply'd if part was due all was and the Company was able to pay.

127. A Pegu Ambassador has been some time at Madras with presents from the King to the Mogull, but stays for further orders because of disputes with the Governors of the Country he is to pass through.

128. Concerning Captain Goodmans protest for his not going on freight and the Dartmouth being taken up in his stead, hear he run the St. George ashore at Portsmouth which was the true reason he dock'd her in the Bay, that he took out the Company's treasure outward bound and stay'd a great while to see whether it would be found out.

129. Captain Stacey deceased his outcry and account currant sent Pagodas 447 : 17 : S. the balance paid into Cash.

130. The John and Elizabeth is lading at Bengal for Persia and the Mermaid for Judda.

131. Mr. William Martin the then Accomptant says the account of the Mogull present was sent home by the Frederick and no Copy delivered him to be enter'd in the General Books have therefore made an order no Papers shall be sent home but what are Copy'd in the Secretary's Office.

132. The Averilla despatcht to fill up at St. Davids the 5th instant hope she may meet the Dutch at Cape.

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Fort St. George General, dated 8th January 1711-12. Recd. Per Averilla the 20th Sept. 1712. [India Office transcript.]

1. Mr. Bernard Benyon gone down to St. Davids on Affairs of Importance of Governor Addison is to sit 3rd of Council to report how affairs are at his return.

2. Forty of their best Europe Soldiers sent to St. Davids and to have 40 of their return'd who misbehaved themselves.
3. Fearing the speedy arrival of the French have laid Tappy Peons from Madras to Vizagapatam, the English in the Bay to do the same from Ballalore, the people of Madras to bear half the charge, hope this way to secure the trade between Madras and the Bay and to have letters in 20 to 25 days which used to be two months.

EDW. BURKET
Wm. Jennings
WILLIAM WARRE
RICHARD HUNT
W. MARTIN

FORT ST. GEORGE GENERAL, DATED 10TH JANUARY 1711-12. REO* PER AVERILLA THE 25TH SEPT. 1712. [India Office transcript]

1. Bad weather at St. Davids hindring the curing their Cloth have sent them 50 Bales, and ordered them to put aboard the Averilla if wanted 120 Bales of Longcloth and Sallampores brown.

2. Six Bales of Coffee intended to be sent in the present to the Mogul being returned are now sent home.

E. HARRISON
Wm. Jennings
THO: FREDERICK
HEN: DAVENPORT
RICHARD HUNT
W. MARTIN

GOVERNOR HARRISON'S LETTER, DATED 10TH JANUARY 1711-12. REO* PER AVERILLA THE 25TH SEPT. 1712. [India Office transcript]

1. Having wrote so fully of the Company's affairs should not have wrote again but that the Council being tacitly concerned in all the late mismanagements, which they excuse themselves is because of President Frasers obstinate perverse-ness if contradicted, and might have embroiled the Company's affairs, which were not in a good condition.

2. Refer to the Evidences by the ships gone home to prove Dubashes and Conicoplys govern'd Madras the two last years, imprisoning fining and punishing the People at pleasure, which their Countrymen could not bear and complained to him and beg'd him to have but one Governor which he will grant them, they are so curbed now all seem easy, but if any should complain he hopes the Company will have good evidence before a Superior is condemned, for if they are kept to their duty they will be disobliged.

3. Things the Company will consider their ships are not strong enough against the French, if the war continues fear shall have more French ships than usual, two being expected by way of Peru and China.

4. Wishes the Company could get two fourth rates yearly to convoy the Coast and Bay ships out to cruise from November to January and then convoy all home from Madras this would also secure the Country trade and be a Credit to the Nation and Company.

5. And one fourth rate on Bombay side.
6. In the interim thinks it necessary to get 2 or 3 small vessels, good sailers, to gain and carry Intelligence.

**MANUFACTURES OF EUROPE.**

7. St. Davida Merchants poor by Mr. Roberts fleeting them, so take off the Broadcloth but slowly, the Madrass Merchants their Enemies will endeavour to reconcile them, that may dispose of all the Cloth before more comes.

8. Heaps of woollen goods by rotten in the Warehouse as per Consultation some have layn there several years, this will be prevented in future.

9. Liberty given to the Companys servants to have Cloth &c. for their use has been abused of late, others getting things in their names, Writers of 3 years standing Debtors to the Warehouse 50 to 100 Pagodas each and not a farthing to pay, they sell it to other People at 50 per cent profit and so have the Companys goods and 50 per cent profit in their hands, if they should dy all is lost this abuse he hopes is remedy'd tho' some Debts are doubtful among which my Lord Coningsbys Sonne.

**INVESTMENTS.**

10. Are near making a Contract with the Merchants for the next years Shipping which can't delay th6 Cotton is dear, and troubles in the Country encrease and the rains have destroyed the Crop of grain, the quantities brought in from the Norward will not make it cheap because obliged to succour St. Davids.

**TRADE OF INDIA & COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.**

11. Their ships all abroad and the French expected at Pondicbery makes them afraid, Madrass can't bear losses as formerly, great part of the trading stock gone, when peace comes doubts not to make Madrass flourish, and the Revenues show it.

12. Has wrote respectfully to Zulphacar Gau, who manages all. Letters without a present will not do much, his design was to repair Mr. Frasers omission and complain of Surrup Singh which ought to have been don long ago, several husbulhookums to the Duan make the English the agressors.

13. The Duan being ordered to send up to Court the State and account of the quarrell, he is endeavouring to get it favourably represented which should have been don at first, and shows the supineness of former times he can only endeavour to get it well ended and soon.

14. Refer to the General Letter about the originall of and false steps taken in this war, wishes to have found the author there.

15. An Armenian who has a prodigious ruby is going up to Zulphacar Gau who has written to the Duan to assist him in his Journey, he will go in March shall make use of him to do the Company service.

16. Mr. Fraser blamed for not having a Vackeel at the Moguls Court to advise of the Dutch &c. proceedings there, and prevent anything doing to the Companys prejudice.

17. Apologizes for his warmth about the St. Davids affair he has no prejudice against any only Zeal for the Company.

18. Have sent for good draughts of Visagapatam River, hopes may at small expense make a good harbour there.

**FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS & REVENUE.**

19. Refer to these to what wrote in the General Letter, shall by his example prevail for Contributions towards the new Hospitall, hopes what now about will not cost more than Sigmore Redoubt, the Paymaster is honest but not experienced in that employ, will assist him.
20. Fearful of promoting new taxes till the Country Government is better settled and the St. Davids troubles over, but is enquiring about the Duties mentioned in the General Letter, several Mogulls Persians and Patans are settled at Madras which thinks is no policy or prudence to permit, they being insolent and keep Correspondence with the Government and mutter at the Customs, shall permit no more without order and be cautious of expelling these.

21. Mr. Hastings greatly commended for his ability bravery and fair dealing.

22. Captain Roach commended for his actions at St. Davids.

23. Have a great many useless servants, shall keep them to work and hope they will be better. Have so many young unmarried women hope no more will be suffer'd to come out.

Concerning your Accounts.

25. So many errors in the Accounts could not be sent them by the Halifax, what now sent are not fully rectify'd.

26. Warehouse account and want of taking yearly remains occasions all the errors, the Warehousekeeper debits himself for what monthly delivered to others and as the money comes in he pays it and is credited people are not trusted a great while, Mr. Empson Warehousekeepers Account not yet settled and of so long standing hard to do it, he trusted all to his Conicoplys as others do who if knaves can never find out the truth.

27. In July last 70,000 Pagodas due to the Warehouse, and of long standing, but meet is now got in, the rest secured.

28. In April 1709 Mr. Hunt finding Empson's account Debtor in a great summe, enquires of his Conicoply who said Colloway and Vincatee Chittee ow'd Pagodas 16,400 which Hunt debits them for but dos not mention for what this summe carry'd forward in other books and their accounts being unadjusted now coming to Balance with them the Article appears fictitious and can't be proved, so can't make it agree with the General books this mention'd to show why can't rectify all mistakes till the next.

Remedies proposed viz:

1. Warehousekeeper and Storekeeper to keep each a Journal and Ledger to debit persons for what they receive and credit them as they pay and not let the Warehousekeeper only stand the Debtor by which means great losses may and have happen'd.

2. That these Debts be monthly examined and care taken to recover them.

3. That the Conicoplys be not trusted singly but a Covenant servant take account with them.

4. No Covenant servant to be trusted more than a years sallary by the Warehousekeepers.

5. That the alterations happen in Council no Employments be changed or altered till the Balance in April and that delivered into Council and perused and enter'd in the Accounts.

6. That Abstracts be delivered into Council of all debts and balances due to the Company and how arising that may be gotten in.

The Joint Stock Merchants Accounts to be yearly settled and the Balance agree'd before carry'd into new books.

29. This method will keep things regular and prevent the abuses of late crept in, which Mr. Fraser never attempted to cure. Tonnapa Conicoply owes between 3 and 4,000 Pagodas and has nothing Available to pay, have secured his adventures at sea.
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30. Shall endeavour to regulate the Company's affairs and set honestly to preserve the Company's good opinion.

31. The Fans not arrived so can't reform the West Coast having no power till who dies or hear she is lost no news from thence since September 1710.

32. The Council diligent in their stations if well look'd after are sensible were too passive in the late Government, which he shall not desire in his, he hopes to answer the Company's expectations.

E. HARRISON.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT, SAINT GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, OCT. 14, 1712.


TO THE HON. THE COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS

FOR AFFAIRS OF THE H. CORP. UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

1. The last opportunity we had of writing your Hon. was by the Avarilla, that went hence the 6th, Jan'y last, to fill up at Fort St. David, and left that place the 19th of the same month, her cargo amounting to seventy-two thousand two hundred nine-and-twenty Pounds, two Fanams and fourteen Cash, was sent by her your General Books ending April 1711, with several other material Books & papers as by a Duplicate List that comes in this Packet; Our General [of] the said ship was begun the 31st. of December, and ended the 7th. of Jan'y after which we had occasion to write two short Letters dated 9th. 9th. & 17th. Ditto, which were sent to Fort St. David to be put in the Packetts.

2. We have since been favour'd with a Letter from Mr. Secretary Woolley, dated the 17th. December, by the Arabella a General Letter from your Hon's. dated the 29th. of December, a Letter from your Accomptants dated the 9th. of Jan'y, and one of the 6th. of Feb'y, from Mr. Sectt. Woolley accompanying a Copy of your General to the West Coast; we have likewise recover'd all the Invoices, Bills of Loading and other papers exactly conformable to the Lists that came in [by] Packetts by this year's Shipping, and now we shall proceed to answer every material contained in the said Letters, and to give you a full account of your Affairs under this Presidency, & elsewhere that are come to our knowledge, rang'd under the proper Heads according to your prescrib'd method; in which we shall use as much brevity as possible, or as the present posture of your Affairs will allow.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'D.

In which we shall first answer what contain'd in your's and then add what has come [here] among us.

3. We most heartily congratulate your Hon. upon the safe arrival of so many of your Ships, beseeching the Divine Providence to bless all your Affairs with the like success; we are highly sensible how much 'tis for your interest during the war, that as many of your Ships as possible, should be dispatch'd in time to join the Dutch Fleet at the Cape; which was the reason that last year we chose rather to send away the Avarilla (the least ship) early in Jan'y than to have loaded one something bigger by the middle of Feb'y, and had the Gentlemen at Fort St. David complied with their Promise, the success had answer'd our
expectation; but this they have to say for themselves that they were at that time streightly besig'd and continually alarm'd by the Enemy which was a great hindrance to their business.

4. We will do our utmost endeavours that neither the Bay nor any other of your Settlements, may go beyond Us in diligence & zeal for your Service; the 8th paragraph of your Hou's. Letter seems to relate wholly to the former Governor of this place, & the persons concerned beg leave humbly to offer that of the five ships from the Bay A'no 1710 the biggest was the Loyal Blas Loaden the year before, and that if the Bouverie had not been detain'd for the reasons formerly given, You, the two ships from hence would have been in proportion to the four from Bengal, as our investment is in proportion to theirs.

5. We return your Hon's. thanks for the Acco's. you are pleased to give us of the Shipping intended for India this Season, but We fear by the Number of them, you are not apprizd of the Tonnage remaining upon our hands, both here, in the Bay and on the Malabar Coast, from which we are very sorry to say, we can easily foresee a considerable Loss to your Estate.

6. We observe your Hon's. orders concerning the Stretham bound to China and this place, and should esteem ourselves very happy if circumstances will permit Us to comply with them, we wrote [a] full acco' in our Letters of last year how matters were like to go at Canton, in which wee were not at all mistak'd, for the stocks belonging to this place are not above half return'd, and when the remaining half arrives, the propersors will not see above fifteen w Cent for the two years: the last Acco' wee receiv'd from the Howland was dated the 10th Jan"; at Canton, when they expected to be dispatch'd in ten or fifteen days, since when she was seen and Spoke with near Achin on the 2d. of May by the Russell Gall'y a small Vessell belonging to Bengall, and had then been thirty-three Days from Malacca, from that time we have had no further news of her, nor can we imagine where she can be; she was not arrived in Bengal the 15th. July, and all our hopes are that she return'd to Malacca for want of water and provisions.

7. The Gentlemen upon the Stretham, have an unusual opportunity this year of getting a quick dispatch from Canton, because the great scarcity of Silver, and the bad success we had last Season, prevented our sending any ship to China, but then there is an Armenian Vessell that arrived there in September last from Manhila with a very powerful Stock to buy Gold, and wee are afraid the Merchants will not have purchas'd near their quantity before y'. Stretham arrives; wee shall be sure to provide a suitable Cargoe ready for this ship according to your Directions; but your Hon'ns. may please to consider that the timely arrival of a China Ship [being] so very uncertain, wee must of necessity keep another Ship ready to load, in case the other does not come by a convenient Day, [which] we take to be the last of Jan"; or there abouts, otherwise the Cargo's will lye upon our hands till next season, and accordingly we have wrote to the Bay for either the Kent or some other Ship about her burthen, to be sent up-hinder in December.

8. Wee shall take care according to your Order to deduct five Q Cent out of M'. Thomas Fredericks Gold when it arrives; as also cut of the produce of M'. Gumleys Looking Glasses, giving him Bills upon your Hou's. for the remainder, and will not fail to advise you whether a quantity can be sold in China to advantage or not.

9. The Directions in the 12th paragraph, concerning what You have been pleased to permit the Supra Cargoes of the Stretham to joyn with your Cargo's, we have proceed of the said Cargo here, the Bills of Exchange to be given for England, the Examination of their Acco's. &c. shall be punctually complied with.
10. We have made it our business ever since your new Presidents arrivall to establish a wellfall correspondence with the Gentlemen[n] in the Bay, in which we have succeeded so well as to convey our Letters overland as far as Ganjam which is good threefourths of the [way] to Ballasore in sixteen Days, and were in hopes that they in Bengal would have found means to meet Us with the same expedi-
tion, which they have not hitherto effectcd, however we now receive their Letters in upwars of thirty Days, which before were wont to be two & three mo: in their passage, and sometimes lost by the Death of their Consuls, that have not been able to perform the journey, so that the most material advices have often miscarried to the great prejudice of your Affairs; but we have now laid Tappy & peoms at convenient stages as far as Ganjam, half of which charge is borne by private Merch[n] as we have formerly advis'd you.

11. Our last Letters from the Bay were dated the 10th. July wherein they advise Us that they have no prospect of dispatching more than one Ship or two at most, by reason of the present troubles w[th] will fall in more properly under another head; we have wrote them in Answer that if they cannot find a more advantageous employ for the ships that shall remain upon their hands, it would be better to send them up hither loaden with grain and other necessarys for your Acco[n] then to lett them lye unemployed in y[ur] Bay till the next Season servis.

12. We observe the Amendments in the Cap[n]'s instructions relating to their keeping Company with each other for their mutuall security, and all the other repeated Orders contain'd in your 10th. paragraph, which we shall be sure to comply with; the Arabiss arrived here the 8th. July, the Maribro and Kent the 24th. & the Mary and Recovery the 29th. of the same month; by which Y, Hon[n], will see how hard a matter it is, notwithstanding the severity of your Orders, to keep your ships together till they arrive upon this Coast where the greatest Danger is to be expected; they pretend they were seperated by bad weather the night after they left the Cape, which in our opinion is not fully made out, but that is submitted to your Hon[n]. judgment when they return home, and their journals are examin'd; this is most certain that if the French ships expected this year at Ponticherry had been servis before than their separation might have proved the Loss of all.

[...]

13. The Dartmouth has been carefully surveyed, and found to be in an extraordinary good condition, and as there's no doubt but she will come in Company with the Dutch Fleet, we have endeavou'd to make her Cargoe as considerable as we could, she arrived here from Persia the 7th. August as your Hon[n]. will observe in our Consul[n]. Of the 11th. Ult. that the Freight and Demaros due for tonlage is paid into your Cash.

14. We shall take Care for the future that all matters of dispute w[th] your Captains (where the subject will bear it) shall be transacted in writing, for the reasons your Hon[n]. are pleased to mention, but with submission we cannot think it becoming our Council, to reply to the Captains in writing, unless it be by your positive Orders, nor has it ever been the Custom of the place, that we can find upon record.

15. We heartily wish the new measures your Hon[n]. have taken to prevent frauds in letting out your ships to freight for the future may prove as effectual as you intend them, the wee must beg leave humbly to offer our opinion, that the Captains sitting and voting in Council, upon the proposals and Resolutions relating to his own ship, will rather increase than cure the evil, provided your servants have any intation to deceive You; for if the Captain's differs from them in opinion, they will undoubtedly take care that he shall not post above one third more than his priviledge[de] and then we are apt to believe he will be very indifferent whether his ship be lett out or no; w[th] is humbly submitted to your Consideration.
The method of letting out ships upon the recommendation of some of the Gentlemen at the Bay is not practicable here.

The information St. George Matthews has been pleased to give your Honours concerning the employment of his ship the Great London are most undoubtedly true, and now you have been pleased to give your Orders that your Ships shall be let out in the same Manner, most certainly the Gentlemen in the Bay will think it their Duty to comply with them if possible, but we must beg leave to represent that no such method is practicable here, because whenever we take up any of your Ships for Suratt or Persia, it is at an uncertainty, and we must send them down to the Bay to seek for freight, because there are no goods of this Place [for Persia]: this was the case of the Dartmouth last Season and those that freighted her, had the mortification [ ... ] of the goods that were intended to be loaded upon her were by indirect means carried away by Deputy Ships [through some of the] leading men of your Council in the Bay [a few words lost] your Honours cannot suppose that [a few words lost] imprudent to risk his estate [a few words lost] hundred Tuns, when he [ought] [a few words lost] the Dartmouth for the same a few words lost Body here from meddling with any of your Ships bound on those Voyages for the future; because on the one hand we are liable to your censure for letting your Ships at under rates, and on the other hand, those that are concour'd in them run the risk of making a ruinous Voyage for the Seasons before mention'd, all depending entirely upon the freight procurable in Bengall, which is not to be bad with cut the interest of those that are at the head of your affairs.

17. And now we are upon this subject we beg leave to say something concerning the China Voyage in which some of your Ships have formerly been employed, but not to your satisfaction; the Gentlemen of this place have never yet taken up one Ship for China by their own Choice, because they can always send their Stock thither at a great deal less charge upon ships of their own; especially to Canton, from whence there has been of late years more profit upon Gold than upon gruff goods, so that what ships of yours have been employ'd on that Voyage, were recommended to the Town by the Governor and Council because they lay upon their hands, & could not be dispatch'd for Europe, and we dare now assure your Honours: that the trading people of this place, will never ask one of your Ships for that service, not ever take one to hire if they are tied up by covenants to pay demarque in case they do not return thither time enough to be dispatch'd for Europe, for that would ruin their voyage, however as it is our Duty to study your interest & follow your Orders, whenever we have any of your Ships upon our hands, more than we are able to dispatch, we will state the Accot's in consultation whether it will be most for your advantage to employ them upon such Voyage as offer, or to let them lie by till their Cargo is ready, & act accordingly.

18. The Directions of the Secret Committee will be most punctually obeyed, as also your orders concerning salt petre, & whenever we receive any quantity from the Bay, we have directed the Warehousekeeper to open some of the bags, and report your quality of it to the Board.

19. Pursuant to your Orders we have inclosed in the flying Packet an abstract Invoice of what goods we have receiv'd from the [ ... ] last Season and what we have sent them in return, [ ... ] of which is likewise in the grand Packet, and the same method shall be carefully observ'd for the future, [ ... ] Direction's concerning Arrack for St. Helena.

20. As to what your Honours are pleased to observe concerning soldiers sent to and for the preservation of your Estates when there are any of the-
21. We believe your 25th paragraph intended as an instruction [to us] in cases of the like Nature with the Rochesters, and shall observe it accordingly, but it seems a little strange to Us that they should be forced to give Soldiers off the Guard in Bengal, when English and Dutch Seamen are never wanting for our Country Shipping, & in greater numbers than we desire them; the Commanders of your Ships ought in Honour and justice to lay before You the true Reasons why they are so often unman'd and drove to such hard shifts to recruit when they are coming away richly laden with your Estates. We should swell this Letter to too great a Bulk in particularizing upon this affair, and therefore desire humbly to refer you to the Commander of this Ship, who had some of his men soold and conceal'd from him, by direct orders from some of your Servants, to be employ'd on an Expedition of their own to Maldiva, the Success of which will fall under another head.

22. On the 6th of March last your ship President arriv'd here from Bengal, with a Cargo as directed, and the season not being then proper for her proceeding to the West Coast, we took all her goods ahoore except Kintillage, some of which were design'd [for] stores for this place; and on the 10th of the same month arriv'd ship Dedington Capt. Thomas Blow from Bencoolen, by whom we learnt the Death of your Day: Gover: Anthony Eutrick Esq', with the sad condition your settlements were in, an account of which will come in more properly under the Head of the West Coast the Thistalworth Capt. Small had taken in all the pepper they had got ready by the latter end of Jan: so that not having where withal to load the Dedington for Europe, was the reason they sent her over therewith; as soon as we could procure the Letters, Books and papers that came by her, we took our Resolution to fill up your ship away with proper Orders and a supply of bale goods very much wanted, and your wanting to keep the Dedington here till May in expectation of some news from the Jane, and determin'd in case we heard nothing of her by that time, to send some proper person from hence upon the Dedington to take the necessary care of your affairs; accordingly on the 12th: Aprill the President was dispatched, which is as soon as any ship bound that way ought to sail, that could not be dispatched by the middle of Pebl:

23. On the 11th of Aprill your ship Darby Capt. Thomas Wotton Commander arriv'd here from Bengal with Salt Peire & Stores, but having been detain'd so late in the Bay, that the season for bad weather was come on, so that he got close of the River with much difficulty, he was obliged to leave several Bales of Rice behind that were design'd to fill up the ship, some of which we understand since were cast away in the bad weather & their Cargoes lost so that the ship arriv'd here two thirds full.

24. On the 12th of May we receiv'd Letters from Surat advising your ship Darby Capt. Thomas Wotton Commander arriv'd here from Bengal, with Salt Peire & Stores, but having been detain'd so late in the Bay, that the season for bad weather was come on, so that he got close of the River with much difficulty, he was obliged to leave several Bales of Rice behind that were design'd to fill up the ship, some of which we understand since were cast away in the bad weather & their Cargoes lost so that the ship arriv'd here two thirds full.
25. On the 15th May the Ship Oxford belonging to the Merchants of this place arrived here from Batavia, and brought advances that ye. Esther, Rochester and Thistloworth all left Batavia some time in Feb'y, bound for Europe and that they heard by a vessel from Macao that the Howland left Canton the latter end of Feb'y.

26. Your Ship Jane arriv'd here the 24th May under the charge of Mr. Joseph Collett, and as your Hon', must undoubtedly have had a full Acco. of that ship's being shamefully surrendered to the French in Rio Janeiro, from those people that went directly home, upon the French Squadron, and by what wee observe Mr. Collett wrote Your Hon'. October the 19th, 1711 from Rio Janeiro, Of which he deliver'd Us a Copy; we will say no more [. . .] than to beg you'll please to be refer'd to our Consultation [. . .] the same Month, where we have enter'd at large the Examinations of Mess'rs. Collett, Yarborough & Capt. Wotton, which will give a full insight into the whole management of [that] affair, by which you suffer so considerably, not only in the Loss of your Effects, but in the disappointment to your West Coast affairs, &c. we dare answer will take quite another Turn upon M'. Colletts arrival & if the Jane had got thither last season, the necessary reformation had been so much sooner made.

27. Upon M'. Joseph Collette producing a Copy of his Letter wrote your Hon'. from Rio Janeiro, by which we found he had drawn Bills of Exchange upon You for three thousand five hundred pound Sterling, we thought ourselves oblig'd to demand the ship and what she had on board her for security according the goods were unladen into your warehouse, and a Committee of your Councill appointed to put a valuation upon them, according to the Invoices that came out last year, because the Jane's Invoice was sunk amongst the rest of the papers, and wee had no Copy of it by any other Ship. M'. Collett declar'd that when he bought the Ship and Cargo of the French, he valued the goods belonging to your Hon' at Fifteen Hundred pounds, which to the best of his remembrance was the amount of the foot of your Invoice, but when the Committee appointed to value the goods deliver'd in their report, as your Hon', may please to observe is enter'd after Consultation, dated the 2d. of June, we could make the Amount according to the English prices no more than Twelve hundred sixty four pounds five shilling & ten pence, wherefore we thought it more your interest to bring M'. Collett under Articles of Agreement, as enter'd after Consultation dated the 10th of June, whereby we have accord'd the Amount of the Bills drawn being seven thousand seven hundred and seventy seven Pst. twenty eight fanams, to be paid into your Cash upon the sale of the Ship, and what belong'd to her in private trade, deducting the value of the goods belonging to your Hon' out of the said suff; this matter is largely express'd in our Consultations of the Latter end of May and beginning of June to which we beg your Hon'. will please to be refer'd and if we have err'd in any thing it is for want of having been conversant in cases of this Nature, of which not one of Us has ever seen an Example.

28. On the 17th of June the Toddington said hence for Benalcotes, with your Dep't. Govera. &c. and had gone eight days sooner but that he was seiz'd with a violent fever, which we all believe'd would have carry'd him off.

29. We advised your Hon'. in the sixth Paragraph of your general by the Avarilla, that we had fitted out a sloop from Fort St. David for Batavia, with our Reasons for so doing, the said sloop retard hither the 27th of May having left Batavia the beginning of April, upon receiving advices that the Howland sail'd from Canton the latter end of Feb'y, and not being arrived at Batavia it was concluded on all hands that she had taken her passage thro' the streights of Malacca; wee sent a small Cargo of long cloth and Sallampores upon this Vessell.
to defray her Expenses, the returns of which were made in arrear, & Gold, & will be found in your next Books under a particular Head kept for that purpose.

30. On the 7th. of June your Ship London Capt. William Upton arrived here from Bencan in his way to Bengal, where he is enjoined to take in freight for Surat, and sailed hence the 12th. July, your Generall and Council, did not think fit to mention any thing of this affair to Us, however the ship being here we persuaded the Captains to take aboard a parcel of redwood for Kristiahning your ships in the Bay, where there was none remaining last season, and upon Capt. Upton's acquainting Us that his Orders are to stay no longer in Bengal than the 20th. of November, being apprehensive that the freight goods will not be come down by that time, we have made a proposal to the Gentlemen in the Bay to load her up hither with rice for your Accot. rather than let her return empty, which is very scarce here, and will sell to great advantage, besides the benefit to be found in your next Books under a particular Head kept for that purpose.

31. On the 5th. of July we dispatched your Ship Darby for Bengal with orders to touch at Visagapatam with treasure and stores, and sent upon her a parcel of redwood, and three hundred bales of Callicoes, in part of payment for what bales sent up by her, we have since received advices over land that she arrived Visagapatam the 10th. of July; and had told the 15th. but for advices from Ganjam that five large ships were seen off that place under fireneous colours, wherefore they thought it prudent not to let her [go to, i.e.] Bay, till they could get certain intelligence from Balisare[...], but sent her to Ganjam, where she lay a few days, and by the [news] of our Tappy persons receiving speedy advices from Balisare, that they were Dutch ships bound to Bengal, she proceeded on her voyage the 30th. of July.

32. By your out ward bound Ships that touch'd at the Cape we learn the Tankerville, Bourne & Hallifax sailed in Company with the Dutch Fleet; that the Avarilla and Esther arrived there after the Dutch were saild, and went in Company together for St. Helena the 11th. of April; that the Windsor Capt. Tweyr arrived there the 20th. of December and saild a single Ship the first of Jan.; that they left the St. George and Rochester at the Cape when they came away, but have no news of the Sherborees, Aurengarth, Catherine and Thistleworth: we heartily pray that all the Ships may arrive well with you, but more especially the St. George whose Crew we hear was in very sad distraction, but hope the [Men] of Warr will apply an effectuall remedy to the evil.

33. Your Ship Mary Captain Holden bound directly for Bengal[all] arrived here, as we have before mention'd, the 29th. of July, we demanded his reasons for the deviation from your Orders, in answer to which he deliver'd in a Consultation from Bengal, a Copy of which comes in the Packet N. 29, and is submitted to your Consideration; and the Gentlemen in the Bay having advis'd us in their Letter of the 27th. of April that the Mint was shut up, and no rupees to be had, so that they could not remit by them of no use towards an Investment, desiring Us in the same Letter to coin what silver arrives here and send it down in Rupees, we immediately landed the Marys Treasure and put it into the Mint, and the buildings at Bengal packet for theInvoice, which matter being transacted in Consultation of the 29th. of July and 1st. of Augus, we humbly beg we may be suffer'd to refer You thereto, and having one hundred and twelve thousand Rupees ready
to come out of the Mint in three or four Days, we detain the Mary to carry them down, because none of the other ships could be unloaded and ballasted in any reasonable time, & we apprehended your affairs might suffer for want of a speedy supply; accordingly she sailed the 6th of August, but we did not give the Copy of any Dispatches because he was consign'd directly to the Bay, and we apprehended that the Owners might make some use of them, to insist upon Demorage for the time of his passage down.

35. On the 27th of August we dispatch'd the Marlborough for Bengal with seventy two Chests containing Five hundred & four thousand Rupees, one hundred twenty one bales of Callicoes, which complets the Number they sent us up by the Darby, and the stores that came out upon her invoice'd for Bengal.

36. By the Elizabeth Gally a small vessel belonging to this place that arrived here the 6th Augst from Batavia, we learn that the Streatham and Brena were well there in June, and said about the middle of the month forward for China.

37. In Obedience to your Commands we shall now give you a particular Account of the Vessells belonging to this Presidency; which are, the Ship President, the Brigantine Rising Sun, and Madapollam Yatch; the President is now on her West Coast Voyage as beforemention'd, and Mr Collett carried Orders with him to send her back immediately up on his arrival there; The Rising Sun Brigantine we wrote in ours by the Halifax went hence in Octo', was twelve month laden with Salt, pears and Redwood for Bencoolen, with Liberty for the Dep't; Govern'd and Councill to employ her a Trip to Batavia for Arseck and other stores; we have since receiv'd advice of her being well at Batavia, where she laded and took in a Cargo, and arrived safe back at Bencoolen, and by a general Letter from York Fort dated the 32d. of June receiv'd by the Elizabeth Gally, they write us that having Receiv'd three hundred tubbs of Tea, sent them by Mr Charles Douglass Supra Cargo of the Rochester from Batavia, they had put them on board the Rising Sun and dispatch'd her hither the 19th day of May, which is now between three and four Months and no news of her, 'tis possible she may have been cast into Tutocoreen Bay, or that she may have missed Zelon and fallen to Leeward, but wee rather fear she is lost, because we have no manner of Advice of her either from the Bay or Zelon; The Madapollam Yatch has been employ'd those last twelve months between Fort St. David and this place, in bringing bales & carrying grain & stores, and now We have sent her down with the last of the Monsoon to Vingapatam to be clean'd fitted and return'd Us Louden with grain, the Profits upon which will doubly pay her Expence.

28. We most Confess that considering the Expence these Vessells have been as some years past, and the little Service they have done, it had been better to have sold them at first, and bought others better for your purpose, the Vessells that are present for this Coast are Sloops of fifty or sixty Tonn that sail extra-ordinary well, so as to work up against the Monsoon, and can be manag'd by a few Lascars taken out of yo' Guecroom Crew; by means of their sailing we can keep them constantly employ'd so as to bear their Expenses, and bring money into your Cash, besides the benefit that may accrue to your affairs by sending speedy intel-

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Licence to and fro as occasion may require, we had thoughts of building some such vessels at Pegue, but by the late maimagement at that Port, things are brought to such a pass that it is much dearer building, than buying vessels after they are built, and brought over hither; whatever we do in this affair we shall carefully study your Interest, and endeavour to get rid of your Vessels we now have on as good terms as possible, which are the very worst sailors in India, and consequently can never Ans' [w] your Hon' nor our Expectation.

39. Capt. Thomas Blow, Commander of the Toddington, requested his Charter-party money in Consultation of the 7th. of April & was paid three hundred Eighty three pag's., twelve fannams for which he gave three receipts, one of them was forwarded to York Fort to be sent home by the Packett of the said Ship, and another we now send home in this Packett N°. 14, and the said Capt.' in our Consultation of the 7th. of June appear'd, and register'd as by list that comes in the Packett N°. 13.

40. Wee have paid the Surgeons of this year's shipping their usual gratuity Th. 39. Cap'. 40. We have paid the Surgeons of this year's shipping their usual gratuity Th.

41. In our Consultation of the 26th. June Capt. Thomas Wotton of the Darby register'd six bales of Bengal goods, as a list that comes in the Packett N°. 14.

42. On the 17th. Ul' arrived Ship John & Elizabeth from Gombroon, at the 19th. day of July, and brought advices that the Troubles at Isphahan still continue, and that the Dutch are in the same circumstances with Us, their Factory being shut up and no Body suffer'd to go near them; On the same Day your Ships Kent & Recovery sailed for Bengal with fifty eight chests containing four hundred and six thousand Rupees.

SECOND CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

43. The Complaints contain'd in your Hon' first two paragraphs under this Head, relate wholly to the Pennan of the Letter thereto mention'd, however believing they are intended to warn us from slipping upon the same rock, we shall endeavour to comply with all your Directions so perfectly, that we may receive no such marks of your displeasure, and in Order thereto, as well as to avoid swelling this Letter, we have drawn our Lists of demands for Manufactures and Stores in a more perfect manner than usual, with all the necessary Remarks we can think of and particularly those that are order'd in your Letter.

44. In Obedience to your Commands we shall lay before your Honours, the best Account we can get concerning the Consumption of Broad cloth and other Woollen Manufactures in the Mogull Dominions. The course red & green broad cloth is chiefly us'd among the soldiers and ordinary Men for saddles, saddle Cloths, sumpature cloths, covers, Beds and Cushions for Pallashkees Carpets to sit upon, Mantles to cover them from the Rain, and sometimes coverings for their tents of pleasure; the fine Broad Cloth as Scarlett, Aurora, some Blues & Yellows, is us'd for the inside of tents, for Vests or Mantles in the rainy season, Among the great Men, covering cloths for the Elephants and Hackarys, Clothes to hang round their Drums, for shoulder and waist Belts, etc., to their swords and Scabbards or Daggers for slippers and for covers, Beds and Pillows for Pallashkees; The imbon'd Cloth is us'd to hang round the bottom on the inside of the great Men's tents three feet high, for spreadings to sit upon and Cushions
to lean against and for Cloths to cover the Elephants and Horses; Perpetuano's are only used among the meaner sort of people for Qaps, coats and covering clothes to sleep in during the Rains.

45. And now we are upon this Subject, we must inform your Hon. that at least nine tenths of the woollen Manufactures Vended in these parts is among the Moors, the Gentles making very little or no use of them, the greatest Consumption is in the Mogulls Camp, which when at Lahore or Delhi is supplied wholly from Suratt and Persia; but when at Agra, Partly from Suratt, and partly from Bengal by way of Patna, from which Ports the Conveyance to the Camp is easy and safe, but what is disposed of hereabouts, is, dispersed among the Nabobs flying Armies in this Cornuate Country, Vainspore and Golconda, seldom reaching so far as Aurungabad, because the carriage is very chargable, and the Roads are difficult & Dangerous to pass, when King Shahem came down to Golconda wth his Army in the year 1708, to destroy his Brother Cawne Bux, we immediately found a Quicker vent than Ordinary for our Broad Cloth, and indeed for all other sorts of Goods consum'd among them and when Dowd Cawne was formerly Nabob of these parts, he always kept a good Body of Horse in pay, which oblig'd the Neighbouring Governors to do the same, being always jealous of each other.

And among those Horsemen much the greatest quantity of our Broad cloths then imported was consum'd, the trade from this place to their Camps being very considerable; but now our Doan who is Soba of All this Country seldom keeps above five hundred horse wth him and the Government in Generall being grown much weaker than in Aurungabads time, none of the great men keep up the number of Horse allowed by the King, but apply the mony to their own use and this has brought a considerable damp to our trade in Generall, but more especially upon the sales of your Manufactures, for we have not only lost the Camp trade, but the roads are become impossible for want of these horsemen to scour them as usual, so that the Merchants are discourag'd from coming down with their mony and Diamonds to buy up and carry away our Europe and other goods as formerly, and we cannot see any likelihood of better times till the Government is well settled, and some active man employed in the Government of these Parts.

46. We acquainted your Hon. in ours by the Avallia that we had then delivered no more than One hundred & Fifty bales of the Broad Cloth that came out last year, to your Fort St. David Merchants in part of their Contract; we are now to add that it was the 23rd Feb. before we could persuade them to take two hundred bales more, tho' we were considerably in their Debt, and having waited patiently till the 18th of May last we began to consider that we had upwards of one hundred bales upon our hands, and the Merchants, though having above five hundred bales remaining unsold of what we had deliver'd them, at the same time we observed that the goods came in very slow upon the Fort St. David Contract the Merchants having advanced all the mony they were able, and could proceed no further with this weight of Broad Cloth upon their hands undisposed of, wherefore we found ourselves under an absolute necessity of releasing them from their Contract, and prevail'd wth our own joynt Stock Merchants to take the cloth into their hands, who are indispensably able to vend the quantity, and keep up the price, being men of good Substance that can stay for their mony, and carry on your Investments at the same time, besides as they are the persons that introduced the vest of such large quantity at so good a rate, they are perfectly well skill'd in all the methods of putting it off with expedition; had we not fallen into these measures it would have been impossible for Us to have completed this Ship's Loading, and we should have had six hundred bales of manufacture upon our hands when this year's shipping arriv'd, likewise your Fort St. David Merchants would have been utterly ruin'd, and unable to serve you for the future; whereas now as soon as we had clear'd them of the Cloth and supply'd them with mony, they went currently on with their Investment, and we have record between five and six hundred bales from them, towards loading of this Ship, so that all parties are satisfied, and your business goes currently on.
47. We cannot (in answer to your Honr. 30th. paragraph) be able to tell you how the new Sortments will sell, till the Jan". Shipping, only we may venture to assure You, that there are more medleys come this year, that we shall be able to sell in Two at Invoice price, being there is no vent for them any where but among the Europeans by the Yard, except a piece now and then by Accident for some great Man in the Country.

48. The Colour now most in demand both here and in the Bay, for course Cloth in Popinjay green of which we sent Patterns with our last years lists, and provided there are no deep greens, the people here make little or no distinctions among all the rest; it is about two years that green has been growing into demand, and since the Cloths of that Colour cannot be preserved from the worm above a twelve month, we are all ways glad to get rid of them, so that when this years shipping arrived, what we had left on our hands were all reds, and our case will be the same the next year, whether the Difference arises from the Dieing, pressing, packing or otherwise, It rest; It IS a sentiment this Humour among the Mooll's will continue, and we are sure that when this cloth in generall is worse than UBuaIl; and reds by the Fleet Friggat particularly from seven pound five to nine pound ten, we are not skilfull merchandizes as Others, are much worsse both in cloth and Colour, as your Honr., may please to see by the Patterns return'd in the Packets marked No. I there is likewise a very considerable difference among y' Popinjay's, tho' the price is much the same; we are not skillful enough to determine whether the Difference arises from the Dying, pressing, packing or other workmanship; but this we are sure of that if our Merchants once come to be inactive, the inequality of the Cloth will occasion endless disputes.

50. However they find fault this Year that the cloth in general is worse than it was last year, we would have stopd their Complaints by telling them it cheaper than Ordinary according to your Honr. 33rd. Paragraph, but they keep as good a Register of all they have bought from the beginning, that looking into the Invoices by the Summers and Fiest Friggat Anno 1794 at their Request, we find great part of the Popinjays invoiced at seven pound, seven pound ten & fifteen shillings, and reds by the Fiest Friggat particularly from seven pound five to nine pound, which the Merchants do assure Us were fall as good for their purpose as what came now, tho' they think it is not altogether so thick.

51. Since your Honours are pleaz'd to order Us to make our Remarks upon what you have sent Us this Season, we humbly offer that in our Opinion the Scarlett and Aurora Dies are worse, and the Cloth Coarser than usual; that Tailors Rags by the Marlboro' striped as high as Others, are much worsse both in cloth and Colour, as your Honr., may please to see by the Patterns return'd in the Packets marked N°. I there is likewise a very considerable difference among y' Popinjays, tho' the price is much the same; we are not skillful enough to determine whether the Difference arises from the Dying, pressing, packing or other workmanship; but this we are sure of that if our Merchants once come to be inactive, the inequality of the Cloth will occasion endless disputes.

52. Those that buy the Broad cloth of Us, sell it agin up in the Country by the price, so that it is should be stretch'd in England as your Honour propose (which we conceive would make it worse in quality and less in Repute) yet you would reap no benefit thereby, unless you please to invoic it by the yard instead
53. We read the just complaints in your 44th paragraph with great concern, and will use our utmost endeavours that your writing work may be better done for the future. If true we have a great many bands in your service but very few that can perform so well as your Honours seem to expect, which makes us fear that some of their petitions delivered into Court are written for them, or else your Honours would judge them fitter to go to the writing school than to be sent out either.

54. We endeavoured to persuade your joyous Stock Merchants to take off the Gold and Silver thread that came out last year at so much p Half cent upon Invoice but the quantity was so large they did not care to meddle, and we were at last forced to sell it at public sale, when the Town was fullest of people, an Accoo of the sale comes in the Packett, by which your Honours will see what it produced, those that bought it have it all upon their hands, and with what come this year, which cannot be sold to much advantage at present, there is enough in Town for three years, besides 'tis very apt to tarnish by lying, and our stock of Lead is always considerably cheaper than Gold, and hence it is much better, the very finest thread does here best in proportion, being used chiefly to weave in Muslin, and now we have told your Honours how the case is, we submit to your judgment whether you will please to send any more or not for the present.

55. We likewise sold at the same outcry, all the old Remnants in the Warehouse, some of which had lain many years and were so worm eaten that they produced little or nothing; we shall take due care for the future that nothing lies so long as to perish but will take the opportunity when most Shipping is here to sell off all the remnants to the best advantage.

56. We have now no Europe lead on our hands but what came by the June which is the Season when we demand a supply for y. Year 1714 and whereas Pegue lead is always considerably cheaper than Europe, We shall for the future use no other in your Gazzonens, because it does the business altogether as well.

57. We received a parcel of tin by the Todddington from y. West Coast which they Write Us came out upon the Thistleworth and was intended to have been put on board the Surtar Ships at Sea, had there been an opportunity, we would gladly have sent it to Surat as being the best Market, but the Season did not serve, and therefore we ship it on the Darby for Bengal, and suppose they will sell it there if a good price offering, and if not they have a good opportunity of sending it by the London to Surat.

58. Your President could not send You a perfect Acco, sales of the Corawl last year because it was not all sold, thô he took up the Mony at Interest to make the Returns, but he hopes the Acco's sales by this Packett will meet with your
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59. The Acco'. Coinage of Gold by Ships Marbled and Recovery comes in the Packett No. 20, by which your Hon. may please to observe that y' other parcel out better than inveid, and the Mof once does best of all in proportion.

60. Of the Looking glasses that came this year one of the finest is broke, and the rest will be spoild before they can be sold, for there is no manner of Demand neither for them nor the glass ware, wherefore we desire you will please to send no more.

THIRD TOUCHING YOUR INVESTMENT IN INDIA.

61. We shall have due regard to the List your Hon. have sent Us for goods to be provided, as well as to all your former Orders, relating to this Head, and whenever the times will admit of any Abatement, we will not fail to lay hold of the opportunity, one good point is already gained by keeping the Merchants to their musters, and we are pretty well assured your Hon. will find a very sensible Difference between the Goods of this place, that come upon the Dartmouth, and what have come for several years past, and we heartily wish we could say the same of Fort St. David.

62. The mistakes in the Heroes Invoice will be rectify'd in the Answer to the Accompant's Letter, and we are very sorry for y'. Just reasons you have had to Complain of the Packets, especially at this Place, but the neglect has been so great in the Ware house that the packers have been suffer'd to pilfer part of the surplus and tear them so short that they are unserviceable, this abuse was discover'd some months ago and the Offenders have been severely punish'd, and whereas we have now order'd that each Embarler shall see the days sortment pack'd up before he starts, Your Honours will know whom to blame if the goods are not pack'd as they should be, we have wrote to Vizagapatam concerning their Package at two Pack. or Bale, to which they make an Apology in their answer No. 115 dated the 9th. August too tedious to insert here, but we have since wrote them y'. is not satisfactory.

63. Your Orders concerning the Fort St. David bales are communidate to the Dept. Gover' & Council, we are of opinion that the yellowness of the Cloth proceeds from it's being ill cure' and wath'd, for we observe their Cloth is never high so well wash'd as ours, and have us'd our utmost endeavours to have it better done for the future; when they are in a hurry to dispatch a Ship, the washers are f'o'd to work night and Day, and the work is sadly allover'd over, which makes Us believe it would be better to send you Brown Cloth upon a push, than that which is ill cure', and will never look well in the Eye of the buyer, but about this master we shall wait your further Directions.

64. Mr. Fraser's Speculations concerning Investments in his Letter by the Frederick were not extraordinary well founnded, when he complains of a Combination, for he must be a weak man that sits at the Head of your Affairs here, and cannot tell what a price of Cloth will stand the Merchant in that makes it, which is certainly the best rule to go by in a Contract, since it is your Hon.
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Intention no doubt that your Merchants should be reasonable gainers by doing your business, and that your business should be done as cheap and as well as time and circumstances will allow of; so that if the Merchants are in a Combination to insist upon more than is reasonable, your servants must be combin'd with them if they cannot find means to break it, but as long as they combine together (that is we mean y. join Stock Merch."") to serve you as well and Cheaper than any body else will do, we must be oblig'd to support them, if we will have your business done as it should be.

65. Your Honr. are pleased to say in the 30th. paragraph why don't we observe the Orders formerly sent, to be buying up goods all the year long, of them who would serve Us best and cheapest; We humbly offer to our consideration that if we should go that way to work instead of Contracting, we could never be at any certainty for the Dispatch of your Shipping ; we should be very unworthy Servants if we at any time neglected buying up goods wth ready mony when they can be had better and cheaper than your Merchants bring them in upon Contract, but we have had no such opportunity hitherto, nor is there any likelyhood of it till the Country is under better Government; The Gentlemen that come home upon these Ships must be so just as to say, that no private Man can invest so sure, so well and so cheap as we do at present; nor can any of our European Neighbours do if does us, whilst we keep your Merchants up to their Masters.

66. We have been examining the old Company's Invoices and general Books pursuant to your Honr. directions for the prices of those times, and we find upon comparing that tho the course goods were considerably cheaper, the fine were much dearer in the same Contract; there are two Substantial Reasons why the prices of goods have risen for some years past; first the Dutch Investments and ours have been much more considerable since the year 1696 than ever they were before; and secondly the oppressions of the Moors have Annually encreas'd in all these parts ever since the Conquest of the Country, which was not completed till 1691, the year 1692, and since that time so many Juncans have been sets up all round about Us where the Cloth is made, then the Merchants are Oblig'd to pay when they pass their Goods, and this is an Inconvenience no way to be remedied; however nothing shall be wanting on our parts to reduce the prizes of your Investmeas. as low as possible.

67. In our Letter by the Avarilla we acquainted your Honr. that finding your Merchants had not completed the Contract made with Goverr. Addison, which was upon cheaper terms than we had hopes of bringing them to, considering the dearness of Cotton and Grain, we thought it more advisable to call upon them for your remainders of that Contract towards the Avarilla's Loadings than to Enter upon a new one, but that when Ship was dispatch'd we were oblig'd without Loss of time to privide for this September Ship; accordingly in our Consultations of the 14th. 17th. 18th. & 21st. of January your Honr. may please to observe the Stop made towards an Agreement, the quantity agreed for, and the unforeseen Reasons why we could not do it cheaper.

69. Your present setts of Merchants are half of the Right & half of the Left hand Cast, as they were United by Mr. Addison upon his coming to the Government; however before we consented to this Contract, we made an Essay to divide them in hopes they would have vied with each other who should do your business best, or we should have venuer'd to set up either side alone, that would have undertaken to serve you cheapest; but tho' they disagree in y. business of their Couts, they were as honest and sincere in this case as to declare, That if they divided they should only encroach the price of goods to their own detriment, that neither of them parted, had stock enouf to carry on the business without having money advance'd them, and that they would rather choose to bring in the goods from the looms, and deliver them at price they bought them, if we would only allow common interest for their money; this method we apprehend. would
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involve Us in Endless troubles & Disputes, and therefore we chose rather to advance them 5 ¼ Cent for a thousand bales in consideration of the unusual difficulties they have to struggle with, and your Hon' shall see that when their Difficulties cease, we can as easily reduce the prices to what they were before and may be lower.

69. We are very well satisfied that the Merchants would not have insisted so strenuously for an Abatement, but that they found we were resolved to keep them strictly to their Musters, for they would very gladly have delivered Us the Cloth your Hon' have so often complained of at the small prices; which in our humble opinion was at least ten ¾ Cent worse than what we now send you, and since we have now brought them to work the Course cloth well, we reckon it a great point gained, and shall be careful not to loose our ground.

70. We have formerly given our reasons why we could not get the Chay goods you have been pleased to demand made at Metsklepam at any reasonable Rates; we have since endeavoured to encourage some of the Weavers removing thence to Visagapatam, but that Country is at present in so much confusion that there is no security for them, our last shift was to gett people from Pollicat, and endeavor to make these Chay goods here; the root we can easily have in abundance, but the water is the main Article, and some extraordinary skill in fixing the Chay so as not to wash easily out; we have made several trials of which the first not proving to our Expectations, we did not agree for any considerable quantity, nor shall we presume to venture till the goods can be made better and cheaper, or till we receive your further orders upon trial of what we now send you, which is only a small quantity of every sort that can be manufactur'd here, except the Romallis which being as good as the Metsklepam musters and as cheap, we have ventured to send as many as we could get, tho not the quantity order'd in your last.

71. We have procur'd a parcel of fine Sallampores fit for painting and may take the Liberty to say, the Chins we now send, are much better done than any you have formerly had, and we hope your Hon', will like them so well as to encourage the Manufacture by further Demands; We have procur'd abundance of painters from the Dutch Settlement at Sadressapatam, and shall give them such encouragement as will keep them from ever returning thither again.

72. We advised your Hon', by the Availilla that your Chief & Councill of Visagapatam had wrote Us that they could procure a set of Merchants at Dasheroon, which is an excellent Country for cloth near Madiapollam to contract for an Investment of Fifty thousand Pagodas, upon very reasonable terms considering the goodness of the Cloth, we could not refuse complying with such an advantageous proposall, and accordingly wrote them to come to an Agreement under several restrictions, and cautions, as your Hon', may please to observe in our Letter No. 17 dated the 14th Feb't. & on the 18th. March following we rec'd advise, that they had agree'd with the said Dasheroon Merchants for thirty thousand Pag'd according to the Musters then sent Us, which upon viewing appear'd to be incomparably good, such as we assure you Y'. Hon', will never think you have too much of, and therefore we immediately sent away mony to further so good a work, and Mr. Thomas Faucett third of Visagapatam, was sent to Ingenam in the Dasheroon Country to receive and sort the goods, & send y't. to Visagapatam or hither as the winds may serve, we have not as yet received any thing upon this Investment, but hope to send you a sample before this Ship is dispatch'd and y't, remainder in June next, together with what we have agreed for at Visagap'.

73. Upon a complaint made to Us by your Joynct Stock Merch', in June last that they were not able to carry on your Business according to your Peterson, if the Gentlemen at Fort St. David continued to take in Cloth so much worse than Muster which occasions the Weavers at Worriarpollam (where both sets make
was a kind
rich touch in getting good, we

take from the products of their
harvest they buy from us & sending
me a letter by you & representing
me all right.

The 22d, David Merchants petition'd us on the 22d July to put
them in the footing with ours as to Custom & Duties & upon bringing in
their goods, we have made the best enquiry we can into these Articles pursuant
to your Hon" Directions, in your Letter by President Harrison, and cannot find
them to be other than Noteworthi advantages, which the Merchants make an
allowance for before they contract, and consequently you have your goods so
much the dearer, so that they are the Debtors and your

83, dated 6th July, wherein we have very
plainly laid their faults before them, and assured them that if they do not sort
better for the future, they must expect no favour from your Hon", or Us.

Upon Considering this Letter are but half return'd,
and true, we humbly refer

part of their Long Cloth and Sallampores) to wear a great deal worse than
Ordinary, we found ourselves obliged to open and view what Fort St. David Goods
we had in the Godowns, which was done the 25th June in Consultation, & M'.
Phillip Baker being then here we summon'd him to see that our remarks were
just and true, we humbly refer your Hon", to y", said Consultation for the
particulars, and to our Letter No. 83, dated 6th July, wherein we have very
plainly laid their faults before them, and assured them that if they do not sort
better for the future, they must expect no favour from your Hon", or Us.

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and not knowing but that the person who sent them may complain of the hardship done them, we send by this Ship a piece of the
fornement'd Longcloth in a parcel by itself, incerted in the close of the
Invoice.

76. Finding by Letters from the Bay that the wars will prevent their
getting in a sufficient quantity of goods, to load so many Ships as you expect, we
are setting all manner of Engines to work to procure at large quantity of gruff
goods as possible, and if they can but send Us salt petre, of which we have now
remaining but enough for one Ship, we hope we shall be able to load two
Ships by the beginning of Feb", one of which may be dispatched so early as to
have a chance of reaching the Dutch Fleet at the Cape, we cannot depend upon
the Howland because she is a missing Ship, nor upon the Streatham because its
sale whether she arrives in time or not, and therefore we have propos'd to your
President & Council in Bengall either to send their Ships to fill up here because of
the Salt petre, or to send Us up such Ships in December as they shall not be
able to employ if the Rising Sun should happily arrive w" the three hundred
tubs of Tea, they would be a great help to our Tonnage.

Fourteenth Touching the Trade of India in General & therein any Transactions
with the Country Government.

