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RECORDS OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

LETTERS TO FORT ST: GEORGE FOR 1693-94.

VOLUME No V

TO HIS EXCELL^{cy} S^r JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^{tt} GENERALL & CHIEFE GOVERN^r FOR
ALL Y^e R^{tt} HON^{ble} COMP^{as} AFFAIRS IN INDIA, AND Y^e HON^{ble} NATHANIELL
HIGGINSON ESQ^r PRES^t & GOVERN^r OF FORT S^t, GEORGE & CITY OF
MADRAS & C^a COUNCIL

May it Please Your Excell^{cy} &c^a

Your Exce^{cy} &c^a of y^e 3^d instant we rec^d by Vincatte who is employed
as cheif Dubash according to yo^r orders th^o there is not much fear we shall be
suddenly troubled with Rama Raja he being some time since arrived in Chinge as
advised in our last, we likewise hear that he has at Chingee but inconsiderable
forces, Assum Naigu, & Sumtag[e] Gorepora, being not reconciled, and Birogee
Gorepore, & severall others wth y^e Major part of y^e forces are lately disgusted
standing out upon termes, if Rama Raja doth not accord with y^e afores^d great
men before y^e Moor arrive, Chingee must in a few days after their arrivall fall
into their hands, but tis s^d he is endeavouring to accomodate y^e Business
between himselfe & them

Herewith comes copy of our Generall Books Letter A all things else order^d
shall follow with convenie^{nt} speed, we shall not omitt to cred^t acco^t Curr^t for
y^e fine Cloth rec^d by Vincatte wth amounts to Pag^{ds} 134 26 40 according to
yo^r Excell^{cy} &c^a advices

There is in sight four Dutch Ships in w^{ch} is Govern^r Pitt as we are
informed and y^e their designe is upon Pullcherry, we likewise hear y^e y^e have
dispeed advises last night to his Excell^{cy} wherein doubtless you [will] receive
better advise [then] we can at Present Learn

M^r Ingram hath rec^d of severall Persons for freight of good[s] Laden on
the Bencoolen Merchant from your Port, Pag^{ds} 29 1², which shall Credit acco^t.
Curr^t for

Haveing but one Cannister of Sugar left, Please to supply us with some
Bengall Sugar for y^e use of the Table being what Offers from

Fort S^t David
18 MAY 1693

Our new Building will require a great
quantity of Iron Therefore desire your
Excell^{cy} &c^a to supply us with some of
the same sort y^e came by y^e Gingerle
Briganteen In January

T CONSTABLE, STOREKEEPER

Your Excell^{cy} &c^a
Most Humble Servants
JN^o HAYNES
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^o MOUNTAGUE.
THOM^o CONSTABLE.
Z TROUGHTON

M^r TROUGHTON

FORT S^t DAVID Y^e 23^o MAY 1693

You have presumed this day at the generall Table Publicuely to abuse and
C[on]f[use] a Person byname M^r W^m Proby, whose Parts, & Qualifications (the
most if not all mankind in Fort S^t George) well knowes are much superior to
yours, and am bound to beleive is undeservedly and what you are not able to

justifie, there being no Provicatio[n] given for you to use such discourse as that he was Perjured and would not Credit him for one Cash, and further saying at your coming away from Madrass he had charged your wife with an acco^t of severall things that were deliver'd to Madam Brown &c^a offering to sware the same, you likewise reflecting as if I had not Payed his Bill of Exch^t for 300 Pago^{ds} for what you have sayed in Relation to the foregoing as I am his Correspondant can doe no less [] then to represent anything that may Touch his reputation which the aforesaid does in the highest degree, thô question not but he will be able to clear himselfe of your scandalous espertion in due time, Wherefore I doe require your speedy reply to these perticulars, that I may advise accordingly and what concerns me, I can only give you the true title of Impertinent C C for pretending to Pass your noncence, on one that will not except of it

this is a true copy of the oraginall
attested by me

THOMAS JORDAN

C BUGDEN

- . To HIS EXCELL^{cy} S^r JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^t GENERALL AND CHIEF GOVERN^r FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R¹ HON^{ble} COMP^a IN INDIA AND THE HON^{ble} NATHANIELL HIGGINSON ESQ^r PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^r OF FORT S^r GEORGE & CITY OF MADRASS &c^a COUNCILL

May it Please Your Excell^{cy} &c^a

Your Excell^{cy} &c^{as} of the 19th rec^d and according to order M^r Ingram here inclosed sends what letters Dyaries and Consultations he can find for the time himselfe M^r Bett and M^r Owen were in Porto Novo

We wrote in our last of the Dutch shipp's arrivall here, being 9 of the 10 that were in Bengall last year, the other is expected suddinly, and report goes the eight ships that were on the Coast of Mallabar last year will be here in a short time, Govern^r Pitt is not as yett arrived but is expected in two days time in his Little Sloop, the Dutch give out they [designe for] Pullicherry, and [have

] landed severall carriages [] Granadoes and Gunpowder, without giving us notice, upon which we stopped the Mossoola men ordering them to go no more on board til further orders, since they made us not acquainted therewith, upon which the Dutch Cheif sent two Dutch men, belonging to the ffactory, to know why we hi[n]dered the Mossoola People from goeing on board ship, we told them that it was not convenient such stores of amunition should be landed without our notice or leave, not knowing what design they might have, they assured us they had no design against us, but that they beleived something would be effected against our Publique Enemie when Govern^r Pitt arrived, and y^t he had order'd them to gett those things ashore against his arrivall, & desired they might not be impeded therein upon which we thought fitt to Permit the Mossoola men to goe on board again to fetch the remainder, which are four great Gunns, and that for the future noe amunition be landen without giving us first notice thereof, we wish they may not shew us a Bantam trick, we shall be as cautious as Possible whilst these ships are here, thô at this time we hope there may be no fear of y^m

On Tuesday last M^r Tho Jordan did in a gross manner affront M^r Troughton by sending him an abusive paper (copy of which comes for your Excell^{cy} &c^{as} fusall) besides which he laid hands on M^r Troughton & tore his coat, and afterwards drew his sword, giving him abprobious Language for which we confin'd him in the cock house for one night, and is still Prisoner in his chamber, we desire Your Excell^{cy} &c^{as} orders what further Punishm^t shall be inflicted upon him

Cap^t James Iaslie haveing been wanting in [] due from him to severall of the Council and on the Contrary hath affronted severall of the Perticular M^r Constable & M^r Troughton, who have sev[eral] things to alledge against him, but the Dep^y Govern^r being absent we are loath to punish him for

such misdemeaners, but refer it to your Exc^t: who we hear is coming down with our Dep^t: Govern^r: very speedily, we remaine,

Fort S^t: David
r^e: 27th: May 1693.

Your Humble Servants,
Jⁿ^o: HAYSES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDM^d: MOUNTAGUE.
THO: CONSTABLE.
Z. TROUGHTON.

May it Please Your Excell^{ty}: &c^a: Councill.

Hon^{ble}: S^r:

Yours dated y^e: 27: Aprill I rec^d: the 4th: Curr^t: at Metchlepatam the Dubash adviseing me the 25th: of Aprill that the Govern^r: of Metchlep^m: had taken the Keys of the Godowns and sealed them up, but would not receive the Key of the out gate then tendering to them, I sent a list of the goods to him with orders to carry the out key & list, and delivered the same to them, the 29th: I rec^d: a Letter from him that a Parwanna was come, and that they advised him to write to me to come and take a copy of the same; they would not give him a copy thereof, the 4th Curr^t: I arrived, demand a copy of the Parwanna, they denyed giving a copy read it over, the contents viz^u:

The English haveing desired leave to remove their goods, not giveing leave tender'd the keys of the ffactory you did well not giveing leave to carry their goods away upon noe acco^t: if the English will come to your ffactory you may lett their affairs Pass as formerly for their guns and Powder make Price and buy them.

The 4th: Curr^t: another Duan came from Golcondoth Brought orders y^e no Merchants should buy or sell wth the Dutch, french, and us, upon forfuture [sic] of all that they have, Called for all Merchants of the three ffactoryes, with Dutash and Braminies to Pass writings, the Chief of the Dutch delivered him a Protest upon the same, haveing mutch mony in the Countrys, and in their Merchants hands, the 6th: Curr^t: came an new Govern^r: from the Seer Lascar for this Place, and will not admit of the Duan to Prossecute this order untill futher orders come from Golcondoth.

Haveing lockt up the Godowns and sealed them, I cannot gett the Bale of Musters out, I have offered y^e: the key, they will not take it, I shall according to your [orders] lock up the out gate, make fast the list of goods to the key, and tie them up on the gate.

Two boats of M^r: Holcombs Grain coming here being in Godowns the Governm^t: hath Chop^d: it up; I desired leave for the selling of it, granting leave for y^e: same, this Deuanna Prohibiting all Commerce I cannot proceed any further.

This night I shall proceed for Maddapollam and follow your orders, in requesting leave to send up the Goods, endeavour to sell the Brimstone if no Prohibition discharge all servants from the ffactory, and deliver the Keys to the Govern^r:; I humbly crave leave,

Metchlepatam y^e:
7th: of May 1693.

Hon^{ble}: S^r:
Yo^r: Humble and most Obed^t: Servant
PHILLIP NODEN.

TO HIS EXCELL^{ty}: S^r: JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^t: GENERALL AND CHIEF GOVERN^r: FOR ALL THE R^{ty}: Hon^{ble}: COMP^{ty}: AFFAIRS IN INDIA, AND THE Hon^{ble}: NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^r: PRESID^t: & GOVERN^r: OF FORT S^t: GEORGE & CITY OF MADRASS &c^a: COUNCILL.

May it Please Your Excellency &c^a:

Our last to Your Excell^{ty}: &c^a: was the 27th: Past month, on the 25: arrived here Govern^r: Pitt, and two days after sent his son in law Mynheer Debitter, to

assure us that we need not have any Jelousy of them concerning the landing of their amunition &c^a but on the Contrary they would increase if Possible that amity & strickt allyance between our Nations, and that for the future they would not land any sort of warlike Provision without our Notice & leave

Two days agoe Govern^r Pitt ordered the Palmer about their ffactory to be taken away all but those to y^e Eastward leading to the sea side which still remain, we know not what he meant thereby, since we formerly often demand to have them taken away, but they never would, and now have do[n]e it on their own accord

Our fannams are grown so seears that there is not left in our bounds sufficient to supply necessary occasions of buying Provisions &c^a in the markt, the reason whereof is, that since their goodness hath been found out, they have been carryed in great quantities to Tanjore and there melted down, they are now come to 17¹/₇ ϕ Pag^o wherefore desire your Excell^{cy} &c^a would Please to send down the Mint Braminie, with all Possible Speed otherwise shall be forced to permit other fannams for Curr^{nt} in our Bounds

We have rec^d into the R^{tt} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Cash of M^r Jordan Pag^{ds} 400 for which passed a Bill of Exch^a on your Excell^{cy} &c^a we have been tardy in not adviseing of Two Bills formerly drawn, the one of Date March Payable to Timapa &c^a Merchants of Madrass for Pag^{ds} 1300, the other of date y^e 23^d past month Payable to Govern^r Hatsell or ord^r for Pag^s 600 which we owne to be a great omission, and neglect, and humbly crave your Excell^{cy} &c^a Pardon for the same

We have Payd our Merchants on the last Investm^t Pag^{ds} 7900, we shall want Pag^{ds} 2000 more to compleat said Investment

We have ready 29 Bales longcloth & sallampors which are lading on board M^r Constables Briganteen w^{ch} we hope will sail hence tomorrow, being what offers from,

Fort S^t David
6th June 1693

Your Excell^{cy} &c^{as}
Most Humble Servants
JN^o HAYNES
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^d MOUNTAGUE
THO CONSTABLE
Z TROUGHTON

TO HIS EXCELL^{cy} S^a JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^t GENER^l & CHIEF GOV^r FOR ALL THE R^t HON^{bles} COMP^{as} AFFAIRES IN INDIA, & THE HON^{bles} NATH^{ll} HIGGINSON ESQ^s PRESID^t & GOV^r OF FORT S^t GEORGE & COUNCILL

May it Please Your Excell^{cy} &c^a

Our last was of the 6 Curr^t this only serves to Inclose Inv^{ce} and Bill of Laden, of 29 Bales Long cloth, and Sallampores for acco^t of the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a Laden on board the Thomas & Sarah Briganteen, for the amount of said Invoice [Being] Pag^{ds} 1230 08^{rs} please to us Credit, this being that offers at Present from

Fort S^t David
[June 1693]

Your Excell^{cy} &c^a
Most Humble Servants
THOMAS CONSTABLE
Z TROUGHTON
THO HAYNES
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^d MOUNTAGUE

rec^d: y^e: 17th: June.

TRANSLATE OF A PERWANNA FROM NABOB ZULFUCKER CAWN, To THE
GOVERN^r: OF MADRASS.

You may be in the Kings favour, I understand that the 3 Eliphants which Dullput Trods People bought of all Sarang which said all sarang has a mind to sell to other People, therefore I write you this, that you may tell the Merchant that he must not fall from his word, and promise, otherwise send him up to me with his Eliphants, then I shall make an end of Price, pray doe not lett him sell them to any body elce.

To HIS EXCELL^{ty}: S^r: JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^{ty}: COMISSARY GENER^l: SUPERVISOR & CHIEFE GOVERN^r: OF ALL AFFAIRES, PERSONS, & PLACES, BELONGING TO Y^e: R^y: HON^{ble}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^y: AND Y^e: HON^{ble}: NATHANIELL HIGGINSON. PRESID^t: OF THE COAST CORMANDELL BAY OF BENGALL & C^a., AND GOVERN^r: OF FORT S^r: GEORGE & CITY OF MADRASS & C^a: COUNCILL.

May it Please Your Exc^{ty}: & C^a:

Your Excell^{ty}: & C^a: of the 15: Instant we rec^d., but as yett have not heard of any merchants that will pay y^e: 1300: Pag^{as}: into the Comp^y: Cash here, as your Excell^{ty}: & C^a: advised, when tis offered shall obey orders therein.

We have a quantity of Goods in readyness but for want of a conveyance cannot send them, wherefore fear they will not come in time to goe home on the Berkley Castle, our generall Books nor any other acco^{ts}: as Likewise our Dyaries, & Consultations, are not in a readyness to be sent home by this ship, for want of factors Stores, and assistance before your Excell^{ty}: & C^a: arrivall, but hope by the next ship we shall be able to send all that be requisite or ordered by your Excell^{ty}: & C^a:

According to order we herewith send a Gener^l: to the R^y: Hon^{ble}: Comp^y: which we humbly refer to your Excell^{ty}: & C^a: perusal, and approbation.

Your Excell^{ty}: & C^a: Reasons for not Protecting the Renters are very satisfactory and convinceing, tho: Your first orders relating to them were put in execution, as advised in answer thereto, we hope Your Exc^{ty}: & C^a: doe not beleive we shall presume to dispute orders since we are very sincible [sic] our Duty is a Passive Obedience to what you shall think fitt to order, in relation to the R^y: Hon^{ble}: Comp^y: Affairs.

We are heartily sorry we should give any offence in what wrot concerning the Timbars, since we only int[i]mated thereby that they were not fitt for w^t: (through mistake) we thought they were designed for, which was building Godowns, and Lodgens, we hope Your Excell^{ty}: & C^a: will Please to forward those of 21: foot long, as soon as any conveyance offers, which we conceive might be done by Cattamarans.

On Wendsday [sic] last we advised of Govern^r: Pitts arrivall here, on fryday we went to pay our respects to: him, when he rec^d: advises of a ship of theirs arrived at Celone, which brought the most welcome news of a great Victory Obtained over the french at sea, in which their whole fleet was disperced, and about 23: sail sunck and Burnt, without the loss of one ship of ours, or the Dutch, as likewise of the King of France being in Person at the seige of Namere in Flandars, where King William with his Army have encamped the french army, and had keep[t] them three days without forage, and that they have but one way for them to Escape which likewise must be with much difficulty & hazard and that tis thought the french will be forced to fight. Govern^r: Pitt Promissed to advise Your Excell^{ty}: himself of the Good news which hope ere this you have rec^d.; we desisted from adviseing since he was Pleased to Promise it, and that what we could advise would have been but imperfect, on Saterday last he invited us all to their ffactory to make merry for the Good news, where he caused a Boat with french Colours to be burn'd, firing a great number of Gunns, we made a

Benfire at the Fort & fired thirty-one Gunns for the same acco^t on Sunday in the Evening Govern^r Pitt was Pleased to Hon^r us with his Company at the Fort, with most of the ffactory along with him, we entertained him in the best manner we were able, thô. was forced to borrow Wine for the entertainment we hope and Humbly desire Your Excell^{cy} &c^a will be pleased to lett us particpate of some Europe Wine &c^a Factory Provisions we haveing almost forgot the taste thereof before last sunday Govern^r Pitt departed hence last night for Negapatam, this being what offers from

Fort S^t David
28 february 169 $\frac{2}{3}$

Inclosed comes M^r Ingrams acco^t of Remains, I just now had the advice of the Morrattas turning y^e Moors out of Commere haveing taken Possession of y^e ffactory

Idem J H
R I

We want some Redd Beetelas haveing but one flagg in y^e Garrison I^t C

TO HIS EXCELL S^r JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^t COMMISSARY GENERALL, AND TO THE HON^{BLE} NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON & C^A COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HON^{BLE} - EAST INDIA COMP^A

May it Please Yo^r Excell^{cy} &c^a

Your Excell^{cy} &c^a requireing my answer to the Journall entry in the Bengall Books for goods wanting in the warehouse, to w^{ch} I humbly presume to answer

That being at Hugly by permission of the Worspⁿ Agent & Councill about the permissive trade, the Charge of the Warehouse was left with M^r Samuel Meverell by whom, on advise of the Nabobs order to seize on the English and their Effects, the Goods were in a hurry and ill Packt, shiped off to prevent the sad Consequence such an order must have Produced, and in Ballasore Road were put on board the ship Willamson for this Place where they were brought on shore and repackt for England by all w^{ch} it may justly be suspected, the Peice Goods were lost either on board ship, coming on shoar, or repacking here

As for the Lead M^r Meverell who shipped it off declared it was all on board the Right Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} shipping, and the acco^t being in Bengall I cannot say anything to it, but both as for that and the want of goods I humbly request Your Excell^{cy} will Please to order a further examination in Bengall and that M^r Meverell may be obliged on oath to declare what he knoweth about the Loss of the Goods

This I humbly offer to Your Excell^{cy} &c^a Consideration wholly submiting myselfe to your Excell^{cy} &c^a Commands being

Fort S^t George
May 15th 1693

Your Excell^{cy} &c^a Most Hum^{ble} &
Obed^t Serv^t
R^I TRENCHFEILD

Hon^{ble} S^r

He by whom this comes is one of our Peons, who has charge of the Lading of our two Pharos upon w^{ch} he comes consisting of Zeloon Arracq for acco^t of the Netherlands Comp^a to be disposed on, at your Metropoliton Citty Madrass, with some other small matters they bring with them setting aside the great trouble of Landing and secureing to w^{ch} a great deal of trouble belongs, as alsoe Justifieng the sale with the Regulation of the Price whereto we not only desire

Your Hon^m leave, but alsoe that you assist us with your Helping hand and you will very much oblige Yours

L PITT

Negapatam y^e 9th May S N 1693

TRANSLATE OF A COPPY OF A HUSBALL HOOKUM WRITEN TO KEEFAUT CAUN & SEALED Wth THE GRAND VISIERS SEAL, DATED THE 21 JANUARY AND IN THE 36 YEAR OF THE KINGS REIGN

Gezerate Country Duan wrote a Petition to the King, that the Troublesome Hatt Peop[le] last year and this year, did Plunder & take a ship, and goods of Mulla Abdull Guffure &c^a Merchants, upon which y^e Vaccaneuse sent for the English, Dutch, and French, Cheifs and order'd them to find out those Rouges, because the Command^m of the Kings ships doe not know where they are, & he order'd that each Nation must send out a ship with the Kings Ships, to which they would not consent, but Etmanit Caun said that if the Mogull would but hinder the 3 European Nations from trade all over Indostaun, as they did at Surrat, then they would undertake this, therefore the King order'd this Husbhall Hookum to be writ to all his Duans, and Subidars, in his Dominions, that the aforementioned 3 Nations should not have liberty to buy or sell in his Dominions therefore you must follow the order of this Husbhall Hookum, and give a strickt order to your People not to buy or sell in your Government

TO THE GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL.

There haveing been of late severall affronts offered to severall of the Council of this Place by Cap^t James Lashe whereof you yourselves have been both [. . .] Witnesses, I desire that what you know in relation thereto may be represented to the Commissary &c^a Council in Fort S^t George, till which be done I Publiquely declare I will not set [sic] in Consultation, nor come to the Generall Table, neither doe I think the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{ss} Estate to be secure in this place till he be either removed or made sensible of his Duty

I desire this Paper or a
Coppay may be sent to the ffort
T C

Gentlemen
Your Most Hum^{ble} Servant
THOM^s CONSTABLE

This is a True Coppay of the
Originall attested by me
C BUDEN

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM PURCALLA SHREEN WAUSULLU
TO THE ENGLISH CAP^t OF CHINAPATAM

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the Like from your Hon^r, you never enquire of my affairs, nor write me a freindly letter, why does your Hon^r seem so much at a distance, but I am allways discourseing of your fame and goodness amongst great men, your designs being allwayes good God will certainly assist you in all things, being your Place is a Charitable Place and you a Charitable man, I lately bought a house in your Town, and kept my family there, being my family is large, & I haveing not room enough in my house for them, I ordered them to make upper rooms, now I hear some-body has stopt them from goeing on with it, if your Town should have great & fine houses in it, it will be more to your and the Towns fame, there is places enough for me to build a house in, for I have noe want of a Place or ground, upon any time or occasion, if I keep a house there, and your freindship it will make Good, therefore I have undertaken so great a charge, if your Hon^r likes not of my building a house there, what shall I doe with that house & ground, if not I will send for my family hither your Hon^r being an understanding man and

knowes all things I have noe occasion to enlarge, you may Continue your friendship towards me, and often acquaint me of your good health rec^d the 8th June 1693

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM DULPUT ROU

To THE CAP^t OF CHINAPATAM, REC^d Y^r 16 JUNE 1693

I wish that God may'allways Bless you, lately there was five Elphants came to your Town, then my servants did designe to buy them, then one of your Town Merchants spoke to my servants not to buy them, by reason they were to dear, but that he had some Elphants at Ramapatam, but if my servants did assist him in Bringing them to your Town then he would lett my servants have them Cheaper, and accordingly my servants went to Ramapatam, and put themselves to great Charges, and at last brought the Elphants to your Town, now I understand y^t this Merchant has a mind to sell them to other People, therefore I write you this that I may not be baffled out of them, therefore one way or other you must make an end of it, you will receive Zulfuckar Cawns Letter about it, and doe not lett him sell them to another Except my servants, I have no occasion to write larger

To THE HON^{ble} NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^r OF FORT S^t GEORGE
& CITY OF MADRAS & C^a COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & C^a

FORT S^t DAVID 17th JUNE 1693.

Thanks be to God we came well here last night, and Conclude the best way of manageing the Controversy betwixt the Dutch and Us will be by Pen, wherefore twill be absolutely necessary to have a Person to Interpret Dutch, we beleive M^r Dutton to be the most fitt man, and desire he may be sent Hither wth the greatest expedition imaginable, after the receipt hereof, We know of noe more as yett of the motions of the Dutch then when left Madrass what further meteriall offers shall be communicated by

Hon^{ble} S^r & C^a
Your affectionate friends
J GOLDSBOROUGH.
W^m HATSELL

To THE HON^{ble} NATH^{ll} HIGGINSON
PRESID^t FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HON^{ble} EAST
INDIA COMP^a & C^a COUNCILL IN MADRASS

Hon^{ble} [S^r] & C^a

FORT S^t DAVID JUNE Y^r 20th 1693.

These serve to acquaint you that on Saterdag the 17th Curr^t being the next day after our arrivall here we consider'd what the Dutch had lately done by landing Cannon and other meterialls of Warr into their fiactory here at Tevenapatam and thought it better to enter into y^e enquiry thereof by writing then by Message, and accordingly sent Govern^r Pitt a Letter desireing him to send us the reasons of their so doing, the Contents whereof you may judge of by his answer w^{ch} he sent of the 19th a Coppy whereof is here inclosed as it is Translated by a Soldier, he at the same time by y^e said Messengers invited himsele in the Evening to Vissit us, which he did and supped here, and was entertained well, and was very free in discourse, and said these ships of theirs were kept here only because it is to windward and near Pullicherry and here is good water & watering, for it is absolutely necessary to keep their Casks allways full, that they may be ready at an hours warning upon the appearance of any french ships, or orders from Batavia which they hourly expect, and that their last advises from Holland hath order'd their rooting out of the french from Pullicherry, altho they doe it without consent of the Prince of the Country,

and buy it of afterwards, but he waits orders from Batavia about it, which makes him be here as ready as he can against orders comes, he further said Rama Raja would come this way as it's reported, & it was to gett mony from both sides meaning from them, and the french with such like discourse

On Saturday night the 17th came the Peons from Rettorah in 17 days and brought M^r Acworths answer to the Commissarys letter, which being long we have collected the matterall heads thereof to Communicate it to you and it is here inclosed, and the Commissary is of oppinion that either by the Maddapollam or Saphir at their next return to Madrass, some fitt Person must be sent wth men and materialls to conclude wth that Queen, and fortifie in that Place

M^r Haynes will in a few days depart hence for Madrass, and M^r Ingram hath promised to collect what he knows of the Porto Novo business, & give it in upon his Oath

The M^{nt} Bramine is not arrived but is much wanted here by reason of the Scarceness of fa[n] we remain,

Here is a 10th Dutch ship arrived but as yett Know not whither belonging to the fleet or from Batavia. Francis Holts Briganteen is arrived after a Tedious passage

Your Most Affectionate freinds
J GOLDSBOROUGH
W^m HATSELL.

TO HIS EXCELL S^a JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH COMISSARY GEN^{ll} FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^e R^y.
HON^{ble} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a. AND LIKEWISE THE WORP^{ls} W^m
HATSELL GOVERN^r OF FORT S^t DAVID & THE PLACES THERETO BELONGING

R^y Hon^{ble} & Worp^{ls} S^r

The Gentlemen whom your Excell^y was Pleased to send to me the day before Yesterday I rec^d with Humble respect, Your Excell^y honour'd letter discover'd the true contents of Aliances concluded between many Princes in Europe & Especially between their Majes^{ties} the King & Queen of England, & the High & Mighty States Generall of the United Provinces, your Excell^y hath allsoe been Pleased truly to declare how neerly we are Concern'd therein, but in a more Especiall manner in the last, may almighty God ever Graciously grant his Blessing on that Happy League

Wherefore with great satisfaction in Psuance of Your Excell^y Letter perceived Your Excell^y intention viz^t: that it tends to the Preventing all misunderstandings that may arise amongst us by mistake, and any manner of way to weaken the necessary bond of Freindship which I have Likewise endeavoured with all dilligence neither shall I ever desist from the Performance of the same, & shall with sincere affection satisfie your Excell^y in your questions proposed to me, & first as to the fleet of ships, that they are sent out by our Hon^{ble}: Masters against our Common Enemie the french, as I have signified to Your Excell^y by former letters, and they not haveing the luck to see any of the Enimies ships, are Posted here as the next Place & to the Windward of Pullicherry the only fortification of our Enimys In these Countrys to wait for their ships that may touch there, & expect what orders our Hon^{ble}: Masters at Batavia will please to give about our further proceedings We have had no amunition of Warr come ashore out of them, but tis true there are 4 feild Peices disembarked here out of our small sloops from Negapatam which we used in the warr made against us by the Prince of Tanjore with their apertinances as Powder, Ball^s, and all sort of Patridge shot, and a small Morter Peice with Grunadoes, and noe more, with designe (in sincerity) to Employ them against Pullicherry the strength of our Enimies, but in dis-embarking those Goods our People have Committed an error that according to Civillty they did not first apply themselves to representative of the Hon^{ble} Council in Fort S^t David under w^{ch} this Place is allsoe seated, soe I request that your Excell^y will pardon their mistake, & to Consider it was a matter done in hast against our Enemy

I have Brought wth me 24 European Soldiers under a Sargeant as a Gaurd for my Person, and likewise a Company of Bougies Consisting of 48 in Rank and file under their officers, those to be made use of under my Person to the loss and hurt of both our Enimies, I humbly intreat your Excell to Look with a favourable aspect upon this answer & given Reason to w^t intent these are done, and to beleive from me that all my endeavours is to Conserve freindship to y^e uttmost of my Power, and likewise am

TEGNEPATAM JUNE THE 29TH 1693

Rth Hon^{ble} & Worp^l S^{rs}
Your Excell humble servant and
Trusty freind
LAU PITT

NOTES OUT OF THE RETTORAH LETTER FROM M^R ACWORTH VIZ^T DATED THE 31ST OF MAY REC^D: AT FORT S^T DAVID THE 17TH OF JUNE 1693

Forty English & 20 or 30 Topasses in all will be Sufficient to keep there Continuall

Retorah is no Place to defend therefore not to be Fortified

It is improbable the Dutch should Conquer this whole Country for fortifying here will secure the Trade

The Queen fears not, if they are Prevented from Fortifying Brinjan

The Queen promises not to be wanting in Kindness to the Comp^{as} Servants till the Commissary comes thither

The Queen doth not desire any great help of ours against the Dutch, if we make a thorô settlement by good Fortification here, the Dutch will hardly attempt any further

Noe Copy of the agreement between this Queen & us left or to be found, what is remembered we may reside & trade freely in all things, the Queen obliged to cause Debtors to make satisfaction

On the Comp^{as} part to protect her subjects from Dutch wrongs at sea, which they see doe that the People Complaine if the English remain there they shall not have salt or Tobacco

Our pass is of little Vallue for if any one takes it the Du[t]ch will not suffer them to lade at Manaparr wth salt or Tobacco, and untill this is rectified, it will be difficult to settle firmly because it will be one of the main poynts she will insist att

This is to be moderated by keeping a sloop & cause all vessells in those parts to be seized that doe not take our passes, w^{ch} will pay the Charge, and hinder the northern Merchants from Carrying pepper out of the Queens Dominians

After the Commissary's coming he presumes may conclude upon very sure tearms wth the Queen &c^a but if not provided bring 2 or 3 ships you may doe it by force with a good plea because 6 years agoe when the Bengall Merchant was there, the Queen publicly declared in words she gave Brinjan to our King & Comp^a besides last year we have bought it, by giving the Queen her demands, and Acworth bought all the Coconut trees on it

Provisions for a Garrison must be provided VIZ^t Beefe, & Porke salted up for a store allways, alsoe Paddy & Rice from Bengall

Lyme, & Timber is there, & want powder, Guns &c^a amunition, also leade Out of the Modena had 12 souldiers

- 10 great gunns
- 30 Muskeets
- 10 Swords
- 1 Leadeing Pike
- 7 Barrells Powder
- 30 Barrs Spanish Iron.
- 1 Chaldron Coales
- 6 Slabs of Lead
- about 90 or 100 Iron shot

Rice & paddy
I Judge may
be had from
Calicut.
he mentions
neither Brick
nor stone but
the 3 peons
say there is
plenty of
stone

The like place for fortifying is not from Cochim to Cape Comorin, and may be done for less th[an] 1000 £

The ships may lye from y^e 1st 9th to the end of April

The Govern^{mt} is the Queens wth two Chiefe Secretary's who must pass their Voats & signe all writings elce not of force, these two Ministers if trade may bring the Queen to concent to our proposealls, by wth the trade may be secured to us & is of great conce[r]n

He advises if the Commissary comes not, to send some body in his name to treat about these affairs wth a ship, the sooner the better after the raines If we send any advises before we send a ship, write to the Queen in the Tamull Language, and when a ship comes send her some presents

Names not
wt is fitt
for presents.

The Price of Pepper, 13½ Chequeens to 13½ and at Callicut 19, Do and a Considerable Investment may be made in Cloth, if it weré not so the Dutch would not have [spent] so much in brib's

He has made friendship with the Principal Moors &c^a, & hopes thereby to effect the building a [mausion] under the name of a small house, and hopes the Com[d^y] will take it well what he doth

If intend to Fortifie to Carry thither 2 or 3 Masons & a good smith or two for failing

At Present the Raines spoyled the Mud[walls] he was libertized to build his house with, and after he began with stone, but was by the Queen forbid, soe desisted

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^r GOVERNOR IN SERVICE OF THE
HON^{ble} ENGLISH COMP^a IN MADRASS.

Hon^{ble} very wise, Valent, & very foreseeing
S^r

This day his Highness Azem Tara ordered me advise Your Hon^r to admitt of the coming of all war[e]s and Merchandizes, that may arrive at Madrass fitt, servisable, for his princely house, (especially what came on the ship from Persia, as dry fruits &c^a) upon which his Highness has two [J]ascobs or Settlers (being [under] my order and Command) with his Princely order writ in Comp^a of my Servants, to Your [] and to pay the vallue thereof, likewise requesting that they may not be deliver'd to any other before him, and in case the Kings Officers or any of the Land Govern^{mt} or Rajas ajacent should hinder Your Hon^r Traffique or offer Violence, tis but Commanding the said [J]ascobs (who are for the service of the Hon^{ble} Comp^a Servants) & the same shall be remedied.

Docter Brown hath given me to understand that your Hon^r hath a request to this princely Court, doeing this, be assured all shall be consented to, herewth ending shall Remain

From the Camp of Azem Tarra
lying near Gronekunda,
the 27 June 1693

S^r Yo^r Hon^r
willing & ready freind
JOHANNES [P]OTULIKT

FORT S^r. DAVID JUNE Y^e 24th 1693

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHANIEL HIGGINSON
PRESIDENT FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE R^{ty} HON^{ble}
COMP^a &c^a COUNCILL IN FORT S^r GEORGE

Hon^{ble} [S^r] &c^a

By M^r Haynes you will receive 5 fan^t sealed up wth with others I caused to be brought by Eram Rauze, and in the Presence of the mint Braminie Rama Irga, sworn to be the fannams of his Coyning in our Mint by 7 shroffs, therefore I desire they may be tryed what matt they are off

Last Night came the Berkley Castle into this Road, and the Cap^t came ashore about 10 at night, and sayeth he hath had nothing but southerly winds,

and streams to the Northward, soe that he was afraid to leave the shoar, he intends to fill his water Casks, & then goe on, I intend to write a short letter by [him]

Last Night we rec^d answer from Gov^r [Pitt] to our second Letter, that he had orderd all things be carryed aboard, according to our desire, which [is] doing and Part done, soe that I doubt not but we shall remain in a very good understanding, a Munday next we intend to pay their vissit I Remain,

Your Most Affectionate freind
J GOLDSBOROUGH

FORT ST DAVID JUNE Y^r [] 1693

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHANIELL HIGGINSON

PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{ty} HON^{ble}

EAST INDIA COMP^a & C^a COUNCILL IN FORT ST GEORGE

Hon^{ble} & C^a

Yours of the 17th Curr^t with M^r Yales Letter to the President & C^a & Protest against us all [] here the 21^t & think it not worthy of answer

I have forwarded Cap^t Frekes Letter to Trucombar, and it is my oppinion that he be not suffer'd to Escape from Madrass untill the Lead be brought thither, I am glad you have attached the[m] for the ship sold, that is a good step to bend him wth

I think the Saphires small stay for [supply] a ffreight will doe very well for there is noe such hast for here there yett

On the 21st M^r Hatsell & I sent Govern^r Pitt a Letter to desire him that the Gunns, & Morter with all their utensills, & amunition (Lately) landed [and] removed from hence as not fitt to suffer under our Garrison, and we have received noe answer thereto as yett, the 10th ship we advised of in our last came from Columbo, & brought noe news that we hear off

About M^r Owen & the Porto Novo [*lacuna in the original*] I have order'd M^r Ingram to give me in writing what he can say in the matter that he may swear to it, which he is about

I doe not well remember how the action is lade against M^r Tho Yale, but desire when his triall is that the 150 Pag^d Gold Chain cheat, & the 100 Paddy & C^a things sold of the R^{ty} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} as his owne to M^r Hatsell may be remember'd and if they are not, to be included in this action, that another be laid for it, his freind Sunda Bollogee is not here but a Chingee Ace I should not Doubt but to hear of more of his good service of the like nature M^r Haynes tells me Govern^r Pitt has promised him a passage to Madrass on a sloop of his that will goe hence today or tomorrow morning at furthest, if you have occasion to send hither there are Topasses laid on the road.

I remain
Your Most Affectionate freind
J GOLDSBOROUGH

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHANIELL HIGGINSON ESQ^s

GOVERN^r FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON^{ble} ENGLISH COMP^a

ON THE COAST OF CORMANDELL & C^a RESID^r AT MADRASS

Hon^{ble}, high, Valient, very wise, discerning, & Generous, S^r.

I lately advised yo^r Hon^r (by Docter Browns wife) [] in Company of this, by the two Iasoo[b]s, you may Please to [] as Kingly, & Princely orders are accepted of, the answer here and Yo^r Hon^r pretentions at this court for the advantage the Comp^a you may please to advise, if yo^r. Hon^r thinks fit imploy me herewith, with the presentation of my service conclude, & Remain at all Commands

From his Highness Azem Tarras Camp
near Gronekunda the 4th July [S] N
Translated P E Dutton 1693

Your Hon^{rs} Servant
JOHANNES [P]OTULIET

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHANIELL HIGGINSON PRESID^t
FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE R^{ty} HON^{ble}
EAST INDIA COMP^y & C^a COUNCIL IN FORT S^t GEORGE

Hon^{ble} [S^r] & c^a

Our last was of y^e 21th by M^r Haynes or Govern^r Pitts sloop wth the Gardiner & Chyrurgion, [] w^{ch} we have rec^d 2 from you the one by M^r Cuthbert of y^e 21th and another of y^e 22^d, wherein observe wth the Merchants would be at, that you should give them a better price. When I came first hither the Merchants came to pay their Sillam to me, I told them that they should prepare for another Investment of 20000⁰ Pagoth their reply was as long as they had bread from the Comp^y they would be willing to serve them to the utmost of their Power, and made no complaint all truly since, I have not had any time to discourse them, but they are ready for it, w^{ch} when done I shall Communicate

I am willing M^r Chapman should goe [to] Vizagapatam and clear what he [] without security first given for the Debt, or his return

I concur wth your advanceing money for the Vizagapatam investment but I cannot think it good for the R^{ty} H^{on} C^a Interest to continue the Moor Merchants, but according to the discourse the Presid^t & I had about it, if they will provide such goods as we want, and bring them in the Cheife & Councill may agree to take them, and give them a reasonable advance on the Price for their not haveing money advanced to them as others, this is my oppinion in that matter

The Berkley Castle haveing filled her water cask went hence yesterday but the calms, & streams, are such that he is still in sight haveing hardly gon a mile, by her I writt a small Generall which when Coppyed shall be communicated to you.

