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INTRODUCTION

In the present volume are printed the proceedings of the President and Council of Fort St. George for the year 1704, comprised in the thirty-third volume of the manuscript series "Diary and Consultation Books". The manuscript volume has been mended in this office. We are deeply indebted to the India Office who had the kindness to fill in the many gaps and lacunae therein.

1704 was the sixth year of the famous governorship of Thomas Pitt, well-known as the Great President. The volume before us contains several interesting items of information and a few are noted below:

Doctor Edward Bulkley claimed a palanquin allowance to look after the sick and married soldiers wandering up and down the Black Town, alleging that the same was allowed in other parts of India and considering the reasonableness of the request, he was given a sum of four pagodas per mensem towards the same (page 2).

Daud Khan, the then Nawab of the Carnatic, was given a present of liquors to the value of about thirty pagodas, evidently to keep him in good humour (page 9).

There was a general complaint of abuses in the measuring of grain upon which the Governor got a markāl struck according to the custom of England and ordered that all grain in future was to be bought and sold according to the new measure (pages 3 and 12).

Father Michael applied to the Governor for leave to go to Pondicherry, as he had been summoned thither by one who called himself the patriarch of Antioch, the chief priest of the Roman Church. The Governor in Council strongly resented this interference and declared in emphatic terms that he would not allow the patriarch to exercise any authority over the priests that lived under him and enjoined Father Michael not to stir outside the town and even asked officers to see that he did not go outside the gates of Fort St. George (page 6).

We hear of cases of reward and punishment offered to the Company's servants: for example, Ensign Harris who had often been reprimanded for drinking to excess and consequent neglect of duty was, however, later on permitted, provided he mended his ways, to serve as a sergeant in consideration of the fact that he was a family man with his wife and children to maintain (page 9).

Cooiers of the Gun Room crew, whose pay was stopped on account of drink and neglect of duty, was however paid back his arrears in testimony of his reformation (page 13). Raworth, a sober and diligent man, who promised to be a useful and profitable servant of the Company, was raised from the position of merchant to a Councillor in the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Ellis (page 19).

Peter de l'Omera to whom an arrack lease was given was strictly enjoined not to put anything into the arrack, more especially datura, that was destructive to the health of the people (page 23).

Governor Pitt strongly resented the action of the Faujdar at San Thome in imprisoning some of the Company's servants and replied to him in strong and dignified terms, still ringing in our ears: "We would have you to know we are of a Nation whose Sovereign as great and powerful, able to protect his subjects in their just rights over all the world, and revenge whatever injustices should be done them, of which there will be speedy instances given. I am not a little surprised at your saucy expressions, as well as actions in imprisoning my inhabitants, when you know I can fetch you hither and correct you for both . . . " (page 22).
The Governor in Council appointed a Committee of four to enquire into a complaint made by the widow of one Wollacca Chetty against injustices done to her by one Chinandee Chatty and report the result to the Governor in Council with the least possible delay (page 55).

The Portuguese Roman Catholics of Madras petitioned the President and Governor of the Council of Fort St. George that their wills and testaments should, as has been the case for the previous sixty-two years, be approved by the Capuchin Fathers and not at the Court of the Honourable Company, as they had been ordered recently, and requested that they should be judged according to the customs of the Portuguese Nation. They also complained that the new procedure would entail greater cost (page 65).

Yegmore (Egmore), Persiawaeke (Purasawakum) and Tandore (Tondiarpet), the three new towns were leased to Kittee Narrain for seven years for thirteen hundred pagodas per annum (page 67).

On the death intestate of a Portuguese Captain Francisco de Sa during his voyage to Batavia, it was ordered that an inventory should be made of all money, goods, books and papers in his hands at the time of his death and that after paying all his debts according to the Portuguese law, a moiety should go to his widow and the remainder was to be in the Company’s possession until demanded by his relatives, in Europe, who had a right thereto (page 75).

House-keeper Empson of Fort St. George though he was transferred on promotion to Fort St. David as a mark of favour to be Second in Council there preferred to resign his place, inasmuch as he had settled himself with his large family as a house-keeper in Fort St. George for 11 years and had lived there 18 years. He wanted that the whole affair should be recorded in the Consultation Book so that his Honourable Masters in England might peruse the same (page 75).

A Moor snatched away a candle of a young Portuguese woman as she was walking in procession and from this petty incident a quarrel soon broke out between the two nations, the Portuguese and the Moors, and the Governor of the Portuguese Nation sought the help of the Company’s Governor (page 83).

On receipt of a letter from a Gentoo contained in a sealed cover dropped in the Company’s gardens complaining against the frauds committed by the storekeepers, rental-general, scavengers and conicoplyes of the Company, a notice was put up in all languages, as the complaint did not contain particulars, inviting the person concerned to appear before the Governor and prove the allegations on promise of a reward of fifty pagodas, etc. (page 98).

The Governor in Council thought it advisable to take some notice of the son of Yassama Naigue (Yachama Nayak) then remaining at Trivilecane (Tripli­cane) by giving him a small present, as he was in a considerable post and governed a country from which many goods were imported to Madras (page 104).
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[December 1703]

WEDNESDAY 29th. (1703)

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT, President and Govern.  
WILLIAM FRASER, THOMAS MARSHALL, THOMAS WRIGHT, JOHN MEERVERELL.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper and Mr. Fraser in presence of the Two Assay Masters do open the Chests of Gold No. A and B now come upon the Tavestock, and weigh it and deliver it to the Mint Master.

Ordered that all Stores in the Garrison in Charge of the Warehousekeeper be delivered to Mr. Fraser.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper Mr. Fraser load forty-five Tons of Red-wood as the Kentilage of Ship Tavestock also load sixty Tons more on said Ship to send to Bengal for the Kentilage of their Ships, and accordingly he is order'd to buy the same.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be pay'd Mr. John Meeverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

THOMAS PITT.  
WILLIAM FRASER.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEEVERELL.

Received per patamar a Generall Letter from Mr. Tillard at Metchlepam.  

JANUARY

Ship Alla Bux Banker Beague Noquedah arrived in this road from Ceilone. 9°.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT, President & [Gov:]
[Loggina] WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT. THOMAS [MARSHALL].  
JOHN MEEVERELL.[LL].

Tuesday 4th.