77. We wrote your Hon", in our last years Letters that the trade of India in
general was in a decaying condition, and we are sorry [to] Add that this present
Year has been the worst that Madras ever knew, the Stocks sent to China as
we said in the beginning of this Letter are but half gone, and our Sales
make less than principle, one of our Ships that went to Jakore had part of the
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Stock plundered by the King, and part forcibly seiz'd by ye Dutch at Malacca, our good friends & Allies; the Manilla Ships saught Us little or no Silver, so that we could not drive the Trade to China, Malacca, Achin, Junock Ceylon & Quedah where we used to trade considerably, are now known places of much villainy and Corruption, that the hazard is much too great for the little or no profit, the Armenians & Moors flock in such great Numbers to Persia that the trade is over driven, no body having seen their principle this Year, and the joyst Stock set up by Gover'r Addison is utterly ruin'd; in Bengal goods were twenty ¶ Cent dearer than Ordinary last Year, and the Viziers we labour under as mention'd in our Letter by the Arvillas are so great, that not one Pagoda Profit was made between that port and this last Season; We have no trade to the West Coast, and that to Balavis and the Eastern parts is totally lost; our Ships to Bengall and Surat returned with ten ¶ Cent Loss upon their principle, having been for'd to bring back the greatest part of their Goods, the Persia Ships one with another will come out but very indifferently and the Ship to Judda makes about five ¶ Cast, this is the real state of our trade at present, and th'o for the encouragement of it we have done so much that your Customs are as considerable as they were heretofore, yet we dare venture to affirm, that the town in general have not seen five ¶ Oint in an Average upon all the Voyages of this last Season, which is but poor profit considering the risks we run; however we live in hopes to see better times when a General peace is concluded, for the Trade of the Red Sea and Persia, and consequently that of Surat has been gradually decaying ever since the beginning of the war.

78. On the 8th of April last we received advice by way of Golcondah that King Shaalem died at Lahore on the 17th Day of February, after very few Days sickness, and most people are of opinion that he was poison'd, all his four sons being present when he died, immediately put themselves over to the interest of Muzzoodeen the eldest Brother, found means by fair agreement to unite the Elder with the two younger Brothers against Azamoodeen, a powerful both in men & money, and most people are of opinion that he was poison'd, all his four sons were slain; Muzzoodeen having gained so compleat victory and being present when he died, immediately put themselves over to the interest of Muzzoodeen the eldest Brother, who was the main instrument in promoting the Interest of Muzzoodeen the eldest Brother, and himself with wonderfull Courage in both battles that he was ready to put them in possession of their several Governments, but they resolved to reserve to himself the stamp of all money that they would receive to himself the stamp of all money which they should amass'd vast Treasures, was much more powerful both in men & money than any of the other three, for which reason Zulphakur Cawn the Vizier, who (as we have formerly wrote your Honours) was entirely in the interest of Muzzoodeen the eldest Brother, found means to promise to unite the Elder with the two younger Brothers against Muzzoodeen, a verbal Agreement being made between them, that Raphael Kuddar the third Brother should have the Kingdom of Cabili, & Coojunta Acker the fourth, this Kingdom of Decan; upon these terms they joy'd their Armys, and fought a bloody battle with their second Brother, in which after a stout resistance, he and his eldest son were slain; Muzzoodeen having gain'd so compleat a victory and being proclam'd King, the two younger Brothers sent to him to make good their Agreement, by a Plenipotentiary, that they might impart to their several Governments, to which he returned Answer (as he said by the advice of Zulphakur Cawn) that he was ready to put them in possession of their several Governments, but that he would reserve to himself the stamp of all money received, &c. Durdy, for he was no word in English, but the sense of it is, that he would retain a Suprem power and Command over them; these new terms enraged the two younger Brothers to such a Degree, that they immediately joy'd their Forces, and invited the Elder to a Battle, declaring that they would be either real Kings or die in the Dispute; in this second Battle, fell the two younger Brothers & their Sons, after a very sharp engagement; & the said that if the youngest Brother who was a very valiant Man, he had not been kill'd by a chance shot just as he was surrounded by the Eldest, he had taken him prisoner and won the Battle; Zulphakur Cawn having been the main instrument in promoting the Interest of Muzzoodeen & he [have himself with the wonderful Courage in both battles [ . . . ] in immediately confounds] Prime Vizier and [ . . . ] usual Honours, one of which was perm[itted] . . . seat in the Kings presence; as soon as [ . . . ] Government, he slew several great Officers [. . . ] his Brothers interest & importance, march'd with his Camp to [a few words lost] disgraced most of the gre[at] [a few words lost] made done to Zulphakur Cawn.
79. Anseodeen upon leaving Bengal to go to his father Shalime Court, left the Government of that Kingdom in the hands of his Second son Farrackseer, who no sooner heard the Death of his Father, but he immediately set up for himself, raising forces and calling many in his own name, and endeavour to seize upon the Kings Treasure in possession of the Duan, but we do not hear he has yet affected it; the last advice we had from Bengal were dated the 26th. of July, and gave us an Account, that he was then at Patna with a considerable Army tootbefor. princes hands, and been swallowd up without

A Deputie General. and Councill of Bombay by a letter dated the 19th. of Aug. and arrived here the 29th. ult... this news wants confirmation, but we shall know the

truth before the close of this Letter.

82. These sudden alterations of Government create a great deal of disturbance in the Country, all the great men being at Liberty to treat what they please, in so much that there is no travelling [ . . . ] wth safety, so part of the Mogulls Dominions is [. . .] but God knows how long it will continue, for the [. . .] ajtive man that minds nothing but mon. & [. . .] Baja will rise up against him in revenge for the ill Treatment they have receivd at his hands.

83. We gave your Hon"s reasons by the Aravilla why we did not care to meddle with the few Villages formerly given by Dowd Cawn, unless we could have received more in their last letter, that we are not sure of

the Dutch Embassador was arrived at Lahore, and had his Audience before King Shah Allum died, their present was very magnificent, consisting in very fine Persia and Arabia Horses with rich Gold furniture finely wrought in Europe, Abundance of very fine broad cloth, curious Brass ordinance, large gold wrought dishes and abundance of curiosity[ ] from China and Japan, the present was very well received and the Embassador was promis all he ask'd, but we have reason to believe he must either renew his present or he will fall short of his expectations; 'tis in vain for our people to think of setting forward from Bengal till the Government is perfectly well settled nor even then unless they know first that the Articles they carry wth. them will be agreeable and kindly accepted, the Gentlemen they propose to send last year is dead, and unless there is some well qualified person to accompany the present, and place it wisely.
among such as are best able to procure Us what we want, it will be so much money thrown away, and we shall remain just as we were before, this is an affray upon which the future prosperity of your Trade does in great Measure depend.

86. The Nabob Habib Cawne (that governs the Calingo Country round Vizagapatam) is in continual war with the Raja's, plundering and destroying wherever he comes, which has been a very great hindrance to our Investments, and he has made some attempts to surprise M'. Hastings, and get him into his power as he did the Dutch Chief at Bimiepatam, and extorted a considerable Present from him, but M'. Hastings has allways been very well upon his guard.

86. We have had an offer made Us of Duu Island near Metchlep, by one Upperow a Gentle free booter that has possession of It at present, and wants our force to maintain him in it, we returned him a very civill answer but did not think it in our power to undertake a think of this nature without your Hon's. permission, which would undoubtedly put Us to very considerable expences before we should be able to reap any advantage from it. y'. Island is very fertile and productive of a great many very valuable things particularly the best Chay root in great quantities and the water is incomparably good for painting; if this Island and St. Thomas could be procured by means of the Present, a few years time will reimburse Us, and we heartily wish the Island particularly is not one Article in the Dutch Embassadors project, which if they procure they have the crude of Metchlepam for ever to themselves, besides the income of the Island which with their management and frugality would bring them in at least forty Thousand Pagodas @ Annum clear of all Charges.

87. We must not omit to acquaint your Hon's, that upon the first news of the Kings Death, several considerable persons came down from Areoot with great Sum's of money, to be lodg'd within our walls and among the Rest came the Nauvijees or Collector general to Zelphakur Cawne, and brought with him five or six hundred thousand Pag's which he kept in a house appointed for him and stayd till he had certain advices from his Master that Mistoozleen was settled upon the Throne, we took particular care to oblige this man, as well in regard to Zelphakur Cawne as for the Credit of the place.

88. In July last our Duan having been upon an Expedition to the Tanjore Country to leis money took a resolution to return back along the [ ] and visit St. Thomas, in which Journey he would Undoubtedly have pass'd very near if not thr' our bounds at Fort St. David, or else we must have denied him passage, and we were apprehensive if he had came to St. Thomas, it would have been a great impediment to our Merchants Investments, besides ceremony & disputes that always end in considerable presents, for which reason we made use of the Nauvijees interest with him, and Sensors Rams one of your Merchants that happen'd to be with him in the Camp, and with much ado they prevail'd with him to lay aside his designs, and go directly to Areoot, Our Garrison w't. we expected him was very weak, which obliged Us to draw an hundred men from Fort St. David, and much about the same time your recruits arrived luckily from Europe.

89. We acquainted your Hon's in our last years Letters that your King of Pegues Embassadors were here, waiting an opportunity to go to Court with their Present, this year came orders from their King for them to go to Begsull, and proceed thence by way of Patna, upon which our Duan urg'd us to detain them by force & send them up to him, which we did not think fit to be done, however
exceed ourselves in the most civil manner we could, and gave him our reasons why we could not go against the Laws of all Nations; this affair is entered at large in our Consulation of 17th of July, and in our Letter to the Deans N°. 21.

90. The dispute that happened between our Moor Inhabitants & the Gentuose, in Gavesen, Pitt's time anno 1707 about the Mosquito was again revived this year, the Malits Petitioning to have the Duties in their own hands, and refusing to do their function in a mutinous manner unless they could obtain their desires, upon enquiry into this affair we found your then Gov'. & Council decided it in favour of the Gentuose, and your Hon'. were pleased to approve what was done in your Letter by the Heathcote anno 1708, wherefore we confirm what was formerly decreed, making the Mosquito a better allowance out of the duty than formerly, but continuing the power still in the hands of y° Gentuose Inhabitants, and indeed the Moors are too encroaching and Sancy, to have any encouragement given them else y° [ . . . ] requires.

91. The present troubles at Ispahan in Persia [ . . . ] have reached your Hon'. over land before the [ . . . ] News we had was dated in May when the Agent & all your Serv° were in Custody and not suffer'd to come at the King with their Complaints; it seems your Hanians or Brokers have made a practice of trading with the great peoples money, and being much indebted to your Hon'. the Agent thought fit to call them to Account & turn them out of your Service, upon which their Creditors being men in great power, demanded their Debts of the Agent, pretending these Hanians were your Hon'. Vakeels or Fact°', and that they trusted them on your Account, but the Agent refusing to answer for them, as not being any way chiefly thereto, these men having the sole power over the King, have shut up the Factory & seem determin'd to force Us to a Compliance.

92. The Agent and Council have made a proposaU to Us of sieing upon the King of Persia's Subjects and their Effects, which would put a stop to the frightening any of your Ships this year, and drive away all the Armenians from your Settlements, besides we think it will be time enough to reprize, when we see the issue of this affair & by that time we may have your Hon'. Orders how to behave ourselves in so ticklish a point; we are in hopes that when the King learns the injustice of the cause he will relieve us.

93. Your Chief and Council of Gombroon have sent Us this year one hundred and fifty Chests of Wine, twenty Chests of Rosewater six Chests of Vineger five Chests of Atchar, and fourteen bags of Almonds, but no other fruit was procurable, y° whole we have recd amounting to thirty four thousand five hundred seventy four six Shakes and five Coa for which they have drawn Bills upon Us, and we have paid to the Amount of Thirteen hundred Ninety two Pag° 27 Fuar.

94. We gave your Hon'. a very full Account by the Arrivall of the rise and progress of the War at Fort St' David, with the inconveniences that were like to attend your affairs, unless a speedy and were put thereto; we also added the particulars of a Treaty which we thought had been concluded, when on a sudden the Enemy fell of from every Article, and treacherously attack'd our men during the time of the truce, which happen'd but little before the time of the Arrivals dispatch; on the 20th Jan°. Mr. Haworth sent out a detachment after day was shut in, to lie in Ambuscade without [the] bounds for a party of Horse that was to patrol every night Close to our hedge, but missing of them, they march'd four miles an embraunchment, where four hundred of the Enemy were lodg'd within a double Wall, and beat them out, with their Granada's entering the place and
doing very great execution upon them and got safe back into our bounds, but not without great hazard of being intercepted by the Enemy's Army.

95. About the same time your Depl. Governor, however wrote us that being disappointed of the usual Supplies of grain, by the Great Scarcity in all the neighbouring parts, occasioned by the dryness of the Season, and the continuance of the war, their inhabitants deserted daily in great Numbers, and the Garrison would be reduced to the last extremity, if we did not immediately supply them; this was very unwelcome news to Us for having sent them such large supplies last year, and our crop in these parts being entirely lost for want of rain, we were but in as very sad condition ourselves, however we did what we were able, and made shift to supply them so well before the Turn of the Monsoon, that all things were easy with the Garrison, but four fifths of the Inhabitants were for'd to retire into other parts, and the want of what we were oblig'd to spare has been severely felt here.

96. On the 5th of Feb., Mr. Bernard Benyon return'd from Fort St. David, and on the 7th deliver'd us in a narrative of the present condition of our bounds, that place, a copy of which comes in the packet No. 22, and upon perusal of the said Narrative we thought convenient to order that several new mud works should be made shift to supply them away and leave the passes open to the Enemy. On the 9th delivered us in a narrative of the present condition of our bounds, that place, a copy of which comes in the packet No. 22, and upon perusal of the said Narrative we thought convenient to order that several new mud works should be made shift to supply them away and leave the passes open to the Enemy.

97. On the 23d Feb. the Enemy made a general attack upon our bounds with all their Forces, but were very heavily repuls'd with small Loss on our side, tho' they were so desperate (by the help of Bang as we suppose) to ride close up to our men cutting seven of their Boyonets off their Musquets, and some of the bariz above half their, and this attack lasted several days, our men being so miserably harass'd by doing Duty in the long day and little or no rest at Night, that they began to desert to the Enemy in great Numbers, and in which would other wise wash them away and leave the passes open to the Enemy. We being acquainted with the state of the Garrison, what we thought fit to accept for the Garrison seven of the stoutest marching our men cutting stone or brick or to prevent this, that they began to desert to the Enemy in great Numbers, and we make, to hinder the Enemy from entering our bounds, was very unwelcome news to Us for having sent them such large supplies last year, and our crop in these parts being entirely lost for want of rain, we were but in as very sad condition ourselves, however we did what we were able, and made shift to supply them so well before the Turn of the Monsoon, that all things were easy with the Garrison, but four fifths of the Inhabitants were for'd to retire into other parts, and the want of what we were oblig'd to spare has been severely felt here.

98. The warm work that had pass'd since the last Treaty, with the Great Number of men and horses killed, so exasperated the Enemy that we could not possibly bring them to another, tho' we had set severall Engines to work for that purpose, the Duan was then marching between Chinjee and our bounds in his way to Tanjore, and Serrop Sing had sent Embassadors to him to desire he would join his forces and beat Us out of our possession, which conjunction we deemed our utmost endeavors to prevent, well knowing the Duan to be an utter enemy to the English in his heart.

99. On the 10th of March the Govr. received a Letter from Mons. Robert Govr. of Ponticherry, wherein he very civilly offered his service as a mediator to bring this ruinous war to an end, which we thought fit to accept for several reasons as mentioned at large in our Consulation of the same Day; accordingly a Cession of Arms was agreed on, and on the 24th, we dispatched away Mr. Bernard Benyon to reside as Ponticherry, and set joyntly with Mr. Raworth during the Treaty, and gave him proper instructions as entered after our Consulation of the 22d March, Kittee Narran formerly Chief Dubash, and employed by Mr. Higginson to Zulphakur Own being thought a proper person to accompany him.
100. We shall not detain your Hon" with all the particulars that passed during this treaty, but reserve them for an Accou to come apart by the next Ship, and only acquaint you that it was the beginning of May before we could bring it to any perfection, and the 6th we received advice from ye Dep Governo and Mr. Reyno that the Articles were sign'd, a copy of which comes in the Packet N°. 23.

101. We are not ignorant how disagreeable it is to your Hon" [to] part with any sums of mony on such like occasions as those and we consider'd your Interest very thoroughly before we came to any resolution; the reasons that offer'd themselves for a peace [are] briefly as follows.

The Expense of the place was encreased one way or other to five thousand Pag" a month, and your rents and Revenues entirely [ . . . ] that all was a dead charge.

Most of the Inhabitants had deserted, & the rest daily following the ground until'd and such a scarcity of grain, that this place was reduc'd to extreme necessity in supplying them.

No possibility of getting in the remainder of the Investment, [so] as to have dispatched this Ship if the war had continued, nor to have made any more without great disadvantages, because the Enemy was master of all that part of the Country, thro' which most part of the Cloth is brought in; the Dunes had being'd & taken' Chilla. Naiques woods, who was a confederate with Us, and we'd to pass our Cloth, and do Us many other signal services but now forced to fly his Country.

No likelihood of the Enemys ever making a peace without a Suit of mony at last, tho' we should spend fifty thousand Pag" more in continuing the war.

M. The deprav'd principles of our Military, plainly evident by the barbarous mutinies and other daily disorders committed among them, drunkenness upon their Guards & frequent desertion to the Enemy.

102. These were the most prevailing reasons that induc'd Us to seek for peace, but we could not consent to buy it, and therefore the expens'd was found, that the Rajah should make over the Renters debt to Us, and send Us his assistance to recover it; & that he should give Us the mole and Ditch of Trevendeporum wth thirty foot of ground on each side of the ditch from the mole down to Edge of our bounds, which is two miles in length, y mole & Ditch waters the greatest part of our bounds and without it they would lett for little or nothing because of the want of water.

103. From the Renters Relations that Mr. Roberts permitted us to make a peace, yet could not consent to buy it, that we might recover the Expens'd and consent to the price at which the contents allow'd us.

From the Renters Relations we shall recover above 1,000 Pag" & have attack'd " of Mr. Roberts's orders, we shall follow ye. Orders.

This affair might easily have been accomodated at first for a small matter in comparison of the Expens'd we have since been at, but sure the sequel will convince
your Hon. that you have been misinformed as to the Rajah of Chinsip's strength & power and we cannot imagine why he should not have dared to seize any of our people in President Pitt's time as well as in any others, for our resentment could not be carried further into his Country with a handfull of men, than Captain Koch carried them when he march'd as far as Wallisore by Mr. Farmer's Order, which is twenty long mile from your bounds, and kill'd burn'd & destroy'd all that came in his way, but this was so far from humbling the Enemy, that it brought down all their force both Horse and foot from Chinsip full determin'd for revenge, & we were glad to retire within our hedge for the defence of our bounds.

104. We are of opinion that the wrong notion Mr. Fraser had of Scrope Sings power encourag'd him to let things go so far as he did; it is not many years since Amurangil thought the conquest of Chinsip Country of so much importance, that he sent down all their force both Horse and foot from Chinsip; he was so far from humbling the Enemy, & we were glad to retire within our hedge for the defence of our bounds.

105. We humbly begg your Hon. to believe that no consideration for ourselves has indued us to pay so much mony for the foremention'd peace; if we were fearful in our natures, we were far enufl' from the Danger, and having corrupted part of the Garrison to give him entrance, we found Rajah is a very different case, we had enjoyd perfect peace with the people of Chinsip ever since we settled there, they never disturb'd us nor never thought of doing is, till your faithless Dep' Governe', sacrific'd your interest to his own filthy Luore protecting their just Debtors, and engaging his word to see them forth-coming, that at the same time he not only confid'd at but contributed to their Escape, the Rajah however did not seize upon your people, nor attempt any act of hostility, before he had severall times demand'd justice in a public manner both here and in Fort St. David; & finding no manner of notice taken of his demands, he proceeded to seize our men.

106. When your Hon: consider how many Thousand Pag: extraordinary expense this war has put you to, you will easily believe [it] has cost the enemy much greater Sulli, besides the vast Damages that were done to his Country, of which you have an Acco: under the hands of the Fort St. David Gentlemen by the last Ship, so that there is no manner of fear of their ever entering into a wart
with us again, unless they are encouraged to it by the supineness of your servants, or provoked by their unjust and faithless dealings; the country now is

perfectly quiet, the Expenses are reduced the better half, your Investments go

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by Mr. Calvert one of your Council and Lieutenant Geordon that came out on the Darby; this last expedition succeeded no better than the former, for tho' they had possession of great part of the Chief Island, and several of the Enemy batteries, they were beat off again with the loss of abundance of their people, and Mr. Calvert died at Fort St. David the 12th of May in his way back to Bengal; these two expeditions have carried off abundance of the men belonging to your Shipping & a considerable sum of the Projectors money.

110. By the Josiah a Ship of ours that left Bombay in August we learns that the Mountagues, Litchfield and Heathcote are order'd out with two of the Council to seize upon Abdull Gaiores Ships that were daily expected with the Mocho Fleet, tho' not a word is mention'd of it in our General Letter.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING YOUR FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

111. By what we have formerly wrote your Honors on this Head, you may please to judge what Esgmore Guard house merits your approbation, and as for the farm pikes to keep the horses from pillaging the Villages, the project was like the Contriver, and could be of little or no service because the villages are found running further in arrears, he imprison'd them, and afterwards upon consideration that if they did not comply with their monthly payments he might better have perished in Goal some time ago, so that when every branch of your Revenues shall be comply'd with cast up to the last of this Month the produce of each branch of your Revenues shall be cast up to the last of December, and sent by the January Ship.

112. The Debt of six thousand four hundred & thirty Pag. owing by the Goa Tobacco and Beetle Farmers happened in Governor's Pitt's time at least the greatest part of it, for finding that they did not comply with their monthly payaments he imprison'd them, and afterwards upon consideration that if the Farm was taken from them all the debt would be lost they were employ'd again in hope they would get where-withall to pay it, but when Mr. Fraser came to the Government finding they still ran further in arrears, he imprison'd them, and let the farm to another person who has never missed a months payment since he had it, now how these people came first to be in arrears we are not able to tell, but believe it must be remissness in those whose duty it was to call upon them, it is still a greater Mistake which way these old Farmers were undone by a Farm which the present possessor pays very punctually and remains well satisfied with his profit, but this is most certain they are now in a starving condition, and one of them perished in Goal some time ago, so that when Mr. Fraser wrote there was some hazard of the Debt, he might better have said there was little or no likelihood of recovering it.

114. As to the Toddy Trees remaining in the burying place the inconveniences that arise from them according to the flourishes in the Frederick's Letter, we hope to find such an expedition that you need not be troubled again with such trifling complaints, but the planting of new Trees will hardly answer your Honors Expectations at least not in this Age, for they are thirty years before they yield any Liquor.

115. We have not yet had time to take the affair of Parriar Areack into Consideration, and therefore defer our Answer till next Ship.
116. Those who informed your Hon’s concerning the frauds committed in the land Customs by running of goods and bringing the Conicoplys, would have done but honestly & fairly to have represented the matter to the Board when they were here, viz, very hard for any body to ascertain the annual amount of such frauds, unless they have themselves been concerned in them, but your new President soon after his arrival finding that there were abuses practised between the black Merchants & Conicoplys; and that the goods run used to be cleared upon payment of Double Custom which rather exceeds the evil than otherwise the penalty being so insignificant, the very same methods were resolved upon in our Consultation dated y* 19th November last your Hon* are now pleased to prescribe in your 64th part to which consultation we humbly refer you.

117. It was a gross Mistake in the Penman of that Letter which told your Hon*, the Revenues amounted to one-hundred & five thousand Pag*. as you will see by the abstract sent you in this packet, and Upon perusal of the general hooks for many years we cannot find that ever they amounted to more, the Sea & land Customs your Hon*, very well know are always uncertain, but other Articles are considerably increased, especially the Farms; we begg you to believe that we will cherish every branch, & we should before now have laid a small Duty upon Teddy & some other things, if the scarcity of grain almost to a famine had not obliged Us to lay those thoughts aside for the present, in consideration of the Poorer sort of people, upon whom such Dutys would entirely fall.

118. The Dep* Govern*, and Council of Fort St. David having laid before us the miserable Condition of their sick men for want of an Hospital as will appear in their Letter No* 46 dated March [*17] 11th, we have permitted them to build one not exceeding the value of a Thousand Pag*. and we hope your Hon*. will approve.

119. Upon a Complaint from your Receiver at the Sea Gate that sev* strangers belonging to Shipping have gone off sheer without paying their Customs; we have ordered for the future that the goods shall not be taken away before the Custom is paid, unless some substantial inhabitant of the place will be answerable for it.

120. In our last we acquainted your Hon*: that we chose rather to buy a good convenient house and ground for the Mint than to repair the old one, and gave you our reasons which we hope were satisfactory and we have already found the good effects of it, both in the health of our Soldiers upon the Main Guard, & in the dispatch of our Coinage, for now the workmen have room enuf. and all manner of conveniencies, whereas they were cooped up before, or forced to work in the street which was a very great offence, and we have coind this year near One third part in a mo* more than ever was done in former times, or else
we could not have sent down your stock to Bengal in so good a season, considering it was all to be coined here, and some Lascoks of Rupees besides for private Trade, of which we were loath to lose the coinage, and therefore by employing at least a thousand people day and night from the 24th July to the 26th Sep., we made shift to coin One Million five hundred & eleven thousand Rupees, which cou'd never have been done in the place where the Mint formerly stood.

121. The New Hospital is in a manner finish'd, but will cost Us something more in the end than we expected, because the Fortification Wall to the River side, was so very bad that we were forc'd to lay a new foundation and rebuild it, and half the Pegas Ships losing their passage Timber has been this year much dearer than Ordinary, which is the most considerable Article in building, when we ordered. The subscription we wrote Fifteen hundred Pag. for your Hon's, and are now pretty well advanc'd, but intend to keep it always afoot, and have agreed a certain sum to be contributed out of all Profitable voyages, the whole building is plain, uniform, firm & usefully contrivd to lodge an hundred or an hundred & fifty sick men upon Occasion, the Total charge will amount to seven thousand Pag. more or less, and tho' it swells your Paymasters Accon's, at Present, you will have Credit for what is gather'd in upon the Contribution in your Generall Books; in which we promise our utmost care and Diligence.

122. The free Guard House will not cost altogether so much as the Hospital, but is the same plain strong and useful building, & if taken care of may stand an hundred year; but not being so forward as the other we will reserve a full Accon's of it for the next Letter when we shall send complete draughts of both.

123. When we came to pull down St. Thomas's point in order to rebuild it, we found that the face off the Bastion next the Sea, and all y' Saillant Angle had not above two foot foundation, which was the occasion of the Wall's burning in several parts from Top to Bottom, and if there had ever been occasion to have fired the Guns warmly in earnest, we are very sure that the whole Battery would have sunk or fallen to pieces; when we came to lay the new foundation w'as full six foot under ground, and fifteen foot broad, we found a bed of soft mud of five foot deep, which we were forc'd to take out and fill the space up with sand, and to defend the work from the sea in case of a violent Monsoon, there are piles of redwood drove into the ground in the shape of the saillant Angle at a convenient distance in two rows, six foot distant from each other the space of which we have fill'd up with the rubbish of the old point; so that it is now the best and most substantial work, belonging to the place, and we made a shift to finish it about the time the Duan talked of coming to St. Thomas; it is all built with Chimneys which indeed swells the Accon's but otherwise it wou'd have been of no duration.

124. We are very uneasy at all this necessary work's falling upon our hands, for fear your Hon's, should think we take delight in lavishing your money, but when we have done what is absolutely necessary, we hope by a constant frugality to gain our own good opinion, in the mean time we take all imaginable Care to work at as little Charge as possible.

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SIXTEENTH TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS & SOLDIERS, FARM
INHABITANTS & THEIR ACCO.

125. We have received ten Writers by the Marlbr6 and Kent; we had no
manner of occasion for them, as your Hon. will observe by the lists sent home
last shipping, however tis some comfort since we must be at an extraordinary
expense to maintain them to find that they are most of them better qualified for
your business than those that are usually sent abroad, what we are most at a
convenience place to lodge them in, every hole being full before their
arrival, and the College as we have before wrote [not] in a condi
tion for any body to live in, however we shall make any shift till your
orders arrive next year, we send in the Packetts lists of your covenanted Servants
and Military received by this years shipping according to your Directions, also a
list of your Council and all covenanted Servants under this Presidency in the
form prescribed by your 69th. pa., and the Acco. of Marriages, Births and
Burdies signed by the Minister and Church Wardens.

126. All necessary Papers that come by the Packetts shall be sign'd for the
future by the Proper Officers with y. quantities in words [at] length as well as
figures.

127. Upon enquiry we find that it was thought reasonable by ye[ar] then
President and Councill to pay half the Charges of Gov't. Addisons funeral, having
buried him in a pompous manner by an Order of Consultation dated October the
17th, to which [para] to be refer'd, but there could be no precedent for it because
he was the first Govern't that has died here in the memory of any man living,
but since your Hon's. seem to disapprove the Expense, be pleased to order what
you will have done for the future upon the like occasions, that it may be a
standing Rule for Us to go by; the case seems to Us to be, whether your Govern't
is to be buried as a Govern't. or as a private Man at his own Expense and as for
the Three hundred twenty five Gov't. Pitt on his Passage, the best Acco. we can gett of
what we had been allowd him by an erroneous construction of the
paragraph by the Heathcote, where he is orderd to be allowd six
months provisions and necessarys ashoar, M'. Thomas Faucets who was then
Steward is now belonging to your Vizagapatam Factory and the only person able
to give a further Acco. of this matter, wherefore we will write to him about it &
send his answer w. our next.

128. What M'. Roberts refunded to the Paymaster &c., was for so much that
had been allowd him by an erroneous construction of your 80th. paragraph in your
Letter dated the 4th. of Feb. 1706 w. is in these words "What we have before
"directed concerning M’. Fitz as to his Accommodations and taking passage
"upon any of our Ships for England, we would have observed in Relation to
"M’. Roberts," it had been better if the allowance had never been paid him,
but since it was wrong paid, we hope your Hon's. will approve its being obliged
to refund it.
129. Mr. Thomas Bulkeley's Covenants and Bond to perform them are executed, and returned in the Packet.

130. We observe with due regard the 76th paragraph of your Letter recommending Mr. Josiah Cooke, who has our particular Countenance and encouragement upon all Occasions, he is at present under the Land Customer, and has copied your General Ledger that comes by this Conveyance, we hope he will prove a worthy son of so good a father, and merit your future favour by his deportment in your Service.

131. We have your Orders for reducing the Officers pay under consideration, and shall be sure to Comply in the easiest manner we can, but the hurry of this Ships dispatch must plead our excuse, if we cannot compleat it before she sails.

132. On the 3rd. of Feb'ry, died Mr. Francis Cooke eldest Brother of ye two Essay Masters, a very good man that has serv'd you faithfully in his Employ his brother John lays down your service and comes upon this Ship to look after his Brothers Effects and family in England he has likewise been a very diligent and faithful Serv't. ye. Mini having been in perfect reputation ever since these two Brothers had the Charge of the Essay; there are two Gentlemen now upon this Place, that understand Essays very well Vis'. Moses, James Young and John Maubert, sober, diligent persons, whom we shall be oblig'd to employ for the present, and entreat your Hon'ble to conform them we shall take sufficient security here, and if you please to have further Security in England their friends will be ready to give in.

133. Mr. Francis Cooke having been head Searcher at the Sea Gate was succeeded by Joseph Smart that had acted some time past as Secretary to this Board, but being troubled with the barbaries was not so well able to discharge that Office, and therefore we have taken in John Mason Register at the Sea Gate, who has formerly serv'd as Under Secretary and behaves himself entirely to our satisfaction, wherefore we humbly hope that Your Hon'ble will give him some distinguishing mark of your favour, as we'll for a reward to his merit, as to encourage others in your Service to qualify themselves for places of trust with the same Pains and Diligence.

134. On the 7th. of Feb'ry Augustus Burton, Elisha Ellill & Stileman Godsell writers were sent to Fort S. David, and Elisha Ellill being a very ingenious capable young man that studys Gunner'y & Fortification, and was formerly employed in the Train in Flanders; we have at his request made him Gunner at Fort S. David, which trust he discharges admirably well, & performs his writing & work besides.

135. Richard Horden and Joseph Smart both Junior Merch. came out upon the Chambers Friggat Anno 1701 and that Ship touching here in her way (or rather out of her way) to China, they were taken ahoor (assistance being then much wanted) and immediately employed in your service, we cannot find them mentioned in any of your Letters nor is there any list of covenanted Serv'ts by that Ship wherefore we are at a Loss to decide their seniority, which is for that reason humbly refer'd to your Hon'ble: one of them has lost the Copy of his Covenant, or else we should have thought it equitable to prefer those of the oldest Date; & now we are upon this Subject, we wish your Hon'ble would please to give Us a clear standing Rule, for the Seniority of your Serv'ts for many disputes arise upon the Deviations of Captains in their [out]ward bound passage, by which it is not reasonable the innocent should suffer, we find an order in the old Comp'y time relating to Cap'. Bromwell in the Sampson, but with submission that will not do in all cases, because if we should decide by that Rule Messrs. Horden and Smart before mention'd would be postpon'd, till the return of y'rs Chambers Friggat from China, tho' they had been employ'd twenty three months in your Service, wherefore we pray the favour for ye. future that your Hon'ble would please
to give the preference in England as you think fit, and then we have nothing to do but to follow your orders.

136. On the 13th of March we rec'd advice from Fort St. David acquainting us that Mr. Henry Cottrell one of your Council died on the 13th. Inst. upon which we appointed Mr. Thomas Woodward Factor youngest of that Council.

137. John Knapton formerly School master of this place requesting to serve as a writer on the West Coast was entertained the 8th of April last and went thither on your Ship President.

138. The 23d. of April died your old Servt. Mr. Richard Hunt youngest of Council, and By Will appointed Moss* Bernard Benyon and John Cooke his Trustees. We have not fill'd up the Council because the two next in degree are Moss*. Smart and Horden between whom the dispute of Precedency lies, and further in looking over your old Orders we find that it is said, nobody taken in here shall be reckon'd of Council till approv'd in England, but by the Heathcote your Honr*s are pleas'd to write in two lines paragraph 69 that you will have the Council consist of the President and eight persons, by which words, we should have ventured to fill up, had it not been for the dispute aforesaid; but we beg your positive orders in this case for the future.

139. Richard Connell Free Merchant offering his service to go Factor to the West Coast, and being a person that writes a good hand, and is well skill'd in Accommodation: we have entertain'd him the 9th of May last because they write from thence they cannot keep up their Accommodation, for want of help, he was intended to go before Mr. Colletts arrival and afterwards went with him.

140. Richard Bourcheir writer having very ill health & petitioning to lay down the Service it was agreed to, since we have more than we know what to do with.

141. Benjamin Russell one of your writers that came out by the Aurengzeb proving very disorderly as mention'd in our Consultation the 20th June, we determined him for the West Coast & home, but upon his humble petition and some signs of Grace being a lad very fit for business we afterwards sent him to Vizagapatam upon his good behaviour, where he will be out of the way of ill Company, and Mr. Hastings writes that he is much reform'd.

142. Thomas Parker free Merchant being out of Service, & offering to go Factor for the West Coast, in consideration of his being bred a Merchant in England, and his Skill in Accommodation, he was entertain'd the 4th of July for that Service.

143. Your Dep't. Governr. of Fort St. David having settled all things in as good a manner as possible after so ruinous a war, on the 15th of July desired leave to come up hither and settle his own affairs, which was granted to him, and are mention'd in our Consultation the 17th July; accordingly he arrived here the 9th of August, and having advanced his Accommodation, as well as possibly we could, we were obliged to hurry him away again the 4th Sept. the Garrison being grown very mutinous by the slackness of Discipline in so short a time several barbarous murders committed, and both Officers and Soldiers daily deserting, it was thought to be time to give notice to them to return and serve another term.
144. At the particular request of your Dep't. Govenr. M. Collett, we entertained Mr. Peter Caulier a factor to go his Secretary being [a] man of capacity and Mr. Collett declar'd to have had sufficient experience of him in the Voyage hither.

145. Lieut. Thomas Wallis came hither from Bombay particularly recommended by your General as a person of very good behaviour, and every way qualified for his Employ, but was oblig'd to leave the Island for the Recovery of his health, the Air of this place soon recover'd him, and upon laying his indigent Circumstances before Us, which were very well worthy commissation we ventur'd to entertain him as Lieut. at Ensigns Pay, at first designing him for Vizagapatam, but good officers being most wanted at Fort S. David, as your Hon'ble will observe by those we have been oblig'd to break for their [ ] we alter'd our minds and sent the said Wallis to Fort S. David, in the room of Lieut? Courtney hereafter mention'd, and Mr. Raworth gives him the Character of a very worthy Officer.

146. On the 28th Jan'y. arriv'd here Lieut. Mercey Courtney, Ensign Brooks and Serjeant Peterson who were sent up from Fort S. David by your Dep't. Govenr. and Councill, for solicion in the highest Degree, as set forth at large in our Consultation of the 28th Jan'y. to which we humbly refer You, and the said Courtney having had his Commission taken from him once before, which was restored him upon his good behaviour, we thought ourselves oblig'd to turn him out of your Service for ever; the Ensign being a poor easy fellow that has serv'd you well many years, we first dismiss'd him and afterwards out of imprisonm't we restore'd him to his halbert, such men being very scarce among Us.

147. Lieut. Edmund Howson that came hither from Dartmouth having misbehav'd himself at Fort S. David was sent up hither under confinement in April last; but upon the intercession of your Dep't. Govenr. and the offenders fair promises of better behaviour, we have restored him to his command because he is an able officer, but the next offence sends him for England.

148. In the 65th paragraph of our Letter by the Hallifax we mention'd Joa Burnell taken into your service as an Ensign and the reasons for so doing, he has since prov'd an insolent offender & created abundance of disturbance in the Garrison, wherefore we were oblig'd to turn him out of your service.

149. Lieutenants Tanfield, Orrell and Borlace arriv'd here passengers upon the Jane, the first of the three is appointed by Commission to serve here, the other two made an Exchange by consent so that Borlace is gone to Bengal, and Orrell with your Dep't. Govenr. Collett to Benesook.
150. When the Troubles at Fort St. David were over, we called up Lieuten. Francis Hugoein to be Master Gunner of this Garrison, in the room of Gunner Atkinson deceased, accordingly he was entertained in the 9th. of June, and is a person admirably well qualified for that Employ.

151. The 18th. July Robert Presgrove was entertained Ensign in the room of John Burnell dismissed.

152. Sergeant Handlin at Fort St. David having distinguished himself in an extraordinary manner at an attack on the Enemy's Entrenchment, insomuch that they term'd him the little devil: we thought it for your Service to make him an Ensign, for the Encouragement of others to do the like.

153. On the 14th. of August we received Letters from Fort St. David wth. an Acco.' of a most inhuman murderer committed upon a mistice by Sergeant Fox, for the particulars of which give Us leave to refer you to the said Letter No. 144 and on the 22d. of the same month came news of another murder, more barbarous if possible than the former committed by one Starcky a Corporall upon a poor innocent black fellow related at large in your Fort St. David Letter No. 145, both the murderers were seized and sent up hither, and we keep them under close confinement with rice and water, hoping your Hon's will not leave Us longer without a full power to try and execute such notorious offenders, who dally make the[b]r' bras that we have not a power to put them to death, we have now so less than four in prison for direct murther and George Brand mention'd in our Letter to the Availlia, who kill'd Hughs in a rencounter; as for John Ballie who deserted from Vizagapatam and assisted the Moors against the place, he died in prison the 26th. of Febry.

154. Our want of power to execute Criminals is so well known to all the inhabitants, that the very Lascars employed in our Shipping have had the impudence to attempt the lives of the Capl. & Officers and to run away with the Ships, an instance of which happen'd in the Eagesus bound to Touquen last season, where the Serang & Lascars rose in the night, and murthered the mate of the Watch & afterwards cut down the Boatswain and attempted the great Cabin where the Capl. & Supra Cargo lay, but they waking in time made a hard shift to defend their lives with the fire Arms & the Villains finding they should not be able to compass their design, because there was another Ship in Company and daylight would discover their Actions, cut down the Yards and mangled all the rigging after which they made their escape in the long Boat & got to Jehore, where four of them were seizd by one of our Ships and brought hither, so that your Hon's may please to observe our goals are full, and how necessary it is that we should have a full power to make examples of such notorious Offenders, for the good Government of your Settlements and the preservation of your Estates.

155. Whatever Commission your Hon's think fit to send us, we would be glad to have full directions drawn up by able Lawyers for our proceedings, with the forms of the warrants & necessary write to summon juries, and what printed Books you think useful to guide Us upon such occasions, the rest we will endeavour to supply with the best reason Gov. Atkinson has given Us, & we muchly pray once more that you will take this matter into your serious consideration, for as we have no copies of your Charters granted by Virtue of the Act of Parliament, nor no particular Commission or Directions from your Hon's concerning Criminal cases, we know not what our power is.

156. The Widow of Isaa. Abendas late Hebrew Merch't. of this place having liberty to go to Palicasat on a visit, was there privately married to a German and retir'd from thence to Trincomabar in order to embarque for Europe,
which did not come to our knowledge till the 4th. Feb'y. last, and this Board being appointed Trustees to her husband's will in case of her marrying again, we thought ourselves oblige to interpose in the affair & accordingly wrote to the Goven'. & Council of Trincomab to return her hither; several Letters pass'd between us upon this subject but we could not prevale to have her deliver'd up; we beg to reter your Hon'r to our Consultations of the 4th. & 7th. of Feb'y. and to our letters to and from Trincomar N°. 12. 23 & 50 in our Letter book sent, and N°. 40. 74 & in that receive'd for a full Accot. of this affair.

157. Padre Milton who was turn'd out of the Cuddolea Churches By your Hon'r Orders, offering his service to accompany Mr. Collett to Benaloan, where nobody else would go, we could not in conscience refuse him, the Padre that resided there being dead, your Hon'r seems to be apprehensive that being an Englishman he might easily seduce his Countrymen from the true faith, but we assure you there is no manner of Danger for he is a meer plain Priest w'thout any manner of Qualifications for making of Convers, he humbly submits his Case and that of the Thesias Order to your Consideration, in the papers that come by this Packet N°. 26.

158. Reuben Smith Sergeant having been sent to the Govr. of leathoom Actions with a black follow, of which there is sufficient Proof we have thought better to send him away by this Ship, ye' to expose the Character of the British Nation by bringing him to a publik tryall and punishment.

159. We will close this head with recommending Lieut. John Body to your Hon'r. favour, he is a brave, able & diligent Officer that has distinguish'd himself on all occasions in the Fort St. David Service, and is very fit to have a Superior Command over all the rest with the Title of Capt. Major if your Hon'r think fit, and to be employed in going from one Garrison to another as there shall be occasion; we have now return'd him to Fort St. David to establish a strict discipline & see the Outworks compleated.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING YOUR ACCOUNTS.

160. The Answer to your Accomp'yts Letter rec'd by the hoeveur went by the same Ship and might as well have gone by the Fredericks if Mr. Fraser had thought fit, Your Accomp'y has now so much business upon his hands to balance your general Books in order to send them by the Ship, that he humbly pr'y[s] to be excuse answering your Accomp'y's Letter till the next least in the spring if it should not be done to your Satisfaction; [the] Miss, Paymasters, Land and Sea Customers Accot's, from the balance of your books in April to September inclusive come in the packet, but we have no abstracts of Fort St. David rents [&] Revenues, because they have been discontinu'd during the war, what there shall be come by the Jan'y. Ship.

161. By carefully perusing all your former letters your President soon after the dispatch of the Avella, came to find that he might not go safely by the former Powers given Mr. Addison and Council to compound the debt with the Methepstan Merchants, accordingly he has sounded them as a distance to find out their inclinations, and lately receiv'd a Letter from the Chief of them Methepstan, desiring to know what encouragement he would give him to come up hither, to which your President return'd answer by a Second hand, that he should be very well, and have his utmost assistance to provide people amongst ourselves that would buy the debt, but that he had no Orders to discharge it, we do not doubt but they will come, and shall take care to end the business as much to your advantage as possible, but it is with great grief we read in your Letter by the Heathcoote poth 77, that Mr Pitt and Mr. Raworth wrote the new Company they hope they should buy off the Debt for twenty or twenty five thousand Pst'. what reason they had for those hopen we cannot tell,
hither about theyahod. meet l:i. favour. We oant and understand why Mess ra • Pitt & Rawth. shoud ever think (of) compound. dt for 5,000 Fags thAy meant much. Principal. in Broad olio.00. Mr. Pitt should have left the papers relating to this affair in the Secretarys Office, or in some other hands ye we might have known which way they stated the Acco'; & what the ill practises were which they discovered in Iapa Chittys Acco'. but there is not one Scrip of Paper to be found, not so much as the Copy of what wrote the new Company upon this subject; we have examined Mr Raworth who tells us that tht he signed the Letter he was very little acquainted with the affair, and could not satisfie us in any one particular, so that we are obliged to hunt in the Dark, which will make the affair very tedious to conclude, tho we promise to use our utmost endeavours, and your President has already taken the proper measures to prevent any disturbance from the Government on Acco' of this Debt.

162. Mr Pitt would have done well to have left the papers relating to this affair in the Secretarys Office, or in some other hands ye we might have known which way they stated the Acco'; & what the ill practises were which they discovered in Iapa Chittys Acco'. but there is not one Scrip of Paper to be found, not so much as the Copy of what wrote the new Company upon this subject; we have examined Mr Raworth who tells us that tht he signed the Letter he was very little acquainted with the affair, and could not satisfie us in any one particular, so that we are obliged to hunt in the Dark, which will make the affair very tedious to conclude, tho we promise to use our utmost endeavours, and your President has already taken the proper measures to prevent any disturbance from the Government on Acco' of this Debt.

163. The Paper mentiond in your 80th. Paragraph entitled an Acco' of what owing to the old Tobacco Farmers, by what we can gather was put into the Packett by your late President just as it was shutting up, but no copy to be found nor can we learn the particulars of it from him.

164. We hope the method in which your Consultations are now margined and Index'd will be to your satisfaction.

165. The Acco'. of goods wanting in several Ships shall be strictly scrutinized into, as soon as this Ship is saild.

166. The several parcels of silver orderd in your 87th. Paragraph for Particular Persons, are all deliver'd, and we shall punctually observe your directions concerning the silver sent on the Stretham on [Acco'] of Mr. Thomas Frederick, but his fathers orders are directed to the President only and not to the Board.
167. We have made a Demand of the two hundred and fifteen pounds five shillings and six pence which Mr. Fraser receiv’d for salary as Second of Fort St. George, to which he return’d an answer in writing as enter’d after our Consultation dated the 8th. Septem. and upon examining your Letter by the Heasboote we observe that after finding fault with the manner of his being sent out, & forbidding such methods for the future, your Honours are pleas’d to reinstate him, so that we humbly conceive he has then a right to his salary during suspension, and upon Examination of the Books we find that no person receiv’d Salary as Second all that time till the 1st of Feb’y 1709 so that there was no Seconds Salary paid from 1st Augst 1707 (the time of Mr. Fraser suspension) to the 1st Feb’y 1709 when Mr. Martin was made Second, which is seventeen months and nine days, wherefore with humble Submission since your order to demand the money back is grounded upon some body else having receiv’d the Seconds Salary, which appears to be a mistake in your Account, we hope you will not be angry if we only oblige Mr. Fraser to refund one hundred forty five Page. two fawmns and one cash, which is what salary was paid to M. Martin and Mountague during his Suspension.

168. John Mason our Secretaries Covenants and bond to perform [37] are sign’d and come by the Packett.

169. Mr. Fleet answer’d us some time ago to lay down yr. Service and come for Europe upon this Ship, but we have persuad’d him to stay till he hears from his friends, your Honours are pleas’d to say in your 90th. Paragraph that he may enter into Covenants as a Factor sooner than the usual time if we find him Capable, but the time of commencement in the Covenants is already sign’d so that it is out of our power to alter it.

170. Able and ingenious Men are so scarce among Us notwithstanding the great number of your Covenanted Servants, who are most of them too young to be employ’d in the most valuable part of your Business, that we gladly lay hold of the opportunity you give us to entertain Mr. William Nanny Factor in your Service, and intend him for the Accomptants Office, for which he is very well qualified; and now having answer’d every thing in your Honours Letter under this Head, we must beg your patience while we relate some particular passages touching your Accou’ts that have given us a great deal of trouble and concern.

171. Upon your Presidents arrival here and the changing the several Offices belonging to the Council, and particularly that of the Warehouse from Mr. Martin to Mr. Davenport an Accou’t of remains was taken and pass’d from one to the other, but not compar’d [39] the General Books because we had resolv’d to establish an Order that there should be a thro’ accou’t, of remains annex’d taken before the balance of the Books in the April, not doubting but that Mr. Hunt who had so universal a good Character for his exactness in Book keeping, had taken care that the adjustments were right when he balance’d the year before, but when we came to adjust the remains in April last with your Balance of your Books that come by this Ship; we were greatly surpriz’d to find one hundred thirty two thousand six hundred twenty two Rupees and three Anas and six hundred eighty seven pounds two ounces nine penny weights and fifteen grains of Silver wanting, besides Broad Cloth and several other articles as per List enter’d after our Consultation of the 29th of Augst; this being a matter of so great importance and Mr. Hunt dead who balance’d the Last Books, and was the only person who could give us any insight into the matter, your present Accomp’t was obliged to revise all the Warehouse Accou’ts, and three sets of Books Backwards in order to fix these considerable wants so that it was the 4th. of July before he could deliver in his report upon sure grounds, with an abstracted Accou’t current and an Explanation thereof when immediately the President with yr. Accompt, Warehousekepp, and Mr. Bengoy went therto the said accou’t carefully comparing every article with the Warehouse and Mint
On the 22d. of August Mr. Raworth delivered in a memorandum [as entered after that Consultation, wherein he acknowledges the whole quantity both of Rupees and Silver wanting, thro' the ill practice of the Conicoply in whom he had put too great a confidence; our Consultation of the 25th. of August will show your Honours the reason why we have condemned him to pay the sum of Thirty-nine thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven Rupees and Silver wanting, which we hope will meet with your approval!

After that Consultation, where he received the money, and since Mr. Raworth's arrival from Fort St. David, we have discovered another parcel which the most considerable Articles are the White Lead, Broad cloth, which we could not fix upon any particular warehouse, but having recourse to the memory of the two former persons to be accountable for, we have no doubt but time will bring more of his villainy to light, but it is a great Misfortune that he is not in circumstances to make further discovery before us. The more so as your Honours will be convinced to the contrary upon perusing the Report made in Consultation the 17th. July he acquiesced to the exactness of it without any exception.
Anno 1710, when he delivered the Warehouse over to Mr. Martin, upon examination of the Warehouse Acco's, it appeared very plainly that great part of this sum, was likewise due from Tonapa, for mony receiv'd on his own, and for the goods sold at Outcry & kept in his own, and also for mony which he receiv'd on Account, and have likewise ordered this to be charged to Mr. Raworth's particular Account.

175. Next we came to consider a balance of seven thousand three hundred seventy two pounds, seventeen fannams due from William Martin and Robert Raworth joynt Warehousekeepers, which is of a longer standing than the other, having been due ever since the last of Jan'. Anno 1708/9 and upon Examination of the Warehouse Acco's, of that time, this Debt likewise plainly appears to be due from Jonapa for mony which he receiv'd on Account, goods sold at Outcry & kept in his own hands thro' the remissness of the Warehousekeeper; we thought in justice that this balance with the interest ought also to have been made good by the joynt Warehousekeepers, and should have so determined but that Mr. William Martin delivered in a memorial as entered after our Consoliation of the 29th of August; wherein he set forth that Mr. Raworth was forcibly put in joynt Warehousekeeper with him by Gov' Pitt and the Keys wholly entrusted to him, & that it was Mr. Martin's Station to have been sole Warehousekeeper so that since the management was taken out of his hand he hopes he shall not be accountable, with other Arguments for which we begg you will be refered.

To the said Memorial, to which Mr. Raworth return'd the answer the 2nd of September as enter'd after Consoliation of the same date, & Mr. Martin replyed the 4th a copy of which comes in the Packet no. 28, in these three Papers your Honours will see their several Arguments what appears to Us to be matter of fact to, that Mr. Raworth in a manner did all the Business, but whether this was with Mr. Martin's approbation or not we can't tell, only we observe that there is no complaints made by Mr. Martin in Counsell, and that he voluntarily set his hand to the several months Warehouse Account some of this Board remember very well that Gov' Pitt joynt'd Mr. Raworth w't Mr. Martin, upon the death of Mr. Empson, as thinking the trust too great for Mr. Martin, Single, however if he had thought any wrong was done him, he might have complained in a publick Manner, which would now have appeared for his justification we have at both their request agreed to refer this matter to your Honours decision, Mr. Raworth having already acquied to [make] good his proportion as soon as mony comes in.

176. In the last place we came to Mr. Martin's Balance due when he was sole Warehousekeeper, which was to the time your President arriv'd, and this amounts to four thousand nine hundred & six pag', six fannams and four Cash, which it is true Tonapa confesses himself to be Debtor for, and indeed there is no room to doubt it, but we did not think that Mr. Martin would have disputed making it good, after having so readily consented and sign'd to w't we have done in the Case of Mr. Raworth, but instead of that he has given Us the Trouble of two memorials enter'd after our Consolations of the 11th & 15th of September; every article of w't (in regard that he was a member of this Board) we debated while he was present, giving him a fair opportunity to reply, & we humbly beg your Honours will be refer'd to our Consolations of the 11th & 15th for our candid opinion of the Matter, we could not refuse him an appeal upon his giving Secrecy to make good the Debt if your Honours shall order it to be paid by him.

177. And now we have laid these Matters before your Honours. It will undoubtedly be expected we should tell you how so many & so considerable abuses have been introduced among your Affairs, & what methods we propose to prevent the like mismanagements for the future.
178. Had your former President been man that carried any scheme of your business in his head, he would easily have mis'd one hundred and thirty two thousand Rupees, when we never coin any but to send down to the Bay, and now and then sell a few here after the Season is over, and 'tis a wonder the Gentlemen in Bengal did not miss them out of their Stock to which they actually belong'd but it was impossible your Book-keeper could be ignorant of the matter if he made any sort of adjustments when he came to a balance, and we have showed reasons to believe yet Mr. Hunt was in the Secret.

179. There has been an unwarrantable trust repos'd in the Conicoply who it is true was put in by the Govern'd & Council when Mr. Wright was Warehouse-keep' upon his offering to give good Security as your Hon'd may please to read in Consultation dated the 17th Decem. 1703, but no Security was ever given, and therefore the more care ought to have been taken of him, instead of which he has had the sole disposal of every thing in the Warehouse, and has not been call'd to Acco'. so frequently as he ought to be, which is the best security that can ever be had for people in that Employ.

180. To prevent your Estates from running these unnecessary hazards for the future we have order'd that when a new Warehousekeep' enters upon that Employ he shall choose his own Conicoply provided he will be security for him and the Board has no just reason to except against him.

181. 'Tis if the Warehousekeep' will not recommend, and the Conicoply is put in by the Board, security shall be taken and enter'd upon the Consultations, w'th yr Persons names and yr Sums.

182. That the Conicoply shall never be permitted to go into the Silver Godown without the Warehousekeep' or his assistant.

183. That the Conicoply be not permitted to buy himself at any outcry nor to take any goods out of the Godown without paying ready mony.

184. That all Outtersy be made for ready mony if possible, without manifest prejudice to the sales, and if we are forced to sell for time that all persons shall clear their goods by a note of their hand payable at the time appointed, which notes the Warehouse-keep' shall indorse when he receives the mony.

185. That notice be given throughout the town not to pay any mony to Conicoplys without such notes, upon penalty of paying it over again.

186. That if the Conicoply delays paying in any mony receiv'd, he be immediately clapt up and the Board made acquainted.

187. That if the warehousekeep', does not keep to these rules he is & always ought to be accountable for all Losses and frauds of the Conicoplys, and we are very sure if they are duly observ'd no Conicoply can ever get mony enuff into his hands to make it worth his while to play the knave so that a very small Security would serve.