Last night M^r. Hatsell & I with M^r Mountagne & M^r Troughton went to the Dutch Factory & paid Govern^r Pitt a vissit where we were very courtiously entertained, and invited a Thursday next to a treat at their Garden

M^r Cuthbert is come to late, whom I offer to send back to Madrass, but he is not willing, saying he must go abroad to gett a liveing, now if there be any necessity I will send him whether he will or not, for of himselfe he will hardly come thither

Today is appoynted for the examination of Gruaph and the cheife Peon

Govern^r Pitt has advice from Negapatam that [] and English ship and a Cattamoran went off to her, but they gave noe [] to them, but said they came from England, and the fellow observed they were all white men except one Coffery, & was a midling ship wth English collours, this I have some doubt may be Cap^t Dorrells son in Law in the Essex, Gov^r Pitt says she is either an Interloper or a Pyrat he [] me Allemurdicaun's people hath paid into their ffactors at Matchlepatam about 3 lack of Rupees, and that he had not sent his sloop (M^r Haynes went hence on) to Pullicatt for money haveing not so much here, soe that we expect Allemurdicaun will not be long ere he be sett at libertie he also sayeth he hears Ascar Caun is coming to take Zulphaccar Cauns place if so he will remember us for M^r Yales baseness to him to Remain,

Fort S^t David
June the 27th 1693

Your Most affectionate ffrend
J GOLDSBOROUGH.

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHANIELL HIGGINSON ESQ^a
PRESIDENT OF Y^e AFFAIRS OF Y^e R^{ty} HON^{ble}
COMP^y & C^a COUNCIL IN FORT S^t GEORGE

Hon^{ble} [S^r] & c^a

These serve to accompany a Letter just now rec^d from the Hon^{ble} Govern^r of Trincumbar, wth one inclosed to Cap^t Freake I have opened that w^{ch} is directed to us, and send it & the Translate thereof also wth it, In w^{ch} find the Govern^r of Trincumbar desires our concurrence in his delivering the Lead, of

which the Letter itselfe & it [s] Translate will more fully inform you, now I desire you to consider w^t may safely be done in that case, and not lett Cap^t : Freak depart for Bengall, untill he hath secured our R^t Hon^{ble} Masters concerning it, and what you shall doe therein signe and send to me, and I will also signe & send forward to Trincumbar, for you are better able to enquire into the state of the case there, than I can here, whether our owning the Lead may cause custom to be demanded, or w^t other duties may be I know not

Herewth send you a Coppy of the Generall that I now send by the Berkley Castle from hence to the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a, by w^{ch} you will see the Diarys & Consultations of this Place, were sent home by the Berkley Castle now from hence

I also think it fitt to advise you, that in the Cowle from the Dep^{ty} Govern^r : & Councill here to the Mint Bramby is 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ Matt in 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ fine gold, for the matt of fa^{ms} I Remaine,

Fort S^t David
the 28th . June 1693

Your Affectionate ffreind
J GOLDSBOROUGH

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS COMMISSARY GEN^lFRALL FOR
AFFAIRS OF THE HON^{ble} EAST INDIA COMP^a
LIKEWISE TO THE DISCREET & GEN^lEROUS GENTLEMEN

Illustrious S^r [s] & discreet Gentlemen,

The[se] are to shew your Hon^r & the rest of the Gentlemen, that yesterday I rec^d a Lett^r from Cap^t W^m Freake, bareing date the 18th of this month, wherein he advises me to embarque by the first occasion 230 peices of Lead, which he writes me at length in his Letter two hundred & thirty Peices, w^{ch} he left here, the [] his ship departed from hence, to which answer'd him in short I would comply wth his desire if Possible, but upon due consideration, find myselfe obliged your Hon^r & the Gentlemen of your Councill first thereof, not doubting but Cap^t Freaks petition to me in this affaire, was by concent and approbation, there offering nothing more to trouble your Hon^r with at present, I Pray God preserve your Hon^r and Remaine,

Fort Dansbergh
anno Domⁿ 1693 26th June S N

Your Hon^{rs} & the discreet Gentlemen
Obliged ffreind and servant
C Poves

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHANIELL HIGGINSON, ESQ^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^r OF FORT S^t GEORGE
AND CITY OF MADRASS & C^a COUNCILL.

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

We have yours of the 30th Ult^o wth its inclosed Invoyce for 10 Candy Country Powder, priced at 20 Pag^{ds} p Candy, which we apprehend much more then its real cost, and for the future if there be occasion for more you will please to Vallue it at a lower rate, at present we shall Credit your Acco^t Curr^{ts} for the amount of the Invoyce

The Accountant of this place being [now] at Madrass, prevents us from being able to remitt a p^{ty} ticu [lar] of what has been lately sent hither, all is arrived except last sloop which we suppose is in sight, this being w^t off[ers] from,

Fort S^t David
y^o 4 July 1693
M^r TROUGHTON
AT [CADALUR]

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a
Your Most Humble Servants
EDM^d MOUNTAGUE. W^m HATSELL
THOMAS CONSTABLE RALPH INGRAM.

FORT S^r: DAVID THE 4th: JULY 1693.

TO THE HON^{ble}: NATHANIELL HIGGINSON ESQ^r:

PRESIDENT FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE R^y: HON^{ble}:

EAST INDIA COMP^a: & C^a: COUNCILL IN FORT S^r: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: [S^r:] & C^a:

Yours of the 28th: & 29th: past month I rec^d: here the 2nd: & 2^d: instant, and wonder at the action of the Master of the Saphir, that he dare unlade the R^y: Hon^{ble}: Comp^a: goods without order, and hope you made him take them in at his own charge.

I find Padry Evans has escaped away from you for Bengall, and admire at the Armenians doing it, if Cap^t: Rickson be in fault he deserves no favour, for I doubt the Padrys designs are inveterate enough against the Right Hon^{ble}: Comp^a: interest, it is well done to order the Agent & C^a: to keepe him in the flactory.

I observe how the Essay of fan^a: hold out, but I find here was a trick amongst the Shroffs, to hide all the bad fan^a: and was maniged by Mutta Chittee y^e: Mint Shroff, by imprisoning and threatning 8 of them, I have got some fan-nams of 4 severall stamps of Cuddalore mint coining, so that I now Doubt not but to know the truth of all that Roguery by Esseying them, and they deliver'd them in upon Oath to be of Rama Linga's coining, Mutta Chittee being one of them, and I beleive will be found deeply concerned wth: Rama Linga.

I Readily approve of imploying a cunning Braminie in the Camp for intilligence; and giving countenance to Allemirdee Caun's Brother in Law, for I judge if Assid Caun and Zulfaker Caun [. . .]

As to presenting any more unto the Moors who we can see good cause for it I am not for, but I like well enough that some small matter may be sent to the Docter who may be an inlett unto Prince Assum Tarra; when we shall Judge it seasonable to move towards him, and may not be given away; for such an Officer some times has the ear of the Prince before others of greater quality.

Last night we agreed wth: the Right Hon^{ble}: Comp^a: Merchants for an investment of 15,000 Pag^{as}: by the last of December next, to be delivered all in upon the last investment tearms, musters, and proportions of sorts, but with this differance, that they are to allow the R^y: Hon^{ble}: Comp^a: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % cent for land Custome which they did not allow then, nor never till now, I would faine have had them Ingaged for more but could not draw them to it, but I hope this will be a means to quicken your Merchants.

I hope by the Latter end of this [week] to gett hence, & becomeing towards you, for time calls away I Remain.

P: S:

I have given M^r: Hatsell & C^a: Councill the Letter & Invoyce about Powder who will answer thereto, it's said Gov^r: Pitt will goe hence tomorrow for Negnap:

Hon^{ble}: [S^r:] & C^a:

Your Most Affectionate freind

J: GOLDSBOROUGH.

TO THE HON^{ble}: NATHANIELL HIGGINSON

PRESID^t: FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE R^y: HON^{ble}:

EAST INDIA COMP^a: & C^a: COUNCILL AT FORT S^r: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: [S^r:] & C^a:

Yours of the 3^d: instant wth: the inclosed Has[bul] Ammers, and Consultation, and Letter to the Govern^r: of Trincumbar of the same, I received yesterday, and compleated the said Letter and sent it forward immediately toward Trincumbar, I did in my last of the 4th: Instant acquaint you, that I thought I should gett hence the latter end of this week, and now this being Fryday doe againe confirm the same, that (God willing) I know noe thing to the contrary but tomorrow afternoon I shall leave this place, and sett forwards towards Madrass, so that I shall forbare any further answer, because I shall soon be with you after this comes thither.

I have compleated all things here to satisfact[ion] and stay only for an Essay of fan^e 'that is said will be done to night or in the morning

Govern^r Pitt with all his fleet siled hence for Negapatam the 5 instant with[when] we parted with much civility on both sides and many Gunns, I Remain,

Fort St David,
the 7th July 1693

Hon^{ble} [S^r] &c^a
Your Affectionate friend
J GOLDSBOROUGH

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS S^a JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^{tt} COMMISSARY G^{nerll} FOR THE
RIGHT HON^{ble} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a &c^a & THE HON^{ble} GENTLEMEN OF
THIS COUNCILL

Illustrious S^r[s] & Hon^{ble} Gentlemen

Your Excell^{cy} &c^{as} respected Letter of the 3^d Curr^t [reached] me by your Peons, by w^{ch} I am informed that the two Hundr^d & thirty peices, w^{ch} in Cyphers say 230 peices of Lead, w^{ch} Cap^t Freake left here, belonging to the Hon^{ble} English Comp^a of w^h I had no advice, but to the Contrary, it allways appeared to me that they belonged to said Cap^t Freake, upon w^{ch}. he has taken up some [money] here, for charges and his [] paid w^t he has taken up, haveing a good oppertunity I will send them to Your Exel for acco^t & Risgoe and at the charge of Cap^t Freake with all brevity

I assure Yo^r Excell^{cy} &c^a the good freindship and correspondance we have hitherto held, shall hence forward on my part be kept with an Inseperable and respectfull continuation and am assured that Yo^r Excell^{cy} &c^a will not be wanting in the same, and I shall inwardly of an oppertunity of importance to serve the Hon^{ble} English Comp^a & Yo^r Excell^{cy} &c^a wherein you shall find me as assured as I am much obliged waiting for Occasions wherein Your Excell^{cy} &c^a may command me, whereby I may allways manifest mysefe

Fort Dansburgh the 8 July 1693

Yo^r Excell^{cy} &c^{as}
affectionate ffreind & servant
POVES

TRANSLATE

A Cowle Granted by the Dep^{ty} Govern^r &c^a
Council for farming Tobacco, Gange, & Beetle Leafe

Severall Chittes and other shopkeepers of our Towns of Tegnapatam, Cuddalore, and all places within the R^{tt} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} bounds haveing made w^t private [gain] they please on the Retailing Tobacco, Gangee, and Beetle leaf and finding it may be fittly applyed to help support the Gover [] and charges of this Garrison &c^a it is order'd and agreed that Eram Rause, Vangana Chittee, Tomapa Chittee, Videe Chittee, Tombee Andee Chittee, Timapiah Viucitramiah, Vangana Timapa, Ala Via, Shavenda Podum shall have full Power to supply the shopkeepers, and Retailers of our Towns of Tegnap, Cuddalore and all places within the R^{tt} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} bounds, with Tobacco either of this Country, Manela, or Persia, Gangee, & Beetle leafe, at such rate as now it is, and hath been usually supplied at and as good in each kind as it used to be, and they so doeing it shall not be lawfull for any shopkeeper, or other Person whatsoever, to buy for the retaile trade of any other person but them, or such as they allow off, and [a]ppoint for that purpose, nor for any person whatsoever to sell any of those three Commodities by retaile but such as buy the same of the aforesaid persons, and that all person[s] offending therein, shall for every fan^e worth so bought or sold for the retailing be fined one Pag^d to be paid to y^e informer, but if they be strangers they shall be excused for the first fault only, and after pay

as other Folks, and if the said Eram Rause, Vangana Chittee, and the rest of their partners above named shall at any time in the year, sell either Tobacco, Gange, or Bettle leafe, dearer yⁿ the justices of the Choultry shall think fit, and Complaint thereof be made to them they shall be bound to sell for the Prices sett by the said justices, and if they offend therein after the third fault, they shall be liable to such fine and Punishment as the Dep^y Govern^r and Councill shall think fitt to allot or directt But all merchants y^e bring in Tobacco, Gangee, or Bettle leafe, into our towns of Tegnapatam, Cuddalore &c^a Places within the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{ys} bounds may freely sell their goods to any Person or persons whatsoever to be Transported to other parts or Places, but to be retailed in our Towns of Tegnapatam Cuddalore &c^a places adjacent, except they sell to y^e afores^d Iram Rause, Vangana Chittee, or their partners, and the said Eram Rause, Vangana Chittee, and partners, shall have leave to keep watch on the [warehouse] where other Merchants Tobacco &c^a shall be lodged to see that none [of] it be disposed of but for Transportation to other parts only, and require of the seller to acknowledge whether it be sold and to [whom] who is hereby obliged to make that known when required, to avoid all disputes, or have their goods stopped by the Tobacco, Gangee and Beetle leafe farmers, Eram Rause and his partners till [they] doe it, and on these terms this cowle is granted unto Eram [Rau-e] and his partners before named, for one whole year from the time limited for this Cowle to begin, they paying into the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{ys} Cash, Eleven hundred Chuckrums, to begin the first day of August next, and to pay down the first day of August next, & every month after, the Twelfth part of the whole on the first day, till the Twelve months or one [whole] year be expier^d

And it is further agreed upon, that the said Eram Rause &c^a shall pay the 1st day of every month 50 [] 16 fan^e 27 Cash at 10 fan^e p^r Chuckrum and 18 fan^e p^r Pag for the 12th part within mentioned, dated in Fort S^t: David this 7th July 1693

Signed Sealed & delivered
in the Presence of us

Fort S^t David . THOMAS JORDAN
The 7th July 1693 JOHN BERLU

WILL^m HATSELL
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^d MOUNTAGLE
THOM^s CONSTABLE.
Z TROUGHTON

TRANSLATE OF A PERWANNA FROM NABOB ZULFUCKER CAWN
TO THE GENER^{ls} & GOV^r OF CHINAP^a

One Prearje has made Complaint to me, that [] worth of goods, and after his Death his Brother laid his Clame to it, now this Johur Mulla Merchant has left Conjeveram, and now lives in Chinap^a and has often put off Prearjes Brother from time to time to delay the paym^t thereof I writ you this that you may make an end of it according to justice, if you cannot make an end of it there then send them both to me Dated the 8th day of the month Hiovall in the 36 year of the Kings Reign rec^d the 12 July 1693

TO HIS EXCELL^{ty} S^t JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH & K^{ty} GENERALL AND CHIEFE
GOVERN^{rs} FOR ALL THE R^t HON^{ble} COMP^{ys} AFFAIRS IN INDIA, AND THE
HON^{ble} NATH^{ls} HICINSON ESQ^s PRESID^t & COUNCILL

May it Please Your Excell^{ty} &c^a

We hope this will find yo^r Excell^{ty} safe arrived at Madrass, and our great desire is that the good providence of God may always attend yo^r Excell^{ty} in all your just undertakings

The 200 Pag^{ts} in Silver fan^e lately Brought hither pass Curruntly, and we beleive will be very usefull in adjusting acco^{ts} w^{ch} formerly has been very intricate

by reason of Frequent alteration of the Vallue of fan^s in this place, wherefore desire that 300 Pag^{ds} in silver fan^s may be sent by the return of y^e Peons that attend his Excell^{ty} hoping it will be a safe Conveiance

Since the late order for a measuring Duty those who officiated heretofore in that place are run away, we desire yo^r Excell^{ty} &c^s would send 6 from Madrass, and agree wth them for wages as you shall think fitt which will avoid disputes here

We being in great want of wax desire you will supply us wth a Candy or two being w^t offers from

Your Excell^{ty} &c^s most Humble servants

W^m: HATSELL

RALPH: INGRAM

[.]

TO HIS EXCELL^{ty} S^t JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH COMMISSARY GENERALL, THE HON^{ble} NATHANIELL HIGGINSON ESQ^r PRESID^t, THE WORSP^{ts} JOHN DOLBEN ESQ^r. JUDGE ADVOCATE COUNCIL

Our Creator being more mercifull then to require impossibilities from us, there is noe reason that men should be so severe against their fellow Creatures, to expect more from them then they are able to performe, I have faithfully and diligently to the utmost of my poor ability, served the Right ^{Hon^{ble}} Comp^a in India the greatest part of my life, and was thought fitt to act in severall stations of the Council here, and in their subordinate ffactorys, where if my performances did not answer their expectation it was not my fault, for I served them to the best of my Capacity, and never intentionally or willing[ly] wronged or defrauded them in any thing whatsoever, of w^{ch} God is my wittness, and none has or can say the contrary, yett it has been my hard fate to come to this restraint I now labour under w^{ch} I was in hopes I should be able patiently to have undergon dureing Your Excell^{ty} &c^s or the R^{ts} Hon^{ble} Comp^a pleasure, and indeed should not trouble your more busy thoughts wth request if I was not absolutely forced there-to through my great indisposition of body, whereby I have almost lost the use both of my hands and feet, and sincible of the distemper still increasing upon me, so y^t. unless you commiserate my condition I must undoubtedly [dye] miserably in Prison and what satisfaction can that be to your Excell^{ty} &c^s or Hon^r to the Comp^a, wherefore my most Humble request is that you permitt me to be a Prisoner in my house where I may more conveniently have w^t is necessary for the recovery of my health, or that you would please to lett me be at large under sufficient bail for my personall appearance whenever you shall require it, which I humble leave to your Excell^{ty} &c^s consideration, and hope to receive your favourable grant thereto, which will oblige me ever to be

July y^e 13th 1693.

Yo^r. Excell^{ty} &c^s
Most Obedient Humble Servant
JOHN NICKS

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM PEEB CAUN MIANA FUSDAR OF PULLAMULLE
TO THE ENGLISH CAP^t OF CHINAP^a NOE DATE

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the Like from your Hon^r in our Jageer the Cheife inhabitants of 2 or 3 of our Towns have cheated the dnan of great deal of money and have sheltered themselves in Chinapatam or Tandour, and are protect'd by Jangaunapa Noyendu and Timapau Noyendu, and have gott some peons and the Talliers of that Town and did last night fall upon Vichour, and Tenagaur, and robbed the inhabitants of the Place, as also drubed and abused many of their Braminies in such a manner that there is two of them y^t they dispair of their lives, and carryed them to Tandour, Your Chinapatam being a charitable place is the reason of their resorting therew^t. if they doe they ought to live

Civilly there and not come and Plunder the Country without, after this manner, if I should acquaint my Master with their doeing, I know he would bid me write to the Govern^r of Chinap^e answer, therefore I write your Hon^r this, please to send these robbers to me, and the Braminies, with my People, and also to check your Pulligars and order them not to doe so hereafter, you shew me your favour and freindship, and often acquaint me of your good health. rec^d the 16 July 1693

TO HIS EXCELL^{cy} S^a JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^{tt} COMMISSARY GEN^{ll} AND THE
HON^{ble} NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^a PRESID^t & C^a COUNCILL IN FORT S^t.
GEORGE

May it Please Your Excellency &

Yours of the 13th Curr^t with Pag^{ds} 300 in Silver fan^a came safe, we hope they will pass Currently and shall advise when wee want more

[Manuscript pages 41-44 are missing.]

Wee hope shortly to receive Your Hon^r &^a answer whither p^rmissive goods may be laden on the Sampson, however we have thought convenient to order the Commander y^e. she be in readyness to goe from hence in Augst or Sept^r

We have severall times been reminded from Dacca by all means to gett some flint ware and a Clock for the Nabob without which we cannot compleat his present, and therefore intreat your Hon^r &^a will be pleased as soon as possible to furnish us with y^e same

The 13th Instant arrived M^r Walsh his Vessel from the Fort, which is w^t. offers at present from,

Chuttanutta Y^e 15 June 1693

Hon^{ble} &^a S^a
Yo^r Most Humble Servants
FRANCIS ELLIS
ROBERT DORRILL
JOHN BEARD

Severall Paragraphs taken out of our Lett^r
sent to M^r Eyre &^a at Dacca concern-
ing y^e Generall stop put to trade

M^r CHARLES EYRE &^a
S^a

CHUT^a APRILL Y^e 18th 1693.

We rec^d yours of the 5th Curr^t adviseing of the arrivall of 6 Chest of Treasure and in the Postscript w^{ch} is dated y^e 8 D^o you acquaint us wth the receipt of our[s] wth the Letters and passes for the Nabob w^{ch} we hope on y^r delivery will prove in a great measure satisfactory, but we formerly advised you, we can act no farther in this matter without the consent of the Commissary General who we question not but [e]re this has taken such measure[s] as are requisite in order to the removeall of the stop on our busi[ness] and tho^o we hope it will not endure long yett we are sensible that every days hinderance is to much, and therefore must make the best of a bad markett, agreeing wth your sentiments so farr in giving out money to able Merch^{ts} to be gott ready in their owne names against the time[.]

M^r CHARLES EYRE &^a

CHUTTANUTTE MAY Y^e 11th [1693]

We wrote you yesterday but before its departure arrived yours of the first ins^t wth an Acco^t of your discourse wth the Nabob, and Duan, and that addi[tion] w^{ch} is requisite to be made to the Letter might have been done by yourselves without looseing the time of [writing] hither, for you may assure them that our Vessells shall not be wanting to accomp^o and assist them in things w^{ch} [may] reasonably be required of them, which being the substance most metciall part of your Letter we need not further enlarge to you on this subject, but you may doe it to them in as ample terms as you shall think most convenient

MR CHARLES EYRE &c^a

We wrote to you a few days since to w^{ch} refer you but this is to advise you that it will be absolutely necessary you gett a Coppy of w^t the Nabob and Duan have written to the King about the Generall stop to trade, but p^ticularly what is written in our favour, and as soon as it's procur'd you must Translate it sending the Translation thereof to us, since you will best be able to doe it at Dacca the sooner you doe this the better, in expectation whereof we remaine &c^a

TO HIS EXCELLENCY S^r JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^{tt} COMMISSARY GENERALL & SUPER-INTEND^t FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{ty} HON^{ble} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a AND TO THE HON^{ble} NATH^l HIGGINSON ESQ^r. PRESIDENT & GOVERNE &c^a COUNCILL

May it Please Your Excell^{cy} &c^a

This serves cheifly to forward the accompanying Pack't which we just now received wth advices from M^r Stanly &c^a to remit to you with all expedition as containing matter of great importance

Since our last of the 17th we have rec^d advices from the Seir Lascar, and Moor Merchants, the former whereof most earnestly [*about a line torn*] Promising thereon his best assistance in all our affairs, we shall still deferr it in a freindly manner as long as possible, accordingly therefore have advised him that on his return from Ganjam and those parts (where he is now agoeing and report says will stay some months) we shall be sure to pay the accustomed civility

The Moor Merchants advise of their haveing sett out for this place and that they shall bring cloth enough with them to finish their acco^t in expectation whereof we have not as yet discoursed our new Merch^{ts} anything Publiquely of an Investment but time elapsing, if in a few days they fail of their promises we shall set closely to that work, and doubt not as before advised to bring them to a reasonable agreement so remaine

Your Most Obedient Servan[ts]

SIMON HOLCOMB^[E]

CHA BARWELL

SAMUEL OWEN

Vizagapatam y^e 19th July 1693

Dacca May y^e 7^{mo}

We have rec^d your Worships &c^a of y^e 18th Ult^o and we had wrote to Your Worship &c^a long Ere this about the main business, but that twas the advice of our freinds and our opinion to wave the delivery of your Letter to the Duan, till the Dutch and french had delivered in theirs, and the business had been disputed by their Vacquealls according to their Directors Directio[n] for it could not be supposed y^t their answer would be any ways satisfactory or pleasing, as hath appear'd since, the Duan's throwing the Letter from the Dutch on the ground, demanding at the same time a Machalk[a] or obligation conformable to the Kings order, after which the business growing cool and the Duan [some] what appeased, we tooke an oppertunity of the delivering your Worship &c^a Letter and the two passes intimating withall y^t we were a People that had endeavoured to live in amity and unity with the King[s] subjects ever since our first Settlement in Bengall (w^{ch} [was about 60 years) aiding and assisting in all] respects to the utmost of our Power, and that it was our great misfortune now we should incur the Kings displeasure and have our trade stopt thro^u misapprehention and evil Councill of rash and inconsiderate men, and our dependan[ce] was on him to procure a reamidy, To which he replied y^t he was Sencible of what we said, and that we were Merch^{ts} and our business was trade, and were in no fault speaking very slightly of Etmaud Caun Duan, for his rashness in causeing such a disturbance, and loss to the whole Country and advised us to add to the Letter we had Delivered him, that we were allways ready to serve his Majesty espetially in this affair, and that if any ships belonging to the subjects of his Majesty on the

departure of ours from Bengall were ready to sail they might freely accompany them so far as their Voyages would p̄mitt, and they should fare alike so long as they keep Comp^s this he would have added to your Worship &c^m Letter lately delivered him that he might send it up with his owne to the King and bid us write to yo^r Worship &c^m hereabouts for he is intent on the matter and well inclined and wants only some plea or other whereby he thinks it may take effect for the removeall of this stop, wherefore if your Worship &c^m approve of this addition please to intimate your pleasure, we doe not perseve any hurt can come hereon, and when will they have ships ready to sail when ours doe

Ditto S^r

This day we Visited the Nabob in private and is the first opportunity we have met with for the delivery of your letter and is one occasion of our long silence for we were willing our letter should be of some signification the Nabob took the letter in his owne hand and the 2 passes and read them (which he seldome does any other letters but has them read by his Duan) after which he gave us a great deal of encouragement, and bid us rest satisfied, that he would write up to the King in our favour, & did not question but to gett this stop [removed] speedily, hereupon we began to utter what was convenient, and much to the same effect as was said to the Duan, with which he was well satisfied making the same promises as aforesaid he is mighty enquisitive and hath lately spoken again concerning a Clock which if procurable will be mighty acceptable, the Kings Duan hath Likewise desired some sword Blades and being satisfied that we had none in the ffactory [spoke] to us to write to Hugely for some, he intends to choose what he has occasion for and grind them into shape here according to their fashion, it will be very convenient they be forthwith sent for tis very rare that he asks for any thing

May the 18th 93

We this day rec^d your Worship &c^m of the 10th & 11th Curr^r, we were cautious of making any further addition to your letter to the Nabob and Duan without your consent not knowing how you might approve of it, because your former letter intimated that you could act no farther in the matter without the consent of the Commissary Generall, but now we know how to Govern ourselves and shall according acquaint the Duan that we are willing their vessells accompany ours when ready to sail, and that we shall not be wanting to assist them in all things that's reasonable to be required of us, and if any discourse happens farther hereon, we shall endeavour to satisfie him and use the most pleasing arguments requisite for the accomplishing our designe

The Clock you are pleased to mention will be very acceptable and a great raritie to the Nabob he being so desirous and inquisitive for one, and the Buff Coat [will] be the greatest raritie that ever was brought into these parts if it be pistole proff and will be esteemed beyond any thing you can send, the Duan is very Mindfull of the sword blades, such things will not be denyed sending hither when they are for the Nabob and Duan and not for sale the sooner they [arrive] the better

The Nabobs Muttsudea say that the Nabob will take it ill when he hears that other people were supplied wth flint ware from Hugely when he has so often spoke for all manner of rareties, and to this day has rec^d none, and visiting the Kings warehouse lately I saw severall drinking boles, Candle Cupps, bottles &c^m which he said his Gomastah sent him from Hugly, which are those I presume the Nabobs people mean that they are so much Troubled at

S^r

Dacca June y^r 17th

Since we have rec^d yours of the 15th & [11] D^o yesterday was the first opportunity that hath offered since our last, for the Delivery of your Letter with the new addition to the Duan, for while the fast lasted which end'd last Saturday we were bid not to come or offer any discourse

On the ^{re}usall of said letter he seemed very well satisfied, promising to send it with his owne to the King and used this expression that he hoped in God our business would soon be accommodated to which replied he was our surest friend and that through his assistance things would goe well

We shall doe our utmost to gett a Coppy of w^t the Nabob & Duan hath written to the King concerning the stop of trade, espetially what is written in our favour and Translate it according to your order, but we much doubt of procureing Coppy of what the Duan has or will write, because his writers stand much in awe of him and were allways cautious and fearfull of giving Coppys of any Papers espetially those to the King, however we shall try our utmost herein

We presume to Offer to you, our opinion that this is the only time for presenting the Nabob, w^{ch} will be a means to preserve his favour and keep him firm to our interest espetially to the affairs we are now about

P S
S^m

Please to rememb^r the sword blades
for the Duan & the Clock and Buff coat & Gantlett
for the [. . .]

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^r OF FORT S^t GEORGE
AND CITY OF MADRAS & C^a COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} - S^r & C^a

Our last was of the 22 Ult^o since which have rec^d your Hon^r & C^m of the ^{re}usall instant, we hope there may not now be occasion for measurers from Madrass haveing gott some here

Silver fan^s are not as yett soe well known as to pass currently without our bounds what we have is as much as is usefull here at Present, and if we find a good Consumption of them shall advise, inclosed is 5 fan^s more made by our new minters at same time with the last 5 sent yo[u] we are surprized to hear they are but 4 Matt, but have taken no notice thereof to our Braminy till we hear how these prove and receive your orders therein, all the Chingee Country and to the Southward the People are used to buy and sell in fan that thei^r Bargins are Generally made in Chuckrams which is 10 great fan^s that we apprehend twill be very necessary that the coming gold fan^s be continued here, but the [] shall have all encouragem^t to bring them into use

Since our last the Dup^y Govern^r has rec^d Letters and Messages from two wat[c]hmen who are brothers (and their Interest united) they promise to take their charge the watching our bounds, and tis very probable can give some substantiall Merchants of Porto Novo as security for their due ^{re}formance of their Duty, one of them is watchman of Porto Novo, and resides about 7 miles from thence, the others Country lies almost directly up in the Country from hence about 9 miles, it inclines something to the Southward, in both their Countrys there is considerable quantities of Cloth made, and the R^{tt} Hon^{ble} Comp^{ss} Merchants and others provide there, for this place, we are assured [that] who ever of them undertakes it, [] by reason of their affinity will assist him, we beleive [either] of these may doe better then to have one from Madrass who may be ingaged in quarrells with the watchmen of these parts

Sometime after our first Setttlem^t. here [our] Portugueze Soldiers being very desirous of a Padre, one [Padry] Paulo came from Porto Novo who was here some months with our ^{re} mission and then he requested we would endeavour to procure a grant from the Govern^r and Council of Madrass under their hands and the R^{tt} Hon^{ble} Comp^{ss} seal for his erecting churches, and excerciseing their Rom [an] cartholique Religion, accordingly we writ to Govern^r Yale & C^a who sent a grant, copy whereof we now inclose, [said] Padry Paulo did build two small chu[r]ches one at Cuddalore the other at Tegnapatam he behaved himselfe well in his station

and continued here till the end of June last when one Padry Don [Joas] de Clerici came hither, & Padry Paulo said that the Padry Governdore of the Mount had order'd him to Porto Novo, and that said Padry Clerici to succeed in [that] place, at this time his Excell^y was here and the Dup^y Govern^r acquainted him with it, who ordered that if the Padry Governdore had a mind to alter the Padry he must Petition the Govern^r & Council of Madrass, [because the] said Paulo was placed in by them, the Dup^y told s^d Padry what his Excell^y Commands were, and would have had Paulo to continue till a grant came for Clerici, but [Paulo] declared he durst not disobey the orders off the Padry Governdore, and went Presently to Porto Novo, and [never] returned since, Clerici had orders not to open the [doors] of the Churches, to officiate Publicly till his [grant] came, but has liberty to say mass in a house where [he] resides, we know not whether there has been apply [cation] made to your Hon^r &c^a about this business, but tho twas necessary to represent it, said Padry Clerici desires [] to goe to Madrass, to Desire Your Hon^r &c^a grant, we hope he may behave [] as wel to this Government as his Religion will [admit of] haveing had no other then a good Carrecter of him

About 10 days [] passed] a large Dutch ship touched here, and went to the road of Pullicherry, and has been there crusing ever since, [] their Vice and Rear Admirall came to anchor [] road, and this morning is [] to the Southward coming hither, about [] large ships Govern^r Pitt is [] the Admirall, the 8th at night we understood from our Neighbours, [that it is .] of large ships was to come hither, that they designed to stay two or three days at farthest, and then to Pullicherry, there to land about 1600 Europeans, besides [P] Singallese or Zeloners, and about [50 .] of which are already come into our Bounds, [.] from Batavia brought Possitive orders [P] to take Pullich[erry] either with or with [.] Prince of the Country lett the cost be [.] ffrench have expected these ships, [.] necessary preparation [] defend themselves [] me beleive Moun[sieur] Martain has had [.] of their designs, [he] lately sent a ffrenchman [] ambassador to Chingese, [.] and Rama Raja Detains [them] being supposed to be bought of by the Dutch, great numbers of the inhabitants are come into our bounds amongst which are some Muslee women that we hear are married to ffrench men we have permitted them to be at Cuddalore, [this] is what offers from,

Fort S^t David y^e 10 Aug^a 1693
M^r Ingram at Cuddalore

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a
Your Most Humble Servants
W^m HATSELL
JN^o HAYNES
EM^o MOUNTAGUE
Z TROUGHTON

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM [ME]ZA NURUT DAHAR DUAN OF THE CURNATTA
[COUNTRY] To THE CAP^t OF CHINAP^a

Lately by Budeull Zumaes letter I understand y^e a Correll Merchant has cheated the Duan of the Custome of 900 Rup^a [] when Budeull Zuma came to understand this [] him for it till he had paid the Custome in the mean [] you sent for him away before he paid the Custome [] you keep him by you & Promise Budeull Zuma that you would sen[d] to me for my letter about it, and that he should not trouble him, now may it Please yo^r Hon^r the Kings order to this Subaship now is that all goods must [pay] [] out of fourty and 2 out of 40 as they doe in all [] all Merchants that buy and sell have reason [. .] to the Customers, Your Hon^r keeping this man [] nor does not befit you, the Custom [] and if you hinder its payment, you must [. .] for it at last,

now I would have you [] that when they carry away their goods
[] Custome according to list, and take a recei [pt] Customer
of its payment Received the 8th August 1693

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATH^L HIGGINSON ESQ^R GOVERN^R OF MADRAS

Hon^{ble} high, Couragious, Very Wise, foreseeing, & very Generous, S^r

Your Hon^r letter was safely brought me by the Goorabanders with a Chest
of wine and another of Rosewater for which I am very thankfull to your Hon^r.
and am sorry I cannot reciprocally return your Hon^r any service because the
Prince by reason of his sickness Marches towards y^e King, but notwithstanding
if your Hon^r Pleases to Command me any service at the Mogulls Court, for the
advantage of the English Comp^a, to obtain a Phirmaund for free Traffick on
the coast of Cormandell as your Hon^r and the Comp^a had before now from the
King of Gulcondath, Please but to Command me, and [] all satisfaction
and to send such [] Hon^r in a little time wth small charges
[] Hollanders, and their Ambassador [] expended their
mony more for state [] the Netherland Comp^{as} advantage []
large about the Pirat's that are [] & Surrat, therein I shall like
[] the King of all, so committing [] of the Almighty
Remaine

[] Honours Servant
JOHANNES POTULIFT

TRANSLATE OF A PEPW [ANNA] FROM NABOB ALLE MERDUM CAWN [TO THE HON^{BLE}]
PRESIDENT HIGGINSON GOVERN^R [OUR OF] CHINAPATAM

I wish your Hon^r Health, I received your frindly letter, when I perused it
I found your frindly wishes towards me, by the Grace of God I am now
arrived at Pulicat now I have wrote my Petition to Court about all my affairs and
doe wait for an answer to goe on with my business, and would have you to
acquaint me often of your affairs as you used to doe formerly, I rec^d the
Tobacco you sen[t] me and am glad of it, the kindness you shewed to my People
when I was in my late troubles I esteem it as a most exceptable service, by the
Grace of God I hope in a short time to retaliate your Hon^r for it Received Y^e:
12th Augst 93

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^R

PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^R OF FORT S^r GEORGE
AND CITY OF MADRASS & C^A COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

The 10 instant we advised your Hon^r & c^a that Govern^r Pitt was in
sight with his fleet, that evening he came on shoar to their ffactory at Tegnapatam,
and immediately sent his son in law, Sen^r De Better, and [] Govern^r
to acquaint us that Govern^r [] a design to goe against Pullicherry,
and [] might land their Souldiers here, we told y^m that []
Common Enemy, we were ready to [] yesterday they landed 1330
men []

[	850]
[	50]
[	430]

1330

1200 of which [] Pullicherry yesterday y^e rest went this []
[] accompanying Gov^r Pitt over land, we [hear .] sail for Pulli-
cherry Road this night,

We have this [day] drawn a Bill of Exchange for Pag^{as} 50 6 60 - payable [to Judge] Dolben Vallue rec^d. into the Right Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} [cash] being what offers from,

Fort S^t David
12 August 1693.

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^s
Your Most Humble Servants
W^m. HATHILL.
Jⁿ^s: HAYNES
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^d MOUNTAGUE

PS This morning the fleet sett sail about 5 a Clock, we should have advised that the Dutch landed 3 feild peices which are goñ overland with their army
Augst Y^r 13th W^m H.