Mr. William Fraser &c. delivers in their report of the condition of the Cloth received by Ship Tavestock as entered after this Consultation.
Mr. William Fraser &c. delivers in their report of the weighing of two Chests of Gold received on ship Tavestock which were found to be wanting 4 oz. 8 lb. the report to be sent home by the first ship.

Ordered that Mr. Thomas Wright, Mr. John Meverell, Mr. Gulston Addison and Mr. Robert Raworth be Justices at the Choultry.

Agreed that Five Hundred Pagodas be advanced Mr. Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

The Governor and Council having on the 18th. of last month appointed several Persons in their Employes in the United Companies Service, who were this day sent for and acquainted, who according to their orders were desired to write to their Friends in England to give the usual Securitys.

Ordered that Messrs. Fraser, Marshall & Meverell take an Inventory of the dead stock of this Place, and make their remarks what condition everything is in, to be sent to the Company by the Colchester.

Doct'. Edward Bulkley Complaining that 7. married men who are soldiers living straggling up and down the Black Town makes it impossible for him to look after them in their sickness, without being at the Charge of a Pallankeen, and often urging that the same is allowed in all other parts of India which we believe to be so, so considering the reasonableness of his request have agreed that he be allowed Four Pagodas per mensem towards the charge thereof to be pay'd by the Paymaster.

M'. Affleck having made some overtures for the boxes of silver Plate sent on the Tavestock likewise offered to sell the Company 450 Bagoos of Salt Petre. Tis ordered that Mr. Fraser discourse him about the same and report it to the Govern', & Council.

The Hon'ble: Thomas Pitt Esq'.

President and Governour of Fort St. George &c. Council.

In persuance of an order of Council of the 24th. Instant we view'd the eleven Bales received on the Tavestock suspected to be damaged, but find the damage to be so very little that we think with submission it is of our Hon'ble Masters' Interest not to deliver any of them to the Captain, We are

Your most humble servants, etc.

Fort St. George,
29 Dec. 1703.

Ship Jakernaocol sail'd southward.

Received 3 Pattamars two Generalls from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 3d. or 4th. Inst.

Katch Queen Anne arrived this road from Vizagapatam by whom received a General Letter from the Chief and Council there dated 30th Instant advising the arrival there of Ship Dotohess having lost her Passage from Atcheen to Bengall, put in there for refreshments being a very sickly ship.
--- FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1704 ---

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq., President & Govern. [Lacuna]
THOMAS MARSHALL.

Mr. Matthew Empson late Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Accounts for the months of November and December Viz.

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and pays into the Hon. United Companys Cash the sum of eleven hundred forty-five Pagodas four fanams and twenty-nine cash.

M·W· William Warr Registre pays into the R· Hon. United Companys Cash the sume of sixteen Pagodas eight fanams for Account fees of the Court of Admiralty.

Ordered that M· William Fraser Warehouekeeper pays the Vizapatalem Bill of Exchange received yesterday for Three thousand Rupees; in Madrass Rupees being equal in value to the Rupees of that Country.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be payd M· Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Thomas Pitt Esq· President reads his Account of the R· Hon. United Companys Cash for the month of December Balance Pagd. 521.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do inquire if any Persons will buy the broad cloth come on the Tavestock by private Contract, or else will be sold by Outcry.

General Letter from the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St· David dated 3d. Instant now read.

Agreed that a Present of Liquors to the Amount of about Thirty Pagodas, be provided and sent Nabob Daud Cawn.

There having been a Generall Complaint of Great abuses in measuring of Grain, upon which the Governor made a Marchall to strike according to the Custom of England, which was this day produc'd before the Council and found that when it was struck it held a full Marchall of the Country, on which 'tis agreed that Twelve more be made, and all other measures accordingly, after which all Grain to be bought and sold by the same.

It having been an old Custom hitherto for the Oylemen of this Place to find oxen to fetch Chinam for wch. it has been usual to pay them Four Pagodas & Parrah which was so little that it would not near pay for the meat of the Ox, and the man for which reason they kept but few, which made it very tedious in building for want of Chinam, besides we have often and frequent clamours from the Inhabitants by reason of scarcity of the same upon which we have thought it necessary to advance the ox-hire to six Doodas a Parrah, and order that the Paymaster advance One Hundred Pagodas to the Oylemen to buy them more oxen, and to deduct it out of their hire.

M· Fraser Reports that he has discoursed Mr. Affleck about the silver, who will give no more then Fifteen and three quarters Dollars for Ten Pagodas, which is ordered to be deliver'd him, in regard he designs it for China, which will be an advantage not only to the Company in their Custom but likewise an encouragement to the Trade of the Place. Mr. Fraser also reports that Mr. Affleck will not sell his Salt Petre under 14½ Pagd. & Candy, upon which we acquainted we could give no answer thereto till after the arrival of the Colchester.
FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1704

We having no Arrac in store and daily fearing the troubles from the Country, when we shall more particularly have occasion for the same. 'Tis ordered that the Steward buys twelve Leakers of Batavia Arrac there being so offered to sale at reasonable rates.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOM'. MARSHALL.
JHN. MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd at Pattamara Two General Letters to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David Viz. one for the United Trade, the other for the separate both dated 10th. Instant.

Received at Pattamar a General Letter from M'. Faucett &c. Council at Metchlepstam dated 4th. Instant; as also a Letter from the Governour and Council of Pollicat dated. y'. day.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present
THURSDAY
13th.

THOMAS PITT ESQ. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.
THOMAS WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRASER.
JHN. MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.

Thomas Pitt Esq'. as Mintmaster reads his Mint Account for the month of December last, and pays into the Rt. Hon'd. United Company's Cash the sum of One Hundred and eight Pagodas thirty one fanam forty Cash for Acco'. Custom Gold coined in the mint.

There being several things lying in the Sea Gate Godown the Proprietors of which are unknown; Ordered that M'. Thomas Wright Sea Customer puts up a notice on the Sea Gate giving notice of the same, and if no owner thereof appears within a month, then to be sold at Outcry, and the produce thereof paid into the Comp'. Cash.

M'. Joseph Hiller Provisionall Storekeeper reads his Storekeeper's Account for the months of Decemb'. and November last.

Ordered that Domingo Team Topaz be Entertain'd Souldier in this Garrison.