188. It is very easy for your Hon'd to imagine that there are some extraordinary reasons when such a strange trust and confidence is repos'd in a Conicoply, and it is hardly credible that such considerable balances as these, should ly so long undiscover'd and uncalled for unless the Bookkeepers mouth was stop'd but we hope effectual Methods are taken to prevent the like hereafter.
189. We need not expatiate upon the negligence in the Warehouse Acco's, that is sufficiently demonstrated by the abuses that could not otherwise have happen'd those that have been faulty will suffer sufficiently in their fortunes, and particularly Mr. Haworth who will be stripped of a very pretty fortune when these Debts are paid, for Tonapa the Coniscopy has sent all to Sea in a ridiculous manner so that of between eighteen and nineteen thousand Pag's, which we have laid our hands on, we can hardly 1 ever hope to recover one quarter part, and Mr. Haworth has already made good to your Cash Forty five thousand Pag's, which we humbly hope (his good Services in the Fort St. David war consider'd) will entitle him to your Compassion.

190. Your President humbly hopes you will not censure him because those discoveries were not made before the last Ships sail'd, things were in a great deal of confusion when he arriv'd, that wt. with the necessary regulations in the Government of the Place the Dispatch of your Shipping and revising all your former orders and Letters; he had not a leasure day till after the Avarilla sail'd, and all the world will bear him witness very few since; but besides there was a great deal of pains taken to conceal the affair of the Rupees which we humbly hope (his good Services in the Fort St. David war consider'd) will entitle him to your Compassion.

191. Matthew Empson Warehousekeeper stands Debtor upon your Books a balance of Pag's, two thousand eight hundred Forty six, thirty five Saums and five Cash which balance has stood so long without due enquiry, that your President can get little or no light into the Matter only 'tis agreed on all hands that Mr. Empson could not be indebted himself, because he never touch'd any thing belonging to the Warehouse, nor never receiv'd one Pagoda of mony whilst he had the Warehouse under his charge, but all was Transacted by Tonapa, and consequently the Balance must lie in his hands, but it is very strange that seeing this Gentleman died intestate, and Messrs. Martin & Haworth were order'd in Consultation of the 28th of Sep. to settle the Warehouse Acco's, yet not one word should ever be enter'd upon any of the Consultations relating to the Warehouse balance, what was done in settling it, or from whom they judg'd it to be due; and it is yet more unaccountable that upon the Arrival of the Heathcote your new President Addison should so readily pay away the balance of Mr. Empson's Estate remaining in your Cash to the Widdow's attorneys, as your Hon's. will find in Consultation of the 29th. of Sep. 1709, pretending that it was conformable to your Orders when upon perusal of your Letter by the Heathcote, we find it directly contrary to the very words of your 66th paragraph; we intend as soon as this Ship is dispatch'd to make one essay more towards unravelling this Acco's and the six Chests of Silver formerly mention'd which was so mysterious an Article, that when Mr. Hunt your Book keeper was living, he either could not or would not give Us any Satisfaction therein, but in our opinion the truth of the matter is, he usd to take the adjustments of the Books from the Warehouse Coniscopy instead of a true Acco's of remains, by which means the said Coniscopy had an opportunity of doing just what he pleased and this has been one of the chief causes of all the disorders & mistakes that have happen'd, so hard to be found out and amended.

192. There is an old debt upon your books under the head of Comapa Don weavers, which upon enquiry we find was for mony lent them in M. Higginson's time to build houses in Tribilanes the Principals are dead but your President found upon his Arrivall two old men that have layn many years in goal upon that Acco's very poor and miserable, wherefore we thought it both charitable and
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195. We likewise humbly desire Duplicates of all your Invoices during the Warr, for we have been much puzzled for want of the Jannes and such accidents may happen again as the Captains are obligd to sink their papers in case of Danger.

196. If any thing is deficient in this head, it shall be supply'd in our Letter to your Accountant by the next Ship.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

197. We have carefully perus'd the Copy of the West Coaster Letter sent Us dated the 6th of Feb. and shall make use of all the hints you have been pleased to give Us therein as occasion serves.

198. Our last years Letters inform'd you how the management of your Mercantile affairs, he tyranniz'd over all your Servants,
monopoliz'd the Arack and other Farms, particularly Salt, which he engross'd almost to the ruin of the place, and died indebted to your Cash upwards of nine Thousand Dollars.

199. The same Letter adds that if there were not some speedy good methods taken, all the northern Settlements would be entirely lost, whereupon we dispatch'd away your Ship President as soon as possible with provisions, necessary Stores, &c. Goods to trade for Pepper, and proper instructions for their Conduct till they heard further from us, as in Letter Book N°. 47, resolving to keep the Toddington till the beginning of May in hopes by that time to hear some news of the Jane, that we all along believ'd was gone to Brazill, however that we might be prepar'd to send Mr. Philip Baker up from Fort St. David, a person well skilful in Acco., intending to send him with an independant power to examine the Books and Acco., because we did not find ourselves qualify'd by your Orders to make any alteration in the Government till we had certain news what was become of the Jane, and Mr. Baker being out of Order it was the 24th of May before he was in a condition to proceed at which time the Jane arrived and occasion'd our taking new Resolutions.

200. Before we go any farther we must acquaint your Hon. that Mr. Ettetrick before his decease had turn'd Messr. Kingsley & Slother out of his Council, and Mr. Daniel who succeeded him without much enquiry into the Merits of the Cause, sent them both over hither upon the Toddington with their families, the crimes they charg'd them with were so imperfectly explain'd in their Letter that for want of the General Books which they pretend could not be got ready to send, we were not able to make a true judgment whether they were guilty or not, and finding great appearance of malice and revenge, as well as some mistakes in writing them, they did send, we resolved to send these people back for a thorough examination of their Cause, and have given full direction concerning them in our Instructions to Mr. Collett and Council N°. 73 which we humbly beg you will please to refer'd, as also to our Consultations of the 24th and 27th March, for a full relation of this affair.

201. The Toddington likewise brought one Daniel Evans turn'd out of your Service for the shamefull surrender of Mandata Paggo and all your effects to Rahj Sillemon, of which he had the charge upon Examination into this matter we could not find in the Consultations that this Evans had any fair hearing and having a great deal to say in his own justification, we have likewise permitted him to return with Mr. Collett in order to have a fair tryall and to be disposd of according as his behaviour appears to have been.

202. As soon as Mr. Collett was arriv'd we proceeded to the settling of the West Coast Council, in which we regulated ourselves by the late advices receiv'd from thence, and had sent him away in very few Days, but that he was unexpectedly taken ill, however we made shift to dispatch him the 16th June, with full instructions grant'd upon your Hon. orders out of England, to which we beg leave to refer you being enter'd in our Letter Book N°. 79.

203. Capt. Blow Commander of the Toddington having upon Examination given us a very particular Acco. of your West Coast affairs & particularly several abuses that have been committed, we sent him a proper person to sit third in Council of Bengocon & Second at Bantall during the time he stays upon y't. Coast, Whereby he will be the better able to give You full information of y't. affair at his Return.

204. The main reason why we have entertain'd so many people here to send over, was upon Complaint that they had not hands to do the necessary writing work which has always been the excuse for not keeping up your Acco., besides its necessary for Mortality before hand, consider there may be a madman person or two come to drop all your business runs behind hand till they

in Tor. affairs.

The same Letter likewise adds that all their Srs. there construe, if we do not send them speedy help, they will not, yet we are not hear'g them Prelud' w't. necessary, but keep y' Toddington in hopes to know of y' Jane & yr. Srs. Mr. Baker being out of Order it was the 24th of May before he was in a condition to proceed at which time the Jane arrived and occasion'd our taking new Resolutions.

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can have a fresh Supply, and we do assure you that such persons as we have now
seen are not always to be bad.

205. We sent upon Ship Toddington sixty seven bales of Longcloth white
and Biew, shirts, quilts and Soldiers cloths, four hundred bags of Salt peter, two
hundred of Salt and six hundred of Rice, ten chests of Syrash wine, fourteen
hundred fifty three small pieces of red wood, a chest of Medicines, twenty Candy
of Gunpowder with several other Factors provisions amounting to seven thousand
one hundred seventy eight Part's, thirty five fan's and fifty two Cabin; which
will be a considerable help to the loading home of this years Shipping; and we most
recommind your Honrs. we observ'd so many good qualifications in your Day's
Governr. whilst he was here, that if it pleases God to spare his Life, there is no
manner of doubt but your West Coast Settlements will flourish.

206. On the 21st Ulmo we received our last Letters from Bencoolen by a
Ship bound to Bengall that put them aboard at Vinagapitam they bear date the
23d. & 28th of July, at which time we are surpris'd that the Toddington was not
arrived because she sail'd hence the 17th of June which is a very long passage at
that Season; they write Us that Mr. John Daniel is dead & that Mr. John
Hunter succeeds him; who by his mild treatment to the Natives has very well
restablished your affairs, and reduc'd near half the Expenses; all the Godowns
were full of pepper, & your Ship Success Capt. Exel that arriv'd there the 23d.
of July was preparing to load for England, but we suppose the Toddington will
arrive time enuff to be first dispatch'd your Ship President was employ'd in
fetched pepper from the Subordinate places, and we do not doubt but you will
have a large quantity home this Season; nothing shall be wanting on our parts
towards making your West Coast Settlements as flourishing as they
are capable of, and we shall have an hundred Bales of proper Goods ready to
send them, by the first Ship that comes over hitber, the profit upon which will
be a main help to defray their Expenses, and in our next we hope to give your
Honrs. more Satisfaction upon this Subject.

207. We hope you will be pleas'd to consider how much it is your Interest,
that at least one of your West Coast Ships should touch here outward bound to
carry the necessary Supplies of Santings & Cloth which otherwise must go upon
freight at a considerable Expense.

208. We cannot prevail with any Lascars to go over & Settle at Bencoolen,
being terrify'd with the badness of the Climate, but when we come to hear from
Mr. Collet, we do not doubt but some other method may be found to send a great
part of the Expenditure of Boot hire, having fully discours'd him upon that Subject,
and every thing else we could think of for the good of the place.

O F T H E F R E N C H , D U T C H , D A V I S E R A N D SEPARATE STOCK SHIPS.

209. The two French Ships that took the Dutchess on her Malabarr Coast
last year, went to Mocha in December, with both their prizes, where we are
advis'd they took on board seven thousand Bales of Coffee, and after having sold
the Dutchess to one Bonner Master of a Ship belonging to Mr. Adams of Calcutt
for five thousand eight hundred Dollars, they left Mocha the latter end of July,
tending for Don Mascareen and thence directly for France; they carry back
with them Eighty thousand Spanish Dollars or thereabouts, which they were not
able to lay out.

210. We have not heard of any other French Ships in India this Season, but
the Jane met at Isle de Grand near Brazil with one Mons. Boineau (a person
well known in these parts) comm'd of two stout Ships bound to Peru and from
thees to Canton in China, and Purliech, so that we may expect to see them here
next Season; The Factories of Purliech, Bengall & Surat are reduc'd to
very great necessities for want of money to Subsist.
211. The Dutch continue to sail every where in Squadron's so y't they are out of fear of the French attacking them, and in continual hopes that the storm will fall upon Us; Batavia is observ'd to decline very much & their Investments upon this Coast, have not been so considerable this last year as usual.

212. The Danes have had no Ship from Europe this year or the last, nor have they any to send home this Season, they make hard shift to maintain their Garrison, and if not relieved this next year will be in most miserable Circumstances.

213. The Separate Stock Ships now remaining in India are the John and Elizabeth, Mermaid & Arabella; the John & Elizabeth has made every year a successfull Trip to Persia and is now lately arriv'd here from thence, having touched at Muscat by the way, where they purchased, two hundred & fifty bags of Coffee w'th, which & what they can pick up here they intend home this Season.

214. The Mermaid arrived here in August from Judda making a miserable Voyage, she said for Bengall the 20th. of Sep't in order to load for Europe; The Arabella is now here, but intends in few Days to sail for Batavia where the Capt. proposes to load her with Arrack and return for Europe with the Dutch Fleet they would have all three stand another year in India if we would have Employ'd them, but finding your Orders so severe upon that Subject, we would by no means incur your displeasure, th'o the Gentlemen in Bengall that had our money in their hands as usual to employ at discretion were pleas'd (notwithstanding the assurances given your Hon'r, which you are pleased to mention in y' 59 paragraph of yours by the Heathcote 1708) to interest sev. of Us in the Mermaid without our Knowledge or consent, for which we are no way culpable, and th'o the fault has been laid usually upon your Servants here, 'tis well known that those Ships have been chiefly supported in Bengall; and if your Council there would annually have set out a Ship of yours, we might have had the Separate Ships up at the Sea gate for sale long agoe, and have bought them good penny worths, we are glad to find there are no more of them to come Among Us, for we have more good Ships of our own than we can find profitable employment for.

Supplement of what has been omitted in formerno & what has happen'd since.

215. One of your Navigrs at Fort St. David by name Thomas Kirkbread whom we had prefer'd for his Bravery in the time of the Warr deserted from his Guard the 5th Ultimo, with a Sergent two Corporals and Two private Centinels, and March'd directly to the Duan at Arcott, who has entertain'd them into his Service, but we are using all possible means to retrieve them.

216. In our Consolitation of the 11th Ultimo Capt. Thomas Beckford requested Seventy four Tuns of Salt Petre over and above his Kentinge to make the Ship sail worthy for which his Originall request comes in the Packett N°. 30.

217. When Mr. Raworth went hence to Fort St. David, we deliver'd him your List for providing goods, that came out by this years Shipping; and order'd him to make the Contract for every sort of goods in proportion thereto; but to our
great Surprises they wrote Us on the 16th Ult. that they had agreed for a thousand bales to be ready by the 10th of January, but had taken eight thousand five hundred pieces of Bettiolas and Neckcloths, to Fifteen thousand p. of Long Cloth, whereas the whole proportion is but eleven thousand p. [Lacuna] pieces of Bettiolas & Neckcloths to Fifty thousand of Long cloth, so that if we contract in proportion here your Hon. will have about twenty nine thousand pieces of Bettiolas instead of Eleven thousand pieces [Lacuna] which you have ordered; for which reason, we were oblig'd to refuse our consent to the said Contract; in, affair they have contested with Us so long, as you may please to observe by their Letters, that at least a months time has been lost in providing goods.

218. On the 23d Mr. William Martin requested in Consultation that rather than give security for the payment of the Warehouse Debts, he might be permitted to embarque for England in January, which we thought we could not consent to, because of yr. repeated Orders that Nobody should be permitted to go off the Shoar till all his Debts were paid, and especially those due to your Hon.

219. Mr. John Logg Register of the Maryport and a very deserving Person, who came out of England intended for Banjaac, & retired hither because that Factory was cutt off, petitioning Us that his standing might commence from his Arrival at Benjaac; in consideration of his good Services we have consented in hopes of your Hon's Approval.

220. On the 8th instant we had a sort of Monsoon, in which several Ships lost their Anchors and putt to Sea; by good Providence it did not last long, but two Ships founder'd at an Anchor, one of six hundred Tuns richly laden belonging to Abdull Gafur of Surat; and the other about two hundred Tuns, laden with grain & other goods from Vizagapatam, the Ship and part of the Cargo belonging to Tonapa the Concheeyp; one small Vessell was cast away near Sadras; which is all the Damage we hear of, except that the vast rains which fell at the Fort St. David in the same Storm have laddy all our bounds under water, and wash'd down some of the works.

221. On the 8th instant arrived Ship Marlbro Cpt. Matthew Martin and acquisite Us that on the 4th Ult. he mett off the false point of Palmares with three French Ships two of fifty to sixty Guns and one of twenty six or thereabouts; when he first saw them, they were so far separat'd from each other that he did not take them to be Enemies, thò his Ship was prudently made ready for defence; the biggest Ship & the little one got well up with him about noon, and several Broadsides were exchange'd, till a fresh Gale springing up the Marlbro had the advantage of Sailing, but so very little, that they chas'd her all that Day and the two following almost as far as Bimlapatam, and on the 7th in the morning she lost them in a Squall of wind and rain, and made the best of her way hither, because they spread themselves in such a manner, that she could not get to the Northward of them, without being tore to pieces, and if they had chased her into Ballasore road, she must have Run a shoar for want of a Pilot or been taken; we have unladen the Treasure that was on Board her, and wait to hear further.

222. The 8th instant arriv'd a Genio Ship from Bengal, & brought Us Letters dated the last of August, advising us of the forthcoming of 21st. Ships, and that they had sent a small Vessell that sails very well to gets without them if possible, and give timely Notice to the expected Shipping, which we hope will
be a means to secure the Kent & Recovery from falling into their hands; the
same Letters advise Us that the London, Darby and Mary are arriv'd that they
hop'd to dispatch the Darby in time for the Dutch Fleet, and the Mary some time
in January, and that they will use their endeavours to get freight for the rest of
the Shipping; but that the Troubles of the Country are worse than ever, and
especially at Patna, as your Hon. may please to observe by a Copy of a Letter
from thence, which comes in the Packett No. 31.

223. They write Us further that the Howland was seen & spoke with in
Acheen road the 17th. of May by a vessel belonging to Bengal, she was then
under sail bearing back for Malacca, and Capt'. Cooke told the Supra Cargos of
the said Vessell that he would come round by way of Batavia hinter.

224. The Revd. Mr. Robert Jones your deceas'd Minister's Acco' Court.
& Outery acco' settled by the Paymaster comes in the Packett No. 32.

225. We must not omit acquainting your Hon. that all the paper in
general by this last Shipping is very bad, and particularly that sort on which this
Letter is wrote, and is a very great hindrance to our business as most of our
Scribes are but Ordinary, & not able to write upon it; and we have receiv'd but
half the Paper's mention'd in the Invoice.

226. Your Surgeons request that for the future what medicines you
please to order for the use of this place, may be divided into two Chests, one
containing two thirds of the quantity for the use of the Hospitall, and the other
the rest, and to make over all the adventures he had by him to the Amount of
Rupees; &c.

227. Mr. Josiah Chitty formerly of your Counsell in Bengal, came up hither
upon the St. Andrew to settle his Acco', with severall inhabitants of this place,
whose Factor he had been for some years past; your President and Counsell in
Bengal before they would let him come oblig'd him to surrender up his house,
his own & his wives jewels, and all the effects he had by him to the Amount of
forty or fifty thousand Rupees; and to make over all the adventures he had
abroad of which they sent Us up a List, & desired Us to recover them for the use
of his Creditors in the Bay, but as soon as this was known several of his Credit-
ors Inhabitants of this place appeared and demanded justice of Us praying that
he might be oblig'd now he was here to settle his Acco', with them, and that
they might attach what effects they could find towards making them Satisfaction,
which we thought very reasonable as we are under obligation to be as solicitous
for the welfare of our Inhabitants as the Gentlemen in the Bay for theirs, and
there is this difference in the case that the Creditors here are Europeans, & those
in the Bay black Brokers and Samnians; the Gentlemen in y. Bay are very
Angr'y pretending they would not have let Mr. Chitty come up, bad they not
thought we would have secure'd the money for them; what fell into our hands was
before he arriv'd here, and would have been put to the same uses, whether he
had come or not, we humbly lay this affair before your Hon. for fear it may
be misrepresented from the Bay.

228. By the Dutchess that arriv'd Calcutt in September we learn that
the Stringer Gally was safe in Mochio, and that both she & the Nathaniell are
like to have an early dispatch.
229. We have lately receiv'd about an hundred bales of Several sorts of goods from Masapatam and Ingeram, but they are all Brown and could not be washed in time for this Ship, and therefore 'tis well we had made provision to fill her up without them.

230. The Report of the new Mogulls Death proves to be false by several Perwanna's that are lately receiv'd from him by the great men in these parts.

231. Mr. William Fraser &c: Owners of Ship Satisfaction, which is the Ship out of which y'. Dutch Government of Malaccas seiz'd & confiscat'd several chests of Ophium; have desir'd us to lay their case before your Hon''. which is indeed a very hard sue, & we humbly hope you will lend them your assistance towards recovering the money so unjustly taken from them contrary to the Laws of all Nations, the owners petition comes in the packet N°. 33 and one Mackdonall that was mate of the Satisfaction comes passenger upon this Ship to prosecute the Dutch Company in behalf of y'. Owners.

232. The three hundred and two Ounces of Silver mention'd in your Hon''s 87th. paragraph to be sent out to John Rudge deceased is receiv'd by your Paymaster, who has deliver'd in an Acco: of the same, Copy of which comes in the Packet N°. 68.

233. We have loaden upon this Ship Fourteen hundred & fifty eight bales, which with Redwood and Salt Petre amount to One hundred & Eighty Thousand one hundred and forty-five Pag's. one fanam & forty cash as by the Accompanying Invoice, of which a Duplicate comes in the flying Packet, which we hope will prove to your Satisfaction and we have deliver'd the Capt'. a small Bale write upon musters which is incerted at the foot of the Invoice, and mention'd in the Bill of Loading; we should have dispatch'd this Ship four or five days ago, but for the incessant rains that have fallen.

234. Capt. Thomas Beckford Commander of the Dartmouth has deliver'd Us in an Acco: of goods to be register'd here, which comes in the Packet N°. 62.

235. We most heartil'y wish a safe arrivall to this Ship in particular prosperity to all your affairs in generall; being with due Respect & Submission.

E. HARRISON.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM MARRIN.
EDWARD BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENTON.
WILLIAM WARR,
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General Letter from Fort Saint George to the Company, per Dartmouth.

To the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Rb. Hon'ble,
United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Hon'ble Sir,

Since signing our general of yesterday's date, upon discourse with Capt. Relating to Matthew Martin of the Marlboro', we have agreed that it is by no means convenient or safe for his Ship to lie in this road the approaching moon but that it will be better to ply the sea and come in again after the bad weather is over, and whereas we are not sure what the designs of the French are, tho' in all probability they are gone to fit at Mergen, we have order'd the Marlboro' and Dartmouth to keep company together till they are clear of the Track of Ponticherry, and have put a Sergeant and twenty good Soldiers on board the Marlboro' to strengthen their Ships Company; we have taken the Treasure and bales out of her, but the weather is so uncertain, that we could not take out the Iron and other heavy trade, without manifest danger of ruining the Ship in shifting her, and our Boats being employ'd in dispatching the Dartmouth, the other must have been forc'd to ride out the Monsoon in a dangerous Condition, as the Cap't will inform your Hon'ble more at large.

We make no doubt but that as soon as the French Ships have fitted at Mergen they will go directly to the Straights of Malacca, because we have yesterday receiv'd advices that they fitted out at Merselles without any Stocks purely for purchase, and therefore we have agreed to dispatch a small Vessell that happens by accident to be in this road and bales tolerably well with proper advices to Malacca, otherwise there is great danger of the Strethams falling into their hands and the Howland if she should happen to come that way, and Capt. Reid in the Arabella intending for Batavia in three or four days, we shall likewise give the necessary advices thither and by these means we hope to secure your Estates from falling into the Enemies hands; tho' we heartily wish we were in a condition to look them in the face, and beat them out of India; they have no place to fit at but Mergen and there a superior force would easily destroy them, the Port not being capable of giving them any Succour.

We are with great respect,

Hon'ble, Sir,

Your most obedient faithful humble Servants,

Edward Harrison.
Thomas Frederic.
Henry Davenport.
William Martin.
Edward Bulkeley.
William Jennings.
Bennett.
William Ware.

To Capt. Thomas Brinklow, Commander of Ship Dartmouth.

Your Ship being full Laden, whereas you have given us notice of firing a Gun and spreading your Colours; you are hereby order'd to repair on board your Ship, and with the first opportunity of wind and weather to weigh Anchor set sail and make the best of your way [for] your most speedy attaining the Port of London, and when you arrive at any Port of Great Britain, you are to send by your Purser our Packet directed to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for affairs of the Rb. Hon'ble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies to whom your Ship goes consign'd which Packet is in a Box mark'd A.
We here deliver you a Packet mark'd B, which you are to forward by post or otherwise, from the first Port of your Arrival in Great Britain, Ireland or Holland, writing yourself to the Honble. Directors giving them an Account what has happen'd materiall in your Voyage; and the Packet mark'd C, you are to send by the first safe conveyance after you are in the River of Thames, containing book[s] of Accounts; The Honble. Directors have complain'd that whilst their Ships have lain in Ireland or Holland for want of Convoy they have wasted our advice which has been a great prejudice to them, and at the same time the Commrs. have had our positive orders to forward a small Packet of ours to them on the first Arrival in any of those Ports, which we admire has not been obey'd and therefore we enquire you again to send the forementioned Packet B, as you will answer it to them at your Arrival in England.

You will hereafter receive a packet sign'd by the Govt. only, and directed to yourself, containing secret orders for the homeward bound passage, which the Honble. Directors command you strictly to observe, and you are not to open it till you come into ten degrees South Latitude on this side the Cape, and then to be done in the presence of your Mates and Purser, whose attestations you must take of the same in order to make oath thereof if required on your Arrival in England.

"Tis the order of the Company, that if any Ship should be so late disposed of as not to make the Cape, that they winter at Galle on the Island of Zelone and stay no longer there than the beginning of July; but if it so happens they get up with the Cape or near it, tis then their Orders that they go to Mauritius to the South east side, which is on ye windward part of the Island, where the Dutch had a Settlement, taking great care of your going in; tis further order'd that you do all possible to avoid going to the North West Harbour or Carpenter's Bay where tis likely the French Ships will look in; we are very credibly inform'd the Dutch have left the Island Mauritius, so that you must be very careful how you make it and be always on your guard, that by any other misfortune she may be so late dispartished hence, or that by any other misfortune she has the same orders us to lay a strict injunction on the Sailors to avoid the French Ships which has the positive order to fire on them. The Company have sent out a Standing Order to St. Helena, which they order us to insert in all your Instructions, that whoever of you touch the Enemies hands (which God forbid) you are to throw them overboard with sufficient weights to sink them, and all private Letters in your Ship.

Captn. Matthew Martin of the Marlborough, goes with us in opinion, that it is safer for ye Ship what she has on board to put to Sea than to continue at an Anchor here, and run the hazard of the approaching Monsoon, we have given him orders to sail in Company with You twenty or thirty Leagues to ye. E'ward of this Road, when you will be out of the Track of any French Ships bound from Bengal to Puntcherry; we would have you observe his Signals whilst you keep him Company, both for sailing and Battle in case you meet with an Enemy, and require you to keep your Ship with all Expedition if you find there is any likelihood of your being Attacked and we have just about him a Serjeant w
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twenty Soldiers for your joynt security; We wish you a Successfull Voyage, & date these in Fort St. George this fifteenth day of October One thousand seven Hundred and Twelve.

Edward Harrison.
Thomas Frederic.
Henry Daventry.
Edward Bulkley.
William Jennings.
Bernard Hinton.
William Warner.

List of the Packet to the Honble the Court of Directors & Ship Dartmouth Capt. Thomas Bekford Commander.

No. 1. Fort St. George General Letter dated the 14th. of October 1712.
2. Copy Ditto dated 22 December 1711, 4th & 5th Jan. the Avarilla.
3. Copy Ditto 5th January 1712 THE Ditto.
4. Copy Ditto dated the 10th January 1712 THE Ditto.
5. Invoice of Ship Dartmouth amounting to Pagodas 180,177: 20: 46.
7. Copy of the Avarilla Invoice amounting to Pagodas 72,298: 2: 14
9. Duplicate of the Fort St. David Letter to the Honble. the Court of Directors THE Ship Avarilla dated January the 15th 1714
10. Duplicate of their Protest against Gabriel Roberts Esqr.
11. Abstract of the Sundry particulars that have been sent to, & received from the Bay, since the first May 1711.
14. The Surgeons of Ships Marlborough, Kent and Recovery their Receipts for head mony.
16. List of Demands for the Warehouse for the year 1714.
17. Musters of cloth Returnd.
18. Outery Acco. of Silver & Gold Thread Acco.
19. Presidents Acco. of Corrall & Dartmouth & Marlborough.
23. Copy of the Articles of Peace Agreed with Serrop Sing.
25. Mr. Thomas Bulkleys Covenants and Bond to perform.
26. Padre Miltonus Papers humbly offer'd to consideration.
27. John Meeon's covenants and Bond to perform them.
28. Copy of Mr. William Martin's answer to Mr. Raworth's Reply dated Sept. 4th 1712.
29. Copy of a Consultation held on board the Mary by the Comme. & Officers.
30. Captain Bekfords Request for seventy four Tuns of Salt petra.
31. Copy of a Letter from the Chief and Councill at Palma to the President and Council of Bengal.
32. Copy of the Rev. Mr. Robert Jones's Acco., Carrt., and Outery Account.
| 33. | Owners of Ship Satisfactions petition. |
| 34. | List of Diamonds laden upon the Dartmouth. |
| 35. | Copy Ditto. |
| 36. | Survey of the Ship Dartmouth. |
| 37. | Paymasters List of Ship Dartmouth's Company. |
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| 45. | Muster Roll of the Second Company of Soldiers in Fort St. George. |
| 46. | List of the Officers and Soldiers belonging to Fort St. David. |
| 47. | Muster Roll of the Gun room crew in Fort St. George. |
| 54. | Abstracts of the Storekeepers Acco. from D' time to D' time. |
| 55. | John Bodge deceased his Account Outcry. |
| 56. | Copy of Ditto's Acco. Cur'd with M. Frederick. |
| 59. | Richard Chadsley deceased his Account Outcry. |
| 60. | Ditto's Account Current. |
| 61. | Masters of Taffety's sent by the Dartmouth. |
| 63. | Acco. of Ships arrived at and sailed from Fort St. George. |
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LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. OCTOBER 27, 1712.

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

The foregoing is an Abstract of our General Letter by the Dartmouth, that sailed hence the 16th. inst. we would have sent a Duplicate but that this Ship doesn't sail. John & Elizabeth was then intended to have follow'd in three or four Days, but meeting with some disappointments, we have an Opportunity to add what has happen'd of moment since that time.

Our last advices from Ballasore are of the 17th. Septr. and confirm what we before suspected, vizt the unfortunate Capture of the Sherborne near Cape Boa's Esperance Capt. Cornwall & good part of the Ships Company were then on board the French Ships, yt. remainder they have set ashore near Gajnoo, they tell us.

Mr. Welden and his family were gone to France but do not mention how or which way; after these French Ships came into their Station off Point Palmore, the Marlborough was the first Ship of consequence that fell in with them, & we have before inform'd your Hon's. how narrowly, she escap'd which was purely owing to the Courage, and good Conduct of the Capt. & his Ships Company and a very inconsiderable advantage in point of sailing, the great Ship that engage'd him has fifty six Guns mounted and a numerous Ships Company.

After they left chasing the Marlborough in their Return to their old station, they meet with a Ship and Briggenzine belonging to Bengall and this place, returning from their Voyage to Jeebore & Batavias, these they took and we believe may amount in value to seventy or eighty thousand Rupees; likewise the Russell Gally, that was sent out of Bengall purposely to bring us advices of those Ships, fell into their hands, but whether they throw over board their packets or no, we cannot tell; they have not been seen since the 17th. & yt. English prisoners they put ashore give an Accout that they were forc'd to leave the Coast and go for Mergen for want of Water, which if true there is no Manner of fear that the Kent & Recovery will fall in with them.
We shall propose to the Gentlemen in the Bay that what Ships are dispatched too late for the Dutch Fleet may rendezvous here, and proceed in Company to the Cape; for there is no doubt but the taking of the Sherborne will encourage the French to cruise off that place, in the proper Season for intercepting them; though we cannot but apprehend that our United force will be too weak for them that come fresh out of Europe with Ships too strong for ours to deal with and therefore we hope you will be pleas'd to procure men of war to ply on and off the Cape in the months of April and May, or to be sent hither to convoy your Ships to the Cape if the war continues otherwise the Enemy is now so well acquainted with all our methods and Stations, that it is almost impossible to prevent your Estates falling into their hands.

We are still at a loss to know how these French Ships intend to dispose of themselves, after they have fitted at Mergen, but 'tis most likely the Straights of Malacca will tempt them, we wrote you in the foregoing that we had got ready a small Vessell to send with advices to Malacca, but this being an affair of so much consequence, and the Season very late, that we might act with the greatest Security, we have since prevailed with Capt. Reid in the Arabella an excellent sailer, to take his passage thr' the Straights of Malacca, for which deviation we have allow'd him a gratuity of six hundred Pag. to be fairly levied upon the Stocks of those Ships expected that way, that are so happy to escape falling into your Enemy's hands; and if Capt. Reid performs this piece of Service well, we hope you will be pleas'd to take notice of him when he arrives in England for his extraordinary willingness to undertake it, tho' it must of course disappoint him in his intentions of reaching y' Dutch Fleet at the Cape.

This Ship John & Elizabeth has pick'd up a small matter of Coffee more, some redwood, Arrack, and a few Bengal goods that were sent up hither for them last year, very dear bought, but we have taken care to prevent him getting any quantity of goods belonging to this Coast.

We send here with Duplicates of our Warehousekeepers and Storekeepers Lists of Demands an Abstract of the Dartmouths invoice Copy of the List of her packet, an Accot. of goods rec'd from and sent to the Bay, Copy of a Letter from the Obed. & council of Patna to the President & Council in Dangall giving an Accot. of y' postsure of affairs there, and our Consultations to y' 25th inst. We heartily wish Success to all your Affairs and are with due respect.

Edward Baskin.
Thomas Freindick.
Henry Daventry.
William Martin.
Edward Bintock.
William Jennings.
Bernard Bintock.
William Warren.

Fort St. George
Ortos*. r. 27*, 1712.

Your most Obed. humble Serv*.

Edward Baskin.
Thomas Freindick.
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7. Copy of a Letter from the Chief and Council at Patna to the President & Council of Bengal.
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9. Acc't of Stores wanting by the Ships Marlboro Kent and Recovery.
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GENERAL LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY DATED THE 11th JANUARY 1713. RECEIVED AT MART. [Despatches to England Vol. 3, pp. 28-103.]

TO THE HON. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF Y'. RY. HON. UNITED COMP. OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

H. V.

We have written your Honours largely this Season by the Dartmouth under the 14th of Octobr and a short Letter of the 15th, the said Ship sailed hence the 16th in the morning in Company with the Marlboro who left her on the 15th forty Leagues to the Eastward of this place and clear of the Tract of Pontichery, we likewise sent a large abstract of the Dartmouth's Letter by the John & Elizabeth Separate Stock Ship that Sall'd hence the 27th of Octobr wth an addition, what had happened material to that time, a copy of the Dartmouth's Invoice and other papers of the greatest Consequence.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'D.

2. On the 22nd of Novemb'r, a small sloop arriv'd here from Malacca, which the Supra Cargoes of the Howland purchased there to bring us advice of their Safety and that having received intelligence accidentally of the French Ships being in those parts they had determined to stay and come in Company with the Dutch, who were daily expected to the number of six or seven sail, when ye sloop left Malacca the 26th of Octobr, the Howland having being dispatch'd from Messo late in Feb'y, met with a tedious passage thro, the Straights, insomuch that it was some time in May before she reach'd Acheen, when the W. W's. Winds being hard set in they could not weather the Nicobar's, and so bore back to Malacca, intending to go round by way of Batavia, but afterwards alter'd their mind, for what reasons we cannot tell, & Capt. Cooke died at Malacca the 16th of Septemb'r.

3. We sent the forementioned sloop call'd the Expedition into Fort St. David river to be examin'd and well fitted in order to cruise and look out for the French Ships, but when she came to be strip'd she was found so crazy and rotten, that nothing but her sheathing had held her together, and therefore we have thought it more your Interest to break her up, than keep her at a constant Expense for Repairs.

4. We wrote your Honours in our last that the Marlboro put to sea with the Dartmouth for fear of y'. Monsoon, and on the 24th. of November she return'd into this road the Danger being over, we keep her here in a readiness to carry down our Exports as soon as we are sure that the French Ships are not in the way to intercept her, for as she must of necessity go down along shore wth y'. land and sea winds, which will take up at least a months time, & 'tis very probable...
the French may drive up the Coast in their passage to Pontichery, we think the
hazard too great since they are now close Ships, and will undoubtedly have
the advantage in sailing.

5. The Sherborne prize arrived at Pontichery the 8th Ult., and left the two
French Ships, at Negrais Island the 21st of Octob'r, where they intended to water
and earne with all Expedition in order to return a cruising, and since we have
received no news of them by our Bengal Shipping we must conclude they design
for the Straights of Malacca; however we hope such measures are taken that
they will be totally disappointed.

6. Your Ships Kent and Recovery arrived safe at Balansores the beginning of
Octob'r, the French having quitted their station sometime before for want of
water, they write us from Bengal that the Recovery is intended for Persia, and
the Kent to be partly loaded and full'd up here, for which we shall make all
possible preparations.

7. On the 30th. Ultimo arrived Ships Derby, London and Mary from Bengall,
the Derby being fully laden and under her dispatches for Europe, the Mary
keeling'd with salt Petre and five hundred & two Bales of fine goods to be
filled up here, and the London bound to Bombay, an empty Ship in a manner,
having been disappointed of her expected freight, by the General Letter that
these Ships bore, us from four President's and Council in the Bay, a copy of which
comes inclos'd; it seems as if the Derby had been intended to part with the other
two Ships before they came into this road, and no copy of the Captain's dispatches
being sent us, we were obliged to demand his reasons for coming in here,
upon which he produc'd his dispatch, wherein he has positive orders to accompany
the London and Mary thither, and these two Ships being very rich, we have persv-
sed the Captain to sail from thence with them, and accordingly he filled his water and intended to have sail'd the first instant,

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9. We wrote your Hon. by the Dartmouth that being apprehensive your Ship London might be disappointed of a freight in y. Bay because of the trou-
bles, we advised the Presidt. & Council how dear Rice was w. us, and what pro-
fit might be made in loading her therewith, but thò we received an Answer to
our Letter wherein they promise us if freight was not procurable, that they would
load her w. rice, to our very great surprise and disappointment she is come up
hither without one bag of rice or any thing else for your Acoct, and nothing for
Bombay that we can learn except about fifteen hundred bags of Sugar; their
excessive is contain'd in the inclo'd copy of their Letters, which is humbly submit-
ted to your Hon.' judgment and particularly to such as are acquainted with
the Bay; her cargo of rice would have clear'd between four and five thousand Pago-
des, besides the benefit to the place, and now after a twelve months Loss of time
the Ship returns in a manner empty, and too late to be dispatch'd for Europe
this Season.

10. We may very well suppose that the Gentlemen in the Bay have given
your Hon.' some reasons (thò they did not think fit to give us any) why they
have sent up so more than five hundred bags of rice upon the Mary when they
might as easily have sent two thousand, what they have sent us is old and damage's
weepings of their Godowns, such as was the which they sent us up by
the Frees'd. we should not trouble your Hon.' with these complaints if they were
otherwise to be remedied, but when we wrote concerning the wheat, they an-
swer'd us that there was no better to be had, thò the same Ship brought as good
as ever was seen for other people, and when we make any other Complaints, we
find it occasions careless disputes to the apparent prejudice of your affairs; the
Gurals sent us up for package of our Bales are abominable thin, full of holes,
and not fit for wrappers to the Longcloth, as will appear when severall of the
bales come to be open'd in your Warehouse, and we hope you will take effec-
tual methods that we may be better supply'd for the future, since it will appear by
our Letters that we have found fault in vain.

11. In ours by the John and Elizabeth we acquainted your Hon.' that the
Yatch Rising Sun was safe in Balletore with the three hundred Tubs of Tea from
Bottongton arrived Benoolieu the 9th of Augst (London), and that both ship
and the Success would in all likelihood be dispatch'd time enuff to joys the Dutch
Fleet, but of this more under y. head of the W. Coast.

12. On Christmas day we received Letters overland from Angajoo, advising
the arrival of Ships Somers and Grantham at that place the 21st. &c. the Cap. &c.
were not so kind to write us a line, so that we don't know any Particulars of their
passage, nor what is become of the rest of y. Ships that were to come out in Comp't. with them.

13. The Howland brought us Advice from Malacca by way of Batavia that the
Todington arrive'd Benoolieu the 30th of Augst (London), and that both she
and the Success would in all likelihood be dispatch'd time enuff to joys the Dutch
Fleet, but of this more under y. head of the W. Coast.

14. Your Ship President is still employed on the W. Coast Service, and y.'
Maddapalam Yatch has made a Trip to Vizagapatam & back hither with a
loading of Rice that will bear her Expences for y.' Season.
SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT & TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE

15. Having wrote so fully under this head by the Dartmouth, we are now only to Trouble your Honour, in compliance with our promise, in the 47th. Paragraph of the said Letter for an Accot. of yr. new Sortments mention'd in the 39th. para of yours by last years Shipping.

16. We have pursuant to your Orders made a tryall of the few Bales of cloth you sent Us of several Sorts and Colours, they are altogether unserviceable for the Natives, and can only be vended among our Europe inhabitants, and such as wear Europe habits, the quantity is too large, and they lie at present very heavy upon our hands; when they (sic) Shipping comes in part of it will go off, but so slowly that we are of opinion what we have by us will not be disposed of in less than Two year, so that your Honour will be able to judge, by this and what more you will have sent before this Letter comes to hand, whether to send any further Quantities or no.

17. As for the imboss'd cloth we have disposed of the whole quantity, except a few pieces that we keep for presents, at forty Peg. 9d. Peice which is about 100 9d. Cent upon Invoice, and we chose to let it go all into one hand rather than to sell it at Uttery in order to keep up the price of what may come hereafter, we are of opinion fifty to sixty pieces yearly will sell at the same rate, if a larger quantity comes, it will not only lessen the price very considerably, but put it quite out of esteem among the great Men that now make use of it, and if it lies by any time in your Godowns, it will infallibly be spoild.

18. The imboss'd callimancoes cost much dearer in proportion than the Cloth, and are not sit all in esteem, we have endeavour'd all in our power to sell them to our Merchants, and were at last oblig'd to put them up at public Sale for a tryall, where no body bidding up to prime cost they remain still unsold.

19. Since what we wrote by the Dartmouth concerning the gold & silver thread, we have put the quantity which came out by this last Shipping up to sale, but the town being glutted with what came out the year before, no body bid within Twenty 9d. Cent of the Invoice price, wherefore it remains unsold, and we shall write to Bengal to know if they will give us any encouragement to send it together with the imbossed Callimancoes down thither.

20. In answer to your Honour's 43th. Paragraph concerning Iron, 9d. Peracco that buy it here never make any distinction, so that you may be pleased to send that sort wth. costs you least in England, only we desire that you will be pleased to keep to the proportion of square and flat Bars demanded in our Storekeep. Lists the price here has seldom ever exceeded, Twelve Peg., the Gandy, and never been under ten, we sell now at eleven and there it has stood several months if no very great quantity comes next Season there is no doubt but [we] may keep up the price.

21. We see no reason to make any alteration in the quantity or sortment of Broad Cloth demanded by the Dartmouth, only desire that we may have at least the full quantity of greens to put off the Reds that will infallibly be remaining upon our hands.

THIRDLY TOVING YOUR INVOICE, in India

22. We have receive a further answer concerning the Vizagapatam Package in their Letter dated the 17th. of Octobr., which is enter'd in our Letter Bock N°. 190, to which we begg you will please to be refer'd, & we hope yours. Servt. at that place will be as good as their words.
23. In our last we acquainted you with our undertaking of Long cloth and tullampores in the Dasheroon Country, which being the first essay has not altogether succeeded to our expectation, and we must needs say the Mooshah, that undertook it, have done part, but the Nabob Habid Cawn having march'd that way in August last with his Army terrified the weavers from their habitations, and we had much ado to secure what cloth was then come in from falling into his hands we have lately receiv'd about two hundred bales from those parts, but the better half being brown, and having received some Damage by the sudden transportation of it, for the Nabob, we could not get it would to come by this Ship, having more cloth in the washer's hands before than were able to dispatch.

24. In our 70th. paragraph by the Dartmouth we wrote your Hon'abv. that we had set all Engines at work to procure as large a quantity of gruff goods as possible, and we may assure you that no time has been lost, but the vast quantity of rains that fell in October, and part of November, has been a great hindrance both to weavers & washers but more especially the latter, who have been kept at work night and Day for the Dispatch of this Ship.

25. From the time of the Dartmouth's sailing that swept our Godowns, we have got ready about Eight hundred Bales upon our former Agreement, and now that we have the prospect of a plentiful Crop, and grain is every Day falling, we shall proceed no further without an assurance; our last Letter from Fort St.

David advises that they have between six and Seven hundred bales made up, and shall have a full loading for the Howland by the 29th. of this month, but we are very apprehensive that the arrival of a. expected French Ships at Pontichery, will make it impracticable for her to take her loading with safety, since they are not under Mr. Roberts orders but come abroad without Stacks purposely to seek for Prey, and having hitherto had little or no Success will attempt anything rather than return empty for Europe, we dare not venture to bring our Goods up under genuine marks for the reason, a, the French Ships are no ways depending upon Pontichery, we shall act with all imaginable prudence and caution, and leave no stone unturned to dispatch the Howland if it may be done with safety, her time expiring the last instant, and we have sufficient ready to fill her up by that time, but if it is not to be done without an apparent hazard of the whole, we hope your Honours will not be in pain for the Step's sake she should not arrive, nor angry with us for the Disappointment, since we shall be sure to act what we judge most for the Security of your Estates.

26. If the Howland had arrived here ten or twelve days sooner, we could have dispatched her from hence instead of the Mary time snuff to have joy'd this Dutch Fleet, but the Capt. assuring us that he could not get his Ship shifted before the 10th, or 20th. of the month, and consequently she could not be dispatched before the latter end, we have thought it more your interest to let two such rich Ships make the best of [their] way in Company to joy the Dutch, which there is no doubt (barring unavoidable Accidents) but they will accomplish, and this. Howland has been longest abroad she is in very good condition and at
much less damage than the Mary, wherefore we hope you will excuse this necessary deviation from your Stating Order, since if we had sailed the Mary to fill up the Howland, neither of them could have had any hopes of reaching the Dutch Fleet.

27. If the war should continue in Europe, we humbly propose that we may always have a dread stock by us, at least for the Invests', at Fort St. David, by which means the Bales will always be ready to be sent up hither in the months of March, April and May, when there is no danger of an Enemy upon the Coast, in the meantime till we have your Answer we will make a Shift for this Season by stretching our Credit if there be occasion, and had not Mr. Roberts struck that fatal Stroke to the How'. Company Credit upon the Union, by buying up the Merchants bonds at discount with the interest to himself, after he had advices that your Ships were upon the way and might be daily expected, we could never have wanted a much larger Sum at a short warning than ever your occasions require, however we hope in a little time to retrieve the ground we lost by that unjustifiable Conduct (not to give it a worse title) and in the meantime we are ready to serve you with our own fortunes rather than let your Shipping lie upon our hands.

28. Your President and Councill in the Bay wrote us by the London &c. that they would send the Kent to fill up here, but we have since received another Letter dated the 29th of December', wherein they tell us they shall be able to dispatch her a full Ship by the latter end of this month directly for Europe, but that they have no salt Petre to Kettle her, and therefore they design to do it with Redwood; we heartily wish she may get safe home, but some of us know by experience that Redwood is a very dangerous Kettillage, if the troubles in the Bay continue we shall not have a bag of salt Petre for our next years Shipping.

29. We have Travers'd the Tea that came upon the Howland on board ye. Mary, that it may be with you as soon as possible for we fear it has lain already long enough upon the Sea, we send also forty Chests of Raw silk which came upon the same Ship from China, and is said to be the very best that could be procured.

30. The Howland's Cargo not being yet all landed, nor the Accot. examined we must defer giving you any Accot. of that Voyage till our next, our present thoughts are to try the Market here and if we do not find it answer our Expectations to send the Copper and Zulas down to the Bay by the Marlborough, taking the value of it out of their Expences which at present sell very well here.

FORTH WITH THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS W' THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

31. There is very little alteration in the Trade of India since our last, if any it is for the worse, the Howland left Gold at Eighteen above touch in China, and all other goods extravagantly dear occasion'd by the French Ships that come annually over from Peru, which likewise Ruins the Trade between this place and Manilla; the M'rs in Bengall still continues and there are armies about as low as Hugli, which is a very great Obstruction to all manner of Trade, especially those Branches of Fattas and Casimbezzer, and will prevent both your Ships and all others from getting any considerable freight this Season.

32. We are very sorry to acquaint your Hon' that whilst we are labouring under these calamities, surrounded by Enemies on all sides, we should suffer by our friends; the little notice that was taken of our complaint when Bows in the Arhemanie extorted a Sull of money from the Manilla Ship at Malacca, has undoubtedly encourag'd Cap. George Cooke Comm't of the Howland to do the same,
the Ship St. Juan said hence in July freighted by the Armenians and your black Inhabitants for Manilla and arrived at Malacca in August, Capt. Cooke immediately got his Ship in a readiness, resolv'd close to the St. Juan threatening to accompany her out to sea and seize her, which so terrified the Armenians that they durst not leave the Port (this late in the Season and their passage was in danger) till they accommodated the matter for a round Sum of money, but how much we cannot justly tell till the Ship returns; those rash Actions to Ships that sail under our passes and your Honble. protection will terrify all strangers from frequenting your Ports, and your inhabitants from sending their mony to Sea, the ill consequence of which will soon be felt in your Revenue; we know very well that your Honble. have often forbid your Captains taking out [Letters] of Mart, yet there is not one Ship that comes abroad [* * *] if the war continues we humbly request in behalf of the Trading people under this presidency that you will be pleased to take effectual methods for preventing those Commissions being taken out for the future, which may very easily be done if you think us worthy of so much favour.

33. The Country round about us is in peace and quietness, the Duin our Sube is lately made a Nabob by the new King, and march'd some time since up into the Country at 12 Days distance to raise contributions among the Rajahs, so that we are not apprehensive of any immediate Troubles nor have we yet been call'd upon for the usual present upon his encrease of Honble. which we take care to stave off as long as possible with small Pecunias to his under Officers that have most power with him.

34. The Peace is firmly settled to Fort St. David, and all thoughts of the blood that was shed during the warr appears to be bury'd in Oblivion, your Merchants bring in goods again now they are fed with ready money, and we are daily endeavouring to recover the Renters Debt, of which we hope to send you a more Satisfactory Accot. by the Howland, your revenues will daily increase, and there is no doubt but by Fructuent management and mild behaviour to your inhabitants, That place (which is capable of great improvement) may be brought to maintain more considerable figures.

35. Habib Cawse Nabob of the Darlings Country has this year attack'd and taken Madapollam, Narsapore Fort and other Strong places in those parts, plunder'd and destroy'd all the Country round belonging to Rajah Ranje-

36. Our Endeavours to Supply this place with grain have met with th[is] desire's success, vast quantities are daily imported, and there is a very promising crop upon land all round about us, when it is at the apex, we shall take care to lay in a Sufficient Store which is the only method to prevent so dangerous a Scarcity for the future.

37. We have lately receiv'd Letters from Surat, advising that Generall Aliabib eyes before the mouth of that river with the Ships Mountagne and Heathcoole and three Ships that they have rais'd belonging to Abdull Gafore, endeavouring to get all differences adjusted with the power.
By Virtue of our Corporation Charter we 4 years & 6 months past the present Bastions, & we propose that at the expiration of the said term we will, shall, & may be allowed to make a new survey of the whole buildings of the Fort, that we may be enabled to repair them.

In pursuance of which proposal, we will now state the defects of the present Fort, and the necessity of repairs, and shall confine ourselves to the most essential.

38. In our last we mention'd an attempt made by the Lascars belonging to the Ship Eugene to have run away with the Ship and Cargo, after having murdered the Chief Mate, and fortunately wounded the Bootsawm, & finding it absolutely necessary for the Security of Trade and Navigation in these parts of the world, that the Magistrates should be brought to a publick trial, we had recourse to our Corporation Charter granted by King Charles the Second, and confirmed by King James, wherein we find a full power to try and execute for felony & murder by a majority of votes of the Court of Aldermen, the Mayor always to be one; accordingly four of these Lascars were brought to their Tryall, and the person who mortally wounded the Mate was condemn'd and Executed, the rest are banish'd to the West Coast, but might also have been found guilty by our Laws, however the Court was satisfied with making an Example of the most notorious Offender in hopes to deter others from the like barbarous crimes, and we do not dispair but it may have some good Effect upon our own Country men, among whom there are many that would be ripe for any mischief if they were not severely kept under; but having formerly wrote so much upon this Subject, we shall patientely wait to know your Honr's Pleasure concerning it.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING YOUR FORTIFICATION BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

39. We are finishing the Buildings we have in hand with all possible Expedition, and are very sorry to acquaint your Honr's, that in the late Severe rains one of the Bastions of our inner Fort tumbled down, and we are of opinion that the rest will follow in a very little time, the Lodgings under the Courtin are in a most lamentable condition, as well as the Armory, Storerooms and Godowns, it would be endless work to repair them and consequently money thrown away, and as we shall be under an absolute necessity to erect a proper building for the accommodation of your Covenanted Servants, several of whom are dispers'd about in very inconvenient places, and some oblig'd to hire lodgings at their own Expense, we humbly offer the following proposals.

40. The inner Fort has four pretty large bastions each with ten Guns of great weight mounted upon them, which are no way useful for the defence of the place either to land or sea ward, it was so when we first settled here, and was very useful to protect our [men] before the town was walled in, but now only serves to make some noise in the Country of a Fort within a Fort, which convenience (if any) will be much better provided for by what we are going to propose.

41. We would pull down all the inner Fort, and take in the whole square with a very strong wall, taking care to lay a good foundation which was very wanting in the present buildings, as appears by the Bastion lately fallen down; we propose to carry out a small Semicircle at each Angle proper for mounting large Pattersoons or small Brass Guns with swivels to traverse round, and down into the streets to clear them upon occasion, and the same we would mount at convenient spaces round the Courtin, which would be a much better defence than the Guns now upon the points, that can only serve to batter down the houses in the Town.

42. We propose to accommodate all your Covenanted Servants within y', compass of this square, by which means they will always be under our Eye much easier kept to their business, and allways obliged to conform to the regular hours of the Fort, the Gates being shut at half an hour after ten: we shall save the entire charge of what was formerly call'd a college, and the materials of this present Fort will all be useful (except the timber which is rotten) towards the new building we shall have room likewise for the Gold mint, Treasure Warehouse, Armory, Cookroom and other proper officer within the Compass of this Building, as your Honr's may please to observe by the Accompanying Draughts;
we will wait your pleasure before we venture upon so considerable an undertaking, and have in the mean time secure'd the fallen Bastion as well as we can on y'. inside, the whole building has been carefully survey'd and all people of judgment agree in opinion that it cannot stand such another rainy Season, all which is humbly, Submitted to your Consideration.

43. It gives us double concern that at the same time we are obliged to lay out so much money on your Buildings here, there appears to be y'. same necessity for going to work at Fort St. David, where the same violent rains have wash'd down the best part of the Fort Lodgings, the Stair case and part of the Consultation room, the powder Magazines, Warehouses and several other necessary Buildings are propped up and daily expected to fall upon their Heads of all which your Hon'. will have a full Acco'. in their Letter to us dated the 22d. of November No. 194 so that they have neither conveniences for lodgings, magazines nor Warehouses for your goods neither at the Fort nor at Cuddalore; we have sent down Mr. Thomas Way, a very able man is building to survey the whole and bring us a plan of y'. work necessary to be done, which we hope to send your Hon'. by the Howland, and shall only do as much as is absolutely necessary for the preservation of your Servant's lives and the security of your goods and Magazines till we have your further Orders; this unexpected work falling upon our hands has prevented our getting ready the Draughts of our Hospital and free gar'd house which we promised in our last.