TRANSLATE OF A PERWANNA FROM NABOB ALLE MYRDUM CAWN,
TO PRESIDENT HIGGINSON GOVERN^r OF CHINAP^a DATED Y^r 11th. AUGUST 1693

I hope you are well, I understand that Jumulls family lives in a Palligars house in your town, and this Palligars wife has intised his slave wench to steal from her Master, which she did and the other received it, when your Hon^r. understood this I hear that you sent for the Pulligar and cheackt him for it, and order'd him to pay the money, thō your Hon^r order'd him to pay it, they have not rec^d. it yett, therefore I acquaint you of it that when this my letter arrives you [. . .] would send for him and order him to pay the money to Jumulls servants Please to act in this matter, that I may not hear any more [. . .]
37 year of the Kings Reigne [. . .] reced [. . .] 1693

TO HIS EXCEL^{ly} S^r JOHN [GOLDSBOROUGH] COMMISSARY GENERALI & [. . .]
OF THE R^{oy} Hon^{ble} ENGLISH [EAST INDIA COMPANY] TO THE HON^{ble} NATHANIEL
HIGG[INSON] AND GOVERN^r OF FORT S^t GEORGE &c^s:

May it please [your] Excell^{ty} &c^s

[. . .] of the Bearers passing throth this Place for Madrass [we] thought it our Duty to advise you of our chiefs &c^s arrivall whi^{ch} was on the 3^d Curr^{ent} since when we have been diligently observing y^r directions and to the best of our abilities prosecuting your Commands but by reason of the absence of our Moor Merchants who are at their habitations at Chiccacull have been able to make no great progress therein, waiting their arrivall to finish their acco^{unts} ere we discover your Excell^{ty} &c^s possitive resolutions of disc[a]rding them, which contracting with our new Merchants would give them great occasion to suspect and so probably impede their bring in their remains, w^{ch} now is in circa Pag^{as} 2000⁰ and which we doubt not but by keeping them in hopes of further employment to induce them speedily to comply with

We doubt not but our new Merchant Budde Narrain will contract for the summ you order'd, and according to your terms, so desire you to furnish us wth money accordingly, and he has already more then cleared his former contract, and the old Merchants have brōt in something more then the amount of the Pag^{as} 1.00: M^r Dubois last contracted for with them, and we have now in our Godowns, cloth of severall sorts to the quantity of about 70 Bales, thō much of it will not come out to muster, but we shall observe your orders in makeing a proportionable abatement

On the chiefs arrivall, here was one of the Seir Lascars Maldars who brōt a rocca commanding M^r Bar[con] [. . .] repair to Chiccacull, which the Chiefs disp[. . .] but as yett haveing had no reply thereto [. . .] acco^{unt} in what manner we may be [. . .] humour, but assure your Ex [. . .] and sedulous endeavours therein [. . .] affairs

committed to our charge [] it will not only redound to our R^t [Hon^{ble} Masters,] but our owne Reputation

[] and shall observe all your further directions rela[tive to] our acco^{ts} being now about the inspecting & [] M^r Fleetwoods in which we discover [] of which our next shall give a more ample and particular acco^t, but we cannot make any Progress in M^r Du Bois's & Chapmans till you remit us w^t sent you formerly here being no Coppys of the same

The Bill of lading [by] the Saphir mentions 4 bal's more then is containd in the Invoice which we have rec^d and when your Excell^{cy} &c^a advises us the amount thereof shall give your acco^t Curr^t due Credit for the same, and is what more (the Peon's not being to be induced to any longer stay) we can advise you off, save to assure that we are with all respect,

Vizagapatam y^e 17th July 1693

Your Most Humble Servants,
SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHA BARWELL
SAMUEL OWEN

TO HIS EXCE^{ll}cy S^r JOHN GOLDBOROUGH K^t COMMISSARY GEN^lALL AND SUPERINTENDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HON^{ble} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a, & TO THE HON^{ble} NATH^l HIGGINSON ESQ^s PRESID^t AND GOVERN^r &c^a COUNCILL

May it Please Yo^r Excell^{cy} &c^a

We come now to acquaint you that with much fatigue and trouble we have concluded on an Investm^t with our new Merchants Budde Narran &c^a for the amount of Pag^{da} 2000 [] by the 25th Xber as y^e Coppy of our Contract [] Your Excell^{cy} &c^a for your p^{ro}usall [] and we hope our endeavours [] your Excell^{cy} &c^a approbation, our [endeavours] haveing been used therein [] Hon^{ble} Masters interest, wth out makeing any Sinister [] of a Pishcash (as has been accustomed) to our [] th^o not specified in the Contract, for $\frac{1}{3}$ part to [] in by the Ult^o Septemb^r yett by that time [] not but to have near or full that quantity, we [having] some in our Godowns already, and advices of more on the road, which is impeded by the great freshes this year that make the rivers unpassable

We must intreat your Excell^{cy} &c^a not to fail in supplying us with money some Rup^s and most Pago^{da} so as to performe the Covenant on our part, otherwise we shall give our Merchants opportunity to be remiss and delatory without a probability of obtaining satisfaction for the same, as haveing first faultred

We desire you to furnish us with some Cotten y^e first conven[en]t opportunity beleiving before the finishing our Investment we may have occasion for the same, if not twill sell for advantage

Our Moor Merchant Sheck Hossan is arrived bringing with him some 20 ox load of cloth and promised speedily to compleat his Investment, but haveing failed so often we thought it not consistant with our R^t Hon^{ble} Masters Interest to wait the event thereof ere we contracted, time elapsing apace, so that September comes fast on us wherein your orders are for $\frac{1}{3}$ of our Investment to be ready w^h we shall always to the utmost of our abilities endeavour to observe, and haveing him now in Town we shall take care to keep him here, till he has compleated his Investment, and then according to your orders discharge him

We doe not esteem it convenient to advance any money to our Merchants hearing some of them are [] the Governm^t we shall diligently enquire [] of their capacities and conditions and then [], of which in our next shall give you [] full and true Relation.

[] rather impossible to induce any Merch^{ant} [] Long cloth and Sallampores with [] at 10 y^e Cent advance on the R^t Hon^{ble} Com[panies] prices, being well assured those sorts are now so [] dearer in the Country, however according to [your] orders shall make a tryall (but with

submit[ion to] your better Judgments) we hold it no ways consistant with our Interest at Present to send to Madapollam for any Merchants, being well assured 't would so much disgust our present undertakers as to make them negligent and sloothfull and by the Character we have of them, we hope they may be sufficient to supply the Hon^{ble} Com[p]^{ys} occasions, which this present Investment will give sufficient demonstration off

Affairs with the Seir Lascar stands as advised your Excell^{ty} &c^a in our last.

Our Generall Books Letter I were Ballenced before your orders arrived for the carrying them to Augst which we thought fitt to acquaint your Excell^{ty} &c^a withall, and shall now waite your further orders about the same, which wⁿ arrive shall be pun[c]tually complied with

We shall rectifie those Errors in acc^{ts} comitted by our predecessors according to your list and take care to state ours so that they may have good coherence wth yours, but we must request your Excell^{ty} &c^a to enquire of Cap^t Brooks what is become of those Pag^{ds} 200 you make sent to this factory by the Madrass friggitt for on the strickest scrutiny we can make we are apprehensive it was never rec^d here, and we desire you to send us the Particulars of those 70 Pag^{ds} said to be disbursed by [John] upon examination here not being able to [.] it can be for, nor can we upon a [re . teen] Gingerkes Invoice find the mistake of [.] you mention in the allom

We shall [duely] comply wth your orders of frugallity, [in]respect of all] the charges of this factory [.] as low as decency and [.] ity will admitt

Would our Present advices have admitted of the Bearers stay to the expiration of the month they should have accompyed our Consultations Dyares &c^a : since the cheif's arrivall being all ready, but now for the aforesaid reason must wait the next opportunity

We shall observe your directions in the stating Mr Owens acco^t, and herewith send you Mr Fleetwoods true Debt upon the diligent examination we could make, both of the R^{ts} Hon^{ble} Comp^{ys} Covenant Servants, & the Factory and his owne Braminies, which being what we call to remembrance at Present, we crave leave to remaine

Your Most Obedient faithfull Servants

Vizagapatam y^e 27th July 1693

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We return your Excel^{ty} &c^a Mr Fleetwoods acco^m sent with us haveing taken Coppys of the same S H C B S O

SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHA BARWEIL
SAMUEL OWEN

Contract and agreement made by us Simon Holcombe Cheife &c^a Council, on behalfe of the R^{ts} Hon^{ble} English East India Comp^a at Vizagapatam Budde Narran, Chone Perdesse, and Gongulo, in manner and forme Viz^t

1st That the said Simon Holcombe &c^a. shall deli^r to the said Budde Narran &c^a Merchants of a new Inves^{mt} hereafter mentioned the sum of six Thousand Pagod^s on the sealing and delivery hereof, and the remainder as they shall [deliver] goods, the whole amount of s^d Investment [.] Thou-and Pagodas

2^d [. . .] Budde Narran &c^a Merch^{ts} doe hereby [oblige themselves] their Heirs, Execut^{rs} and Administra^{rs} and are [Joyntly and sev. rally] Bound to make full satisfaction for all [.] that shall be paid and deliver'd them, for [the] R^{ts} Hon^{ble} Com[p]^{ys} accot upon this present Investment

3^d That the said Budde Narran &c^a Merch^{ts} are hereby obliged to deliver in Vizagapatam factory to us the said Simon Holcombe &c^a or our Successors the Goods undermentioned whose sorts, Quantities are Viz^t

	Pag ^{ds}	
Long cloth 3 sorts	{ No 1	26½
Five thousand Pagodas	2	2½
	3	24½
		7 Corg
		"
		"

Sallampores 3 sorts	{	N ^o 1	Pag ^{da} 12
Five Thousand Pag ^{da}		2.	11½
		3	11
Sale cloth five Thousand Pag ^{da}		1	18
Strip'd Bettelas five Thousand Pag ^{da}			30

All which cloth is hereby agreed to be brought in by the said Buddo Narran &c^a on or before the 25th. day of Septemb^r next ensuing the date hereof, which will be in the year of our Lord one Thousand Six hundred & ninety three, and for so much money of this contract, as we the said Budde Narran &c^a shall fail of Bringing in within the aforesaid prefixed time, we the said Budde Narran &c^a doe hereby oblige ourselves, Heirs, Executors & Administra^{rs} do pay to the said Simon Holcombe &c^a or their Successors five and Twenty p^{er} cent

4th It is further agreed by and with the said Budde Narran &c^a Merchants by these presents, that the same abatement for Dustore &c^a shall be taken out and allowed by them without any Contradiction, as accustomed and that the said Cloth shall be sorted by the same Muster, as the R^{te} Hon^{ble} Comp^{rs} Cloth on all former invest^{mt} used to [be] sorted by, to which they are to putt their Chop, and that what cloth will not come up to the head muster

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Upon our [] we considered that the Watching Duty in [m
adinary] high w^{ch} could [not] but prejudice Trade there [] to
alter it here, that [all .] Dutyes for the Mer[chants] might be as easy
as Possible we agreed that the [.] could] have Viz^t

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For all Goods Imported [the] R ^{te} Hon ^{ble} Comp ^{rs}		
5 p ^{er} cent for every 100 Chuckrums 4½ p ^{er} mil w ^{ch} is	4	5
The Minters for every 100 Chuckrums ¼ p ^{er} mil is		10
Graine Imported by sea for every Chuckrum		18
Ditto by Land for every ox load 1 measure		

but the above mention'd Dutys did not amount to enough to pay the Talliars, wherefore about 9 months past we granted [them] a tax upon houses w^{ch} am^{ted} to about 15 pag^s p^{er} mensem, we shall endeavour to gett an acc^t of what their whole revenue did am^t to in a year and advise accordingly we have not heard of any Person that will undertake to watch wth in our Bounds, and to have no other place under his charge, but shall make inquire and in a short time give our Opinions concerning [Such] an one as those formerly advised off

Padry Clerici went hence for Madrass last [week] we have of late heard that he hath no dependance on y^e Padry Governordore of the Mount, and therefore may Possibly be [more fit] for this Place then any other that we can hear off We [have] sent to our Padry Paulo but he dares not officiate here, [because] the Padry Governordore hath ordered him to Porto Novo

Yo^r Hon^r &c^{rs} Letter to The Govern^r of Trincum[bar] we forward'd on its arrivall and this day rec^d an answer which comes herewith

Since our last advice of the Siege of Pullicherry [we] are informed, that the 19th the French fired no Gunns, the 20th the afternoon they fired 5 Great Gunns, and making a [salute] fired 6 Vallys of small shot, which was answered by the [Dutch] French fired [.] that night we sent M^r Haynes M^r Troughton] Gunner to waite upon Govern^r Pitt, and see [.] did observe, that the Dutch had landed about 20 large [.] of w^{ch} Carried 18. £ shot and were linding more [.] about 24 or 26 feild Carriadges most of them [made in Europe] very strong shodd wth Iron, they saw great quan[tities] of stores all w^{ch} were very good in their Kind as shovells, Pickaxes, Mattocks made in Europe, great quantity of Timber and Plank most of the Timber was ready form'd to the work they designed them, they have all sorts of Europe workmen as Smiths Carpenters &c^a, Govern^r Pitts Camp is about ½ mile from Pullicherry Fort, and they have two partys of their Body that lye neerer one of w^{ch} is about ¼ of a mile distant from the Garrison, they had 2 Guns mounted on one Battary, w^{ch} was behind a sand Hill, that Played on their Church & Part of the Town, they were then Laying the foundation of a Large Batta y that might

containe 12 Guns, wth they made very Stronge wth Timbers Plank and clay Turff, Severall Guns were mounted ready to runn on the Battary when finished, wth is in full View of the fort, and designe to Play upon it, the Sailers are makeing their Battarys wth are mostly done in the night time, the Buggesses are of great use to them being fearless of danger thō the French have fired their great gunns & small armes yett they advanced upon them, and once beat the French out of their Church and tooke Possession, but Govern^r Pitt ordered them to wth draw from it, those men being so bold and dareing Prevent the french from having a true acc^t where the Dutch are raising their Battarys, since their arrivall at Pullicherry they have had a further Supply of Souldiers about 300 Singaleesses Natives of Celone, and we hear that they have 1400 European Souldiers now at the Camp, the 22^d they dispatched 2 of their fleet for Batavia, three more haveing been before dispatched to y^e Northward for other Places, since the 22^d they have fired very smartly haveing heard their Gunns, w^{ch} they Play from day Break [] of the French Kings [Commanders] is Killed, but cannot [] w^t number of men is [lost each] side

The Dutch have in this Expedition taken all immaginable care that nothing necessary should be wanting in order to the takeing of the Place, and we are informed that Sono Puntulo being Commissionated by Rama Raja and an acquaintance of the Dutch, they desireing him to procure a Cowle for Pullicherry Fort and Towne, that it should be theirs, intirely under their owne Governm^t and to pay no acknowledgm^t but the [] Ground round the Towne to be under y^e Divan, for this grant they are to pay about 25000 Pag^{as} and we are assured they have already paid 6000 Pag^{as} and when the Cowle comes down from Rama Raja, they are to pay 6000 more and the rest of the money when they have possession of the Fort, Rama Raja is not obliged to assist them wth any men for we hear they did not desire it

The Dutch likewise desired Sono Puntulo to treat wth Rama Raja for a small Town Called Verampat[nam] upon the sea side about 3 miles to the southward of Pullicherry, where is a little River w^{ch} opens in the time of the frishes, a small quantity of Ground belongs to said Town, much salt and Chinam is made there, we hear the Dutch desire it may be incerted in their Cowle of this Verampat[nam] that whereas they had formerly Mangue Copang w^{ch} after [wards] fell under the random shot of the English, that this Town may be in lieu thereof, when this agreement and Contract is fully made, we shall endeavour to gett a Coppy and remit it to your Hon^{rs} &c^s. Herewith comes the Mint masters [acco^t] of w^t fan^s have been Coyned by Rama Linga, since our arriv^l here

The Accountant will forward the Generall Books wth. [all] Expedition, we Remain,

Fort S^t David y^e 25th August 1693
M^r TROUGHTON
at Coddalore
THOM^s JORDAN, Sec^{ry}

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^s
Your Most Hum^{ble}, Serv^{ts}
W^m HATSKILL
JN^o HAYNES
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^d MOUNTAGUE
THOM^s CONSTABLE

FORT S^t DAVID Y^e 26th AUGst 1693

TO THE HON^{BLE}. NATHAN^{LL} HIGGINSON Esq^r:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN[OUR OF FORT] S^t GEORGE
AND CITY OF MADRAS &c^s COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^s

Since our list of yesterday's date, wth a Relation of the Seize of Pullicherry we have an acco^t by our spies y^e this morning Mounseieur Martin, sent his Second to Govern^r Pitt, to make offers of Cipitulation, that

they might have a ship to Transport them to Europe, and they would surrender the Fort, 'tis possible this new[s] may be true, because there hath been but one or two Gunns fired this day, and that was very early in the morning, and the Peons say the walls of their Fort were so bad, shaking so much, they were not able to Play their Gunns as soon as have a more perfect acc^t shall advise your Hon^r &c^a We Remaine

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Since writeing the above we are informed that 40 of the French Souldiers run away [last] night, and tis said 22 of them were Europeans, [The] Dutch playd their Gunns this mor[n]ing and about [ten] the French sent a flagg of truce, and there is really Cessation of arms, but no perfect acco^t. how things are

Hon^{ble} Sr &c^a.

Your Most Humble Servants

W^m HATSEIL

Jⁿ HAYNES

RALPH INGRAM

EDM^d MOUNTAGUE

THOM^s CONSTABLE

W^m. H.

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS NATH^l. HIGGINSON ESQ^r

GOVERN^r FOR THE ROYALL ENGLISH COMP^a OF FORT ST GEORGE

Y^e REST OF Y^e DISCREET & WORTH^l GENTLEMEN OF Y^e COUNCILL

Illustrious Sr & Worsp^l Gentlemen

This day was presented to us Your Hon^r &c^a Respected Lett^r of the first Curr^t by w^{ch} we understand that yo^r Hon^r &c^a has reced the 120 Peices of Lead, w^{ch} came on the first arrivall of y^e Sloop, & we hope before the arrivall hereof that your Hon^r &c^a will receive the Rest of the Lead, w^{ch} Cap^t Freake Left here, which [about a line torn] We are in expectation [] acknowledging the good inclinations of so much [demonstrative] assistance, the effect whereof your Hon^r &c^a [has communicated] unto us, for w^{ch} we [return] our thanks, for your favour, in the affairs of the Royall and respected Comp^a. you will find us here, in the same [platitute] and we shall not be wanting in w^t your Hon^r &c^a shall Command

As to what your Hon^r &c^a does accuse us in your respected Letter, we doe not find ourselves Culpable thereof, [neither] doe we know of what we are accused, nor are we so happy as to have a person, that well understands to read the English [Tongue] who might interpret to us your Hon^r &c^a respected Letter, therefore, we earnestly desire, that your Hon^r &c^a would doe us [the] favour, to write us more at Large and plainly, upon the [said] subject, and when we understand the fundamentall points of all, we shall give answer to your Hon^r &c^a what's most con[venient] with this we put an end hereto, wishing your Hon^r &c^a enlarg[ed] augmentations, & desireable prosperitys, whom God Preserve in his most high protection many happy years

Fort Dinsburgh
y^e 22^d Aug^r 1693

Illustrious Sr & Worsp^l Gentlemen
, Yo^r very affectionate freinds & Hum^{ble} [servants]
C POUCE
E FANSEY
CLAUS VAGOLT

FORT ST. DAVID Y^e 29th. [AUGUST] 1693.

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHAN^l HIGGINSON ESQ^r

PRESIDENT & GOVERN^r OF FORT ST GEORGE

AND CITY OF MADRAS &c^a COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} Sr &c^a

Upⁿ enquiry we cannot find any Person will undertake to watch our Bounds, for the Ocklenagues Revenue, and be answerable for w^t is lost, they fear that the night, the Pollagais round us, will doe some mischeif to such watching Peers

as shall be placed in the out parts of our Bounds, we have thought upon the inconvenience that may arise from [the . . .] in it, for it will [. . .] awe upon the Pollagars near us, if our late [Ocklenague] should stir up any of them to our prejudice and the stronger such watchman is that undertakes o^r bounds, the more assistance he can give if at any time we should be molested by the Divan, which is the case of the Danes at Trincumbar, who have been Beseiged by the Divan & their Watchman Rama Nague has not only supplied them with Provisions (w^h is very necessary for a Garrison,) but w^h men, so as to withstand the Force against them, and by that means prevented the Divan from doing them any harme, tho^t they have at Divers times attempted it, we did advise your Hon^r &c^a that much cloth was provi[d]ed in the Countries to w^{ch} these Watchmen belong, from whence this place receives a good supply, & they may be very usefull to prevent and Clear stoppages of cloth y^t is some times made by the Divan, we have not treated with them waiteing your orders therein, but we have heard that he w^{ch} undertakes the watching our Bounds will bring his family and reside wth us, & give security for making full satisfaction for whatever is lost, the 25th instant we advised what the watching Dutys was upon Goods Exported & Imported &c^a since which have made a Computation w^h our Ocklenague rec^d in a year, every thing being Calculated that was an income to him, and find it amount to about 592 Pag^{da} p^a annum, we apprehend that no watchman will undertake to make full satisfaction for w^h is lost in our Bounds, for a limited yearly Sum, because if the Place doth increase wth Inhabitants the more lyable it will be to a greater number of Losses, consequently there should be an increase to Countervaile it, about three days past there was a person robbed in Mangee Copang of about 40 Pag^{da}, we take care that Peons watch [them] but have signified to the inhabitants that every Person should be carfull of their owne houses, & Estates, for the Comp^a is [not . . .]

The Justice of the Choultry being ordered in the Cowle granted our farmers, to state the Prices of Tobacco, Beetle leafe, and Gangee at the former Rates w^{ch} was to be a rule for the farmers to sell at, they did last Friday order said farmer[s] to sell 6 Pag^{da} w^hight of Countrey Tobacco for one Cash, y^e farmer did yesterday complaine to the Dep^y Govern^r &c^a in Councill that they could not afford s^a Tobacco at that Price, the matters being examined into we find that formerly it has been sold at 5 6 and 7 Pag^{da} weight for one Cash, and such P^esons as bought one fan^a worth at a time had about 12½ Pag^{da} weight for one Cash, upon enquire we found that said Tabacco hath been sold at 6 & 7 Pag^{da} p^a Candy, but now is at 9 Pag^{da} p^a Candy, wherefore the Dep^y Govern^r was of opinion that the farmers should [sell] 5½ Pag^{da} weight for one Cash, but the Councill are of opinion that the order of the Justices should continue to sell 6 Pag^{da} weight, the farmers declare they cannot afford it at that rate because of the Dearness of Tobacco, and desired the case might be represented to Yo^r Hon^r &c^a for a determin[ation] meantime they are to sell as ordered in the Choultry

The Land Customer Representing to us y^t fees are four fan^a p^a Cent Pag^{da}, that if the entry be for 500 Pag^{da} the fees will be 20 fan^a we desire your Hon^r &c^a would send [a] List of what fees is due to the Land Customer, & to the Sea Cus[tomer] as also what fees are due to the Justice of the Choultry

Mr. Haynes Mr Mountague & Mr Troughton are Justices of the Choultry, and sometimes there are [appeals] made from thence to 'h Dep^y Govern^r & Councill, sud [Justices] being of Councill, we desire your Hon^r &c^a would determine whether they should give their Votes in such appeals, [they] having been once Judges, in such cases whether they [can] properly be so a second time

We hear Mounseir Martun hath sen^d [away] his wife, and all the french are to embarque to[morrow] [about two times turn] are, but suppose them to be such as the Dutch Please, because they lay at their mercy, when the french goe out of the Fort, the Hollands Flag is to be hoisted, and 'tis said that Sen^r Lanius resides Cheife there, as soon as have a Certane acco^t that Govern^r

Pitt hath Possession of the Fort, we designe to send M^r Haynes & M^r Mountague, to Complem^t him on that occasion

The Dutch had upon the Battary fronting the Fort, 5 Large Brass Gunns all Carrying 18 £ shot, one of which being fired 18 times wth out intermission splitt in two without doeing any harme, the Ingineer informed our Gunner of it (who was there this morning) and the mettall was so mollified that it might be cutt Like lead, Tis most certain that very few have been Killed on each side in the seige and we cannot yet understand for what reason the Fiench did surrend^r so soon.

We have this day drawn a Bill of Exchange upon your Hon^r &c^a for 326^{Rs} - 13^{as} . 3^{as} Payable to M^r James Wheeler or order Vallue recd into the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{ss} Cash which is w^t offers from

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a
Your Most Humble Servants
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THOM^s CONSTABLE.
Z TROUGHTON

AN ACC^t OF M^r WHEELERS CASE

Hon^{ble} S^r

After I came from the Camp M^r Wheeler did several times desire Physick of me, but because his Lady was much against it, and his Occasions not very great, I as much as I could wth out displeasing him, de[c]lined the gaweing it, but about the Latter end of August he was very Urgent and came to my house for Phisick, but I being abroad at that time as soon as I came home and being told of his being there & gon

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at the many outworks [the ffrench] had made and doubtless 'tis improper where they have but a small number of men, the Dutch designe to pull down this Fort, and build a new one

In refference to Father James, Govern^r Pitt declares he had nothing to say to any person whatsoever that went from Pullicherry before he took the place Since that he has cleared 12 ffiench men who were arrived in India They had their liberty to goe & abide where they pleased, for the Govr^s orders were to send for Europe those that he found, so the place is increased for such occasion he sends Padre Tishard And I think another Padre A Padre that came from Pullicherry a little before the seige is lately gon thither to desire of Gover^r Pitt a Passage in their ships for Europe

Govern^r Pitt beleives twas a falce report that George Dawson should come wth the women in their sloop because he gave the master orders to bring none but two women, but said he would enquire and send hither if he found him, he delivered me 4 Englishmen who were cast away in the Shrewsbury and came passangers from Batavia, they are now here, but desire to goe to Madrass w^{ch} shall all w them I thanked him for their Kindness and told him would advise your Hon^r thereof, Govern^r Pit[t] gave me two letters one for his Excell^{ty} the other for M^r Darley w^{ch} came lately to Negapatam in one of their ships from Persia, noe news but w^t had heard before, said Letters have sent by these peons, he told me they sent 5 shipps this year from Zelone for Holland that 4 of them went from thence for Zelone wth a good p^{ty} of the French Prisoners, said 4 ships passed this place yesterday

Govern^r Pitt did not mention the English Prisoners therefore I said noething of them I am

FORT S^r DAVID Y^s [.]

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a

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CHUTANUTTE
Ato:Y^a: 19: 1693.

TO THE HON^{ble}: NATHAN^l: HIGGINSON [ESQ^a:] PRESID^t: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{ty}
HON^{ble}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a: & GOVERN^r: & C^a: COUNCILL IN FORT S^t:
GEORGE.

Hon^{ble}: S^r: & C^a:

Our last to your Hon^r & C^a: was y^e: 15th: June over[land] w^{ch}: we hope you have long since reced: (Coppys whereof come inclosed) since w^{ch}: we have been favoured wth: two of you[rs] the first of w^{ch}: dated the 15 June & Mary Boyer who arrived here the 14th: Ult^o: and bro't wth: her 31 Bales of Cotton Acco^t: the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Comp^a: & 2 Bales D^o belonging to the Master of the William Boyer, the Cotton is not yett weighed by reason of the rainy weather, but when the season will permitt it shall be done and acc^t: sent you, the Lett^r: dated y^e: 29th: past wth: Invoyce & C^a: papers as p^a list we reced: by the Commissary Generall (who safely arrived here y^e: 12: Ins^t: wth: 3 writers and Doctor accompanying him) we are extre [mely] sorry to understand the Loss of the William Boyer, as also to informe you that the Saphire is still missing, & fear if she has not put in at Chattigaum has mett wth: the [Like] Disaster, we observe that the Berkley Castle is dispatched for England w^{ch}: we heartily wish a safe arrivall there.

The redd wood we reced: p^a the Brigganteen come out short of weight 541 lbs: as by attestation here inclosed, and we find the goods you send generally Proves so, w^{ch}: we apprehend to the fault of the Conicoplaes, therefore desire your Hon^r: & C^a: would order a strickt care to be taken to prevent the Like for the future.

The Generall stop to trade still Continues when it will be taken of we cannot foresee.

We shall not be wanting to put in Execution [. . .]

Sealing wax we have not by us, but shall send to Cassimbuzer for some, w^{ch}: shall be sent by first opportunity after its receipt.

We have sent on the Brigganteen two Civett [Cats] w^{ch}: are all at present we can procure, we are informed their food is fish raw flesh and Boyld Rice.

Inclosed your Hon^r: & C^a: will receive Bill of Lading & Invoyce of w^t: put on Board the Gingerlee Brigganteen amounting to Rup^a: 2238: 5: an^d: w^{ch}: we wish a safe arrivall to your Hon^r: & C^a: and for w^t: else materall we referr you to the Commissarys Letter and remaine,

P: S: The Countrey match now sent was bought at Hugley at a deare rate for want of materialls from Rajamaule to make it here w^{ch}: w^o: they come, we make no question but it will come out at halfe the price.

ff: Ellis.

Rob^t: Dorrill.

J. Beard.

Hon^{ble}: S^r & C^a:
Your Humble Servants
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROBERT DORRILL.
JOHN BEARD.

FORT S^t: DAVID 15th SEPTEM^r 1693

TO THE HON^{ble}: NATHAN^l: HIGGINSON ESQ^a:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^r: OF FORT S^t: GEORGE AND
CITY OF MADRAES & C^a: COUNCILL.

Hon^{ble}: S^r: & C^a:

Our last was of the 12th Ins^t: wherein advised y^e: we heard M^r: Gibbon & C^a: were at Pullicherry he being antient thought he could not endure to go in an open [boat] wherefore he went this morning by land in one of the Comp^a: Pallankeens and M^r: Barthrum Dean, Ensigne Garner wth: M^r: Bush, and Serjeant Lindsley goe upon a boat we have paid the Hire of the Boat 12 Pag^a: and upon her return is to be paid 1 pag^a: more.

This day 6: large Dutch ships from Pullicherry sail'd by our Fort to the Southward we hear Mounsieur [Martin . . .] passed by in his owne

sm^d sloop, tis said Mr. Vandeburgh [.] three years past was Cheife of Porto Novo, and lately Godownkeeper at Negapatam is left Cheife at Pullicherry [.] Continueing very much indispos'd by reason of an old [.] is to return to their ffactory here, twas formerly reported [y^t] Govern^r Pitt designed to leave 300 or 350 European Souldiers at Pullicherry, we suppose they have done so, butt as yett have not the certain acc^t thereof

Upon sending the above we reced yo^r Hon^r &c^{as} of 13th Instant wth the generall for the Hon^{ble} Comp^a w^{ch} the Dep^y Govern^r sent Presently for Trincumbar wth yours for the Govern^r there, our Generall for their Hon^r not being Completed w^{ch} designe God willing to send tomorrow, we remaine,

Hon^{ble} Sr &c^a
Your Most Humble Servants
W^m HATSELL
JN^o HAYNES
EDM^d MOUNTAGUE
THOM^s CONSTABLE

Mess^{rs} Ingram & Troughton at Cuddalore
Thom^s Jordan Sec^{ry}

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATHAN^L HIGGINSON ESQ^R
GOVERN^R FOR THE HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH COMP^A
AND THE GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCILL

Honble Sr &c^a.

We have reced wth great content Yo^r Hon^r &c^a Lett^r of the 13 Curr^t. together wth a Paquet of Lett^{rs} for the Hon^{ble} English Comp^a in London, w^{ch} shall be sent by our Ship, y^t depart hence by Gods p^rmission by the 24 Instant for Europe & for the greater security of Conveiance we will recommend y^e said paquet to the Gentlemen our principals, that it may goe y^e more secure of w^{ch} there is no doubt, & if any thing elce offers of the Right Hon^{ble} English Comp^a or your Hon^{rs} Service we shall not be wanting, and whereas nothing elce offers, we enlarge farther, whose health God Preserve according to yo^r desires [*About a line torn*]

[Fort Dansburgh]
[1693]

FORT ST DAVID Y^r 29th SEP^r 1693

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATHAN^L HIGGINSON ESQ^R
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R OF FORT ST. GEORGE
AND CITY OF MADDRASS &c^a COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} Sr &c^a

Herewth comes a Duplicate of what sent the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a by the Danes Conveiance

Yesterday we reced yours of the 21st wth a packett for y^e R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a w^{ch} was immediately forwarded for Trincumbar and an order to returne it back in case the ship should be gon, we take due observation of your orders for entertaining [a] new Talharr and beleive it cannot be done suddenly for [t] should be to forward they would stand upon the Higher tearms, we desire your Hon^r to send Padry[Clerici's grant, and the Choultry Justices fees being w^t offers from,

Hon^{ble} Sr &c^a
Your Most Humble Servants,
W^m HATSELL
JN^o HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^d MOUNTAGUE
THOM^s CONSTABLE
Z TROUGHTON

TO THE HON^{BLE}: NATHAN^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^R:
 PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^R: OF FORT S^T: GEORGE
 AND CITY OF MADDRASS &C^A: COUNCILL.

Hon^{ble} S^r: &c^a:

I rec^d: yours this morning and have discoursed Mocodum Nino, who is contented to lett the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Comp^a: have his sloop now in Madrass, for as many months as their occasions require, upon the tearms undermention'd w^{ch}: if your Hon^r: &c^a: approves off he desires you'l give y^e: inclos'd paper to the master of the Vessell, who will deliver her to [your] order, if not please to send back said paper, so y^e the agreem^t is Conditional w^{ch}: is Viz^t:

1. That the Comp^a: pay for his sloop 30 Pag^{as}: p^r mensem as long as she shall be out, he to run the hazzard of the [. . .]

2. That the Sailes, Anchors, Cables, &c^a: Stores w^{ch}: are now in the sloop should be delivered to whom Yo^r: Hon^r: &c^a: shall appoint, the person giving a receipt for them w^{ch}: are [to] be delivered at the return of y^e sloop if not worn out.

3. That the Comp^a: be at the charge of [calking] & other [charges] to keep her in due sailing posture.

4. That w^h:ever stores may be thought necessary to buy for this voyage the Comp^a: are to procure them, and to receive the same at the return of the Sloop.

5. That the Comp^a: pay in Cuddalore 3 months pay in hand, being ninety Pag^{as}: the time to be accounted from taking her into the Comp^a: Service.

The last Pacquet your Hon^r: &c^a: sent for the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Comp^a: to goe by the Danes ship, came some hours to late, I return it by these peons, and take due observation of your generalls of the 26th: 27th: to w^{ch}: shall answer speedily this at Present being the needfull from,

Fort S^t: David
 y^e: 29th: Septemb^r: 1693.

Hon^{ble}: S^r: &c^a:
 Your Humble Servant
 W^m: HATSELL.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: NATHAN^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^R:
 PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R: &C^A: COUNCILL.

VIZAGAPATAM
 Y^e 30TH AUGUST 1693.

Hon^{ble}: [S^r]: &c^a:

On the second Curr^t: his Excell^{cy}: S^r: John Goldsborough arrived here whom we gave a Coppy of our Contract w^{ch}: he was pleased to Hon^r: us wth: his approveall of, and on the 4th: departed for Bengall so well satisfied wth: the mannagem^t: of [our] affairs as not to make any alteration therein.

The Cheife Occasion of this is the dayly importunity of the merchants for more money, whom we have already given Pag^{as}: 8000 which they affirm to be all laid out, and that they can imploy more, w^{ch}: we are apt to think [to be] true, by the quantity of Cloth allready brought in, and

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Our Diarys and Consultations will be ready in a month, in w^{ch}: time our accomptant hopes to finish our Generall Books to the Last of Aprill 1693.

Yesterday we rec^d: yours of the 23th: past, & immediately sent y^e: Lett^r: for Govern^r: Pitt by fresh Peons.

The Dutch have a Cowle for Pullicherry wherein they have a good quantity of ground, tho not soe large as our Bounds, but they have Likewise a Cowle for Verampatnam, and 6: villages appertaining to it, w^{ch}: is very Considerable, as yett cannot procure the Copys of Rama Rajas grant to them, w^{ch}: hope to gett.

They put a stop to their Investm^t about 2 months past, in y^e Place and Porto Novo, but now goe on wth them again, Being what offers at Present from,

[Fort S^t] David
[1693]

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a
Yo^r Most Humble Servants
W^m HATSELL.
Jⁿ^o HAYNES
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^d MOUNTAGUE
THOMAS CONSTABLE
Z TROUGHTON

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHAN^{ll}: HIGGINSON ESQ^a
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^r &c^a
[] COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} [S^r] &c^a

The prim^o. Curr^t imported here Mess^{rs} Thompson and Atkinson on Sloop [About four lines lost] in payments [] forwarded wth what further [advices] of our own necessary to his Excell^{cy}, and when here as advised you in our [letter] gave him an Acc^t of our Proceedings, who then promised to take care for a Conveiance for our Bales

By the quantity of Cloth already bro't in, [we] doubt not but to have full one third of our Investm^t from the Merch^{ts} by the end of the month, and we heartily wish you had sent us more money fearing [you] may not have an opportunity, the monsoon coming on, to supply us before we shall want it

Our Moor Merch^{ts} have now bro't in new Cloth enough to Satisfie their Debt, and we beleive our next may advise you of the adjustm^t of acc^{ts} [wth] them, and our treaty wth the Seer Lascar (who) we are informed will return from Itchaporum [] parts

Our Merch^{ts} gain on the [] very Considerable, and we always [] upon it be a dear Cloth as we have former [] w^{ch} made [] insist so much on that consi[] abatem^t we have [] therein, and the advancem^t on the course goods of what Contracted for by M^r Du Bois, for a more p^ticular Acc^t whereof we refer your Hon^r &c^a to our Consultations sent by our last

We doe not hold it feazable to induce any [About six lines lost] Place that have stocks so great, but what they can dis[pose] of that way on security, however we shall use our [utmost] endeavours herein, in w^{ch} if we should be successfull, we shall want money to Comply wth our Agreem^t

Our Accompt^t is now p^{ro}secuting your order in the Ballanceing of our Books I in Aug^t & we hope a little time will remit both them & K ending last April

M^r Fleetwoods Acc^t we sumed up & remitted [to] his Excell^{cy} according to your directions, the reason we left it open before, was, y^e 27th Article of his table charge we left to the determination of your Hon^r &c^a w^t you might think fitt to insert.

When M^r fleetwoods Acco^t is enter'd you will have Credit for y^r 200 Pag^{ds} dd by Cap^t Brooks, & we shall give you due Credit for y^e errour in y^e Allom, but upon a Strickt enquirey we cannot find there was two Pipes of wine came for this factory

We are providing the Ropes, Gunnoes, Bucketts, &c^a w^{ch} shall be sent on the first Comp^{ss} Ship according to your orders

We reced the papers you sent us relateing to M^r Du Bois & Chapmans Acc^{ts}, but the most material ones are wanting Vizt Chapmans Acco^t Curr^t & receipts so we remit you these again, refering the matter now to yo^r Hon^r &c^a determination, as before advised

Mess^{rs} Thompson, Chapman & Atkinson return to you herewth, for whose passage we have agreed wth M^r Plumer for Pag^{ds} 15 w^{ch} we have p^d him according[ly]

The Cheife when hee was at the Fort, left [. . .] the Hon^{ble}: President
3: [. . .] of musters of [About a line torn] we shall Debt Acc^t: Curr^t: Fort
S^t: George for, or you will please to returne them.

If you Please to send us musters of y^e: Neckcloths of all sorts wth: their
Respective prices, we will endeavour to bring our Merchants into the way of
makeing some, & hope they may come out cheaper yⁿ: wth: you we are,

Vizagapatam

y^e: 12th: Septemb^r: 1693.

Y^r: Most faithfull Humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMBE.

CHA: BARWELL.

SAMUEL OWEN.

TO THE HON^{ble}: NATH^l: HIGGINSON ESQ^r:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^r: OF FORT S^t: GEORGE &
CITY OF MADRASS & C^a: COUNCILL.

Hon^{ble}: S^r: & C^a:

Since our last of the 2^d: Instant we have made up 23 Bales, so that now have
37 Bales & hope to make them up 50 next weeke.

Wee have p^d: the Merch^{ts}: since the Dep^y: Govern^r: came down Pag^{ts}:
11100 Viz^t: 2100: to compleat our second Investm^t: & 9000: upon the last, and
tho: our cash is but small yett by the assistance of the revenues hope to pay
them 1000: Pag^{ts}: more in a short time, they being urgent for it.

This day M^r: Jn^o: Haynes paid into the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Comp^s: Cash 300:
Pag^{ts}: for wth: have passed a Bill upon your Hon^r: & C^a: Payable to M^r: Mathew
Mil[d]may or order and we shall Continue to pass Bills as oppertunity presents,
being what offers from,

Fort S^t: David
[. . .] the 7th: 1693.

Hon^{ble}: S^r: & C^a:
Your Most Humble Serv^{ts}:
W^r: HATSELL:
Jn^o: HAYNES.
EDM^d: MOUNTAGUE.
RALPH INGRAM.
THOM^s: CONSTABLE.

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We lately adjusted Acc^t: Custome wth: the Dutch, to y^e: 15th: Instant, &
reced: the Ballance due, being Pag^{ts}: 1142: $\frac{2}{3}$ this enables us to pay 1000: Pag^{ts}:
more to our Merchants, & makes tenn Thousand Pag^{ts}: p^d: them upon y^e: last
Investm^t:

Haveing duely Considered Yo^r: Hon^r: & C^a: order relateing to a Watchman,
we could not hear of any p^{son} more fitt, to undertake the charge then Chuling
Nina whose residence is near Porto Novo: he came hither the 14th: Instant
accomp^d: wth: Pellapurta Chearcon Gardian to the children of Pachil Nina, the
Children are Nephews to s^d: Chuling Nina, The 16th: we ordered M^r: Berlu, our
cheif Dubash, & Braminy to lett him know the severall articles wth: your Hon^r:
& C^a: ordered in yours of the 13th: past, wth: some addition wth: we thought
necessary to be incerted Viz^t:

That he should receive all the Duties in y^e: place that are now p^d: to the
R^t: Hon^{ble}: Comp^s: upon the Watching Account.