This day several Casts were before us concerning reimbursing Serapan what he lay'd out by their consent and approbation when Doud Cawn was here for which he has their obligation under their Hands, for the reimbursing of which they propose no other than when last before us as Consultation 24th past month 'Tis resolved that Serapan sues them in the Court for the Amount be disburs'd w'th. the Interest.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOM'. MARSHALL.
JHN. MEVERELL.

Ship Maddapolam Noquedah Lafusaunder arrived in this road from Arrackan.

Dispatch'd at Pattamara a General Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council at Pollicat dated this day.

Last night the Governour received newes by a Portuguez Letter from Pondicherry that the Two French Ships were returned with an English prize called the Cantarbury belonging to the New East India Co'. having mett her
and Mr. Dolben in the Chamber's Frigate in the straights of Malacca, which was this day confirm'd to us by a Letter from Pondicherry copy of which as follows, Viz.'

The two French Vessels met the Chambers Frigate and another of the new Company's called the Canterbury of more than 300 Tons, commanded by Capt. Kingsford, came from England and bound to Surat. The 19th. December near the Island Sambelam in the straights of Malacca at night gave each other broad sides, The Chambers Frigate had main yard disabled, which he got repair'd in the night next morning she fought again during 4 hours against the lesser French Ship, after which he made all the sail he [could] to bank of Parsala the Maurepas fought again the Canterbury, which he took immediately, Monseur de Fontenay was sent against the Chamber's Frigate who seem'd the least, but proved the biggest and best man. We hear from those we have taken that Mr. Dolben gave 50 Guineys to each man, and a promise to each that should be wounded to provide for them, to the end they should behave themselves well.

Ship Colchester Capt. Alexander Reid Commander arrived in this road from Bengal, by whom received a Generall Letter from the President and Council there dated 15th, December.

From Mr. William Tillard at Metchlepatam dated the 10th Instant.

From Mr. Stephen Fremen &c. Councill there dated 11th. Ditto, inclosing an Inventory of the Dead Stock of both Factories.

Mr. Frewen &c. R. Hon. Company's servants came on this Ship, delivering up the charge of both our Factories of Metchlepatam and Madapollam to Mr. Tillard with the dead stock of the old Company.

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**AT A CONSULTATION**

**Present**

THOMAS PITK, Esq., President & Governour.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Agreed that the following Company's servants be sent to Fort St. David Viz'.

M'. LANDON MINISTER.
M'. RICHARD HARRISON.
M'. JAMES LYDE.
M'. NATHANIEL BARROW.
M'. MATTHEW WELD.
M'. JOHN S. ABBEY.
M'. VILLES HAVENINGHAM.
M'. WILLIAM DIXON.

There being offered about Five hundred Candy of Redwood to sell at two and a quarter Pagodas for Candy. Tis order'd the Warehousekeeper buys the same, it being the Company's order to supply Bengal and the West Coast with that commodity as opportunities offer.

There being considerable quantities of stores as Rice, Wheat &c. brought from Bengal on the Colchester Tis order'd that Mr. Fraser receives them from Mr. Wright for Account of the United Company, which are to be valued according to the prizes Currant of this Place.

THO. PITT.
WILL. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
THOM. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
The Governor this day received copy of a Letter from Capt. Kingsford to the Deputy Governor of Fort St. David advising of his being taken by the French Ships, and that he and 54 Englishmen were at Pondicherry.

Dispatch'd Pattamars a General Letter to Mr. William Tillard at Meched-patam dated this day.

Dispatch'd Pattamars a Letter to the Generall at Council at Surat dated yesterday.

Ship Prince Charles belonging to the Royall Danish arrived in this Road from Bengall by whom received a General Letter from the President and Council there dated 31st. past month.

At a Consultation

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq., President & Governor.
THOMAS WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper sells the United Company's Lead at 8 Pag. P Candy, and ordinary Broad cloth at 17 Pag. P Peice.

Padre Michael having applied himself to the Gov't. for leave to go to Pondicherry, for that he that calls him the Patriarch of Antioch had summoned him thither and he feared that if he did not goe 'twould tend to his ruin the Governour deferred giving him leave till he had consulted his Council, which was this day summoned and Padre Michael sent for, who earnestly insisted for leave to go who was ask't by the Governour whether the Patriarch sent for him as Chief Priest of this Romish Church or on any other Account, he answered that 'twas as he was Chief Priest; to which 'twas replied that we could allow of no Persons to have any Authority over the Priests of this Place, so as to send for them away, or return them or any others at their pleasure, and supposing the abbot to have heard in this matter we sent for him, who jesuitically evaded, and denyed that he knew anything of the matter, whom likewise we acquainted with our resolution that the Patriarch, nor none else should exercise any power over the Priests that lives under our Government. so dismiss them both, strictly enjoining Padre Michael not to stirr out of the Town, besides that Orders should be given the officers not to permit him to go without the Gates.

The Brickmakers being 500 Pogodas in Debt still pressed for some more money for that they are preparing to make great quantities of bricks this season the materials for which being visible so that the Company can't suffer by advancing 3 or 400 Pag. more, 'tis agreed that the Paymaster does the same.

The third's Lodgings being very much out of repair which Mr. William Fraser desires to live in, 'tis ordered the Paymaster repairs the same.

Mr. Fraser having acquainted us before that Mr. Affleck would not sell his Petre under 14½ Pag. P Candy, and we hearing from Bengall by the Colchester that both the old and new Company, more particularly the former had provided a great quantity thereof, which must be disposed of to the Council for the United Trade, so that 'tis resolved we desist from buying Mr. Affleck's.

Tho: Pitt.
Will: Fraser.
Tho: Wright.
John Meeverell.

FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1704

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FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1704

AT A CONSULTATION

Present
THOMAS PITT Esq., PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR.
THOMAS WRIGHT. WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN MEYERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.

General Letter from the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David dated the 22nd. Instant now read.

Padre Michael Ange Chief Padre of the Portuguez Church delivered in a Petition yesterday to the Governor and Council for leave to go to Pondicherry, which was now read and an answer given thereto, as Entered after this Consultation.

In Chest No. 103 containing several Private person’s silver, which was all delivered as Directed except Charles Boon who is in Bengall, which is ordered to be sent him by the Tavelstock and Mr. Stone’s is delivered to the President at the request of Mr. Roberts.