44. His universally confirm'd by all that were under Mr. Roberts when Deputy Governor' of Fort St. David, that upon several representations (made by Persons that understood Building) of the slightness of the work, he always Answer'd it would last his time, which shows the generous regard he had for Posity and the interest of his Employers.

45. Your Deputy Governo's of Fort St. David having no place to lodge in was oblig'd to repair the Garden house, which was also tumbling down with the rains, being a building that was wholly contriv'd and manag'd by Mr. Roberts to last his time; Mr. Raworth writes that he has compleated it for five hundred and fifty Pagodas, which is so very reasonable that we could not deny reimbursing him out of your Cash, but not without a decent reprimand for his undertaking it without our Consent least it should be made a precedent of hereafter, this affair will appear at large upon our Consultation of the first of Decemb'.

46. Our Revenues are carefully look'd after and punctually paid, and no opportunity for further improvement shall be neglect'd we are endeavoring to bring the Arrack distillers to a better standard, & do not despair of success thi they are a perverse Generation.

47. The Renters of Egmore and your other Villages producing their Cowrs which stipulates an Allowance to be made them in Seasons of Scarcity, we thought ourselves oblig'd in conscience to make them some satisfaction, as in
Consultation dated the 10th of Decemb', considering the crop of the last Season was almost wholly lost, and th[as] is the Custom among the Moors when they let out their Villages to rent.

Sixthly Touching Factors & writers, Officers and Soldiers & their Accounts.

48. On the 18th of Decemb', died Robert Prograve Ensign, and on the 1st instant Lieut. Thomas Tanfield; in the room of the former we have entertained John Caster who has serv'd an Ensign in Flanders, and [had] as many lies, as we have occasion for we shall make no [more and] hope your Hon. will forbear sending any, that those who behave themselves well here may have some prospect of promotion.

49. The Officers pay will be reduc'd this month pursuant to your Orders, and we have hopes of recovering Ensign Kirkbred from the Moors, wth. the rest of those vile wretches mentioned in our last deserted wth him from Fort S'David; they are now in the service of the Nabob at a great distance from us, and upon some advices that arrived here of their good entertainment and large salaries, we had like to have lost great part of our Garrison, Seven deserted at one time, Three at another and about fifty more were in a Combination to follow, but we had the good fortune to overtake and bring back those that were gone, and by severe punishment inflicted upon the Ringleaders, we hope others will take warning, the whole number was too considerable to be punished; and this may serve to convince your Hon. what sort of Soldiers we have to depend on.

50. We must not omit to acquaint you that there are great Numbers of Europeans gone into the Moors Service in Bengal this Year, wth. may prove of very ill consequence to our Affairs hereafter, if their shou'd happen to be any Quarrel between us and the Moors.

51. Your late Provisionall Gover'n. Mr. William Fraser takes his passage on this Ship, we have oblig'd him to deposit the sum mention'd in our last on Account, Salary, and likewise the full Custom of ye Elephants mention'd in our Letter by the Brouerie.

52. Mr. William Martin has requested to lay down your Service & some home upon the Derby to plead his cause concerning the Warehouse Account, which we consented to for reasons that will more properly fall in under the head of Accounts.

53. Mr. Philip Baker one of your Councill at Fort St. David a person that has been long famous for a Sourrous Tongue and disobedience to his Superiors, having lately behaved himself very abusively to your Deputy Gover'n. upon his having discover'd some unwarrantable practises in the Paymasters Employ, and particularly clothing the poor Soldiers at Extravagant rates as will appear by the Deputy Gover'n. Letter dated the 6th of December N°. 207, and another Letter from the Council dated the 22d Ditto No. 217, wherein the Acconset is fully Prov'd we have thought ourselves oblig'd to suspend him for the present in order to keep up good Government in your Settlements, and we have directed for the future that your Poor Soldiers may have the benefit of your Hon. Generosity in being suspend'd at prime cost, as well as the rest of your Servants, some of whom have much less occasion for it.
34. Lieut. James Huggins that lay so long prisoner in Chinga has petition'd us for some allowance towards his Expenses, as eater'd after Consultation of the 29th of December: we humbly offer it to your Hon's consideration as he has been a good old Servant, and suffer'd very much, we have promised him that in case he can discover any money or effects belonging to the Renters he shall be considered.

53. There are now Two vacancies at this Board, and upon reperusal of your Orders by the Heathcote, we think we ought to fill y^t up, and therefore shall make choice of Richard Horne and Joseph Stuart who are the two Senior Servants, tho' there is a dispute of Seniority between them, which we hope your next Letters will settle, they are both Sober men and diligent in your Service, wherefore we hope You will please to confirm them.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

56. Mr. William Martin having several times represented to us as the hardships he shall lye under, in being made accountable for one half of the Warehouse Balance, due under himself and Robert Raworth joint Warehousekeeper, altho' Mr. Raworth was forcibly joynd w^t. him in that Employ, and kept the Keys by Mr. Pitt's particular Order; and having repeated his request that we would permit him personally to appear and lay his case before Your Hon's, we have consented to his laying down the Service and coming home by this Ship, upon condition that he deposite here sufficient to make good the balance due to the Warehouse under his management, and gives us an obligation to stand with him personally to appear and lay

57. We must do Mr. Martin so much justice as to say that Mr. Raworth did keep the Keys by Govern'r Pitt's order, the pretence for which was that Mr. Raworth did act in all respects as if he had been sole Warehousekeeper, but how for Mr. Martin's signing the Amo^t, and making no Exceptions may make him liable in equity, is humbly Submitted to your Hon's determination.

58. We have in our Letter by the Dartmouth laid this and severall other unfortunate mismanagements of the same Nature before your Hon's, with great plainness and truth, and we are (by some discoveries since made, which we have not now time to enlarge upon) confirm'd in our Opinion that the Warehousekeeper, must be Answerable and not the Conicoply, where such unwarrantable trust has been reposed in him, or otherwise it will be better to make the Conicoply Warehousekeeper as once under the inspection of the Govern^r and Council; Mr. Martin has often urg'd that the Council^r when Tonapa was made Conicoply directs security to be taken, and from hence would infer that the Board meant he the said Conicoply and his security should be answerable; 'Tis true the said Consultation did so direct but it was never done, and whose fault that was we leave your Hon's to Judge, but if security had been taken, we cannot think by the Experience we have had that any, Conicoply can find Security for such a Sum as Five Thousand Pagodas, which is nothing considering the Trust this Tonapa has had reposed in him, and if the Warehousekeeper does his duty a Thousand Pagodas would be sufficient Security for the Conicoply, who needs never be suffer'd to have that Sum in his hands, and cannot defraud us of so much money any other way, unless by the downright Negligence and carelessness of the Warehousekeeper; This Conicoply has but two Pagodas & a half a month wages for
himself and servants under him, and which way then can be pairwise sufficient persons to be security for him in proportion to the Trust of the Warehouse, which if left to him, according to the practice of late years, is sometimes three or four hundred Thousand Pagodas at a time, and it is plain such a Sum as one hundred Thirty Thousand rupees, and Seven thousand Pagodas in Bullion has been conveyed away.

59. We have not time now to enlarge upon this unpleasant subject but submit Mr. Martin and his case to your Hon. Consideration and clemency, only adding that it does not appear to us that he has been guilty of any fraud in his Employ, and in the Business of the joynt Warehousekeepers all things fairly considered we think he was very hardly dealt with, and so it will appear to your Hon. when you compare the Conduct of the two Warehousekeepers together at the time when they acted singly by themselves.

60. Mr. Martin has been ask'd at the Board if he has any thing to offer in his own favour more than what already has been enter'd, if he has any witnesses to be examin'd as to matter of Fact, or if he has been denied any favour that was in our power to shew him, to all which he answered in the Negative, as will appear by our Conclusion dated the 31st of December, and therefore we humbly hope that if any thing new is trumped up on his Arrivall in England your Hon. will be pleas'd to suspend your Judgment till we can answer for ourselves, that we may not fall under your displeasure nor have our just Actions misrepresented, while we are labouring to procure your Satisfaction from those that when in our presence have little or nothing to say in their own justification.

61. We have already wrote so fully in answer to your Accomptants Letter by this year's Shipping that we have the less to add under this head; all the Warehouse Accounts have been very carefully examin'd more than once, and compared with your General Books by those among us that are best skill'd in Accounts; from the time of Mr. Empson's coming into the Warehouse in the year 1706 in order to find which way Mr. Empson's balance became due & how the difference arises between your joynt stock Merchants Account & the General Books, we are almost ashamed to say we have not yet discover'd so much as to make a perfect report, but will not fail to send it by the Howland.

62. Mr. Raworth has not yet paid in more than what mention'd in our former Letter by the Dartmouth but we hope to get that Account cleared before our next Books are balland'd.

63. The Vizagapatam books that were sent upon the Dartmouth came so late that we had not time to give them a thorough Examining, and as they were Transported in a great Haste, the Copy remaining with us is found so defective, that we are forc'd to wait for another from Vizagapatam, however we can see enough to convince us that there wants a thorough Reformation in the Expenditure and Management of that Settlement, and as soon as our Ships are dispatch'd we purpose to go through with that work in a short time & in that case upon the two Shores the Settlement will prove a sort of W. Coast Canker to your Estate.

64. Among other inconveniences that we have discover'd in Examination of your Account for past years, none is greater nor has contributed more to the Confusion of them, than the old method of the Warehousekeepers paying into
Consultation means of mony in a lump Specified to be for Goods and Silver sold, so that as it was the practice to trust for Silver as well as goods, it is impossible for any body to discover what the mony stands out for, or who it is that owes it, and therefore we have thought it a much better method, that all Silver sold be paid for apart, and so enter'd in Consultation: Your Hon'rs will undoubtedly reflect that all these cautions are needless since the Warehousekeeper's debts himself and consequently is Accountable; but this particular method will help us the better to call upon the Warehousekeeper, for what stands out, and as what has since happen'd may so fall out again, that the constant, oan be better to self to your Ships over hither, wah. may be attended with severall inconveniencys. Charges Extraordinary, and if we mistake not, this will prevent them sending bound. Coast will soon be in a better than it has ever been Satisfaction. Article Success paid and but in a little time we shall make a further progress, fourt of Dec'. The present leave lately discover'd, unleRs by the Supine negligenoe of him insolvent, we shall be the better to call upon the Warehousekeeper, may, and consequently is Accountable; but this particular method will help us the better to call upon the Warehousekeeper, for what stands out, and as what has since happen'd may so fall out again, that the Warehousekeeper's may suddenly die insolvent, we shall be the better to recover the mony from other people. We have made Several other regulations as enter'd upon our Consultation Books, that will make it impossible for such things to be done hereafter as we have lately discover'd, unless by the Supine negligence of him that is at the head of your affairs.

65. We have made a happy beginning by buying a part of the new Company's Debt to the Methclepatam Merchants, in which we have acted with great caution and integrity, and that we may not swell this Letter too much, we begg to refer your Hon'rs, to our Consultations of the 26th. of November and fourth of Dec'. The present unsteadiness of the Country Government, and the late Troubles that have cost you so dear at Fort St. David and Vingapatam were prevailling motives to hasten our taking this work in hand, and we do not doubt but in a little time we shall make a further progress, thò the Merchants are in a very strict combination under severe penalties to act joyfully, and not dispose of any of their Shares apart.

Eightly Touching the West Coast.

66. By the Howland we received the Acceptable news of your Deputy 'Governr. Collin's safe Arrival at Bengoolen on the 9th. of August and by the ingenious Letter we have rec'd from him (such a one as we are sure is not to be found upon your records here) we are confirm'd in opinion, that if it please God to continue his health, the West Coast will soon be in a more flourishing Condition than it has ever been from the time of the first settlement: it shall be our constant care to supply them from hence with every thing necessary, and to give them our best Advice upon all occasions.

67. They write us that they do not doubt dispatching the Toddington and Success in time to reach the Dutch Fleet, and if the Abington arrives we suppose they will send her hither, but that is not certain, and then we shall want Conveyance for a necessary Supply of Stores and bale goods, thò at present they have more upon their hands than they can put off to advantage.

68. It is in our humble opinion absolutely necessary that one of your W's. Coast Ships should annually touch here outward bound, which would be no manner of hindrance to her being dispatch'd home the same Season, and we shall have an opportunity of Reading your Orders and giving speedy directions upon them, as well as of supplying them wth. goods and necessary Stores without any charges Extraordinary, and if we mistake not, this will prevent them sending your Ships over hither, wth. may be attended with several inconveniencies.

69. We observe that there will be a necessity of entering upon that heavy Article of Building, but we have so intire a confidence in your Deputy Governr', that we do believe he will do nothing but what is absolutely necessary and that as cheap as possible, we shall not repeat what he has wrote us on this Occasion not doubting but you will have a large Acco'. (from him directly) to your Satisfaction.

70. Your Ship President remains still upon the West Coast to transport pepper from the subordinate Factories to Bengoolen and we think not where heavy, Articles of Building, but we have so intire a confidence in your Deputy Governr', that we do believe he will do nothing but what is absolutely necessary and that as cheap as possible, we shall not repeat what he has wrote us on this Occasion not doubting but you will have a large Acco'. (from him directly) to your Satisfaction.
that service, and if you could find means to send them fifty or an hundred Coffreens from Madagascar, they would, under this Gentleman's good management, prove a very advantageous Article to your Affairs.

71. They have promised us their general Books with a full Account of Stingles affairs, and what else we recommended to them by the next Conveyance; they found a great deal of Confusion in all your Business, but Mr. Collett has both capacity and application enough to set all to rights.

OF SEPARATE STOCK SHIPS.

72. Under this head we shall only take notice that the Mermaid has made a shift to get her full loading in Bengal, which may be one reason why Gurrahs were so scarce that they could afford us but five bales towards the package of all your goods; we would not be thought malicious on this Occasion: but the Sursa Cargo declared publicly before he went from hence that he was sure of his loading, whether your Ships could get goods or no. This is ye last we have now among us, and we hope there are no more to come.

73. We send in the packet an Obligation which we took from Capt. Reid in the Arabella for performance of his Voyage to Malacca with advice for our Ships expected that way, and if he should not comply we hope you will recover the money without any Trouble.

OF THE FRENCH DUTCH & DANES.

74. Yesterday we receiv'd advice from Pontichery that Monsr. De Ropemadone Commaner of the Two French Ships was arriv'd in the Eclatant from Mergy, and that the other is expected in 3 or 4 days, and what is best of all that they intend to return in few Days for Europe, Thant God they have met with no further success than what formerly wrote you, and if they are as good as their word, we make no doubt but to give the Howland a timely dispatch from Fort St. David.

75. The Dutch continue to sail in Squadrons all over India; their affairs seem to go heavily in general, but more particularly on this Coast, and they have lately made an Essay to borrow a Sum of money at interest of our Armenian inhabitants, but they are in no condition to supply them, and if they were we should not permit it, since it is come to our Knowledge.

76. The Governr. and Council of Negapatam thought it some time ago to desire we would deliver up a free man of their Nation that is married and has been an Inhabitant here for some years, upon pretence that he was formerly a Comp'r. Serv' but upon his producing a fair discharge when he left the Service, we thought ourselves oblig'd to continue him under your Honour's protection, and gave them a civil refusal as you may please to observe in our Letter dated the 15th. Decembr. No. 164, which we hope will meet with your approbation.
77. The Danes have as yet no Ships arriv'd and will in a little time be reduc'd to very pressing circumstances, we must needs own that we have many obligations to them, for giving advice concerning our Enemies on all Occasions, and for their readiness to protect any of our Shipping or prevent them from falling into their hands.

SUGGESTION OF WHAT HAS OCCURRD SINCE THE FOLLOWING YEARS WERE CLOTHED.

78. The Supra Cargoes of the Howland not having cut y' Marks into the Lists of the Chests of Tea and Raw-silk; most of them are rubb'd off with the paper, and the chests of both being alike we could not distinguish one from the other in the Transcribing of them, from Ship to Ship, but as the number of Chests is right in the whole, we do not doubt but they will come out so in England, but want of time and convenience would not permit us to examine them here.

79. Mr. William Fraser upon his departure has return'd us sev. of your Honours Books which he had in his possession unknown to us tho' he has been often ask'd for them by y'. Accomptant, & among the rest we find those Europe General Letters from y'. year 1688 to 1692 which we wrote your Honours word by the Dartmouth were wanting to compleat our Register of your Honours standing Orders, and shall keep a Register for the future of which Books are deliver'd out for the Government use, and take receipts for such as there is occasion to deliver out to other people.

50. Mr. William Martin has Register'd a Ballee of Diamonds amounting to One thousand & Seven Pagodas, Eighty-two fanams, and forty cash, which consequently will be deliver'd into your Honours possession, and by the Darby we send one of his Obligations, with the List of what deposit he has made annex'd thereto, and we assure you we should not have accepted of the adventures abroad, if he had been possess'd of any thing better.

81. No Witness appearing against George Brand who had the misfortune to kill John Hughes at Fort St. David in a rencontre, and it appearing to us by all Circumstances that what he did was in his own defence, to which add that he has behaved himself peaceably and well for several years in your Service, we would not let him perish in prison, where he has lain twelve month in the worst of circumstances, and therefore have agreed to put him aboard the Howland.

82. The Visagapatam and Ingerman Bales that come by this Ship, have not the Sorters notes in them, because they came under justice marks for fear of the Enemy.

83. By the Kent there came out a box of Neoremarys for Mr. George Wahup, of whose death we advise your Honours by the Avancilla, our Paymaster took it into his possession, and dispos'd of it at publick outcry. An Acc't sales thereof comes in the packet as also his Acc't. curr. the Balance of which, being forty eight Pagodas, thirty Three fanams will be made good to your Cash.
S4. Capt. Thomas Wotten Command'd, of the Derby, and Capt. Richard Holden of the Mary, have registered here several Goods for Great Britain, Lists whereof are in the Packet N°. 50 and 51.

S5. The Invoice of this Ship Amounts to One hundred ninety one Thousand, four hundred fifty Eight Pagodas, Eighteen fanams, and thirty Cash, and we heartily wish her a safe Arrival. We are with all respect

Honorable
Yr. Most Faithfull Honble. Servts.

Edward Harrison.
Thomas Frederick.
Henry Davenport.
Edward Bulkeley.
William Jennings.
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GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT SAINT GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY, JANUARY 11, 1713—[Despatches to England, Vol. 3, Pp. 103-111.]

To Yr. Hon'mel. Yr. Court of Directors for Affairs of Yr. R. Hon'me. United Company of Merchants of England Trading to Yr. East Indies.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. Your Accomptants Letter dated the 9th Janr. 1709 was answerd by the Bouverie, and now we shall proceed to answer that rec'd by this years Shipping dated the 9th of Jan'r. 1711.

2. The Vizagapatam Books Letter C beginning the 1st of May 1704 and ending the 30th of April 1705, were sent by Ship Bouverie & had come the year before had not the said Ship been detain'd, and as to the Article in our Journall page 181 of William Martin and Robert Haworth Warehousekeeper's the Ledger Sum of Pag', Twelve thousand five hundred twenty six & twenty six fanams is right and the Journall Sum of Eighteen hundred forty six Pagodas, thirty five fanams and five Cash must be a strange mistake in him that copied the Books, being right in our Journal here; Tis very true such vast Sums of money ought not to continue in any of your Servants hands, your then Gov't, and Councill are best able to give the reasons why it was so then, and we will take effectual care that it shall be so no more, our Consultations and what we have already wrote you on this Subject since your present Gov't arrivall, will fully explain the inconveniencys that have happen'd by this unwarrantable proceeding.

3. We have under Consideration the rectifying our Books wth those at Fort St. David, in which as your Accomptant observes there is a great difference in the Stock great part of which arises by the Negligence of your former Accomptants who has left out a whole years Account with Fort St. David. This shall be fairly adjusted in our Books that will end in April next, and better care taken for the future.

4. We have wrote to Vizagapatam for a particular Acc't how that difference of Stock arises, and shall take care it be rectify'd also in our next Books.
5. Ever since your new Govt. arrival we have pass'd yearly Accounts current, not only with our subordinate factories but also with Bengal, by which means all mistakes will be avoided for the future, and our Journal parcells shall particularly explain which way the differences you mention have arisen, that we may see already that it must be imputed to the downright negligence of your former Accountants.

6. We have already given directions to Fort St. David and Vizagapatam, for observing the Rules mention'd in your 5th. Paragraph and we shall be sure to do the same here, that you may have a view at once of the charge those factories stand the Hon. Company in.

7. As for the Ballance of Priaman Settlement we have lately agreed to let it stand, and open a new Acco. under the head of York Fort, and to commence from the time that your new Dep't. Govt. Collett opens his new Books, having receiv'd advice from thence that they meant to begin a new Acco. of Remains, in order thereto as soon as we have receiv'd their old Books, of which none are yet come, we will endeavour to settle the old Accounts, and have already directed them to send us all their Books of Accounts &c. Yearly.

8. Your Hon's. will see by several of our Letters to Fort St. David and Vizagapatam, that we are not wanting to endeavour as much as in our letters returning their Expen.ses, & particularly those Extravagant Articles of Ponas and Servants wages, the Reformation is now in hand, and your President Promises all imaginable care and frugality for the future both in this and other depending Settlements.

9. As to those remarks in the 9th Paragraph concerning your Ship President Anoa, we must confess those Accounts have been very irregularly kept, and the Vessels themselves as disadvantagiously employ'd, however they have been credited for the freight of many Trips they have made, your Prov't. Govt. Sailing upon his arrival the ill method that had been us'd in keeping these Acco.s, it was determin'd to close and write them off, and to open new ones for the future in a better method, so that your Hon's. may see at one view how each Vessel is employ'd and the annual charge thereon; the observation in the 10th Paragraph concerning the Rising Sun and the Maddapollam yatch is very True, but the Bookskeeper has neglected to credit(?) them for several Trips Backward and forward, more care shall be taken for the future and proper vessels procure'd if possible.

10. As to the Several debts standing out at the close of Books G we shall answer Article by Article,

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Nino the Carpenters debt, to which is added nino thirty five Pagta. six fanams which he was indebted to the old Companies. Letters transfer'd to his Acco, in Books M, pagta. sixty nine, ten fanams & two Cash, we believe we shall be able to recover.

Sumpta for the Farm of y. town rents from June 1704, to which add one hundred sixty four Pagta. six fanas he was indebted to the Stock of Comp. of Merch. of Lond. & transfer'd to his Acco. in Books Letter H, ending 1710, his Balance is eight hundred & fifty Pagta. for wth. Sum as also his Acco. as one of the Joint Stock Merch. being Three Thousand four hundred & Seven Pagta. thirty fanas and five Cash; he has given a mortgage to the Comp. of all his houses and gardens amounting to Pagta. Eight thousand fifty five, bearing date the 20th. Nov. 1705.

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Qualla Moosta is a debt that we have diligently enquired after since your present Governor's arrival, but can hear of no such person nor can any body inform us about it, however we shall not cease our enquiry.

Ballance of Robert Raworth Storekeeper's Accou. is paid in Books Letter K.

Combee Vide a do Brickmakers is a debt brought into ye. Books no man living knows how, unless Mr. Thomas Marshall can inform you, who was then Paymaster, strict enquiry has been made about it, but we cannot discover any such persons, and are inclinable to believe that it was a loss sustained in making bricks for the town wall, which ought to have fallen upon the paymaster & not the Honble Company.

Robert Raworth Land Customer was brought into ye. said Raworth's Accou. when he entered upon ye. Sea Customs', and no such pitiful ballances shall ever stand out in our time.

Ponagettee Narso &ca Tobacco & Betle Farmers to wah. add seventeen hundred fifty Pag's. they are indebted in Books H, ending April 1710, for three month's rent to the 16th March 1709/10 the time the farm was taken from them is thirteen thousand five hundred thirty three Pag's. twelve fanams, of which in said Books they have paid in six thousand five hundred forty one Pag's. ten fanams, remaining six thousand nine hundred ninety two Pag's. two fanams, they now stand indebted for which relates to this affair your Honble will read in ye. Consult of the 17th March 1709/10 and in ye. General Letter W' Dartmouth paragraph 13.

Peter Pomar &ca Arrack Farmers is cleared in Books Letter M, ending 1710.

William Martin Sea Customer is paid into Cash in Books Letter M, except 9 ca: which is clear'd in Books Letter K, and no such pitiful ballances shall ever stand out in our time.
employ they will be always indebted more or less, we being obliged to advance them money as they are so poor that otherwise all that business must stand still.

Coloway & Vincente Chitty's former joint Stock Merchants is an Account that has cost us some months labour and pains since your present Gov. Arrivall, we have made a good progress therein and hope to send a perfect report by the Howland, but there has been so much negligence in the Warehouse Accou't of late years, so much unwarrantable trust repaid in the Black Coinsoplys and so little care has your Accountant taken to make true adjustments at the yearly balance of your General Books, that th'o we cannot positively affirm it was done with design to abuse you, no reasonable man that understands Accou't can put any other construction upon such proceedings, and we have already too much reason to fear the event will justify what we say.

Robert Raworth Paymaster in Books M he is credited by Gulston 4: 31: - Addison Paymaster for twenty six pence, so that there remains five pence, which is paid into Cash in Books K ending 1712.

Gulston Addison Paym't, paid in Books Letter H.

Thomas Frederick Sea Customer, that Account is carried on into Books Letter I, when the Balance is Pag'. seven hundred seventy six, Eleven pence & two Cash which is cleared in Books K, the reason why that Balance was carried to the third pair of Books, was from the Receivers Sickness, for the Sea Customer debits himself for every month's Customs the money is collected in by the Receiver and by him delivered to the Sea Customer, who never has it longer in Custody than a few hours before it's paid into Consultation, and th'o the balance of his Account is considerable, yet the Receiver is not able to get it in, in some time, there being always a reasonable time allowed to the Merchants, who never sell their goods for less than a month's trust, and sometimes two or three so that they think it hard they should be called upon for their Customs, before they have received their mony, your Hon' however may please to observe you have rarely suffered in this Branch of your Revenue.

Richard Hunt Land Cust'm is cleared in Books Letter M.

Henry Davenport Storkeeper, carried on into Books; Letter I, where it is cleared, 52: 23: - Kintama Conicoply is dead insolvent & his house seized which we hope will clear the debt in the next Books.

Grupa Aoc. Aratak Farmers from ye. 15th. of March, 1708/9 at Pag'. three thousand eight hundred Pounds annum, you may please to observe at the close of the books they are charged with a whole year's rent, and that they had paid in one month's amounting to three hundred sixteen Pag'. Twenty four pence, so remains three thousand four hundred eighty three Pag'. twelve Shillings which is duly cleared in the next books M, by their monthly payments, when at the close of them books they are again charged with a year's rent, which has been the usual Custom, but seeing it represents to your Hon' as if they were debtors for so much at the close of the Books, when in reality they are not till the expiration of the year, we shall for the future charge those farmers at the opening the Books, and not at the close, when it will appear that if they make their due
We have the following Account of the "F. St. David" Books.

12731: - 1 -  Omar Nina and Merchants was clear'd when the goods upon Contract were brought in, and since we now pay them no money till their goods are brought in, they cannot be in our debt hereafter.

64: - 1 - Mockdam Nina a good debt and will be recover'd this year.

178: - 1 - Cotton Arrack Renters is adjusted and paid.

765: 20: -  Eram Raul a prisoner for y. said debt which is likely to be clear'd this year.

[13.] We have made a standing Order for all Settlements and debts, this Presidency, that the joint Stock Merchants' Account shall always be balanced with the general Books, which we do not find has ever been practised before, but as cloth is usually coming in at that time, we think it will be sufficient that the balance be agreed to on both sides, and the Acco. signed by yr. Merchants in an Acco. Curr. Book kept for that purpose.

Para: No. 13 Requires No Answer.
14. Most certainly the great Sum your Hon. mention need not have been borrow'd at Interest, if all debts had been call'd in, and we assure your Hon. you shall have no cause to complain on that head for the future.

15. The Sums mention'd in that paragraph shall be wrote off according to your Order.

16. The paragraph is already answer'd in our Generall Letter by your Honour's request; and we assure your Hon. you may have no cause to complain on that head for the future.

17. We have already wrote to Vizagapatam concerning Mr. Holcomb's Balance and we hope shall have an Answer to some by the Howland.

18. Our Present Acccountant begs pardon for an Omission in ye two last general books; Mr. Richard Hunt who balanc'd those ending in 1711 before he dyed Ship'd an Article of Five thousand nine hundred ninety two Pag. six fansams and three Cash, paid your old joyn Stock Merch. Colloway and Vineatee Chitty for interest due on money advanc'd towards your Investments as also Pag. 298: 18 - for what short credited them on callsomes bought, in which is the Reason they were forget in last years Books that came by the Dartmouth; when they have credit for that sum which will be brought into our present Books they will stand Debtors Pag. eight thousand six hundred twenty seven, and twelve two fansams, which is the Article that we propose to make a fall report of by the Howland.

19. Our utmost Endeavours shall not be wanting to procure you your Hon. Satisfaction from those that have embrazed your Estate, and your business shall be kept up in such a manner that those who come after shall meet with none of that plagas and trouble, which has almost constantly employ'd us ever since your present Govern. Arrivall. We are

FORT ST. GEORGES
JAN. 11: 1714

Hon. St
Your most faithfull hum. Serv.
EDWARD HAMSOM.
THOMAS FADERICK.
HENRY DAVPORT.
EDWARD BILKINT.
WILLIAM JABBERSON.
BERNARD BINTON.
WILLIAM WARES.

To Capt. RICHARD HOLDEN
Come or Vice MARY

Your Ship being laden you are hereby order'd to repair on board, and with the first opportunity of wind and weather to weigh anchor, set sail and make the best of your way for your most speedy attaining the Port of London, and when you arrive at any Port of Great Britain, you are to send by your Parnor our Packet directed to the Hon. St. Court of Directors for affairs of the Rt. Hon. United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, to whom your Shire is return'd, which packet is in a Box markd A. We here deliver you a Packet markd B, which you are to forward by Post or otherwise from the first Port of your Arrivall in Great Britain, Ireland or Holland, writing yourself to ye. Hon. Directors giving them an Acco. of what
has happen'd materiall in your Voyage; and the Box mark'd C, you are to send by the first safe conveyance after you are in the river of Thames, containing Books of Acco, the Hon. Directors have complain'd that while their Ships have lain in Ireland or Holland for want of Convoy, they have wanted our advice, thò at the same time the Commanders have had positive orders to forward a small packet of our's to them, on their first safe Arrivall in any of those Ports which we admire has not been obeyed, and therefore we enjoy you again to send the forementioned packet B, as you will answer it to them on your Arrivall in England.

You will herewith receive a Passquet sign'd by y. Gov't only and directed to yourself containing Secret orders for your homeward bound passage, which the Hon. Directors command you strictly to observe and you are not to open it till you come into ten Degrees South Latitudes on this side the Cape and then it is to be done in the presence of your mates and purser, whose attestations you are to take of the same in order to make Oath thereto if required on your arrivall in England.

Tis the Company's orders that if any Ship be so late dispatch'd hence or that by any other misfortune she has no hopes of getting about the Cape, that they winter at Galle on the Island of Ceylon and stay no longer there than the beginning of July, but if it so happens that they get up with the Cape or near it, 'tis then their orders that they go to Mauritius to the South East side, which is on the windward part of the Island, where the Dutch had a Settlement taking great care of their going in; 'tis further ordered that you do what you can to prevent being surpriz'd by an Enemy, securing yourselves in the best manner you can during your Stay there.

The Company have sent out a standing order to St. Helena w'th, they order us to insert in all your instructions that whoever of you touch at that Island, bringing your Ship to an Anchor before you come open will Chappell valley near Munden's point if you don't meet with good anchor hold sooner, and then send your Best shrewd intelligence what you are, for be is order'd to let no Ship pass that point and come into the road before he knows what they are and whence they come, and if any Ship should attempt to break this order, the Gov't would not fail to fire on them.

We strictly enjoy you from coming near any Ship at Sea there being several French Ships abroad & more daily expected.

You must always keep the several Packetts herewith deliver'd you at hand, and in case you are in Danger of falling into y' enemies hands (which God forbid) you are to throw them over board with sufficient weight to sink them, together with all private Letters in your Ship and whereas you sail hence in Compt: with the London and Derby, the former of which will leave you near Ceylon, we positively direct that you keep Company with the Derby to y' Cape and if any Accident should prevent your reaching the Dutch Fleet we would have you make all possible speed to St. Helena (with as many of our Hon. Masters Ships as you find there) in Compt: together, and be sure to have your Ship clear for defence at all times but more especially when near the Land.

We wish you a prosperous Voyage, and date these in Fort s' George this Eleventh Day of Jan': one thousand seven hundred and twelve thirteen.

Edward Harrison.
Thomas Frederic.
Henry Daverfort.
Edward Bulkeley.
William Jenkinson.
Bernard Benton.
William Waber.
LIST OF THE PACKET TO THE HON. 3RD COURT OF DIRECTORS "Y SHIP MARY CAP." RICHARD HOLDS COM**.

No. 1 Fort St. George General Letter dated 7th June: 1712.
2 Ditto, answer to your Accomptant's Letter dated 7th June: 1712.
3 Copy Ditto Dartmouth dated 14th Octob: 1712.
4 Ditto John & Elizabeth dated 14th Octob: 1712.
5 Bill of Loading of Ditto Ship.
6 Copy of the Dartmouth's Invoice amounting to Pag' 180158: 28: 2.
7 Ditto, answer to your Accomptant's Letter dated 7th June: 1712.
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44 Copy List of good registered by Capt: Beckford.
45 Accts of ships arrived at and sail'd from Fort St. George to 7th Ult: Dec. 1712.
46 Copy of a Letter from the President and Council in Bengal to Ships London Derby and Mary dated 7th 10th December:
47 Draughts of the Fort as proposed to be alter'd.
48 Capt. Alexander Reid's obligation to touch at Malacca.
49 Mr' George Wahup's deceas'd Accts: Uttery & Accts: Curr:
50 List of Goods registered by Capt: Holden.
51 Copy Ditto & Capt Thomas Wotton.
52 Copy of Captain Holden's Dispatch.
53 President's Packet for the worth the Secret Committee.
54 Accts. Package of Tea & Mary.
55 Mr. Bulkley's Accts. Curr', with Mr. John Rudge deceas'd.
56 Accts. Remains in the Warehouse.
57 List of the Packets.

LIST OF BOOKS VIZ.
Copy Fort St. George Journal & Comencing 1st May 1711
Ledger Letter K ... (Concluding 2nd April 1713)
Consultations & Diaries ... (Concluding 5th Ditto 1713)
Letters Received ... ... (Concluding primo Jan' 7th 1713)
Letters Sent ... ... (Concluding Ultimo Dec' 1713)
Cash Account ... (Concluding Ultimo Dec' 1713)
Country Letters ... to the Ult' Dec. 1712

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO Yr. Hon'ble Yr. Court of Directors by Ship Derby
Capt. Thomas Wotton Commanding.
No. 1. Fort St. George General Letter dated Jan' 11th 1711
2. List of Stores wanting from Europe.
3. List of Demands for the Warehouse for the year 1714.
4. Mr. Martin's Bond to abide by the Hon'b. Court of Directors determination concerning the warehouse Balance.
8. Abstract of the Sundry particulars that have been sent to and received from the Bay since ye. 1st of May 1711.
9. List of the Packet.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT SAINT GEORGE TO THE COMPANY FEBRUARY 4, 1713
[Dispatches to England Vol. 3, pp. 116-127.]
TO THE HON'ABLE YR. COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON'ABLE COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO YR. EAST INDIES.

1. Our last to your Hon'ble was by Ship Mary that sail'd up here by sail; and sail'd in Company with the Derby the 11th: Ultimo, a Duplicate of our Letters with some of the most material papers went in a flying packet by the Derby: and we make no doubt but they will arrive time enough at the Cape to join the Dutch Fleet.
First Dispatches to England, 1711-14

2. We have received no news concerning our Shipping in any part of India since our last, except from Bengal, whence they write us under the 10th Ulto., that the Kent would be fully laden and despatch’d for Europe by the latter end of ye month, and that the Recovery will sail in Comp’t with her as far as lyes in her way to Persia, they add that they are forced to Kentilage the Kent with a thousand pieces of Tincall for want of Salt, and that she can expect none from Patna till November next, so that we shall be utterly disabled from sending you a Ship in Octob’r. the Capt. of this Ship having made a Demand of a thousand Bags more than his Charterparty Kentilage, which has swept our Godowns; nothing should have prevail’d with us to let him have so large a quantity but that the Ship is well known to be so very crack in her bulk, that she cannot safely sail with less, and the want of sufficient weight in her bottom, would undoubtedly hazard her passage about the Cape.

3. If we should find by this Years Shipping that the war continues in Europe we have thoughts of sending what Bales we can get ready down to Bengal to be sent away from thence in time for the Dutch Fleet, for if their Petra does not come down till November, we cannot expect any before January and then they may send their Ships to fill up here.

4. This ship Howland was ready to have proceeded to Fort St. David, by the middle of last month, where there were Bales sufficient to fill her up; but as the biggest French Ship of 60 Guns was then in Fonticherry Road and the other hourly expected, we chose rather to desist having very good Assurances that they intended to sail in few Days for Europe; accordingly the Commodore went away a single Ship the 22d, and ‘tis generally believ’d intends to try his fortune off the Cape; the other Ship called the Frensh of fifty Guns arrived Fonticherry the 28d, and we had just timely notice to detain the Howland here a few Days longer, and she now lies Ready to proceed the moment we receive News that the Coast is clear.

5. We are very glad to Acquaint your Hon’r, that these two French Ships have met with no further Success than what mention’d in our former, th’b they have separated themselves in their passage over from Mergen in hopes to have a better chance for meeting with some of our Ships; the Howland was but five Days a head of them, and several others of our Ships have narrowly escap’d them, we heartily wish the same good fortune may Attend them home to Great Britain, tho’ ‘tis but too like[y] that these disappointed Ships will wait for them about the pitch of the Cape, and some Leagues to windward of St. Helena.

6. The Commander of the Howland being uneasy at our detaining him longer than the time limited in Charterparty we made him sensible of our readiness to despatch him, if he insisted, and of the Danger both Ship and Cargo would be expos’d to, if he went to Fort St. David before the French Ships were off the Coast. We beg leave to refer you to our Consultation of the 10th. Ultimo for what pass’d further on this Occasion.

We heard from Bengal that the Kent would be fully laden and despatch’d for Europe by the latter end of ye month, and that the Recovery will sail in Comp’t with her as far as lyes in her way to Persia, they add that they are forced to Kentilage the Kent with a thousand pieces of Tincall for want of Salt, and that she can expect none from Patna till November next, so that we shall be utterly disabled from sending you a Ship in Octob’r. the Capt. of this Ship having made a Demand of a thousand Bags more than his Charterparty Kentilage, which has swept our Godowns; nothing should have prevail’d with us to let him have so large a quantity but that the Ship is well known to be so very crack in her bulk, that she cannot safely sail with less, and the want of sufficient weight in her bottom, would undoubtedly hazard her passage about the Cape.
7. Capt. Henry Cornwall late Comr. of y' Sherborne having as he tells us return'd to India after y'. Loss of his Ship, upon a promise made him by the French Commodore that he would let him reason her for so small a Sum as 500 Pags, but finding himself deceiv'd in his Expectations arriv'd here from Pousichery the 26th. Int. and some home Passenger upon this Ship having deliver'd us in a Narrative of his misfortune which comes in the Packet No. 26, and thereby your Hon's. may please to observe that if he had stood to the Eastward when he first saw the three French Ships, there had been a chance for his escaping in the Night.

8. The Howland's Cargo from China having been weigh'd off & examin'd we beg to refer your Hon's. to the Warehouses report enter'd after Consulation of the 26th inst. the Supra Cargoes were call'd upon to see it done, but alledg'd it was no part of their Business, as they were not intended to have come hither upon the Ship. Our Accountant has likewise examin'd their Books, and made a report as enter'd after Consulation of the same date, we are of Opinion by ye. advices we had from our own people that Negotiated in China the same Season with the Howland, that their Business was as well done as time and Circumstances would admit, but considering the disappointments of Demourge don your Hon's. will be no gains in the end by this round about Voyage.

9. The Dutch have lately imported such large quantities of Camphire and the price is very much fallen, and what is come upon the Howland will not sell near what it cost in China, wherefore finding by the last price Curr. that it was worth Sixteen pounds an hundred we have ventur'd to send yo'. Honours an hundred Yuba, being well assur'd that the remainder will sell the better here.

10. The Dutch Comp. had settled price for selling Japan Copper upon this Coast is fifty three Pags. 5'd Candy at Present, and the last Tutanague was sold here at 74 Pags. but this great quantity by y'. Howland will undoubtedly make a considerable alteration in the price, and therefore we continue our resolutions to send good part of it down to the Bay upon y'. Marlborough, making no doubt but that the Streatham will bring a further supply since gold is both scarce and dear in China.

11. We have determin'd to send the Marlborough in Comp. with y'. Howland to Fort St. David for fear of any Accident, & to hasten her dispatch as well as to Supply that place with stores which if put aboard the Howland would take up some time to unlade them, and be a hindrance to her Departure.

12. We have pursuant to your Orders put aboard this Ship for the use of St. Helena 10 & 1/2 Longers of Batavia Arrack and eight Galloners of Sugar weighing not pounds 216 of which we have advis'd the Gov't. and Council.

SECONDLY CONSIDERING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

13. Having wrote largely under this Head in our former Letters we have now very little to add; our Saba is at present engag'd in a war with the Misore people very prejudicial to the Trade of these parts, the roads into the Country being impassable so that little or no broad cloth goes off at present, nor indeed any other Sort of goods, we hope the Fate of the Empire will be soon decided and that we shall have some Active men to govern in these Parts, till when Trade cannot flourish.
14. Our joint Stock Merchants have at this time between four and five hundred bales of Broad Cloth in the Godowns besides about 150 Bales of Red which we have lying by us & cannot be disposed of till a Supply of green Arrives.

15. Our Naval Stores are at Present a very profitable Article as any your Honours sent out, besides the Encouragement of your Naval Trade, & we do not doubt but by good management they may so continue. We desire ten or a dozen Culverin Guns the longest that can be got and very well fortiﬁed for the use of the Sea Side, and that particular care be taken that the Bores be true, we have not any that will Ring a Shot so as to do any Execution where the Ships usually ride nor indeed where they can safely come in upon Occasion, & upon our late Survey we ﬁnd the best Guns in the Garrison, and especially those to the Sea Side are hony Comb'd in the mussels, and have been hill'd up with melted lead which we are very sure was never done here, a few long Demi Culverin & Scour Guns are likewise much wanted, there is never an Anchor in the place of above ten hundred should any of your Ships be in the greatest Distress, and very few of that weight, what we have are most two to four hundred, and we are told there in the same want of large Anchors in Bengall, we hear this is most certain very little of it will bear Ink on both Sides, by our musters here and shall give Directions to Vizagapatam that when the Ship, most nearest, probably will arrive, & the weather is fitter for the Navigators to go to sea, you will give Orders that you order the Anchors & other Stores by the same Ships to be brought, & we shall do our best to have them sent out, besides the Encouragement of your Honour's project for making a paller about forty Bales of Broad Cloth & we can promise you that on receipt of this you will hear of us and whatever orders you please to give shall be carried out in the Cowper. We are not very sure whether the fault be Original in the Paper, or in the Damp contracted during the Voyage, for want of being more carefully put up, but this is most certain very little of it will bear Ink on both Sides, and great part is fit for no use at all but waste paper.

THIRDLY TOUCHING YOUR INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

17. We have got all the Vizagapatam and Ingeram Cloth wash'd to come by this Ship, and as much as is particularly expres'd in the Invoice your Honour's may please to observe which turns best to Account, that we may have your Directions how to proceed hereafter; we have viewed it carefully here and cannot say it is altogether answerable to our Expectation nor so well sorted as it should be, for which Mr. Thomas Fancis employed at Ingeram alleges that he was forced to Ship it off in a hurry as it came in from the weavers for fear the Nabob should seize it when he plunder'd the Neighbouring Country however we have sorted it by our musters here and shall give Directions to Vizagapatam that when the Merchants Accout is settled reasonable abatements may be made.

18. It is absolutely our Opinion that unless we can encompass your Honour's to the Northward in those valuable Articles of lank cloth and Sallampores, Vizagapatam Factory will prove a Canker to your Estate, for as there is an absolute Necessity to maintain a Garrison sufficient to protect them against the Insults of the Nabob, the Expence will be always more than the mean Investments hitherto made in those parts will bear, we are at work to retreat the Expence as low as possible, of which we shall be able to give a full Accout in our next; Mr. Hastings has long ago promised us a Draught of the River and a project for making a Peer to shelter Ships of Burthen but we have not yet receive'd nor do we believe by what we can learn from those who have seen it that the undertaking can ever quick cost.

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19. If it pleased God to send this Ship's Cargo well to your hands, we hope we have pretty well Answer'd your Expectations and we shall have left between five and six hundred Bales which were design'd as a Reserve to fill up the Kett upon their writing from the Bay, that they should not be able to do it, and those we propose to send down thither by all opportunities.

20. As soon as this Ship is dispatch'd we shall proceed vigorously with a new Investment both here and at Fort St. David, and providence having bless'd us with a plentiful crop of grain and large Supplies by Sea so that the poor are at present industriously easy, we do not doubt but to procure a proportionable Abatement upon the prices of our Goods; we hope the Streatham will be here in time to supply us with mony, if not we will make the best shift we can that your Shipping may not lye upon our hands, we send by this Ship three different sorts of Cotton Roman handkerchiefs, one sort made here, another at Palliacat, and a third Right Matchapatam which are particularly distinguish'd in the Invoice; we look upon those made at Palliacat to be much the best and cheapest, and believe we can procure at least two thousand pieces yearly, and something cheaper than those that now come, which were the first Essay: and consequently something dearer than Ordinary, there will be five hundred pieces more for the next Ship, and we shall wait your further Orders concerning this Article.

21. We have not seen any of the goods that come from Fort St. David by this Ship, but your Deputy Govern't. and Council assure us that they have been very careful in keeping the Merchants to their Musters when the Remainder of the Bales come up hither after the Howland is dispatch'd, we shall be sure to view them and when your Hon'r. have seen the rest in England you will be best able to judge of their performance they have made at this time we give our Merchants here as full Employment as it is reported obtai'd large Phirmaunds of the present King, we have no redummy concerning this Article, as soon as this Ship is dispatch'd we shall proceed vigorously with a new Investment both here and at Fort St. David, and providence having bless'd us with a plentiful crop of grain and large Supplies by Sea so that the poor are at present industriously easy, we do not doubt but to procure a proportionable Abatement upon the prices of our Goods; we hope the Streatham will be here in time to supply us with mony, if not we will make the best shift we can that your Shipping may not lye upon our hands, we send by this Ship three different sorts of Cotton Roman handkerchiefs, one sort made here, another at Palliacat, and a third Right Matchapatam which are particularly distinguish'd in the Invoice; we look upon those made at Palliacat to be much the best and cheapest, and believe we can procure at least two thousand pieces yearly, and something cheaper than those that now come, which were the first Essay: and consequently something dearer than Ordinary, there will be five hundred pieces more for the next Ship, and we shall wait your further Orders concerning this Article.

22. We have presump'd to send by this Ship two small Bales each containing fifty pieces of fine Betollelles made at different Places for a Tryall, which we were encourag'd to do because we find them so much finer than the Oringall in proportion to your Several prises; if your Hon's. Approve of them, we can procure six to ten Bales in a Year, and not more, they are particularly distinguish'd in the Invoice.

Fourthly Touching the Trade of India in General and therein any Transactions with the Country Government.

23. We have very little to add to what we wrote your Hon's. in our Last under this head: Our Subs is engag'd in a Contribution Warr at a great distance from us, so that we are at present very easy and quiet; the Patna Prince Farrackeener is said to have pass'd Agra after having defeated the King's Forces, the Subs in Bengall has coin'd mony in his Name and is Generally believ'd he will obtain the Empire.

24. The Dutch Embassadour is upon his Return from Court to Surat, having, as it is reported obtain'd large Phirmaunds of the present King, we have no certain Acco. of the particulars, but hope you will receive them from the Surat Shipping as there is no doubt but the Embassadour will be arriv'd before they sail, but if Farrackeener should carry the Crown, "tis believ'd what the Dutch have obtain'd will want a Confirmation, we hope the Gentlemen at Bombay will send your Hon's. a particular List of the Dutch present, for we are humbly of Opinion
that ours ought to be near an equivalent whenever we set about that work, that
to say, if we expect to be upon an equal footing with them.

25. We have no further Advices of General Lalabie's Proceedings before
the Surat River's mouth, but having recover'd good Part of the Effects out of Abdull
Gaffoor's Ship that was wrack'd in this Road last October, we propose to detain
what is and shall be sav'd, till we hear the issue of that Affair except what is due
to the Undertakers of the Wreck, by their Agreement.

26. There is no further Alteration in the Trade of India since our last, worth
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now Mr. Way being return'd from Surveying the Buildings at
Fort St. David, his report thereof comes in the Packet No. 36, and is very well
worth your Hon", consideration; there has been such an apparent Neglect of
Repairs for Many Years past, and what little was done in Mr. Roberts his Time,
was so scandalously perform'd that the great Sum of Money have been squander'd
away, all is tumbled down and not worthy repair, we shall be forc'd to do
something very speedily for the Security of your goods and the safety of your
Residents and propose to begin with your Hon'. Godows as the most necessary work of
all in hopes that may be finish'd before the next rains, but we shall wait your
further Orders before we take the main Business in hand, & whatever you think
fit to permit, we will take care it shall be done with all possible frugality, not
only to last our time but as long as any Buildings can stand in this country.

28. We send in the Packet a Draught of Fort St. David, with two plans
for the necessary Buildings, one of which is already fix'd in the Square of the
Fort, and the other in a Draught apart, with the proper references, whereby your
Hon", will be able to judge of the Design, two of the Fort Passions are yet un
finish'd as you may please to observe by ye. Draughts, and it is highly necessary
that they were compleated as well as the Wall at Cuddalore; we cannot think it
convenient that the Hospital should be within the fort, wch. would be very
offensive to those in health, and therefore propose that a convenient one be built
at some Distance, on a wholesome Spot of ground with an Adjacent Lodging for
the Doctor and his Mates, that they may be always at hand to take care of the
sick the whole is humbly Submitted to your better judgment, and shall be glad
if you will please to send us a Plan from some able hand in England for our
Direction, in case you think that the work should be taken in hand, we can do
very well with the Executive part, having
Mr. Way a

29. Mr. Joseph Bullock and the persons that come home upon this Ship
will have an opportunity of being eye Witnesses to the Truth of what we write
concerning Fort St. David, if yo'. Hon", please to examin' them upon that Subject.

30. Mr. Way return'd so late from Fort St. David that he has had no more
time than to compleat the Draughts now sent, wch. was so necessary a work that
we would not take him off to finish those of our New Buildings here, which we
promis'd to send in our last.
SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS & WRITERS, OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

31. Mr. Edward Bulkley having been for sometime very much indisposed and finding himself in a decaying Condition, has desired to lay down your Service and retire from Business which is agreed to as soon as last months Pay masters Acco's. is passed, & we shall fill up the vacancy with M. Thomas Cooks who is the next in Degree, and has serv'd some time Receiver of your Customs, which Trust he has very well discharged.

32. We have reduc'd your Officers pay pursuant to your Directions and have order'd the same to be done at Vizagapatam and doubt not but all will be done without Mutiny.

33. We know it's our Duty to obey your Orders without too much Expectation, but as we are also oblig'd to lay before Hon'. the Truth of all matters under our Care, we begg leave to assure, You that your Lieutenants Ensigns & Serjeants cannot well subsist upon Less than the usual Allowance, provisions are often very dear, and tho' they are never so good Husbands it is as much as they can be able to do, to appear decently clad & avoid running in Debt, for they have not the priviledge of your Table as in Bengal, and no person diets people of any fashion in this place under ten Pag'. & menseem, your officers lately come out offer their Oaths that they were not entertain'd at any Sum Certain, but only upon the usual terms, which have been the same here ever since the Bengali War and Lieut. Sexton had sixteen Pag'. & Month, all which is humbly offer'd to your Consideration.

34. Lieutenant Thomas Wallace at Fort St. David, whom we entertain'd at Ensigns pay for reasons mention'd by the Dartm., thinking himself hardly us'd that we do not encrate it, has petition'd us to lay down the Service and come for England, w'th. we are readily Agreed to.

35. The great and indeed unnecessary Number of your Covenant'd Servants, together with the Scarcity and dearness of provisions all this last year, has in great Measure disappointed us from bringing your Stewards Acco's. so low as we propose'd, but we shall still continue our Endevours; and we hope you will be pleased to send no more Writers since there's not Employment for a great many of those we have; and indeed some of them will never be capable of doing you any Service either with their Heads or Penc, tho' no care nor Pains has nor shall be wanting to improve them.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING YOUR ACCOUNTS.

36. We sent a full answer to your Accountant's Letter by the Mary, and a Duplicate comes by this Packet to No 3 & now we have with much Labour and pains revi'd and thoroughly examin'd the General Books and Warehouse Acco's. from the time of Mr. Matthew Empeons commencing Warehouse keep at Anno 1706. in order to find out the difference between the old joynl Stock Merchants Collow & Vincent Chitty's their Acco's. Curt'. as they state it and as it stands in the Genl. Books, the whole affair is fully set forth in a report color'd after our Consultation of the 2'. inst. with Schedule of the said Acco's. Curt'. many'd there to, which we humbly request may be carefully examin'd by your Accountants or whom else you please to direct; and for the proof of great part of what is asserted in the said report, we send in the Packet Copies of the Warehouse keep Acco's. for the time that Matthew Empeon was Warehouse keep at, whereby it will be easily seen in what manner [his] balance became due, and that the erroneous method in which those Acco's. were keep'd by his wicked Conceivly, has so perplexed matters that it is impossible to fix the sum wanting, any otherwise, than upon that Conceivly and himself.
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27. As for the Balance now standing out in Matthew Empson’s Name, which is Pag. Two thousand eight hundred forty six, thirty five fanams and five Chitty, the same Comity imputedly acknowledges that it is due from him, for money that he receiv’d and never paid in; we keep him under Close confinement, and shall proceed to sell his houses and all we can lay our hands on, what effects he has abroad that are yet come to our knowledge, are to the Amount of about Eighteen thousand pagodas, but one Ship with about three thousand pag. was wreck’d on ‘sonly in Sept. last and nothing sav’d another founderd in the Road here in Oct. last with about one thousand Pagodas. The remainder is in Mabilla, and has been three Years in peoples hands of the same principles with himself, we have given powers to recover what we can, and shall know the issue when any Mabilla ship arrives this Season, this fellow lived with great Splendour, and at a Scandalous Ex pense during the time of M. Fraser’s Government squandering away great Sums of this ill gotten mony, and was so far from being suspected to have abus’d his Trust, that never any person of his colour and cast in this country ever had half so much confidence repose’d in him; We shall use all means to recover what we can from him, and secure it till we have your Honr. Judgment upon the foremention’d report; as for Mr. Empson’s Estate, That is our Opinion ought to be always liable for what Tonapa cannot pay, we are sorry to acquaint you that there are only a couple of indifferent houses out of which the poor widow and family at present Subsist.

28. It will undoubtedly appear strange to your Honr. that this matter of the Merchants Acct. and Empson’s Balance which was begun upon in Consultation of the 21st of August 1711, should not have been perfected before, for which we humbly offer the following reasons.