That if any Person does not pay his dues, or if any of his people be abused
in our Bounds he shall not doe any Justice himselfe but complain to the Justices
of the Choultreys, who will doe him Justice.

That if any Cloth or goods belonging to y^e: Comp^s: or any other p^{son}
Inhabiting wth: in our Bounds should be stoped in any Place belonging to his
watch, that he shall doe his utmost endeavour to clear the same.

That if he hear in the up Countrey wth: belongs to him, of any designes
intended by the Duan against y^e: Comp^s: he shall immediately acquaint the

Dup^y Govern^r wth it and if any difference Should at any time happen between the Duan and the Comp^a he shall in such cases assist the Comp^a to the utmost of his power

That he shall not send any Powder or shott out of our Bounds wth out leave first had from y^e Dep^y Gov^r

That he shall give his utmost assistance of wood, Provisions, &c^a as occasion may [require .]

That his Brother who is to be head watchman in our Bounds shall Inhabit wth his family in Tegnapatam or Cuddalore, as the Dep^y Govern^r &c^a Councill shall think fitt, & that he shall not goe out of the Bounds wth out the Knowledge and leave of the Dep^y Govern^r, & when he returnes to give notice thereof to him

The forementioned were wth him at Cuddalore all Tuesday, and he seemed to Comply wth the severall Articles, & came Wensday to the Fort, to Vissit the Dep^y Govern^r, the Councill being present, we thought he would have finished the Agreem^t, but he desired a little Longer time to Consider it, the next day our People were wth him, & they were just come to a Conclution, when a difference happen'd between him and the afores^d Pellapurto Chearcon that prevented it and Occasioned him to return to his habitation, saying he could not sign any agreem^t while Pellapurto Chearcon was here, but in a short time after his coming home would write to the Dep^y Govern^r, so that tis probable he may consent to the severall Articles

We reced yours wth Padry Clerici's Licence w^{ch} have given him, and when we know your Intentions relateing to Mocodum Nina's sloop shall acquaint him wth it

We are informed that the Moors Army is again returned to the Siege of Chingee, and advanced to same place where they lay formerly, Rama Raja must needs be in very ill Circumstances, Horsom Nague Viragee Goad [padi] haveing left him, soe that if the Mogulls Army Prosecute the seige in earnest, tis very Probable they will be masters of the Place in a short time, and doubtless all this part of the Countrey as farr as Porto Novo, will immediately fall under their Power, & upon so great a revolution we fear it will very much impeed our Investm^t

We desire an Invoyce of 5 Baggs of wheat sent us about a Month since upon a Countrey Boat & intreat [*About a line lost*] as alsoe 4 or 5 Candy of Suger, & if you can Spare a beam & Scales wth 8 half hundred & small weights be pleased to Send them

There is one Padre Johannes Moldonada who came from Pulcherry to Cuddalore before the Dutch laid seige to it, that desires a Passage for Europe in such ships of ours as shall touch at Maddrass, he is about 60 years old, a Venetion, and was very desirous that we would write to know whether he may have P^rmission, being what offers from,

Fort S^t David

y^e 24 Octob^r 1693

P S—Since writeing the above, advices from Chingee say the Moors are not yett Incamped before Chingee, they marched from Wandawash towards it, but tis now reported they design for y^e Southward

W^m H

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a

Your Most Hum^{ble} Servants

W^m HATSELL.

Jⁿ^o HAYNES

RALPH INGRAM

EDM^d MOUNTAGUE

THOM^s CONSTABLE.

Z TROUGHTON

TO HIS EXCELL^{ty}: S^r: JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^{nt}: COMMISSARY GENERALL: THE
HON^{ble}: NATHAN^l: HIGGINSON ESQ^r: PRESID^t: & GOVERN^r &c^a: COUNCILL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^y: HON^{ble}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a: ON THE COAST
OF CORMANDELL, SERRAT, BENG^{la}., WEST COAST & ALL OTHER PARTS OF INDIA.

May it Please Your Excell^{ty}: &c^a:

Your Excell^{ty}: &c^a: dated the first March we rec^d the 27th: Aprill, by
Cap^t: Richard Harbin in y^e: M[a]dapollam as Likewise the Hon^{ble}: Comp^a: by the
Berkley Castle, Paragraph of the Tonqueen Generall to the Presid^t: &c^a: Councill
of Fort S^t: George, Paragraph of the Bencoolen Generall to Tonqueen & Copy of
Invoyce from hence to Tonqueen.

1. Your Excell^{ty}: &c^a are Pleased to Notifie a great fault in us, in not being
more large in our advices, w^{ch}: for the future we shall take great care of, our Bill
drawn on the President &c^a: Councill payable to Cap^t: James Howell, the
Govern^r: hath debted Acco^t: Cash for it, & hopes your Excell^{ty}: &c^a: will be
pleased to pardon the Negligence upon his sincere Promise of a future
amendment.

2. With the Natives we never enjoyed more Peace since the Hon^{ble}: Comp^a:
settled here, & fear not a Continuence thereof, if it be not disturbed by (our never
to be reconciled Enemy's) the Dutch, who will certainly leave noe stone unturn'd,
to Impead our R^y: Hon^{ble}: Masters affaires, and instigate the Natives against us to
turn us hence, but we hope their Machinations will prove ineffectuall.

3. Ship Maddapollam's Provisions & Stores from England, & Bengall, Armes
Ammunitions & Treasure according to Bill of Lading, we have rec^d :

4. The Nineteen Thousand Six hundred 5/8 of Mexico Dollars we could
easily Invest in Pepper, had we no other unavoydable ways to Imploy part of it,
as dischargeing some Debts of this place, Indrapoore & Tryamong, where Con-
strain'd to send in Cash to the amount of Ryalls 8/8 six Thousand one hundred
Eighty four, three sooces, & one sattalle, soe that we fear the Sampson will take
to great Vacancy to be filled wth: our small stock, w^{ch}: in few months will want a
supply, haveing Tryamong to maintaine as well as this place.

5. The Necessary Papers bro't by M^r: Wilson in order to the Examination &
Settleing to Rights, the Acc^{ts}: here shall accordingly be made use of, & M^r:
Wilson have all the assistance that can be towards the Bringing up what is behind
hand.

6. We find the R^y: Hon^{ble}: Comp^a: Gener^l: by the Berkley Castle, their
Hon^{rs}: are much for y^e: encouragem^t of y^e: Place which will be capable of pro-
duceing Large quantities of Pepper, if we are not continually Molested by the
Dutch who (except it be otherwise taken care of in Europe) will be allways dis-
turbing of us, or that we have constant Supplys of men & money adequall wth:
theirs, however there shall be nothing of Dilligence wanting in us to make &
Improve the Settlem^t., and to gain the same reputation M^r: Bloom had, which
we Look upon ourselves bound in Consience to doe, altho: we were not encouraged
by our Hon^{ble}: Masters Generous rewards & large allowances.

7. Their Hon^{rs}: before the Generall by the Berkley Castle, were pleased to
mention M^r: Bloom's holding up the Price of Coast goods, adding that was a great
cause of the Natives sending their Pepper to the Dutch in answer to w^{ch}: we
humbly offer what arguements Occurs to our minds.

First it is not unknown to all that have Traded to these parts, that the
Natives will not truck their Pepper for Goods, for if they cannot have ready for
their Pepper they care not to dispose of it, w^{ch}: the Deputy Govern^r: the last
year endeavoured to purchase being soe slenderly Provided of a quick stock,
offering Goods at what price they pleased, but found his endeavours ineffectuall,
and at such a time when the Countrey People knew here was a great want of
money.

Secondly we have reason to beleive w^h: was reported of M^r: Bloom about
holding goods up at so great a rate, was done by some that had no great kindness
for him, for we cannot find any such thing, & if they are sold by us at such a

low rate the Chinamen will hold them up by Importations from Batavia, from whence they bring Clouts made on the Coast of Java, w^{ch} are perched there very cheap, & sold here at great Proffitt, and are afford Cheaper wth much greater advance then any sort of goods we can buy on the Coast of Cormandell

Thirdly whether M^r Bloom did ingross the trade, we cannot Possatively Respond to, but we are apt to think there might be some thing in it, however we have taken other measures, allowing either Mallays Chinamen or any else (without exception) to bring in any quantities of Cloth or any other [kind of] goods they Please, being Sensible a free trade Contents People best, and doubtless will fill the Place wth Inhabitants, but however lett it be supposed we sell dear, the Dutch sell at much more extravagant rates

8 We hope our frugality in all sorts of expences will be approved of, haveing maniged ourselves therein wth as much care as Possible We could, as for the Right Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Revenues there are not any ways altered, nor in our Oppinions can they, Espesially at Present when the Dutch appear soe much, that if the People should seem to be uneasie, they are read[y] immediately to Promote their Jelosies to such a hight, that upon any Quarrell they might have room to slip in themselves and force it by their assistance from us & not appear, for Batavia being soe nigh they can soon have recrutes, of Cofferrys and Buggasses, which we cannot

The Pearl, Tonqueen, & little Josiah brôt us two hundred twenty two Coffery Slaves, w^{ch} are a great number, but some of them have & are Employed as yo^r Excell^y &c^a are Pleased to order us, only the China Brick makers we cannot yett perswade to take any, wee Imagine it is for fear (if the Cofferys should be workmen) they should loose much of the esteem they see we have for them now

We likewise gave them a Peice of Ground Just without the Fort, but could not find they tooke much delight in it, by their not bestowing labour to fence it from the Hoggs

We dare not trust them up the River for fear of their Running away w^{ch} they are apt to doe, thô they are unacquainted, therefore young Ladds of fourteen or fiveteen years of age would be bett^r then men, & would doe as much worke if not more

9 Souldiers we have of them fiveteen or sixteen, and never trusted them wth armes onely of a Monday morning to exercise, they lived very well but it Signified but little, for at one day Seven runn away, few days before the Madda-pollam arrived, two of which were killed among the Hills, one brot in alive & one came in of himselfe, & y^e other three were taken by the Mallays & made their escapes from them but we Doubt not of haveing them again, we endeavour to promote in them an ill oppinion of the Natives, w^{ch} indeed hath had an in different good effect, if any runn away none of them escape except women being restored either alive or dead

10 We have sent upon this ship some of our Theivish Coffereys & runn-aways, two we hanged here as examples to the rest, one for severall thefts & y^e other a runaway & a fellow very ready to raise Mutinies

11 Victuals they want not & sometimes when they chance to doe more than ordinary, we give them a few Copper cash, that they may understand we like what they have done

12 We are forced to lett them have their houses severally w^{ch} stand betwixt the Fort & the Sea, for wee have not bricks to erect such a building as your Excell^y &c^a are pleased to order us, but they lye so much in sight they cannot well stirr wth out being seen, & some of them are soe true, that if they know any have a mind to runn away they acquaint us

13 We have not one English man fitt to make an overseer of, but we have made one manslave from S^t Helena Overseer & three Coffreys under him, & divided into four Shaes to be dayly Employed as occasion requires

14 What troublesome fellows we at any time find amongst them we shall according to your Excell^y &c^a orders send to the Fort, & if any Private ship

refuse to take them in, will certainly impead his trade & advise your Excell^y: &c^a: thereof, but we hope noe Commander th^o: of a freeship will be so refractory.

15. We dare not Send any away from hence for fear they should runn away, because the Dutch to y^e: Northward are to near us, but we have a brave parcell of Boys, in three or four years time will be fitt for any service, & will doubtless stick by us upon any Occasion that may happen.

16. Had here been a good stock we should have had store of pepper by us, for want of which we have been forced (to our great trouble) to lye still our endeavours shall not be wanting to Procure therewth: what quantities we possibly can.

17. Had it not been for want of money Cap^t: Howell should not have had soe considerable a quantity of Pepper, which were forced to part wth: on Purpose to oblige him to lett us have his ready Cash, wth: out w^{ch}: we could not by Cap^t: Derow have cleared sterling for our R^{ts}: Hon^{ble}: Masters in Payment of his Cofferys w^{ch}: Loaded upon the Owners Ac^t: & Risgoe, your Excell^y: &c^a: orders we will punctually observe in Demanding of Private shipping some thing more then their Bare half penny Per Pound, but we doubt there will be great Grumbling because of the Double Custome for Goods at the Fort and here.

18. Our Fortification for want of Bricks &c^a: cannot be made stronger than by Pallisadoes, & the Fort stands upon a Hill badly seituated as appears by the Draught now sent for your Excell^y: &c^a: Jusall.

19. The Lodgings for the R^{ts}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{ss}: Servants, & Souldiers, are tite most of them, but the walls are nothing but Planck, & the floor is raised about 2½ foot from the ground.

20. Our Goedowns by an Accident from one of our Cooley's houses took fire, & the Goedowns being built wth: Combustable stuff, & thatched, we could not wth: all the Dilligences imaginable save them, and now we are building a new one for the present, till we have enough to build according as your Excell^y: &c^a: are Pleased to order, w^{ch}: will be a great while first, our Chinamen being very Tedious in makeng their Bricks, but we hope the goodness of them will make amends, they seeming to us to be made of very good stuff.

21. Our Buildings wth: in the Fort are Tarrass'd but none of them tite till we lined them wth: plank wth: in side from the Ridge down to the walls, so that the Souldiers lye dry, & we hope will contribute to their healths.

22. M^r. Sowden did Build upper Rooms but they are noe charge too the chamber M^r: Bloom built, because the upper Rooms are but slitt deal & most of the weight is supported from the Ground by Posts.

23. The Ditch M^r: Bloom began we had thoughts of Compleating, but at last found it feazeable to bring it into the Sea, the sand (as you are Pleased to hint to us) being higher then the Swamp, & if we digg but a small depth we meet wth: Springs, however we design to make the Ditch thorough the Swamp Larger & deeper.

24. Robert Henderson we doe not imploy as writ^r: haveing great Occasion for him in the Hospatall & M^r: David Davies is imployed Secretary & Customer Dmina did not come in the Ship we find by M^r: Wilson he runn away at Fort S^t: George.

25. We doe encourage the Chinamen as much as in us lyes, wth: inhabit wth: us now, & are in hopes they will increase yearly, we have thoughts of Letting them build, in one part of the swamp next the river, but at present we have settled them as their Trade require.

26. The Hogs are very offensive Creatures to y^e: Mallays, therefore we have Compounds built, to prevent their running among them, tho: since our coming y^e: Mallays killed none, w^{ch}: before they Frequently did.

27. Joseph Willis & John Cooper have been imploy'd as Carpenters ever since they came, but the former did not live long haveing we doubt done himselfe a diskindness by drincking, Ensigne Taylor & all the rest have behaved themselves very well, Heady we cannot imploy in his Calling for want of seeds.

28 Mr Fleetwood does understand something of the Mallay Language, and had the Linguister arrived here, would have had it talked at the table, we have a good Linguister a Buggeese Cast w^{ch} heretofore served Mr John Dacres at Bantam but he not being a Christian cannot eat wth us, & being a married man cannot live wth in the Fort.

29 Sillabars Pangran is now wth us, & we have discoursed about making of white Pepper, who hath promised us to make some, & the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Customes of 5 P Cent when Prowes come in there, shall be carefully looked after by an Englishman.

30 We have now sent a draught of our Fortification wth the great Hill behind, besides other adjacent Places, & have made some remarks on purpose, for your Excell^{ty} & c^{as} information.

31. We have now sent an Acc^t of our real stock & c^a stated to the Last June, wth a List of the Right Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} . Servants, & their Respective employments

32 Coppys of our Dyarys, Consultations, Letters rec^d & sent, have by this ship remitted.

33 We hope the Place as to its healthyness is much amended, for the souldiers have now dryer Lodgings then formerly, & for their sleeping abroad, they are Pretty well tyred of, haveing seen the Badd effects of it however for fear they should be sometimes so Idle, the Corporall that goes the Rounds wth in the Fort, hath allways orders to turn in such irregular sleepers, & for liquors, it shall be our care to see it be not Ingrossed by any, and take the Best methods, to prevent the spending their pay soe Profusely, & have according to your order proposed the supplying liquors, Viz^t three drams a day at a Doll[a]r a month, w^{ch} they chearfully rec^d and by w^{ch} the Comp^a is noe losers

35 We have duely entred the Actions on the Dutch hereabouts, & hope to have a full acco^t from the Northward of their Proceedings about [P]ryamong, but question any satisfactory relation how affairs were mannaged at Indrapoore, because Mr Gibbons & c^a left the Place, & went to the Dutch for Protection when there was noe Enemy at all appeared, & had they a little more Patience the Maddapollam had gon to their releife as yett we have not a certain Acc^t how things were acted, we expect it

36 We have sent an Inventory of the sale of Mr John Keddals Estate, w^{ch} . was brought into the Right Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Cash by Mr Sowden, & sent to the Fort, & for w^t hath since sold is Likewise bro^t into the Cash as P Consultation, but for Mr Moody Mr Gibbon informed Mr Fleetwood when at Indrapoore that he dyed indebted to the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a , & Mr Richard Knipe dyed here Indebted to them Likewise

38 The Silver Coins are not passable for their being soe round & small, they are as soon Lost as the Copper Cash, soe the people doe not affect them, but Mr Butterfeild took the fannams for money due to him, but if Yo^r Exc^{ty} & c^a would be pleased to make or send us a Chopp to Come Sooces, Ryalls, & half Ryalls, in immetation of Mexico small money, 'twould doe very well, for Copper cash we have enough at Present, they being soe heavey of Carryage makes them not Passable up in the Countrey amongst the Hills, but in takeing any come of the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} we make no distinction betwixt copper, & silver, but since Mr Butterfeild hath been at [P]ryamong he made the small fan^a passable at 16 to a Doll[a]r & p^d them into the Comp^{as} Cash, by w^{ch} . the Comp^a are gainers 25 P Cent & he [. . .] carryed not wth him we have taken them of him at 20 to a Dollar, intending to send them there while they pass at 16

39 What Stores your Excell^{ty} & c^a have sent w^{ch} we have noe occasion for, are now returned as P List herewth , and what Stores we stand in need off, we have likewise sent a list off.

40 We have had this year a pretty Good increase of Cattle, However Supplys of that Sort we always are Covetious off.

41 For the future we will according to Yo^r Excell^{ty} & c^a orders give our Slave Creditt for their worke.

42 The Bill by Cap^t Knox you were pleased to Hon^r we shall Accordingly Credit Acc^t Curr^t Fort S^t George for

43 The time we Called at Indrapoore in our way hither we found noe acco^t : of any sort Brought up except the then pursers, & all the year of 87 to Aprill 88 cannot find anything sent from thence to Credit them for, wee order'd M^r Moxon who was then Second to state the Acc^t & send them hither, but we never see any & he died about four months after, we question whether M^r Gibbons has any mind to come hither or not, for when Cap^t Lane was at Padong Kindly offered him his passage & the Cabin to himselfe, to w^{ch} M^r Gibbons replied twas to Small for him, but we observe a Dutch long boat was not to small for him & a great many more to runaway in, at Present that's y^e best title we can give his deserting the Place

M^r Butterfeild is gon to Indrapoore & hope will be successfull in regaining the Place, noe Dutch [appear] Personally onely Mallays, but we know them to be their People

44 The Counterpart of M^r Butterfeilds Indent[ure] & bond Signed & Sealed that your Excell^{ty} &c^a may [send] home

45 M^r Wilson hath acquainted us wth the receipt of what money Your Excell^{ty} &c^a were pleased to advance upon Acc^t Sallary, since the arrivall of the present Govern^r noe Covenant Servant here hath reced any & thô here is upon that Acc^t owing a great deal of money, we cannot discharge any till a better stock arrives

46. The Seal Brought out by his Excell^{ty} the Commissary Generall we have reced wth w^{ch} we seal our Gener^l Letters, & the other we had before we keep for Passes &c^a being much larger

47 We have examined into the Business of the Tonqueen Silver, & find it was weighed by the Pepper Haverdupoiz weight 112 ^{Lbs} to the Hundred, that all the Baggs were weighed at once, before put into the Chest & the Chests not tared, that M^r Mabb made out the Acc^t & Invoice who was second

M^r Kennedy hath declared to the truth hereof who wth M^r Sowden Profferd their Oaths, & that the Cap^t & Purser was Present, & took y^e contents, & saw them naild up, so twas a great fault in committing them to take it away wth signing insides & Contents unknown, M^r Roger Phillips a writer was present & Confirms the same, besides all the Councill saw it weighed, & signed the Generall wherein the Contents mentioned

Now we have only this to offer that since we knew not by what weights they weighed it att Tonqueen we cannot say where the errors lyes, if they weighed by the same weights wth those here, then it is an error, if they weighed it by troy, then twill be found little or none

And now may it Please your Excell^{ty} the Hon^{ble} President &c^a Councill, that we have answered as we hope fully and satisfactoryly, Your Gener^l we shall offer w^t occurs to us, & is necessary to be observed by us

As to the Present State & Condition of the west Coast, Your Excell^{ty} &c^a will fully understand, by our Dyary's Consultations, Letters reced & sent, to w^{ch} we referr, by w^{ch} you'll perceive the Loss of Indrapoore, thô we hope our endeavours will be successfull to regain it, of w^{ch} you'll receive a full Acco^t of the Maddapollam, but if we should not bee Masters againe of Indrapoore the Dutch (whose Trecherry & Villany on this Coast are unparr[all]ell'd) would be continually makeing encroachm^{ts} upon, & burning the Pepp^r Plantations round about us, takeing advantage of our weakness, w^{ch} nothing but a supply of strength or means used in England, can prevent, wherefore we hope your Excell^{ty} &c^a will be pleased, to spare us f^rst ship a farther recrute of People we being very weak now our strength is devided

We must Likewise Humbly intreat Your Excell^{ty} &c^a to send us a sloop or two to be constantly on the Coast, wth out w^{ch} we can noe ways be sure of keeping what we at Present enjoy these Sloops may supply us wth what we want from Bengall one to come in March the other in Octob^r & return, Loaded with Pepp^r

In the Invoyce is mention [of] two new Drums we reced but one, our Drummer says Cap^t Seaton took out the other & sent an old one in its stead

The Fannams as aforesaid not passing are paid to M^r Butterfeld he insisted to have allow'd him 8 ^Ƴ Cent, but acquiesced in haveing it refer'd to Yo^r Excell^{cy} &c^a w^{ch} we promised him we would acquaint you wth & may more fully appear by the Consultation of May the 20th 1693

We hope our allowing M^r Butterfeld liberty of Freighting a small quantity of Pepp^r on board the Maddapollam will not be discountenanced Espetially on Perusall his paper in Dyary May y^e 17th & his entrye referring to your Hon^{ty} Approbation thereof, he hath p^d the Custome for the same here, and is bro't into Cash.

We want an Acco^t of Cap^t Perrimans Madagascar Voyage to his arrivall here, & of his disposall of goods at Madagascar, by yours we are informed how many slaves are brought, know not w^t acc^t of goods to place them to, & therefore, have at Present given [] for the whole, we likewise [despatch] an Acc^t what sort of were deliver'd here ashoar, ten Bales were deliver'd here we understand, but the Contents cannot Learn, M^r Mabb who reced them being dead, & bro't nothing into the warehouse books, as he ought, Soe that the receipt w^{ch} Cap^t Perriman hath we must desire may be lookt into for our Information in that P^ticular

We desire your Excell^{cy} &c^a would be pleased to take notice of what is entered in Consultation Aprill 29th 1693 concerning demanding noe Custome of Chmamen, at this Juncture, concerning w^{ch} we humbly begg your Oppinions, haveing done what in our Judgments is most conduceable to our R^t Hon^{ble} Masters interest, however if not approved it will be reced.

In the 19^h Section of our R^t Hon^{ble} Masters Generall from England dated y^e 29th february 1691/-2, we are possitively ordered to receive Custome of 5 ^Ƴ Cent for all goods bro't from Fort S^t George to this place [w^{ch} though, we now have and allways shall continue to receive yett we humbly Conceive it will be a great disencourgem^t to y^e trade of this Place], supposeing the like is not practued any where else, but that upon their produceing a Certificate of haveing p^d the dutys at Fort S^t George 'tis sufficient to clear them from any further demands in all other Places

We have taken care to give Fort S^t George Credit in the Gener^l Books for all things your Generall mentions

We hope to dispatch the Meddapollam wth in the time prefix'd not doubting, but she'll be loaded at [P]riamong, in a very short time weather P^rmitting & Resolveing not to keep her here an hour longer then they can supply themselves wth wood & water, tho had not Cap^t Lane arrived here, we should have been forced to Trang [] Your Commands, or acquiesc'd wth the Loss of Indrapoor & for his encouragem^t goeing on the owners Charge and running the hazard of Loseing his Voyage, we have agreed to supply him at [P]riamong wth a hundred or a hundred & fivety Bahars Pepper, w^{ch} will be noe hinderance, but furtherance [] money we shall have for it, there is Pepper enough to be had, w^{ch} we sh[']ant want as farr as our money will goe, of w^{ch} we are forced & are resolved, to be as good housband as possible, that we may the Better supply the Sampson tho here is a great deal of money oweing, but every mans Private Interest must give way to our Hon^{ble} Masters

Prangran Tangallo of Sillabar to whom the Comp^a have allowed 400 Ry^{ls} ^Ƴ Annum, hath been wth us, he is a true freind, & ready to serve us, on all occasions, there's one whole years pay due to him, w^{ch} at his departure he very mod[e]stly intimated to us, but we have excused it for the present, on acc^t of our great wants of money and necessities to Imploy w^t we have for the Sampson

We have according to orders, made all y^e enquiry possibly we could, to give Your Excell^{cy} &c^a Councill a Plenary & satisfactory acc^t Concerning the Estate of M^r Keddel deceased, w^{ch} we found a very troublesome & intricate business, & have entered it at large in Consultation July y^e 6th to w^{ch} referr, that your Excell^{cy} &c^a Councill may avoid the needless trouble of reading it here, & there too

We desire noe wheat may be sent wth: out a Mill Rather flower from Bengall, thō: wheat would be better had we a good Mill, or some body that could cutt & fix up a pair of stones we have by us.

Our designe of regaining Indrapoor is quite Lost for the Present, wholly to be imputed to our Buggesses refuseall, soe that now we are for securing [P]ryamong, & all places between us & it, to keep out the Dutch, & then we shall have more pepper than ever, wherefore wee must Humbly propose, that forthwth: may be sent twenty or thirty Pourtaguze, & as many English Souldiers, the Buggesses are not to be absolutely depended on, thō: we must have here some in pay at all places, M^r: Butterfeild at his arrivall will give a full acc^t: of all things relateing to Indrapoore, wherefore we are the more concise. M^r: James Sowden (who goes on the Meddapolam) have adjusted Acc^{ts}: wth:, & doe not find anything wherein [. . .] Justly Chargeable, some Errors through negligence hath been Guilty of, but in the whole much more his own dammage than the Contrary.

M^r: Ryley we have ordered hence for [. . .] p^r Consultation July the 26th: to wth: we referr, have [sent] Depositions against him, about endeavoring to sell Indrapoore to the Dutch, wth: have too much cause to be there may be too much truth in, wherefore we doe not [think] it safe to suffer him to reside here, Espetially, he have been soe extravagantly ungovernable, & caused day[ly] disorders & Complaints not to be parallell^d or bore [wth:] besides finding severall extravagant & unwarranted Charges in his Pursers Acc^{ts}: , wth: we have endeavoured [to] rectifie, as well as his many unjust Proceeding [while] steward at Indrapoor, all we cannot relate, but one very remarkable wth: he ought to refund at Madrass, [. . .] out two hundred Dollars of the Comp^{ts}: for Rice & after Chargeing the Comp^{ts}: for the same four hundred [Ryalls].

M^r: Kenedy & his wife likewise goes by the ships, who hath been Employed heretofore, as Cheif at [P]ryamong, we have settled his acc^{ts}: & is due to him on the Ballance Ryalls [*Lacuna in the original*] we could not refuse [his] request of goeing to Madrass, but beleive he'l be willing to return if hath encouragem^t: we are sure he may deserve it being Natur[alized] to the Climate, & Rightly well experienced wth: the affairs of these parts, writes good hand, understands acc^{ts}:, & in all respects very [well] quallified to serve our R^t: Hon^{ble}: Masters.

May the 7th: a Dutch Vessell came into y^e [. . .] and stay'd about three hours pretending to want [water] we doe Imagine she would not have made her stay soe short, had not the Maddapolam & Satisfaction been in the road, for tis their way to runn as nigh [. . .] to amuse the People, & we doubt they'l grow Bolder [when] these ships are all gon.

We found a Loss in your Copper Cash, wth: your Excell^{cy}: &c^a: may see more at Large in a Consultation of the 8 of May, & to whose acc^t: we have placed the said Loss.

M^r: Butterfeild was by Consultation of y^e: 11th: May appointed to take his Passage on the Maddapolam to [P]ryamong & Indrapoor to secure the first & retake the latter but when came to [P]ryamong, the Buggesses (entertain'd for that Purpose) refused to goe althō: they were provided wth: Armes Amunition & Englishmen, more than we could well spare out of our Weak Garrison.

In order to the retrenching of our expences we have turn'd out the major part of our Buggesses here, but have concluded to keep about five & twenty at [P]ryamong for the Dutch being soe nigh them there we are forced to doe it, otherwise they would terrifie the Mallays so much that they would all desert us for fear of our & their Enimys, 'tis a Common thing to tell us, had we force enough to Protect ourselves, we should not want the natives, who would flock to us very fast, but they know very well, that if any come to us tis odds, but they loose their heads when the Dutch Catch them.

Sultan Endy head of our Buggesses hath served our R^t: Hon^{ble}: Masters, near two years Volluntarily, wth: out any Consideration of Pay, & we must needs own [P]ryamong had last year been lost, had it not been Pr[e]serv'd by his own Conduct & strength more than any force we had of our owne, or were able to supply him wth: , we have to show our thanks to him for his good service presented

him wth a Dyamond Ring of thirty five Pag^{as} vallue, w^{ch} was too small in our Oppinions, however haveing nothing greater, requested his acceptance thereof, w^{ch} we hope will not fail of y^r Excell^{cy} &c^a. approbation.

The Cap^{ts} Pay ordered out of England to y^e second was never yett reced. by any, but the Cheifest [*A line lost*]

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allowed them. Mr James Sowdon late Govern^r is [] dissatisfied, that we would not give him Bills of Exchange for w^t really due, w^{ch} we thought to for [bid] for these reasons .

First because by the Instructions by the Govern^r dated 21st 7^{ber} 1691, after severall accusation[s], he is required to return to the fort to render an Acc^t of the mannagem^t of his late charge

Secondly because Bills of Exchange would seem to be a kind of clearing him from any charge your Hon^{rs} may have against him.

Thurdly because we would not runn the Hazard of their being Protested.

Fourthly because we doubt not by[y] Yo^r Hon^r will pay him on this advice & the Pap^{rs} he Carry wth him, as soon as had we draw[n] Bills his Acc^{ts} stand thus Viz^t

Mr James Sowdon Dr in y ^e Gen ^l Books	1312	3	1
D ^{to} Creditter by Indrapoor a Bill accepted here	315	0	0
By Cash Lent at first & bro't into Cash July 1693	300	0	0
By sundry Acc ^{ts} accepted by Govern ^r : Fleetwood & M ^r Butterfeild	948	0	0
By [P]ryamong a Bill of Exchange accepted	235	0	0
By D ^{to} another accepted for	132	4	0
By Cash p ^d the Chinamen enterd in Cash Book July 1693,	225	0	0
Ry ^{as} by D ^{to} in s ^d month July	657	2	0
	2812	3	0
Due to M ^r James Sowdon to Ball	1499	3	1

We hope he'l have not cause to repent not haveing given him Bills But his [*About two lines torn*] he not haveing tenn Dollars by him at his going, that we were forced on his request to lett him have Ry^{as} one Hundred, w^{ch} must be reduced out of the afores^d Ballance

The aforesaid sum due to M^r Sowdon is for the Produce of goods Co[n]signed him from Madrass due to sundry there, & p^d into the Comp^{as} Cash here & at Indrapoor, & [P]ryamong

The Pepp^r on board the Maddapollam is Invoiced from [P]ryamong at Thirty Bahar w^{ch} makes here thirty Eight & a Quarter Bahars, Occasioned by the difference of the Bahar [P]ryamong Bahar q^t 637¹/₂^{lbs} & ours 500 lbs. but we could not perswade Cap^t Harbin to beleive the [P]ryamong Bahar to q^t more yⁿ 636 lbs so that he hath signed the Bill of Ladeing, for forty five £ too little, w^h thought requisite to advise, Please to Credit us for the whole, we Crediting [P]ryamong for the advance

We deffered enquiring into the Pap^{rs} of M^r Kennedys against M^r. Sowdon, he being to goe wth him, but a[t] last we found a necessity to keep him, soe can say nothing to his Pap^r Pro or Con are apt to beleive most is mallice.

Cap^t Turlington haveing lost many of his men, & his ship Leakey, Petitioned for tenn Coffreys w^{ch} we have spar'd him, & if thought fitt desire they may be returnd

York Fort
2^d Sep^r 1693.

P S — We cannot be satisfied as the
Relation of Cap^t Howell & [.]
the 17 Paragraph, nor that of [.]
SAM^l WILSON.

We are
May it Please Your Excell^{ty} &c^a
Your Most faithfull Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}
CHARLES FLEETWOOD
SAMUEL WILSON
JOHN BUTTERFIELD

A List of the Paquet from York fort to Madrass & Ship Maddapollam.
Memorand^m N^o 39 40 & 41, In M^r Butterfeild's Custody, being
omitted in the Box w^{ch} could not Contain[y^m]

No

- 1 Dyary & Consultation Comēceing y^e 12th Jan^r 9¹/₂ to y^e 24th Ap^l [.]
 - 2 Dyary & Consultation Comēceing y^e 24 Ap^l 93 to y^e 26 Aug^t [.]
 - 3 Lett^r Book sent Comēceing y^e 24 Aug^t 91, to y^e 26 Aug^t 93
 - 4 D^m recēd Comēceing y^e 17 Aug^t 91, to y^e 25 Aug^t 93
 - 5 Govern^r Fleetwoods Cash Book from feb^r 91 to y^e 25 Aug^t 93
 - 6 Gov^r Sowdons Cash Book from feb^r 9¹/₂ to Aug^t 93
 - 7 Dyary & Consultation Book Comēceing 1690 to April 1691
 - 8 [P]ryamong Dyary & Consultation
 - 9 Acc^t of w^t lost in the fire 7th April 93
 - 10 M^r Bushops Acc^t of M^r Keddells Estate in his hands
 - 11 M^r Kennedys Certificate Concerning M^r Keddells Goods [in] M^r Mabbs Possession
 - 12 Acc^t of goods found in y^e Goedown after broke open in March 1690
 - 13 M^r John Butterfeild his additional Indenture for factor
 - 14 M^r Butterfeilds Bond for P^rformance of Cov^{ts}
 - 15 A list of Comp^{ts} Servants & their stations
 - 16 List of Medicines wanting
 - 17 List of Factors Provisions [needfull]
 - 18 Inventory of the goods in y^e Goedown deli^d M^r Tho^s Lenoe
 - 19 Acc^t of our stock of Cattle
 - 20 Depositions of M^r Kennedys Concerning M^r Ryly
 - 21 Cap^t Turlington & Cap^t Dukes deposition Concerning M^r. Ryly.
 - 22 Platt[Plann] of Bencoolen & land adjacent
 - 23 Cap^t Phrips Certificate a Boatswan
 - 24 Docter Henderson & M^r Davies Secret^r their Petition
 - 25 Information of M^r Kennedys against M^r James Sowdon
 - 26 Bill of Ladeing f^r the Maddapollam
 - 27 Invoyce of Pepp^r &c^a f^r D^m
 - 28 Coppys of Lett^r Recēd Anno 1690/1
 - 29 D^m recēd anno 1689
 - 30 D^m recēd anno [.]
 - 31 M^r Emmeds D^m Concerning M^r Ryley
 - 32 List of Souldiers
 - 33 M^r Kennedys & M^r Sowdons declaration Concerning M^r Ryley.
 - 34 Coppys of Letters recēd Anno 1687/8
 - 35 D^m recēd from 1683 to 1686
 - 36 D^m, reced anno 1685/6
 - 37 D^m sent anno 1689 & 1690.
 - 38 List of stores & necessary's wanting at Bencoolen.
 - 39 Consultation & Dyarys Commēceing May 1st 1691.
 - 40 Dyary & Consultation Comēceing Decem^r 1690.
 - 41 Copy of Lett^r sent for England Commēceing Sep^r 90^o to Decemb^r 1691.
- The Generall Containing seven sheets of Pap^r

TO HIS EXCELL^{cy} S^r JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH
K^t COMMISSARY GENERAL

THE HON^{ble} NATHAN^{ll} HIGGINSON ESQ^r PRESID^t &^{ca} COUNCILL

May it Please Yo^r Excell^{cy} y^e Hon^{ble} Pres^{id} &^{ca} Counc^{ll}

This serves chiefly as Covert to y^e Inclosed w^{ch} I hope may give some insight & satisfaction Concerning our Proceedings, & that I have acted to the utmost of my Power to the Interest of my R^t Hon^{ble} Masters I can assure your Excell^{cy} &^{ca} I have not been negligent, & have met wth no small troubles occasioned by his Wor^{sh} Incredible negligence, soe y^t here appeared nothing but confusion

Till yesterday his Wor^{sh} had entered nothing in his Cash Book for July nor Augst neither beleive {w^{ld}} anything, had not we mightly urged him to it, he omitted severall thousand Dollars, w^{ch} we by argum^t in a manner Compell'd him to Debt Cash for, what have, & could not p^{er}swade him to, will be found [by y^e Inclosed, & M^r. Butterfield Viva Voce will give [acco^t.] of all things, Particularly as to his Cash Book w^{ch} he deferred soe long that can give you noe acc^t. of the Errors, but referr it to him, who can.

Here hath been noe sort of Govern^t but every man did what seemed good in his owne eyes, Strange Connivance & Confedriacy

Your Excell^{cy} &^{ca} will perceive Cap^t Phrip hath Protested agst us, & beleive his wor^{sh} encouraged him to it, to make me obnoxious, for not Complying to his having Pepp^r & verly beleive & am sure would I & M^r Butterfield Consented he might have had, w^t we have in the Goedowns

There's soe little care taken of any thing that I fear little Provisions will be made for y^e Samp [son] tho^t there's Pepp^r enough at [P]ryamong & Ippoo, if he brings money I think he cant fail of a Loading otherwise am sure he will.

Our R^t Hon^{ble} Masters Affairs look wth a [dry] aspect, & seeme to be in a languishing Condition wth out Speedy remedy

We have news by the Chinamen, who have been mightly disgusted at his Wor^{sh} Proceedings, that a Dutchman is comeing to Sillabarr, to [inflame] the Mallays agst us, we are building a Pag^r there & the Pangran is true to us, soe that we doubt not but to defeat the designe

'Tis needless to Trouble Your Excell^{cy} &^{ca} [] & our Gener^{ll}, wherefore Committing Yo^r Excell^{cy} the Hon^{ble} President &^{ca} Councill, to the Protection of the Almighty take leave to subscribe

If it might not be thought a crime, Your Excell^{cy} the Hon^{ble} Presid^t &^{ca} :
could wish might be removed Councills Most Hum^{ble} Servants
fearing shant have my health SAM WILSON

THE LIST OF THIS PAQUET.