THO : PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO : WRIGHT.
THOM" MARSHALL.
JOHN MEYERELL.

ILLUSTRISSIMO DOMINO Gubernatori,
Nobilibus que arcis sancti Georgi
Consuetis.
ILLUSTRISSIMI DOMINI.

Per multum Importat mihi pergere in Pondicherry, ad meas superiores a quibus vocatus sum, qua propter hcri humillime et instantissime Licentiam petii Dominationibus vestris ad illuc eumdem, et nodie iterum atque candum Instantius rogo, sperans quod nuhi habe concessere non Dedignetur, Datum in Arcis St. Georgij Die 23rd. January 1703.

T: MICHAEL ANGELUS.

REVERENDO in Deo Patre Michaelo Angelo.

Vestra hesterno die data recepie bamus, et quem pridie responsuum dedimus satisfacturum existimebamus, utpote Domino Gubernatori in Consilio vobis suscititantum Patriarche Mandato rium vos ad Pondicherry ordinavit velut hujus Ecclesiae Primatem vel alio existenle negotio, responsum retulisti ut veluti sacretotem appulsurum, qua propter sententiam forebamus nos nulli concessurum potestatem velum sacerditoris vel alij in nostris versantibus mensias rem habende qursum ut vestro obturaremus decisisi ordinavus ut intra moeni anglicania Arcis conceris constituentes si egridires in hane Ecclesiam unquam reversurum quo omnia his germantur, Data sub manibus nostris in Arcoe st. Georg Decimo quarto Dia 1703/4.

THOM. PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOS. WRIGHT.
THOS. MARSHALL.
JOHN. MEYERELL.
FORT ST GEORGE, JANUARY 1704

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ., PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WEIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
J ohn MEYERELL.

Mr. Richard Hunt late Provisionall Land-Customer reads his Land Custom Account for the month of December and pays into the R.I. Honbl. United Companies Cash the summe of Two hundred fifty five Pagodas twenty-six fanams and thirty Cash.

Ordered that one Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr. Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison, and that One Thousand Pagodas more be advanced him towards building the Black Town Well and works.

Mr. William Fraser Warehousekeeper pays into the R.I. Honbl. United Companies Cash the summe of two Thousand Pagodas on Account silver sold.

General Letter to the R.I. Honbl. Managers to Par 75 now read and approved.

Mr. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Account what Goods received in Ship Tavestock for the United Account, and delivers them to Mr. William Fraser who is Warehousekeeper for the United Trade.

Ordered that George Thompson be discharged the Gunroom Crew in this Garrison.

All Cloth being cheapest of late to the Southward 'Tis agreed that we write to the Deputy Governor, and Council of Fort S'. David and remitt them, the List of Goods the Managers for the United Trade have ordered to be bought, with their particular direction about investments, and upon receipt of which to summon the Merchants and acquaint therewith and if any body will undertake for those sorts of Goods for them as they bring them in: That then they make musters, and send them with all expedition with the prices thereof.

Tho. Pitt.
W ill. Fraser.
Tho. Weight.
John Meyerell.

Dispatchd a Pattamara a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort S'. David for Trade dated this day.

Received a Pattamara a Generall Letter from William Tillard Chief for the new Company's affairs at Metchlepam dated 20th: Instant with a box of papers Directed to the Directors for the New Company's affairs and a Packt; for the Honbl. Managers.

THOMAS PITT ESQ., PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
J ohn MEYERELL.

Thomas Pitt Esq., President reads his Account of the R.I. Honbl. United Companies Cash for the month of January last Ballance Pag. 546: 84: 1:

Thomas Pitt Esq.; as Mintmaster pays into the R.I. Honbl. United Company's Cash the summe of Twenty three Thousand Pagodas for Gold coined in the Mint received in Ship Tavestock.
FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1704

Ordered that Thomas Lecroy be Entertained a Soldier in this Garrison.
The Gentlemen who were ordered for Fort St. David the 17th. last month
were now sent for, and ordered to get ready to go on Saturday next.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do load on Ketch Queen Ann the fol-
wowing Goods and Stores Viz.'

Bales.

8. Broad cloth Ordinary red.
8. Ditto Green.
1. Scarlet.

One brass Morter with Carriage:
100 Finkelock Muskets, 50 with Baggonets.
10 Pair Pistolls.
100 Ammunition Swords.

10,000 Musquet Flints.
5 Barrell's English Powder 1 of which Pistoll.

100,000 Europe match.
500 Saker shot.
100 Faulken Ditto.
1 Searcher.
500 Granadoe shells.

General Letter from Mr. William Tillard at Motchlepam dated the 20th
past month now read.

Mr. John Meverell Late Paymaster reads his Paymaster's Account for
the month of December last, Viz'.

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and Payes into the Rt. Honble. United Company's cash the siffie of One Hundred
eighty six Pag. eight panams as the Ballance of his Paymaster's Account.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagod. be paid Mr. Thomas Marshall Paymaster
for defraying Charges Garrison.

Ordered that Robert Hunt at his request be discharged from further service
in this garrison.

Ensign Harris who has often been found drunk in so much that he has
been uncapable of doing his duty, for which he has been frequently repre-
seed but finding it to no purpose he was this day breakt, but in regard he has
a Wife and several Children we have permitted him to serve as Serjeant, but
that no longer than he abstains from drinking to excess.

THO. PIT
WILLIAM FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
THOM. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
---FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1704---

5. Capt. Kingsford late Comiader of Ship Canterbury which the French took her arrived here this morning overlands from Pondicherry.

6. Dispatch'd & Pattamars a General Letter to the Dy. Governor and Councill of Fort St. David for the separate Affairs dated this day.

7. Twenty of Ship Canterbury's men arrived in town from Pondicherry.


9. Sloop Ulumbane arrived in this road from Trincombar.

10. Between 3 and 4 this morning Ship Tavestock fired two Guns to give notice two ships were coming into the road, who were suspected to be French but proved to be the Stratham Cap't. Flint Comiader from Batavia, and the Malborough separate Stock Ship Cap't. Minter Commander from Emoy in China.

---AT A CONSULTATION---

Present

Thomas Pitt Esq. President & Governor.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.
John Meverell.

Ponagette Narso &c., Tobacco and Beesle farmers pays into the R't Honble. United Companies Cash the sume of seven Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Grapa &c.: Arrac Farmers pays into the R't Honble. United Companies Cash the sume of Three hundred and fifty Pagodas on that Account.