30. In the said Consultation Colloway Chitty desir’d a liberty to examine all the Warehouse Caddans, and to revise his own which was a work of a considerable time, and not perfected before your Accountant had his hands full in bringing up the General Book[s] that were so much behind hand when your President arrived.

40. When we had Lincour after the Ships were dispatch’d, Colloway Chitty produced a Caddjan Acct. how and in what manner he paid for the six Chitty of Silver, which put us upon a thor’ review of all the Warehousekeeper’s Accts. wherein we soon found that there could be no such Article of Silver unpaid for, and when we were employ’d in this Scrutiny the rogaries committted by Tonapa the consiprily under Moss. Raworth and Martin began to come to light, and they oblig’d us to leave hanting the smaller game in order to recover and get in the more considerable Articles, and so assure your Honr. that all our spare hours have been employ’d in Scrutinies of this nature.

41. We must further remark that the good Old Custom of the Warehouse-keep’r, giving Notes of his hand for all mony’s paid in has been long discontinued which has occasion’d us and your Honr. all this Trouble, we would not be too severe in our Censure, but ‘tis hard to imagine that so commendable and safe a method for the person concern’d should have been left off for any honest reason; However we have reviv’d it, and shall now publish at the Sea Gate and elsewhere the no person do pay any Sum of mony without such a note, under pain of being liable to another payment if he should be call’d upon and not produce his notes. And this with other Regulations we have made, will we hope secure your Estates for the future, and save a great deal of Trouble to those that are to come after us.

42. We shall go Steadily on, to keep up your Business in a safe and regular method, with a due regard to all your Orders in hopes our Labours will be

Resolution why we could not make this report sooner, the Account is now ready upon the Empson’s long ago.

Colloway Chitty took up a great deal of time in revising his own Accounts.

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And this with other Regulations we have made, will we hope secure your Estates for the future, and save a great deal of Trouble to those that are to come after us.

We shall go Steadily on, to keep up your Business in a safe and regular method, with a due regard to all your Orders in hopes our Labours will be
Acceptable, and entitle us to the continuation of your favour. We heartily wish this and all the rest of your Ships a safe arrival, and are with the greatest respect,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
FEB. 4th. 1714.

Hon"". St."".
Yo'. most Obed. & most hum'n' Serv'-

EDWARD HARISON.
ROBERT BAWORTH.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
JENNER BENTON.
WILLIAM WARE.
RICHARD HARRISON.
JOSIAH SMART.

To CAPT. SAMUEL LEWIS,
COMM"". SHIP HOWLAND.

1. Your Ship being compleatly laden you are hereby Order'd to repair on Board, and with the first opportunity of wind and weather to proceed and make the best of your way for the Port of London, and whatever Port of great Britain you arrive first at, we order you to send away your Purser with our Packett. deliver'd you in a Box marked A, directed to the Hon"". the Court of Directors for affairs of the R'. Hon"". United Company of Merchants of England trading to the E' Indies, To whom your Ship goes consign'd.

2. We likewise deliver you a flying Packet Letter B, which you are to forward by Post or Express immediately upon your arrivall at any Port in Europe where conveyance can be had, taking care to write yourself to the Hon"". Directors with an account of what has happend material in your Voyage.

3. We also deliver you a Box marked Letter C, containing Books of Acco", which you are to send by the first safe Convoyance after you get into the River of Thames.

4. The Hon"". Directors have complain'd that while their Ships have been detain'd in Ireland or Holland for Convoy, they have waited our Advice, tho at the same time the Comm"". have bad our positive Orders to forward a small Packett in the manner before directed, which we admire has not been obeyd, and strictly enjoin you once more to send away the Packett Letter B, as you will answer it to them on your Arrivall.

5. You have already received from the Gov'. a small Paquet directed to yourself containing Secret orders for your homeward bound passage, which you are strictly to observe, and not to open them till you come into ten degrees South Latitude on this side the Cape, and then it must be done in the presence of your Mates and Purser, whose attestations you are to take in order to make Oath thereto if required upon your Arrivall in England.

6. The Company's orders are that if any Ship should be so late dispatch'd hence, or that by any other misfortune she has no hopes of getting about the Cape, that they winter at Galle on the Island of Ceylon & stay no longer there than the beginning of July: but if it so happens that they get up with the Cape or near it, their Orders then are, that they go to Mauritius to y' South E' Side, which is on the windward part of the Island, where the Dutch had a Settlement, taking great Care of your going in; 'Tis further ordered, that you do all possible to avoid going into the North West Harbour or Carpenters Bay, where 'tis likely the French will look in; we are very credibly informed the Dutch have left the Island Mauritius, so that you must be very careful how you make it, and be-
always on your Guard, and keep constant looking out to prevent being surpris'd by any Enemy, securing yourself in the best manner you can during your stay there.

7. The Company have sent out a standing order to St. Helena, to be inserted in all your instructions Vis'. That whoever of you touch at St. Helena that you bring your Ship to Anchor before you come open with Chappell Valley near Mundens point if you do not meet with good anchor hold sooner, and then send your Boat on Shore to give the Gov't intelligence who you are, for he is ordered to let no Ship pass that point and come into the Road before he knows what they are and whence they come, and if any Ship should attempt to break this Order, the Gov't has the Company's positive Orders to fire on them.

8. We strictly enjoin you from coming near any Ship at Sea, there being several French Ships abroad and more daily expected.

9. You must always keep the several Packetts herewith deliver'd you at hand, and in case you are in Danger of falling into the Enemy's hands (which God forbid) you are to throw them over board with all private Letters in

10. And whereas there are two French Ships of great force gone away from Pontcierry some time before you, which we are apprehensive may cruise to windward of St. Helena, we think it safest that you should remain at the Cape a reasonable time in hopes that one or more of our men of war may come up and carry you with safety to St. Helena.

11. We have put aboard your Ship pursuant to your Charterparty Covenants and the Honble Company's Orders sixteen and half Leagers of Arrack and eight Canasters of Sugar for the use of the Island St. Helena, which you are to deliver in good condition together with our Letter to the Deputy Govern't. and Councill upon your Arrivall there, and if by Accident you should not touch at that Island you may make use of all or any part thereof for your Ship's Company upon Occasion, for which you are to Account with our Honble Masters in England. We wish you a prosperous Voyage and date these in Fort St. George this fourteenth Day of Feb'y 1714.

EDWARD HARRISON.
ROBERT RAYTHORNE.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
DAMIAN HINTON.
WILLIAM WARE.
RICHARD HODGE.
JOSEPH SMART.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO THE HOWLAND, THE COURT OF DIRECTORS \SHIP HOWLAND\ CAT. SAMUEL LEWIS COMMANDER.

2. Copy Ditto \Mary, dated Jan'y. 11th do.
3. Copy of ye. Answer to the Accomptants Letter dated D'. time
4. Invoice of Ship Howland Amo'. to \Lorond\ N°. 4 & 5, to be put in at F'. St. D'.
7. Second Bill of loading of Ditto Ship.
8. Abstract of ye. Sundry particulars that have been sent to & received from the Bay since the 1st. of May 1711.
10. List of Stores wanting for the Garrison of Fort St. George etc.

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12. Cap't. Lewis's request for 1000 bags of Salt petre more. Charterparty.
14. List of Diamonds laden upon the Howland.
15. Copy Ditto. F. Derby.
17. Storekeeper Acco'. Remains.
18. Register of private goods laden upon Ship Howland.
20. Drawn of Fort St. George as proposed to be Alter'd.
22. Mr. Martin's second Obligation to abide by the Honbl. Court of Direc't.
23. Acco'. package of Tea F. the Mary.
24. President's Packet for the Worth. the Secret Committee.
25. Cap't. Cornwall's Narrative of his being taken by the French.
27. Invoice of Arrack And Sugar laden on y. Howland for St. Helena.
30. Copy of Cap't. Lewis his Dispatch.

LIST OF BOOKS VIZ.
2. Journal & Ledger of the Howland's Cargo from China.
3. Consultations ...
4. Journals Parcels ...
5. Letters receiv'd. & sent ...

TO THE WORTH, THE GOVERN'. & COUNCILL OF ST. HELENA FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R'. HON'. UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDES.

We have in Obedience to the R'. Hon'. Company's Orders put aboard this Ship Howland Sixteen and an half Leagers of Arrack and Eight Caunsters of Sugar for your place amounting to Pag'. Two hundred Ninety one, thirty four fan', and Sixteen Cash, as y. Invoice and Bill of Loading inclos'd which we wish may arrive you in good Condition, and that our Hon'. Masters Affairs under your Direction may prove Successfull and are...

BEING, THE 4TH. 1713.

P.S. We send you Two Bottles of y'. same Sort of Arrack Seal'd up with the Company's Seal for a Master.
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To the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the R. Hon'ble United Company of Merchants of London Trading to the East Indies.

Hon'ble Sir,

The last time we did ourselves the hon'ble to write to you was by Capt. Harris on the Avella, whose Invoice amounted to thirty two thousand seven hundred and ninety Pagodas, the Duplication of which with the Copy of our Letter and second Bill of Loading, We forwarded to the Hon'ble Governor & Council of Fort St. George to be sent on the Dartmouth, by which conveyance we suppose your Hon'ble will receive it, and therefore will not trouble you with them now, but proceed as briefly as possible to give you a succinct Account of what has happened relating to your Affairs in this place, which we hope will be sufficient, since we have from time to time wrote our Superiors very particularly of them, who from thence have to be sure enlarged on them themselves.

We continued our daily Skirmishes with the Enemy, without any extraordinary Loss on either Side till the 23d. Feb., when at five a Clock in the Morning they attacked us in all Quarters and stood our fire, very resolutely both from the Cannon and small Arms till three a Clock in the Afternoon, before we could compel them to retire, which we were so fortunate at Last as to do; but they renewed their Attack again the next morning, upon which, finding it impossible for our men constantly to endure such violent Firestorms, we were obliged toLING up another Mud Barrick which we effected in Six days, during which time they endeavoured to drive the work men from it what possible, but without success, and tho' we lost but one of our men in all the Engagements yet by the best Advice we could procure, the Enemy seldom retired without the destruction of about fifty of theirs, after this they made no more such bold Strokes as these were upon us. Rounds but contented themselves with Entering the unguarded Passes in them with small Parties, when they seldom did us any more prejudice, than the driving away a few Cattle, which we had most commonly the good fortune to recover from them again by the vigilance and courage of our Officers and Soldiers, who, tho' they are not able to perform impossibilities, underwent the hardships we never expected they could endure, nor did any of them seem to murmur at what they suffered, except one of your Lieutenants, Mr. Heron of Courtney, who because the Hon'ble Governor couldn't him to his Chamber, for Assisting and Wounding an Ensign on his Post, grew so very impatient for his enlargement, that he prevailed, wth the Party he commanded consisting of an hundred & thirty Men the hon'ble Governor, Mr. Harris and myself, to subscribe to a Petition wherein they declared that unless he was immediately put at the head of them again, they should very unwillingly bear arms any longer in your Honour's Service; on which we immediately sent the Petition of it, the Lieutenants abovementiong, with an Ensign and some of his two Accomplies to Fort St. George, where the Hon'ble Governor & Council so far approved of what we had done, that they immediately dismissed them their Employ; after which the rest of the Military remained very quiet, and under very good Discipline, which, we should be very unjust to Lieutenant John Roach if we did not chiefly attribute to him, of whose merit we have often Spoke in our Correspondence with Fort St. George, to which we beg your Hon'ble to be refer'd, and will therefore say no more of him in this Let than to assure your Honour, that when you think convenient to confer such an Employ, on any of your Military Officers he far before the rest deserves to be made y'. Adjutant General.

This is to brief an Acco of our Troubles till the 22d. March when Mr. Bernard Benyon arrived at Foutcherry with powr to Accommodate the differences between us, and the King of Chingee by the Mediation of St. Andrew.
Hebrew: the Gov. there, which with a great deal of difficulty he effected by the 4th. June N.S. and in consideration of their Assigning over to your Hon. the Mold of Trevandapourum which turns the Waters in your Bounds, the Ditch with ten foot of ground on Each Side of it, and our presenting them with twelve thousand Pag. they withdrew all their Forces, and we have since that enjoyed perfect tranquillity, for any Molestation we received from them within our Bounds and wherever our people have Occasion to go in Order to Negotiate your affairs, and the Country has been so long barrased we. Warn, yet we have hopes that the trade of it will Shortly flourish as much as usual, for most of the towns and Villages which were either destroy'd or uninhabited before, are rebuild & People[d] again, and they shew a very good inclination towards forwarding it what lives in their Power, which we promise your Hon. we will encourage them in as much as possible that your revenues may be increased and some Amends made for the great Losses and Expenses we have been at for the Maintainance of this Settlement, and we have further in Order to it been making Strict enquiries of what Effects Chives Naigue Redde &. Renters (whose flight was the Cause of all our misfortunes) have within your Bounds, but have not at present been able to discover more in houses and Debts than to the value of one thousand Pagodas, but are pretty well assured that one Tonapa Chitte is substantiall inhabitant here, has above six thousand Pag. more in his keeping, & we shall use our utmost endeavours to prove upon him, and then oblige him to pay the Amount into your Hon. Cash here; and that he may not make his escape, whilst we are prosecuting him, there is sufficient Security given for his appearance when it shall ever be requird by us.

Our Troubles being thus ended, by Permission from Madrass we immediately ordered the Collectors of your Sea & Land Customs to receive the usual impositions on Grain, which by reason of the Scarcity of it, and for the encourage-ment of Merchants to bring it, whilst they continued, were taken off, and as soon as the Cowl which was granted to Eram How the Renter of your bounds by Mt. Roberts in the year 1707 was expir'd we renew'd it, but in Consideration that the Mold was demolished and must be repar'd, the Water courses stop'd up, and all other ingredients out of Order, We were forc'd to consent to an abatement of two thousand Chuckruma, but before we'd our utmost Endeavours to procure the Accustom[ary] Best bit in vain, and then advised our Superiors the reasons why we were so unsuccessful, who upon due Consideration on the Matter approv'd of our proceedings and we hope the next year, when this present Cowl is out of date, to make your Hon. amends by procureing an Addition to the Late Best to as great an Amount as what has been abated now; and that this Settlement may be as little burthensome to your Hon. as possible, we have retrench'd the Numbers of our Peons and Servants as much as can be, and will if to be Effected still lessen the Expenses of it, but we are very sorry to Acquaint your Hon. that there is not either in the Fort or Cuddalore so much as one room for yoar Councill of Fort, Letters to your Hon. persual which is the Reason we don't enlarge more on this Subject.

The Deputy Govern'r. for reasons he will trouble your Hon. with in a Letter from himself, desir'd permission in July to repair to Fort St George, which having obtain'd he left this Place the 7th. of August and return'd to his Station again the same day in September, when he brought with him Instructions about making a new Contract, which was a work so necessary, that we immediately enter'd upon it, and in few days brought our Merchants (tho' with a great deal of difficulty) to engage to procure the Quantities of goods we wanted, time enough to fill up what Ships it should be that convenient to be dispatch'd this Season, but our Superiors,
believing we had taken to our Share, more fine goods than we ought, disapprov'd of our proceedings which oblig'd us to cancel all that we had done before, and try if it was not possible to bring our Merchants over to their terms, we at last effect'd, but could not possibly do it before the 24th Octob, when it was so very late that we almost dispaire'd of their performance, notwithstanding they went so very industriously to work that by the latter end of December, we had twelve hundred Bales in the Washers hands and by the middle of January a thousand of them made up, since which our Contract is compleated and we hope to be able to procure a considerable quantity of Course goods more which the gentlemen under whose directions we are, have permitted us to do; and th'd Cloth last sent by the Averilla was not quite so good as we desir'd, which was the Cause of, yet we now hope our Merchants have made Amends for that fault, for we assure your Hon. in our Opinions, that it's not so well wash'd which is a fault our water here wont suffer us to remedy, yet it is both fine and Course when brown as good as any sent your Hon.' from Fort St George.

Your Servants here both Civil and Military are all in very good health and Order, in which disposition we shall endeavour to preserve them, and it is with a great deal of Concern we acquaint your Hon.' that none of them but one, who as a member of this Board has misbehav'd himself, Mr. Philip Baker who ever since his being in these Parts, has been notoriously remarkable for disobedience to his Superiors, but more particularly now than ever for believing the Deputy Gov'... to be under the Frowns of his Superiors, he laid hold of the opportunity not only to asperse his Character in all Companys behind his back but being encouraged by his Long sufference of such treatment; he at last very grossly affronted him, which was that he thought the Duty to his Station oblig'd him not to bear, and for that reason only apply'd himself to Madrass for Justice which was given him, and he now stands suspended the Service till your Hon.' pleasure is further known, we are very far from designing the Ruin of any one, and the Deputy Gov'r does as to himself very heartily forgive this Gentleman; but with submission we cannot upon this Occasion avoid desiring your Hon.' to consider how capable any person may be of turning a well Govern'd Place into an Anarchy, why, if a Person of his Levelling Principles does not meet with some Singular Marks of your Hon.' displeasure.

Enclosed We send you the list of covenanted, Serv'd, and the muster Roll of your Military here, with the Copy of our Account cash to the 31st Ultimo and all other necessary Papers as List enclos'd with the Invoice and Bill of Loading for one thousand Eighty three Bales Amounting to Two hundred and four thousand Eight hundred Eighty five, Eleven farans & Sixty Two Cash ; and Cap't. Lewis having this morning by hoisting his Colours, and firing a Gun signified he is [full] and ready to sail, we have given him his dispatch, and wish him a Prosperous Voyage, With Success to all your Hon.' other Affairs.

FORT S DAVID.
FEBRUARY the 18th 1744

Your most Obedient & Most faithfull humble Servts.

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BESSEL.
RICHARD HARRISON.
MATTHEW WEILD.
GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT SAINT GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 1713, TO LONDON. [Public Dispatches to England, Vol. 3, pp. 189-192.]

To the Honble. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF the Honble. UNITED COMPANY OF MERCIA OF ENGLAND TRADING TO the EAST INDIES.

Honble. St.

No. 1. The last opportunity we had of writing your Honours was by the Howland under the 4th. Feb., which Ship was dispatched from Fort St. David this 14th. of the same month with a Cargo amounting to Pag. One hundred four thousand, Eight hundred eighty five, Eleven fanams and Thirty two Cash. Duplicate List of what Books & papers went by her comes in this paragraph No. 7. We have since been favoured w't your dated 1st. Feb. 1714 by the King's Willam with Duplicate & Triplicate by Ships Hanover and Frederik w't your accompanied Papers and Bengal Packetts exactly conformable to your Several Lists.

2. We propose by this accidental Conveyance to go as far in answering the forementioned Letters as time and circumstances will permit, and what is wanting shall be fully made up by our own Ships; we shall also add the most material passages that have occurred since the dispatch of the Howland; and endeavour to range them in exact order according to your directions, we will for the future always date our Letter the day it is signed, and every paragraph shall have its true date expressed as your Honours are pleased to direct, the Copies of all our Letters shall be made originals by singing them, and we are sorry to find your Jumma displeased at the writing Work by the first Ships we dispatched; we hope and believe the next was better, & shall still endeavour to mend, but your President found many rare unexperienced hands in the Office at his Arrival; The Supplement shall as near as possible be ranged under the proper heads, but as we continue writing to the last we shall hardly be able to keep exactly in that Method.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'd.

3. This comes by Ship London Capt. William Upton, that arrived here the 7th. of June fully laden from Bombay, for which deviation your Honours will find his Reasons in a paper enter'd in Consideration the 15th. of the same month, the Ships that visit us annually in this manner not being any way under our Directions, we can only offer them our Advice, & they can chuse whether they will follow it or not.

4. On the 12th. May arrived the Seperate Ship Windsor from Great Britain, and on the 29th. the Sup't. Cargo procured his Licence in Consideration for trading in these parts; he sold here a parcell of Madera Wine & other goods mentioned in his Licence, and being disappointed in letting the Ship to freight, she sail'd with the Survivors design for Bengall & Moos for China the 10th. of June w't no more than the Produce of what she brought out to the best of our knowledge, intending to load at Amoy w't, grain China Ware & Tea for Great Britain.

5. The Seperate Ship Joseph arrived here the 8th. of June having touch'd at the Cape and Bro.'d' us the good news of our Ships Dartmouth, Derby, Mary, Toddington, Nathaniel & Stringer Gally, being safe at that place & ready to sail in Company with the Dutch; Capt. Mosher Comm'd of the Joseph d'y'd here the 24th. July; the Survivors design w't, the Ship for Bengall & Moos if they can meet with any freight: we were in hopes to have seen no more of them in those parts, but they tell us they may stay abroad & trade till the 20th. of Septem'. 1714. This Ship also brought Madera wine, which sold at very low rates, & unless they find freight to Employ the Ship their Voyage must be entirely ruin'd.

6. On the 27th. May arrived the Seperate Ship Allerdale from the East Indies, Capt. John Seaver, which Ship was dispatched from Fort St. David this 14th. of the same month with a Cargo amounting to Pag. One hundred four thousand, Eight hundred eighty five, Eleven fanams and Thirty two Cash, Duplicate List of what Books & papers went by her comes in this paragraph No. 7. We have since been favoured w't your dated 1st. Feb. 1714 by the King's Willam with Duplicate & Triplicate by Ships Hanover and Frederik w't your accompanied Papers and Bengal Packetts exactly conformable to your Several Lists.

We shall be happy to hear from your Honours the next opportunity of writing, and to learn what Ships are at present expected to arrive; we are confident that the next opportunity will be much improved by our own Ships, in which we shall endeavour to range the answers to your Letters in the most proper method, according to the directions you shall meet with, and we shall be happy to hear from your Honours that the same will be followed in the future.

We are, &c.

General Letter from Fort St. George to the Company.
6. The King William Gally arrived here the 19th. June, the Hanover on the 
21st, and the Frederick on 1st. July, the two latter touched at the Cape, where 
they met the Howland and received advice that the Heathcote and Mountague 
were gone for St. Helena some days before their Arrival; the Loyal Hine parted 
with the rest of your Outward bound Ships the 1st. of March in 44° North since 
when We have not heard of her; the Cordage parted with the Hanover between 
Zelcen & this place & went on directly for Bengal; and thus having given your 
Hon. the good news of the Arrival of your Shipping we shall proceed to answer 
that part of your Letter end. this Head.

7. The Sherborne had undoubtedly been better employed to the West Coast, 
than to have lay so long useless and in danger of the French at Port St. David, 
but we thought it more advisable, when we knew the Thistleworth and 
Teddington were come out upon that Service, and the Jan was daily expected 
here, to send the Sherborne down to Bengal in Company with so many good Ships, 
not supposing that the Gentlemen in the Bay who were so well acquainted 
with the part of the World had not been safe, & if we had the least Notion of her intentions for Brazil, we 
should infallibly have made use of y'' Sherborne for y'' West Coast Service.

8. Th'' there is no particular mention in the agreement for Cessation of 
Arms touching Acts of Hostility on this side the Line, the French are so far from 
pretending to meddle with any of our Ships, that they care & entertain all they 
meet with in a very friendly manner.

9. We have receivd no Directions from the Secret Committee this Season, 
'b' Capt. Winter of the King William telling y'' President, he had a packet 
which should have been left at the Cape if he had touchd there for the homeward 
bound Ships, he thought it his Duty to demand it of him.

10. We observe your Hon''. Reasons for sending out so little Tonnage and Stock 
this Year, in Comparison of what was usual, most certainly we have Tonnage 
enuff upon our hands, considering the three Ships remaining of the last Season, 
but by our Advice from the Bay and particularly in their Letter of 20th. June, & 22 we have reason to fear they will not have stock to load above two of 
the biggest Ships at most, and if they make no better use of the rest than they 
did of the Recovery last Season, we cannot see which way the eathing charge of 
Demorage will be sav'd.

11. We have pursuant to your Orders in the 16th parag'', enquird of your 
three Capt's severally, what were the reasons of their parting Company in their 
outward bound Passage to this place, the Substance of their answer is that having 
French passes they apprehended no danger and therefore were not so solicitous 
for keeping Company to the prejudice of their Several Owners.

12. As it happens this year that we have no Salt petre in the Godowns, the 
Bay ships will be obligd to fill up here so that we have so occasion to send any 
Bales down for reparting the Cargo's & the risque of the voyage down and up 
& over the Brace will be sav'd: in our humble opinion as long as it is peace, it 
will alway be best for the Bengal Ships to fill up here, which we can easily 
regulate so as to cost you no extraordinary Demorage, but our September Ship can 
ever have any Bengal Bales on Board unless they have a dead stock to provide 
them, and even then they must have a Convoyance up hither in y'' month of 
March after all your Shipping is dispatch'd for Europe.
18. We observe your Hon. intentions to order two Ships from the Malabar Coast this place or the Bay, wth each sixty thousand pound, the Litchfield will be dispatched home in September, the Sommers cannot be back at Bouchar from her present Voyage till Feb 17, and tho the Grantham may return from Batavia in November, neither of them can get about hither till April and when they do come, we cannot learn that there is a hopee to send with them, every body that comes from yr. side assuring us that when the Litchfield is dispatchd there will be little or no mony left.

19. We have pursuant to your Directions in yr. 38th. Part of this Presidency was kept in so much confusion before your Presid. arriv'd that it was impossible to state the annual Charge, The Ship Presid. has been upon the West Coast Service ever since we sent her thither in April 1712, so that we know nothing of her Expence, we wrote your Hon. by the Mary that the Rising Sun was broke up in Ballaesar so that the Maddapollam Yatch burthen about twenty five Tons is the only Yessel now employed on this Coast, her Acco. Curr. will stand very plain in the next Genu.

16. We a sent a Supply of Arrack, Sugar &c to St. Helena by the Howland, and shall do yr. same by all Ships that load here, but such as take in part of their Cargo at the Bay may be supplyd wth much Cheaper then here, the Gov't. & Council of St. Helena have wrote us by way of the West Coast for long cloth and other things which we shall be sure to supply them wth this season.
20. We shall pay due regard to your Hon." Orders in your 32d para- 
graph concerning lanced Goods, of which we have always been careful to receive the 
full credit, are now paid, and we have the pleasure of informing you that a 
very large quantity arrived at Pondicherry, the result of which will not yield prime cost, 
there being no Ship hereafter, but such as take out our Goods, of which we have always been care-
ful to receive the best return.

21. In our last we advised your Hon." that we had sent the Maribro to 
Howland to Fort St. David, with our Reasons for so doing, she returned hither 
the 23d Feb" with Two hundred eighty-four Bales, and on y"10th March we 
dispatched her for Bengall with Five hundred thirty Three Thousand Rupees, and the 
Stores that came upon her from Europe, for that place, we likewise sent upon her 
about two hundred Candy of the Howland's Tutangan which we obliged ourselves 
to export for the Encouragement of the Buyers here, not doubting but such a 
quantity would do well in Bengall, we are since advised that she arrived Baltimore 
the 19th March & got safe up the River; your President & Council in the 
BAY have with much ado procured Salt petre enuff att 
underst Genr. for Persia, the 
Netherlands & Big Merchantmen that is come out this year will not yield prime cost, there 
being no Ship hereafter, but such as take out our Goods, of which we have always been care-
ful to receive the best return.

22. On the 3d of March we were advised by the Govr. & Couns" of Nega-
paran, that the Govr." of Ceylon had seized a Ship belonging to your Joynt 
Stock Merchants of this place for not having our pass att usual, but upon our 
interceding in a Letter dated the same day No. 22, they immediately released her; 
this Ship stole privately out of the Road without a Pass, but we have given pub-
lie Notice that we will intercede for no Ship hereafter, but such as take our 
passes and pay the Tonmage.

23. On the 9th of April we received advice from Bengall, that the Kent & 
Recovery were dispatched thence the 14th Feb" the former for Great Britain and the 
Letter for Persia, the Kent had not been at the Cape the 27th May, when the 
Hamocon came from thence.

24. Letters from Bombay dated the 23d April advised us that they had let out 
the Sommers to Persia, Bengall & Surat for twenty thousand Rupees, the 
Grantham for Batavia & back to Bombay for Nine thousand Rupees, and that 
they had dispatched the Bichien to Mocha for Coffee.

25. The French Ships of the last Season that took the Sherhorance, very 
inhumanely shotted ashore in Mergen, three Mates belonging to your Ships London 
and Mary, whom they took prisoners in the Russell Gally, sent out of Bengall to
26. On the 24th June your Ship Streatham arrived here from Batavia, in Company with six sail of Dutch Ships bound to Bengall, and Capt. Gough being asked his Reasons for coming round that way, delivered us his Supra Cargo's dispatches from China, which are entered after Consutation of ye 6th of July, her gruff Cargo has been sold at publick Ootery, and the acco't. of the Voyage is now making up in order to pay ye Supra Cargo's proportion, but cou'd not be perfected in time to come by this Conveyance, the Streatham said for Bengall the 16th of August, and we hope she will be dispatch'd soon after the Maribro to fill up here.

27. In ours of the 27th Octob' 1712 by the John & Elizabeth we acquainted your Hon'rs, that we had prevaild with Capt. Ried in the Arabella to pass thro' the Straights of Malacca in his way to Batavia and lodge our Advice of the French Ships at Malacca, for we had agreed to pay him Six hundred Pagodas and by Ship Mary we sent your Hon'rs, an Obligation which he gave us to forset 600 Pound in case he did not perform the Voyage. Your President has since receiv'd Letters from him at Batavia, wherein he pretends he did his Endeavours but cou'd not gain the Straights, which is impossible because two Country Ships Barrington and Chinnapatam that went hence Eight days after him, by standing to ye Eastward gain'd their passage to Bengall & consequently they could have gone to the Straights of Malacca before the wind; the truth of the matter was Capt. Ried found he cou'd not do the thing in the time he expected and therefore bore away for Batavia, we humbly request your Hon'rs, to see the Bond in ours as well as your own behalf & by next Ship we shall be able to send an Acco't. of what proportion will be due to the Trading Inhabitants of this place, who as we wrote you by the John & Elizabeth, were to pay their Share of the 600 Pag'd. advanced in proportion as their Stocks are to yours, by what Capt. Ried has wrote the President, he seems inclinable to compound ye Bond for Principal & ye Ho. Reipendensia rather than stand a Suit.

28. By the Streatham and by a Small Sloop directly from Bencoolen we received advices from your Dep't Gover'n. & Council dated 22d Octob'. 20th Novem'. 1712, the 27th Feb'. & 13th May 1713 advising ye Dispatch of Ships Toddington and Sucessos in time to join the Dutch Fleet & that the Altigonion arrived there ye 18th of March, Capt. Leslay dying on ye 25th of April after.

29. Capt. Harry Gough of the Streatham demanding his Charterparty mone in Consultation of the 6th July, we paid it him and his Receipt comes in the packet No. 10.

30. Your Ship King William Gally said for Bengall the 16th of July we sent three hundred one thousand Rupees, & the Remain'd of the Tutanague received by the Howland being about two hundred and twelve Candy, which we were encouraged to send by receiving advices that what went by the Maribro, turn'd to
good Account, before her departure as the Request of Capt. Winter, we took from aboard his Ship one Joseph Horner a foremost man, who had been guilty of several mutinous Expressions tending to Piracy, as your Honours may please to observe in our Consultation of y* 6th. July, he remains in safe Custody and we intend to send him off y* Shore by this Ship.

31. Three French Ships arrived Punctickery the 23d. July, for Account of Moret: Cruises & the new Comp.: of St. Malo's they put about fifty Choses of Corall, with wine, broadcloth & Treasure amounting by the best Advices we can get to One hundred & forty thousand Paces or thereabouts, & after having made a contract for Longcloth, Sallampores, Betuelles & other goods of this Coast to the amount of y* foremention'd Sum, they proceeded to Bengal the 6th. August to invest the remainder of their Stock which amounts to near three hundred thousand Dollars, the least of the three Ships is intended for Manilla when the Season serves, having brought a Cargo with her from France proper for that Place, three Dutch Ships of a Superior Force, accidentally fell in with the French between Fort St. David & Punctickery, but neither side show'd any inclination to engage.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT & TO BE SENT FROM EGBOUT.

32. The Woollen Goods & Stores sent us by this year Shipping not being all examin'd we must defer giving your Honours a particular Account of their Condition till the first Ship we dispatch from hence, and by that time we shall be able to form a List of Demands for the next Shipping with much more exactness than we can pretend to do, now we have such large quantities upon our hands.

33. However we must not omit to acquaint your Honours: in the meantime, that notwithstanding all our Endeavours to get rid of what came abroad last Year, we had three hundred forty-three bales of Reds upon our hands, when this year Shipping arrived, and our Merchants had one hundred Bales of all Sorts remaining in their Godowns; this has been chiefly occasioned by the Surprising Revelations of Government, which will be related at large under the proper head, and could not be foreseen when we made our demand in the year 1711: The whole quantity now on our hands is Eleven hundred: & five bales and we will take the best methods we can think of to put them off to the best advantage, before they suffer any damage in lying by: all the art of man cannot prevent the worm breeding in the Cloth if it lyes any long time in the best Godowns, and especially in the green Colours, which never fail to breed the worm if they lye by a twelve month.

34. We are advised both from Persia and Bombay that y* Estate is like to suffer very considerably by the very large quantities of Woollen Goods lying perishing upon their hands, the Troubles at Egbout are pleded as an excuse by the Gentlemen in Persia, but if we are rightly inform'd as to the great quantity remaining at Bombay it is because they will not lower the price on any Account, being of opinion they had better let the Goods decay than set so ill a Precedent; this does not seem to be your Honours opinion in the 87th par. of your Letter.

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by the Dartmouth, where you are pleased to tell us you are more desirous of a
large annual sale than of a great profit; we will not lower the price of ours, if
we can help it, but we shall never be of Opinion to keep a perishable Commodity
by us, when we can dispose of it to any tolerable advantage.

35. In answer to the 43d. 43d. 44d. & 45th Paragraphs of your Hon: Letter the Several Articles of our demands were wrote at length in
words last Season, and we shall carefully continue that method for the future
both in Originals and Duplicates, the mistake in the List by the Halifax was by
trustee him that copy'd it, which should be so no more; by fine reds we meant
Scarlets, Acras & Crimson, which are best lik'd with white Lists, the Distinc-
tions as to Colours shall be made hereafter according to your Directions.

36. If the complaint of the dyes made by our Merchants had been particular,
we should not have failed to distinguish which bales were complain'd of, but as
it was general, and after the Goods had been some time out of our hands, we
thought it might be sufficient to note the Complaint only, in hopes the Dye
might be mended hereafter, but last year we had occasion to make some parti-
cular Distinctions, as there was a very great Difference in Cloth of the same
price.

37. Your Hon's packers no doubt are very skillful men in their own
Climate, but the probable they may not know that if we once open a Bale of
Cloth here and let the Air come to it, the Sounds the worm in half the time 'twill do
when kept in the Close Europe Package, none of the Cloth ever mildews if well
dried in England, except dark Cloth Colours, and they hardly ever escape
being both mildew'd & spotted in such a manner, that neither the Sun nor brush
will fetch it out.

38. Your 47th Paragraph touching Colours shall be fully answer'd by our next
List of Demands to avoid swelling of Letters, in the mean time it may be made
use of as a General Rule, that no greens will sell but Popinjays, or such colours
as border upon them, the names of which we are not vers'd in colours to
distinguish, and as for the deep greens we only use a very few pieces in a year to
cover Tables and writing desks the Mazarines, Skys Blacks and Medleys,
never sell but by the yard for clothing to Europeans & mistresses, and the Embossed
cloth seems to be less in Demand than formerly; but we shall be able to write
more certainly of these matters by the next Ship.

39. We wrote your Hon: by the Dartmouth, the inconveniences we wore
like to have lain under by contracting with our Merchants at Fort St. David for
the whole quantity of Broad Cloth, Anne 1711, and the means we us'd to
extricate them out of the Difficulty they were engag'd in for want of money; their
Investments have gone on much better since with ready money, and the price of your Broadcloth has been hitherto kept up, which could not have been under their management: That your Merchants get by the broadcloth is not to be doubted, but the price of sending great part of it many Leagues into the Country, and bad debts considered, their profit is no more than what they can barely live by, and that we dare believe your Hons. will never think unreasonable.

40. The great scarcity of Silver in Persia occasioned the Armenians to bring near one hundred Bales of your Broadcloth this way, in the Shipping of last Season in return of their Cargo's, it was not in our power to hinder this going down to the Bay, nor much about the same quantity that came round from Surat, and was sold by Rustum your Broker for 23 ¼, less than it cost him in Contract, we don't yet hear that these Supernumerary Bales have affected the price in Bengall, and indeed it would be strange if so rich and Spacious a Country as this, with a Cheap conveyance by water to the Northern parts should not be able to vend three times the Quantity of what goes off here in this sultry Climate, especially considering that it is in the same use thro' out all the Mogull's Dominions; but so long as the person called your Broker is generally speaking both buyer & Seller of all that is either imported or Exported to & from that noble Port of Bengall, by our Nation, as your Hon's may be well informed by all Persons coming from thence, that Articles of your Manufacture will never be enlarged to it's full extent, nor can the extravagant prices of Bengall Goods be reduced at Calcutta, thoy should be never so cheap at yr. Arrangs.

41. Nothing could more sensibly afflict us, than to have the exactness of the Gentlemen in Bengall, seek us for a Pattern in your 50th. Para: however it is our Duty to imitate it according to your Orders, and if in any other Articles we are so happy as to have the same advantage over them we cannot doubt of the same justice; we can offer nothing in excuse for what is past, but that their List is drawn by the Brokers Directions, and ours with the approval of your Joyst Stock Merchants, except only the Medleys & linned Cloth; if they had demanded more Colours, we should have been more exact; but we beg leave to remark, that in the Bengall List they have been so over nice as to send Patterns for what they do not demand, as well as for what they do.

42. According to our Established Rule, we have made an outcry this year of Medleys and other cloths remaining upon our hands, such as did not interfere with our Joyst Stock Merchants Contract, the Acco. of Owtery comes in the Packets N°: 22, & considering that most of the Medleys were mildewed & spotted, the sale was much more advantageous than we could have expected.
43. Altho the Jews had not applied to your Hon. for liberty to export Corall, when the 53rd Par. of your Letter was wrote, the quantity they got leave to send afterwards has so glutted the Market that they will never see prime Cots. and Charges; fifty Chests are this year imported at Pontichery & larger quantities than ever come tumbling in upon us from Persia & Surat; as for what remains unanswered under this head we must beg your Patience till our next for the Reasons contained in our 85th parag:

Then lastly Touching your Instructions in Indus.

44. We will be very careful in our next contract to keep to the orders we have received by this years Shipping, but as we made our Agreement soon after the Howlands dispatch for twelve hundred Bales according to the last years List [much the greatest part of which are now in our Downs and the rest all in hand]; we shall be obliged to send home of those Sorts which you now forbid, and so it will happen in the Fort St. David Goods, for we shall have near a Thousand Bales of their Contract made in September last year, which should be been in proportion to last years List; but we acquainted your Hon. by the Dartmouth with the Liberty they had taken to exceed it in fine goods and we hope you have been pleased to peruse the letters that passed upon that Occasion, because we therein gave the same Reasons for not consenting to exceed the fine Goods, as your Hon. now do for not sending any more of their Battelares, not but that at the same time, we tho' Your Orders & Ours sufficient to have excited their Obedience without further Explanation.

45. We had so good a motion of what your Hon press'd us to send your Letter to the Board, tho' since find it was not so; this we thought a noble provision for the month of Octob' & had we been supply'd with news from the Bay, two ships would infallibly have left this Place fully laden in that month, this fort St. David has grievously disappointed us.

46. Your Ship Marlborough returning from Fort St. David after the Howlands dispatch'd brought us two hundred Eighty-four Bales, which we open'd & viewed according to your Directions & if what they sent home by this Howlands coming out no better, we are sorry to say you will have greater cause to complain than ever; all the Longcloth and Sallampores in Generall were so ill wash'd and cur'd, that we have been forc'd to put you to the charge of new washing about five hundred. Pieces Which has been a great hindrance to our Business; and it was as much as we cou'd do to care it tolerably well at last, without boiling the Cloth to pieces, the brown being fix'd among the white in streaks like a Clay.

47. This was not all, for upon opening the Cloth we found many pieces that had large Rents darn'd up, several others with holes as big as ones hand, and some of these in the outside & second folds, which we cannot attribute to anything, but inexcusable negligence in all the persons concerns'd which are, the-
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We were not wanting immediately to represent such gross mismanagement, in its true Colours, and several Letters passed between us as your Hon. may please to observe in our book of Letters sent N°. 27, 29, 34, 35, 41, 45, 48, & 53, and in the other of Letters receiv'd N°. 47, 62, 63, 65, 69, 73, & 89. The Contents of which are too tedious to be inserted here, and therefore we beg they may have a particular Examination, this Business having laid a foundation for a great deal of unnecessary Trouble, that is not yet at an End; we might have expected that the gentlemen concerned would have acknowledged their Errors and promised better performance for the future, instead of which you will find them instisting & justifying themselves against all Sense and Reason in very unbecoming Language, and sometimes contradicting in one Letter, what they wrote but the very Letter before.

First they lay the fault entirely upon their Merchants, and say, they ought to forfeit all the bad cloth and bring in as much more good, or be hang'd; in another Letter they excuse the Merchants, by affirming that the cloth was damag'd by being crowded into the washers hands during the violent Rains, and add that if we shou'd be too severe upon the Merchants they will be ruin'd & consequently not able to carry on your Affairs, we hope in a Little time to unravel this mystery of their so sudden Change in Opinion, and as for the assertion, that the Damage happen'd by lying in the washers hands during the Rains, it cannot hold, because all the Cloth they had in their hands during the rains, which happen'd in Octo. and Novem. went home upon the Howland, what came up there was wash'd in January & February, two of the fairest months in 17th Year, and ye. Hon. will find in their Letter of the 10th of April they are forced to confess that they discovered by a Sudden Suprise five hundred pieces then in their washers hands of the same turn cloth full of holes and this discovery was made in the fairest Season of the Year.

Upon the whole, we have been so trifled with in this Affair, that we found ourselves oblig'd intirely to lay aside the Opinions of your Fort St. David Councill and follow our own Judgments backed by the Experience of your Royal Stock Merchants here that have serv'd you in a better manner so many years, we agree that this Damage has happen'd chiefly by the hurry & carelessness of the washers, and the negligence or knavery of those employed to look after them, for the rest of the Cloth being sound, the holes must have been beat in it by wrong management, in which we are further convin'd because when we open it, great quantities of sand were found in the folds pressed into the very threads by the Scroves, wch. could not have been had the washers done their Duty.

Notwithstanding what we have said of the washers the Merchants are no way to be excused, because they cou'd not be ignorant of what happen'd, it ought to have informed the Deputy Gov. wherefore we have oblig'd them to take back the Damag'd Cloth, and give us good in the room of it, the quantity is about three thousand pieces, and as for the washers they are a wretch's poor tribe of People that only subsist from hand to mouth uncapable of making any Reparation.

We have been the longer upon this Subject, to justifie ourselves for the time that has been unnecessarily throw'n away upon this unhappy dispute that might as well have been ended as first, if your Servants at Fort St. David, had dealt ingenuously with us, but you will perceiv the Dates of their Letters, how
long ours upon this Subject have lain unanswered & how unsatisfactorily they were answer'd as last by which means no progress is yet made in the new Investment, nor could y'. old one be wound up, till this Article of the Damage was adjusted.

53. Some groundless complaints will appear in the Fort St. David Letters that we have not sufficiently supplied them with mony to make their Merchants easy; we had indeed a pretty hard task to carry on both our Investments, before the Streatham arrived, however our Acco. of Cash, will show what large Sums, we remitted them till this discovery of the Damage was made & some afterwards, but we could by no means think it advisable to pay the Balance of their Acco. till we had adjusted y'. Damage: as it happens that we must fill up the Beng. Ships this year instead of loading any from hence, there is yet time enough for some thing considerable to be done at Fort St. David, but we have it at present under consideration, whether we had not better let that Contract drop, than burthen you w't. sixteen hundred sixty five pieces of Betteelaes not fit for your Market.

54. Upon the Representation made by your Chief & Council of Vizagapatam mentioned in your 49th para: we do now yearly send them mony in Feb'y or March (which is the soonest the Season will permit) to begin their Investment; we shall always be forward in our Investment here, if we have mony left of the Year before, which is not likely to be our case unless you will permit us to have always a dead Stock of one hundred thousand Pagodas: And this year they wrote us under y'. 13th April, that they had contracted for Longcloth & Sailampores to y'. Amount of thirty-two thousand Pagodas, twenty thousand at Jagerum and the rest at Vizagapatam one half to be delivered by September the other by Christmas & the mony went down in good time to forward y', Business.

55. If the Sortiments by the Bouverie & Halifax were tolerably good, we flatter ourselves that what we sent you last year & what we shall now send, will upon an impartial examination be found much better & intitle us to the continuance of your favour.

56. By the Acco. of the Fort St. David Goods mentioned in your 66th Parag': it's very likely they must have come up hither in the same condition, w't. what. we have before mention'd, Mr. Martin then Warehousekept, ought to be able to give your Hon'. the best Acco'. of that matter, but as he is gone home we hope he will give you satisfactory Reasons, why the goods were not better cur'd here, and how the ortignal Betteelaes were damag'd: 'Tis our duty to prevent the Like hereafter & we beg you to believe it shall be done effectually.

57. With Submission the Betteelaes which Capt. Harst carried home were not Orinigalla but Madrapucks, which have a quite different thread from the Orinigalla and cost Eighty six Pagodas $ Corge, we sent your Hon'. some of the same last year that were cheaper bought for a trystall, but had we ventured upon a quantity without and Orders and they had not haps'd to turn to Acco'. we should have been justly to blame: this is no new manufacture, many Bales have gone home at times in private Trade, & as we wrote your Hon'. by the Howland, when we have your Orders, we can procure ten Bales in a year, the Betteelaes of three cordia wide mentioned in your 66th paragraph are likewise Madrapucks & of the Dutch Sortiment made for the use of Palnms: now we know your minds we can as easily procure them as They, and shall not fail to send some for a trystall this Season, if well performed they will cost from a hundred to a hundred six $ Pag'. $ Corge, which if your buyers are not mistaken must render a very profitable Account, mony must be given out many months beforehand to provide the Goods, and makes it very hazardous, and some will be disappointed, by the Goods coming in too late for our Shipping.
In answer to your 70. Parag: we have not been wanting to lay before the Gentlemen at Fort St. David the badness of their Sortments as our letters will fully make appear and particularly under date of the 20th March your Hon's may please to take notice, how much we said to them concerning their Original Besteellas, w. have cost you for several years considerably dearer than those of this place, tho' far inferior in Goodness, they are of a Woolley spinney thread & not worthy the name of an Oringall, we are sorry to say, that what we have so often wrote them upon this subject has had little or no effect, you will find by their answers what sort of a Spirit is at the head of your affairs at that place and what submissive Gentlemen those are under him, [to] sign implicitly to whatever he indites, we have now sent a speedy amendment, we shall think ourselves obliged to use stronger measures to make them sensible we are in earnest.

90. We dare venture to say (tho' we did not see the Avarilla's Cargo) that you will find the assurances in the Fort St. David Letter by that Ship, to be still grounded as the rest of their Assertions, and particularly that wonderfull case in their letter by the Howland, where they have the confidence to assure your Hon's, that tho' their Cloth is not so well washed, which is a fault their water won't suffer them to remedy, yet it is both fine and course when brown as good as any sent you from Fort St. George: we do assure your Hon's, not seen of one piece that went from hence these two years, and we have seen the same that went by the Avarilla & by the Howland, of which you have our Opinion, and will find it rather worse than we have described it, but the most unaccountable Article of all is laying the fault upon their water, which is allowed by every body that know it to be far exceeding ours; and we have found upon opening their goods here, their answers cannot come as near to the just proportion of every Specie, & you must be convinced that our reprimands, have been just, and if we don't find a speedy amendment, we shall think ourselves obliged to use stronger measures to make them sensible we are in earnest.

60. In answer to your 71. Parag: concerning Contracts the Complaints of our Merchants that ours are indulg'd in fine goods are set aside by, their answers as seen in the Fort St. David Letter by the Howland, where they have the confidence to assure your Hon's, that we don't find the fault upon their water, which is allowd by every body that know it to be as fast as others & we are glad to see the Avarilla's Cargo that went from hence these two years, and we have seen the same that went by the Avarilla & by the Howland, of which you have our Opinion, and will find it rather worse than we have described it, but the most unaccountable Article of all is laying the fault upon their water, which is allowed by every body that know it to be far exceeding ours; and we have found upon opening their goods here, to the just proportion of every Specie, & you must be convinced that our reprimands, have been just, and if we don't find a speedy amendment, we shall think ourselves obliged to use stronger measures to make them sensible we are in earnest.

61. Your 72. Parag has in great measure been answer'd by our former Letters, & especially in that by the Howland under the head of Acoo* your joint Stock Merchants Acoo* is constantly adjusted every month by the Warehousekeeper as
to Goods received & delivered, & by the Accountant and Warehousekeeper upon the ballancing our general Books, a particular Acco' Current Book is kept by the Accountant for the Merchants, which is likewise Ballanced at the same time with your Books, and their hands set to the Ballance, which is a method they are extremely well satisfied with, and if duly kept up no such Trouble as we have mett with can happen hereafter, it cannot be denied but that good management, would either have saved your Hon'' the Article of Interest you mention, or have reimbursed you from those that unlawfully detain your money in their hands; we are in great Expectation of your Orders by the next Shipping, whether or no you will have interest charged upon the large balance of the Warehouse recovered since your Frs'' arrival.

62. Your 74th Parag'' relating to your Warehousekeeping and their Complises is fully answer'd in our former Let'' whereby it will appear your Hon'' have not been misinform'd as to the trust repos'd in Cuniprius, we can only assure You that precise is entirely abolished, and shall never be reviv'd in our time.

63. We shall not have occasion to make any new Contract till Octo'' and then our utmost Endeavours shall be exerted to procure as good terms as possible; Cotton is very dear as your Hon'' may be inform'd by such as come from hence and the French have already contracted for an hundred and forty thousand pagodas at Penzichey, besides M' De'Livier is daily expected with another Ship & as large a Stock for a further investment, we are very sure they will be disappointed in their quantity of goods that cannot be ready in time for the Ships to save their passage home; however they have given a price far exceeding ours, and we must be very vigilant to prevent our Cloth being diverted into that Channel.

64. We have often complained to the Bay of the ill packing Stuff they send us, as well as of other Stores, which has been resented as we acted by a Spirit of Contention, when we are only studying to discharge our Duty in Obedience to your Orders; when your Hon'' are better serv'd from thence directly, we may expect to be better supply'd here.

65. Three Pagodas seems to be a very great price for a piece of Sallampore, considering the Sortiments Your Hon'' always deal in, but we can make them to really double that price, and it is very common at Muthol[p.], and Madispensam to give twelve and fourteen Pagodas a Corge, a piece for long cloth, however we are of Opinion that no Cloth is better for painting than fine Sallampores, for the Reasons your Hon'' are better serv'd from thence directly, we may expect to be better supply'd here.

66. Your Orders in the 83rd parag'' are communicat[ed] to those that sort your Goods and will be complied with.

67. Visagapatam being a place of very little trade, [there] are no Merchants under your Protection qualified to carry on an Investment, without mony being advanced for which Reason we are for'd to acquiesce having done all in our power, to put matters upon [the] same foot as recommended in your 86th Paragraph[.]

68. Your Orders in the 88th Parag: touching damag[d] goods in the Warehouse, and the settling of Remain[der] on the decease of any Warehousekeeper or the deliver[y of] the Warehouse to another person, we had before propos'd for, and during our time they shall be religiously observ'd, Mr. Martin being gone home to plead his cause before your Hon'' we shall oblige him for the damage [the] Longcloth and the Sallampores, for the Reasons you are pleased to give, and we are persuas'd that if the [ . . . ] we are now in with the Warehouse be strictly observ'd, your Hon'' need not be for any Appreciation of the West Coast Management being introduc'd here, tho' [it] must be constrain'd things were tending that way in [the] Warehouse when your President arrived.
69. Your Orders relating to Salt petre & Redwood in [the] 89th 90th & 91st paragraph shall be carefully observed, and [we] will give orders to Capt Phrep now bound to the West Coast, to take in the Salt petre if there be any left [which] will be a forfarrance of his dispatch when he returns[;] likewise your Consul is made acquainted with your Petitions concerning Donnage that they may provide accordingly.

70. As to what your Honours are pleased to write concerning Ruposes, we now govern ourselves by what they write from the Bay, and they send them Kentilag'd roade will be a time the Dispatch of the Letters is close[d] therefore our Letter made no mention of that Affair.

71. We have signified to the Bay that we are ready to fill up Ships as fast as they send them Kentilag'd & half Loaden with Bales, recommending at the same time the Dispatch of the Maribor, Streatham and Recovery as Ships that lye at the greatest Charge, and this method will likewise answer your Expectation as to the repartition of your Cargoes.

72. Thus having answer'd such Articles under this head, as required it, we shall have the less to trouble you with by our own Shipping.

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

73. It is not only our misfortune at present, but all ports and places in India Complain of a General decay of trade, the troubles of Spahams still continue notwithstanding yo['] new Agent's Arrival, and no prospect of their being ended at last without great Damage to your Estate, and some of our ancient Privileges must be lost in the Squabble, which has given the Persians too great an insight into the management of our Affairs, the Dutch are much in the same circumstances with us or worse thro' the ill Conduct of those persons that are at the head of their Affairs, that have fallen out among themselves, and made the Persians Umpires of their quarrell, by which means their books are fallen into their hands, and all the mysteries of their Trade disclosed one ill consequence of these fatal differences, we have already felt by the visiting and sealing up all Goods that come down from Ispahan, so that no Silver can pass concealed as usual; this puts a General dam[p] on the trade at Gombrero goods bearing no price & Sil'ver not being to be had, they impose Gold in payment at [any] price they please, and the Ships are kept so late as [to] run the hazard of loosing their passage.

74. We have ventured a Ship to Musco again this year that is not yet returned, tho['] we may hope to acquaint[;] with her good or bad Success before this Letter is close[d]; we have likewise attempted to renew the Trade with Muscat where our Ships have met w't. very good Treatment [and] returned with considerable advantage.

75. The Trade of Surat is reducd to worse Circumstances than ever by the Raspacousness of the Government [there] the ill practices of the Custom house, we sent but [one] Ship from this place and the Bay last year, and [she has] not yet returned being oblig'd to winter in Bombay, [The] Success your General met with at the Barr of that [place] must undoubtedly have reach'd your Honours, but the Healthcote and Montagne, there have been two or three new [changes] since the Treaty was made, and we fear they will [have to] stand to what was agreed by their Predecessors.

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We return your Hon'ble's most hum'ble thanks in [the] name of all your Servants and Inhabitants of this place for the consideration you have been pleased to have [of] them in forbearing to send a Ship round by way of [China] the extravagant price of Gold, Copper and Tutenago[ns] by your Ship Sirelham, th' th there was no complaint from this place for want of silver, small [sums] not having silver enough in time to send your Gold so [well] so that we have reason to hope this year's breaking will give a new life to the Trade, unless the French should [go] round from Peru to Canton and this Coast, which Project they have been forming for some time.

We make it our Endeavours to Employ as many Ships as the Trade will bear and no more, and had the same [means] been practis'd for some years past there woud not have [been] such loud complaints of unprofitable Voyages, we have now God be praised a fair prospect of better times, and tho we cannot boast of any great Advantage made this last seasons, 'tis with a great deal of pleasure we can assure your Hon'ble that your Article of Sea Customs will be very considerable, the month of May having bro't. you in upwards of Eight Thousand [Pounds].