- N^o
- 1 A Letter to his Excell^{cy} the Presid^t &^{ca} Councill
 - 2 Letter from [P]ryamong to M^r Willson Concerning affairs there
 - 3 Another of the same
 - 4 Certificate of the Chinamens Complaints agst y^e Gov^r
 - 5 Observations concerning y^e R^t H C affairs in Bencoolen
 - 6 M^r Butterfield from [P]ryamong to M^r Wilson giving ac^t of aff^{rs} -
[there]
 - 7 Another of the same
 - 8 Objections agst M^r. Charles Ryley Purser his Acc^{ts}.
 - 9 Coppy of a Pap^r delivrd y^e Gov^r by M^r Wilson, together wth his
answer
 - 10 Another delivered his Wor^{sh}: wth his answer
 - 11 A Lett^r to his Wor^{sh} Fleetwood from M^r Wilson & M^r Butterfield.
 - 12 The Govern^{rs} to the afores^d Lett^r
 - 13 M^r Wilson & M^r Butterfields Reply to the Govern^{rs} answer

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON ESQ^R PRESIDENT
& GOVERN^R OF FORT S^T GEORGE AND CITY OF MADRASS & C^{OUN}CILL
Hon^{BLE} S^R & C^{OUN}CILL

In answer to Your Hon^R & C^{OUN}CILL of the 26th [ultimo] M^R Haynes our Accountant brot in our Gen^{LL} Books in [Councill] the 2^d Instant w^{ch}. were brot up to y^e 30th [. . .] M^R Games Assistant to him, & hope to send Ac^t [Cash] to the Ult^O April 93 upon next Thursday night, [Acct] Cash to that time comes herewth & shall answer to [Acct] Conimeere in our next

We have reced^d the Gold w^{ch} weighs now wth Essays 119^{os} 9^{dwt} — tis likely the dross of the Essays might come to 3 we shall in a short time cause an Essay to be [made] & Coynd into our fa[n]^e & advise accordingly o^r min[ters] are Employed at Present in making Copper Cash

The R^T Hon^{BLE} Comp^{ASS} Ship Maddapollam came yesterday w^{ch} brot Yo^R: Hon^R & C^{OUN}CILL wth Invoice amounting to Pag^{ds} 261-11- we hope the P^{AR}ticulars will come out right, tho[;] have no bill of Lading Your orders shall be observed relating to the fitting her

Since our last of the 24th past we have made up some bales, & receing money upon two [. . .] have p^d our Merch^{ts} another Thousand Pag^{ds}. [. . .] are both payable to y^e Worsp^{LL} John Dolben Esq^R Viz^t one dated the 30th Ult^O for 955^{Pag} 3^{is} 3^{os} the other of this date for 636^P 2 1 being wth offers from,

Fort S^T David
Y^e 6 of Novem^{BR} 1693

Hon^{BLE} S^R & C^{OUN}CILL:
Your Most Hum^{BLE} Servants
W^M HATSELL
JN^O. HAYNES
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^D MOUNTAGUE
THOM^S CONSTABLE.
Z TROUGHTON

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON, ESQ^R
PRESID^T & GOV^R. & C^{OUN}CILL

We come now to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 2^d & 21st Ult^O. whose Contents we [one line lost]

M^R Sherrers Irregular Proceedings, at [G]anjam in joyning himselfe in partnership wth one Gunny Narso a Braminy of said Place, & wth whom driveing a trade in his owne Private [name], has created us much trouble, some difference in acc^{ts} happening between them, his Braminy Partner Complained to the Seer Lascar, who wth Com^{MAN}ders sent them hither to have matters adjusted, w^{ch} we did wth all the Impartialty & Integrity we were able but not to the satisfaction of the Braminy, who haveing buzzed strange storys in the Seer Lascars ears, & Promised him as some say $\frac{1}{4}$ & others $\frac{1}{3}$ of wth he shall recover, we fear it may be to his dissatisfaction Likewise, for the P^{AR}ticulars hereof, referr you to our Consultations w^{ch} accomp^{ts} this, wth the event will be we are yett Ignorant, not haveing had any advices from M^R Sherer, since his return to the Seer Lascar, tho[;] 'tis now upward of twenty days, as soon as have if anything offers meterial shall not fail of adviseing you

The Chief occasion of this is to advise y^e Hon^R & C^{OUN}CILL our Merch^{ts} have now brot into our Goedowns upwards of Pag^{ds} 8000 & there is more than 50 Corge of severall sorts detaind on the way by severall Rajas, whose Contrys it Passes through w^{ch} we doubt not but shortly to gett clear'd, soe that they hugely importune us for another supply, alleadgeing that the weavers have near upon finished wth Contracted for wth them, w^{ch} wth done, if not detained by a fresh advance of [money] will desert [their imploy], & serve other [a few lines lost] of our Washers [. . .] in much faster than they can ridd it of [. . .] now in our Goedowns (& the washers hands [. . .]) 187 Corge of Brown Cloth w^{ch} is Generally [. . .] the wett & dirt, it meets wth in the way [. . .] it

brown we fear it will rott before [] Europe, & we cannot possibly cure [] for this Monsoon, we therefore desire [] whether we shall sort it as it is, to its [] & remitt it to your Hon^r &c^a to be washed [] distinc^t numbers on the Bales, or w^t else [] doe wth it, w^{ch} when received shall be punc^tually observed

Mr Barwell haveing Ballanced [] Letters I & K according to your direction [] are Copying to accomp^a our next, & the [] necessity of his affairs requireing his [presence in] the fort, to settle some Concerns he left [] upon his coming from thence, Intreat[ing] permission for his repair thither $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ first [convenient] oppertunity

Inclosed you have the Stewards [] for the months of Aug^a & Sep^{br} we are,

[Vizaga]apatam
[Sept^r] 24 1693

Your faithfull Hum^{ble} [Servants]
SIMON HOLC[OMBE]
CH^a BARW[ELL]
SAMUEL OW[EN]

[To] THE HON^{BLE} NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON ESQ^a [PRES]ID^t.
& GOVERN^r OF FORT S^t GEORGE [& CITY OF MADRAS & C^a COUNCILL]
[A line lost]

Our last was of the 6th Instant since that [we] have p^d our Merch^a one Thousand Pag^{ds} w^{ch} makes 12000 Pags p^d upon our last investm^t we have 6 Bales made up & shall increase their number as the weather $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ mits

The small quantity of Rains that has fallen [in] these parts, has hinder'd our Rivers from riseing [as] usuall, by w^{ch} means our Barr is shallower than ever it was (since our coming hither) at this season of the year, soe that our Gunner & Pilott is doubtfull whether he can bring in the Maddapollam, tho^e he will doe his utmost endeavours therein

In weighing the 39 slabs Lead by y^e Madapoll we find 19 lbs wanting of w^t is mentioned in y^e Invoyce, & 4 md 21 lbs of sugar, it likewise expresses 69 flat Barrs of Iron, we rec^d but 68, w^{ch} weigh 7 lbs more than is charged in Invoyce, all the rest is right

There is three Englishmen belonging to the Maddapollam, Viz^t. John Ware, Mate, John Hodges, Gunner, & Edward Williams Carpenter, w^{ch} say they have 5 & 6 months pay due to them, w^{ch} they desire may be paid here, they say Cap^t Harbin can inform your Hon^r &c^a $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ ticularly of their pay, & for w^t time due, Please to order w^t shall doe therein

We desire a farther supply of Ropes [for] Bales by next Conveiance, those formerly sent almost expended

The 8 Instant we rec^d your Hon^r &c^a [] Your Merch^a & to give an acc^t thereof to our [] keeper who will see that the same be export[ed] [] shall give your Hon^r &c^a an acc^t thereof

All the stores of the Maddapollam [are] on shoar, except anchors, & Cables, the [storekeeper] has not yett finished a List of them [] shall send it up

Our Mint Braminy has [assayed] the 119 oz 09 dw^t of Gold lately sent & finds [] our fanam matt being 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ is 1/16 less the [] there must be 16 Pag^{ds} weight more of [] it will be 1100 $\frac{7}{8}$ Pag weight w^{ch} [will be] fan^a 10453 the mint charges being [] fan^a 115 & Cost of more alloy 18 fan^a [] there will remain [fan^a 10325 w^{ch} [] Pag^{ds} 579 the loss will be 5 14 small [] write of to Proffitt & Loss, as you ord^r, []

Fort S^t David
y^e 16 Novem^a 1693

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a
Y^r faithfull Humble servants,
[W^m HATSELL]
[Jⁿ HAYNES]
RALPH [INGRAM]
EDM^d [MOUNTAGUE]
THOM^s [CONSTABLE]
Z TROUGH[TON]

TO THE HON^{ble} NATH^l HIGGINSON ESQ^r PRESID^t
& GOV^r OF FORT S^t GEORGE & CITY OF MADRASS & C^a COUNCILL
Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

Padre Clerice reced the [licence] Place, but since he has had it Translated in Portaguze, he declares he cannot Possibly continue to keep a Licence that containes something that, [as he says] is Contrary to the orders he is obliged to observe, upon w^{ch} acc^t he can't doe it wth a safe [cons] sience, & that w^{ch}: affrights him most is, that [he] may be made to suffer severely for it, the Dep^y. Govern^r told him that w^ever Padre came here must [be] under the order of the English who are the [p]roprietors, and that he might expect to enjoy such [pr]iviledges as the Padres Ephrim & Michall did [at] Madrass, to w^{ch} he said he was willing to obey the [En]glish in Temporalls, & to remain here, under [the] same Restrictions w^{ch} the Padres in Madrass [are] obliged to observe

Padre Clerice is the bearer hereof and [he] [des]ired a Letter to Yo^r Hon^r & c^a wherein his case [mi]ght be represented, for if there can be no alteration [in] his grant he must goe to Maslepatam, we[can] expect no Padre to come here, but such as [] Padre Governerdore shall [a]ppoint, unless Yo^r Hon^r & c^a can send one from Madrass, the many Portuguze Soldiers that are here will not stay wth out a Padre, w^{ch} we humbly represent to y^r Hon^r & c^a. & remain,

Fort S^t David
Novemb^r 1693

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a
Yo^r faithfull Hum^{ble} Servants
W^m HATSELL,
JN^o HAYNES.
RALPH IN[GRAM]
[ED MOUNTAGUE]
[THOM^s CONSTABLE]
[Z TROUGHTON]

TO THE HON^{ble} NATH^l HIGGINSON ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^r OF FORT S^t GEORGE &
CITY OF MADRASS & C^a COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

The 16th Ult^o we remitted your Acc^t Curr^t since w^{ch} our Accountant hath found some omission according to the inclosed Pap^r w^{ch} signifies y^o p^{ar}ticulars

Herewth we send the list of stores of the Maddapollam, the weather has been soe bad of late that have not been able to sound the Barr, soe that 'tis still a question whether shall be able to bring her over it, the same uncertainty of weather hath prevented our makeing up more bales since last advice

We reced your Hon^r & c^a of the 10th past, and the musters of Neck cloths are not yett made, w^{ch} we shall take care to finish & send them by the first Conveiance being wth offers from,

Fort S^t David
y^o 2^d Decem^{br} 1693

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a
Your Most Humble Servants
W^m HATSELL
JN^o HAYNES
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^d MOUNTAGUE
THOM^s CONSTABLE
Z TROUGHTON.

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON ESQ^R PRESID^T FOR AFFAIRES OF Y^R R^T HON^{BLE}
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A & C^A COUNCILL IN FORT S^T GEORGE

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

Your Hon^r & c^{as} of the 24th Aug^t we rec^d y^e 4th Instant, w^{ch} requires no answer, this serves chiefly to advise you, that we rec^d out of ship Samuel Cap^t Freake Commander 3 Piggs of Lead [] for w^{ch} we shall give acc^t Curr^t London Credit at 5 Rup^s 3^d m^d, and for other matters we humbly referr you to the Commissary Generalls Lett^{rs} herewth and remain

Chutanutte

y^e 24 Octo^r 1693

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

Your Most Humble Servants

FRANCIS ELLIS

JN^o BEARD

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON ESQ^R PRFSID^T & GOVERN^R OF FORT S^T
GEORGE AND CITY OF MADRASS & C^A COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

Our last was the 2^d Instant that night we rec^d yours of the 27th Ult^o, The 20 Baggs of Sugar wanted 3 m^{ds} 1 lb Gross weight, & 1 m^d 20 lb in the Tare our Warehousekeeper, says the Baggs did not appear to have been opened, Inclosed we returne the note w^{ch} M^r Ware wrote Concerning the steel said note expresses that 8 Barrs were sent on shoar w^{ch} he says he can take his oath went of in the last boat, Edward Williams & Westbury the Carpenter, saw it put into the Boat, there was at first 10 Barrs one of w^{ch} came cut in peices, & the peices sent on shoar at Bencoolen & kept by them, another was used for a grappling for their Prow, & Credit acco^t Curr^t for the difference of vallue we shall observe yo^r orders relateing to Jn^o Hodges, & Edw^d Williams, their being discharged from the first of Novem^r or to have but half Pay from that time

The late freshes has clear'd our Barr soe much as that our Pilott has hopes of bringing the Maddapollam over it in few days, M^r Westbury ha[s] been fitting her masts & such other necessary things as Could be done for her repaire

M^r Bridcock our Minister haveing a desire to goe to England, Intreats your Hon^r & c^a would p^rmitt him a Passage upon such a ship as may in a short time come to Madrass, if she should touch here, he desires to goe from hence

We are informed the Dutch have p^d all the money that remained of their Contract wth Rama Raja for Pullicherry & Verampatnam, & have sent about 4 or 5 days past by Sunno Puntulo & the Dutch Braminy a Considerable present to him, being in return of w^t he sent when Govern^r Pitt was at Pullicherry

We have as yett sorted but little blue long Cloth, the muster by w^{ch} the Contract was made is extrao[r]dinary Good, our merch^{ts} have two or three times brot some to sort (in this Place we sort after they are dyed) but it has not been soe good as muster, therefore could not take them, & we fear they will not be able to gett so great a quantity answering the muster as their Contract expresses, in w^{ch} case we desire your Hon^r & c^a would lett us know whether takeing white long cloth, & white Sallampores may not be as well for the Comp^{as} advantage, the weather for two days past has cleared up if it continue fair may be able to imbale about 50 Bales w^{ch} is now at the washers, the Merch^{ts} have besides a great quantity of Brown Cloth to measure w^{ch} is defferred delivering the washers because the weather has not lately p^rmitted their dispatch of w^t they have we shall take all immaginable care to finish them as soon as possible

We are in want of Goa arrack and desire a supply by first oppertunity, being w^t offers from,

Fort S^t David
[September] 1693

if the Merch^{ts} would dye long cloth
N^o 2 I presume it would come up [p^r]muster
as was formerly [done]

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

Your Most Humble Servants

W^m HATSELL

JN^o HAYNES

RALPH INGRAM

EDM^d MOUNTAGUE

THOM^s CONSTABLE

Z TROUGHTON

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM WATTA MAUGH CHUND, TO THE
GOVERN^r: OF CHINAPATNAM.

I wish you may always remain wth: a rejoyced heart, I have found your Hon^r: freindship therefore [I] write you this, y^r: freindly & Loveing lett^r: I reced w^{ch}: eshewed forth a sweet smell, & upon my P^rusal of it, it increased our freindship the more, being there is soe firm a friendship between your Hon^r: & me, if there should happen [any] thing about others that shall not break of my friendship towards you, I suppose y^r: Hon^r: being very pusey it was the cause it happened, so you may remain wth: a contented heart, in all things, & beleive me to be y^r: real freind if you have any business here, you may write to me and content me. Reced: the 16. Decem^r: 1693.

TO THE HON^{ble}: NATH^l: HIGGINSON Esq^r: PRESIDENT
AND GOVERN^r: & C^a: COUNCILL.

Hon^{ble}: & C^a:

Haveing writ you on the 11th: Ult^o: of all needfull occurrences this serves. Chiefly to forward the accompanying Pacquet from his Excell^{ty}: w^{ch}: we Just now reced: wth: the Inclosed Coppy of their Ballasore Letter.

The Chest we advised your Hon^r: & C^a: of in our last Proves to belong to the Dutch, it is full of Cloths and about 20: Dutch letters, w^{ch}: is all the advise we have as yett concerning [it].

The Seer Lascar is now come to Chiccacull, and we expect every minute a summons for y^r: Cheifs goeing to him, & understanding the arrivall of the Interlopers in Bengall, we esteem it absolutely necessary to [be] expeditious therein, to preserve & Confirm the freindly Correspondence we have wth: him, & to obtain a Cowle for his [] P^r mission of any English to trade in these parts, that shall not be Countenanced by us, w^{ch}: look upon to be much more feazible to be effected, before the rumour of his arrivall is blazed [abroad] than when any Golden Promises has approched his greedy ears but our want of money prevents herein, till your Hon^r: & C^a: pleases to supply us, w^{ch}: we hope now will not be long haveing fully formerly advised you of our necessitys, & we desire you to give us all necessary advice concerning those enemy's to our trade & Countrey in case of their arrivall on any part of this Coast, w^{ch}: is the present needfull from,

Vizagapatam

y^r: 21 Novem^r: 1693.

Since the writeing the above the Cheife has reced: the Inclosed from M^r: Plomer at Ganjam w^{ch}: thought fitt to Communicate to y^r: Hon^r: & C^a:

Just now arrived a Command^r: wth: a Rocca from the Seer Lascar pressing the Cheifs Comeing to him, Translate of w^{ch}: we send yo^r Hon^r: & C^a: Inclosed.

S: H: C: B: S: O:

Y^r: faithfull Humble servants.

SIMON HOLCOMBE.

CHA: BARWELL.

SAMUEL OWEN.

TO THE HON^{ble}: NATH^l: HIGGINSON Esq^r:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^r: OF FORT ST. GEORGE
AND CITY OF MADRASS & C^a: COUNCILL.

FORT ST. DAVID
Y^r: 16th: Xth: 1693.

Hon^{ble}: S^r: & C^a:

Upon full observation of the depth of water on our Barr, the Poylot, Mate, Westbury & C^a: doe Conclude, will be Hazardous to bring in the Maddapollam, her masts are fitted & Riging fixt on shoar, & M^r: Westbury hopes to have the rudder mended in the road, & w^h: elce may be necessary to fitt her for a Voyage, if the

Weather Proves calme all may be done in fourteen days or three weeks she has 6 :
 gunns on shoar Viz^t 2 Iron ffalcons about 4 lbs weight, & 4 Brass Robonetts, each
 about 3 [lbs] 5^a 4 Rabonetts would be of great use in this Garrison, we can make
 feild Carriges, and as they would doe well upon any extr [a] ordinary occasion to
 gaurd our fronteers against the natives soe they would save the R^t Hon^{ble} :
 Comp^a much more in Powder in the Vissits made by the Dutch, & other necessary
 occasions, we have four Iron fawcons from 2 to 4 [lbs] weight w^{ch} our Gunner
 says will be more serviceable for the ship, than the brass Rabonetts, who are not
 two Inches boar & they have no shott so little, if y^r Hon^r &c^a Please to order
 us to take the Brass, we'l deliver 2 Iron or more if your Hon^r &c^a think the
 ship may want them

By these Peons have sent the two Neck cloths w^{ch} came for musters, & Got
 two made here, 'twill be a bad time to Contract for any, Cotton Growing scarce of
 late that 'tis much Risen

The fa[n]^a Gold w^{ch} Your Hon^r &c^a sent is Coynd & Produced as for-
 merly advised, if you send more hope it will come out as well.

M^r, Thompson who came hither some months past, went on ship Thankfull
 W^m Evans Master last Sunday morning the 10 Ins^t, the ship being ready
 to sail he went in her, the Dep^y Govern^r was wholly unacquainted wth his
 designes else would have stop[t] him

M^r Westbury y^e Carpenter has searched our fflagg stafe or stanard, & finds
 'tis so very Rotten that we must of necessity have another, there is none to be
 had here, no[r] at Porto Novo, wherefore desire your Hon^r &c^a would send one
 of about 60 foot, as soon as oppertunity offers, as also a shrow'd hars of 5 Inches
 for our Ginn & Gyes, w^{ch} is much wanted, being w^t offers from,

		Hon ^{ble} S ^r &c ^a
		Your Most Humble Servant[s]
	I know not the least of M ^r	W ^m HATSELL
	Thompsons designes of goeing on board	JN ^o HAYNES
	s ^d ship	RALPH INGRAM
In Cuddalore	The Books letter B are ball & part	EDM ^d MOUNTAGUE
	Coppy'd the Books letter C hope will	THOM ^a CONSTABLE
	be done in time to goe home by the next	Z TROUGHTON
	ship J HAYNES	

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM RAMDAUZE, TO THE ENGLISH
 GOVERN^r OF MADRASS

I enjoy good health, & should be glad to hear the like from Your Hon^r, lately
 his Excell^{cy} the Nabob granted to Arsimonaick in his Jageer in the Pullamalle
 Country, Yegmore, Persiwaca, & Triblecane, according to the acc^t revenues to be
 under Arsimonaick's order, Likewise Josder Appogee Puntulo to bring them under
 his Govern^t w^{ch} Appogee, will send his People to take possession of the Towns,
 w^{ch} you must surrender, 'tis not handsome that Your Hon^r & Arsimonick should
 dispute about this matter, Lett there be noe difference between Your Hon^r & I
 about this business, Y^r Hon^r. & I being freinds, Please to take it into your serious
 Consideration w^t I write, often acquaint me of your health rec^d y^e 28th
 Decem^r 9}

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON ESQ^r PRESID^t
 AND GOVERN^r OF FORT S^t GEORGE AND CITY OF MADRASS &c^a COUNCILL.
 Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a

Since our last of the 16th Instant we rec^d yours of the 14th, Our
 Merch^{ts} have Compleated y^e two last Investm^{ts} each for 10000 Pag^{ds}.
 & the Contract made wth them for 20000 Pag^{ds} when his Excell^{cy} was here,
 expresses that what Cloth is turned out, shall be delivered the Merch^{ts} at the
 time 'tis turned out, we have done accordingly in the last Investm^t, Our

Merch^{ts} are willing for future to sort the long Cloth brown, that is designed for blew, but we suppose there will be an Inconveniency in't, because some cloth Improves much in dying, & other is worse, when we sort blew (w^{ch} has been allways Practiced at Cuddalore) we take w^{ch} proves well, if yo^r Hon^r &c^s thinks fitt that we should alter this method, y^r Comands shall be obey'd

We are sorry to hear an Interloper is arrived in Bengall, because 'tis not only Prejudiciall to the Interest of our Masters, but to that of our Nation, in Prejudicing the English East India trade, w^{ch} is a kindness to our Compeditors the Dutch, for if there was noe English East India Comp^s they would doubtless accomplish their designe of monopolizeing the trade, by hindering P^ticular ships from haveing any Profitable Negotiations in these parts of the world, our uttmost endeavours shall be to promote the Interest of our R^t Hon^{ble} Masters, & defeat as much as in us lyes, the ill designes of the Interlopers, if they should happen to come this way, and we shall neither Corrispond wth them, nor suffer any others under our Governm^t, or Influence to be any ways aiding or assisting to them, we admire at the report that this ship put letters on shoar here, when we never heard of such a ship, nor that any touch't on this Coast nor of her arrivall, till few days before yo^r advices thereof

We reced 'the Gold being oz 99 08^{dwt} our Mint Braminy has made an Essay, & reports it same Matt as the former being 1/16 better than ours, he adds 1st 09^{dwt} 06^{gr} of allay the weight will then be 100^{oz} 17^{dwt} 6^{gr} w^{ch} is 9163½ Pag^{ds} weight at 95 Chuckrums 100 Pag^{ds} is 8702½ great [fans] deduceing charges 11½ Mill is 95½, & Cost of allay 15½ fan^s makes 111¼, there will remain 8591 great fan^s at 18½ Pag^{ds} is Pag^{ds} 477-10 small fan^s, so that it Produces wth in 18 small fan^s of w^{ch} yo^r Hon^r &c^s charges.

Our Merch^{ts} were soe very Pressing for mony that being assisted wth this supply, have p^d them another 1000 Pag^{ds} we have now ready 134 bules & hope to increase the number Considerably in a short time

The Maddapollam is so well fitted as to be ready to sail in 3 days after we receive y^r orders

Our new fan^s pass in the Countrey more Currently than at first, but if the ships from Atcheen should [] in fan^s wherefore our Mint Braminy & Merch^{ts} here are of oppinion that Coning Pag^{ds} of the exact matt wth Madrass, but of a different stamp might in time be very advantageous to the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^s, & would Consume good quantities of gold that is generally Brôt to this Place Porto Novo, & Tincumbarr, Pullicat Pag^{ds} haveing one Image, Madras three, ours may have two if Yo^r Hon^r &c^s approve of it, Please to order yo^r Minters to Cutt a stamp & send it hither, we can easily order their passing in our Bounds, & hope in time they may goe Currently in the Countrey

We are in great want of Goedown room, & other buildings w^{ch} are absolutely necessary, wherefore desire some more Timbers of divers lengths, & some short Maddappollam Timbers for axeltrees for carridges, & three or 400 Plank, same as formerly bought of M^r Alvaro 4½ Pag^{ds}, & a farther supply of wheat the last 10 Bags being very near spent

M^r Constable being formerly appoynted storekeeper by the Hon^{ble} President & Councill of Madrass & since his Excell^{cy} being here, was ordered by us to receive the land Customes he did this day in Councill desire y^r Hon^r &c^s would order another storekeeper, he saying that he could not supply both Places, being the needfull at Present from,

It does not seem Probable y^t it should be the most Convenient & best way of sorting the goods when dyed, since the Merch^{ts} have not bro't in on the second Investm^t above 150 Pag^{ds} in blew goods, [&] ought to have Brôt in according to Contract 1167 Pag^{ds} instead of those goods others according to their owne Conveniency T C

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^s
Your Most Humble Servants
W^m HATSELL
Jⁿ HAYNES.
EDM^d MOUNTAGUE
THOM^s CONSTABLE.
Z TROUGHTON

Worspⁿ S^rYORK FORT OCTOBER 2^d 1693

Since my coming from [P]ryamong I delivered Y^r Wor^{sh}p & c^a two Generalls, wherein I presented to you that y^e Pepp^r, you order'd me at [P]ryamong came farr short of Expectation, & since it Proved soe, you would Please to allow me the remainder out of yo^r Goedowns here, but rec^d noe answer, the reason of w^{ch} I very well perceive to be only through mallice, & rancour, w^{ch} makes me apply myselve p^ticularly to Y^r Wor^{sh}p desireing you to Consider how serviceable we have been to the Comp^a ever since our being on the Coast, as likewise how I followed yo^r orders both in going to Sillabarr, & [P]ryamong, so that since I have not the quantity your Wor^{sh}p and Councill promised, desire you will lett me have some out of the Goedowns here, & if the Generall & Councill at my arrivall at Madrass shall not think I have merited it, I promise to return w^t Pepp^r you shall now order me, Provided they Pay the freight, and all other charges I have been in the Getting of it, I doe likewise Promise if the Comp^a have any occasion for money, to lend them w^t I can, wth out any Consideration excepting your Wor^{sh}p: & Councills Bill to the Fort for the same, soe hoping your Wor^{sh}p will Comply wth my request, w^{ch} shall be greatly acknowledged by,

Wor^{sh}pⁿ S^r
Yo^r Most Humble Servant
RICHARD PHRIP

YORK FORT OCTOBER 2 1693

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE WOR^{sh}p^{LL} CHARLES FLEETWOOD ESQ^R DEP^{TY} GOVERN^R
M^R SAMUEL WILSON

Cap^t Phrip Commander of ship Northampton haveing Tirsday last delivered into us a Pap^r & another on Fryday declareing how he had gon to severall Ports, in hopes of his Cargoe, according to our advice to him, but had the misfortune to miss of his expectations, & that he returned hither to offerr the Business to our Consideration, & layd before us a great damage that would accrue to the Owners, by the loss of time occasion'd by being detained (upon their arrivall on the West Coast) to serve the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} urgent necessities, the Consideration of w^{ch} together wth the slenderness of the Cash, 'tis now agreed that he be allowed Bahars sixty, he paying ready money for the same, & his Customes, w^{ch} for the said 60 Bahars will buy (if the money can be spared) Bahars ninety seven, besides 1000 Mexico Dollars, w^{ch} he offers to sell the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^a, & take a Bill for the same, draw upon his Excell^{ty} S^r John Goldsborough, the Hon^{ble} Nath^l Higginson, & c^a Councill at Fort S^t George

CHARLES FLEETWOOD

Vera Copia attested

P^r Da^d. Davis Secret^{ry}

I Abhor signing the aboves^d Consultation, & absolutely dissent from it, being directly against our Positive orders, of Provideing & reserveing w^t Pepp^r we can procure for the Sampson, whom we dayly expect, w^{ch} was the reason we laded none out of the Goedownes here, on the Comp^{as} own ships, the Satisfaction & Maddapollam, & w^{ch} now spareing to a Private ship (wth out any cause, w^t Pepp^r comes in soe slow, when it may be reasonably questioned whether we shall gett as much more (as we now part wth) for the Sampson here, & when we have not above 170 Bahars in the Goedownes) will be above two Thousand Pounds loss to our R^t Hon^{ble} Masters, beside the aforesaid Consultation is stufft wth false & frivolous reasons

Octo^r y^e 4 1693, being the day the Sec^{ry}
bro't it me to signe

SAM^l WILSONAttested P^r David Davis.

To His Excell^{ty}: S^r: JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^t [COM^{mand} GEN^{eral}] THE HON^{able}: NATH^l. HIGGINSON ESQ^r: PRESID^{nt}: & C^{ouncil}: COUNCILL.

In our Generall ^{to} the Maddapollam whereof now send Coppy of the Satisfaction, [. . .] forgott to advise of our haveing p^d: Richard Harbin 144 Ry^{les}: Impress money for his ships Comp^a: to Provide themselves for their Voyage as ⁱⁿ Consultation Augst: 17th: wherein Likewise appears, the Reason that induced us to spare s^d. Cap^t: 20: Bahar Pepp^r: for w^{ch}: he has accounted wth: the Govern^r:

We have Likewise spared Cap^t: Turlingtons Mate M^r: Wilmott 3 Bahar & M^r: Wicks 2 wth: out w^{ch}: they declared they would not Proceed the Voyage, so that were forced to it, we hope it will be beleived that we shall doe all we can Possibly to Procure Pepp^r: for the Sampson.

The afores^d: 5 Bahar Prime Cost & y^e: Comp^a: & Rajas dues am^{ts}: to Ry^{les}: 75-3-1, for w^{ch}: we debt shipp Satisfaction & must be deduced out of their p^{ar}ticular wages.

Cap^t: Turlington hath Bahar Tenn [P]ryamong measure, w^{ch}: he bought there long since, & p^d: the Comp^a: Dues, he insisted on more, but at last acquiesced with our refusall.

We p^d: Cap^t: Turlington Impress money for his ships Comp^a: to Provide themselves for the Voyage Viz^t: 28th: past, 111 \$ & the 3^d. Instant 130: \$

Third of June past we resolved the Satisfaction to [P]ryamong instead of the Maddapollam, by w^{ch}: means we had undoubted Complied wth: our Positive orders, of dispatching her wth: in the time Limited, but Cap^t: Turlington, & his ships Comp^a: giving in a pap^r: (w^{ch}: is enter'd in Consultation Saturday the 3^d: June) wherein they declare their Incapacity of Continueing Longer on the Coast, & desire to be dispatched forthwth: it was accordingly agreed they should not Continue here, beyond y^e: 20th: July at farthest, But after this bad weather happening, by w^{ch}: she was drove from her Anchors, & forced into Sillabarr, where they stayed to make a Cable, detarded her Proceeding as was intended.

The Inventory & outcry of Keddells Estate required to be sent, Cap^t Harbin hath in his Escutore, the state of whose Estate will appear at Large ⁱⁿ Consultation, the 6: July.

This day we dispatched Raja Macoota, for [P]ryamong, who we doubt not but will bring down the Young King to reside amongst us there, he hath lay'd his designs soe well we fear not the Dutch intercepting him.

M^r: Charles Ryley late Paymaster & Goedownekeeper, against whose acc^{ts}: M^r: Wilson & M^r: Butterfeild have made their objections, goes herewth: some proceedings about him are enter'd in Consultation of 24: 26: & 31 July.

We now send ⁱⁿ the Satisfaction 53 Bahar Pepp^r: & bought by M^r: Wilson at Sillabar as ⁱⁿ Consultation 24: July.

The reason of our sending noe more Pepp^r: on her & the Maddapollam is for sake of the Sampson, for whom we have now in the Goedownes but 150: Bahar, but hope to have here, about as much more, w^{ch}: will be the most, therefore must send her to [P]ryamong & Ippu for the rest where we expect five hundred Bahar.

Cap^t: Turlington would not consent to filling up the Bill of Ladeing as it should be, but is 45th: too little, & at last hath signed It wth: a needless exception for if he Carrys the true Bamboo it am^{ts}: as mention'd in y^e: Invoice every Bamboo q^{ts}: 3^{lb}: 3 oz: w^{ch}: he would not insert tho: he knows to be true.

We have p^d: Cap^t: Turlington on acc^{ts}: of wages due to the ships Comp^a: Ry^{les}: 993, Provisions spared out of the Goedownes amounting to Ry^{les}: 209-3-1, & 6 Bahar of Pepp^r: Ry^{les}: 75-3-1: amounts to Ry^{les}: 1257-3-1. as ⁱⁿ acc^{ts}: We are,

Your Excell^{cy}: the Hon^{able}: Presid^{nt}: & C^{ouncil}:

P.S.

Most faithfull Hum^{ble}: Servants,

M^r: Ryley owes upon his Goedown ac^{ts}: 147 \$ & there is so much due to him upon sallary & servants wages w^{ch}: may serve in part to answer the exceptions against his Pursers ac^{ts}: he haveing [. . .] effects here to answer the [. . .]

CHARLES FLEETWOOD.
SAMUEL WILSON.

CHA^{as}: FLEETWOOD
[SAMUEL WILSON.]

To His Excell^{cy} S^r JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^t .

COMMISSARY GENER^{ll} THE HON^{ble} NATHAN^{ll} HIGGINSON ESQ^r

PRESIDENT & C^a COUNCILL

May it Please Yo^r Excell^{cy} the Hon^{ble} Presid^t & C^a Council

Though ~~¶~~ the Maddapollam have given as large & full acc^t of all occurrences as then could, yett other things since occurring to my memmory thought fitt to advise

I am sencible it may be expected from me the giveing an acc^t of the Satisfactions so long stay, w^{ch} I can say nothing to, but the necessity of a ship on this Coast But one thing ought not to be omitted that when she was designed for Madrass, & had Pepp^r on board in order thereunto an unluckey accident happen'd Viz^t Cap^t Howells arrivall an hundred & one Bahar be ng taken from her, & put on board him, & if he had not been here Knox had been fully Laded

The Pap^r given in by M^r Kenneydey against M^r Sowdon was never shewed me till the day before Cap^t Harbin sail'd, there was never any examination on it, so can say little to it

I cannot find that ever M^r Butterfeld concurred wth his Wor^{sh} In any unreasonable thing, unless signing Cap^t Howells Bills, w^{ch} he hath often repented & alleadged that he doubted not but the advance of the goods would have been bro't into the Comp^{as} Cash

I know not w^t certainly to impute the sicklyness of this Place, unless the swamps that surround it, w^{ch} sends forth a very bad scent in the mornings, the want of dry Lodgings or their extravagant drin[k]ing, & carelessness after, it affords a very Pleasant Prospect & had the fort been first settled at the Cave just beyond the spring, it had not deserved soe ill a name

The Loss of the [] was a bad business, Orriganlly oweing to M^r Gibbons so severely dunning him for the Comp^{as} Debt, upon w^{ch} he diserted us & after M^r Moody's proffering money for his head, & after that his Present Wor^{sh} Passing by Mandutta, wth out takeing notice of him, as he did of severall others, w^{ch} was not his fault, but want of Good advice, Pangrin Rudding who was his great Counciller, & the Cunningest fellow on the Coast is true to our Interest, tho ne ther he nor the Emporers owne People his freinds, the Emporer is certainly in great distress, he dares not trust the Dutch knowing their ~~¶~~ fidiousness, nor us thinking we are his Enimys on acc^t of the Debt, but we hope to Convince him of our freindship, his Countrey abounding wth plenty of Pepp^r, our business at Pres^t is to secure Ippoo & [P]ryamong from whence tis not doubt-ed may have 2,000 Bahar Yearly The Dutch on this have shewed themselves in their Proper Colours, Violateing the Laws of God of Nations & Nature, by their base Circumvencon & divelsh tricks, enough to fill a Vollume, from w^{ch} we can never hope to be free, unless we have money men & shipping for as to depending on redress from Europe it cannot be expected, they acting all their Villinies under Pretence of the Natives, By the Gener^{ll} as well as by our Lett^{rs} reced & sent you'l ~~¶~~ceive the loss of Indrapoor, w^{ch} (if we can secure [P]ryamong & y^e Places between them & us) beleive will be no great loss, it was always a charge & afford'd little or no Pepp^r, we expect the Covinshamen at [P]ryamong, who take of a great deal of Cloth Before we lost Indrapoor the Dutch burnt up all the Pepp^r Plantations thereabouts, & if we have not more strength may fear the same at [P]ryamong, tho had we this & as far as Pawlet quietly should Procure Pepp^r enough, but wth out speedy care we shall only live here put the Comp^a to great charge, deal for nothing, & at length tire the Natives, who will make fair weather for themselves, by s doing wth the Dutch, when [there] we can neither Protect them nor buy their Pepp^r [] we at Present depend on is Raja Macoota a most Ingenious Mallay, & true to our Interest, & will bring down the Young king (to whom he is Gaurdian) in a few weeks, we hope, to live at [P]ryamong

I hope Your Excell^{cy} & C^a will Pardon these rough lines, Zeale to my Masters Interest, Inciteing me to it I have sufficiently tired your Patience, but

have writ nothing, but w^t my Duty promp[t]ed me to, wherefore hope my Present Impertinence may Prove more tolerable than [n]egligence, in Confidence whereof Remain,

May it Please Your Excell^y the Hon^{ble} Presid^t.
&c^a Council.