Messrs. Fraser, Marshall, and Meverell, delivers in y't. Account remains of the Dead Stock in this Place as ordered at Consultation the 4th January last.

Mr. John Meverell Paymaster reads his Accounts of money received from the Inhabitants Account Black Town Wall, and pays One Hundred Pagodas as the Ballance of that Account, as also reads his Accounts of disbursements of the Black Town Wall and pays one hundred and seven Pag's thirty four Annas and forty four Cash as the Ballance of that Account.

Ordered that Domingo de Roz and Antonio Fereiro Cofferees be Entertain'd souldiers in this Garrison.

Thomas Pitt Esq. as Mintmaster pays into the R't Honble. United Companies Cash the sume of thirty two thousand six hundred forty five Pagodas as the Ballance he could received of Ship Tavestock coined in the Mint.

Capt. Kingsford having adrest himself to Governour concerning a report his men had given out of their ill usage and his misbehaving himself at the time he engaged with the French, at which he seem'd much concerned it tending to the ruin of his reputation, so desired that he and his officers might be heard face to face before the Governour and Councill which was this day done, when upon hearing what his officers had to say, and the Captain's answere thereto and the many questions that was ask't both partys we found that the men had reason to complain of their hard usage for want of Provissions whilst in China, but for any thing of misbehaving himself whilst engaged with the enemy, we believe that part more malice than truth.

Mr. Bristeter, Mr. Daniel, &c. Supra Cargoes of Ship Stratham with their Commander complained to us, against Mr. Richard Grimes that was now their Chief Mate of insufferable Abuses and Affronts they had receiv'd from him, who being sent for to answer the same was now before us, who could not deny what they charg'd him with, which was threatening them all, that he would slitt their
noses, and cutt their throats, and a great deal of approbrious language, of which he confess'd himself guilty, but would have exons'd it as being drunk, besides the Commander and Supra Cargoes charg'd him with intolerable debauchery of all sorts, and with it gave it as their Opinions that it was not safe for the Comps. Estate, nor for the security of the Ship that he should longer continue in her, and wee being all of us of the same opinion 'twas agree'd that he should be discharg'd, and the Cheif Mate of the Canterbury shifted in his room, After the Supra Cargoes inform'd us that Mr. Grimes had taken up two Hundred Pounds at Bottomary for which Captain Moyers was bound, which money was demanded of Mr. Grimes or that he would give security to indemnifie the Widdow, unto which he answer'd that he had spent part of it, and some was on board the Ship. Order'd that Captain Flint should give him no acknowledgment for his wages, nor suffer any thing of his to be taken out of the Ship till he had given satisfaction in this matter.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOM. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Receiv'd pr. Pattamarras Two Pacquets from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David, one for the United Trade the other for the separate.

Sloop Ganjees arriv'd in this road from Fort St. David.

This evening about Four Ship Colchester fir'd a Gun and spread her Colours to signify she was full.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ*, PRESIDENT AND GOVERN*.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be pay'd Mr. Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St. David for the United trade dated 10th Instant now read.

Agreed that the President provides Ten Thousand Pounds worth of Allumgeer Pagodas to send to Bengall on the Tavestock, it being conformable to the Right Hon. United Company's Order.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOM. WRIGHT.
THOM. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

The Commander of Ship Colchester had his despatch deliver'd him about 4 this evening, and at five he went off and sail'd in the night.

Danes Sloop sail'd out of this road.

Dispatch'd pr. Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour, and Council of Fort St. David dated this day.

Dispatch'd pr. an Armenian Coessd a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council at Surat dated this day.

Brigganteen Destiny Thomas Edwards Master arriv'd in this road from Malacca.

Ship Samuel Mr. Holycross Master arriv'd in this road from Ganjam.
Mr. Charles Bugden pays into the Right Hon. United Company's Cash the
sum of Five hundred Pagodas in part of money collected from the Inhabitants
for building the Black Town Wall and Works.
Agreed that Five Hundred Pagodas be advanc'd Mr. Thomas Marshall
Paymaster towards building the Black Town Wall and Works.
Order'd that John Hunter be discharg'd from the Military of this Garrison,
it being his request, and that Peter Boyce and Gabriel de Costa Topasses be
entertain'd Soldiers.
Several Letters to Metchlepam, Vizagapatam, and Bengall all dated the
23d Instant now read, and approv'd.
Order'd that the Accoountant draws out an Account of the Salary
of those who have serv'd the United Company from the 22d July
1702 to the 25th of next Month.
Order'd that papers be putt upon the Sea and Choultry Gates to
give notice that the Farmes of Beetle Tobacco and Arrack will be
let to farm between this and the 15th next month from which time they are to commence, and that all
people are free to come, and make their proposals to the Governour for the
same or the Governour and Councill on Thursday in every week.
There having been Notorious and egregious Villanies committed by the
Heads of the Caste, in the unequall Assesment of the money for the Town Wall,
in which they have not only lade great Sums upon some, and others go free, but
in great measure have lain the burthen of the Tax upon the meanest and poorest
sort of people whom they were strictly charg'd by the Governour, and Councill
particularly to excuse so being devious to be truly informd who and what has
been the occasion of it, Tis order'd that Mr. William Fraser, Mr. Thomas
Marshall, and Mr. John Meverell appoint convenient times for setting in the
Town Hall and send for the Heads of the several Caste, and all other Inhabitants
as they think necessary, and their examin upon oath or otherways all matters
relating to that Affair, & report the same from time to time to ye Governr. &
Councill.
Mr. Brewster Cheif Supra Cargo of Ship Strutham was before us this day,
desiring that we would excuse him from paying Custom for what part of their
Cargoe was sold here, urging several reasons for the same to which he was
answer'd to putt his request, and reasons in writeing, and we would consider of
the same.
Tis agree'd that the Governour and Councill do meet to morrow morning at
the sea Gate, when 'tis order'd that all the Grain Merchants attend there to view
the new Measures made, by which 'tis intended all the grain that's bought and
sold in this Town is to be measur'd by them and no other.
Mr. Coniers of the Gunroom Crew of this Garrison being very much given
to drink, which occasion'd his neglecting his duty, for which the Governour
several months past stop't his pay, hoping thereby to reclaim him, who having
of late given some testimony of his reformation, and fair promises that he
will persist in the same, therefore order'd that the Paymaster pays him his
arrears.
Mr. Charles Bugden petitions to be discharg'd the Comp. service, having a
design to settle at Acheen, wherein he desires we would countenance and en-
courage him with the Company's Interest which accordingly was promis'd him and
his Petition enter'd after this Consultation.
M. G. and B. deliver a Petition advising us also of their intentions of their Joint Settling at Acheen, and desire that they be countenanced, and encourag'd with the Company's Interest in those parts, which is promis'd them so far as we find it consistant with their Honour, and Interest, their Petition is enter'd after this Consultation.