78. In answer to your 97th, 98th and 99th Paragraph we have laid severe injunctions on all your Servants not to have any Dealings with those of the Moors Government in many matters and if ever we have the least information of any such thing in Agitation we shall put your Orders in Execution. We likewise forbidd all your Inhabitants under our Presidency to rent under the Government, assuring them that they shall not be protected in case of any disputes; one Telings Ing of the Fort has been discovered to rent a Village unknown to the former Government, for which he has been imprison'd and sent to Pagem, which will terrify others from doing the like hereafter.

We shall be sure to check the first Appearances of extravagant Pomp and Sufficient [Amounts]; that Trade has been over drove, aud that we cannot boast of any great Advantage made this last seasons, 'tis with a great deal of pleasure we can assure your Hon'ble that your Article of Sea Customs will be very considerable, the month of May having bro't. you in upwards of Eight Thousand [Pounds].

80. We have wrote Mr. Hastings for a full narrative of the Debts due to Mr. Holcombe which shall be sent ye. Hon'ble by the next Ship, and if any of them are recoverable, no Endeavours of Ours shall be wanting.

81. The Peace and quietness we have enjoyed at this place since your President's arrival, and the considerable Expenditure we have been at for Presents to the men in power we hope will convince your Hon'ble, that we have your Interest at heart and that we have governed ourselves by your former instructions; what you have now been pleased to add in your 101st Parag' on this subject shall likewise be duly regarded.

82. We wrote your Hon'ble by the last years Shipping the great Revolution which happened in this Empire upon the Death of Shah Aalem, and particularly by the Howland, we added that Prince Furruckseer Son to Amadoddowla that governed Bengall had passed Agra and had the King his Uncle, Jahangir Deh Shah, which has been since confirmed as follows.

This young Prince hearing the sad Fate of his father by advice of an old Sied called Abdalla Cawn, whom [Anang]jeb had given him for a Tutor, immediately caused [him]self to proclaim King, and with his Fathers Treasures what he reaisd in Fataja among the Merchants of [all other] Nationa
he got a pretty good Army together, and hearing his uncle had disoblig'd most of the great Omars, with barbarous cruelty, and vicious course of life, he made directly for Agra, near which city the King's Army gave him battle and was entirely defeated, many great [men] going over to the King with his victor[y] and Army followed them close at the heels, surrounded [the] City, that immediately surrendered, and took them prisoners; few days after they were both murdered and [Furrockseer] remains, a most odious possessor of the Empire, and has made the said Abdulla Cawn his prime Vizier [and] Gousdeen Cawn, who came over to him in the battle [as] Nebob of all the Dacan Country, which includes [that] Cornosta, Vissapoor & Golconda, he has the Character of a brave generous man and a friend to the Europeans;[j] we have news of his Arrival at Oringabad, and expect him to take his Residence near Vissapoor at a place called Barhampoor, where when arrived it will be absolutely necessary for us to address to him, because he has a very great Interest with the present King, and influence throughout the Empire, whatever we are oblig'd to do, if possible, with the greatest frugality.

84. Your Hon's will have heard from Bengal that [our] old friend Zoodoon Cawn came early into this new King's Interest, and made a very brave defence in Hugli (against) a much superior force on the side of the former [King]. He is now rewarded by being made Duan of all [the] Dacan Country under Gousdeen Cawn, which is a [very] great Employment, the Gentlemen in Bengal, who were very assisting to him underhand at Hugli seem to have their Chief dependance upon him, for introducing our Present to the New King.

85. Zulphakur Cawn being cut off, there came immediate Orders from court to reassume all the Lands and Villages that were granted to him in these parts by Aurungzeb in consideration of his good Services in the Conquest of the Chittagong Country. Accordingly our Saba sent us a Summons to deliver up Egmore [and] Village of Cawn to our friend, Cawn, who came over to him in the battle [as] Nebob of all the Dacan Country, which includes that Cornosta, Vissapoor & Golconda, he has the Character of a brave generous man and a friend to the Europeans;[j] we have news of his Arrival at Oringabad, and expect him to take his Residence near Vissapoor at a place called Barhampoor, where when arrived it will be absolutely necessary for us to address to him, because he has a very great Interest with the present King, and influence throughout the Empire, whatever we are oblig'd to do, if possible, with the greatest frugality.

86. In our 87th Pamphlet by the Dartmouth, we advised that upon the News of Shah Azim's Death, the Collector Gen'l of Zulphakur Cawn's Rents in this Country, being apprehensive of great Troubles took Sanctuary here with his Masters Treasure; we treated him with great civility and when the news came that Jahawn Deh Shah had obtained the Throne, he return'd to Arocot very well contented; upon the late Revolution, when he heard that Furrockseer was upon his March to Delhi after the Battle, he return'd to us again with a greater treasure than before; soon after his Arrival the news came that the King and Zulphakur Cawn were cut off, and at the same time we rec'd a peramiss from the Dow, demanding the aforesaid Person, all his Treasure to be immediately sent to Arocot for what passed in this affair we beg leave to refer to our Consultation of 26th March, and our Letter to the Dow which you will find in the Country Letter book No. 84, the Dow remained well satisfied with our Conduct in this Affair, & we have heard nothing further of the box.

87. The New King is a young Man of About twenty six years of age, he has the Character of being brave, prudent & generous and is the last of the race of Aurungzeb except some young Children, imprisoned in the Fortress of Goulpor, where when once they have eaten they never come out, & have poison given...
them to destroy their Sense, this seems to be the King for whom, Providence has designed your Present, which leads us to touch upon that Affair.

88. Mr. Fowkes that was intended to accompany your present to Court is dead and by our last letters from Beng, dated the 26th June, your President & Council write as that they intend to send it forward to Patna under the Conduct of Cohan Serbad, an Armenian, with whose Charactier your Hon. cannot be unacquainted; he is a doubt a Capable person to negotiate at the Mogulls Courts, but deeply indebted both to your Hon. and other People, they do not write us what Europeans they intend to send along with him, nor can we think of any Persons in your Service fit for such an undertaking, except Mr. Hedges that does not seem to have any inclination therein, nor do we believe the rest would ever consent to send him; we have not been wanting in our advice to them upon this occasion, and now we write them our Sentiments very fully by the Hannover, as your Hon. may please to observe in our Book of Letters sent N°. 66, to which we beg leave to refer you for several particulars of moment, that must otherwise have been incerted here, however we cannot forbear expressing our fears that you will be put to a much greater Expense than ever you thought of or intended, we cannot repay any Benefit that will be worth one quarter part of the money.

89. This Present was very prudently intented by Mr. Pitt to have mett the King when he came down to the Destruction of his Brother Owne Books at Golconda; the Expense won't then have been trilling to what it is like to be now, and the King was so apprehensive of his Bro's getting down to the Sea Ports, that he would readily have granted us very valuable Priviledges, but his sudden departure from hence by haste Marches renderd that Project Ineffectual, as Mr. Pitt will inform You; and now all our hopes is, that the present King will have some Consideration for us, on Account of the sum of Money so readily supplied him with upon his March from Patna to Agra, which he then said (or at least we are told so) he would never forget.

90. Our last letters acquainted your Honours with the happy End we had put to the Ware of Port St. David, in w't. Govt. Herbert was very assisting; the Country has been as quiet and Peaceable ever since as if no such thing had happened, and there is no doubt but under good Management, it will so continue; we wish we could acquaint You that the promises made by your Dep't. Govt. & Council to recover a large Sum dan from Several persons to the Renters was complied with, our Letters will shew we have not been wanting to refresh their memories in this affair as well as for the retrenching their Expenses, improving their Revenues and encouraging their Inhabitants, the Arguments and Evasions in their Answers are no way satisfactory to us, nor can we think they will meet w't. your Approbation, and unless we can have our Orders better complied with, we shall hardly be able to bear such till the arrival of your next Shipping, we have had a great regard to your Dep't. Govt. in Consideration of his Activity in the war, and that he is appointed by your Hon. Successor to this place; but if he continues in the same temper and gives us so much disturbance in your Affairs as he has done of late, we cannot think you will blame us if we should call him from hence; three thousand P'gt. 39 month which is the least that place stands you in, and no Revenues worthy Notice to Support the Expense, is more than your yearly investments will bear.

91. Upon perusing the Copy of the Fort St. David General Letter wrote from Hon' by Ship Howeill, after her departure, we were extremely surprised at the great Character and unlimited Commendations bestowed upon yo'. military Servants of that place in General for their behaviour during the war without any Exception, because we could not so soon forget the barbarous Murthers, and Desentions, of which their General Letters as well as private ones from the Dep't. Govt. to our Govern' here had so frequently complain'd, and
92. In Answer to your 105th Parag. we have been often promised from Fort St. David, that we should have sufficient Evidence to prove their Charge against Mr. Roberts, at other times we have been told it would be impossible to prove any Sum taken by him to let the Renters go, since the Arrival of your Shippings we have transmitted them this Parag. and pressed them to get something done officially as your Hon. may please to read in the 94th Parag. of our Letter dated the 8th July in our Book of Letters sent N^ 41, to which they answer that they will use all their Endeavours to procure Affidavits, and have not ceased to do so, since they protested against him.

93. In the 65th Parag. of our Letter by the Mary, we acquainted your Hon. that we had made a happy beginning by buying part of the new Comp'. debt to the Matchlepatam Merch. and that we expected we should be able in a little time to make a further Progress, we have from that time been in Expectation that the principal Creditors residing at Matchlepatam would come up either having had frequent Advices of their being ready to set out, but we find by what has lately happen'd, they never intended it, till after the Arrival of this Year's Shipping having unknown to us employed the Armenians to sollicite your Hon.'s in England, and we were greatly surpriz'd upon the Arrival of the first Separate Book Ship Windor; to find a confident report spread about the Town as once that the Armenians had received advices, of your Hon. having ordered this debt to be fully discharged; which we took no Notice of, till after the Arrival of the King William, when Aga Peri Calendar Inhabitant of this place, came to your Gov. & produced an Original Letter to Czaj Babba de Sultamun dated y'. 30th Jan. 1712, by order of the Court, to acquaint him, that we had received Instructions to satisfy the Merchants Demands on the New Comp.' as far as the same are just, and that therefore they must apply themselves to us: with Submission this quite overstea the project we had in hand, of pretending to the Expecation stand on our own Acco', besides that it gives them a mean opinion of our Integrity, having all along pretended that we had no such Orders, we must now proceed in another method, and treat without their above board, which shall be an inconvenience, Speed, and manage with as much discretion as we are masters of, thò we cannot hope to come off so cheap as we should have done, coud the former method we were in have been pur sued.

94. We have all due reguard to yr. Hon. 77 Parag. by the Heathcoat, as well as what wrote upon this subject but we have formerly wrote Yen that nobody here knows anything of the ill practises in Japah Chitty's Acco'. nor can we find any Papers to explain them, we apply'd to M'. Raworth by word of Mouth when he was here, but he could give us no light into the Affair, at least he told us so, nor cou'd he produce any Copy of what wrote the New Comp. on this Occasion, all we have to guide ourselves by is an Acco'. Copy of Mr. Chitty's Acco'. Book of M's. Tindall's whereas the Merch'. Acco'. are settled, balance'd and signed by him without any Exception; upon the whole whatever we transact shall be done with the greatest Integrity and reguard to your Interest, and we hope by the next Ship to acquaint yet that the Business is done.

55. We gave your Hon. a full Acco'. by the last Ship', of our proceedings in that chargeable Article of Building, and do now assure you that we have acted with all possible frugality; the Hospital and guard houses are finished to a Trifle, and the People removed them, we were not able to undertake the work in the same time, and having made you a proposall in our Letter by the Mary, for building an inner Fort that will accommodate all your Servants much better than
can be done by rebuilding the Colledge, that stands upon no more than sixty foot square of ground, we determine to expect your further orders and in the mean time make the best shift we can for accommodations.

66. We observe what your Honr. write concerning varnishing with Red Earth and Oil, and do use the very best methods known in these parts for the preservation of our Timber work but the greatest damage done by the white Ants in the Ends of the Timbers that lodge in y. Walls, and there it is not any varnish that will secure them.

97. In Answer to your 112th. parag: the ground on wth. y. old mint stood, is now part of the fire guard house, and the bricks were laid in the foundation of it, as for other materials they were rotten and useless; the deadness of Trade and Coinage for these three or four years past, has withheld us from assessing the mint Bradways as we promised towards the new mint, but it shall be done before this Season is spent, and we do assure you the good Effects of removing the mint are very apparent, your Garrison having been much more healthy ever since it was done and we have double the convenience we had before, besides a great deal of annual Charge sav'd in rep', and building sheds into the Street.

98. Your President has been at the Mount to view the foundation of the intended house, that was laid in Mr. Fraser's time, projected by Mr. Roberts upon a vain presumption that the whole building would not stand you in more than Three thousand Pag.', this foundation is what your Honr. mention to have stood you in six hundred pag', in your 113th. parag: By the best computation we are able to make, the whole work can never be completed for a less sum than. Right to Twenty thousand pag', which we think so extravagant a Sum that we have no heart to set about it, especially at this time of Day when your trade labours under so many Difficulties, and we are obliged against our will to work[k] upon, other more necessary and profitable Buildings; in the mean time we are repairing your Garde house, the Beams of which were fallen in, as you may please to observe in our Consultation of the 20th. March, which wth. the addition of one upper room will pretty well answer the End intended by building at the Mount.

99. The subscription to the new Hospitall shall come by this years Shipping, when we hope it will be considerably Augmented, and we shall keep it in hope after the Building is paid for to have a sufficient Stock, for the relief of such poor People as are taken in to be cur'd and have nothing to help themselves.

100. 'Joursey house that was purchased in Gov'. Higgins's time is so much out of Repair that no body can dye it in, we have thoroughly survey'd it, as your Honr. may please to observe in our Consultation of the 6th. & 20th. July and finding it will cost a great sum of money to Repair, the entire roof being decayd and ready to fall in, and the floor of the 2d. story as bad, we have laid aside all thoughts of repairing and fear we shall be forc'd to pull it down.

101. We have permitted them to begin upon new Godowns at Fort St. David, for fear your Sales should be damag'd they have not hands even for that work.
so that we have been forc'd to Supply them from hence, tho' a great hindrance to our own Building; We first proposed to them to seek for Assistance among their Neighbours and particularly at Poona ; where they had few years ago five to six hundred people constantly at work on their new Fortifications; in their Letter to us dated the 26th. July No. 55, we desire You will please to observe what an impertinent answer they returned Us.

102. We wrote your Hon. in our 45th. Par. by the Mary that Mr. Raworth and unknown to us repaid the Garden house at Fort St. David and afterwards upon his writing that it cost no more than five hundred & fifty Pag.; We permitted him to be reimbursed because the Lodgings in the Fort were tumbling down, but since, upon inspecting their Paymasters Accos, we find more than three times that Sum laid out, and have ordered in ours of the 14th August No. 55, that all it amounts to more than the 550 Pag. be repaid into your Cash.

103. We neglect no Opportunity of cultivating your Revenues, and may say without vanity they were never so punctually collected as now, which will appear upon our Consultations and in your Account of Cash; we suffer no person to run in Arrears, only in the Article of Sea Customs we are oblig'd to allow Merchants a reasonable time till their goods are sold; but this is only to such as we call sure men; we had it in our thoughts to lay a small duty upon Toddy, Tamarind and Salis, but upon enquiry among the principal inhabitants, we found it would fall very heavy upon the poor labouring People, and among the rest Your Washers, Hunters, Cooleys and all sorts of workmen that subsist but very indifferently here: this place was in a manner wholly supply'd by the Country renters that expected to have made their own terms.

104. We bought up as much grain this year in the cheapest time as we durst venture to do for fear of raising the price, and shall be careful to sell off what we do not want for the use of the Garrison before the new Crop comes in; we have no Godowns fit to lodge any quantity of Rice or Paddy in, which is a very great inconvenience; this place was in a manner wholly supply'd the last Monsoon by Sea, which is a glorious Article in your Revenues and has greatly disappointed the Country renters that expected to have made their own terms.

105. We sell up no provisions here at present, finding it an unnecessary Expense, but if the Troubles of the Country come near us we will go to work to supply what little they sent us from Bengal prove'd very good.

106. In answer to your 118th. par. it was upon information given your President by a very understanding Person in the Service of the Duan, that he sent to Bunce redd{ed} to take out of the Kings Register'books at Arcoti the Annual income of the five Villages formerly given us by Doud Cawn, which he did, and made it appear to be the sum we wrote You; The same was confirmed by Zulphakur Cawn Collector, when he resided here, as also that Doud Cawn made the Rent for the time the Villages were in our possession, and why they did not let for more when we had them might be occasion'd by the great distance some of them lay from us, and the hazards they were expose'd to.

107. The Two hundred Eighty six pagodas due for Custom on the Elephants past by Mr. Fraser, will be made good by his Order.
108. We shall be careful to give sufficient warning before any cutie for Farning your Revenues is expired that a new one may commence without Loss of time or mony, the Three months your Hon. mention to have been lost shall be enquired after in time for our next Letter.

109. In our 113th. Paragr. by the Dartmouth, we gave a full[?] Acco[ ] of the old Tobacco Farmers Debt and their present Circumstances, another of them is since dead in prison, so that there is one only survivor that is not worth a Pagoda in the world, and therefore we think to give him his liberty under some restrictions; the Paper N°. 91, in the Journals by the Bouvier and Frederick, was a list of Debts which these people pretended were due to them, and and Miss M. Fraser with it; but upon enquiry every person therein mentiond was found either to be dead or in as bad circumstances as themselves.

110. The Business of your Quit Rents is as present under so good a Regulation that the mony is always collected in due time, and with as much equality as Possible.

111. Upon Mr. Martin’s going for England we appointed Mr. Bernard Benyon Provisionall Sea Customer, to act in that station till the close of the Books in April, during which time he proposed several very necessary regulations as your Hon. may please to observe in our Consultation the 30th. March, for collecting that Revenue With greater Certainty and dispatch, and for preventing frauds in the Comptolys: which were unanimously agreed to, and are now put in practice.

112. The good Effects of our Regulations in the Land Customs are apparent by the increase of that Revenue, and if some unexpected dam does not fall upon our Trade, we may hope still to enlarge it.

113. Upon looking back we find that it has not been the Custom when people read their Accts. in Consultations to enter the Balances: that Omission is now remedied, and the mony cannot allways be paid in when the Acco[ ] is read, for th[ ] the Person debts himself, he does not receive it till some time after good care and vigilance at the Board, will prevent any inconveniences by often calling for the Mony, what your Hon. complain of in the Pyemasters Accts. has not happen’d since your President’s arrival, unless when mony has been advanced to buy materials for building, and that is now done by the Storekeeper who issues them to the Paymaster as their is occasion, and we never advance the Paymaster any mony, till the very time he is obligd to pay it away; we have formerly given our reasons why the Sea Customer must allways be in Arrears.

114. We shall suffer none of our Inhabitants of what Nation soever to apply for Justice to the Country Government, some Essays of that kind have been made, but they were nip’d in the Bud, and if we find any Moors, Persians or Patans amongst as that are traitors to your Interest we shall not scruple to turn them out of the Place.

115. We beg pardon for the mistake in the Copy of the Charter, and now send what your Hon. wrote for by the Dartmouth.

Sixth Touching Factors & Wharris, Officers & Soldiers, 
& their Account.
in their Standing, return their most humble thanks and promise their utmost
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this Season by the next Couveyance, the separate Stock Ships bringing a quantity
of Madera Wine it was sold at half the usual price, which encourag'd us to lay
in a Store to supply the subordinate Factories and the West Coast.

120. We waited with patience till 30th March last in hopes Mr. Alexander
Bennett your Steward wou'd lessen the Expenoe by his thrifty management in
that Employ but on the contrary having occasion to find fault with several
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that Business thought it a hardship put upon them, but we can never think
ourselves wrong in saving you two thousand Pag.' a year by paying five Pagodas
a month, and when there is any among your servants as well qualified to do the
same, he shall be sure to be employed; we are of Opinion that Mr. Bennett is
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122. Your Orders in the 140th paragraph that none shall have credit in the Warehouse but by order of Connell shall be duly observed as also what follows in the next paragraph relating to My Lord Chief Baron’s Son, who promises very well, but is so frequently visited with terrible fits of the Stone, that it is impossible he can seth long to Business, thò he is very willing and obligè.

123. Your minister Mr. Lewis is determin’d home by the next Ship, and we return your Hon’s. thanks for the two Gentlemens now sent us, by the little experience we have had, they answer the good character you have so pleas’d to bestow on them, and they shall want no encouragement that is in our power to give whilst they continue to behave themselves as becomes their Sacred function, the Service of this place is too hard for one Minister, however Mr. Long shall visit Fort St. David at least once or twice a year; your Orders relative to Mr. Lewis his passage home shall be observed, and we will have due regard to your 144th Parag’ extracted out of the new Company’s Charter relating to Ministers and Schoolmaster.

124. The design of erecting a Charity School or Schools at this place, is a very noble one and worthy that Hon’l Society for promoting Christian knowledge, we will not only be ready to assist them with the power you have given us, but also with our purses, and do not doubt but many of your Inhabitants will do the same, if the persons they send out are of tempers and qualifications fit for the undertaking, but we hope they will be English and not foreigners; the Danish missionaries have not wanted for our assistance on all Occasions, thò we must still continue of Opinion y’, they spend a great deal of the Society’s money to little or no purpose, and thò there may be some good men among them, there is one very turbulent Person, of whose principles you may please to judge, by his contriving the escape of Mr. Abendana’s Widow from her Creditors here to Trincomber, and marry’d, her thò a Jew to a Christian by the way.

125. When we wrote that we had taken Doct’. Supple of Doctor Chadlay’s place, we did not mean as chief Surgeon, not having known any such distinction here, their provinces are distinct, one has the Charge of the Hospital, and the other attends your covenanted Serv’ts. if they please, and assists in the Hospital if there is too much work for one; we gave Doctor Robinson the choice in regard of your Orders by the Dartmouth, and he declines it is not with his knowledge, if any Complaint has been made to your Hon’l of hardship done him.

126. The Soldiers you have been pleas’d to send us this year are the best recruits we ever receiv’d only one of them had the misfortune to loose both his Legs in the Downes. We have sent Lieut’. Johnson to Fort St. David, where there was a vacancy, and having three Lieuts’, here have divided our Garrison into three Companies, that they may be the better train’d and every officer have something to do, Ensign Pearson is too high flown to live upon your three pound a month, and having asked his discharges to return by this Ship, we very readily granted it, finding nothing in him extraordinary either of Soldier or any thing else; as for Van Itson, we can hear nothing of him, the Sergeants are good men and understand their Business.

127. Ensign Henry Kier dyed at Fort St. David the 19th of Jan’t. last, and Serg’ts Henry Coghren being recommended by the Capt. of this Ship as a person that behav’d himself well in the late war, we consented to the making him an Ensign.
128. When we had reduc'd the Commission Officers pay according to your Orders by the March, and came next to the Serjeants, we cou'd not find upon computation that they would be able to subsist and go decently clad for less than what they now receive, we have reduc'd the Number of them, and humbly beg in their favour that you will be pleased to continue them their Orders.

129. Serjeant Samuel Gardener being a very diligent officer that distinguisht himself in the Fort St. David, we have given him an Ensign Comission upon Ensign Hobbs his going to Fort St. David; we have pretty well cur'd the Jtch of Desertion by severe punishment upon the Offenders, and making them pay the Charges we are as at to recover them.

130. On the 17th. of June dy'd David Symmes, and on the 17th. August John Castor, both Ensigns of this Garrison; we shall take care to promote such as are most deserving to these Vacancies.

131. Mr. Philip Baker remains still under suspension, we have examined his Accounts, and cannot find, but that he discharg'd his Office very well, the undue stoppages of which he was accused, are not well made out, and we know by experience, once the SOLDIERS are ready enniff to deny what has been advanc'd them, as for over charging the men for cloths and Caps, which is another Article laid to his charge; it appears to us upon Examination, that he never did sell them any Caps, and charg'd no more for Caps than his Predecessors; upon the whole his Chief crime being disrespect to the Dep. Govt. upon his Offer of submission we wrote to Fort St. David, our thoughts of reinstating him, to which they returned their answer in the 10th. paragraph of their Letter dated 17th. August N°. 95, which we humbly refer to your persual for something very extraordinary, and indeed both that and paid into the Books was out of his senses.

132. Mr. Matthew Weld one of your Fort St. David Council stood D. upon the last Books as paymaster Twelve hundred forty Pagodas, twelve fanams and one Cash and as Storekeeper Seven hundred Pagodas sixteen fanams, 149; that he paid seven hun-
dred fifteen Pagodas of the Sum to Mr. Daworth above a year and half ago, and when your council at Fort St. David found we were in earnest, they sent us a receipt of paper of which we send you a true Copy in the Packett N°, 20, and write us in their Letter dated the 22d. July N°, 99; that he has paid so much mony to the Dep. Govt. and if we reinstat him he will find friends for the Remainder, but to this day they have not made appear, that the mony is paid into your Cash, and so he stands suspended till we are better satisfied.
134. Mr. Richard Farmer having the Balance of the Fort St. David Books in
hand, we ord'red him to remain there till they were compleated, and then he will
repair hither as you have been pleased to direct, he may be a usefull Servt. in
other branches of your Business; bid his conduct in the unhappy war at Fort St.
David is no way to be excus'd.

SEVERAL TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

135. We shall defer answering that part of your Hon'. Letter under this
head till we send our Generall Books, which are now balancing & will be ready
for the first Ship.

136. In the mean time we must acquaint your Hon', that in April last we
received a Letter from the President & Councill in Bengall inclousing a Bond of
Mr. Robert Raworth's to Mr. Josiah Chitty for thirteen thousand Eight hundred
four Pgs. nineteen fannies & forty cash, which was the balance of an Acct.
depending between the said Persons, settled and adjusted here, to both their
Satisfactions last year; this bond Mr. Chitty having made over to the President
and Councill in Bengall, to satisfy a debt due from him to a great Shroff at
Patna, they have recommended to us to procure payment, being apprehensive
that the said Shroff if not satisfied might bring some trouble upon your Affairs;
we sent the Bond to Mr. Raworth as soon as we received it, and he returned
answer it should be discharged as soon as possible, we have since received a
M'rs. Chitty, for we can have no dependance upon the Bond being paid.

137. On the 20th of April Mr. Raworths Attorneys paid in four thousand
Pag. more on Acc't. of his debts, of which we wrote you by the Dartmouth, and
in Consultation of the 15th August your Hon', will find they paid in the balance,
there remains now only the dispute between him and M'. William Martin upon
the Balance of their Joynt Warehouse, concerning which we wait your further
Orders, Mr. Raworth having made good his half, which is as much as we dare
venture to charge him.

138. Upon receipt of the invoice of the intended present to the Mogul,
which your Hon', were pleased to send us, we have been able to set that
matter to rights, as you may please to observe in a Report made by Mess;
Frederick and Daverport in Consultation the 23rd of June, except some Articles
of Pearl and other things mention'd in the said Report, concerning which we
wrote Mr. Raworth in whose Custody they were as Warehousekeeper, under date of
the 16th July, to which we humbly refer you, but to this day he has not thought
fit to return any Answer.

139. It won't be very troublesome to your Hon', to swell this Letter with all
the particulars of what has happened between us and our Subordinates at Fort St.
David since the Howland was dispatch'd, some passages we have been oblig'd to
touch upon under other heads, and the rest will lye very fairly before you in our
Letters and Consultations, and as we have confidenc'd to expostulate w't. them
very often where your Interest has been concern'd rather than put the severity
of your Orders in Execution, when we have been sufficiently provok'd by the
levity of their Trifling Answers and their unbecoming comparisons, we dare hope
for your approbation of what has past hitherto, and of what we may hereafter
determine upon their intemperate Letters of the 15th and 21st August, and the
accompanying paper, wherein M'. Raworth wildly appeals to your Hon', with a
further reserve of appeal hereafter to a Superiour power in a case that will not
bare a dispute, as you will see in the former part of our Letter under the head of
Buildings.
140. What falls under this head is their Account, Cash and Paymasters' Account, the former we have ordered to be sent us monthly, as soon as balance'd and read in Consultation; but for some Reasons best known to the Dep't, "Govern", we never can get it till the latter end of the next month and hardly then, and as for the Paymasters Account, they are kept so long back, and have so many extraordinary charges in them, that we have been forc'd to find fault, but hitherto have been told that they know not where to lessen the charge upon any one Article.

141. Twelve of your Fort St. David Merchants having by several Letters to your Gover't. desir'd they might be sent for up hither to lay some matters of importance before us, in which if they cou'd not be released they were not able to continue longer in your bounds, we thought ourselves oblig'd to call them up hither; of the twelve only four were sent us, the other being detained on Account of Debt due to your Gover't. and other people, this we think a great presumption in M. Raworth and have now sent Lieut. Rooch down to demand them as you may please to observe in our Letter dated y'. 21st August, but he is not yet return'd; the four that are arrived defer their complaint till the rest come up; they are old Inhabitants of Fort St. David, that have dwelt under your protection ever since the place was settled, which makes us the more ready to hear their Complaints the Copies of their several Letters to the President come in the Paquetts N°. 19.

142. We wou'd not let them come up, on Account of the former, settled; besides we think it more your Interest to make a new Contract since nothing is done in the former one made in March last and to agree only for gruff Goods, leaving out their Account, Cash and Paymasters Account, according to your Honour's Directions.

143. In our Consultation of the 12th Feb'y last your Honour's will find the Conditions of the sale made of Ship Howland's Cargo, and the Account, as in the Paquetts N°. 21, we oblig'd ourselves to send half the quantity of the Ketsagans as least to the Bay, by which means the Remainder sold the better there; such a quantity never came in one Ship before.

144. The Streatham's gruff Cargo was put up to sale here the 10th of July as your Honour's will find in our Consultation of that Date, and all things considered sold very well, the Account, of Ovitory comes in the packets N° 22, and the Account of Carr's, of the Voyage, &c. Sup.' Cargo's proportions adjourn'd in Enter'd after Consultation of the 24th August; your Orders relating to said proportions as well as their Commission, shall be carefully complied with, and our Accomptant having examin'd their Books made his Report in Consultation of the 29th July, to which we humbly refer you.

145. The Sup.'s Cargoes aforesaid having consented their Cargo hither could not pay themselves their Charges at Batavia where they lay by our Order to wait for the Dutch Fleet, and therefore applied to us in Consultation of the 10th August giving in an Account, amounting to Rix Dollars three hundred Eighty four, 12th, which we have agreed to pay them, we have given their note to repay it in England, if your Honour do not approve of what we have done.
We have received from

EIGHTY TOUCHING 1ST WEST COAST.

146. Since what we wrote by the Mary under this head we have receiv'd several Letters from yr. Dep'. Govr. & Council of York Fort, the last of which is dated the 19th May & came to our hands the 3rd of July; the Success was dispatch'd before she entered upon Demorage, and they further assure us that there will be pepper enuff to dispatch the Abingdon before her Demorage commences, these will be convin'g proofs to your Hon'r of the Capacity and diligence of your Present Dep'. Govr. who is universally allow'd to have gain'd so much upon the Affection of the Natives by his steady pool management and even Temper, that they resign themselves entirely to his good advice, and vie with Each other which shall bring in the greatest quantities of Pepper, and if it pleases God to continue his life, we cannot doubt but the West Coast Settlements will soon be improvd far beyond whatever they were from the beginning.

147. We observe by the Copy receiv'd that they have wrote your Hon'r by the Toddington and Success a very full and ingenious Acc't. of the condition your Affairs were in when Mr. Collect first arrived, and of what has been done persuant to your Instructions and Ours to re-establish them; his Conduct has been so regular that we can find no fault with him except in one particular that will be hereafter mentioned.

148. We have endeav'rd to procure Sloops or small Vessels to send over for the Transportation of Pepper from Port to Port, but have not been able to meet w't any Fit for that Service, and therefore we shall now write them to purchase one or two at Batavia, where they build so strong w't. Java Teak that if well look'd after, they will last a great many years, for want of such Sloops, yr. Ship President that went over in April last has been detain'd ever since upon that Station, and indeed she could not any where else have been better employ'd, they write that they intend to send her over hither the latter end of the year, and as we can put her to no better use, we shall immediately return her with the very things they write for.

149. In the mean time finding by their Letters that sev'n stores are wanting as well as goods to supply the Coast, we have determin'd to send over w't any Fit for that Service, and therefore we shall now write them to purchase home this Season and if it should so happen that the Gentlemen in Bengal can find an advantageous Employment for two of your Ships in the Country, we do not doubt but the Frederick will be back in Jan'90 that we may load her in time to save her passage of which we have advis'd them in Bengal, that they may take their measures accordingly.

150. Observing by our Letters receiv'd that they had remaining in Their Godowns One hundred & twenty Tonn of salt pet're after the Success was dispatch'd which we hope will be more than sufficient for the Abingdon we have order'd the Frederick to bring away the remainder, since your Hon'r's last, we have every reason to believe the Frederick has her Iron Kentillage, & that such Ships as you send hereafter shall be so provided, if this should succeed the Frederick will be so much the forwarder towards her Dispatch when she returns hither.

151. We have also order'd that if there is more pepper than will serve to dispatch the Susanna before she comes upon Demorage, it shall be put aboard the Frederick to come home by her.

152. Mr. Richard Yarborough who came out second w't. your Dep'. Govr's, is so dangerous a Condition that he has desir'd leave to quit your Service and return for England, which will be no great disappointment to your Affairs considering his uneasy temper & incapacity for Business; but we could wish there was another or two next in Succession to Mr. Collect of the same.
of the same qualifications, least any sudden Accident should happen to him we are sorry to say we cannot supply them from hence so well as we could wish or as that Service requires.

138. Their greatest Complaint is generally for want of writing Assistance, and that serves as an excuse when yo' Business is not kept up, to obviate which, we shall take all opportunity to send over capable persons from hence for a Provision against mortality, because we have observed that when there happens a sickly Season and People drop off a pace, your Business runs so far behind hand before we can supply them, that it is hardly ever brought up again as it should be.

139. We now send by the Frederick Captain William Walshen, formerly your Gunner at Fort St. David, youngest of Councill he has been employed Master and Sup'r. Cargo of Consentry vessels upon that Coast, and is a sober honest man that will be very useful in the Fortifications and Buildings which we find must of necessity be gone about for want of writing Assistant where we shall take all opportunity to supply them.

140. We likewise send Richard Charlton a very capable writer, and have appointed Capt. Richard Thrip whose experience upon that Coast your Hon'r's are very well acquainted with to set second during his stay there, That he may be the better qualified to give you a true Acc't of your Affairs when he returns to England, and if any Accident should have happened to your Dep't. Gov'r. (which God forbid) we shall invest him w't. a power to supervise and settle the Government before he comes away.

141. Your Hosp. will have been informed by your West Coast Letters that one Stephen Balfour formerly Chief of Bantall was dismissed the Service, and sent over hither for his irregular Conduct in that Station, please to be referred to our Consultation of the 13th Aug't. for our Reasons why we send him back upon the Frederick, he is indeed very capable and well vers'd in your Affairs.

142. We have formerly propoz'd to your Hosp. that one of your Ships intended for the West Coast, might annually call here, which would be but very little extraordinary charge, and of great Benefit to your Affairs for as we do not know what stores and necessaries you supply them w't. from England, we may chance to send the same at their request from hence, by which they will be double supplyd and many things may be spoil'd before they can use them; 'Tis for like wise we should know w't. persons you send out and in what Stations, that we may regulate ourselves thereby and not send too many from hence, which will put you to great charge and inconvenience, if you approve of this method we are sure the service will be better carried on, and the Ship need not stay above ten days, but she must sail from England in January or February as farthest.

143. Your Hosp. will have been informed that Mr. Bullard and his wife who came out upon the Abington are dead, and have left behind them too young Daughters which are intended to be sent hither by the first conveyance, we would gladly have your Orders what Allowance to make for subsistence to such objects of Charity.

144. Your Dep't. Gov'r. and Councill have sent us a compleat[?] Acc't. of their Stock as it stood the first of Nov.'1712, and promises a set of Books by the next conveyance, which were very near balacing when our last Letters came away.
160. We have received three bags of West Coast fanams by several Conveyances, for the value of which they have drawn bills upon us at the Rate of 10 Dolls to 10 pag. &c. we have complied w't. but shall write them by the Frederick that we do not approve of their increasing p. Exchange, which was formerly 17 Dolls. to 10 Pag. their reasons for making this alteration are expressed in the 25th paragraph of their Letter to us dated the 13th May.

161. We come now to the Article wherein we think your Dep't. Govt. & Council have exceeded their Commission by drawing Bills upon us as advised in their Letter of the 15th May payable to several persons and amounting to Pages. Two thousand seven hundred & four, seven fanams, for value receiv'd into their Cash in Dollars, at the rate aforesaid of 16 Dollars to 10 Pag. we have not your orders to them to govern ourselves by, but upon revising our own we find in the 53rd Paragraph of your Letter by the Hallfax Anna 1708. you positively order that we shall pay no Bills except such as we have given leave to draw upon us, & you have forbid us giving leave unless your Ships intended thither should have miscarried, or that you should not have sent any out, and not in [this] case neither except they can give a good Reason for our supplying th'em w't. some further limitations: This We think ties up our hands from accepting the forementioned Bills under [the] present circumstances because we gave no such order to draw & because the Abingdon was newly arrived and we know the Susanna may be expected w't. a fur[her] supply, likewise the Balance of their Cash in the [month] of March was Doll. fifty seven thousand three [hun]red, six fanams & three Cash, wherefore we now send back the Bills protested by the Frederick.

162. However we must remark that in your 70th paragraph by the Susanna Anna 1709, you order us to supply the West Coast so far as we judge fit w't. proper Doll. not to be lavished away but to buy pepper; this we take to be meant only in case we have reason to believe they are not supplied from Europe w't. Cash enough to pay for what pepper the Country produces, and this is the construction we shall put upon that Order until your Hon's: shall think fit to contradict it.

163. At the same time that we have protested these Bills according to the Letter of your Orders, we beg leave to lay before you the inconveniences that may attend yo': Affairs hereafter if this Order must be taken in the strictest Sense; as it now happens that the pepper Trade is considerably encreas'd, and great quantities come tumbling in upon them, if their cash should fall short The Native would be discourag'd, and endeavour to divert what they have left upon their hands into another channell, for want of ready mony: When their Cash does fall short it is very seldom that they can be supplied by Bills, and therefore is absolutely necessary to take the mony when they can get it; if they must wait for Orders from hence, it may often happen (for want of Conveyance) that they can not have an answer in a twelve month, which no Body will wait for that can help it and so that opportunity is lost. In short we suppose these orders were given when you did not think your West Coast servants fit to be trusted further than from hand to mouth; but now you have a good man at the head of
your Affairs, it wou'd be pity his hands shou'd be tied for want of mony, or that the present warm inclinations of the Natives to plant and bring in pepper shou'd be suffer'd to cool by not having Dell? in your Cash to take it in.

164. We must further add that the Major part of the amount of the Bills now drawn is on Acco*: of deceased Persons Effects, on whom your Hon* have no demands, part of the remainder is what Mr Collet ordered to be remitted home at Respondensia for the maintenance of his family in England; a thing not to be done upon that Coast, and part of it is to pay what your President lent him here, that he might go westward; a light heart to the head of your Affairs, yet he chooses rather to protest the Bills than break the standing Orders; But we think it highly necessary to permit by the Frederick that they may take in the Estates of deceased Persons and give bills after their Acco* with your Hon*: are clear, otherwise the mony will be sunk by mortality in private hands, and discourage any people in good circumstances from ever going upon that Service, we hope for your Approval of what we have done, & plain Directions how to behave ourselves hereafter in such like cases.

165. When the President arrives we shall be able to give your Hon* a further Acco* of your West Coast Affairs.

Supplement of what Omitted in the foregoing and what Occurred since & First of Shipping.

166. We advised your Hon*: in our 20th paragraph that you* Genrall & Counsell at Bombay had let the Somerses out(*) on a Voyage to Persia Bengall and Surat, she arrived here from Persia the 9th August and proceeded from Bengall the 9th inst. the separate Ship Joseph in her Company.

167. Your Ship Recovery arrived here from Persia ye 22nd inst(*) & brought us a supply of Sarrach Wine, fruit &c: and had deliver'd what freight goods she had aboard for this [port] said for Bengall the 9th instant.

168. On the 28th Ulst* we dispatched your Ship Hannover for Bengall with Nineteen Chests containing One hundred thirty thousand Rupees to compleat the Stock ordered them this Season.

169. Your Ship Frederick Cap: Richard Phrep comm* said the 8th inst for the West Coast w* a supply of one hundred Bales of proper goods & Stores for those Settlements and necessary Directions for the Management of ye Affairs as your Hon*: may please to observe in our Letter Book sent No. 55.
172. The Shalam that arrived here yesterday from Bombay met Cap't: Argison in the Duke of Cambridge near Zelon, and by a Vessell from Mexico we have news of your Ship Success being well arrived there; but the Country is involved in a troublesome war, which will undoubtedly prove a great hindrance to their dispatch.

SECONDLY AS TO GOOOLS &CA.

173. We are sorry we have still occasion to complain of the Stationary ware sent us, which comes out this year worse than ever, and particularly the Paper is so very bad, that we cannot find stuff for common use that will bear ink and what to do for our books that are the most material Articles of all we do not know.

174. In our Consultation of the 6th of Aug' yo' Hon's may please to observe the Report made by your Essay masters that the Crusadoes come out 4: worse than standard, we have agreed that only 8: be allow'd them, and send in the packet a piece cut off of a parcel promiscuously mixed, both for our and their Justification.

THIRDLY AS TO INVESTMENTS.

175. We advised your Hon's: in our 140th Parag' that we had sent Lieut' Reach to Fort St. David to bring up the rest of those Merchants that had desire'd permission to come hither; accordingly he return'd wth as many of them as were able to perform the Journey, but we have been oblig'd to defer the Examination of their Complaints, till after this Ship is sail'd'; and shall be sure to give your Hon's: a full Answer in our next.

FOURTHLY AS TO TRADE &CA.

176. Your Hon's: may please to observe in the 84th parag' of this Letter that the Duan our Subah had sent a Perwanna to demand Egnores &ca Villages, and our Resolutions thereupon, he has since sent us another message in more pressing Terms, which we have endeavoured to stave off in hopes of his speedy removal, however have thought it necessary to promise a small present to his Sec'y: if we receive no molestation on this 'Acco' in the meantime we keep a party lodg'd in Egnore to prevent any sudden Surprise.

177. Since writing out 92nd parag', the new companies Matchlepatam Moroch: arriv'd here, we defer setting leave about Business till this ship is sail'd', and beg leave again to assure you that whatever we do therein shall be with the greatest Integrity & Regard to your Hon's: and Interest, but they now face us wth assurances they have receiv'd from England, that your Hon's: have order'd them to be fully satisfied with Principall and Interest, which we assure them is not so.

SEVENTHLY AS TO FACTORS &Writers &CA.

178. On the 25th August dyed Francis Barnard Writer, who leaving no Will, the Paymaster took care of what Little he had according to Custom, and disposed of it at publick Outery, an Acco', whereof shall come by the next Ship.

179. Cap't Richard Frip Conn't: of the Frederick representing in Consultation of the 2d: inti', that having no Surgeon and being bound on an unhealthy Voyage, his people would be dishaerten'd, we consented to discharge Ensign Samuel Heydon, who came out on the Hann's: at his request, and proves a better Surgeon than a Soldier.
We advis'd your, in our 13th letter, that Mr. Raworth's Attornies had paid in the balance of his Accot', but on perusing of his Accot', we find our Accountant had omitted to debit him for the moiety of the Balance due from him and William Martin Warehousekeeper, care is taken, that Error shall be rectified and the money made good to your Cash.

Pursuant to your Orders we have paid the Sop'. Cargoes of Streatham what they are concern'd in that stock and drawn Bills of Exchange -dated the 10th. inst. for their Commission payable at thirty days sight to the undermentioned Persons or their Order.

To Mr. James Penrice for ... ... ... £ 1,101: 5: 34
To Messrs. Guy, W’. & Lionel Vans for ... ... 736: 12: 94
To Richard Gough Esq. for Accot'. of Cap'. 629: 5: 10

Mr. Edmund Mountague who has been an old Servt. of your Hon'bl. takes his passage upon this Ship, as does also Mr. James Penrice who has register'd a Bussle of Diamonds on this Ship to the Amount of his concern in the Streatham Stock pursuant to your Orders.

Cap't. William Upton has also register'd some goods, which he has taken on board his Ship, an Accot', whereof comes in the paquet No. 28; so wishing this Ship a safe arrival with your Hon'bl. and prosperity to your affairs in general both at home and abroad, we beg leave to assure you that

We are
Horneth, St.'s, Yo'. most faithfull hum'bl. Servts.

Edward Harrison.
Thomas Frederick.
Henry Davyson.
William Jenkins.
Bernard Bentyn.
William Waker.
Richard Hobson.
Joseph Smart.
Thomas Cooke.

LIST OF THE PASSENGER TO THE HON'ble THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF SHIP LONDON CAPTAIN, WILLIAM UPTON COMM.

No. 1. General Letter dated the 16th. of September 1713.
5. Copy Messrs. Frederick and Benyon's report of the Warehouse Balance, w' th the annex'd Accot'. Currs.
No. 6. Copy of the Register of Diamonds laden on Ship Howland.
8. Acct. of Ships their Arrival at and departure from Fort St. George.
9. Surgeons of Ships King William, Hanover and Frederick their Receipts for head money.
13. Acco'. of what goods sent to and rec'd from Bengal Anno. 1713.
14. List of Covenanted Servants and Inhabitants in the Presidency of the Coast of Choromandel.
15. List of Marriages, Christenings and Burials in Fort St. George, 1713.
16. List of the first Company of Soldiers in Fort St. George.
17. List of the Second Ditto in Ditto.
22. Ditto of Ship Stretham's . . . . Ditto.
25. The Spy' Cargoes of the Stretham their Expenese at Batavia.
26. M'. Penrice his note to refund what paid him on that Account in case the Company shall not agree to it.
27. Register of Diamonds upon Ship London.
29. Muster of the Crusadoes in the Box apart.
30. List of the Parquets.

LIST OF BOOKS VIZ:
Consultations & Diarys . . . . (Commenting 3rd Jan^: 1714.
Letters Received . . . . . . (Commenting Firs'. Jan^: 1714.
Letters Sent . . . . . . (Commenting 26th Aug^: 1713.
Country Letters received & Sent to y'. 5th Sept'. 1713.
Cash Account to the last of August 1713.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT SAINT GEORGE TO THE COMPANY PER MARLBOROUGH.

To the Hon^: 4th Court of Directors for Affairs of the R^: Hon^:.
UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^: S^:

1. Our last to Your Hon^: was by Ship London Cap'. William Upton under the 16th. of September, Duplicate of which comes herewith; the said Ship said hence on the 18th, and in all likelihood will bring you an Early Acco'. of your Affairs under this Presidency. We are now to Answer those particulars of your Letter.
by this year's Shipping that were omitted in our last, and to give you an Account of your Shipping and other matters under our Care, which we shall do as briefly as possible, having occasion to enlarge on a very unpleasant Subject that will take up all the time we at present have to spare, and the Scene lying at Port St. David, we beg leave to deviate a little from your Prescribed method in making use of a particular head for an Affair of so much consequence, which we are desirous to lay before you in 7th plainest and clearest manner, that you may have a full View of what has happen'd without any thing else to interfere.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'ed.

2. On the 6th. Ult. the French Ship St. John Baptist that brought out Gov.'Dooliver arrived Panickery from Mergen at which place she has been fitted and fitted and is now taking in her loading for France, but we are of Opinion she will wait the Arrival of those in Bengal and that they will all proceed in Company together for fear of the Dutch.

3. We have had no Dutch Ships upon this Coast since July, nor have the Danes had any Ship from Europe for these three Seasons past, which has reduced them to very great necessity; insomuch that they are hardly able to Subject.

4. This Ship Marlborough arrived with us from Bengal the 22d Ult., having on board her Charity party Kestigale and six hundred Bales for Europe, also thirteen hundred forty eight Bales of Petre with Wheat, packing Stuff, and other Stores for this place, all which we should have taken aboard had not the Capt. made a Demand of Six hundred forty Eight Bales of Petre more for the Security of his Ship, in Conseluation of the 22d Ult. the said Demand comes in the packet No. (25) we had much rather your President & Council in the Bay had supply'd Capt. Martin w'th his full quantity of Kestigale being under some apprehension that we shall not have enuff to send you a large Ship in September next, however we think so rich a Cargo as this cannot be too well secured.

5. Our Bengal Letters inform us that they will dispatch the King William the last Ship directly home from thence after having sent the Sirehram & Recovery with a poor quantity of Bales to fill up here, God be praised we are now ready to compleat their Loading and make no doubt but we shall be able to send you the Frederick in time to save her passage about the Cape, provided she arrive[h] here by the 20th of Jan.'

6. Since we wrote our 12th Parag by the London concerning the Reparation of your Cargoes, we find occasion to [add] that if your Presid. and Council in the Bay do not send their Bales up in March, we cannot send them any down upon your Ships by the South West Monsoon without disabling ourselves from sending you home a Septemb' Ship.

7. Your Ship President still continues on the West Coast Service and we have receiv'd no Account of her Expence; the Madapolam Yacht is daily expected from Ingeram, & shall be kept employ'd so as to earn her Charges.
8. As we promised your Hon. in our 27th par. by the London we have computed the value of what came thir the Straights of Malacca last Season, belonging to our Inhabitants and find it to bear nearest a quarter part in proportion to the China Cargo's accordingly the proprietors have paid it into your Cash and we hope you will be able to recover the principa l wth, at least the Usuall Respondents from Capt. Ried.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT & TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

2. We are first to acquaint your Hon. that the Gold & Silver thread lies by and will not sell for near invoice price, the Market is glutted both here and in Bengal, and the only way to bring the price up again is to forbear sending for year or two, what we received this year was a little tarnish'd and will grow worse by keeping wherefore we shall dispose of it at public sale when the Country Shipping comes in.

10. The Embossed Cloth of this year is very good of the kind, but not so much in esteem as formerly, there is no fear however but we shall dispose of it somehow or other to good Advantage before the next Shipping arrives. We now desire good part may be only flowerd without borders, and only of two Colours, which is chiefly for covering to Elephants. We are likewise very much pressed for Scarlet grounds with green, white or gold colourd flowers, but never more than one colour besides the ground. If this should grow into weal[r] for covering Elephants it may in time greatly increase the Consumption.

11. In our last we advis'd your Hon. what a large quantity of Broad cloth we had upon our hands with the Reasons: It was the 3d. of Novemb. before we cou'd prevail with our Merchants to do any thing, and then your President being call'd away for Fort St. David there was a Necessity of agreeing an Investment before his departure, all the goods due upon the last Agreement being measured into the washers hands; This opportunity we made use of, and struck up a Bargain for Seven hundred Bales at forty five 1/4Cent upon Invoice as will appear in our Consultation of the 3d. of Novemb. to which we must beg to refer you for our Reasons why we made the abatement rather than keep such a Load damaging in our Godowns when in seven months more we must expect a large and fresh Supply.

12. These Seven hundred Bales being deliver'd without so much as opening one of them, and no objection on the Merchants side, we have no opportunity for remarks upon the quality of The Interwall Species, and therefore shall only add, that of what remains in the Godowns three hundred and four Bales are Reds and till we have a supply of Greens by the next Shipping, we shall be able to put few or none of them off; the Reds are at Present very much out of Demand and therefore we desire no more than fifty Bales till we see next year how the humour holds what we have by us, what we wrote for last Year and the few we now demand will be full as many as we can dispose of before the worst gets among them.

13. However your President and Councill in Bengali having wrote us under the 28th of June as you may please to observe in the Book of letters receiv'd N°. (92) for a supply of money to defray the Charges of the Present, th1 for Reasons given them in our answer of the 28th. Sept. we cou'd not assist them with Cash, yet we made them an offer of three hundred Bales of Broad Cloth, to wth. they have not hitherto thought fit to return any answer, but Govt. Russell tells us the Broker will not give his Consent.
14. Your Hon'. may please to observe we make a large Demand of Aurora, which are very much in esteem, and will be a considerable Article in your Export, if the dye can be a little brighter they will be more acceptable, our ordinary Red Perpetuanoes are at Present quite out of demand, and therefore we desire only fine Scarlet and Popeties.

15. The oil and pickles you were pleased to send us this year were either so carelessly put up in England or so roughly handled aboard Ship that great part of them came aboard broken and Spoil'd, one pipe of Mustard was two thirds out, the others full, sound and good, of the Beer seven Puncheons were sour, the rest very good, and as for the Florence Wine in Bottles, not being able to say much in the praise of it, we only desire the next may be better or that you will please to let us furnish ourselves out of the French Ships here, that brought us large quantities of Excellent Claret this Season at fifty P's. £ longshod and next year it will undoubtedly be cheaper.

16. The rich Saddles were a little tarnish'd by putting the Leather work, that is to say the Stirrups, bridles holsters &ca. in the same box w' the Embroidery that altho' have been apart, because they give in the passage over, and we are of opinion that well dried &ca. than paper, with which these were pack'd.

17. We are at Present a little glutted with Iron and the price of lead is rising, for which reason we encase our demands of the latter & abate of the former.

18. The Velvets if well chosen bright colours and reasonably cheap will turn to very good Advantages.

19. We find the Tar to come out much worse in these large Casks, than it u'd to do in the usual Barrels, and believe if care be taken to drive on good Iron hoops very well upon them, there will not be so much leakage in the true Tar barrels as in this new package.

20. In our last we complained of the badness of the paper sent us, we are now to advise that the package was not at all conformable to the Invoice, neither in that sent for the use of your Factories, nor in that which came for sale, as by the Storekeepers Acct. of what receiv'd, which comes, in the Packet No. (29) we use more paper than ordinary because We oblige the Warehousekeepers. Sea Customer, Storekeeper, &ca. to Deliver in Duplicates of their Books to be lodg'd in the Accountant's Office which was not formerly done, and therefore hope you will supply us with paper according to the list of Demands now sent: what we have hitherto sold has been for fifty £Cent advance upon Invoice.

21. The long Saker Guns sent us this year are the best we have in the Garrison, and the reason why we demand so many more is, that what we have not occasion for will sell to very good Advantage; some of the small Guns sent us are of a length for field pieces, if you please to send us a few such as are u'd with detachments from the Camp they may be very useful upon Occasion.

22. Our Storekeeper's List is drawn according to your Directions in the 29th parag: and we do take all possible Care that no Stores lie by till they are paid.

23. What little cannon powder we do write for annually is absolutely necessary for any extraordinary Service, what we make here is considerably cheaper and serves very well for Salutes but there is a vast difference when we have occasion to fire in earnest.
24. The Screws not coming is a very great disappointment, for we have none but one pair, and they are good for little, we have tried all sorts of wood, but find none that will do, & if you please to send us a pair made after the manner your workmen like best, undoubtedly they will perform better than our mould that was made here by a Smith that came among us by chance.

25. We have heard nothing of Mr. Gumly’s assignment of looking glasses and therefore are humbly of Opinion that after he had prevail’d with your Honr. to send a few for your own Acco. he consider’d better and kept his at home, we find no manner of vent for what we received these two last years, and lying by in the Godowns any considerable time spots them so that they are not fit for Service.