Your Most faithfull and most obliged Humble
Servant

P S

SAM^{LL} WILSON

Since the writing the aforē^d a Chinaman who lately arrived from Batavia, came to my Chamber acquainting me, in a few days they expected 2 ships full of Chinamen, who come hither for trade & if they find encouragm^t will settle amongst us, that when they come will give us proposalls for Planting sugar & makeing Arrack, w^{ch} if agreed to, all their Relations will follow

May it Please Yo^r Ex^c^y &c^a Council

Since seeling this Lett^r I understand Cap^t Phrip & his Mate together have had nine Bahar more, w^{ch} makes 69 out of the Goedowns here, all things are done as his Wor^{sp} thinks fitt, wth out my knowledge & not only so but I am exposed by his Wor^{sp}s declareing to all men there requests not being answered is my fault, soe that I must be bold to say I am extream uneasy, and shall be more, if not remedied by Yo^r Exce^y the Hon^{ble} President &c^a Council, in hopes whereof am resolved to exercise Patience, & in expectation of that Happiness make bold to subscribe,

Your Exc^y &c^a Councils
Most Obliged Humble Servant

SAMUEL WILSON

(Four pages 155 — 158 of the Volume missing)

Whereas we the undermention'd by desire of the Worspⁿ: Charles Fleetwood Esq^r Govern^r &c^a Council of York fort Bencoolen, did goe aboard ship Satisfaction [there] to see w^t Condition she was, & if capable to goe through y^e [. . .] accordingly have been aboard, find her to be seild and [her] hould p^oster'd wth things so that could not come to see her Plan[k] nor Timbers, but only in some few Places where the seeling happend to be, & there found severall of her Timbers to be rotten, & likewise some of the beams & knees in the hould, [. . .] for her standing riggin it extream bad, & if the rest of the Timbers wth we could not come to see be in the same Condition as these we have seen, we think her allmost impossible [. . .] to Proceed a Voyage in the Condition she is, wittness our [hands] on board s^d ship Satisfaction in Bencoolen road y^e 16 day of Oct^r 93

RICHARD PHRIP
GEORGE DUKE
THOMAS LANE

TO HIS EXCELL^y S^a JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^r COMMISSARY GENER^{ll}
THE HON^{ble} NATH^{ll} HIGGINSON Esq^r PRESID^t &c^a COUNCILL

May it Please Yo^r Excell^y the Hon^{ble}: Presid^t &c^a Council

It might Justly be counted a great remissness should I neglect any opportunity of giving Yo^r Excell^y &c^a acc^t of all affaires, wherefore though have little to mention at Present, haveing been soe large ⁱⁿ the Maddapollam jett according to my duty make bold to trouble you

Your Lxcell^y will understand by our Generall the ill fate attending the Satisfaction, by whom I wrote w^{ch} now send inclosed

There is one thing w^{ch} Your Excell^{ty} &c^a will p^{er}ceive, (w^{ch} I cannot wth out some Concern mention,) concerning his Wor^{sh}p spareing Cap^t Phrip out of the Goedownes 60 Babar of Pepp^r, w^{ch} by all the arguments Possible could not prevent soe for my owne security & vindication could only except against the Consultation, & [] Coppyes whereof goes inclosed If Interest be not at the bottom, has easily wrought on

There is one (I think I may say) ill method w^{ch} I ought to take notice of, w^{ch} is his Wor^{sh}p paying all debts wth his owne goods, wth out tending the Comp^{ss}, & Chargeing [it] to Cash, by w^{ch} means tis reduced to a very low Ballance, I have proposed to him the putting his goods in the Comp^{ss} Goedown at reasonable Proffitt, & have Creditt in the Gen^l Books, or take Bills

I am sorry am forced to take notice to Yo^r Exc^{ty} &c^a of these things it being no ways Pleasing to me, but the Post you have placed me in, I reckon obliges me to it, & the Consideration of my duty takes Place of all other thoughts

We have had Lately above fourty Chinamen arrived, who resolve to settle here, & are building houses on a peice of Ground assigned them, w^{ch} they are well [pleased] wth, they talke of Planting sugar canes, & expect a great many more to come the next year, if it be thought fitt to allow them their Goods Custome free for sometime, it will certainly draw abundance to us, & hereafter whe[n] well rooted, may lay w^t taxes may be thought reasonable

If the Sampson brings money doubt not but shall have Pepp^r enough for him, the new Crop being now Comeing in, though we must depend upon [P]ryamong for the major Part of her lading

We want 2 or 3 good Juditious factors, we have not a man except Mr: Kennedy to succeed Mr Frith at [P]ryamong, if he should dye

We are Imploying the Coffreys in Planting Paddy in the Swamp adjoynng, w^{ch} we hope will somew^t Contribute to the healthyness of Place, it allways heretofore sending forth an unsavory smell, & the acc^t of [] have Credit, w^{ch} heretofore they [Two pages 161-162 of the original missing]. To Your Excell^{ty} &c^a Council.

We have p^d Johnsons G[u]nn^r of the Satisfaction twelve dollars since he came ashoar w^{ch} Please to deduct out of his wages

Since the writeing hereof we have examined the business of the Pepp^r aboves^d & find he hath delivered the same quantity in measure as he rec^d, its not holding out weight we cant impute to him, he not receiveing by weight, except 27 Bamboos at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ each

CHARLES FLEETWOOD
SAMUEL WILSON

York fort Octob^r 1693

TRANSLATE OF A LETT^r FROM NABOB ZULPHACUR CAWN, TO THE GOVERNOUR OF CHINAPATAN

RECD P^{mo} DECEM^{br}. 1693

You must understand I reced Y^r Lett^r & observed the Contents thereof, the money w^{ch} Alle Murdun Cawn & lame Emaum Cooly rec^d as also the money for the Ropes I doe allow, for y^e money w^{ch} you p^d for the freight of the Boats for Emaum Cooly he must be answerable for it, the money w^{ch} you p^d for the souldiers, I will not allow off for they runn away from the C[a]mp wth out doing any Service, the remaining money you must deliver up to Hodge Mahomed Ally, Now I have Occasion for 500 m[a]und of Lead of shaiekane weight this also you must dd to Hodge Mahomed Ally in the like manner, you must often acquaint me of Yo^r health, you must always reckon me one that always looks to Y^r affairs, I have no occasion to write larger

TRANSLATE OF A LETT^r FROM EMAUM COOLY TO THE GOVERN^r OF CHINAPATAM

I hope this will find you in good health, I cannot express your great forgetfulness of me in this my Lett^r w^{ch} is upwards of 6 months, when I recd [] you have been allways in my mind w^{ch} is a great satisfaction to me the reason of y^r forgetfulness, I know not the reason of y^r Lett^r you write to his Excel^{ty} the Nabob he recd by another Conveiance the Lett^r you wrote me I shewed to his Excel^{ty} I desired his answer who said that he had writ you one, I hope when you receive this Lett^r it will be to yo^r Content, being all y^r desires are reasonable, if not you may write to me, & I will give one to y^r desire, but y^r Hon^r may write a Lett^r also, to the Nabob, but y^r Hon^r stood upon small questions now too, doe not forgett to write me of yo^r affaires & of y^r good health

CHUTANUTTER

8th Y^r 14th. 1693.

TO THE HON^{ble} NATH^l HIGGINSON PRESID^t FOR
AFFAIRES OF THE R^y HON^{ble}: COMP^a & C^a COUNCILL IN MADRASS
HON^{ble} [S^r] & C^a

My last to you from hence was dated y^e [] Augth, by Cap^t: Masfen in his Brigganteen, whom wth [y^e] Gingerlee Brigganteen that Carry'd one of myne to y^e [of] 19th D^{co}, I hope are both safe arrived wth you

Yours of the 21st & 24th of Augth by way of Vizagap^m wth w^t is mentioned to be therewth inclosed, I recd the 8 Ins^t w^{ch} accompanied one from our factors at Ballasore Coppy whereof is herewth inclosed, by w^{ch} you will see y^t To^m Pitt[t] & Allen Catchpole, have made a runn from England to these [] Concerning whom I have dispatched away lett^r to the Nabob & Kings Duan of Dacca (& to the Govern^r of Hugely) [] them know that To^m Pitt was the first man about [] past, who laid the foundation of the troubles, & warr [] after Insued here, & that he is of those ill men mentio[ned] in my former lett^r, to them, that there be some of all [Govrs] [] can't be kept under, from whom [] Piroters & Interlop[ers] [] if they give the least Continance to him or suffer their Govⁿ, to admitt of them to Inhabit, or the Merch^{ts} to trade wth them & if God gives me life & health will leave not means undone to defeat them in this enterprize in w^{ch} I may

The King hath taken of stop of the mint, Laide on [] 3 European Nations, & his Duan at Dacca gives o^r factors Great hopes of haveing an o^{id}: in a little time to take of the stop of trade, but whilst the grass groes the steed starves, for our business does not move Curr^t by this means, & there is also dadney given to no substantiall Merch^{ts}, & as for Muttradas [] he has Plyed fas & Close, & noe dadney could be given to him until his Bill of 50,000 Rup^s be adjusted, but he hath agreed wth Agent Ellis before I came for 70,000 Rup^s without dadney, but since the arrivall of the french ship y^e 18th: of Augth last, he hath by his Gomasta here dropt words privately that he would not Comply therewth, & now his freind To^m Pitt is come, I very much doubt him, & he is much behind wth Cap^t Dorrills p^{ar}ticular agreem^t for he hath had mony in February last, & for the Saphire we here nothing of here.

I have ordered all the factors from Dacca, Maulda, Ragamaul, & Cassi[m] buzar to finish the Investm^{ts} they have already made & come downe nither, w^{ch} they hope to doe in a small time

M^r Jeremiah Perchey by a gaurd of souldiers is come hither & hath brot wth him the 3 years Bookes that hath been of Maulda factory, since his goeing from hence, w^{ch} are Comparing & examining in ord^r to make all acc^{ts} clear wth him, but in this we are impeded by y^e Condition of the Accountants, Viz^t M^r Houghton dyed y^e 5th Instant of a violent feavor, haveing in a [? delirium] Jump'd into the River but lived 4 or 5 days after, []

hecktick feavour that the Docter says he will not recover, & for M^r Walsh if I take him from the Books he is about to may last, they will not goe home this season & the Agent himselfe is under some Complant for health & I myselfe a small feavour this 5 days, it now being a very sickly time, & since I came hither abundance hath dyed.

The Charles & Sampson are vett here, the former intends down to Kedagree in few days, at the return of y^e Pilots who are sent down to Sownd the way But I cannot yett resolve whether she will goe alone or both together, but if not both together you may be sure one of them shall be ordered to take in the Vizagapatam Bales, & bring them to you, w^{ch} you may depend on and act accordingly, for the disappointm^t abovemention'd will necessitate it, as also want of Petre Enough to fill them up wth, in want of other goods, for here hath been no Provisions made of any this season, & since I came the French presently dropt in in six days, w^{ch} raised the price, & now the Interloper, that I fear we shall hardly gett any at any rate

Cap^t Freake is the same man still, & told me about 20 days since (brot in by head & shouldiers, wth out any manner of Coherance to the discourse, or the least cause of agrevation more than that I would not accept Frenchmen into his number of men) that he had the same Charterparty, that Cap^t Dorrill had, & that I could not turn him out of his ship, upon w^{ch}. I charged him with y^e saying he declared before me & you all, that his Charterparty was as in Common other ships were, except the liberty of wine & freight from Madera, to w^{ch} he said that whilst he was at Madrass w^t he did, was done when he was a Prisoner, for he reckoned himselfe so [] & hath not come to me since nor doe I reckon he will till his ship fitted, to offer her, if he will doe that, he hath delivered her 3. Piggs of the R. H. C. lead, w^{ch} I have ordered the Agent to give notice to you how he enters it, this must be deduced from w^t is wanting, & the rest his money must make good for the R. H. C. have p^d for him 200 lb at Surrat, w^{ch} is a Large sum for w^t they had aboard of him from England.

Padre Evans lyes still at Hugely, he wrote to Cap^t Dorrell to obtaine leave that he might Embarque on him for England, to w^{ch} answer was returned that as [he] run from Madrass if he returned thither againe and come of fairly wth leave of the Governm^t, he should have leave to goe on w^{ch} ship he Pleased, Cap^t Rixson died y^e. 12th. of Septemb^r, having first made oath of his innocency about abringing away the Padre

I am of Oppinion that Assid Cawn is well in being, but of late here is no news of him, I doe not think fitt for Docter Brown to be the R^t H. C. Servant whilst he becomes Havildarr of any Towns

I am sorry the Talliars are Troublesome, & am of oppinion if you see cause to decide the matter, that it must be done by arbitration of such as themselves, otherwise instead of ending the Trouble it will encrease it

M^r: Hatsell & I at Fort S^t: David did Conclude that the Padre Govendore should Place no Padre there wth out leave & Consent first obtained by Petition, and I concurr wth you in that matter y^t he shall have no Jurisdict[ion] there, but under us

Now concerning my lett^r I find it a great Omission of me in forgetting to tell the Presid^t. my mind, for I told M^r Dolben but I find he hath forgot it, but it was thus, if any lett^r came from England My wife [] the Presid^t & C^o Councill are to take, & not to suffer them to be open by any w^{so}ever, but forwarded the best They can soonest to come to my hand, for all Lett^r from other parts, I desire the Presid^t & Councill to meet, & give my wife notice to appoint some body to attend on them, & such as are for my p^{er}ticular use to cause to be sealed & sent her, & to Procure all Publique ones

The Govern^r of Hugely hath been extraordinary kind to our affaires dureing the stop of Trade, & hope our letter ab^t Tom Pitt will hold him so

It is a report here that Tom Pitt sent lett^r ashoar at Fort S^t David but this you must know best [at] Madrass

We are now inform'd that the Govern^r of Hugly is fitting his boat to fetch Tom Pitt from Kendua, & have agreed upon & sent Cap^t Dorrill up to give him in Publique the King Duhoy upon it, & to lett him know unless Tom Pitt Can Produce a Power from England (such as we have) for his coming hither, we will stop him on the River, & if he gett to Hugly we will fetch him out from thence, & if any blood be spilt therein, it must lye at his door, for he can have no order from the Nabob for giving him entertainm^t

I hope by the timely arrivall of the Gingerlee Briganteen you have Provided all things, & sent away M^r Braborn, & w^h was order'd for the Brinjaon Expedition & that the want of the Saphire was soon enough known, & supplied some other way

I am by the loss of Saphire put by my intentions of sending M^r Holcombe to the West Coast on the Maddapollam now, because I know not how he may goe, but have it Continually in my thoughts, & hope the Gingerlee Brigant will soon arrive here from you, & bring advices how things are,

P S

I have sent y^e Lett^r w^h in mentioned from [] open to Vizagapatam for y^m to Use []

I Remaine,
Your Most Affectionate freind,
J GOLDSBOROUGH

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATH^L HIGGINSON ESQ^R
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R. & C^A COUNCILL.

Hon^{ble} [S^r] & c^a

In our last of y^e 22^d Ult^o we had advised you of the Chest w^h was taken up at Punda it belonging to the Dutch w^h this Confirms, but is to acquaint you that on y^e [] when our Mulla return'd from Checcacull where we sent him as formerly advised, for inspection into that affaire, he brot s^d Chest w^h him w^h a Rocca, from the Seer Lascar informing us he had sent y^e Chest (that was took up) by our Mulla as belonging to us, w^h a little su[r]prized us, as having advises formerly from M^r Sherrer who was then there, twas the Dutch whereupon we examined our Mulla strictly into the occasion of his bringing it, reprehending him severely for offering to act anything w^h out our order, w^h all acquainting him said Chest was none of ours, but belonged to the Dutch, to w^h hee replied hee was Ignorant of any such thing, that the Seer Lascar & all the officers at Court, as Cojee & waccanis dd it as belonging to the English, & that 'twas dd Publiquely, & its Contents Chôped, & the report of all People gave it out to be the Englishes & that M^r Sherer who was then at Court & saw it Opened acquainted him twas belonging to the English Nation & that he must receive it & Carry it to Vizagapatam, otherwise he should not have brot it, & y^e he never heard twas the Dutches till now, we acquainted him therewth, & y^e Gener^l report that it belonged to his Masters was the occasion of his Offence, that M^r Sherer had Seald up w^h his seal its Contents, w^h he Promised to advise off, & we now acquaint your Hon^r & c^a that we find M^r Sherer the Sole Actor & Contriver in this affairs as y^e Coppy's of his Lett^r sent us here inclosed for Your Hon^r & c^a y^e usall w^h will fully explaine the whole matter, in w^h we desire y^e directions & advice, the Chest being in our Goedown as rec^d with M^r Sherers Chops on the severall parcells where we design it shall remain till have your ord^r how to Proceed w^h it, being fearfull nay Confident if we should acquaint the Dutch w^h it, twould so disoblige the Seer Lascar as to impede our whole business, & if doe not make y^m acquainted w^h it, 'tis beyond our apprehensions to Conceive w^h y^e event may be, wherefore wholly rely on y^e Hon^r & c^a for advices & orders herein w^h shall be punctually observed as soon as rec^d we have writ to M^r Sherer of his being so busie in this affaire reprehending him for the same, & dd him a Protest for w^h damage shall accrue thereon, acquainting him wee should not meddle w^h the Chest but that it lies in our Goedowns, w^h his Chop, till we receive yo^r Hon^r & c^a order Concerning it, since it came to us, we have not heard one word Relating to it, & our Dutch neighbours firmly beleive it ours,

telling Mr Holmes an inhabitant of this Place who was sometime since wth them, that the Chest that was took up belonged to the English nation, neither is any here acquainted wth it more than our Dubash & Mulla y^t brot it

We also herewth inclose you our Lett^r to the Seer Lascar & Cojee Concerning the Chest, w^{ch} is all we ever writ about it, as also the Cheifs answer to M^r Sherers, that y^r Hon^r &c^a may fully understand the whole transaction of this affaire

We have now to the number of 150 Bales in our Goedownes, & could the washers rid the Clo from off their hands so fast as our Merch^{ts} bring it in, we should have a Considerable quantity more, our Merch^{ts} haveing brot us goods to a larger am^t than we have dd them money & more dayly Comeing in, so that they are extroardinⁿ [] pressing for the Compliance wth our Contract they now paying Intrest for money (w^{ch} in this Countrey runns high) towards the Compleating thereof on their Parts

We desire to know w^t we may allow for freight of Bales in case you should order us to send any on p^{ar}ticular shiping

We herewth send Yo^r Hon^r &c^a our Gener^l Books Lett^{rs} I & K w^{ch} hope will meet wth your approbation

The Seir Lascar sometime since writ to us for a Pass for his ship, w^{ch} he is goeing to send to Mergen w^{ch} we must desire yo^r Hon^r &c^a to furnish us wth as soon as Possible the ships name Pilot's &c^a as p^{ar} list Inclosed

Your Hon^{rs} &c^a of the 10th Ult^o we recd y^e 7th Curr^t wth the severall accompanying Packetts w^{ch} we have disposed of according to direction

We are provideing hemp towards y^e makeing a seane according to yo^r directions, & shall take care to have it finished wth the greatest expedition

We are in dayly expectation of y^r Hon^r &c^{as} answer to ours of the 24th Octo^r wherein we desired directions as to the washing of our Clo here, or sending of it to you Brown as it is, to be finished there, w^{ch} we hope may luckily arrive [ere] Cap^t Freke is dispatched from hence (whom we [hourly] expect his Excell^{cy} haveing advised us in his of the 6th Ultimo that he shortly designed him hither for our Bales) so as we may give due obedience thereto by him

We are in great hopes a supply of money may L[u]ckily arrive from his Excell^{cy} by Cap^t F[r]eke so as to serve our Occasions, w^{ch} at Present are very great, the Seir Lascar being come to Bimlepatam, where he hath been haudsomely entertaim'd by the Dutch, & tomorrow expect him here, & we have neither money nor Goods to present [] him & w^{ch} is worse none in this Beggerly Place to bee borrowed w^{ch} puts us to a nonplus, however we shall by one means or other endeavour to satisfie him & to gett a Cowle for the Curr^t Carrying on of our Business, w^{ch} the next shall advise you the event off

His Excell^{cy} in his of the 6 Ult^o ordered the Cheifs takeing his passage on Cap^t Freke in order to his goeing to the West Coast, but the Cheif has & is still so indisposed that he cannot comply therewth, w^{ch} we acquainted his Exc^{cy} wth the next day & waite his orders to w^t, wrote him thereon w^{ch} we thought fitt to advise yo^r Hon^r &c^a of & in the present needfull from,

P S

We here inclose our stewards acc^{ts} Curr^t for the month of Octo^r & Noyemb^r & our Consultations since our last to the 23^d Ult^o

Vizagapatam S H
Xber y^e 13th 1693 C B
S O

Your faithfull Humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHA BARWELL
SAMUEL OWEN

List of Ship & Pilots name belonging to the Seer Lascar
Sallammat Raw, Ships Name
Mactumnina, Pilot
Hossan Naga, Noqueda
Ladeing Viz^t
Butt^r Oyle, Salt, & Cloth

TO THE . HON^{ble} NATHAN^l HIGGINSON PRESID^t FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HON^{ble}
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^y & GOVERN^r OF FORT S^t GEORGE & CA COUNCILL
Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

We have had little occasion of Troubling your Hon^r & c^a wth anything relating to y^e Beng^l affaire, since the Commis^s Gener^{ls} arrivall wth us, [and] supplied that defect in all particulars relating thereto But now to our great Greif we are forc^d to acquaint y^r Hon^r & c^a of his death y^e 29th Ult^o & was buried the 4th Ins^t and Bengall truly this season has Proved very Epidemical, most People downe, the Agent has been long sick, & is yett not recovered.

We rec^d Your Hon^r & c^a Packets overland y^e 5th instant & doe herewith return that directed to y^e Commis^s Generall a Part as you ord^r, that to use we find to q^u as y^e list But the speedy departure of this ship (y^e wellfaire) occasions our not answering your Duplicates by the Saphire, & Tanker^d wth ship M^r Stanley advises is not arrived, who we have order^d (when she does) to Lade 34½ Tonns of Reddwood on the Sampson, being designed wth the Charles to depart shortly for the road

Herewith comes Coppy of the Commissary Gener^l last Lett^r to Yo^r Hon^r & c^a who has already advised of y^e arrivall of the Interloper w^h was y^e 1st Octob^r. in Ballasore road, the ship is named the Seymore burthen between 4 & 500 Tonns the Command^r name is Gifford M^r Pitts & c^a have been ashoar at Ballasore to Vissit the Govrn^r & Presented him very Considerably, from whom they ha[ve] rec^d great favours, & given out to the Merch^{ts} there, in Treasure & Goods upwards of a Lack of Rup^s as we have been advised by M^r Stanley & c^a, M^r Pitts & c^a made a great appearance there, wth Peons, state Horses & c^a attendance, & at goeing aboard Carried two Budggee flaggs before them, Upon Notice of his coming to Hugely, The Commissary Generall & c^a gave ordⁿ to Capt Dorrell & Cap^t Bromwell to seize the ship, men, & w^h Effects they could find in case they did not Produce authority [] these parts, who departed on the Sampson for s^d end (y^e Charles being before sent to Kedgree) Cap^t Dorrell has been on board & seen the Cap^t Commission, w^{ch} Proves no other than a Privatⁿ from the Admiralty Court to take french ships, & we are realy of oppinion (tho they boast of their Power & Authority) that That is all they have to show, the greatest Part of the men in both ships being down sick, they thought it most advisable not to attach the Interlopers ship in so weake a Condition, & they [] & In health, But rather to intercept M^r Pitts Coming on board from Ballasore, in w^{ch} attempt Cap^t Bromwell & M^r. John Dorrell wth a Party mett them ashoar but were frustrated, for the men seeing Pitts coming wth a Considerable number of English men & peons to Gaurd him, declared their Resolutions of not ingaging their Countreymen The ship on their Coming up has twice runn aground but were helpt off by Dutch Pilots (tho their Directors Promise was to the Contrary) the 5th ins^t she came to an anchor here (Piloted by Edward Hussey who deserted us & ran to them) & was saluted by Cap^t. Freke, & Hart, the Govern^r. of Hugly Budgrow carried M^r Pitt up the next day (when the ship departed, & we hear designes to anchor short of Hugley) the Govern^r very much encourages his Proceedings, thro the expectations of PisCashes, & bribes, and we can't foresee a bett^r way to obstruct them than by launching out in like manner, w^{ch} we leave to Your Hon^r & c^a better Judgm^t, as in all other matters relating to them, & we desire & relie on your Positive orders, & directions, In the meantime [shall] to our utmost diligence & skill [] their Prejudice

We find that Cap^t Clark decers d will have Credit upwards of 6,000 Rup^s w^{ch} summ we cannot supply you wth our Cash being soe low, the exact amount of his Credit, we shall advise, at the Close of this years Books, & desire it may be payd for his families use accordingly

Our designes are of sending both the Charles & Sampson home in Comp^y w^{ch} we don't at all doubt to Effect If the Goods from the factories (& our owne Investm^t here) arrives in any time, but if the Contrary we shall not deta [ain] the Sampson Longer than the 25th instant, that she may in all Probability save

her Passage from the Fort Inclosed comes Coppy of M^r Eyres &c^{aa} Last Lett^r by w^{ch} Y^r Hon^r &c^a will p^rceive how the case stands at Court Notwithstanding we shall use our Endeavours to have the Goods brot downe under the Armenians or Moors names, tho it will be Chargeable.

The two French ships lye below in the River ready laden to depart for France, but the Dutch have [three] w^{ch} wait in the Channel, ready to attend their motion, and resolve to engage & ruin them if Possible

We have put in execution the warrant to attach M^r Elihu Yales Effects, hearing that one half of a ship at Hugly is his, that came here und^r Portagueze Collours Cap^t, Stock Command^r therefore desire Your Hon^r &c^{aa} further orders about the same

At this Juncture we think it of absolute necessity to Present the Nabob & Duan of Dacca wth y^e few [that] we have by us, & w^t we can Provide here, who should have had it from us, 12 m^o ago. especially now, to anticipate the Interlopers, since they designe it shortly

The Eleven Bales of broad Cloth that came on y^e Sampson for the Armenians [] & the business made an end of, Coppy of the Invoice Y^r Hon^r &c^a desire comes herewth

We have been solicited lately for Passes for the Moors snips, but in regard the Governm^t does show the Interlopers so much Countenance & favour, we thought it absolutely necessary to deny the same, till we receive bett^r satisfaction from Dacca than we have hitherto done w^{ch} we hope will meet wth Yo^r Hon^r &c^a approbation

Cap^t Freke is taking in his lading with all Possible speed, whom we shall dispatch to yo^r Hon^r &c^a in a short time

By the next Vessell to the fort we shall send the sealing wax orderd, w^{ch} wth our due respects Concludes the p^rsent needfull from.

Chutanutte
y 9th of Decembe^r 93

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a
Your Most Humble Servants
FRANCIS ELLIS
ROBERT DORRILL
JOHN BEARD

To HIS EXCELL^{cy} S^r JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^t COMMISS^{ry} GENER^{ll},
THE HON^{ble} NATHAN^{ll} HIGGINSON ESQ^{re} PRESID^t &c^a
COUNCILL OF FORT S^r. GEORGE

May it Please Your Excell^{cy} &c^a

This day M^r Wilson gave me a Protest about Cap^t Phrips Pepp^r but not till the ship was ready to saile, had he delivered it before it might have been fairly debated or answered, but he hath been heard to say he would not give it till the ship was ready to saile, because I should not have time to answe^r it

In the month of August we rec^d a Gener^{ll} from [P]ryamong that [] deal of Pepp^r upon [] we writ a Generall signed by us all wherein we gave Cap^t Phrip an acc^t of w^t advise we had rec^d from [P]ryamong & writ to [P]ryamong to assist him wth seaventy Bahar of that [Place] w^{ch} makes about ninety of this Place, & after the Northampton had been there severall days, and finding there was no Pepp^r to be had, return'd hither, requesting our Promised quantity but seeing M^r Wilson opposeing it, writ a Lett^r to me Coppy of w^{ch} comes inclosed for your Excell^{cy} &c^{aa} p^r usall, that you may the bett^r Judge betwixt us in this matter & for w^t he alleadgeth, that we cannot gett any quantity of Pepp^r he knows more is to be had than we have money to pay for

Your Excell^{cy} &c^a may be Pleased to observe Cap^t Phrip hath obliged himselfe to lett the Hon^{ble} Comp^a have his Pepp^r, if your Excell^{cy} &c^a thinks he doth not deserve it, w^{ch} being the needfull at Present crave leave to subscribe,

York Fort
y^e. 17th 8^{ber} 1693

Yo^r Excell^{cy} &c^a
Most Obedient Hum^{ble} Servant
CHARLES FLEETWOOD

TRANSLATE OF A LETT^r REC^d FROM JOHANNES PO[T][U]LIET PHISICIAN TO
PRINCE ARRUM TARRA.

Please to understand I have discourst wth the Kings Officers about a Phirmaund for Chinapatam & the Ground thereunto belonging, therefore I wrote [] to yo^r Hon^r that those writeings w^{ch} were granted [] by the King of Gulcondah gett Coppyed and send to me, then shall understand how much money yo^r Hon^r gave that King in Piscash & rent how much ground & how many Town's were granted to the English, accordingly Ill see to gett such a Phirmaund as the Dutch had, besides [] a Lett^r of Attorney as useall, Likewise Please to send unto me one of yo^r People, Please to send me two Christiall Glasses for a lanthorn of good worke, such as Doctor Brown had sent him, my master has great occasion for them, now I have sent Bill of Exchange to Cojee Gregorie, Please to take care to buy me Shiraz wine, I have noe need to write Large Rec^d 4 Jan^r 9³

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JOHANNES PO[TU]LIET

TO THE HON^{ble} THE GOVERN^r

In the first Place I shall greatly rejoyce that these may arrive your hands, being accompanied wth all perfect health & Prosperity I can wish for, to Vouchsafe me many favours, I have desired very much to have an oppertunity to approach Yo^r Hon^r Presence by writeing, offering my p^{er}son to your service.

By the Pattamaris I sent to Surrat about my affaires, the English gentlemen there, on their return have remitted me a Pacquet of Lett^r Directed to Your Hon^r w^{ch} goes this express Peon, Please to receive it & Hon^r me wth the advice of its receipt, & if anything more of y^r Hon^r service offers in these parts, I am ready at yo^r orders as yo^r Hon^r much obliged servant, & whereas nothing [now] offers, God keeps y^r Hon^r Person wth all desireable felicity to doe me many favours, this 5 of Novemb^r 1693

The Least of Y^r Hon^r Servants
A^r DE WILLE

TRANSLATE

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHAN^l HIGGINSON ESQ^r
PRESID^t & GOVERN^r OF FORT S^t GEORGE AND
CITY OF MADRASS & C^a COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

We rec^d Yo^r Hon^r & c^a of the 28th Ult^o, & are heartily sorry to hear of the Death of his Excell^{cy} the Commissary Generall in Bengall, w^{ch} is sad news [] many Considerations, our R^t Hon^{ble} Masters have [] a person of Extrouinary Good Quallifications [] Place where his inspection and orders was very neces[sary] for Carrying on their Interest, Especially at this time [] maliciously struck at, by the Base Practices of the Interlopers, But since the almighty has p^{er}mitted this [] loss, we desire carefully to observe Yo^r Hon^r & c^a Comma[nds] in being more industrious to Promote the Interest of [our] Masters whilst other would ruin it, & in that the Eng [] trade in India, w^{ch} is soe base a thing that we desire [] abhor the thoughts of it, our Duty as Servant is to be faithfull in the trust reposed in us, & we look upon [] that Correspond or are otherwise aiding or assisting the Interlopers either directly or indirectly to be [] of the highest Breach of trust to our Masters, and Consiquently to our Nation, wherefore We shall frustrate & disapoint said interlopers in their evill designs to our utmost Power

We shall take two of the Brass Rabbon[etts] belonging to the Maddapollam as you are Pleased to order, she is now ready to take in a Lading & we fear

shall hardly have any other conveyance to send up [] Bales, wherefore intreat your Hon^r &c^a would speedily send your Ord^{rs} therein.

The 3rd Instant arriv'd the S^t Joseph from Manila Burthen about 500 Tons, [] two years since, he spok wth Mounseir Martine in Mallacca Road who told him that the Generall of Batavia had ordered him to be sent to Bengall & his liberty given him there

The Dutch had six ship[s] from Japan y^e year, two gon to Batavia & 4 were in Mallacca, two of w^{ch} are designed for Celone & from thence to Persia one for the Bay & the other for this Coast being what offers from

Fort S^t David
Jan^{ry} 1693/4

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a
Yo^r Most Hum^{ble} Servants .
W^m HATSELL
JN^o HAYNES
EDM^d MOUNTAGUE
THOM^s CONSTABLE
Z TROUGHTON

M^r INGRAM [SICK]
THOMAS JORDAN SECR^{ty}

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON ESQ^r
PRESID^t & GOVERN^r & C^A COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a

Our Last to Yo^r Hon^r &c^a was on the 13th Ult^o & on the 15th the Seer Lascar gave us a Vissit, our accompanying Consultation will give Your Hon^r &c^a a p^ticular acc^t of our negotiation wth him, w^{ch} we hope [] meet with yo^r Hon^r &c^{as} approbation we haveing been as frugall as Possible in our Presents, & thô we could prevaile wth him for the Cowle we so pressingly ins [] on, yett he granted all the Roccas we desired for y^e Carry- ing on our affairs, & gave us such large [assurance] of his fiendship & readiness to assist us, that if [] can be any faith built upon the Promises of [] we have no reason to doubt but []

(Pages 181-183 are too fragmentary to be reconstructed)

ADDENDA

[*India Office transcript Factory Records, Fort St George, Vol V*]

Page 12 — For the last 13 lines of this page substitute the following —

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHANIELL HIGGINSON ESQ^r.
GOVERN^r FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON^{ble} ENGLISH COMP^a
ON THE COAST OF CORMANDELL & C^a, RESID^t AT MADRASS

Hon^{ble}, high, Valient, very wise, discerning, & Generous S^r

I lately advised yo^r Hon^r (by Docter Browns wife) of y^e Princes order, & now it will be brought your Hon^r in Company of this, by the two Iasoobs, you may Please to receive it as Kingly, & Princely orders are accepted of, the answer thereof and Yo^r Hon^r pretentions at this court for the advantage the Comp^a you may please to advise, if yo^r Hon^r thinks fit to imploy me herewith, with the presentation of my service conclude, & Remain at all Commands

Your Hon^r Servant
JOHANNES POTULIET

From his Highness Azem Tarras Camp
near Gronekunda the 4th July S N 1693
Translated by E Dutton

Page 14, line 8 of the last letter on that page — For “except last sloop” read “except Mollims last sloop”

Page 15, line 19 — For “if Assid Caun and Zulfaker Caun” read “if Assid Caun and Zulfaker Caun be out, Allimurdi Cawn may come in play againe”

Page 17 — For lines 35—41 substitute the following —

“One Bearjehas made Complaint to me, that his Brother before his Death did deliver up to Johur Mull, an Inhabitant of Conjeveram, 400 Pag^d and 100 Rupes worth of goods, and after his Death his Brother laid his Claime to it, now this Johur Mull a Merchant has left Conjeveram, and now lives in Chinap^d and has often put off Bearjes Brother from time to time to delay the paym^t therefore I write you this that you may make an end of it according to justice, if you cannot make an end of it there then send them both up to me Dated the 5th day of the month Hiovall in the 36 year of the Kings Reign rec^d the 12 July 1693”

Page 19, line 14 — For [“Manuscript pages 41—44 are missing”] substitute the following —

The six Measures you mentioned shall be sent hither are not yett arrived
We waite yo^r Exc^s & C^{ts} orders concerning what fine shall be laid upon Rama Linga & Mutta Chitte, Inclosed is 5 new fan^t being taken out indifferently of a parcell lat ly Comed by our Minters, which we send to be Essayed that

[you] may be satisfied they are of their due Matt 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ Noe Merchants as yett bring any Gold to coyn of this new stamp but we hear they begin to be in some Esteeme in y^e Country & hope in time may coin considerable of them when People in generall are fully satisfied of their real goodness

His Exc^{ty} haveing order'd o^r sending up a Coppy of Cowle granted y^e Farmers of Tobacco, Gangee, and Beetle leafe, we herewith inclose it, those of them that are here are very desirous y^t Eram Rause may speedily come here to settle y^t affair

When his Exc^{ty} was here severall Persons who had been robbed within our bounds, (& not rec^d Satisfaction from our Ocklenague) complained thereof and y^e Ocklenague was order'd to Make Satisfaction, but on Munday Night last the Ocklenague & all his People left their habitations he is gon to a Polligar on y^e other side Collaroon river who is related to him, we have taken in 47 Peons to watch Cuddalore, & Tegnapatam and taken all y^e Talliars Dutyes in these Townes into y^e Comp^{ss} hands out of which these Dutyes are to be paid, & Cap^t Mocodum Nino receive their Revenues in y^e Villages with w^{ch} he payes Peones to watch y^m there being two Peddanagues now in Madrass (who we hear are rich men) we hope one may be perswaded to come hither, and undertake y^e Charge of watchman here, the revenue at Present is but small but if a Person comes y^o Ingenious & dilligent he may probably increase it by procureing y^e Watching Dutyes wth out our bounds

Wee have this day Passed a Bill upon yo^r Exc^{ty} &c^a for 300 Pag^{ds} payable to y^e Hon^{ble} Nathanⁿ Higginson, Vallue rec^d here into y^e R^{ty} Hon^{ble} Comp^{ss} Cash, we hope you'l please to send us more money by all fit oppertunitys to carry on our new Investment of 20000 Pag^{ds} since y^e 8000 Pag^{ds} came, we have paid y^e Merchants 2100 Pag^{ds} to Compleat y^e old investment, & 3000 Pag^{ds} upon y^e new

Inclosed is an Invoyce & Bill of Lading of 30 Bales shipped on board y^e Thomas & Sarah Briganteen for Acc^t of y^e R^{ty} Hon^{ble} Comp^a w^{ch} is all y^t is ready at present Am^o to Pag^{ds} 1690 19 2

Ensigne Reay haveing some business Extraordinary in Madrass desires leave to come thither and he will returne to his Post in a short time

There being a constant use of some Rosewater we desire yo^r Exc^{ty} &c^a to send us two Chests

When his Exc^{ty} was here Mr. Constable desired leave to goe to Madrass w^{ch} was granted, and y^e Land Customes being settled he is y^e bearer hereof being w^t offers from

Your Exc^{ty} &c^{ss} Most Humble Servants,

W^m HATSELL
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^o MOUNTAGCE
THOM^o CONSTABLE
Z TROUGHTON

Fort St David, 22 July 1693

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS S^r JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^{ty}

SUPER-VISOR & COMMISSARY GENERALL FOR Y^e HON^{ble}

ENGLISH COMP^a IN EAST INDIA, & Y^e REST OF THE

GENTLEMEN OF Y^e COUNCILL

Most Illustrious S^r & Gentlemen,

Whereas the Sloop Quintus belonging to y^e Royall & Respected Comp^a goes now to Madrass about y^e Royall & Respected Comp^{ss} affairs, we had not a better oppertunity of sending y^e Lead belonging to Cap^t Freake, w^{ch} we now doe unto Your Exc^{ty} &c^a for Acc^t & Risgo, of said Cap^t Freake, according to your request w^{ch} are 120 Peices of Lead, & upon delivery thereof to Yo^r Exc^{ty} &c^a I desire you would be pleased to send me a discharge for y^e Receipt there-

of, & y^e remainder shall goe by first oppertunity y^e offers, so wth y^e offer of my service to your Exc^{ty} &c^a God preserve you wth all prosperity desireable &c^a

Your Exc^{ty} &c^a
very Affectionate Freind
and humble Servant,

Fort Danesburgh y^e 21st July 1693
Translated per E Dutton

C Poves.