THOMAS PIT. WILLIAM FRAS. THOM. WRIGHT. THOM. MARSHALL. JOHN MEVERELL.

Hon. Sir,

Having a more than probable assurance of advancing my fortune, by the assistance of some friends here, do make it my request (tho' indeed with some regret) to lay down the Hon. Company's service, after bringing up all business, provided I can gain your Hon. &c. grant to settle at Acheen, and in consideration of above Eleven Years' faithful dischargment of the several employments committed to my charge; also that during my abode there my Hon. Patrons may have occasion to make use of me in the Place, which I shall most willingly obey, do further request a promise upon my return thence, to be reinstated again in the Hon. Company's Service, or that you will please to represent the same home in my behalfe, with all and other favours shall be ever most gratefully acknowledged by.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 23RD. FEBR. 1704.

TO HON. THOMAS PIT. ESQ.

H. &c. Y. most Obed. Hum. Serv.

CHARLES BUGDEN.

Having encouragement from most of our friends Traders of Place to settle for a while at Acheen, we crave leave to proceed thither on Ship Stratham, and make bold to request the following particulars, whereunto hope for your approbation and Consent.

That Your Hon. &c. will please to Grant (for the better countenance of our settling there) the Hon. Company's privileges in that Port, with an authentic Copy of the several Articles, as also a Letter of recommendation to the King and Government of that place.

That it may please your Hon. &c. to favour us with the liberty of living on the Hon. Company's grounds there, and to inclose, and build on the same such convenient Lodgings and Warehouses as shall be necessary at our own expense, for at present, 'tis open and a mere ruin, exposed to the incroachments of the natives and other Neighbouring theresabouts, who have begun to build Huts and little shoppes and may in time be totally lost.

That Whereas all Shipping belonging to the English trading thither with the Company's Pass or not, Declare themselves to come from them, or at least to be protected by them, so consequently claim a right to their Privileges, some whereof have abused them by paying Custome, and other usual impositions, to the prejudice of other Licensed Traders, Touching which we supplicate the Hon. Govern. would notifie to the Government what they shall think most for
our Credit and the Publick good And to render us the more acceptable we shall prepare a handsome Present, such as has been usually given upon the like occasions, which desire may be in the Hon'ble Companys name.

And Lastly, That if your Honour &c. shall please to favour us with a Grant of the premises, that you'll also recommend us to the Gentlemen in Bengall, Surat &c. whence are sent Shipping yearly; And shall be ready on all occasions, & at all times to obey the Hon'ble Companys Commands to the utmost of our Abilities, and in like manner to Testifie our gratitude to your Hon'ble &c. being

Your most obliged Humble Servant to Command

FORT ST. GEORGE, 24TH. FEBR., 1703/4.
HENRY GRIFFITH, CHARLES BODDEN.

Ketch Queen Anne M' Bulkeley Master arrived in this road from Fort S'.

David.

Ship Canturbury arrived in this road from the same place.

Ship Chambers Friggat Cap't. Thomas South Comand't, arrived in this road from China about 12 at noon, on whom came M' Dolben and M' Frederick who brought us a Pacquet from the Rt. Hon'ble old East India Comp'. dated 17th, September 1701 as also delivered all their Bookes and Accounts relating to the Cargo of said Ship.

Ship Blessing Captain Thomas Branock Capt. arrived in this road from China.

Sloop Gangees sailed out of this road for Atcheen.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITr ESQ. PRESIDENT &c.
[LACUNA] WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT. THOM. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEYERELL. THOM. FREDERICK.
M'. FRANCIS ELLIS Sick.

Thomas Pitt Esq', as Mintmaster reads his Mint Account for the month of January last.

Mr. John Mayerell Land Customer reads his Land Customer Accounts for the month of January last, viz'.

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Ordered that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

The Governoir produced a Paper sent by Kings Buzee to Cojee Gregorsee an Armenian inhabitant in this Place, the purport of w.h. is threats about our Towns, which Paper is Enter'd after this Consultation.
Mr. Thomas Wright Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Account for the month of January last, Viz.

To Custom on Goods Imported & exported. Pa. 2,986: 3: =
To Custom on Grain ... ... ... 1,158: 18: 10
Anchorage ... ... ... 22: 18: ...
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Messrs. Brewster &c. Supra Cargoes of the Strenthum delivered us in a Petition this day, desiring that they may be exempted from Paying Custom, alleging that their stock was but small in so much that they feared it would little more then bear the Charge of the Ship, so that by lessening the stock it increased the charge which being debated, and well consider'd 'twas agreed they should pay no Custom for such Goods as belonged bona fide to the Company, of which they are to give a Just Account and if required upon Oath, Their Petition is as entered after this consultation.

There being a Clock to be sold for Forty five Pagod, and we wanting one for the head of the stairs. Ordered that the Paymaster do buy the same.

THO. PITT.
WILL. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
THOM. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEWERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.

FROM THE BUXEE TO COHE GREGORY.

Sheik Abdassalam has wrote Doud Cawn in the following manner, That the Villages which Assed Cawn, and Cawn Bahaudear had given to the Governour of Chineapatam, Cawn Bahaudear had now given one or two of them to Doud Cawns Jaggeer, but the Governour's servants refuse to lett him take possession thereof, upon which I discoursing Doud Cawn he returned Sheik Abdassalam the following answer. Till I incamp in those parts I would not have you meddle with the matter only tell the Governour that his servants had best be quiet, and make no disturbance betwixt us, and upon my arrivall in those parts, I will take notice of mine and Cawn Bahaudear's Jaggeer and will satisfy the Governour about it, so I have spoken to Cawn Bahaudar's officers not to meddle anything in it till my arrivall at St. Thoms, and this I advise you.