26. Before we conclude this head we find ourselves oblig’d to acquaint your Honr. that when your President was lately at Fort S. David, the Merchants and Chief dubash came and beg’d his pardon for having been prevail’d on by severe threatening to declare in the presence of Mr. Joseph Bullock that we took the broad Cloth out of their hands and gave it our Merchants for private advantages of our own; with several other Notorious falsities of the same kind, and extorted from them in the same manner, by threatening to pistol them if they did not ‘know’; yes and no to such questions as Mr. Raworth demanded of them; all which were wrote down and a Copy given them the night before.

27. Tis not hard for us to guess what wicked use is intended to be made of such dark and unhandsome practices in England by that honest Gentleman Mr. Bullock, who when he was at Fort S. David laid the foundation of all the Trouble and mischief that has since happen’d at that Settlement by persuading Mr. Raworth that he was independant and that we had no power to turn him out, and that by appealing to a Superior Court in England he might have restitution of the money we oblige him to refund into your Cash on Acco. of the Warehouse etc. last year; we can’t easily believe our fair and just proceedings will be condemned without an impartial enquiry, especially when Such trains as these are laid and sent home unknown to us, for at that rate no man can be secure be their Actions never so upright.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS IN INDIA

28. The Agreement we made here in November last was twelve mon. for 1200 bales to be ready by the latter end of Sep’t, was so well compiled with that all the Cloth was deliver’d the washers by the beginning of Octob’r yet the we waited our Utmost Endeavours as will appear upon our Consultations, we cou’d not bring our Merch” to a new Agreement for five hundred Bales more upon the same terms to be ready in all January before the 3d. of Nov’r when your President was setting out for Fort S. David, and then we do assure you. Honr.” they beg’d us very heartily to let them deliver in the Cloth as they purchase it from the loom allowing them only the Common Interest for their moneys; we shou’d think ourselves very happy in bringing down the prizes to your Satisfaction, but all we can do at present is to keep the Merchants up to the Musters and every body that comes from hence ought to be so just to acknowledge that no private person can invest his moneys so cheap nor so well in Longcloth and Salampores as your’s is done nor indeed is there any quantity to be procur’d.
29. As soon as we had heard the Complaints of the Fort St. David Merchants after the London was said, and found that we must be forc'd to change hands at that place, least any time should be lost we immediately made an Agreement with them and sent some of them away to provide goods, as will appear in pursuing our Consultation of the 20th Sept. & in Consultation of the 22d, Novemb', you may please to observe that we delivered them the torn Cloth which was the occasion of so much trouble & dispute which they very willingly received back obliging themselves to deliver us good Cloth in lieu of it.

30. We send by this Ship some fine Bedclothes of two & three Covids for a trial, which if the Market holds up we dare believe will answer your expectation, being such as you were pleased to recommend in your 69th pack by this years Shipping.

31. What more offers under this head shall be added by the last Ship we dispatch, which in all likelihood will be the Fredericke from Fort St. David; your Merchants bring in goods apace there since they are deliver'd from dispatch, which in all likelihood will appear in perusing our Consultation of the onr Merchants bring in goods apace there since they are deliver'd from dispatch, which in all likelihood will appear in perusing our Consultation of the 25th Sept., you please to observe that we delivered them the torn Cloth which will come in properly under another head.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL, & THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS wth. THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

32. Since our last nothing has happen'd worthy your Notice in the Country Trade but the dead time of the year & no shipping yet come in; but according to our promise we are to acquaint your Honors that our Ship from Mosho brought back good part of her Cargo that cou'd not be dispos'd of at any price by Reason of the war between the two contending Kings, however what was sold turn'd to very good Acco's.

33. In our 89th paragraph of the London we promised a full Narrative from Mr. Hastings's own of the Debts due to Mr. Holcombe, which your Honours will now find in the Book of Letters receiv'd under date of the 5th of Novr. N°. (163) they seem very much surpriz'd it shou'd be wrote from you hence, that the debts were good and easily recoverable when the Acco's with Fuckerla Cawn was settled and here sent us an extract of their Letters to this Board upon that Subject of which we send a Copy in the pocket N°. (39) the work we have had upon our hands wou'd not permit us hitherto to give this Affair a thoro Examination, but Mr. Hastings has promis'd his utmost Endeavors to recover what is practicable, and we shall not fail to refresh his memory by all occasions [t] Opportunities; undoubtedly the Charges of that Unhappy dispute at Vinagapatan are justly due from Mr. Holcombe's Estate and whatever any thing is recover'd it shall be carried to that Acco's we have receiv'd from the Rev'd Mr. George Lewis for four hundred seventeen Pgs. three fanams & thirty Cash the Balance of what came into his hands by the decease of Mr. Holcombe's Widower as appears in our Consultation of the 6th of Novemb' which Sum was the produc[e of her Otyery of movables &c. after very reasonable Funeral Charges deducted.

34. The Metehepatam Merchants have continued here ever since our last in Expectation of their whole Debt being discharge'd as we have already acquainted You, after several Disputes we agreed to Offer them their principal Sum, with assurance that we neither cou'd nor wou'd exceed it, we beg leave to refer you to our Consultation of the 25th of Septemb', for what passed between us and the said Merchants; they say[ll] insist that without the principal Sum and interest due they cannot satisfy their Creditors at Metehepatam and consequently must forsake their habitations for ever & be ruin'd, they further add that they have full
assurance we have received orders to pay the whole Debt: Mr. Davenport that comes by this conveyance will fully inform your Honour what pains we have already taken and what a fair way we were in to conclude it before the last Shipping arrived; your Orders now before us are very positive to end it as well and as soon as we can, and the original Letter to Cojah Babba [deceased] Sultanum mentioned in our last, expresses that you have given us Orders to pay them what is justly their due, by all which we conclude that you are under some uneasiness till this Business is ended, and therefore we cannot be easy [till] it is done, the only Remora in our way is the promise for [it] made You by those to whom you entrusted the Management, with which we heartily wish they had complied and cannot comprehend what good reasons they could give for not doing it upon such advantageous Terms; we look upon it a great misfortune to us that we have no prospect of serving you so well as those Gentlemen proposed but it is our duty to obey your Orders and we will end it as well as possible before the last Ship is dispatch'd if to be done upon such terms that we can hope for your Approbation.

35. Our last Advices from Bengal give an Acco. of great difficulties in bringing down your Salt petre due, from Patna, they have been oblig'd to send up strong party of Soldiers to convey the Boats and some Skirmishes have happen'd with the forces of a potent Rajah that lyes in the way, wherein several of our people were kil'd and wound'd but the Boats got all safe to Calcutta; your Honour will undoubtedly have a full Acco. of these matters from your President and Counsell and from Mr. Russell that comes home by this Ship, for which reason we need not enlarge.

36. A Remedy to these unhappy disturbances may be hop'd for from your present now ready to be sent forward to the Mogull's Court, we have contributed our best Advice but the good of the whole depends entirely upon the Persons to whom the management is intrusted, and we do not yet find it is positively determin'd who they are to be, but Mr. Russell will best inform you what measures were agreed on before he left the place.

37. In the 85th. par. of our last we advis'd that our old Villages has been demanded of us as part of Zulpukar Cawa's Jaggeri, and the means we said to secure them; it was then universally expected that the Duan our Subah wou'd be gone up to demand the rest of Zulpukar's friends, but he has not, his peace and is reinstated in his Employ wth. an encrease of Dignity, upon wth. all our Europe Neighbours according to Custom made their usual presents, and the Demands for the aforesaid Villages being renew'd we forbore our Addresses till we got assurances that your Duan would give us no further disturbance in our Affairs in the mean time we lodg'd our Present amounting to about five hundred Pag. privately in Sunca Rama's hands at Arcot, who negociated this Affair, very much to our Advantage and dissuaded the Duan from coming to St. Thomas or else your President cou'd not have gone with any safety to Fort St. David.

38. In our Letter by Ship Dartmouth we gave your Honour's Advice of the Maldiva Expedition, and we find by your Letter now before us, you have so good an Acco. of the undertaking that there is little or nothing material for us to add, Mr. Welden set it afoot and Mr. Russell now coming home carried on the Second equipment; they have paid dearly for the project as he is well able to inform you; That many of the Seamen were latis'd away from your Ships is not to be doubted, but whether the Soldiers were taken off your guard we cannot justly say, we have been told great-part of them were Dutch men; the old King of Maldiva is gone up to demand Saccoor of the Mogull by means of Zoodee Cawa, and we are of Opinion our Gentlemen in the Bay are not at all dispos'd for a third Expedition.
39. We humbly thank your Hon. for your Complacency in answering what we wrote touching the private trade between Bengal and this place; it has been allow’d by all disinterested Persons then in Bengal, that the generous Liberty you were pleased to grant the free Traders upon the union occasion’d that unjust complaint against Mr. Petty and other[s] for making use of your Distock to load the Separate Ship and for raising the prices of goods by their unskillfulness, whereby those that made that complaint carried their point and brought all the Business into their own hands. We are very sure we can propose no methods nor regulation[s] to the Gentlemen in the Bay upon this head that won’d be acceptable, because it is their Interest to disapprove them and therefore to avoid entering into disputes with them to the prejudice of your Affairs we have only desired them in ours of the 27th. of August to give you their real Sentiments upon the Matter, that you may have a Specimen of their Sincerity; In the mean time we do assure you this Branch of Trade once so beneficial to the English Inhabitants of this place as Mr. Pitt can very well inform you, is entirely diverted into the hands of the Moors and Armenians, for the Reasons we have before acquainted you with.

40. There are more difficulties in the regulations you are pleased to propose than ever we can be able to get over, considering how easy a matter it is for those Gentlemen that are discipline’d in the Bay to load our Factors with what Complaints they please, be they never so carefull and Circumspect in their Behaviour; all we can say is, we woud employ the most prudent Persons upon such an Occasion, well knowing that if any real damage should befall your Affairs by their rashness or folly, our good Friends in the Bay would not Scruple to do your Hon’s. Justice out of our Effects; Upon the whole, if ever this place is to enjoy that happiness again it must be by your Bounty and not their good Wills, and the penalties of the Board unanimoy approv’d, not believing it wou’d be acceptable. because it is their Interest to disapprove them and their Goods have been cheaper bought since you recalld your Orders given upon the Union than they were before, and whether your Estate has ever suffered so much from this Piece of Business as from those that have had all the power in their own hands; but all is humbly Submitted to your Judicious Consideration.

EFFICIENT TOUCHING PERPETUALS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUE.

41. Those Gentlemen now of your Council that are concern’d in the 100th part of your Letter relating to the house at Egmore readily Acknowledge they were to blame in relying as they did upon the Single Conduct of your late Govr. Fraser for carrying on of that Building for w[ h] they humbly ask pardon and promise they will never be drawn into such unprofitable Schemes hereafter and hope you will be pleased to mitigate the penalty ordered in your Letter, since there was a model produc’d in Conversation of the 15th. of Feb’r. 1744 for the present guard house, which the Board unanimously approv’d, not believing it wou’d amount to near the mone’y it has; your Hon’s. have not been pleased to mention in what proportions the surplus charge should be reimbursed; your late Govr. Fraser ought undoubt’dly to be ass’d according to his Salary at least as the Chief Contriver, but he was gone for England before the Order came, and tho’ you are pleased to mention only six of the Council, we don’t suppose you intended Mr. Raworth [who] was then at the Board to be excus’d in case the others refund; [Mr.] Martin being gone home indebted to yo. Warehouse and Mr. Hunt dead w[h] out any visible Estate, the only persons remain are Messrs. Frederick, Bulkley, Jeans and Warre, who crave leave to wait your further orders, and as for the Building since it has cost so much mon’y, we propose to finish it at as little charge as possible, and to make it as useful as it is possible for any thing so ill contriv’d to be.
43. We keep the Subscription to the New Hospital here till the dispatch of the last Ship in hopes of an Addition from those Gentlemen bound home.

44. We have compleatly finish’d the repair of your Garden house, and the work is so substantially perform’d that if kept in good repair, which may be done at very small Expense, it will in all probability stand many years; it was an useful ornament to the place, and has been manage’d w’t all possible-frugality.

45. The New Warehouses in Fort S’. David were just cover’d from the Weather, when the Troubles began; we have order’d them to be finish’d w’t. all possible Expedition and to keep the Acc’t of them apart (for your particular inspection) if possible to be pick’d out of the Paymasters Acc’t. in Mr. Raworth’s. [time] we gave them orders more than once to keep all Buildings under particular heads, but that w’t would not agree so well [with] their Clandestine-practices and therefore it was neglected among a great many more of the same-good use and intent.

46. There will be an Absolute Necessity for building a Fort House at the formentioned place for the Accommodation of your Dep’t. Gov’t. and Covenanted Servants, we have given orders to make timely Provision of all materials at the best hand in expectation of your Orders by the next Ships and very unwilling to undertake matters of so much consequence without them.

47. In Answer to that part of your 122d. part; touching the three months’ measuring Duty lost between the expiration of one Cowles and the Commencement of the other, we have made strict enquiry and find it was occasion’d by the contention between two Bidders that took up so much time and the Gov’t., neglecting to appoint proper persons to receive the Duty during the dispute, however there is large amends made in raising the said Duty to four times as much as it was before, and the three months according to the old Cowle would have amounted to no more than fifty Pag’s.

6THLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS & THEIR ACCOMPLISH’.

48. The Lord Chief Baron’s Son Mr. Samuell Ward comes home upon this Ship at his request and by the Advice of all his good friends here, to see if he can get any help for that racking distemper the Stone. The fits have come so frequently upon him since our last, and with so much violence, that it is impossible he could hold out another hot Season in this Climate; it is great pity he has not a better constitution being otherwise very well qualified for your Service and for raising his fortunes in the world.

49. Fleet Aynworth, writer having behave’d himself in a very disorderly manner ever since his arrival here for which he has often been reprimand’d and confin’d and on the 14th. Sept. last having been guilty of a very unproportionable crime as you may please to observe in Constution of the 16th. Ditto, we have dismiss’d him the Service and intend him home by one of your Ships: he has often solicited us to discharge him before, but out of regard to his Hon’d. grand-father and other friends we were willing to bear with him as long as possible, and are now sorry to find ourselves under a necessity of making him one of the first Examples.

50. We return thanks for the liberty you have been pleas’d to give us of rewarding Lieutenant Roach and Gunner Husgon, they have both been very faithful to your Interest and diligent in their Duty at Fort St. David tho’ they were Mr. Raworth’s particular friends and wish’d him as well as any of those that stood by him in that unjust dispute, we shall not fail to reward them according to their merit.
50. In answer to your 16th, par. the Eight pounds advanced, the Corporal, and his wife shall be paid into your Chest being raised by a charitable Contribution because it would be impossible for them to subsist if we had deducted it out of [his] pay.

51. Mr. Richard Farmer presented a Remonstrance Consultation of the 15th Ult., wherein he lays claim to the Dep't Government of Fort St. David, we beg leave to refer you therefor to the Answer we made him, he [was] mains without any allowances till we receive your further orders.

52. We have found it absolutely necessary to increase the Number of Enemies in this Garrison, as well for the Security of the black Town by keeping continual rounds in the Night under their inspection as for having an Eye upon the free guard men that no wicked Contrivances are set on foot, we have prefer'd the oldest and most diligent Sergeants the extraordinary charge is very inconsiderable and we are sure to keep the black town in better order.

53. John Morgan, Peter Tahourdin & Simon Holcombe Writers are ordered to Fort St. David, that there may be no complaint for want of sufficient Assistance to keep up their Business and to encourage all young men to be faithful and diligent in your Subordinate Factories we promise that all such as do well shall have liberty to return hither and take their standing after three years if they desire it, which we hope will have the desired Effect.

54. In our last we had occasion to mention an insolent Letter written by the President by Mr. Thomas Gray Sec." at Fort St. David, Mr. Raworth has since owned to Mr. William Warre and Lieut. Roach, that he dictated the Letter and order'd [his] to send it, which is no more than what we suspected by [the] style of it when it was read; the young man is truly penitent and capable of doing you good Service under a better tutor.

55. Francis Barnard writer his Accot. Curt. signed by the [Pay]master coming in the packet 31st. (31) ths is no balance due, it may serve to convince his Relations he died worth nothing more than barely sufficient to lay him decently in y. graves.

56. On the 21st of Octob. James Young one of your Essay masters departed this Life, now only John Manbert to officiate, wherefore we request to be supply'd with Another able person by the next Shipping, and that you will please annually to send 24 quarts of the very best Aqua Fortis, for what we get made here is not good enough to be depended upon for the Essays and consequently the Mint Brannys, cannot be so narrowly look'd after as they ought; this leads us to acquaint your Honor that since Mr. Joseph Bullock went hence your Mint master (that is the Govt. has been inform'd by some of his Acquaintance, that he cut off a piece of gold from a Bar about which he had a dispute with the Mint Brannys, and carried it home with him to be essay'd in the Tower; surely he ought first to have complain'd to the Govt. as Mintmaster to see whether the grievance could not have been redress'd here and then he might have appeal'd home; we hear since by our Shipping from y. Cape, that he has taken the liberty to reflect very much upon the Management in the Mint, but as he is the only complainant we have yet heard of since your Govt. Arrival, we hope it will be regarded accordingly assuring your Hon't. there is as much care or more taken than ever to look after y. Brannys, tho' at that time our Aqua Fortis was not good, consequently the Essays could not so well be depended on, and this Mr. Bullock very well knew by his conversation with Mr. Benyon, we coin gold as currently and with the same reputation as ever, which our Mint Books will make appear.

57. Mr Henry Davenport having petitioned in Consultation of the 31st. Ult. to lay down your Service in order to embark with his Family for England, it was agreed to, and he takes his passage upon this Ship, with the Rev'd. Mr. George
Lewis and your orders concerning the latter in the 14th. para; of your Letter are
fulfil'd; we have no Reason to doubt hitherto but that the Gentlemen who Successed
him will answer both your Honr: and our Expectation and it shall be our constant
Care to Support them.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

38. We are now according to our promise to answer that part of your Letter
under this head omitted by the London; we send your General Books by this Ship,
the with much difficulty[1] as they were kept open in hopes of: bringing in those of
Fort St. David, which we were promis'd from time to time but found them not half
copy'd when Mr. Raworth surrendered the Fort, so that we are oblig'd to reserve
them to be brought in next year but have made Shift to get a set of them copy'd
to come with this packet and thereby your Honr: may be pleased to observe the
Expenses of that Settlement amounts to no less than thirty thousand pag', altho' the
peace was made about the time the Books commen'd'd and neither our orders nor
their promises were wanting to retrench them, we are ashamed of this management
when we look into former Acco's[2]; and hope you will be of Opinion that we had
patience enuf in letting things run on so far as they did without applying an
effectual remedy. our Letters will shew that we were not wanting in our Duty
and the Presidt. declares he frequently wrote to Mr. Raworth in private Letters
on the same subject, but all to no purpose, nor shou'd we ever have bough[n] able
to do you justice had he continued ill that

61. Your covenanted Servants have always been Assistants to the Warehouse-
and other employments under the Management of the Gentlemen in your Council,
and we do not find any Complaints enter'd in Consultation that more help was
deniy'd them when they requir'd it, but if the Warehouse-keep[3], (which has been
the case) will pass by the Covenanted Servants, and for Reasons best known to
himself (tho' we may easily guess at them) confide entirely in the Conicopy that
serves for two and half Pag's a month, your covenanted Servants can be of little
use and no doubt but the Warehouse-keep[3] is guilty of mismanagement and breach
of trust and ought to be accountable for the Conicopy.

62. But this is not all for tho' in Mr. Raworths Apology sent you by the
Dartmouth he seems to lay the load of the vast wants and imbezacements in the
Warehouse upon the Conicopy which we did not then comment upon because of:
his readiness to make good the money and for want of sufficient proof to condemn a man in his situation, besides that great part of the Rupees were of the Consolopoly yet we are now fully informed (and he will not pretend to deny it) that he made use of for his own Acco. upwards of Seventy thousand Rupees and the two chests and half of silver, the former being chiefly employed in Country Voyages and the latter in the Consolopoly at Cap. Honduras in the Halifax stock both in the year 1709/10 and never made good in the Acco. of Remains upon balancing your general Books last year as we have advised you; so that we need not wonder if the Consolopoly made bold with your Treasure who had the Keys unwarrantably intrusted to him & saw Mr. Raworth convert such large Sums to his own use, when he knew by the Standing Rules of this Presidency that he had no more right to do it than himself, no Treasure being to be meddled with or disposed of, without an order of this Board.

63. Mr. Raworth will pretend that there was an Order to Sell Rupees for defraying the Charges of this Garrison and (to) dispose of Silver for the Halifax's Voyage to China, but upon examination we find that there were other Rupees sold at that time and made good in the Warehouse Acco. sufficient for the use of the Garrison and were it as he says we don't see those allegations made at all in his favour because what he stands now charg'd with were never made sold in Acco. nor offer'd to be paid for till the abuse was discovered.

64. We write thus particularly upon this Subject as well to inform your Hon. of the real truth, as to justify our proceedings in case Mr. Raworth should pursuant to Mr. Bullock wholesome advice appeal to the higher powers in England for relief, after consenting under his hand as you may please to oblige us in our Consultations to abide by our Judgment rather than stand a further Scrutiny, and after having given positive orders in writing to his Attorneys to make good the Debt out of the first mony that comes to their hands notwithstanding all which he has unscrupulously done in publick and private Conversations for pulling him of his Estate and pulling him to pieces; but before this Season is spent we hope we shall find time to lay this matter so clearly before you, that both we and his Attorneys which are Messrs. Raworth and Warren may be fully justified before your Hon. and then we doubt not but you will be pleased to vindicate our proceedings if that Gentleman thinks fit to apply to a Superiour Power.

65. The Directions you are please'd to give us in these paragraphs of your Letter from N°. 159 to N°. 168 inclusive relating to your Books and Acco. of all kind, we have been so happy in a great measure to provide for before as will appear in our Consultations, and what we had not is since put in practice the several parts are distributed to those Offices which they relate to, it shall be your Presidents particular Care to see the whole comply with and as soon as these Ships are gone[6] the orders shall be all plainly transcribed into our new Collection of all your Rules and standing orders for the perus. of your conveannat Servants.

66. We have already felt the Good Effects of our Regulation[s]. In the Business of the Warehouse, and Mr. Daversport has given sufficient demonstration that the best Security for a Consolopoly is to watch him narrowly and let him in his hands, the balance of the Warehouse under his Management, is fairly discharged, and no bad debts nor anything spoil'd by negligence or missing in the Acco. of Remains.
67. We wrote your Honours, in our last concern, the balance due on Account of the intended present for the Mogull, our next books will recite as far as we can go, but all the Answer we could ever get from Mr. Raworth to the pearl and other things he stands indebted for as Warehousekeeper, was by word of mouth to Mr. Warr who when with him in the Fort (when he said him why he did not reply to that letter) that we had plundred him of his Estate already, and therefore he was determin'd never to have given any Answer.

68. In Answer to your 177th paragraph relating to the Sea Customs, we do always allow two, three and four months time to such persons as are reputed Substantial according to the quickness or deadness of Trade, and when any mony stands out so long as your Honours take notice of it is either by the Negligence of the Sea Customer as in the Case of Mr. Raworth or unavoidably by Some persons in strait circumstances that cannot be easily comply in point of time, but it is worthy Observation that no bad debts have been made of any moment at the Sea Gate for many years past and it shall be our Care to prevent them hereafter.

69. Capt. William Howe who was concern'd in that Bill of Exchange to Mr. Pacheco for Account of Mr. Less poor Relations acquaints us that he has wrote him in such a manner by these Ships as will put an end to the dispute; we shall be carefully for the future to particularize in our Letter what ever Bills of Exchange we draw.

70. In your Invoice by Ship Hannover we find an over charge upon Broad cloth ordinary red twenty two cloths at £ 9: 10: Whose bill of exchange, for the old Co's, Mr. Less substituion.

71. Cash Chittee's Debt of Paguys of a thousand forty eight, and nine fanams ariseth from his being formerly [engaged in a Contract with Serrapa and others for providing] Callicees for the old Company, and was transferred from the Books Anno 1710 by your former Accountant at that time.

**Supplement of what omitted in the foregoing & what has occurred since first as to Shipping**

72. The Streatham arived ye 7th, last it is now loading for Bengal.

73. The Treasure arived ye 6th. last is now loading for Bengal.

74. Capt. Matthew Martin of the Maribroe has register'd here several parcels of goods that he has laden on board his Ship, which comes in the Packet N°. 42.

75. We have delivered Mr. Davenport the Fort St. David Diary and Consultations for his Examination in the Voyage as being written in a Hurry.
76. Having had no Monsoon in November, as usual the Surf has of late run very high which has been some hindrance to us in the dispatch of this Ship her Invoice & bill of Loading amounting to Pag$. One hundred Eighty one thousand six hundred seventy one, Eighteen fan$, and sixteen Cash come indos'd, we wish this Ship a safe arrival wth your Hon$. and that prosperity may attend your Affairs in Gen$. being with great Respect,

Hon$. St.
Yo'. most faithfull humb. Serv

FORT ST. GEORGE
The 19th. of January 1716

EDWARD HARRISON
WILLIAM JENNINGS
BERNARD BENYON
WILLIAM WARE
RICHARD HORDEN
JOSHUA SMITH
THOMAS COOK

OF YPORT ST. DAVID & THE OCCURRENCES THERS SINCE OUR LAST.

77. We had occasion under Several heads in our last letter to complain of your Dep$. Govern$. intemperate Behaviour and mismanagement in your Affairs, we likewise advis'd your Hon$. that the Joyn Stock Merchants were sent for up hither upon their repeated complaints, of which we sent you copies in the Packet; in our Consultation of the 29th. of Septem' you may please to observe how hardly they had been us'd, by imprisonment and extortion at the Same time that we were wrote to, not to proceed against them with Severity, least we shoud disable them from carrying on your Business thus a full stop was put to the Investment that was made in March last not one Bale being brought in, and about two hundred remaining due upon the last Contract.

78. The excuse made by the Dep$. Gov$, for the Investm$. not going forward was want of Cash which put us upon a narrow Scrutiny into that Article, we sent them down Twenty thousand Pag$ in the month of June of which no more was paid the Merchants than twelve thousand and the balance at the End of June was thirteen thousand seven hundred twenty three Pag$, notwithstanding which they wrote us for more mony and drew several Bills of Exchange which made us so uneasy that we forbid them drawing any more, but the Dep$. Govern$, conscied that Letter from his Councill and afterwards gave a Bill to M$. Richard Farmer upon his coming hither for Pag$. Seven hundred Eighty five, & sixteen fan$, which Bill we refused to pay as being drawn contrary to our orders, and directed the mony to be repaid out of your Cash in ours of the 23th. of Septem$. M$. Farmer's Attorney applyd to the Dep$. Govern$: for the mony but never cou'd receive a Pagoda.

79. Upon this and some other private Notices that Bills had been drawn and the mony not paid in, we said wth more earnestness than ordinary for their Acco' of Cash to be sent us, & they had before a standing Order to send it up monthly as soon as read and passd in Consultation but whenever we wrote on
Proceedings.

To the.

A full Account of the Business done to the last of April, and upon further inspection we found it not brought in by the 1st June. on the 24th of January, when we were credibly informed that the men were in Arrears for August, we discovered a bill of Books for 5000 Pounds, which had not been accounted for, and we proceeded to examine Mr. Raworth for this Service, the rather because he frequently received other Accounts without any mention made in any Books. We received one from your further Orders.

81. Besides what contained in our charge against Mr. Raworth, we had received several other material Advices, that we did not inset for want of sufficient Proof. This all are since but too fully made appear, First we had from very good hands that he had received several Sums at time due from the persons that rented your Bonds, without bringing a Pagoda into your Cash or passing any Receipt; Secondly, that he frequently received other Sums due from the Arrack farmers Beets Collectors and other Revenues without any mention made in Consultation or any money paid into your Cash, at the same time never gave any receipts for what he received, which is putting your Affairs into irrecoverable Confusion, and if any Body disputed paying him money in this unwarrantable manner they were threaten'd to such a degree that they dare not for their lives.
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but Comply; Thirdly that notwithstanding he wrote us under the 26th of July that he had received Seventeen hundred and thirty pag. of Masts*, Weld paymaster and [Shovr]keeps towards his balances due to the Company, yet not a penny of that money was brought into the Cash, nor for several Bills of Exchange drawn upon us in July and August last. Fourthly that he held no Consultations but transacted everything by himself not so much as communicating the Letters we lately wrote him upon matters of the greatest moment. Fifthly that he keeps no Acco'. Cash himself, but trusted all entirely to a black slave Dasha. Sixthly, that he publickly said at and expost'd our proceedings to all your Servants in general both Civil and military, declaring that he was as much Govern[or] of Fort S'. David as your Govern[or], here was of Fort S'. George, that he was made so from England & that we had no power over him, and lastly that he was hard at work to draw over the Men, these Gentlemen set out from hence the 5th from our proceeding. We had done and the Reasons why we did not think to be the occasion to send down our Letter and another from himself to Mr. Matthew Weld to be reinstated if his business to obey; The Reason why we say so much to this particular is, because Mr. Raworth accuses us of not giving him a Charge, which [he] calls hanging a man and trying him Afterwards: but (that) we cannot think to be the case, and your Hon's. will [easily] see by what follows that we should have had enouf to a [25] to try him at the head of 600 Men, had we given him a little more time.

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6. Early in the morning Mr. Davenport sent away Lieut'. Poirier with our Letter and another from himself to Mr. Raworth, who some how or other had received Advice of Mr. Davenport's coming the day before, and go's such Officers
nearest to him as he couldn't confide in himself, he was on horseback at break of day, and rode to one of the Outguards near which such people as come from hence allways enter the bounds, and as soon as he discovered Mr. Davenport's coming forward, he fired the Signal Gun himself and announced all the Bounds, as usual in time of war when they saw the Enemy appear, the same was answered from the Fort and all the rest of the outworks, after which he mounted his Horse rode up to Pointers Willucek and received our Letter, which having read he carried him to the Fort and answered Mr. Davenport Letter after near two hours consideration delivering it to Lieut. Poirier with these words, "You may tell Mr. Davenport I will not deliver up this Government as long as I have a drop of blood in my Body." We beg leave to refer you to the Fort St. David Diary and to our Consultation of the 11th, October for the Answer before mentioned where in Mr. Raworth declares that if he had rather resign the Government to Mr. Davenport than any man in India, yet he would not allow him any Authority to rule there by whatever commission he could receive from us—we are the more particular in repeating these words, because this is the position upon which he founded his resistance.

87. Mr. Davenport finding Lieut. Poirier stay longer than expected began to be under some uneasiness, and went leisurely forward towards the Fort till coming to the Gate of Tevenapatam the Serjeant of that guard flung the Gate too and coming out of the wicket, told him publiclikely, that he had orders from the Govcrn[t] to deny him entrance, upon which he sent Gunner Hugonin into the Fort to expostulate with Mr. Raworth upon this extravagant way of proceeding; in the mean while Poirier return'd to Mr. Davenport with Mr. Raworth's Answer, and by that time all the Gentlemen of the Councell except Mr. Richard Harrison finding Mr. Raworth did not summon them and that resistance was intended were come over to join Mr. Davenport, but all the military stood firm at their several posts, and Mr. Harrison remained in the Fort as active as any one declaring he would stand and fall by Mr. Raworth.

88. Mr. Davenport rode up to your Garden house, and demanded entrance, but the Ensign posted there with about Sixty or Seventy Men declar'd he had orders to admit him only by himself and if any body else offer'd to enter with him he must fire upon them.

89. Soon after, Gunner Hugonin return'd and gave Accout that he found Mr. Raworth determined not to resign to Mr. Davenport or any Body else, having heard him in so many words; and clinched with a bloody oath, that he would not deliver up the Fort to him nor any Body else as long as he had a drop of blood in his heart; as the Gunner came out of the Fort, he told the men that serv'd formerly under him, they knew not they were going to rebel against the Queen and your Honrs., and bid them have a care being hang'd; upon which they were going to shoot him by the Dep't. Govern[or]'s order; but he got on horse back and made his escape.

90. Under these Circumstances it was thought convenient for Mr. Davenport to retire with the mony he had along with him towards the Edge of your bounds for security; however he stoped at a convenient place in the way and publicly read his Commission to those few that accompany'd him; much about the same time a sentry came and told him the Gate of Tevenapatam was open and he might go in if he pleased; but considering the Letter he had receiv'd as before mention'd from Mr. Raworth wth the verbal answers he gave to Lieut. Poirier, and Gunner Hugonin also as the Accout he had receiv'd from Mr. Berin and the rest of the Councell with him of what orders were given out to the Officers the day before in order for his reception, he could not think it advisable to run that.
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... as we received advice of this generall Revolt (for we cannot call it by any other title) we immediately orderd Mr. Davenport to return with the money out of their Reach, your President intending to go down with what force we could spare out of this Garrison, &d the Selution of your Affairs at that Juncture cou'd very ill bear with his Absence as your Hon'. will find copys of the Despatches to this Occasion, in which [this part w.] a good deal of Caution 'tis easy to discern his intentions to resist, for otherwise there cou'd be no occasion to issue them to all the guards just at this Critical juncture, and 'tis further very remarkable that the Evening before he took away the command of the Company in the Fort from old Lieut. Hoggein, after having tampered with him and found him not fit for his purpose and put Patrick Johnston at the head of it, an Officer that came [over] upon the last Ships fit for any mischief; to this [next] he gave the very gold buttons and cloths off his back upon [Oaths] and promises to stand by him and old Lieut. Hoggein [wait] cou'dn't to close imprisonment in the Fort, w-. his wind[s] shut up and almost stifled to Death.

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to leave the place before that matter cou'd be accommodated, for if he had come
between us and Fort St. David during the President's Absence, it would have
been impracticable for him to return bither by Land, and by Sea their cou'd
be no Conveyance till Febr., and therefore upon receipt of fresh Advice that
Cuddalore and all the outguards were quitted and expos'd by the Men coming over
to Mr. Davenport, we forthwith ordered him to March into your Bounds and defend
the said Fort; against our old Enemy Enemies in case of any attempt, Mr. Raworth, having
advised in a Letter of the 17th, of Octob'r, that they were coming down with all
their Force; and there is no doubt but he gave them a fair invitation.

96. On the 17th, of Octob'r, Mr. Davenport enter'd the Bounds with about three-
hundred men of the Garrison of which he left part to secure the most consider-
able of the outguards and went with the rest to take possession of Cuddalore, &
As in his way thither being oblig'd to pass in fair view of the Fort was saluted with
two Culveria shot that fell very near but did no harm; that same Evening
Mr. Raworth, thò he complain'd of the outguards being Expos'd, hearing there
was a guard put into one of them call'd Quondapa Choultry, he sent ten of his
best men on horseback, under presence of a civil Visit to seduce them over to his
side, and orders if they saw an Opportunity to seize the post in case they did not
surrender, accordingly they were arm'd with Carabines, pistols and Granadoes
with quick Matches, and being half drunk they advanc'd very boldly and stood in
the best of their way back to the Fort, and our Men expecting a second attack in the
Night by way of revenge considering they cou'd not be reliev'd from Cuddalore-
that was at too great a distance quitted their post and retir'd thither.

97. As soon as we had determin'd to order Mr. Davenport into the Bounds,
we dispatched Messrs. Warre and Lewis with proper Instructions to expostulate with
Mr. Raworth, and lay before him the very ill consequences that would attend this
unnatural and unjustifiable way of Proceeding, we likewise wrote him a Letter
and repeated our protestation against him for all dammages that might ensue
upon further resistance, as for the said Instructions and Letter we humbly refer
you to our Book of Letters sent N°. (83) & (89) & dare believe that when you
have been pleas'd to peruse them, you will be of Opinion we went as far as Men
could go to accomodate this unhappy Affair without further mischief.

98. As the Rev'd. Mr. Lewis comes home upon this Ship, we take the Liberty
of referring your Hon'r. to him for a particular Account of what pass'd in that
Negociation between them and Mr. Raworth, all offers were rejected, all
Persuasion was in vain, and after some days spent in endeavouring to calm his
mind and make him easy, the result was, he wou'd deliver the Fort to no man but
the President himself.

99. All this while Mr. Davenport was quiet at Cuddalore, upon a promise
made by Mr. Raworth to Messrs. Warre and Lewis that he would commit no Act of
hostility, notwithstanding which on the 24th, of Octob'r, about Eleven at Night in
the hight of the treaty, he flung a Bomb at Cuddalore that fell near to the town
Wall, and wou'd have done mischief had the faze been good; the Rain being set
in prevented a great deal more harm, and the Merchants finding themselves pretty
safe from the Shot of the Fort, in Cuddalore, assembled and contracted there-
with Mr. Davenport for Eight hundred forty eight Bales of Long Cloth and Saltamores only, at the former prices, notwithstanding all difficulties and particularly that Great one, of no fine Goods, so often urg'd in former Contracts.

99. This Contract being made and goods coming daily in, we were in no pain for the dispatch of your Shipping, and upon Receipt of a Letter from Messrs. Warre & Lewis wherein they declare it to be their Opinion that if the President cou'd come down all things wou'd be easily accommodated, a Resolution was taken for his going in Consultation of the 1st. Novr. and on the 4th. he set out having first accommodated the disputes with the Nabob, by means of Sunka Rams, with assurances that there should be no disturbance disturbing his Absence, and having likewise contracted with our Merchants for five hundred Bales of Callicoes and as many more as they cou'd possibly provide by the middle of February.

100. Tho' We all agreed in Opinion for the President to go down believing the men wou'd not stand out any longer in so wrong a cause after his Arrivall, yet we cou'd not think Mr. Raworth sincere in his intentions, because he still insisted in a Letter to Messrs. Warre & Lewis that he was the Dep't. Gov'r. and we had no power to displace him.

101. Passing thro' Postichery Gov'r. D'Ulivier coming out of the Fort to meet your President he cou'd not refuse to go in for a few hours, in which time he got a solemn promise that Mr. Raworth shou'd have no assistance from thence of provisions nor anything else till he return'd to his Duty, which was afterwards faithfully complied with, tho' they had supplied him before Underhand.

102. On the 7th. in the Evening your President arriv'd the Edge of your Bounds where he was met by Mr. Davenport from Cuddalore, and the next morning sent a summons to Mr. Raworth to meet him according to Custom upon his entering the Bounds not thinking it advisable after what had happen'd to go directly to the Fort; it was towards Evening before Mr. Warre & Lieut. Roach that carried the Message return'd with an Answer, we must beg leave to refer you to the Fort St. David Diary for the forementioned Letter and Answer, only observing the most material points, that is, the inassurable terms demanded by Mr. Raworth, and his firm promise that if your President insisted on his coming to him with the Keys, he would do it next day without fail, in Expectation of which the President took up quarters at the garden House, from whence upon the news of his coming down Mr. Raworth had drawn the usual guard into the Fort, leaving the house totally unburnish'd, and the Garden plunder'd of every thing that was in it, wou'd not look as if his promises to surrender were sincere.

103. In the morning Mr. Warre and Lieut. Roach returned into the Fort to claim Mr. Raworth's promise, but the scene was chang'd, he grew more unreasonable than ever and refused to keep his word in coming to the President[,] insisting that he would receive Him in the Fort and no where else, that he should enter the Fort
without any guard or attendants, and then his Garrison, as he call’d it, shoud acknowledge him for their Govr. those and several other passages of the same kind being duly considered as yo’ Honr. may please to observe in the Fort S. David Consultation of the 8th of Novembr. it was unanimously agreed that the President should go into the Fort with any safety or sending in some of his own Men, which Mr. Raworth had absolutely [refused] to permit; and it was therefore determined that if he continued to act in this imposible manner he must be reduc’d to his duty either by persuasion or force.

104. We must not omit to acquaint you that wth Mr. Ware and Lieut. Roach came Mr. Richard Harrison out of the Fort, pretending he had stay’d so long there for want of a particular summons, your President order’d him to his house at Cuddalore and afterwards upon examination into hisconduct finding him to have been a main Instrument in setting Mr. Raworth on, as well as active in all the mischief that has been done as you may please to observe in the Fort S. David Consultations and depozitions thereto Annex’d, he was first suspended at Fort S. David, which we have since confirm’d and shall continue it till your further orders.

105. This unnatural Contest lasted all the remaining part of Novembr. during which time all endeavour’s were use’d to draw away Mr. Raworth’s Admistrators from him, and to persuade them to deliver up the Fort, since we cou’d not prevail upon him. About fifty of them came over to their duty but there still remain’d in the Fort about one hundred and fifty, of which Eighty Europeans, without any guard or attendants, and then his Garrison, as he call’d it, shoud acknowledge him for their Govr. those and several other passages of the same kind being duly considered as yo’ Honr. may please to observe in the Fort S. David Consultation of the 8th of Novembr. it was unanimously agreed that the President should go into the Fort with any safety or sending in some of his own Men, which Mr. Raworth had absolutely [refused] to permit; and it was therefore determined that if he continued to act in this imposible manner he must be reduc’d to his duty either by persuasion or force.

106. Our men were employ’d in Tevenapatam and other proper Stations (as soon as we cou’d get into possession of them) to keep people from coming out of the Fort and plundering the Town as they had done for many days before, and in all manner of provisions from going in; we did not get these posts without resistance from our honest Countrymen as will be seen in the Diary of our Transactions, th’ we always took care to summon them to their Duty before a stroke was struck and likewise had so much patience as always to let them strike first, several men were wounded on both sides, but God be praised all are very well recover’d.

107. We will not trouble your Honr” in yt. Lee with all the remarkable passages that happen’d during this dispute, our Diary contains them at large and Mr. Davenport that was an Eye witness from the beginning as well as a party concern’d will give you a full narrative of every particular, our only aim was to get the mad Gentleman out of the Fort with as little blood shed as possible and before he had compleated the ruin of the Settlement, all his Actions will show he stuck at Nothing nor car’d what mischief was done provided he cou’d avoid coming to an Account: his people had free plunder in the Town of Tevenapatam till your President drove them out and took possession of it, all the Inhabitants have left their houses, when the Fort first began to fire upon Cuddalore Mr. Bertho’s house was plunder’d as a Deserter and all his provisions carried into the Fort, your joynt stocks Marchand Godowes were broke open and plunder’d as Traitors for complaining of hard usage, three of them were confined in the Fort and barbarously treated to extort money for payment of the Soldiers, and when he found they cou’d not consent any to supply him with, he turn’d them out a few days before he surrender’d the greatest objects of Compassion that ever were seen, one of them is an old man upwards of four score that has serv’d you at Coromor long before Fort S. David was settled they were all three so terrified and emaciated with their sufferings that they cou’d hardly speak to give an Account of what they had undergo’d.
108. If any man in the Fort desir'd to come to their Duty, they were cut off and turn'd out, one Man came to the President with a great piece cut out of his Skull, and a terrible wound in one of his Arms, which they call'd giving him a passport, and another man was shot dead in the Fort with a p[ro]f[er]esing one of the faithfull sergeant as M'r Raworth calls them upon a suspicion that he intended to desert, the Sergeant name is Murray and thank God we have him under close confinement for that inhumane Action.

109. These and Several other passages of the like kind consider'd it was thought high time for the preservation of what [was] left and for preventing further mischief and noise in the Country to make some how or other; the President [can]not learn exactly what provisions they had in the Fort, [but] he had certain advices that M'r Raworth intended to [turn] out all the Garrison to forty or fifty of the boldest Villains by which means he would have been able to suborn and hold out for a longer time than your Affairs at this place would have permitted y' President to stay at Fort St. David; likewise the fair weather being set in, and grain Boats daily expected upon the Coast we were not in a capacity for want of proper Sloops and Boats to prevent Supplys getting in by Sea; for which and other reasons set forth at large in the Fort St. David Consulsations. The Rev'd, M'r William Stevenson who accompany'd your President down upon this Expedition, was sent to M'r Raworth to know once for all what it was he intended to do at last, and to endeavour to persuade him by fair promises to submit before things were drove to further extremity.

110. Some days pass'd in Messages to and fro before he could be fix'd to any thing, and the result at last was that he must be permitted to go to Pontichery, where he would pass his Account to our Satisfaction in fifteen days after his Arrivall or else he freely consented to be deliver'd up and sent hither; he likewise insisted upon pardon for those that had adher'd to him, which we the more readily consented to because they were too many in Number to suffer exemplary punishment, and indeed it did not seem reasonable that the deluded Underlings should be made examples of, when we were under a necessity of letting him that Commanded and seduc'd them go unpunish'd. The Artillery he insist'd on.

111. The great Difficulty was to permit M'r Raworth's going to Pontichery after all that had happend' and without first stating and adjusting his Acce's of your Cash: Your President knew very well he had not a Pagoda left, and tho' no a soul of Cash had been seen since June, yet having got an Acco's of what issued to the Paymaster and what paid the March's on Acce's of the Contract, he was well satisfied there ought to have been upwards of twelve thousand Pagodas in Cash, and therefore M'r William Warre was sent once more into the Fort to discourse M'r Raworth upon that head to lay before him how unreasonable it was for him, and indeed scandalous to retire to a foreign place without first rendering an Acco's. To promise him all manner of Civility and good treatment in case he would stay and doe it in the usual manner and to endeavour to see his Cash book if possible and what condition his Acco's were in.

112. This Message had no better success than usual, all kind offers were to no purpose, he must either be permitted to go to Pontichery directly, or he solemnly swore he would take his Fate in the Fort, and we might bomb him or starve him out, he wouldn't with, many other extravagant and desperate Expressions too tedious to be inserted. M'r Warre ne'd all manner of Arguments to prevail with him to show his Cash book assuring him it was the Chief Difficulty that obstructed his going where he desir'd but he obstinately refused to show any, declaring at the same time that he had no money and that the Cash was indebted to him; but as for his Acco's he made no Scruple to own that he could not adjust it without the help of the Chief Dubash and other black Servants whom he desir'd might be sent to him at Pontichery.

113. Finding therefore that no good could be done with him [that] the Evill increased every day, and that the longer the affair [was] depending the greater...
the prejudice and confusion wou'd [be] at last it was resolved to let him go to
Fonthicery. If Mons[r]. D'U11v1er wou'd consent to receive him upon the foremen-
tioned condition accordingly your Presid[ent] wrote him a Letter upon the subj[cet]
and sent him a copy of the Article agreed on to which he returned a satisfactory
Answer as you may please to observe by the paper St. [94] sent in the Faoquet,[
bed[shaw] it was forgot to be enter'd in the Diary, Mr. Raworth likewise wrote
Mons[r]. D'U11v1er at the same time the conditions upon which he desire'd his
permission to reside there and that he consented freely to be delivered up in case
he did not Account [in] fifteen days to our Satisfaction; thus we tho' ourselves
[v ery] secure of Mr. Raworth's person well knowing he was not in a Condition
for want of money to reader in Acco's. [with] which it was possible for us to be
satisfied and if we had [not] permitted him to go on those terms he had got a
Boat re[ady] in the river under the Guns of the Fort, w. w. which he wou'd
[have] made his Escape in the dark Nights notwithstanding any thing we cou'd
do to hinder him and have thrown himself under their protection at Fonthicery,
without our being able to retrieve him.

114. It was the 2d. of Decemb[er] before your President entered the Fort,
the first ord[er] in Lieuten[ant]. Rosch, w. w. one hundred of our Madras party:
and disarmed the Rebels that were in number about 150, of which Eighty
the stoutest Europeans in your Service the rest Topasses, they were most of them red
hot with drink and declar'd that they had been kept as ever since the beginning
of the troubles, and that Mr. Raworth had promis'd them all preferment when he
came to be Gov'r. of Fort St. George, which he asser'ted them by Letters receiv'd
from Mr. Bullock at the Cape wou'd be order'd out of England by a Runnel' some
months pay due to them the last of November.

115. As soon as the President was in the Fort he demanded the Cash book
of Mr. Raworth, who deliver'd him one that ended the last of January and neither that
nor one Acco's., in six besides sign'd or pass'd in Consultation; the President ask'd
him publickly before all the Council and Officers if that was all the Acco's.
he had, and if he had made up none since June, he answer'd that was the last;
then he ask'd him if he had any balance in his hands, to which he reply'd not one
Pagoda.

116. The President us'd all the Arguments he was master of to persuade
him (notwithstanding the Agreement) to stay and settle his Acco's. before he
went, promising him every thing he cou'd desire, but he complain'd of the great
vex[a ig]s he had undergone, that he wanted rest and refreshment, and he promis'd
that he went only to Fonthicery to repose himself, and that he wou'd not fail to come of his own accord and see the President at Fort St. George when the
time limited was expir'd. Thus at last with much ado we got rid of this
mischiefous Man, that had been for several months making preparation to resist,
in case we sho'd call him to account, which he well knew he had but too much
reason to expect, your Hon'r. will wonder no doubt at our not being appr[oi'd]
of his intentions and irregular proceedings much sooner, indeed we might have
expected it from the Gentlemen of the Councill, but they were all so intimidated
by his violent temper (at least this is what they say for themselves) that they
dare not for their lives offer to write least their Letters should be intercepted;
this is certain what advices we did get at last were underhand by the Dutch
people, for Mr. Raworth kept a strict Watch for all Letters and Cadjans that pass'd
hither, and fetch'd back several persons that were got half way to this place in
order to complain.

117. The Fort was found in a most miserable and poisonous Condition, the
first work was to clean it and search for all your records and papers
which were immediately examin'd and new list'd but cou'd not all be
found, next an Account was taken of the warehouse and all manner of Stores
of which great quantities had been consumed since the beginning of this revolt, and
as soon as it can be done, all the extraordinary consumption will (as in Justice
we think it ought) be charged to Mr. Raworths Acco'. The Obstinate Crew found
in the Fort were dispersed to several Guards where they could best be looked
after and least capable of doing mischief; Several Depositions were taken as will
appear in the Diary, whereby Lieut. Patrick Johnston was found guilty of forcing
his men to ravish a poor Malabar woman with several other barbarities for which
he was confind close prisoner, and we intend him home by some one of your
Ships also Segent Murray that murdered a man in the Fort as herebefore
mentioned was put in Iron and ordered hither by the first Sea Conveyance, some
other ring-leaders in plundering of houses were confind and everything
remained very quiet.

118. When this Agreement was in a fair way of being concluded Mr.
Davenport returned hither to act as Chief in the Govern's absence and Mr. Thomas
Frederick went down to Fort St. David with our Commission to rule there as our
Deputy till further order, he arrived there the 9th in the Evening and on the 10th
year President accompanied him into the Fort and had his Commission read in
the hearing of the Garrison as well as your counsaulted Servants, taking that
opportunity to convince every body on what a wrong bottom Mr. Raworth had
engag'd himself and all his adherents. He

119. In the afternoon your President set out from Fort St. David, having
first deliver'd over the Cash to your Dep's Govern's in consultation, & made as
many regulations as the few days time he had would admit of and ordered
several蛏 as they cou'd be made with conveniance to yo' Affairs,
-on the 9th, at sun rise he return'd to this Govern'm. (without meeting anything
remarkable in his way except some visit's from the Pulligars of the Country)
and found all in peace & good Order, with two thousand four hundred Bales
ready in the warehouse, though Eight months time has actually been lost at
Fort St. David, from whence we might have had Eight hundred Bales more by
this Time.

120. We are next to acquaint your Hon's that when your President came to
-examine your Books and papers at Fort St. David, no Consulations were found
signed since July, and in those that were signed from the time of Mr. Raworth's
coming to that Govern'm, no entries have been made of any Sums of money paid
your Merchants upon Contract, nor no Receipts to be found in the receipt Book
for upwards of One hundred & fifty thousand pag. by which confud method,
many Errors have arisen in Acco', with the Merchants difficult to rectified;
all payments ought according to our method here to be made them by order of
Consulation and the Receipt Book is the voucher for what paid out of Cash:
This Mr. Raworth well knew to be the rule, but never kept up to it, and so there
is a difference of upwards of six thousand pag. below his and their Account
which for want of their Receipts cannot be adjusted.

121. It is likewise the prescribed Rule in all your Factories, that all sums of
money due for rents, Revenues and indeed on any other Acco'. whatsoever, shall
be paid into Consulation and your Govern's here always writes what record on
a Sheet of Paper kept by the person that pays in pag. money, but Mr. Raworth has
entirely inverted this method by compelling all persons to pay him the money
angly as his private Occasions requir'd it without giving any manner of Receipt
in the Factory, or inscription kept by Mr. Raworth.
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122. The Abuse in Buildings upon Enquiry was found to be very extraordinary, we formerly ordered every one of the outworks to have a head in their Books, that we might see their true cost and what was expended upon comparing them this method has been kept pretty well up, but then they brought in a monthly charge besides of between two and three hundred pag. for repairs of fortifications which no body can give any Acco. of only in general terms that it was for odd Buildings order'd by the Dep't. Govern't. and among the rest, a model of an Italian Portico built on the inside of the Fort gate was must cost near three hundred pag., but no particular Acco. of it to be found; as for the Garden house, we shall send an exact Acco. of that charge a part by the last Ship we dispatch; in the mean time we assure your Hon'ble there is much more laid out upon it than what we mention'd in our last, and if we finish the wall and other things according to the plan Mr. Raworth has laid it will cost fifteen hundred pag. more at least before its finish'd.

123. On the Ground which Mr. Raworth took in to enlarge this Garden there stood a pretty little Village Inhabited by Weavers, all their houses were pull'd down and the poor inhabitants turnd a grazing with fair promises of houses and ground to be given them in another place; but this was never done nor any notice taken of their complaints till your President went down when they threw themselves at his feet for Justice, and a piece of ground is order'd for their speedy restoration.

124. There have been several other abuses particularly in the article of bricks and buying in Timber, the former th' burst at your Expense with the wood cut out in the bounds to y' great prejudice of them and the cooley hire-charge'd in Acco; yet stand in as much money upon the Books as if they had been bought outright; and as for the Timber th'o bought up at Negapam very reasonably, we find it charg'd in Acco; at very dear rates; we have order'd a very particular enquiry into all these matters, in hopes to have it perfected so soon as to be sent by the last Ships and where we can get reparation no Endavours of ours shall be wanting, in y' mean time our main Concern is to take care it may be no more.

125. But the most unbounded Extravagance of all has been in the Stables, where the late Dep't. Govern't. had most an End twenty Horses of his own that stood some of them in five and six pag. a month keeping, whereas our Allowances to those of your Council here for every horse is no more than fifty farama pag. a month in this one Article there will now be sav'd above an hundred pag. a month, and in the Total Expense of Fort St. David at least one thousand pag. a month, th'o we have been so often told by Mr. Raworth and your Council, that the charge cou'd not be retrench'd w'e. out exposing the place, and every thing shall be as safe as well taken care of as before, we hope better, if we can but prevent any ill consequences from the late inconsiderate behaviour of Mr. Raworth and his Adbissantes, which we do assure you shall be our Study day and Night. We are sorry to add that none of your Council at Fort St. David are any way to be excus'd for their turn and shamefull Submission to Mr. Raworth's Arbitrary.
proceedings; things could never have gone so far, if they had had Spirit enough to do their Duty in opposing him, or in acquainting us sooner with his irregular way of proceeding; we have before told you what a poor apology they make for themselves and shall confide in them no more than needs must hereafter.

125. It is impossible for us to lay before your Honrs. (in one Letter) all the Abuses and Irregularities that have been (and are still daily) discovered; but Mr. Henry Davenport that was upon the spot and an Ear witness to the proof of a great many will give you a full Accot. of all whenever your Literacy will permit him a hearing. The Envoy has shown for your Service upon this unhappy occasion at Fort St. David, the faithful discharge of his trust in the Warehouse since your President’s Arrival, and his long experience in your Affairs in General we hope will gain him sufficient Credit when he has the Honour to appear before you; and therefore not to detain you longer on this unpleasing Subject, we shall only add what has happened since Mr. Raworth’s being at Pontichery as briefly as possible.