TRANSLATE OF A PERWANNA FROM NABOB CASSIM CAUN To y^e CAP^t OF y^e
ENGLISH

Docter Samuel Brown has all this while been at my Camp & has wrought many good cures here—lately I have given him leave to goe to Madrass, by the grace of God I intend wth my Army to come to those parts, & March over y^e Gout, you may remain wth a Contended heart & often Acquaint me of your good health w^{ch} you must be sure to doe

Dated y^e 27th June & in y^e 37 yeare of y^e Kings Reigne

Rec^d y^e 27th July 1693

TO THE HON^{ble} S^r JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH K^{ty}
COMMISSARY GENERALL & CHEIFE GOV^r FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE R^{ty} HON^{ble} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^a IN INDIA &
PRESIDENT & C^a COUNCILL AT FORT ST GEORGE

Hon^{ble} &c^a S^r

Our last to yo^r Hon^{ty} &c^a was by a Pattamar dated y^e 3^d Aprill which advis'd of y^e Generall Stop was put to trade Coppy of w^{ch} together wth w^t has written since to & from Dacca we herewth send for yo^r Hon^{ty} &c^a perusal & y^e Reason why we noe sooner dispatched y^e advice of y^e French shipp's arrivall here w^{ch} tooke Cap^t Freake was because we would willingly have had a Coppy of y^e Nabobs & Duans Letter to y^e King concerning our affairs in w^{ch} time we hope likewise to have had something from yo^r. Hon^{ty} &c^a since we imagined y^e News of y^e Generall Stop was sooner with you than us S^d French ship arrived at Kedgree about y^e 11 of Aprill in bad weather with y^e loss of her Cables & Anchors her running aground in s^d River has made her very Hog-backt, she had all necessary helps sent her from y^e French Factory, and past by y^e place y^e 1st May, y^e other three are gone for Europe partly laden with Pepper from Surratt and Saltpetre which they bought from y^e Portuguese

Notwithstanding y^e generall stop we have liberty for y^e Mintage of Money And therefore have sent what we had to Rajamaule, our Dusticks not being Vallued on any other Aco^t, and did not thinke Convenient to use such Methods as Y^e Dutch have done, which is to give large bribes for y^e clearing some parcells of their goods, unless y^e stop continues so long y^e necessity requires it y^e timely dispatch of y^e Charles

M^r Peachie is not yett arrivd but is withdrawn to Muckdampore to make an end of his business, And tho^{tho} he cann t but be sensible under what ill Circumstances he has been under by his former ill managem^t of Affairs, yett y^e last investment of permissive goods has by many degrees exceeded any of his former frauds as we find by y^e examination of his goods, and their Valluation by Severall Merchants

Our Missing 6000^{ms} of Petre which we contracted for at Pattana, by reason of y^e Nabobs extorting 8 annies on a Maund (as we formerly advised) is y^e occasion y^e we have bought 1000 Maunds here at 2nd 11th per maund buzaz weight

The Dilligence Briganteen arrived here y^e 7th instant by whom received severall Chests of Treasure on y^e Permissive Acc^t w^{ch} we hope will be invested in good time for we have made contracts wth Muttradass to buy goods wth his owne money, & bring them to us

Page 24 — For the last 13 lines substitute the following —

“ The 10 instant we advised your Hon^r & c^a that Govern^r Pitt was in sight with his fleet, that evening he came on shoar to their ffactory at Tegnapatam, and immediately sent his son-in-law, Sen^r De Better, and Sen^r Raap to y^e Dep^{ty} Govern^r to acquaint us that Govern^r Pitt was come with a design to goe against Pullicherry, and desired that they might land their Souldiers here, we told y^m that as y^e French were our Common Enemy, we were ready to assist as occasion required yesterday they landed 1330 men Viz^t,

Europeans	850
Buggesses	350
Topasses	130

1330

1200 of which marched towards Pullicherry yesterday night y^e rest went this night about 10 a clock accompanying Gov^r Pitt over land, we hear y^e Fleet is to sail for Pullicherry Road this night

Page 25 — For the last five lines read—

“ On the chiefs arrivall, here was one of the Seir Lascars Maldars who brôt a rocca commanding M^r Barwells immediate repair to Chiccacull, which the Cheife dispatcht with an answer but as yet haveing had no reply thereto cannot give you any acco^t in what manner we may be able to satisfie his avaricious humour, but assure your Excell^{cy} of our most frugall and sedulous endeavours therein as well as in all other affairs ”

Page 28, line 18 — For “ [Four pages in original lost here] ” substitute the following ” —

be put to the Second if it will reach it, if not to the Third, and if not so good as the third, to be thrown out and refused

5^{thly} It is further agreed by and with the said Budde Narran & c^a Merchants that the Cheif & Councill that are now or hereafter may be, shall be the only Judges of the goodness of said cloth, and that the said Budde Narran & Comp^a shall stand to and be contented with their sortments and the prices and abatement aforementioned, for Confirmation whereof we the said Simon Holcombe Cheife & c^a Councill have caused two of these Instruments to be made, signed, sealed, and Interchangeably given one by us to them, and the other by them to us, this Twenty Seventh day of July in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and ninety-three

FORT ST DAVID 18th AUGUST 1693

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATHANIELL HIGGINSON ESQ^R

PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R OF FORT ST GEORGE &

CITY OF MADRASS & c^a COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

Our last was of the 12th Instant when adviced your Hon^r & c^a that Governor Pitt marched y^t night towards Pullicherry the Body of their Army marched about 3 hours before him, the 13th in the morning he with his forces was on this side Pullicherry River and that day passed it about 3 miles up in the country wide of Pullicherry The 14th they moved to the Northward of Pullicherry near the sea

side about the same distance, but in the night marched nearer to y^r Enimies Fort, and since that have taken all Oppertunities in appraoching nearer, that about 400 men are now within 210 Roods of the Fort near the sea side where there are severall Sand Hills, many of their men are covered by them, upon one of those hills they have raised a Battery in which they have used a great number of Palmeiras, their Main Body is behind within Musquet shot of their Front, which is Incamped likewise under some Sand Hills, and they have Placed 3 or 4 Rows of Palmeiras to keep off the French shott, we hear y^r they have very considerable quantities of half Palmeiras in their ships

We are advised that the 17th in the morning the Dutch had landed about 20 Cannon which lay by the water side and were landing more, the report is they design to raise four Batterys and to mount 12 Gunns on each to carry about 18℔ (sic) shott We likewise hear they have 4 Morter Peices w^{ch} carry a very large shell, they have a good quantity of them and depend much upon their Service

We should have formerly advised that upon Govern^r Pitts Landing at their Factory at Tegnapatam we sent Messrs Haynes and Mountague to Complement him upon his arrivall, he confirmed to them what advised your Hon^r &c^r the 10th instant, that the Dutch had given orders out of Europe for the takeing Pullicherry either with or without leave of the Prince of the Country that he had received the same from Batavia to attempt it wth all imaginable expedition, and if they could not take the Place before the Raines sett in, the Seige was to continue and the ships to harbour in Trinquemahe in the Monsoon and to return again to Pullicherry soe soon as twas over

We doe not hear the Dutch have above 1000 European Soldiers, 500 Buggeses & Topasses tho tis Possible they have no more than what was landed here which was something less as advised in our last, but they give out are able to land out of their Fleet 500 Sailors if occasion requires

The 13th in the morning early upon the approach of the Dutch forces the French burned & leveled all the Houses about the Fort, and we hear of none standing, except some few Mucquaa houses near the water side where is a great helge, the Dutch are behind said hedge and houses, the 15th instant being St Lewis his day the French fired 31 gunns early in the morning but no shot, tho the Dutch was then within shot, we have certaine advice that they have not fired one shot since the Dutch came, which seems strange, since they are so near the Fort, and tis said they have 16000 Iron Shot and a great number of stone shot, we are informed the French have 5000 fowles, 3000 sheep w^{ch} they feed upon Paddy haveing great store thereof, and 600 Beeves salted besides a great number of hoggs

We are informed that Govern^r Pitt about Munday last and once since sent to Monsieur Martine to surrender their Fort w^{ch} might prevent the shedding of much Blood, but he returned at both times the same answer, that he was there to defend it for his Kings Glory and their owne honour which he was resolved to do to y^r last drop of Blood

We suppose it is a very great incouragement to the Dutch that the walls of Pullicherry Fort are very slight most part built with Clay & Brick they were long since crackt in severall places, which the Dutch had the knowledge of, Govern^r Pitt did apply him-selfe to Rama Raja for his concent and assistance in takeing Pullicherry Fort & offered we heard a considerable somm of money but came to noe conclusion upon it, because the French had sent a European who made offers on their side, but they likewise came to noe conclusion, Rama Raja observeing that the Dutch were come with a considerable force, tho they had not his concent and supposing they might be the prevailing Party, thought convenient to make use of the oppertunity of getting wth money he could, & yesterday came Letters from him to Govern^r Pitt wth Propositions as tis said to send down 500 horse to his assistance if he payd down 8000 Pag^d we hope to have a more full acc^t. thereof and shall advise accordingly

This night our Spies from the Dutch camp advice that 150 Rashboots who came from the Northward went into Pullicherry Fort this morning, they likewise signifie that 12 Gunns and two Morter peices was landed this day

We have permitted Ensign Reay to goe to Madrass according to your Hon^r: &c^{ts} order, he went away in such hast in the Danes sloop that had not time to write by him, we hope you will send him down speedily because his service will be wanted at Cuddalore this being w^t offers from

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a
Yo^r Most Humble Servants,
W^m HATSELL
Jⁿ^o HAYNES
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^d MOUNTAGUR,
Z TROUGHTON

FORT S^t DAVID, 25th AUG 1693.

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHANIELL HIGGINSON ESQ^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^r OF FORT S^t GEORGE
AND CITY OF MADRASS &c^a COUNCIL

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a

Since our last of the 18th instant we have rec^d 3 from your Hon^r &c^a: viz^t. the 16th 21st 22^d and shall Creditte acco^t Curr^t for Pag^{ts} 3000 w^{ch}: came safe, said sum we pay to our Merchants to morrow

We take due observation of your orders relateing to silver fannams, and shall encourage their passing as much as Possible, because of the great Proffitt that accrews to the Comp^a thereby, we beleive tis not Probable that silver fannams tho coined double will pass in these parts as Gold hath done, since it hath been a Custome in the Chingee Country for Persons to keep their Estates in Gold fannams and we cannot suppose they will alter it

Page 29 — For line 15 read—

“ Play from Day Break till about 10 of the Clock and in the afterno on from about 4 till night, we have a certain Acct that Mounsieur De La Coame one of the French Kings commanders is killed ”

Page 30, line 24 — For the words “about a line torn” read “goes upon y^e: said sloop on her second returne, advice whereof”

Page 31 — For line 2 read—

“veniences that may arrise from the affinity of the watchmen before advised of, and hope there may rather be a conveniency in it, for it will be an ”

Page 31 — For line 27 read—

“for the Comp^a is not obliged to make good w^t is lost Haveing given Yo^r Hon^r &c^a as particular an Acco^t of this affaire as we can, intreat yo^r orders what shall doe in it”.

Page 31 — In line 14, for the words "about two lines torn" substitute "for Batavia we cannot understand w^t the articles of agreement"

Page 32, line 23 — For "[ten pages in original missing here]" substitute the following —

I waited on him to know his pleasure, he told me he designed to take a Vomitt without his wifes knowledge, but since it happen'd that she was present, twas all one, for he was opprest with a great heaviness in his stomach, sower belchings, and want of appetite, but he was mostly concern'd because that whatever he eat seemed to have little or no relish w^{ch} he said had never happen'd to him all the time of his being in India before, for these reasons, and his being troubled with a hung [^{sic}] to vomitt, I consented to give him one which I did on Fryday the 25th August about 7 in the morning, twas four graines of Emetick Tartar, 'tworckt in a quarter of an hour which he said was much sooner then such Physick used to do wth him, but had done its operation as we thought by nine the same morning, so desired me to go home, he went upstairs to sleep, but that night when I came to see him he told me he had some motions with his Physick after I went away, but by 11 a Clock that forenoon its operation was quite over, he added that one night at Judge Dolben Chamber M^r Afflack sent for some white Powder and gave him a Paper of it w^{ch} he said did his stomach good for its sowness & that it seemed to be Pearl or some such thing bidding me send him some like it, & the same bitter Drink which he had often taken before with success, on Sunday the 27 August I took two cakes & a half of Pearl and when twas ground I put in a paper and sent it with a bottle of bitter Drink to M^r Wheeler by my servant, this was at about 2 in the afternoon, & he being asleep his servant put it up till he wakt, on Monday morning about 5 a Clock he took a small wine Glass of the bitter Drink, and as much of the Powder of Pearl as would lye on a Rupee, but about 2 hours after he found himselfe ill, and began to Vomitt, so sent for me when I came I was surprized to see him vomitting wth a Bason full of the yellow stuff before him, he told me he had vomitted twice as much of the same Humour & that twas very bitter for the most part yett sometimes some sower trace would come up to, he added that he beleived the Bitter Drink to strong, upon w^{ch} I drank a Glass of double the quantitie of w^t he took, and would have taken the Pearl to but he would not tell me where twas, but his vomitting continuing I conclud'd the Pearl had been ground in the same mortar not washed where some days before I had had Arsnick beaten for Peter Toris Cancer & therefore immediately sent for M^r Bulkley & Communicated my thoughts to him so we concluded to give him Oyle Olive to hinder further Corrosion & salt of Tartar in broth to sheath the Poynts of the Arsnick while we were getting this ready some of his servants w^{ch} heard w^t I said to M^r Bulkley were whispering Poyson, w^{ch} as soon as M^r Wheeler heard he was struck wth so much terror that he fainted away almost, but coming to himselfe a little he cryed Death had seized one of his leggs & soon after expired, I think twas then past 10 a Clock but cannot justly tell but beleiving that the Pearl being beat in the Arsnick mortar did so distract me I could not rightly consider of anything & in the midst of that fitt of grief writt that note to your Hon^r desireing not to survive my Freind whose sudden Dearth I then thought my fatall carelessness had procured but afterwards examining the matter twas testified by Doctor Bulkleys Prentice the Hospitall Coolleys, my own servants, that the white stone Morter in w^{ch} the Arsnick was beat was not at my House all that day in w^{ch} the Pearl was ground for M^r Wheeler which did a little compose my mynd so that I enquired of M^r Bulkley who opened the deceased how he found his Viscera who told me that neither his stomach nor gutts were Corroded, and much about the same time the French Padre Friu Michaell came to me and told that a Woman of a very healthy constitution dyed the same day M^r Wheeler did of vomitting she was taken ill at 10 in the morning and dyed the same day about noon without taking any sort of Physick, this report being confirmed by many evidences who alsoe instanced two more who dyed about the same time y^t is to say a day or two

after, these things put together when my distraction was a little over made me consider y^t M^r Wheeler complained of little or no paine, when I first came and no drought all along, so that twas possible he might dye a sudden death, and his Physick not procure it, which yesterday I was Thoroughly convinct of by giving $\frac{3}{4}$ of the remaining Powder of Pearl (w^{ch} M^r Wheeler tooke some off) to a little dogg w^{ch} though twas about 3 times so much as M^r Wheeler took yet it had no operation on the Dogg who is now alive and well, but indeed thô this experiment together with that on myself wth y^e. bitter Drink & the foregoing circumstances has quite cleared all my scruples yett it leaves so lively a sence of the Almighty correcting my Follies by this lamentable accident that I shall for the future assiduously labour for Gods Blessing on my sincere endeavours to be more diligent & cautious in my Business as to the other & y^e world

Hon^{ble} S^r Your obedient humble Servant

SAMUELL BROWNE

As soon as M^r Wheeler dyed D^r Brown wrote a note to the President that he had murdered M^r Wheeler by giving him Arsnick, whereupon he was examined and upon his own Confession brought to a tryall, but discharged by the Grand Jury so that the particular circumstances were not examined in Court but upon the best enquiry that we have made since, and upon the report of those who saw M^r Wheelers Body opened we doe not find any reason to contradict any point of the Doctors Narrative, or to suspect that he had any designe to doe M^r. Wheelers Mischeif, between whom there was an intamate freindship

Fort St George
the 4th Sept^r 1693

NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON ESQ^r

Gov^r OF FORT S^r GEORGE FOR THE ROYALL ENGLISH

COMP^a & THE GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCILL IN MADRASS

Hon^{ble} S^r and Gentlemen,

Your Hon^{rs} very much esteemed Letter of y^e 19th instant was delivered us, by which we are advised that Yo^r Hon^r &c^a have rec^d the rest of the 230 peices of Lead by sloop Quintus, so that there is an end of that business

As concerning Cap^t Samuell Williams, who according to your Hon^{rs} Letter, absented himself from them with a sum of money to Pudicherry, intending from thence to come hither and to go from hence by shipping to Europe, he is not yett arrived, but when he does your Hon^r &c^a may be well assured, we shall not be wanting of giving you advice, for we are resolved to carry noe strangers on our ships, unless it appears in writing they have Leave from their Superiors and when he shall arrive, we shall doe by him as we advise yo^r Hon^r &c^a, herewith we conclude wishing you all prosperity whose persons God keep &c^a

Yo^r Hon^r &c^a

Very affectionate Freinds & Servants,

C POTCE

E FENSEN,

CLAUS VOGHT

Fort Dansburgh y^e 30th August 1693
Translate

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON ESQ^r

Gov^r FOR THE HON^{BLE} ENGLISH COMP^a AT MADRASS

Hon^{ble} S^r

Tis not unknown to yo^r Hon^r that we wth our Militia were landed at Tegnapatam, and immediately Marcht towards the French Fort Pudicherry, to

take the same from the Enemy, upon w^{ch} by Gods Blessing such success did follow, that yesterday we got the said Fort in our Power, news whereof we think convenient to participate to your Hon^r as being likewise interested therein, according to the near Alliance w^{ch} is held in Europe by our Soveraiges on both sides against the common Enemy the French wth great cordiality, God Almighty prosper our Armes more & more against the said Enemy, and keep yo^r Hon^r in his Holy Protection, in the mean while with the presentation of my Service remain,

Hon^{ble} S^r
Your Hon^r Humble Servant,
LAURANCE PITT

In Pudicherry just without our Castle,
10 Sep^r 1693

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOV^r OF FORT ST GEORGE AND
CITY OF MADRASS & C^a COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

Our last was of the 29th instant, this day brought yours of the 23th we shall take what care we can to give a more particular Acc^t of the fannams, and observe your Hon^r & c^a order relateing to the melting downe some of our late fan^r and advise thereof as soon as possible

Yesterday in the afternoon we are informed that Govern^r Pitt took possession of Pullicherry Fort, and tis said 150 European Soldiers March'd out wth their Armes, w^{ch} they left at the waterside and then were sent on board ship

Our Gunner did observe when last at the Castle that the Dutch had about 1000 shells for Morter peices from about 7 inches to 13 that they had a great quantity of spare wheels for feild carriages and all sorts of Europe stores and necessarys whatsoever proper for a Seige they had 26 brass Gunns mounted, but the Gunner thinks they did not ply directly upon the Fort above 5 large Gunns 18C many times when they fired singly they put it two shot and they often fired all 5 at once against the wall, but we doe not hear that much of it is fallen, only a part of one point

M^r Haynes & M^r Mountague goe to morrow morning and when can understand the tearmes the Dutch have made wth the French and wth Rama Raja shall advise

Sen^r Joan Ferreara hath sent for Padre Paulo de Soa's grant, when it comes to our hands shall forward it to yo^r Hon^r & c^a wth expedition this being what offers from

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a
Your most Humble Servants
W^m HATSELL.
JN^o HAYNES
FDM^p MOUNTAGUE
THOMAS CONSTABLE.

Messrs Ingram and Troughton at Coddalore
Thomas Jordan Secret^y

FORT ST DAVID, 2^d SEPT^r 1693

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^r OF FORT ST GEORGE
AND CITY OF MADRASS AND COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

We have sent for all the Shroffs w^{ch} brought the severall sorts of fannams to his Excellency, who say the first Coynage or Stamp ended in March 169⁰₁ whereof was Coined 63160 Chuckrums, the Second ended in March 169¹₂

Coined 57317 Chuckrums, the third & fourth was Coyned in July 1692 being 1220 Chuckrums, what was good of the 1220 they call the third stamp, and the bad which turns to ashes they call the fourth stamp, our Mint Master has perused all the Acco^{ts} that he has of coinage, and knows of noe other then three stamps mentioned above, but we all remember that when the cheat was discovered, the most that we ever heard that were Coyned very bad was 130 Chuckrums of the 1220 for it is most certain that a great part of the 1220 Chuckrums was about 4 Matt as was proved by 10 fannams of them sent to Madrass the 12 July 1692 which being Essayed there held out 4 Matt as by a Generall from thence dated the first August 1692 after which we gave publique Notice by Beat of Drum that all Persons who had any of those bad fan^s should bring them in to M^r. Constable who was ordered to change y^m, but all that were brought in did not amount to above 18 Chuckrums what became of the rest we know not

According to yo^r Hon^r &c^{ts} order the Mint Master Mint Braminy and Shroffs melted down twenty fan^s last Coyned by our new Minters which have devided in half some of w^{ch} comes herowth sealed by the Mint Master and Mint Braminy the other have sealed up and shall be Essayed on Munday Morning when the Essay is made shall advise thereof

Yesterday Morning Messrs Haynes & Mountague proceeded to Pullcherry where they were Courteously entertained by Govern^r Pitt, after their departure from hence the Dep^y Gov^r received a letter from him Coppy whereof wth the Answer thereto comes inclosed we cannot as yett learne wth y^e particulars of the Capitulations were more than formerly advised, only that about 12 Frenchmen who are married to Mustees were dismissed by Gov^r Pitt to goe where they pleased, most of their wives being at Cuddalore they are come thither & y^e director Cap^t Laroach, the Second and two Padrys remain still in the Fort and are civilly treated by Gov^r Pitt they are to goe on board when the ships are ready to sail, M^r Haynes &c^a walked round the Fort without, where they observed many shott that Lodged in the wall, but could not perceive any apparent damage except in one Poynt where about 5 foot of the brest work was beaten down, but did[not?] observe that with all the shott the wall was any ways cracked, Gov^r Pitt said that there was Provisions found in the Fort sufficient for three years but that the French depending much on their Rashpoots & Peons who run away about 400 at one time he beleived that caused them so early to think of surrendering we are informed that a day or two after the treaty began the Dutch sent about 900 of their Soldiers on two ships for Bengall, this being wth offers from

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a
Your Most Humble Servants,

W^m HATSELL
JN^o HAYNES
RALPH INGRAM
EDM^d MOUNTAGUE
THOM^s CONSTABLE

P S

Since writing the above we have rec^d
Padry Paulo's Grant w^{ch} comes in-
closed & our spies from Pullcherry
advise that about 4 or 500 Dutch
soldiers were sent on board this day

W^m H
J H
R I

TO THE WORPth WILLIAM HATSELL
DEP^y GOV^r OF FORT ST DAVID IN BEHALF
OF THE R^{ty} HON^{ble} ENGLISH COMP^a

Honrd S^r

The ship S^t. Martines Dyk hath just now happily arrived from Batavia, by w^{ch} their Highly Hon^{ble} the High Rulers of India have been pleased to send the Gov^r of Indrapore M^r Hamon Gibbons M^r Baktrander Deane Merchants the

Lieutenant Geerl besides two Topasses and three slaves, and also the aforementioned Gentlemen are desirous to come on shoare here wherefore this comes to advise your Worship whether you shall think fitt to send anyone hither wth Pallankeens or Horses to further these Gentlemen on their Journey to Madrass or Tegnapatam

We have received no Europe news by this vessell nor hath she seen any ship coming that way, otherwise I should not have omitted to Communicate to you as shall doe when anything comes to hand, in the Intrin We commend your Worship to the keeping of the Most Highest and remain after freindly greeting

Honrd S^r

Your Worships Most Humble Servant,

LAURANCE PITT

Pullicherry y^e 11 Sep 1693

Translate Vera Copia

T Jordan Secret^r

TO THE HON^{bles} NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^r
PRESIDENT & GOV^r OF FORT ST GEORGE
AND CITY OF MADRASS & C^a COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & C^a

Since our last we have rec^d your Hon^{rs} & C^a of the 31st past wth Invoyce of Rosewater and Beeswax, and one of the 5th Instant ordering the Dep^{ty} Gov^r to pay a visit to Gov^r Pitt w^{ch} he did last Saterday and was entertained wth extraordinary Civilltie

We are preparing our Generall for the R^{te} Hon^{ble} Comp^a in w^{ch} shall incert what comes to our knowledge relateing to the seige of Pullicherry, and Transmitt a Coppy to your Hon^r & C^a We cannot yett learne the treaties with Rama Raja but hope to have some information relateing thereto so as to send for England

In our last we sent up the $\frac{1}{2}$ of 22 fan^s melted down here, Our Mint Master gives the following Acco^t that the other $\frac{1}{2}$ was Essayed in the presence of him the Mint Bramine and Shroffs and now send the same with the like quantitie of Gold w^{ch} was made into $4\frac{1}{4}$ Matt Gold by makeing Alloy composed of 4 parts Silver and one Copper w^{ch} was mixed wth Pag^{ds} at the Proportion of 100 Pag^{ds} weight of Pagoda Gold wth 103 Pag^{ds} weight of said alloy after w^{ch} took the just weight of 11 fan^s (the $\frac{1}{2}$ of what sent to Madrass) and beat it into two small peices as were the fan^s after w^{ch} all 4 peices were burnt in ashes and Cowdung for near 4 days, w^{ch} have made the fine Gold, and hee finds they likewise agree in the weight by w^{ch} (if the proportion of alloy be right) the fan^s must be of their due matt $4\frac{1}{4}$ w^{ch} is referred to Yo^r Hon^r & C^a Judgement

Just now the Dep^{ty} Gov^r rec^d a Letter from Gov^r Pitt adviseing that Mr Hamon Gibbons Cheife of Indrapore and two other English are come in one of their ships from Batavia who arrived yesterday in Pullicherry, coppy of said letter comes inclosed, we sent this afternoon M^r Berlū, wth a Pallankeen & Horses to bring them here, where we designe to hire a boat for their speedy conveyance to Madrass We hear no one word as yett from M^r Gibbons, but doubtless the Dutch have play'd some base trick in this business, being what offers from

Hon^{ble} S^r & C^a

Your Humble Servants,

W^m HATSEIL

Jⁿ HAYNES

RALPH INGRAM

EDM^d MOUNTAGUE

Messrs Constable and Troughton at Coddalore
Thomas Jordan, Secret^r

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^R
 PRESIDENT & GOV^R OF FORT ST GEORGE
 AND CITY OF MADRASS & C^A COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} Sr & c^a ^

I received yours of the 5th instant wth the Presidents Letter for Gov^r Pitt and according to your Hon^r & c^{as} order went with it last Saturday, where I was received and entertained by him wth great Demonstrations of Satisfaction, whilst I gave him all immaginable assurances of Freindship upon your Hon^{rs} part His appartment is very near the Fort in a small house where his Tent is in the yard, hee continues in that Lodging till Mounsieur Martin is gon, so that I had not the oppertunity of seeing the Fort, but he came out wth me at my coming away and shewed the Place where their great Battary was (tho at a distance from us) that fired upon the Fort, and then shewed me the Chuich which they took and where Mounsieur Lecombe was killed, by this meanes I saw the north and west curtains, the Dutch shott did not bear upon any other part of the Fort, and tis a great satisfaction to mee in seeing what I did of itt, for tis plaine (as Gov^r Pitt observed) that Fort was not built against Europeans, but Natives, We shall God willing endeavour to make this use of the Dutches takeing Pullicherry, that our walls and brest works may be able to stand against 18£ shot, and hasten as much as possible the reparation of this Garrison, Govern^r Pitt told me what care they had taken not to be baffled in this action, that there was lately come to Negapatam 500 European Soldiers from the Coast of India to have assisted in the Seige had there been occasion, he said the exploit would open the eyes of the Lords at Batavia to shew how usefull the Moccossars and Buggesses are that they were a People fruitfull in Generation that their increase was so fast twas necessary to send numbers of them abroad, that they could send 20,000 of them upon Occasion Governor Pitt smiled at

Page 33 — For line 20, read—

“We shall not be wanting to put in execution by the first opportunity the warrant from the Court of Admiralty on Francis Devenport, who is at present protected by the French ”

Page 33 — For the last line on this page read—

“Southward we hear Mounsieur Martin is in the Admirall and this evening Governor Pitt passed by in his owne ”

Page 35, line 38 — For “ [Pages 91—98 missing in original] ” substitute the following —

and the advices of what on the road, and therefore must request your Hon^r & c^a, to be speedy in a Supply, otherwise they will certainly take the advantage of a non Compliance with their time, and yett fling the whole fault upon us, as having first broke our Contract

His Excellency the Commissary when here haveing left us some few papers relating to Chapmans Acco^t we proceeded in the examination thereof and haveing spent many days therein it seems to us to be impartially as herewth sent you, but he makes severall objections to the Stewards acco^{ts} alledging 'twas what he received in acco^t of M^r Du Bois which the Braminies was never acquainted wth w^{ch} M^r Du Bois can only clear, and therefore that with severall other particulars which he claims as his right in a paper dd us which we herewith send your Hon^r & c^a Inclosed, we must leave to your determination, and for our further Proceeding herein refer you to our Consultation Book w^{ch} accompanys this, and

he shall follow on Dr Plumers ship who we hope may sail about 10 days hence, we were informed by Cap^t Cockroft who arrived here the 12th Curr^t that you were pleased to hon^r us with some advices by Cap^t Freake, which if you did, we must desire you to renew them, as haveing past this Port

His Excellency haveing given M^r O'Neale leave when here to proceed to Bengall on Cap^t Freake in order to his going for England, who not calling in as was expected he requested of us permission to goe to Ganjam on M^r Cockroft to Invest his money and take his passage for the Fort, which we thought fitt to grant him, and according to the R^{ty} Hon^{ble} Co^mmissa^{ry}s order have received of him P^{er} 26 for his permission to goe home, which we shall give your Acc^t Curr^t due Credit for, and now we must desire you to supply us with a writer or two, haveing never a one in the Factory M^r Staples haveing Commenced Factor y^e 4th Current, and Stewards business, Secretarys, and measuring the cloth being too much for one person to perform perfectly

Since our last to you we have had no raine which has made grain rise above 50 per cent, and the Natives much fear a famine in these parts this year

Samuel Owen haveing had no allowances of servants wages from July 1692 till the January following when he came up to the Fort, Humbly desires that he may have the usuall allowances till the time of his leaveing the Factory, w^{ch} he tells us the President was pleased to Promise him, we desire your orders therem and remaine

Your Faithfull Humble Serv^{ts}

Inclosed is our Stewards Acc^t for
the month of July

SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHA BARWELL
SAMUEL OWEN

TO THE HON^{ble} NATH^l HIGGINSON,
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{ty} HON^{ble}
COMP^a & C^a COUNCILL IN FORT ST GEORGE

Hon^{ble} & C^a

After I left the Fort the 29th Ultimo I arriv'd the 2^d Instant at Vizagapatam where I found they had agreed for our Investment, of Longcloth, Sallampores, sale cloth, and striped Beetelaes, of each 5,000 pag^{ds} being in all 20,000 pag^{ds} of which they had advised you overland

On the 4th I sailed thence for Bengall & arrived here y^e 12 Instant but the Briganteen was two days longer in getting up by reason of the Freshes, at our coming hither I found the R^{ty} H^{on} Comp^a Saphire was missing and not arrived She was a weeke getting to Vizagapatam, and about 4 days she stayed there, and on the 12th ultimo was seen about 10 Leagues short of Point Palmeras by one Henry Garret denef Pilote of the Calamantram a Moors vessell from Madrass which vessel got that evening into Ballasore Road, the wind blowing very hard at S W but the Saphir hath not yett appeared our hopes is that she may be in Chittagom, therefore I caused a letter to be presently sent to the Portugueze Padry there, to know what ships and Cap^{ts} were there, as also to M^r Lyves at Dacca if she were there to clear her with all speed, for the Agent & Councill declare to me they have agreed for a far greater quantity of goods, more than they have money to pay for if she doe not arrive

The Charles and Sampson are both at Chuttanutte and the Pilote will not move them hence till October so the one (if not both) may goe hence in November unless we should fall short of goods to fill one and by y^e means be forced to send her to Vizagapatam & Madrass to fill up

The stopp at Dacca is very severly put in Execution and also at Ballasore, so that we expect noe goods from either of those places, but here is a Govern^r at Hugly, that might doe the like here, but wincks at what goods were brought before the stop, and is very much our freind, we doe not yett hear of any answer come from the King to what the Nabob and Duan have written about it, but we hope to gett goods enough for these two ships here being already 1,100 Bales in our Possession and dayly more is expected.

I have Hurried the Briganteen to hall ashoare and gett ready to return to you wth her lading haveing put aboard her Salt Porke Borrowed, of Cap^t Dorrells killing here, 7 Punchions, 50 Baggs of rice & some Match, being Provisions for the Expedition to Rutturah which must be executed by the Maddapollam if she is arrived, if not you must find some other way to accommodate that Affair, for whether the Saphir be well or not she cannot now be there time enough for that service which hath caused me so to hasten the Briganteen to bring you tidings thereof that so you may provide accordingly

By the want of your Generall Letter by the Saphir I find the Agent some few days before my arrivall had given Padre Evans leave to go to Hugley where he now is, and by his letters to M^r Beard is in a great Perplexity of mind for fear of some indignity may be shewed him, pretending much Innocency, and declareing his Intentions to goe to England wth Cap^t Dorrell on the Charles thô he before declared he intended to go to Persia in the Armenian ship he came hither on, and hath taken up money of M^r Stanley to that purpose, so that I cannot tell w^t to make of it, for his actions contradict his writeing, nay he did ask M^r Beard for to take up money of him but he refused, as for the manner of his escape I have not yett enquired into it, because Cap^t Rickson came here sick and hath never been out of doors till I come, and then he came once to me, but seeing his weake condition more likely to dye than live, I caused him immediately to return to his lodging and since I hear he hath had a fitt of an apoplex, but I doubt not but in due time to have the truth of the whole proceedings out and in the mean time lett the Padre sweat for want of my intentions towards him w^{ch} I neither have nor will tell anybody untill he throws himselfe upon me of his own accord, w^{ch} he will be necessitated to doe in due time

If the Briganteen arrive time enough wth you to save her passage back hither, & you have not other more urgent occasion to use her, I would have her sent hither Laden wth Redd wood, and it is my oppinion that it should be sawed into three foot lengths for stowage, & send the sawdust in baggs wth it, for if the Saphire be lost (w^{ch} God forbid) Yⁿ here is no more redwood for the first ship then what we now brought on the Briganteen tonns and what was here before makes in all not full fifteen & the Charles quantity in Charterpartie is 47 Tonns, w^{ch} to fill up wth other goods will take up more money then we have to spare

Here is a Dutch ship in the River below that is come now from Batavia, but I doe not hear any news worth reporting nor is it yet known whether the French can make their ship fitting to go for Europe, she hath been so wronged in coming up this river Davenport is waylaid, I wish we Catch him.

Muttredash is come down to Sallam, he hath undertaken to provide more then a Lack of Rup^a wth his owne money for us

We are at a great Loss for such things as was formerly writ for presents, for the Nabob hath not been presented wth anything since this Agents entry into that Employ^{mt} as is usuall, therefore w^t was upon the Saphire must if Possible be supply'd by you again if to be had, for noe present can be made till here comes a Supply, nor cann I write to him as I ought for want of the Present

Here hath been great care taken to procure Civitt cattis to send you for the Queen of Attinga & could gett but two which is now herewith sent on the Briganteen Cap^t. Dorrells Bill of Ladeing for what Cargoe he brought out of England went up to the Fort wth the Barkley Castles paquet on her, w^{ch} Bill is here wanted to deliver him up therefore please to send it hither

Cip^t Frckes ship is got into the River, & will I Judge be up this Spring

By a Portuguez come from Chittagom in 20 days the Saphire was not then there, but a ship and sloop with Portugueze Collours, w^{ch} I Judge is Manuches son that is missing, & by M^r Eyres Letter Just now arrived from Dacca Dated the 10th Instant we hear nothing of her, By this Letter I understand the Duan of Dacca did once write to the King about the stop, since w^{ch} our People there have given answer about it that their ships might accompanie ours, and be protected from Pirats, which answer is very well Liked of by the Duan, but the Dutch have refused and given no answer yett, which is the cause the Duan hath not writ to the King a second time about it, for he says he cannot write again wth out some satisfactory answer about it w^{ch} he takes ours so to be and if the Dutch would give the same he would send them both to the King, but M^r Eyres takes no notice of the French at all

I remain
Your Most Affectionate Freind,
J GOLDSBOROUGH

Chuttenutte y^e 19th August 1693

CHUTANUTTE AUG^r Y^e 25th 1693

TO THE HON^{ble} NATH^l HIGGINSON PRESID^t
& C^a COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE

Hon^{ble} &c^a

My last to you was the 19th Instant by y^e Briganteen Gingerlee, Coppy whereof comes herewth Since w^{ch} on y^e 21st I rec^d yours of the 1st Instant by Cip^t Freke whose ship is gott up into this reach, I intend to discourse him about his not excepting of the money for charges of the Lead as Registred, but I think it very fitt since he was refused to take it at Bottomare or Acc^t avarage, that when the Lead is all come, that you should stop the charges in your hand out of the money attach'd, for if he will not keep his agrement it is fitt to take all oppertunitys to make him

I rec^d the Coppy of the Berkley Castles Bill of Lading & will take care to send it for England

I take notice of what you write about Zulphaccar Cauns being Nabob still, which Corrisponds wth the Common news here

I observe also that Tho Yale hath arrested Eram Rause, and wish I did know for w^h it is, Judging it is only to Fright him and others from giving evidence against him, if soe, great care must be taken that nothing be done to discourage Eram Rause, for it will make others affraid to come in & tell the truth if they are liable to suffer in any measure by their soe dоеing, of which I doubt not but you will be carefull I also desire some fitt employment may be found for him for his encouragem^t for telling the truth

M^r Jermiah Peachy haveing given no acco^{ts} since his being at Maldo, & delaying coming down hither, thô long and often sent for, on the 22^d Instant we sent a Serjant wth 4 Soldiers to fetch him by force and his effects, & ordered M^r Bradell to seize upon what he can find of his and send it to us

We have not yett heard what is become of the Saphire, pray God she may be safe

Whilst writing hereof came in a Letter from our Factors at Ballasore about 5 French ships, dated the 18th at 3 a Clock afternoon, the Coppy of that Clause is thus

Just now the watch Peon that is kept at the point of Sand to bring in news of the arrival of shiping, tells us y^e a French long boat came over y^e Barr, the People in said boat say they belong to one of the 5 ships that is very neer the Road, but not come in, the last port since they came from France is as they say Pullicherry.

I am of the oppinion here is 7 or 8 Factors & writers more then can be used if all the Factorys were to be kept, besides those I brought with me, but I find our Hon^{ble} Masters have ordered none but Chutanutte & Ballasore to be kept, soe that here will be a great many spare, if any of them will goe for Bombay I will send them but I have not yett asked them, if not they shall be sent to Madrass by the first Conveance, for here soe many shall not remain, it being a shame so many have been kept here all this while for they are soe many that not above half have business, so they become Idle and studdy Mischeife and quarrells, but God willing I hope to put an end to that

Augst y^e 27th 1693

I remain
Yo^r Most affectionate Freind
J GOLDSBOROUGH

P S.—Since the news from Ballasore we have heard from Hugly y^t there is but one ship arrived of the French in Ballasore Road wth a small vessell y^t is not known w^t she is, & they say y^e rest are to follow y^s is w^t at present we hear whether it be true or false I know not I desire if you send any Generall for England that you will please to render the matter of Vincatte as it doth appear to be

J G

CHUTANUTTE, SUNDAY NIGHT,
Y^e 27th AUGst 1693

TO THE HON^{ble} NATH^l HIGGINSON PRESID^t
& C^a COUNCILL IN FORT ST GEORGE

This Evening about 3 hours after Mr Maffins Briganteen sailed, came in a Letter from our Factors at Ballasore about one French ship being there arrived, wth Letter I have caused to be Coppyed & here Inclosed sent after the Briganteen in a dingy for your advice I remain

Your Most affectionate Freind,
J GOLDSBOROUGH

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHAN^l HIGGINSON Esq^r
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^r OF FORT ST. GEORGE
& CITY OF MADRASS & C^a COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & C^a

We Received your Hon^{rs} & C^a of the 26th Ult^o and take due Observation of the Probability that the Charles y^e 2^d or Sampson will touch on this coast in a short time in refference to it shall gett all the Bales We can in a Readyness, This day have made up 14 bales and hope to gett more in a little time, w^t turnd out cloth was remaining we sent up by the Thomas and Sarah Briganteen, and the rest shall be Imbaled as they come in.