FOR THE HON. THOMAS PITT ESG.

PRESIDENT FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE HON.

ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY AND
GOVERN., OF FORT S. GEORGE AND FORT S. DAVID, & THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL
&c. COUNCILL.

HON. S &c.

When first we designed for this Port of Madras, we had a prospect of making a voyage for the United English East India Company but since our arrivall here, do find it to come much short of our expected Profit, part of the Cargo not selling for the first cost, as likewise do understand by the Captain of our Ship, that wee shall be obliged to supply him with a much larger sume then what is designed in Charter Party, our Ship being ill fitted out of England with stores and necessaries for a trading voyage, especially sailes which is one of our chiefest wants as well as Provisions, this last was occasioned by our throwing half overboard in our outward bound passage, it not being fittig to eat, of which we
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FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1704

acquainted the Hon". Company in our last: For the reasons aforesaid we the Supra Cargo of the Ship Strutham do humbly request your Honours to demand no Custom for our Cargoes brought hither, if otherwise 'twill be a great lessening to the designed stock the Hon". Company intended for a trading Voyage this we humbly recommend to your Honours consideration, and in the mean time beg you to believe that we are with all due respects.

FEBRUARY 28th, 1704.

Yr". Hon". most faithfull & obedient Serv". to Command

CHAR. BREWSTER

WILLIAM DANIEL

MARCH 1st.

Received at Patnamars a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 28th the past month.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq". PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

JOHN MEVERELL.

THOMAS. MARSHALL.

THOMAS. FREDERICK.

FRANCIS ELLIS, sick.

General Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David dated 28th, February now read.

The R". Hon", United Company having ordered ten Thousand Pound sterling to be sent to Bengall in gold or silver, the latter being dear and difficult to be got 'twas Agreed that the same should be sent in Alumgeer Pagodas, but the President acquainting us this day to that Amount was not procureable in Town, and with his utmost endeavours he had been able to get no more then Eleven Thousand one Hundred Pagodas which is agreed to be delivered the Warehousekeeper and that the remainder with the approbation of the Assay Master be bought up in China Gold.

THOMAS PITT.

WILL. FRASER.

THOMAS FREDERICK.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd to Patnamars the following Packets Viz'.

To Mr. William Tillard at Matchlep". dat'd 28th past moth.

Two Packets to Vizagapatam for the separate and United Trade of Ditto date.

Ketch Heirusalem Coja Mark Noquedah arrived in this road from Bengall.

Ship Allebux sailed for Narsapore.

The following order was signed by the Governour and Council Viz'.

The Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David having in their two last Letters wrote us the great want they are in for money to defray the expenses of their Garrison, earnestly desiring us to send them some. There being now an
opportunity by Padre Landon who sets out for that Place on Monday next, believe it a safe conveyance to remit them Two Thousand Pagodas, to which your opinion is desired.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.

Ship Presidt', Capt. Greenhaugh Coßand'. arrived from Queiddah. 5th.
This day Padre Landon set out for Fort St. David with whom was sent 6th.
the Two thousand Pagodas as agreed on the 4th. Instant, and Twenty Rashpoote's was sent with him as a Guard as far as fort St. David.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ*. PRESIDENT & GOV*. [Lacuna] WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.

Mr. Thomas Marshall Paymaster reads his Paymaster's Account for the month of January last Viz.

Charges Garrison ... ... ... ... ... Pa. 1303: 6: =
Charges Cattle ... ... ... ... ... ... 90: 80: =
Silk Worms ... ... ... ... ... ... 11: 13: =
Account Presents... ... ... ... ... 6: 2: =
Factors Provisions ... ... ... ... ... 10: 6: =
Charges Dyet ... ... ... ... ... ... 64: 14: =
Charges Generall ... ... ... ... ... 37: =:
Fortifications and repairs ... ... ... 156: 12: =

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And it is agreed that One Thousand Pagod'. be advance'd him towards defraying Charges Garrison.
Agreed that the President pays out of Cash Eleven Thousand two hundred and four Pagodas, being Amount of China Gold bought, and delivered the Warehousekeeper to be sent to Bengall on Ship Tavestock.
Capt. Heron being at Policberry when the French released the Prisoners taken on the Canturbury, who wanted where withall to subsist them in their way to this Place, upon which he distributed amongst them Thirty four Pagod'. which is ordered to be repaid him by the Paymaster and that he gives him our thanks for his compassion on the poor men.
Ordered that Thomas Sammon be Entertain'd as Cooke of the Fort at Five Pagod'. @ Mensem.
Agreed that Fifty Pagodas be paid Mannlangapah for six months Town Conicoply's duty ending ult. Jan'. last.
The President produces a sawsy Letter he received yesterday from the Chief Junkaneer Moontombee Mooldaree which is Enter'd after this Consultation.
About 7 this morning Mr. Francis Ellis dyed, having lain a long time
ill, who left Mr. Thomas Wright and Mr. George Lewis his Trustees, the former producing his Will, which was read in Consultation.

Ordered that Mr. Edward Rawdon be Entertained as Doct’r. Chief mate at Five Pagod’s of Monsom.

Tho. Pitt.
Will. Fraser.
Tho. Wright.
Thom. Frederick.
John Meverell.

FROM MONTOMERY JUNCKANEER.

I received your kind letter wherein you mention of having firme Perwannas for the villages and also of having dearly paid for them and that you design never to part from them, without you are reimbursed your money, what you write concerning Perwannas is true, but the Duan who is our master and has full Power over the Karnauduck country we are obliged to obey, I doubt not but that your Hon. is sensible that Tyher Cawn and the Phonsar of Pullumullee have received Perwannas relating to the said Towns I have frequently received Letters from Zypher Cawn, whereby I understand that he intends to join with me, but have desired him and the Phonsar for Pullumullee to have two or three dayes more patience, esteeming it as a kindness done to your Honour I am obliged to obey their orders, but the reason why I thus long have delay’d them is for the esteem I bear to your Honour and kindness to your Inhabitants. I was in hopes that your Honour long before this would have found out means to have cleared me o this bussiness, but find to the contrary. Check Abde Sallam is lately arrived here, who showed me the Perwannas he has received about the Townes, when I showed him them I had received who answered that we must be obedient to our Masters orders, which is the reason of my writing to your Honour to send one of your vackeels to Satisfie the Phonsar, we shall not then be wanting to write to our Masters in your Honour’s behalf, peace being the only thing we desire, but in the mean time you may order my people to take possession of the Villages out of which I am informed your Honour has ordered all the Paddy to be carryed, which order you must Countermand without delay receiving daily Perwannas from our Masters which we must be obliged to putt in execution what can I write more.