127. When the fifteen days were near expir’d he sent us an Eronymous Accot. of Cash from the last of June to the last of November accompany’d with a letter. copy of the said Accot. attested comes in the packet No. (35) and your Honr. will observe he makes a balance due from him Pag. One hundred sixty nine, the letter is enter’d in the Book of Letters receiv’d No. (178) and there is something in it very remarkable for w”” reason we refer thereto.

128. This Accot. was far from being satisfactory and therefore we made our demand in a letter of the 18th of December & sent down a proper person immediately to Govr. D’Ulivier to negotiate the manner of delivering Mr. Raworth up at the same time appointing Lieut. Roach then at Fort St. David to accompany him hither, and as we were privately inform’d that he pretended his life was in danger. That we were his mortal Enemies and intended to assassinate him, we gave a full power to our Agent to sign any Articles that Gover’d. D’Ulivier should demand for his Security, but all won’t do, he gave in a request in writing wherein he demanded the King of France Protection and passage upon their Ships, and notwithstanding all Govr. D’Ulivier’s Reasons” to our President when at Fort St. David, his request was granted upon pretence that as the King’s Gover’ it would be his utter ruin to refuse it. We are still in contest about the matter, and should show a great deal more resentment at this unfaithful dealing, but that we are at no certainty of the Peace being concluded in Europe, however we have given our Opinion very freely in writing and shall not fail to send Copies of all that passes either by this Ship or the next, not desiring but the French Company when they come to be inform’d of Mr. D’Ulivier’s ill Conduct, will highlyAvant their setting so pernicious an Example for which we know very well Mr. Raworth has no money with him, yet he ought to have been deliver’d up to settle his Accounts here according to agreement.

129. We have drawn out his Account of Cash as it really ought to be, which comes in the packet No. (16) and the true ball.” is sixteen thousand seven hundred Eighty three Pag. nine far. four Cash and three quarters, there may be further discoveries made hereafter, but this is what we can learn at present, the necessary remarks to explain it are wrote upon the same paper, and Copies of the Bills of Exchange not made good come attested in the packet No. (41) we likewise send a Copy of the Fort St. David Cash from April 1712 to April 1713 inclusively that you may see they are not entered there; our Accot. of Cash has been sent to Mr. Raworth at Pontichery by proper witnesses to know what objections he had against it, but he positively refus’d to receive or look in it, declaring he would Accot. with nobody but yr. Honr. in England; he is no doubt ashamed to see it well knowing that he can make no just objections against the Articles contained therein.
120. By the next Ship we shall be able to get ready an Account of what he has in those parts to make you satisfaction, we cannot be sure if he has sent any thing home to England, but we suspect he did by honest Mr. Balloock, because this bill of Exchange of five thousand Pounds was drawn much about that same time, and Mr. Balloock wrote him from y. Cape as he himself has publicly declared, that if it cost him Ten thousand pound he wouldn’t carry the point for him in England; please to read a Copy of a Letter that comes in the packet N°. (37), what we can find here shall be secured; but there are great clamours for private debts amounting to no less than thirty thousand Pagodas, and among those the money said by Charity and fines for building a Church at Fort St. David upwards of five hundred Pounds, and about seven hundred more of the Corporation money of this place, which he had out of the Chest when he was Mayor, and never yet accounted for, we shall be able to send a list of what he [owes] by the next Ship.

121. It will seem a great Mystery to your Honors what he has done with all this money, says we have rob’d him of [his] estate, but we shall make appear that he used as very inhumanely in those false aspersions, the real truth is he never kept any Account of all the vast sums that passed through his hands for two years after Mr. Pit’s departure the same Care he took of yo’s. Warehouse, the same he took of all private concerns, he trusted entirely to black Servants and that [has] been his ruin.

122. A Slave fellow his Dubash at Fort St. David that had not served him above a twelve month and came to him not worth a Pagoda, ran away from the Fort upon a [cata]lumna during the Troubles and escaped to Port Novo with four or five thousand pag. pick’d up in his Service we had done our Endeavours to recover him and the money, [but] have not hitherto been able to succeed, he was the Man who had the handling both of his Cash and yo’s. Honours of which your President had sufficient proof when at Fort St. David.

123. And now to wind up this tedious and ungrateful Story, We do most solemnly assure yo’s. Honours in the first place, that nothing but a true regard to yo’s. Interest, and a just sense of our Duty moved us at any rate to express our Assurance of our Duty moved us at any rate to express our Assurance of our Duty moved us at any rate to express our Assurance of yo’s. Satisfaction, and a just sense of our Duty moved us at any rate to express our Assurance of your President and Secretary of this Presidency, we are well satisfied of your power by the Tocour of all your Orders and Cannot doubt of your Approbation, when all things have been done and impartially examined.

124. Your President further declares that thô he has received Injuries and insults innumerable, such as no man in power at the head of Affairs ought to bear from any inferior, yet he never brought those matters upon the stage against him, nor ever wou’d have proceeded in this manner if he had not laid such a Scheme of confusion in your affairs, we must be accountable for what is done at Fort St. David we plainly find by all your Letters and Directions, & therefore we must have a person to rule there that will obey our Orders, and not licentious and squander away your money as he pleases, and One that when he is reprimanded for a Seditious Accusation of Cash, will not draw up such an insolent Compliment as we send you an Extract of in y. Packet N°. (38) which needs no Comment upon only that it is a Composition of wickedness and folly, and of a piece with the rest of the President’s Actions.

125. We shall do our Endeavours to prevent any future ill Consequences attending this unprecedented Action of Mr. Haworth’s, but your Honours must allow the foundation of all your Government in these parts of the world is struck at, and we have already felt some of the ill Effects of a new Spirit that appears to have broken loose among some of the military, since they are made sensible that they cannot be hang’d for resisting your Authority sure such a Settlement as this requires a Court of Justice for the punishment of such flagrant crimes and there can be no
doubt, but an honest Jury may be found here as tender of a man's life as those
that use the old Bailey, we are far from being fond of any part in that admin-
istration and heartily beg their may be some person learned in the law to super-
cede if ever a Commission comes out, but this we may venture to affirm that if some
speedy care is not taken after what has happen'd at Fort. St. David, there is no
man living can answer for the Security of your Estate nor other Peoples under
your Protection. We will be watchful over those that we have been obliged to
forgive, and take all opportunities to get rid of them; we have ten in prison that
were surprizd in Tenzapam, and had the impudence to insist that they knew
no Govt. but Mr. Raworth; all this humbly submitted to your Hon. perusal and
we make no doubt but your Mercantile affairs will go on in a regular manner
as they ought; we wish and pray for prosperity to them both at home & abroad,
and to your Hon. in particular, being we' great Respect

FORT ST. GEORGB
Till! 19 th. 011 JANUARY 1711.

TO CAPT. MATTHEW MARTIN
COMMANDER OF SHIP MARLBOROUGH.

1. Your Ship being full laden you are hereby ordered to repair on board and
with the first opportunity of Wind Weather to proceed and make the best of your
way for the Port of London, and whatever Port of Great Britain you arrive first
at, we order you to send away your Purser with our packet delivered you in a
Box marked A, directed To the Honble. the Court of Directors for Affairs of the
Honble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies,
To whom your Ship goes Consigned.

2. We likewise deliver you a flying packet Letter B, which you are to for-
ward by post or Express immediately upon your Arrivall at any Port in Europe
where Conveyance can be had, taking care to write yourself to yr. Honble. Direc-
tors. an Acco. of what has happen'd material in your Voyage.

3. We also deliver you a Box marked Letter C, containing Books of Ac-
ccounts, which you are to send by the first safe Conveyance after you get into the
River of Thames.

4. The Honble. Directors have complained that while their Ships have been
detain'd in Ireland or Holland for Convoy, they have wanted our Advice, tho'
at the same time the Commanders have had our positive orders to forward a small
packet in the manner before directed, which we admire has not been obeyd, and
strictly enjoyn you once more to send away the packet Letter B, as you will
answer it to them on your Arrivall.

5. As there was a cessation of Arms in Europe when our last Ships came
from thence and great dependance upon a speedy peace, the Worsh. the Secret
Committee have not thought fit to send us any orders for our homeward bound
Shipping as usual, but gave them to the Commanders of the Ships bound out to
be lodged for you at the Cape, and Capt. Nehemiah Winter in the King William
Gally having paid by that Fort without calling in, our President demanded the
forementioned Secret orders of him and herewith delivers you a Copy thereof sealed up, by which you are to guide Yourself in your passage home, unless you receive fresher Orders from the said Committee or from our R't Hon.'t Masters.

6. The Company's Orders are, that if any Ship should be so late dispatched hence or that by any other misfortune she [has] no hopes of getting about the Cape, that they winter at Gall[ey] on the Island of Ceylon, and stay no longer there than the beginning of July, but if it so happens that they get up [w't] the Cape or near it, their Orders then are, that they go to [Bat]jritious to the South East side, which is on the Windward part of the Island where the Dutch had a Settlement, taking great care of your going in, 'Tis further ordered that you do all possible to avoid going into the North west Harbour or Carpenters Bay where 'tis likely the French will look in; we are very credibly informed the Dutch have left the Island Mauritius, so that you must be very careful how you make it, and be always on your guard and keep constant looking out to prevent being surprised by any Enemy, securing yourself in the best manner you can during your stay there.

7. The Company have sent out a standing order to St. Helena to be inserted in all your instructions Viz't that wh[erever] you touch there, that you bring your Ship to an anchor before you come open with Chappell Valley near Mundens' point if you do not meet with good Anchor hold sooner, and then send your boat ashore to give the Govern't. intelligence who you are, for he is ordered to let no Ship pass that point and come into the road before he knows what they are and whence they come, and if any Ship shou'd attempt to break this order, the Govern't. has the Company's positive orders to fire on them.

8. We strictly enjoin you as formerly not to come near a Ship at Sea, if possible to be avoided unless you have secur[ed] signals concerted beforehand so as to know they are [of your] Companions (because we are not sure the peace is [concluded] and there may be pirates abroad as formerly reported). You must always keep the several packets to be delivered you at hand, and in case you are in danger [of falling] into any Enemies hands, you are to throw them over[board] with all private Letters in your Ship. We wish you [a] prosperous Voyage and date these in Fort St. George this [day] of January 1711

EDWARD HARRISON.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.
RICHARD HOBSON.
JOSEPH SMART.
THOMAS OOKS.

List of the Packet to the Hon''t: The Court of Directors of the Ship Marland Capt. Matthew Martin Comm''t.

No. 1. General Letter dated the 19th January 1711
5. Copy List of the Pockets to Ship London.
6. Copy Register of Diamonds on Ditto Ship.
7. Acco'. of Ships Arrivall at and Departure from Fort St. George to the Ultimo December.
8. Surgeons of the King William Hannover & Frederick their second Receipts for head money.
11. Abstract of the Hon'ble Comps'. Revenues to the 31st Nov.
12. Acco'. of what goods received from and sent to the Bay Ann 1713.
13. List of covenant'd Servants and Inhabitants in the Presidency of the Coast of Choromandell.
14. List of Marriages, Christenings and Births in Fort St. George [1713].
15. List of the first Company of Soldiers in Fort St. George.
16. List of the second Ditto in Ditto
17. List of the third Ditto in Ditto
19. Translates of several Letters from the Fort S'. Davi to the Hon'ble Presid.
20. Copy of Mr. Weld's Acco'. Currt, as stated at Fort St. David.
22. Copy Sup't. Cargoes of Strzeham their Acco'. Expenses at Batavia.
23. Mr. Penrice 2d. Note to refund what paid in that Acco', in case the Company shall not agree to it.
25. Cap'. Matthew Martin's request for 663 bags of Salt Petre more than Charterparty.
26. List of Demands for the Warehouse for the year 1713.
27. Storekeeper's List of Ditto for Ditto time.
28. Secretary's List of Stationary Ware wanting.
29. Storekeeper's Acco'. how the Stationary Ware by last Shipping came out.
30. Extract of Letters to & from Visagapatam relating to Mr. Holcomb's debts.
31. Paymaster's Acco'. Currt, with Francis Barourd deceased.
32. Duplicate of a Protest against R. Raworth Esq', dated y. 14th Octob'.
33. Duplicate of a Second Ditto dated the 31st D'.
34. Copy of the Hon'ble Presid'. Letter to Gov. D'Olivier w'th his answer thereon in relation to Mr. Raworth's being permitted to go to Pontichery.
35. Copy of Mr. Raworth's Acco'. Cash sent from Pontichery.
36. Copy of his Acco', as stated by Mr. Frederick and Council.
37. Copy part of a Letter from Robt. Berriman (who was sent Mr. Raworth at Pontichery about his Acco'. Cash) to Mr. William Ware.
38. Copy of one of Mr. Raworth's Consultations dated the 8th July 1713.
39. Copy of a parcel of Ship Hannover's Invoice from Great Britain wrong cast [£ 100-10].
41. Copies Bills of Exchange not accounted for by Mr. Raworth.
42. List of goods register'd by Mr.'s Martin.
43. Copy of the Fort S'. David [Cash] Acco'. from April 1713 to April 1718.
44. List of Diamonds referred to Ship Marlbrd.
45. Acco'. Remains in the [ ] Warehouse of Fort S'. George to y'. Ult'. Dec'.
46. Acco'. Remains in the Storehouse of Ditto to D'th time.
47. Surgeon's List of Store's Last Jeg of Invoice by the last Shipping.
49. Copies of several Affidavits relating to the attack upon Compadah Choultry.
50. Copy of Styleman Gostlin's Diary during his stay in the Fort w'th Mr. Raworth.
51. Copy of Mr. Raworth's instructions to John Barrow when he [left the fort.]
25. Bernard Benyon Sea Customer his Acco". Curr'. Ballan' paid the 14th. [ ... ]
26. Ditto as Storekeep'. ballan' paid the 20th July 1714.
28. Copy of Cap'. Matthew Martin's Dispatch.
29. List of the Packet.

LIST OF BOOKS

FORT S'. GEORGEO BOOKS VIZ'.
Journall & Liedger Letter £ ... (Commencing p'° May 1712.
Consulations & Diaries ... ... (Concluding Ult'. May 1712.
Letters Received ... ... ... (Commencing Jn'° May 1712.
Letters Sellt ... ... ... (Commencing Jn'° 12th. 1712.
Copy of the Old Comp'. Charter to Madrasapatan.
Journall & Liedger of Ship Stretbam's China Cargo.
Mint Account ... ... ... (Commencing p'° May 1712.
Sea Customer's Account ... ... (Commencing p'° May 1712.
Paymasters Account ... ... (Commencing p'° May 1712.
Land Customer's Accounts ... (Commencing p'° May 1712.
Stewards Accounts ... ... ... (Commencing p'° Jan'° 1713.
Journall Parcels ... ... ... (Concluding Ult'. Nov'° 1713.

FORT S'. DAVID BOOKS VIZ'.
Journall & Liedger Letter L ... (Commencing p'° May 1712.
Consulations & Diaries during the troubles sent in the possession of
HENRY DAVENPORT.

VIZAGAPATAM BOOKS VIZ'.
Journall & Liedger Letter ... (Commencing p'° May 1712.
(Concluding Ult'. April 1713.


TO THE Hon. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R. HON. UNITED COMPANY OF ADVENTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES

Hon'. S'.
1. Our last was by the Marlbrö that sail'd hence the 21st. and a Duplicate thereof comes in the Packet with all other material papers; we are now to acquaint your Hon'. as briefly as possible with what has happen'd since that time.
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2. On the 22d. instant arriv'd your Ship Recovery from Bengal with her

Kentilage and two hundred Sails for Europe and Stores for this place, which

are all landed and we hope to dispatch her fully laden by the 10th. of next

(month) at farthest.

3. We expected a Thousand bags of Salt Petre at least by this Ship, but to

our great Surprise not one is come and when the Frederick is Kentilag'd we shall

not have two hundred bags in the Godown, we wrote to Bengal under the 3d. of

June that the Howland had swept our Godowns & that we were forc'd to buy up

what there was in town at an extravagant Price to keep our Powder Mills at

work, we likewise advis'd them in subsequent Letters that we hop'd to dispatch

the Frederick and that we must have provision in the future for the transportation

of Letters all which we have been advis'd you in our last to make the sailworthy e.

that { } in Bay must be done as you may please to observe in the Script [ ... ] by the

said Ship.

4. To remedy this disappointment as well as possible we dispatch'd away

Letters as soon as we knew of it, [thinking] they may send us a sufficient

quantity before this [month] is spent, because afterwards they can send us

none till Aug.'s and that will arrive so late in September, that the Ship we

intend to dispatch must run the hazard of the Octof.'s. Monsoon before we can

be able to load her; the Recovery bro' us no more than five hundred bags of

Rice, this she might very well have taken in a thousand more, since she brought

us Salt Petre.

5. Cap'. Harry Gough requesting Permission to shoot the Turnerick loaded

upon him in the Bay, that he might be the better able to bring his Tea between

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docks, we consented thereto upon a further Consideration that it would pay but

half freight, in which we hope we are not mistaken. The Recovery has likewise

Tunering on board, and the Tea would infallibly have been spilt if put in the

hold of either Ship.

6. Your Ship Frederick has brought us a Serang and nine Lascars prisoners

from the West Coast that were the principals concern'd in running away with a

Vessel sail'd the Mary Ouly Cap'. Andrew Gatt belonging to Mr. Adams yo'.

Chief of Calicut after having most inhumanly butcher'd the Cap', and all the

Europeans on board in the dead of Night, your Honor's will have a full Accou', of

this bloody Affaire your West Coast Consulatation, we hope we shall not be

thought cruel in making severe Examples of such wicked Villains, without which

it will be impossible to trade longer in these parts with any manner of safety,

since the Shipping cannot be sail'd e. out these Lascars; four of the Prisoners

died in the passage over and we have pritty good Assurances that this is the very

Serang concern'd in murdering the men aboard the Tongqueen Ship of which we

advis'd you in our last years Letters.

7. On the 20th. last we were honour'd with your Letter dater the 24th. April.

Br. from Frederick were sent a Mr. Laurens Sommers, Master of

another Ship that was cast away in the Egg, a Mr. Cap. Gough.

If we must make use of the Europeans (of which

Villains it will be impossible to have justice

otherwise,)

The Recovery bro' us six hundred and fifty bags more, & we have { ... } the

next is spent, and that will arrive so late in September, that the Ship we

intend to dispatch must run the hazard of the Octof.'s. Monsoon before we can

be able to load her; the Recovery bro' us no more than five hundred bags of

Rice, this she might very well have taken in a thousand more, since she brought

us Salt Petre.
Records of Fort St. George

General and Council of [Bombay] and President and Councill in Bengal, that which you please to mention for Benoolen not coming to our hands we suppose it to be lodg'd at Batavia, however we have a ship bound that way in few days by which we shall not fail [it] to advise them.

9. By the Frederick we learn that your Ship Susanna arrived Benoolen the 17th of October and they did not doubt of dispatching her so as to save her passage, but by reason of the Want in the Northern parts about Bantam, from whence the greatest part of the Pepper is supply'd they could not venture to spare any towards the Frederick loading, they write us that the Abingdon close'd all the Godown's of Salt Petre, and what redwood there was [left] they have sent us upon the Frederick which Ship is [now] ready kincted'd and we will dispatch her in time [if possible] if not she must be a winter Ship, but we shall be able to determine that matter by that time the Recovery sails.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

10. We have little to add under this head, only that we have sent Duplicates of our Warehouse and Storekeeper's List of demands in this packets, and we see no reason to make any Alteration, only desire that the Belts and other Leather furniture for the Military may be better taken care of, because those we have lately receiv'd are generally rotten and unserviceable by that time they come to hand.

11. In Answer to what your Hon'ble Mr. Gunley's looking Glasses on the 10th of July and Herne, we have particularly examined Capt. Gough who gives the following Account, Vizt. That those intended upon the Herne were not ship'd that he knows of and that what he had aboard were consign'd singly to him; at Batavia in his passage to China he says he was credibly inform'd that he shou'd never be able to dispose of them and therefore Ship'd them upon a Spanish Vessell bound to Manilla in hopes of finding a better Market there, the returns will be made by way of Batavia, and consequently it is not in our power to comply with your Order; if your Hon'ble do not approve what the Gentlemen concern'd have done Mr. Gunley must make you Satisfaction, we find upon Strict enquire that they were not sold in China nor brought hither; and we can assure you that there is no manner of demand neither in China nor here at present for that brittle Ware.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

12. The Cloth comes in very expeditiously upon the New Contract now at Fort St. David, but the Washers having thro' Negligence or connivance been suffer'd to go to Pottichery with their Families upon the French Ships Arrival, that damage is not easily to be repair'd, we have taken the properest methods we could think of to get a supply, but as they are raw [and] unexperienced in comparison of those that left us, the work goes but heavily on and we cannot submit to [have] the cloth so wretchedly cured as it was last Season.
13. As soon as your Ships are dispatched we shall immediately proceed upon a new Contract both here, at Fort St. David and Vizagapatam in hopes of being able to load one of the biggest Ships you have abroad from hence in Sept. tho' the French coming in between us with such large stocks will be a great hindrance and prejudice to your Affairs.

14. We [daily] expect a Vessel from Ingeram with about One hundred and Ninety Bales, having received Advice of the French taking the Ship Jane in her Voyage to Tonquin some time in June last and narrowly missed several others of our Ships bound to China and Manhila, the Jane was admitted to ransom but we have heard nothing of her nor of the French since that time, however we hope by Virtue of the Peace concluded in April to get the Prisoners back.

FURTHER TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

15. We have sent upon this Ship two bales of the finest Batheas one of which of three Covids broad and hope that will answer your Expectation, we expect more to come in, in time for the Recovery.

16. Under this head we have only to add that the Government round about us is peaceable and quiet that Scrop the Rajah of Chirijee is lately dead and a new Governr. expected to succeed him and they write us from Vizagapatam that their Nabob Habib Owme is displac'd it is impossible for a worse to come in his room.

17. The Metchapalam Merchants stand stiffly to their demands, we have never yet offered them more than mention'd in our last but still hope to do something before the Recovery

18. We have receiv'd advice that two French Ships commanded by Mons. Boyneau, which came from France by way of Peru took the Ship Jane in her Voyage to Tonquin some time in June last and narrowly missed several others of our Ships bound to China and Manhila, the Jane was admitted to ransom but we have heard nothing of her nor of the French since that time, however we hope by Virtue of the Cessation, and the peace concluded in April to get the Prisoners back.

FURTHER TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND EXPENSES.

19. We have seen occasion to add under this head is that we have in a manner done with the [a] expensive Article of Building here til we know your pleasure concerning proper Lodgings for your covenant'd Servants, we shall endeavour to keep what we have done in good Repair.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS & SOLDIERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

20. Upon this Ship we send Mr. Patrick Johnston that came out upon the King William with a Commission for Lieut. under this Presidency, our former Letter by the Maribar as well as the Fort St. David Diary and Commissions will show how unfit he is to carry a Commission in your Service, and in our humble Opinion he deserves a severer punishment then we are powerd to present to inflict upon him, wherefore we are very glad to rid your Settlements as fast as we can of such ill principled and ungrateful Men, and hope you will be pleased for the future to make strict enquiry into the lives and Conversations of the Military Officers you send abroad because we are inform'd from good hands that this Gentleman had but a very loose Character in England and was only sent abroad to disturb them.

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21. Not knowing what Alterations your Hon" may be pleased to make at this Board by the next Shipping on Acco 2 of M' Bulley's laying down and the discoveries made relating to the Warehouse of which you had a full Acco 3 by the Dartmouth &c. we have determined not to fill up the vacancy till we hear further from you.

22. In our Consultation of the 22d inst. Messrs. Benyon & Warre late Attorneys to M' Rob 4 Raworth, delivered a remonstrance and laid their Acco 5 depending with him before the Board in order to justify themselves for what they have acted in his affairs upon which we ordered a Committee of the Europe Comm 6 & other persons skilful in Acco 7 to examine them and report their observations thereupon, which is complied with and the whole put into Such a method as will be easiest [under]stood by such persons as you shall be pleased to appoint to examine them, and sent in a stitch'd book apart in the packet N°. (37); the Gentlemen concern'd humbly request that if M' Raworth should send them in England with such foul Accusations as he has done in these parts of the world w/o any manner of Reason, you will be pleased to peruse and consider the true state of the matter before you entertain an ill opinion of the proceedings, which they humbly think they are able to justify before any Court of Equity in the world.

23. Since our last we have sent away Thomas Willford a writer to assist in your Factory at Vizagapatam.

**SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.**

24. We send You by this Ship a Duplicate of M' Raworth's Account of Cash with [the] necessary remarks to Explain it, [that] were omitted in the [hurry] of the Matheo's dispatch; We sent the same Acco 8 to Pontichery by two proper persons to try if M' Raworth had any thing to object against it, but he refused so much as to look into it, and declared that he would not correspond with us but clear himself of the Balance before yo. Hon" in England, which we know is justly accountable for, and therefore we are determin'd to Secure all we can lay our hands on towards making You Satisfaction.

25. This usage put [us] upon renewing our Just Complaints to the Gover'n. & Council of Pontichery, 1th with no better Success than before, we propose to send by the Recovery an Acco 9 apart of what has passed between us upon this Occasion not doubting but the French Company will shew a just resent[t]ment of Gover'n. [D'T]'s Proceedings, that may one time or Other be fatally [pre]judicial to their Affairs.

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[27.] Inclo'd you will receive Invoice and Bill of Loading of this Ship amounting to one hundred Nineteen Thousand two hundred Sixty one Pagodas, which we wish may arrive your Hon'. in safety, and that Prosperity may attend your Affairs in General, being with great Respect.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
the 31st. Jan'. 1714

EDWARD HARRISON.
WILLIAM JENKINS.
BERNARD BENTON.
WILLIAM WARE.
RICHARD HORDEN.
JOSEPH SMART.
THOMAS COOK.

REMARKS UPON THE ACCOUNT OF CASH ANNEX'D.

TO THE HON'ble THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE ST. HON'ble UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDES.

HON'ble St.

As to the Balance brought from the month of June it is taken from the Fort St. David Account of Cash as sent us hither signed by Mr. Raworth and the Secretary as having been passed in Consultation.

The Next Article of five thousand Pag'. Mr. Raworth swears he will [never] own and that it is a fictitious Bill of Exchange imposed [upon] him, but the rest of the Councell acknowledge their heads to it, and we are very good Judges of his writing, besides they advise us of the said Bill in their General Letter of the 26th January, which leaves no room for a dispute since he has no where debited the Cash for the mony as will plainly appear by their Cash Account, for the last twelve months sent home by the Maribor.

As to the next Article of Seventeen hundred and three Pag', we have wrote so fully concerning it in the General Letter that it needs no further explanation, only the point in dispute is, whether your Hon'ble will allow of a payment of that kind made the Dep' Gov't. singly to be good, if not, Matthew Weld is still Accountable [for] Equity, tho' not worth a Pagoda in the world, 'tis our humble opinion that no payment of this kind ought to stand good unless made in Council, otherwise many such inconveniencies as these now before us may frequently happen.

The three subsequent Articles of Pag'. twelve hundred forty five and twenty six fanams and twenty four Pag'. Seven hundred and twenty six fanams are what Mr. Raworth himself allows to have drawn upon us, but because the last of the three was drawn after we forbid them to draw any more, and we order'd the mony to be repaid out of ye. Cash, he pretends to credit his Account, tho' he never repaid one Pagoda; as for the first Bill of Pag'. twelve hundred forty five and twenty six fanams, it was drawn before our Orders to the Contrary and therefore we paid it to Mr. Henry Davenport, the Second article of Seven hundred Pag'. we accepted as being a dead persons Effects that died insolvent tho' it is not yet paid in to the Mayors Court, however we think ourselves Answerable for it, as we always give a liberty on that Account.

The next Article of Pag', two hundred one, ten fanams and three Cash as receive by Mr. Richard Harrison Paym'. but he credits Mr. Raworth for it as mony paid him out of Cash and Mr. Raworth omits to credit Mr. Farmer who paid is in According to Custom, so that he is undoubtedly Accountable.

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As to the following Article of Pag'. Nine hundred paid in by Eram Rauz bound Renter, we can have no more than his Oath for it, since Mr. Haworth never suffer'd any of the payments to be made in Consultation, but for private Reasons best known to himself compelled them to pay the money privately, and that any Governor may very easily do, especially one of his Oust egregious Temper, but there is one thing further to be remark'd that if Eram Rauz had not paid this money, some complaint or other would have appeared and we can find none.

The next Article of three hundred pagodas needs no explaining being a downright fraud as the money was paid in Consultation & not enter'd in Cash, and sure [ly . . . ] tend but that the Cashkeeper is Accountable.

The two following Articles of six hundred sixty seven pagodas & twenty four fanams, and Sixteen hundred sixty six pagodas & twenty four fanams, are exactly of the same Nature with the foregoing of nine hundred paid in by Eram Rauz we have their several Oaths for the payment of the money, copies of which come in the packet No. (39), and we desire particular Orders concerning those Sums; the several persons concerned would plead, that if they had refused payment, they must have fled your bounds, that in this Country they always look upon the Governor as the Company's Representative, and did believe that they were safe in paying the money to him; they are no rich men, tho' very useful in your Business, and we apprehend that obliging them to pay it over again would be their utter Ruin.

The following Article of four hundred fifty pagodas we do find to be pass'd in a private Account between Mr. Raworth and Berriman, but that is not a regular payment, and if Mr. Raworth does not make it good, it is our opinion that Berriman must whenever he is able.

The Next Article of Pag'. twelve hundred forty five, twenty two fanams and one Cash for customs not paid by Mr. Raworth, plainly appears from the Custom House Book, the several goods been ship'd off, landed and enter'd in his Name and for and at the request of the Company, as the Company Representative, and did believe that they were safe in paying the money to him; they are no rich men, tho' very useful in your Business, and we apprehend that obliging them to pay it over again would be their utter Ruin.

As for the Article of four hundred pagodas Charges Garrison we think it very unreasonable to allow it him for defending the Fort against his Superiors and the Hon'ble Company, and the last Article is the most scandalous of all & needs no further remark than that he who refuses to be Accountable for such a fund deposited in his hands for charitable uses, will hardly ever stick at any thing else.

As for the Articles on the Creditors side we allow [y] Each having sufficient Vouchers, and therefore they need no further Remarks.

As for the Merchants Account we enter'd at the foot of the Cash, we must defer giving judgment upon it till our Shipping is dispatch'd, and we have time for a thorough examination, but by what we have seen, we fear he will be likewise indebted to them.

Thus we have fairly explain'd the Accompanying Cash Account, and if Mr. Raworth can clear himself of the Balance without paying the money, he has a secret that we are unacquainted with. We are with all submission & Respect.

FORT ST. GEORGE.

THOMAS COOKE.
Dispatches to England, 1711—14

"To Capt. HARR Y Gough, Comt. of Ship STERIUM.

Your Ship being full laden, you are hereby ordered to repair on bo[n]'ard, and with the first Opportunity of and and weather to proceed and make the best of your way for the Port of London, and wherever Port of Great Britain you arrive at, you order you to send away your Vanser with our Packets directed to the Hon. (the) Court of Directors for Affairs of R. Hon. United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies, To whom your Ship goes consigned.

We likewise deliver you a flying Packet Letter B, w[h]ich you are to forward by Post or Express immediately upon your arrival at any Port in Europe where Conveyance can be had, taking care to write yourself to the Hon. Directors [w.h]ich of what has happen'd material[ly] in yo[r] Voyage.

The Hon. Directors have complained that while their Ships have been detained in Ireland or Holland, they have wanted our Advice[s], and at the same time the Commanders have had our positive orders to forward a small packet in the manner before directed, which we admire has not been obey'd and strictly enjoyn you once more to send away the packet Letter B, as you will answer it to them on your Arrival.

The Company's orders are that if any Ship shou'd be so late dispatch'd hence or that by any other misfortune she has no hopes of getting about the Cape, that they winter at Galle on the Island of Ceylon, and stay no longer there than the beginning of July; but if it so happens that they get up w[h]ich the Cape or near it, their Orders then are that they go to Mauritius to the South East side which is on the windward part of the Island, where the Dutch had a settlement taking great care of your going in; 'tis further order'd that you do all possible to avoid going into the South West harbour or Carpenter's Bay, where it is likely the Pirates will look in; we are very credibly inform'd the Dutch have left the Island Mauritius so that you must be very careful how you make it, & be always on your [guard] and keep constant looking out to prevent being surpriz'd securing yourself in the best manner you can during your stay there.

The Company have sent out a standing order to St. Helena to be inserted in all your Instructions, Vis't, that whoever of you touch there, that you [bring] your Ship to an Anchor before you come open with Ch[a]'jpell Valley near Munders point if you do not meet with good Anchor hold sooner; and then send yo[r] Boat ashore to give the Governor Intelligence who you are, for he is order'd to let no Ship pass that point and come into the Road, before he know what they are and whence they come, and if any Ship should attempt to break this Order the Governor has the Company's positive orders to fire on them.

We strictly enjoyn you as formerly not to come near any Ship at Sea if possible to be avoided, unless you have secure signals concerted [before] hand, as there may be pirates abroad as formerly.

You must alway keep the several packets herewith deliver'd you at hand, and in case you are in danger of fall[ing] into the Enemies hands, you are to throw them over board with all private Letters in your Ship, we wish you a prosperous Voyage and date these in Port St. George this 31st day of January 1711.

EDWARD HARRISON.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENTON.
WILLIAM WARDEN.
RICHARD HODDEN.
JOSEPH SMART.
THOMAS CROKER.
LIST OF THE PACKET TO THE HON\(^{17}\) the COURT OF DIRECTORS \& SHIP STRETHAM
CAPT. HARRY GOUGH COMMANDS.

1. Generall Letter dated the 31\(^{st}\) January 1713.
2. Copy Dito \& Maribro dated the 19\(^{th}\) Jan\.
7. Accot. of Ships their Arrival at \& departure from Fort St. George to
Ultimo January 1713.
8. Madgapollam Yatch's Accot.
10. Accot. of what goods' receivd from \& the Bay to the
Decem'. 1713.
11. List of the first Company of Soldiers in Fort St. George.
12. List of the Second DO. in DO.
13. List of the third DO. in DO.
14. List of the Gunroom Crew in D'
15. Copy of M'. Matthew Weld's Accot. Curr'. as stated
at Fort S'. David.
16. Accot. Remains in the import Warehouse of Fort St. George to
the 1IDt mo. December 1713.
17. Ditto in the Storehouse to [Do] time.
18. [Copy of Capt. Matthew Martin's] request for 649 bags of Salt Petre
more than Charterparty.
19. List of Demands for the Warehouse for the Year 1715.
20. Storekeeper's Dito for the same time.
21. Secretary's List of Stationary Wares wanting.
23. Copy of a Protest against Robert Raworth Esq. dated ye. 14'th Octob'.
1713.
24. Copy of a Second Dito ... ... dated ye. 21'th Ditto.
25. Copy of the Hon\(^{18}\) President's Letter to Gover' D'Ulliver with his
Answer thereto, in relation to the Article upon which M'. Raworth was
permitted to go to Pontichery.
27. Copy Ditto as stated by M'. Frederick and Council with Remarks there-
on Annex'd.
28. Copy of one of M'. Raworth's Consultations dated the 8'ob July 1713.
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**GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT SAINT GEORGE TO THE COMPANY PER RECOVERY,**

**February 11, 1714.**


TO THE HON.

THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

FOR AFFAIRS OF THE H. HON.

UNITED COMM. OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND

TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HON.

S.M.

Our last to your Hon. was dated the 31st Ult'o; by Ship Streatham dispatched hence the Winds hung so contrary that she did not get out of Sight till the 3d following; We wish her a speedy and safe Arrivall, & shall add what has occur'd of moment since, passing over those heads under which we have nothing to write.

**FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'D.**

2. This comes by the Recovery fully laden as by the Accompanying Invoice Amounting to Pagodas Eighty two Thousand Nine hundred fifty, Eleven Farans & seven Cash. The Frederick is ready keel'd & we will [----] night and day to dispatch her, but there have happen'd so many disappointments that we cannot be sure [she] will save her passage; great part of the Vizagapatam Goods are unexpectedly and contrary to promise coming brown, when our Washers hands are full of our own cloth, and one hundred Bales less than we depended [on] we have already informed you how our Washers were [sent] from Fort St. David, which has been so great a hindrance, that from the beginning of November (at which time the Merchants began to bring in goods upon the[ir] Contract) they have been able to wash no more than the hundred Bales, we can only say that no Eceaven[e]r be wasting, and we are in a manner certain to [fit her] up in all this month so that her passage about the Cape depend chiefly upon the good performance of the Ship & the Resolutions [of] the Cap' & officers, whether they will [----] for it or no [so late] in the Season.

3. The Dutch Ships said from Postichey the 6th ins', in the morning, having on Board about fourteen hundred Bales of Calicoes of this Coast, the most part middling long-cloth and a good quantity of Oringall Betteelaes, the late Governor of Pontichery Mr. Hebert w't his Son, & Mr. Raworth are gone Passengers upon them.

**THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.**

4. Our last Investment is very near compleated, that is, the Cloth is in our bounds, but the Washers cannot go so fast as our present Occasion requires without spoiling *y* Cloth.

5. Our Merchants have brought a parcell of Long cloth and Sallampores from the Tanjore Country near Trincombal for a trial, which appearing to us to be very good of the kind, we have bought it for ready money and now send Twenty two Bales upon this Ship under the Letter T to see how it proves & if it should answer. Expect a greater quantity may be procur'd.

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6. We have likewise sent five bales of fine Madra-pauk Betteals's one of which is three Cords broad, but not so fine as what sent on the Streatham, the French interposing and giving greater prices than Ordinary has made these good's difficult to be procur'd.

FIFTY-SECOND TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS & REVENUES.

7. All we have to add under this head is, that According to promise we now send the Subscription to the New Hospital, which if Voyages come out, well this next Season will be very considerably increased.

SIXTY-THIRD TOUCHING FACTORS & WRITERS, OFFICERS & SUBJECTS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

8. There has happen'd no Alteration under this head, only Fleet Aynsworth writer, of whose irregular Behaviour we have given an Acco, in our former Letters comes passenger upon this Ship, and we can find no other way to reform house Lovers, but by letting them [see] we are in [Ear]nest and will put your orders in Execution.

SEVENTY-FIRST TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

9. According to promise we send yo'. Hon", [a list of debts and] Mr. Raworth appears justly indebted to you [and other] persons except the Article of Interest which [we leave] Blank in Expectation of your further order's, you [are] to observe in our Consultation of the first Feb", that [we have] warranted our Attorneys for paying in the Balance remaining in their hands into yo'. Cash, and if we can find any thing more belonging to him we shall not fail [to] secure it, tho' he has already publicly charg'd us with plundering his Estate when we have only been doing our duty in [obliging] him to make restitution for plundering yours, and we are of Opinion he cannot make appear by any fair Acco, that ever he was master of an Estate or anything like it, we send in the packet a Duplicate of his Acco", [stated by fair Arbitration from the time of your Presidents Arrival], by which it will appear how basely he has wrong'd this Board the Governers, in particular, Messrs. [Bernard] Bonyon & William Warre his last Attorneys.

10. We likewise send in this packet an Acco of what passed between us and the Gentlemen at Pontichery in [order to lay that Matter before your Hon". in a true light at one view which must otherwise have picked out of the Letter books with far greater Trouble], We flatter our selfs that we have the Advantage of them in the Argument and that they have done what will [never] be approve'd by such as have any true regard to the safety of Commerce in these parts of the world.

11. We are very glad to acquaint your Hon", that Merchipam Merchants seem more tractable upon the [dispatch] of this Ship, they have had some extraordinary Encourages[ment] given them from England to expect the whole debt, and Interest, if they would give full power to Sen, but [we are] so well satisfied [that] of the inconveniences & disappointments that would occur [their] proceeding in that [ . . . ] to have lain all [that to be set] aside, & as soon [ . . . ] promise [ . . . ] to [ . . . ].
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EIGHTLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

12. Not having wrote any thing in our former Letters under this head we shall now collect the most material passages out of your Dep't. Gov't. & Council's Letter to Us by the Frederick with the substance of our Answer and what measures we have taken to Supply them.

13. But first we must observe in their copy of what wrote your Hon'ble the Abington, that they have begun a new method of drawing Bills home upon You at the Rate of six Shillings 6d Dollar, which we know not well what to say to, having no directions require them to forbear drawing any more till they know your pleasure.

14. Under the head of Shipping they write us, that on the 21st. of June they hired the Elizabeth Brigantine for the Bantall service, which we thought very strange considering the Abington was there and had lain idle from the time of her Arrival in March, we have represented this matter to them and forbid it's being so any more.

15. They complain that Several Stores intended for them by the Susanna, were taken out by the Gov't. & Council of St. Helens, which is a great disappointment and therefore we hope you will be pleased to forbid it hereafter.

16. We have directed them instead of advising your Hon'ble w't. Tonnage they can be able to dispatch, to mention only how many [Bakar of Pepper] can be depended on and to leave it to you to suit the Tonnage; we observe the Abington took the Advantage of putting out her iron Kostlaje & thereby carried home an unprofitable quantity of Salt Peere.

17. We have acquised to their keeping your Ship President for the use of that Coast, not knowing how she can be better employ'd they press us very earnestly for more vessells from hence, which will be very chargeable, and therefore we press them as much to procure Sloops if possible from Batavia we hope to send them [in] this season for a trials and when we see the Accent [we will be] able to judge whether or no y'. [ . . . ] make [ . . . ] the Expense.

18. We cannot forbear once more desiring the [ . . . ] annually touch here before she proceeds for the West Coast [for] otherwise your Affairs cannot be carried on with so much exactness and frugality as they ought to, we have at present no trade to the West Coast, and consequently whenever there is a least Occasion to transport Soldiers, Stores and Ammunition a Vessel must be equip'd on purpose and will cost a considerable sum of Money, whereas when one of your Ships arrives here in May or June, we shall see what provision you have made of Convented servants['] and by our last advice from thence we can add what we shall send will be wanting and so more, in the next place by knowing how many soldiers you send out, we can the better judge how many it will be necessary for us to send from hence, as a supply till the ensuing season, for it may sometimes happen that great part of them die in the [Voyage], further by knowing what stores you are pleased to send from England we shall by your last list of demands know what will be necessary to supply them with, and this will be done at once without any extraordinary [cost] besides the Benefit of carrying over as many Bales as [we] supply the market for a twelve month.

19. We must further hint to your Hon'ble that the m[ortality] never so great, [we] dare not hazard any Considerable Number of Men upon our Country Vessells, since [they ge]nerally go with an ill will, and that may be attended with the worst of Consequences.
20. There has been this year a raging Pestilence that [ ] swept away most of your Military, and the greatest part of your Covenanted Servants, and Mr. Colles complaint[ing] very much for want of able assistance, we have [procured him] with one Mr. Thomas Clapton free Merchant of this place, a sober, stable & sensible Man, well vers'd in Acc.'t to [be] fourth in Council and one James Morris a young [man] very well qualified for Business to go as a Factor and we are forced [ ] because the good usefull [ ] our own [ ] than [strange] affairs and as for the Other Sort they desire us by no means to send them. Since they may happen by excess Mortality to arrive at trusts, which they are no way capable of discharging.

21. We have likewise supplied them with a Surgeon and Surgeon's Mate, there being but one Man upon the Coast of that Faculty, and he at deaths door when the Frederick came away; Sixteen Soldiers were as many as we durst venture upon a Country ship, and all these together with the Stores they wrote for, are shipped on the Dolbin that touch'd here by Accident in her Voyage from Bengal to Batavia, so that we shall have the Business done for a small matter, which would otherwise have stood us in a Considerable sum of Money.

22. The Affair of Copper Cash is very well settled and they go as curr.' as any other money, the Supernumerary quantity being sent us over by the Frederick, as also the remainder of their Fanams.

23. We beg you will be pleased to supply the Coast with as many Stores as possible directly from England, for they draw more from us than we are able to supply without prejudicing ourselves.

24. There is an unhappy disturbance among the Natives in the Northern Settlements, which is a great hindrance to the increase of pepper, much the larger quantity usually coming out of those Rivers, the quarrel is of a long standing between the hereditary Prince and the Rajahs, and our own people have been too busy in someting the differences for private Ends of their own, your Present Dep.'t Gov.' has endeavour'd to compose them by fair Means, but not being able to succeed, necessity now requires him to interpose with a sufficient force, or else both the Pepper Plantations and your Settlements will be entirely ruin'd, Capt. Richard Philip having been present when this Affair was debated at Bengoolen will be able to give your Hon't a particular account [of the] Condition your Northern Settlement's are in, and the necessity there is for us to interpose.

25. We received the West Coast Acc.'t of Cash, [ ] Fredericks coming away which was the 1st Novemb.' our [Europe] dispatches will not at Present permit us to examine the Bofaka we have record'd, but we shall immediately set about it as soon as this Ship is said, the Balance of their Cash was Fifty thousand five hundred Eighty four Dollars, two fan'. A Eighty six Cash, besides the goods remaining in [their] Godowns which we sent them by the Frederick.

26. We have accepted and promis'd payment of several B[ills] of Exchange drawn on us by the Frederick amounting to Dollars five thousand six hundred Seventy nine, three fan'. and forty two Cash at Sixteen Dollars to Ten Pag'. make three thousand five hundred forty nine Pag'. and thirty six [we] Fanams and is for the Acc.'t of sundry Persons Effects sold and the money paid into your Cash in Specie, with Cap'. Philip assures us to be true, and that he does believe the present Dep.'t Gov.' a Man of so much integrity and uprightness in his Actions, that he would never be guilty of such practices as were frequent with his predecessors.
27. In our Letter by the Frederick we found fault with Exchange at Sixteen Dollars for Ten Pgs, for which they have now given us a Satisfactory Reason, which is (that) formerly all sort of light pieces were taken in at seven for sixteen, & half penny wth. at sixteen Dollars for ten Pgs. for which [they] have now given us a Satisfactory Reason; i.e. that formerly all sort of light pieces were taken in at seven D. for by Tale upon which they found a great loss when they had to pay them away by weight and therefore to make [quantl]+ easy they take in none but by weight of sevent[een & half penny] worth at sixteen Dollars for ten Pgs, which [is] very moderate Exchange hither.

28. In the 20th parag.: of their Letter by the Frederick [they] earnestly press us for a few Chents of Mexico Dollars to [pur]chase pepper or else that we will give them a liberty on us as Opportunity offers, otherwise they shall be [reduced to] great Straights before Supply can come from [Europe] we have return'd [Ans]wer by the Dolbin, that we have [no Mexico Dollars by us] nor indeed any money appropriate [for the] Service of that [Coast] however we have permitted the [ . . . ] they find a [ . . . ] being reduc'd to wait [ . . . ] the next [Ship] [a line forb] draw [ . . . ] dollars which we reckon sufficient for one Shps Cargo of Pepper, and this ill convenience will be remedied if one of your Ships touches here outward bound, by which means we shall know what Stock you send & whether any further Supply will be necessary from hence.

29. The Affairs of this Coast in general have taken quite a new turn under the Management of Mr. Collet; the people all round about him are entirely satisfied with his conduct and even Temper, the Pepper Plantations are wonderfully increased and if it please God to continue his health, there is no doubt but you will reap a Considerable benefit from these happy alterations, however we hope you will consider the uncertainty of the Climate and make some Provision of Persons endow'd with the same good Qualities to succeed him in case of Accidents, otherwise we must always be supervising from hence which will be a chargeable Article attended with many other inconveniences. We have no more to add at present except our Sincere wishes that your trade may flourish, and with the greatest Respect, We are,

FORT S. GEORGE
27th Nov. 1713.

Hon. S. Yo. most Obed. hum. Serv.,
EDWARD HARRISON,
WILLIAM JENNINGS,
BERNARD HENRY,
WILLIAM WARES,
RICHARD HENDRICK,
JOSEPH SMITH,
THOMAS COOKE.

[PS] Hon. S. Yo.
Since closing the foregoing, we have received of Mr. Mary Frederick as Attorney for her husband the sum of Pgs. two thousand four hundred ninety five, Eleven far. & three Cashe, being the Balance of Capt. John Blason's Estate due, and have given her three Bills on ye. Hon. of this date for Eleven hundred thirty two Pounds seventeen Shillings & ten pence half penny payable to Mr. John Harrison of lime house corner at thirty days sight, with wth. we request your Compliance.

TO THE WRETH{' THE DEP’. GOVERN’. & COUNCIL OF ST. HELENA.

Gentlemen,

We have receiv’d yours dated the 18th November, 1712 and June the 29th 1713; the Ships that fill up here this Season had their Tonnage for your Place put aboard them in Bengal for which Reason we have no opportunity of sending you anything from hence.

If you had look’d into the Invoice by the Howland [be]fore your Letter was wrote you would have seen sixteen hal[if] Leagers of Arrack and then there had been no occasion for [the] word, Crop’d, which is a term of the Cooper’s Art unknown [ & ] unpractis’d here.

We shall take care to send you a muster of Arrack [ . . . ] up hereafter, and what else we have orders to supply you [with] shall be both good and Serviceable when you tell us for what.

We know very well you are not dependant on us, [how]ever we address to you in the same stile that we find upon our Register to your Predecessors and so we must [con]tinue to do till our B’; Hon’t. Masters signify other[s also] under their hands, not having seen your Commission more than You have Ours. We wish you health & [are]

FORT ST. GEORGE

THE 11th. FEB’. 1714.

Gentlemen
Yo’; hum’; Servants,
EDWARD HARRISON.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENNET.
WILLIAM WARRE.
RICHARD HODDEN.
JOSEPH SMART.
THOMAS COOKE.

[FOSt S.1 GEORGE]

FEB’. 11th, 1714

[Your most Obed. humble Servants]
EDWARD HARRISON.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENNET.
WILLIAM WARRE.
RICHARD HODDEN.
JOSEPH SMART.
THOMAS COOKE.

] Ships now dispatch’d having [ . . . ] for St. Helena in: 

Caps. Richard Heathfield Comm’t of the Recovery has register’d several Goods, here of you A list in the Packet No. (14).

Messrs. Benyon & Warre have this day paid into your Cash the sum of Pounds, Eight, thousand five hundred Ninety four twenty nine l’; fifty two Cash & half being y’; half [of] their Acc’t with Mr. Raworth. We once more wish to your affairs and are,

FORT ST. GEORGE

FEB’. 11th, 1714

[Your most Obed. humble Servants]
EDWARD HARRISON.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENNET.
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"GENTLEMEN

Since the foregoing we have received Advice that French Ships are [saild] from Pontichery with intent [ . . . ] with You and upon them comes Mr. Robert Raworth Dep't. Govern• of Fort St. David of whose irregularity you will have [known] and how [he is indebted to] our R't. Hon•. [Company] "The French [ . . . ] Kings protection and passage upon their Ships contrary to the Governors solemn promise to send him hither if he did not render us a satisfactory Acco', for which Reason we must give it as our Opinion and Advice that You shou'd insist upon his being deliver'd up to go home upon one of our Ships before the French have the freedom of our Fort, or if that cannot be done and he comes ashore, we hope you will have that regard to the Companys Interest as to secure him and send him to appear before our R't. Honble Masters.

We are

FORT S' GEORGE
FEB'Y. THE 11TH. 1714.

Gentlemen

Your humble Servants

EDWARD HARRISON.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENTON.
WILLIAM WARD.
RICHARD HODGEN.
JOSEPH SMART.
THOMAS COOK.

[To] CAPT. RICHARD HEATHFIELD
[Compa•. of Ship Recovery

Your Ship being full laden you are hereby order'd to repair on board, and with the first opportunity of wind and weather to proceed and make the best of your way for the Fort of London, and whatever Fort of Great Britain you arrive first at, we order you to send away yor'. Purser with our Packet delivered you in a Box marked A, directed to the Hon•. y'. Court of Directors for affairs of the R't. Hon•. United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, To Whom your Ship goes consign'd.

We likewise deliver you a footing Packet Letter B, which you are to forward by Post or Express immediately upon your Arrivall at any Port in Europe where Conveyance can be had, taking care to [write] yourself to the Honbl Directors, \"an Acco\', of what has happened-material in yo'. Voyage.

The R't. Hon•. [Directors have complains] that while the Ships have been detain'd in Ireland or Holland they [have] wanted our Advice tib at the same time the Commanders have had our positive Orders to forward a small packet [in] the manner before directed, which we admire has not been obey'd and strictly enjoins you once more [to send] away the Packet Letter B, as you will answer it to them on yo'. Arrivall.

The Companys Orders are that if any Ship [by . . .] should be [so late] dispatchd from hence or if that by any other misfortune [she has] no hopes of getting about the Cape, that they then [winter] at Galle on the Island of Ceylon, and stay no longer there than the beginning of July, but if it so happens that they get up with the Cape or near it, their Orders then are [that] they go to Mauritius to the South East Side, which is [on the] Windward part of the Island where the Dutch had a settlement, taking great care of your going in; The further order'd that you do all possible to avoid going into the [North] West Harbour or Carpenters Bay, where' tis likely the French will look in; We are very credibly inform'd the Dutch have let the Island Mauritius, so that you must [be very] careful how you make it, and be always on your [guard] and keep constant looking out to prevent being surprised securing yourself in the best manner you can during [your] stay there.
The Company have sent out a standing order to St. Helena to be inserted in all your instructions viz., that wh[erever] of you touch there, that you bring your Ship to an anchor before you come open with Ch'aplly Valley near Mandev's point if you do not meet with good Anchor hold sooner, and then send your boat ashore to give the Gover'n intelligence who you are, for he is ordered to let no Ship pass that point and Come into the road before he knows they are and whence they come, and if any Ship shou'd attempt to break this order, the Gov'r. has the Company's positive orders to fire on them.

We strictly enjoyn you as formerly not to come near any Ship at Sea if possibly to be avoided unless you have secret[ed] signals concerted beforehand so as to know they are [of your] Companions (because we are not sure the peace is [concluded] and there may be pirats abroad as formerly reported).

You must always keep the Several packets herewith deliver'd You at hand, and in case you are in danger of falling into any Enemies hands, you are to throw them over board in your Ship.

We wish You a Prosperous Voyage and date these in Fort S'. George this 11th. day of February 171[1].

Edward Harrison.
William Jenkins.
Bernard Benton.
William Ware.
Richard Horden.
Joseph Smart.
Thomas Cooke.

List of the Packet to the Hon'ble, the Court of Directors of Ship Recovery Capts. Richard Heathfield Comma.

No. 1. General Letter to the Hon'ble. Directors dated the 11th. Feb'y. 171[1].
5. Copy of Ship Stratham's Invoice afo'm. to P. 11926: 21: 50.
10. Accou. of what goods received from and sent to the Bay.
11. Accou. Remains in the Calicco Warehouse in Fort S'. George after the dispatch of the Recovery.
12. Copy of Mr. Raworth's Accou. Cash as stated by M'. Frederick and Council, with remarks there upon annexed.
14. List of goods register'd by Cap't. Heathfield.
15. List of Diamonds on Ship Recovery.
16. [ ... ] Messrs Beuyn & Ware's Remonstrance with the annexed Accou'. [ ... ] [ ... ] depending with [ ... ] Mr. Raworth.
17. [ ... ] and [ ... ] Arrack [ ... ] of what extorted from them by [ ... ]
18. Subscription to the New Hospital of Fort S'. George.
19. List of what M'. Raworth appears to be indebted in India.
20. Copies of Several Letters passed between this Board and the Gover'n, & Council of Pontichery relating to Mr. Raworth.
23. List of the Packet.

Copies of Mr. Henry Davenport's and the Hon'ble. Presid[ents] Diary and Consultations during the late Troubles at Fort S'. David.

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