Page 36 —For lines 9—12 read—

“The prim^o Curr^t imported here Mess^{rs} Thompson and Atkinson on Sloop No^r. Sen^{ra} de Concentio who bro^t yours of the 21st and 24th ult^o with the Chest Treasure am^t to as per Invoyce Pa 6719. 13 for w^{ch} have given you due credit, and paid the Master Antoney Farnandez Pa 20 for Freight of the abovesaid Gentlemen & Treasure according to your agreem^t &

advice. The Paquet for Bengall we immediately forwarded wth: what further advices of our own necessary to his Excell^{ty}: and when here, as advised you in our last, gave him an Acc^t: of our Proceedings, who then promised to take care for a Conveiance for our Bales".

Page 36.—In line 28 for the words "About six lines lost" read "Merchants to bring in long clo: & Sallampores wth: their owne stocks notwithstanding you have given us liberty of advancing 12: per cent on the stated prices, the Interest of this country runing so high that twill be more advantageous to lett their money out, and we have few merchants in this".

Page 37.—For line 2 substitute the following:—

"3: peices of musters of 40 Cov^{ts}: Bepsteelas amo^t: to Pag^{as}: 4: 21: which we desire to know whether we shall Debt Acct: Currt: Fort"

Page 87, line 25.—For "[pages 103 and 104 missing]" substitute the following:—

TO THE HON^{ble}: NATHAN^l: HIGGINSON Esq^r: Gov^r:

FOR THE R^y: HON^{ble}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^y:

OVER THEIR FORTS COMMERCE AND AFFAIRS ON Y^r: COAST.

Hon^{ble}: S^r:

Yester even I rec^d: your Hon^{ty}: wellcome letter of the 28th: Septemb^r: old stile, by which I understand that the ship that past by here the 18th: August wth: an English Flagg, is proved to be a Frenchman, it was his good luck it was so late before he was seen, likewise the night hid him, wth: preserved him, & permitted his goeing to Bengall, but his intentions for Puddicherry were hinder'd. The 6 ships of ours wth: was seen by one of your Hon^{ty}: Masters on this side Point Palmiras, were those dispatcht out of our fleet towards Bengall, first four from Metchlepatam, and then two direct, wth: about that time might be thereabouts, the time shall manifest whether the 4 ships that they expect be true or lyes, if they come to Bengall they will not miss of ours.

I hope in short time to be able to serve y^r: Hon^r: wth: Europe news, for by a letter yesterday arrived from Tutucorin we are advised of the arrivall there of one of our ships named the Enchorn, who sailed out of Zeeland the 5th of March but in the Tuticorin letter there is nothing else but that at the departure of said ship all our Affairs in Europe was well wth: in the first place is good, God preserve his Majesty King William, and all the Confederate Armies the next summer against our Common Enemy and take your Hon^r: into his holy Protection, in the meantime I remain

Visagapatam
15: Oct^r: 1693.

Your Hon^{ty}:
Humble Servant
LAURENCE PITT.

TRANSLATE OF LETTER FROM TAUEE CAUN GOV^r: OF TRIPASCOORE FORT, TO
THE HON^{ble}: NATH^l: HIGGINSON GOVERNOR OF CHINAPATAN.

I enjoy good health, and should be glad to hear the same from y^r: Hon^r: there is one Ponaree Trinnade Moodelare who is indebted to the King, we demanding y^r: money of him he ran away, but we caught him, who afterwards gave bail, and Promised to goe and get the money, now I am informed he is protected by some of your Hon^{ty}: People, that man is indebted to the King and his Sonaritys whole family are now Prisoners in our Fort, but some time since

the Person who was his Security was in your Town, and there mett with him, but was hinder'd from meddling wth by some of your People, Considering he is indebted to the King your Hon^r does not doe well to protect him, but if you doe in such cases must be answerable, therefore I desire your Hon^r to take this into your Consideration, and not Suffer it to come into the Kings Darbar, If you please to send this Person then both myselfe and your Hon^r will be cleared from further trouble This money is really the Kings therefore I desire your Hon^r seriously to consider on itt

Received y^e 23^d Oct 1693

Bearing no date

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATHAN^{LL} HIGGINSON ESQ^R
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R OF FORT ST GEORGE
AND CITY OF MADRASS & C^A COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & C^a

The 7th Instant we advised what Bales had been ready, since that have made up 13, so that now have 50 Bales, and about 20 more ready to sort besides what at the washers which shall hasten

Page 38 —In line 35 for the words "[About a line lost]" read "a further supply of it as opportunity presents"

Page 42 —In line 1 of paragraph 36 for "Keddal's" read "Kiddells"

Page 46, line 6.—For "[pages 123—126 of the original missing]" substitute the following —

reasons was because Death allways Intervened, that w^{ch} we have reason to beleive would have been Excepted, we doe therefore now presume to offer it to y^e Consideration of your Excell^{ty} Hon^r & C^a it being the only Privledge we can find annexed to the service of this place above others

We have not taken Custome of the Goods brought here by the Satisfaction, and were disposed of before the Maddapollam arrived, by whom came y^e first orders that we ever had to take Custome of Coast Goods, presuming your Excell^{ty} Hon^r & C^a meaning was not to extend to those, who had their Goods landed soe long before

Here is one Wilham Swan who was a seaman, on board the Loyall James, heareing the men y^t went homewere all payed off, made his applications to us, to have his Passage upon one of these ships to y^e Fort, that he might represent the case to his Excell^{ty} the Hon^{ble} President & C^a but our great want of men forced us to perswade him to stay

We shall be in great want of all sorts of Bengall Provisions Factors Provisions & C^a. before we can expect any supply

We have drawn a Bill of Exchange to M^r Samuel Willson or order on your Excell^{ty} & C^a for two hundred twenty eight ryalls as may appear at Large in Consultation the 16th Instant, we have given Fort St George Credit for the same and desire you will place it to Acc^t York Fort Bencoolen

One thing we have to propose, that if we are not constantly supplied with money we shall be Acc^{td} the greatest Enimys by the Mallays, for we preventing them from selling or sending of their Pepper in Expectation of money to invest therein, and at Length failing thereof will ruin y^m and ourselves too, wherefore without a frequent supply of money and shipping our Interest on this Coast cannot be reasonably expected to be long secured.

We have returned all the Lead and Iron haveing sufficient here already wherefore Please to Credit this Place for the same

Mr Phrip now Master of the Northampton hath behaved himselfe very Insolently affronting ourselves to our faces, by saying the Government had Picked his Pocket because he could not perswade us to lett him have pepper out of the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{ms} Godowns here, w^{ch} we were not obliged to, and after we had given him a Coppy of our Consultation, as an answer to a Paper he had given us, requireing our ultimate resolve, he said Publicuely whoever drew up that Paper was a knave and a Rascall, wherefore we forbid him the Fort, then w^{ch} we could doe no less, nor more, he haveing the charge of the shipp, afterwards receiving a Generall from [P]ryamong, adviseing of a considerable quantity of Pepper, there to be had, we gave him notice thereof, at Sallabar, and if he would goe thither, he should have our order to the Cheife, in consideration of his redyness to assist us in retakeing Indrapoor, which he accepted and proceeded but beforehand gave us a Protest, Stufft wth nothing, and Scurrylous Language, and Impudent Lyes, whereupon again immediately forbad [him] the Fort, and the next day sent him an answer which we are sure will Justifie and vindicate us The Coppys whereof are entered in Booke of Letters Received & sent

Being much put to it for want of Factors have perswaded Mr Kennedy & his wife to stay

We must desire a constant supply of Gunpowder, we want a steel Mill, Two thousand Gunny Baggs, we wish we had a Brickmaker, our Chinamen being deare and slow, and an able Carpenter, a few Horses would contribute much to our healths, and if thought fitt a couple of Pallankeens tho we pay for them ourselves, it is very troublesome without them, goeing to Syllabar or anywhere else

The Remaines of the Godown and Stores &c^a Mr Butterfeld hath wth him, Multiplicity of other Business hindering the Ballanceing the Books, If we have detained Cap^t Harbin Longer then the time Limited 'tis not (we hope yo^r Excell^y &c^a will beleive) imputable to us, but to the Loss of Indrapoor, his tedious voyage to [P]ryamong and now since his arrivall, bad weather, want of Prows, if these Cross accidents & weather had permitted, she had been dispatched within the time prefixed

Govern^r Fleetwoods not haveing debted Cash for the Custome of Knoxes 30 Bahar of Pepper is as his Worship hereby Declares, because he never received any, Cap^t Knox haveing bought at Batavia many things, and Charged them at prime Cost, the Govern^r lett goe said Customes upon the Captains request

Nor for the Rajahs Custome of 268 Bahar of Pepper of Cap^t Howell, at one Dollar per Bahar is for reason aforesaid as the Govern^r likewise declares, wherefore Howell must pay it at the Fort

His Worship farther says his receiveing but Ryalls three per Bahar of the Mallays is not to disgust them, they receiveing of us but Ryalls one, and if not allowed off, will endeavour to recover it, or is contented to be charged with it himselfe

We have drawn a Bill of Exchange payable to Mr John Butterfeld for Ryalls one thousand, for soe much pud into the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{ms} Cash, as may appear per Cash Book, he being desirous of Bills, and our Cash being low, we thought fitt to take his money

Mr Hugh Kennedy and George Duke Master of a sloop Happy Returne, desireing a Bill for six hundred Dollars, the other for five hundred, haveing perused their Acc^{ts} we have adventured to draw on your Hon^{rs} for the same, there being due to the one Ryalls one thousand four hundred, the other seven hundred

We have presumed to draw on your Excell^y &c^a a Bill payable to Cap^t Robert Turlington for Ryalls two thousand six hundred ninety eight and two soocoos being for money and goods he formerly supplied [P]ryamong wth as per Bill of Exchange drawn thence payable to him, accepted per Charles Fleetwood Govern^r and John Butterfeld Second, M^r Wilson's hand not being to Cap^t Turlingtons sud Bill is onely for the reason aforesaid, not any other objection he hath, haveing seen the Bills of Exchange drawn on us and the letters of advice thereof from [P]ryamong

We have likewise drawn another Bill payable to M^r John Butterfeld for Ryalls one thousand and fourteen paid by him into the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Cash being the Produce of Goods Consigned his Worship and Himselfe from Madrass, he proposing to take Bills and we wanting money will we hope excuse us, Promising the Ballance of the Cash shall be employed purely in Pepper (for the Sampson) excepting what is absolutely necessary for defraying Garrison Charges in w^{ch} we shall retrench our expences as much as possible, and not in paying Debts or Arrears

M^r Davies our Secret^{ry} and M^r. Henderson our Doctor be the two Persons entertained as writers at Madrass have maintained themselves extro[r]dinary wth out y^e Doctor we are sure we had been many of us dead, without y^e Secret^{ry} we could not have performed the halfe we have they have presented us a Petition w^{ch} goes herewth: that they may have the twenty Pag^{ds} received at Madrass Gratis as they say twas Promised, they referr themselves to yo^r Hon^{rs} we must needs say they deserve encouragem^t and hope it will be allowed "

Page 49 — In line 27 for the words "one line lost" read—

"have complied wth both in y^e forwarding the Bengall Pacquet, and allowing M^r Owen his servants wages as you direct "

Page 49 — For the last four lines read—

"of money will desert their imploy, & serve others and then they shall not be able to comply wth their time w^{ch} we leave to your Hon^r &c^{as} Consideration. Notwithstanding we have encreased y^e number of our Washers 40 more then formerly, yet our cloth comes in much faster than they can ridd it off their hands haveing now in our Goedowns & the washers hands lately filled 187 Corge of Brown Cloth w^{ch}: is Generally so stained by the wett & dirt, it meets wth in the way that to embale it "

Page 50 — In line 17 for "A line lost" read—

"Hon^{ble} S^r - &c^a

Inclosed is our Acc^t Curr^t Fort S^t George from the first May 1691 to the Ultm^o Aprill 1693, as also our Accomptants Remarks of the difference betwixt Commere Acc^t and ours "

Page 50 — For lines 37—48 read—

"The 8th Instant we reced your Hon^r &c^a of the 19th Ult^o relating to cloth being brought here by the Madrass Merchant they have lately brought in some, but we have no godowne room to keep it in, wherefore have ordered the Land Customer to take a particular acc^t of the quantity & quality of all cloth belonging to Your Merch^{ts} & to give an acc^t thereof to our warehousekeeper who will see that the same be exported and then shall give your Hon^r &c^a an acc^t thereof

All the stores of the Maddapollam are come on shoar, except anchors, & cables, the storekeeper has not yett finished a List of them, when done shall send it up

Our Mint Bramoy has made an Essay of the 119 oz 09 dwt of Gold lately sent & finds it to be $4\frac{5}{16}$ matt our fan^{an} matt being $4\frac{1}{4}$ is $\frac{1}{16}$ less therefore he says there must be 16 Pag^{ds} weight more of alloy & then it will be 1100 $\frac{7}{8}$ Pag^a. weight w^{ch} will make here fan^a 10458 the mint charges being 11 per Mill is fan^a 115 & Cost of more alloy 18 fan^a is 133 charges, there will remain fan^a.

10225 w^h at 18 per Pag^o is Pag^d 573 11 great fan^r your Hon^r &c^r having charged this Gold at Pag^d 579 the loss will be Pag^d 5 14 small fan^r w^{ch} shall write of to Profit & Loss, as you ord^r being what offers from "

Page 51 —For line 1 read—

"Padre Clerici reced the licence granted by your Hon^r &c^r and has officiated in the Portugues Churches at Cuddalore, & Tevenapatam carrying himself very well in his Place that we have nothing to object against him, and as farr as we hear has given satisfaction to those of his religion in this place, but since he has had it—"

Page 59, line 30 —For four pages 155—158 of the volume missing substitute the following —

An Agistration given under our hands in Bencoolen Road October the 8th 1693

Whereas wee the subscribers belonging to the R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{ty} ship Satisfaction [su] I Robert Turlington Master having received y^e 11th 7^{ber} the Worp^l Charles Fleetwood Esq^r &c^r Council of York Fort Bencoolen their dispatch in order to proceed on our intended Voyage for Fort St George the 12th Instant wth y^e Sea Brease at S W by S weighed anchor and stood N W in Evening y^e wind shifting to the n^o ward N N W^t & N W^t Wee made it our buisness to gett to y^e westward w^t we could the wind standing as aforesaid wee runn Sundry dayes off making little better then a S W^t way meeting wth black Rainey weather wth hard gusts w^{ch} often put us by our Topsails & some of them blowing so hard was forced to bare away till the force of them was over, after 7 dayes at sea made Latt^d per good observation, S^o 6 36 w^{ch} agreed wth dead reckoning from y^e 19th to y^e 29th have had black rainey weather wth squalls & for most part small gales at N E^t N^o N W and W^t wee haveing per acc^t 122 leagues westing from Bencoolen, made choice of all oppertunitys of winds to gett to the n^o ward then having Atchen beareing neare north of us y^e 29th instant as aforesaid made Latitude per observation S^o 4^o 6 at w^{ch} myselfe and mate was in amazement w^h as per dead Reconing wee should have been in y^e Latt^d 2^o 36 S^o so that wee found have had a Curr^t y^t hath hindred us go w^{ch} we Judge the Curr^t has sett to y^e S^o Westward w^{ch} in this time yeare is commonly found soe, but not being Certaine onely correct our dead reconing per Latt^d y^e day aforesaid in y^e Evening y^e wind [b]earing to y^e n^o and N N E^t at midnight tacked & stood to the westward 38 houres makeing our course protracted between the W S W^t and S W by W Sunday the first October att noon lying but S W^t Tackt and stood to y^e n^o ward but winds continually [b]earing between the N N W^t & N^o and N N E^t wth black squally rainey weather so y^t could not make better then an E N E^t course so stood to the eastward Tuesday y^e 3^d at O rise this morning we had sight of y^e high land of Syllabar bearing from y^e N N W^t to East this putt mate & myselfe in great admiration Wee then per acc^t should have been neare 100 Leagues from shoare seeing it soe unfortunately fell out & being soe sad disabled & not fitting to keep y^e sea we stood in for the shoare N^o N by E^t & N E^t Scarce makeing an E N E^t way wth a good fre-h gale at N W^t & W N W^t at 10 a Clock at night anchored in 20 fathom water stiff Clay ground, then found the Curr^t to sett to y^e S E by E^t one Knot 2 fathoms the w^{ch} we now find hath been the Cause of our Errors in our Acc^t of ships way Therefore y^t is to Certifie & declare y^t we & aforesaid ships Company to y^e best & uttmost of our understanding & art have used all our diligent and carefull endeavours y^t in us lay to performe our designed voyage for Fort St George to w^{ch} truth wee all are willing to take our oaths w^h required The 6th instant at midnight came to ancl^r in this Road y^e 7th in morning sent a Letter to the Govern^r & Council of Bencoolen wherein acquainted y^m of our Condition Desireing & humbly requesting y^m to send aboard & have our ship survaid, it being all our

desires to proceed no farther in her, but to be cleared, Judging her not capable to Indure y^e seas as to performe any voyage, her hull, sailes, riggin &c^a being so bad & Rotten y^e w^{ch} wee y^e subscribers can justifie as witness our hands

ROBERT TURLINGTON

W^m WILLIMOTT

JOHN THE MARK OF WEEKS

JOHN SONE

CHARLES HOPKINS

THE MARK OF THE SUBRANGO

Y^e MARK OF THE PEN DALL

THE PROTEST OF SAMUEL WILSON SECOND FOR AFFAIRES
OF THE R^t HON^{ble} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY AT
YORKE FORT AGAINST CHARLES FLEETWOOD ESQ^r GOVERNOUR

On Thursday the 5th Ins^t according to the aforesaid Governors orders I waited on him in Consultation who proposed to me y^e permitting Cap^t Richard Phrip Com^{dr} of the Northampton to lade out off y^e R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Godownes 60 Bahar of Pepper att w^{ch} I was very much startled not beleiving however y^t he meant any such thing, but wⁿ I found he designed nothing less, I fully discoursed y^e same with him, & att Length told him I would nor could by noe meanes be perswaded to Concurr wth him in regard our Orders were soe positive to provide what pepper we could for y^e Sampson (who we dayly expect) which I told him was y^e reason and so entred in Consultation why wee spared y^e Comp^{as} own ships y^e Satisfaction & Maddapollam none out of y^e Comp^{as} Godownes here That wee had given him a Contra Protest which must & will justifie our not granting him Pepper here That wee might have given him Pepper then, (without answering his Protest) as well as now, having no more reasons for it then before That the Comp^{as} would be above fifteen hundred pounds sufferers for want hereof (w^{ch} would certainly fall on our heads) y^t there not being above one hundred & seaventy Bahar of Pepper in y^e Godowne to spare sixty (when we doe not expect an hundred more here for the Sampson) would seem very inconsiderate and unjust that as for y^e Custome it amounted but to two hundred and fifty Dollars w^{ch} if that were thought soe great supply I would pay soe much into y^e Comp^{as} Cash That as to Cap^t Phrips Proffering to lend a thousand dollars is noe Argument, for I told his Worship I would pay as much into Cash Provided he would part with noe Pepper, I farther urged how unanswerable & unaccountable a thing it would appeare especially in his Worship to let Cap^t Phripp have Pepper, since he himselfe drew up that part of the Protest w^{ch} sayes noe man in his right witts can imagine y^t wee should make a Contract to spare you pepper here out of the Godownes Since we had orders to keep our stock of Pepper entyre for a Europe ship, & likewise in another paragraph of his Worships penning tis said Wee owne wee did promise to assist you wth 80 or 100 Bahar of Pepper at [P]ryamong, if you went to Indrapore where you never went But if you had you were to be supplied wth Pepper att [P]ryamong without any dependance on this place, (as you falsely suggest) But notwithstanding all y^e arguments I could use, his Worship hath resolved that Cap^t Richard Phripp should have 60 Bahar of Pepper out of y^e Comp^{as} Godowne & accordingly 32 Bahar is delivered him & 28 Traversed from the Satisfaction who came in very leaky att y^e Juncture when hee was to have y^e rest Wherefore having done w^t soever lys in my power to prevent y^e sparing of y^e 60 Bahar of Pepper aforesaid to Cap^t Rich^d Phrip Commander of y^e Northampton I am forced for my owne vindication & security, & do hereby in behalfe of the R^t Hon^{ble} English East India Company Protest against you Charles Fleetwood Esq^r Gov^r for w^t ever damages they may sustaine by reason of your permitting y^e aforesaid Pepper to be sold out of their Godowne, & do hereby declare y^t I am altogether free from any wayes abetting or consenting thereunto

Dated in Yorke Fort Bencoolen this fourteenth Day of October anno one thousand six hundred ninety and three

SAMUEL WILSON.

True Coppy of what was delivered to
Charles Fleetwood Esq' Govern' by M'
Samⁿ Wilson in presence of us

J KENNEDY
DAVID DAVITS.

Page 60, line 30 —For "[Two pages 161-162 of the original missing]"
substitute the following --

"could never have by any Labour they have been employ'd in I have
proposed y^e some might be employed in fetching Timber & sawing, cutting of
Knee bungs &c^a & others in fishing w^{ch} would save a great deale of money, but
his Worship fears it would teach them to run away

Your Excell^y y^e Hon^{ble} Presid^t &c^a Councils
most faithfull & most humble servant,

SAM WILSON

If the Gen^l be to short it is mputable
to his Worship who deferr'd it to the last
minute

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY S^r JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH
K^t COMMISSARY GENERAL, THE HON^{ble} NATHANIEL
HIGGINSON Esq^r PRESID^t &c^a COUNCILL

May it please your Excellency &c^a

Our last advices w^{ch} was by Cap^t Turlington in y^e Satisfaction bearing
Date v^e 8th past month we have unfortunately received againe by her who after
3 weeks and upwards att sea proved so very Crazy y^e they were forced to returne
to us againe where she is at present in y^e road we are in some hope of disposing
of her to y^e China men, who have a mind to buy her for her Iron worke she
being deserted we must either sell her or break her up, we have here inclosed sent
a coppy of the Cap^t &c^a protest, Upon y^e ship Northampton goe as many
passengers of Cap^t Turlingtons People as so small a ship can conveniently take
in. Raja Mooda since his expultion from his owne Country is come with his
Party to [P]ryamong to our assistance there and they advise us Raja Addell is
very inclineable to returne on our side but all their cry is men & money w^{ch} we
doubt will be wanting very much before a supply arrives us y^e Charges at
[P]ryamong being as great as this place, Wee requested Cap^t Rich^d Phrip & his
mate & M^r George Duke to go on board ship Satisfaction upon a surveigh of her,
who accordingly went & gave it under their hands (coppie whereof comes here-
with) in what Condicon they found her, and upon y^e question asked y^m what
st te they did in their conscience believe her to be in, they answered in a much
worse then could perceive w^{ch} everybody would judge by their Certificate & the
Carpenter would have ript off some of her Ceileing which the surveighers declared
they did not Cure to admitt off for fear she should sink at an anchor The Pepper
slap d on board Cap^t Turlington comes out short, by weight—Bahar Pound, there-
fore have not delivered up his bill of lading but sent it herewith which wee must
leave to be decided by your Excellency &c^a The Ballance of Cash att the End
of September Last was Ryalls : 5439 Our Gen^l of the 25th September past
from [P]ryamong advises us of a great deal of Pepper ready, but they say the

want of money^r will be a great balk to those new Merchants and in a former dated y^e 2^d of August they say if they have not white men to secure two or three places the Pepper trade will be lost there, we shall not trouble your Excell^{cy} &c^a farther have been soe large in our former onely Desireing a sufficient quantity of money & number of men may be sent wee remaine

Your Ex^{cy} &c^a most faithfull humble Servants

CHARLES FLEETWOOD
SAM WILSON

P S — M^r Reyly & his goods are shipt on board y^e Northampton Cap^t Richard Phrip Comm^r to answer such things as are objected against him, Cap^t Phrip demands 80 Dollars for his freight & passage w^{ch} we have referred to

Page 61 — For lines 19—32 read—

“Yours of the 21st & 24th of Augst by way of Vizagap^m, wth w^t is mentioned to be therewth inclosed, I reced^d the 8 Ult^o w^{ch} accompanied one from our factors at Ballasore, Coppy whereof is herewth inclosed, by w^{ch} you will see y^t To^m Pitt & Allen Catchpole, have made a runn from England to these parts Concerning whom I have dispatched away lett^r to the Nabob & Kings Duan at Dacca (& to the Govern^r of Hugely) to lett them know that To^m Pitt was the first man about 11 years past, who laid the foundation of the troubles, & warr y^t, after Insued here, & that he is of the number of those ill men mentioned in my former lett^r, and them that there be some in all Govern^{ts} y^t can't be kept under, from whom come Pirotas & Interlopers & y^t I leave to y^m selves to judge y^e evill Consequences y^t may insue if they give the least Countenance to him or suffer their Gov^{rs} to admitt of them to Inhabit, or the Merch^{ts} to trade wth him & if God gives me life & health will leave no means undone to defeat them in this enterprize in w^t I may ”

Page 61 — For the last two lines read—

“M^r Houghton dyed y^e 5th Instant of a violent feavour, haveing in a delerous fitt Jump'd into the River but lived 4 or 5 days after, M^r F[r]eake hath been long sick and now hath an Encrease of a ”

Page 68 — For line 4 read—

“Tons, she came from thence a^bt 4 mo^{ths} past designing to touch at Mocco but y^e weather would not permitt, she is under the managem^t of Don Joan who was here & at Madrass two years since, he spoak wth Mounsier Martine in ”

Page 68, last line — For “(Pages 181—183 are too fragmentary to be reconstructed) ” substitute the following —

y^t our business will meet wth fewer impedim^{ts} yⁿ in any of his or our Predecessors time, we have taken y^e. towne for 13 years & [as] much longer as his Governm^t shall continue at Rup^a 4862 per annum for y^e particulars doe

referr your Hon^r: &c^a: to our Consultations & do desire your Hon^r: &c^a: further orders about it. To satisfie y^e: Seir Lascar were forced to take up R^r: 3000 at 2 per mensem the usual interest of y^e: Country w^{ch}: your Hon^r: &c^a: may be Confident we would not have medled wth: att such an extravagant rate had it been any wayes avoidable but y^e: necessity which compelled us to itt will wee hope be our excuse for doing had wee had Europe Cloth by us our Present would have appeared much less in our books and been as valluable & more acceptable to y^e: therefore if your Hon^r: &c^a: think fitt to supply us with a small quantity of y^e: same of all sorts it will upon such occasions save our R^r: Hon^{ble}: Masters money. Primo Instant arrived us your Hon^r: &c^a: of y^e: 13th: Ultimo we shall [per] first oppertunity send his Hon^r: letter to y^e: Seir Lascar w^{ch}: may Confirm us in his good esteem thò we beleive we may without arrogance presume to have already secured an Interest with him sufficient to defeat w^h: ever attempts any undermining Interloper; shall make upon our quarters, tis not to be supposed that y^e: Country w^{ch}: was always beggarly and is now more impoverisht by the rapacious avarice of the Seir Lascar should vend any quantity of Europe goods: however upon a Considerable Investm^t: we are of opinion we may be able to put off Pag^a: 5000 of Europe Cloth of all sorts at y^e: same rates as y^e: Moore Merch^{ts}: formerly took them whose perticular prices will appear in our Gen^l: books with you, Concerning y^e: we shall make a further enquiry & w^h: better informed shall advise y^e: Hon^r: &c^a: accordingly but y^e: greatest advantage our R^r: Hon^{ble}: Masters may expect from y^e: Settlem^t must arise from y^e: provision rather then sale of goods there being great quantities of Callicoes manufactured in y^e neibouring Countries & w^{ch}: a timely supply of money we dare engage annually to invest pag^a: 50 or 60,000 y^e: notice whereof thò att present insignificant yett. Considering y^e: Hon^r: &c^a: do expect two Europe ships w^{ch}: large stocks it may not perhaps be altogether unseasonable or unacceptable. On the 4th Inst: y^e: Samuel Cap^t: Freke Commander imported here with y^e: surprizing news of y^e: decease of our late worthy Gen^l: we have laden on her 210 Bales Callicoes & 150 leather Buckets amounting as per invoice to Pag^a: 11448 : 13 : 2: for w^{ch}: please to give us Cred^t: The ship coming laden from the Bay to make room for our Bales by order of y^e: Agent &c^a: we tooke ashoar rice 306 bags pois gross 44400 tare lb per bagg 1224: neat 43176: wheat 198 bags Bout 63 Baggs Butter 64 jars oyl, 53 jars arrack two Butts. The rice bearing a good price here we design to dispose of it to defray serv^{ts}: wages & other daily expences & desire y^e: Hon^r: &c^a: per next to advise us how we shall Charge our Factory with it as also with one butt of arrack w^{ch}: want of liquors Compells us to reserve for Factory provisions y^e: other butt w^{ch}: y^e: rest of y^e: Goods taken ashoar we shall upon y^e: first ship or boat we can procure reimbarque for y^e: Port. The Cap^t: would not nor could find stoage for any gunnies ropes or twine so shall send what we [have] ready with the other goods Our merch^{ts}: have already brot in goods to above y^e: amount of money dd y^e: for y^e performance of w^{ch}: they affirm to have taken up money at Interest therefore are continually pressing us for Compliance on our part, all hopes of a supply from the Bay dying w^{ch}: his Excell^{ty}: deep sence of w^h: disadvantage & disrepute will accrue to our R^r: Hon^{ble}: Masters affairs by our first breach of Contract (they being new Merch^{ts}: & y^e: fittest for our buisness y^e: can be procured in these parts) does enforce us to reiterate our request to y^e: Hon^r: &c^a: for a speedy releif not only carrying on our Investm^t: w^{ch}: is at a full stop for want of it but also to discharge our obligation of R^r: 3,000 w^{ch}: as before advised runs at a devouring Interest. The sail Cloth brot in upon our Investment not Coming up to Muster we made choice of three new Musters & made a proportionable abatement on y^e: for y^e: first sort agreeing to, allow Pag^a: 17½ per Co: for the 2^d: 16 for y^e: 3^d: 14½ peeces of each sort we herewith remitt y^e: [Hon^r:] &c^a: The Cheifes too early attendance on y^e: Seir Lascar brot him to a relapse w^{ch}: has much weakened him & for some time confined him to his chamber. M^r: Barwell renews his petition to y^e: Hon^r: &c^a: for his coming to y^e: Fort per first Conveyance. Herewth: we

return y^r Hon^r &c^a what Pacquetts we had for his Excell^{cy} w^{ch} being y^e needfull we Crave leave to remaine

R^t Hon^{ble} &c^a
Your Humble & Obedient Servants,

Vizagapatam
January 11th 1693-4

SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHA BARWELL
SAMUEL OWEN

TO THE HON^{ble} NATHAN^{ll} HIGGINSON PRESID^t
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^t HON^{ble} ENGLISH
EAST INDIA COMP^a & GOVERN^r &c^a
COUNCILL OF FORT S^t GEORGE

Hon^{ble} S^r &c^a

Our last to your Hon^r &c^a was by ship Welfare dated y^e 9th Inst: Coppy whereof comes herewth We shall now give answer to what Material in your former letters We cant conceive how it is possible y^e Graine sent from hence to Maddrass should come so much short, but y^e Lascars must steale it, thro the Masters Carelessness, let y^m alledge what they will to the Contrary Why y^e Redwood should come out short we Cant imagine, except it be y^e diffierance of weights, w^{ch} is very probable, we wanting Averdupoz to make ours by w^{ch} if y^r Hon^m &c^a can supply us with to Compute a maund by, the mischeife will be amended Of those presents you desire, we send your Hon^r &c^a of all sorts we can spare The looking glasses we received, one was broke, another damaged not worth y^e sending, and y^e rest disposed of Wax Images in Glasses we have severall, w^{ch} are in very little esteem here We have sent y^e Nabob his Present but still want a plain pendulum Clock, a large map of the whole world in one, and a Cross bow, w^{ch} we desire may be sent us as procurable We cant till after these ships are gon, give any satisfactory answer to M^r Sowdons Pattana Acc^t & M^r Trenchfelds, w^{ch} rels upon y^e Examination of sev^l pair of Books And as for M^r Watts his debt you will see by M^r Eyre his positive affirmation herewth But we wanting y^e Diary of y^t time, cannot transmitt that part of it to your Hon^r &c^a till afterwards Our reasons are for dispatching the Sampson as well as y^e Charles directly from hence not only because we have more goods then will lade her Expecting from Dacca 150 Bailes, Maulda as many, Cassimbuzar about 50, Ballasore 300, & our Investm^t here wth y^r permissive 400 at least, besides 200 Bales Cotton Yarn and 300 Tonn of Petre But y^e Dutch having 8 men of warr here already & gives out they expect 7 more The consequence of w^{ch} we are uncertain, but apprehensive their designe is to break wth y^e Mogull, and we lying open to all injuries y^t may happen from both sides can no wayes think it safe to trust such an Estate of our Hon^{ble} Masters (even as it were) in open feilds whereas your Hon^r &c^a are in no such danger having two Fortifications to defend yourselves from all enemies Notwithstanding the Commissary Gen^l Agent & Council have ordered y^e Factories wth drawing, If in case any Considerable stock should arrive us y^e season The Interloper being at Hugley, there will be an impossibility of Investing it, wth out returning y^m or others, to those places about which we desire your Hon^r &c^a orders Also if in case no ships appears & our stock low whether we may not take up money at Interest to secure salt petre in March or Aprill, rather depend upon uncertainties att latter end of the yeare & w^t quantities we may venture upon to prevent disappointments As touching y^e Success Frigate, we presume ourselves not blameworthy for thô we could not obtaine M^r Peaches Acc^t in so long time after they were due, yet y^e Acc^t of w^t money Cap^t Walthrop had was taken out of our Cash book (as y^e present ag^t affirms) & delivered President Yale & Council to examine him thereabouts, but if they neglected it we apprehend y^e

fault to lye there, & not on us. And as for the Maddrass Friggat, indeed twas our buxies neglect in not keeping her whole Acc^t: apart w^{ch}: we shall take care to prevent for the future, to avoid such mischeifs: But we humbly conceive by Charging Fort S^t: George wth: it, we have done you no wrong, for our reason tells us where the profit & loss does really belong, there it ought to be charged lett it be first or last. And as to our putting bad debts upon you we never designed any such thing, but lookt upon those 3 persons viz^t: M^r: Trenchfeild, M^r: Haynes and M^r: Sowdon to be responsible men, and willing to sattisfie what is really due as we don't question but will be made appear in time. M^r: Trenchfeilds paper was omitted to be sent us But we have perused M^r: Haynes and find it to be bitter against the old Gentleman deceas'd who knew nothing of the whole (except y^e: 4,000 rupees buisiness) but w^t: y^e: present Agent acquainted him with from time, who was then second and the acc^t: his duty w^{ch}: was performed in all respects wth: out partiality. He does affirm that M^r: Haynes was shewed by him in y^e: Fort all those articles excepting y^t: above, w^{ch}: was found out since we came hither, and he did not (nor could) object one word against it, But said, y^t: he would look for y^t: account of 700 Rup: y^t: he might have credit for y^e: same, and till such time tis produc't we are of opinion, he ought not. M^r: Walsh not having his health here petitioned us for lycence to go to Maddrass w^{ch}: we granted him, he takes upon this ship his passage, also M^r: Batson Pearson. A few days since we lost Serj^t: Boyd, and having no other that we think capable of performing y^t: office desire your Hon^r: &c^a: to supply us with such a one, by y^e: first Conveyance. If M^r: Peachie were free from disposition we have no time to make any further progress in y^e: Examination of his Acc^t: (till after y^e: departure of those ships) wth: out w^{ch}: we presume twill be to no purpose to send him up till such time as his accusations may accompany him his 3 years Books was deliver'd us to late to be thoroughly Examined, and put to rights with ours, so y^t: it must be June or July next before they can be adjusted or we know what is due from him to y^e: R^t: Hon^{ble}: Comp^a., besides there is a difficult point to be decided if possible wee can between him and one Gunnisham, a Maulda Merchant, all which consider'd will detain his transportation to y^r: Hon^r: &c^a: till next season. Our Merchants goods hitherto comes in but slowly notwithstanding our Dusticks are gon out to fetch them, and their dayly promises for performance, however our best endeavours shall not be wanting either to perswade or use other means to bring to a quick compliance. Your Hon^r: &c^a: will receive by y^e: ship sundry particulars as specifying in y^e: Bill of Lading & Invoyce here: amounting to R^s: 11,035:9th: for w^{ch}: be pleased to give acc^t: Cur^t: Cred^t: so wth: due respects Crave leave to subscribe.

Hon^{ble}: S^r: &c^a:
Your most humble Servar
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROBERT DORRIS
JOHN BEAR

P.S.—Our intention were to send up y^e: 6 souldiers the Commissary brot on y^e: ship but y^e: Cap^t: demanding of us 10 R^s: per head w^{ch}: we were unwilling to allow but rather return them on y^e: Thomas w^{ch}: we designe to send up.

TO THE HON^{BLE} NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON ESQ^R
 PRESID^T & GOVERN^R OF FORT ST GEORGE
 & CITY OF MADRASS & C^A COUNCILL

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a

We have laden on board y^e Madapollam 232 Bales on acc^t of y^e Hon^{ble} Comp^a amounting as per bill of Lading & Invoice Inclosed to Pago^t 11124 34 2 as also one Fardell q^t 2 Coige white Bettillaes for y^r Flag^r cost Pa. 24 wth such other Freight goods as offer'd and shee could take in a ll whereof comes enclosed, a part of w^{ch} freight goods was travers'd from y^e Spaniards ship, w^{ch} our Customer not seeing & it going upon y^e R^t Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} ship we desire y^r Hon^r & c^a would order the Custome to be paid Madrass, he has given certificates for such goods as paid Custome here, y^e. d^e we dispatcht y^e ship & hope y^e wind will favour her passage Our Gen^l Book B to y^e end of Sept 1692 are Coppied and comes herewth, and our accomptant hopes to send Letter C to y^e end of Aprill last in 14 dayes time before w^{ch} shall send our Dyery & Consultation M^r Brideoake our Minist^r is going to Madrass designing for England, y^e last Sallery we paid him here w^{as} 29th of September last Our gunnys for Bales being near all spent, we desire further supply per first oppertunity Padre Clerice dyed y^e week of a Calleture, we desire y^r Hon^r & c^a would send another in his Place, being what offer from

Hon^{ble} S^r & c^a
 Your most humble Servants

W^m HATSELL
 JOHN HAYNES
 RALPH INGRAM
 EDM^d MOUNTAGUE
 THOMAS CONSTABLE
 Z TROUGHTON

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