7th.
Received a Generall Letter from the Generall and Council of Suratt dated the 15th November last, and from the Commodore and Council at Anjengo dated the primo February last.

8th.
Ship Tavestock Capt. Matthew Martin Commander sailed for Bengall, by whom sent the following Packets Viz'.

To the Council for the United Trade dated the 24th February and 7th March 1703-4.

To President Board &c. Council in Bengall dated the 23rd. February last.

To St. Edward Littleton &c. Council at Hugley dated the 24th. February last.

Ship Alfaund arrived in this road from Mergee Capt. Mare Comander.

Ship St. Cruise Senh. Ignatius Comander arrived in this road from Manilha.

Ship Allemd Mooseeand Noquedah arrived in this road from Bengall.
FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1704

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq., President & Govt.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL. JN. MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.


An answer to Mootumbee's Saucy Letter was now read, and Enter'd after this Consultation.

Few days past here coming to Town a Moor man who has a very considerable Employ under the King in these parts and esteemed a Friend to the English, so that to preserve his Friendship, 'Tis agreed that the President gives him the following Present Viz. 1 6 Yd Scarlett, one Guilt sword, looking Glass, and 2 bottles rosewater.

There being a vacancy in this Council by the death of Mr. Ellis, 'Twas proposed by the President to fill it up with Mr. Robert Raworth for the following reasons. First That the Company had particularly showed a regard they had for him by making of him a Merchant, and ordering him to reside in this Place. Secondly. That he is the only new Company's servant here. Thirdly. 'Tis to be inferred from the settlement of the United Affairs in Bengal, that the Managers desire an equal number of the old and new Company's servants to be in the management of the United Affairs. Fourthly and Principally that Mr. Raworth appears to be a sober, Dilligent, & Ingenious man, and by his deportment promises to be a useful and Profitable servant to the Company. 'Tis resolved that the consideration of filling up the Council be deferred to another meeting.

The Governor acquaints that Peter de Pumera has offered Three thousand five hundred Pagodes, 30 Annum for the Arrac Farme, and believes can be brought to more, and desires the Council to meet tomorrow morning at the Garden House to fix the same the month expiring the 15th Instant.

The death of Mr. Ellis occasioning a General alteration in the employments of the Gentlemen of the Council, 'Tis ordered as follows, and to Enter upon their Employes the primo next month.

Mr. William Fraser Second, and to take charge of the Bookes.
Mr. Thomas Wright Third, to take charge of the Warehouse to whom Mr. Fraser is to surrender the same.
Mr. Thomas Marshall Fourth, to take charge of the Sea Customs, to whom Mr. Wright is to deliver the same.
Mr. John Meverell Fifth and Paymaster to whom Mr. Marshall as soon as clear that account delivers him the Bookes.
Mr. Thomas Frederick Sixth, and Land Customer to whom Mr. Meverell is to deliver up the same.

THO. PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THO'. WRIGHT.
THOM'. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOM'. FREDERICK.

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To Mootombe Chief Junkanee.

I received your Letter and observe the contents. Our resolutions about the Towns for which we have so firmly Pirwanas; besides paid Dearly for 'em, you have often acquainted with and now tell you again we will never part from them without we are reimbursed our money, and none expect we should-but such as have shook hands with honour and Justices. I never owned any Goods that were coming into this place, but such as belonged to us, and for our Inhabitants 'tis always my charge to them that they pay the Kings Dutys according to Sallabad and no other in which I will protect them; as this, you may also take as you please.

THOMAS PITT.

At a Consultation

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq'. President & Govern'.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.

This day we had the old Arrac Farmers, and Peter de Pomera before us, the latter bid 8600 Pag'. @ Annum for the Arrac Farme, and the others not willing to give so much, 'Tis agreed he should have it; and the Secretary ordered to draw out a Lease of the same for Five years to commence from the 15th. Instant, and the said Pomera to pay his Rent monthly, the Lease for which is as enter'd after this Consultation.

THO. PITT.
WILL. FRASER.
THO: WIGHT.
THOM: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOS. FREDERICK.

WE THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R'. HON'nm. UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY, do Grant unto Peter de Pomera singarapah Venketadry, Peria Virapa, Musell Taunapa &c. Partners the Licence for Distilling Arrac and selling Arrack by retail, and the Licence of buying and selling Arrac Root for one year commencing the fifteenth March 1704 and ending the 15th of March 1704; forbidding all other Persons to Distill Arrac or to sell by retail, or to buy or sell Arrac root in Fort St. George Madrassapatam or the Liberties thereof, without licence first obtain'd of the said Peter de Pomera &c under penalty of forfeiting to the R'. Hon'nm. Company all Arrac so distilled, or sold by retail, and the Arrac root bought or sold, and satisfying the damages accruing to the said Peter de Pomera &c., as the justices of the Choultry shall see cause to award. The said Peter de Pomera &c. observing conditions and orders, Vizt.

1. The said Peter de Pomera &c. are to pay the Hon'nm. United Company's Cash on the Fifteen [of] every month next after the Date hereof, durng the said term of Five years The sume of Three hundred Pagodas.
2. They are to cause the Arrac to be well distilled of wholesome Ingredients, under the penalty of suffering the punishment formerly provided again the use of of Dutrow.

3. They are to Register in the Land Customers Bookes the Persons to whom they shall Grant Licences by Virtue hereof.

4. Those who take Licences from the said Peter de Pomera &c. for selling Arrac by retail, are subject to such penalties and Punishments as have been formerly declared for misdemeanours, and offences committed against the orders of the Garrison.

5. The said Peter de Pomera &c. shall not sell or make over any part in the said Farne to any Person w'tsoever without leave first obtained from the President and Council for so doing.

6. The said Peter de Pomera &c. are to deal reasonably w'h. such Persons as Import Arrac root by Sea or Land, and if the Importers thereof shall complain to the Justices of the Choutrey, the said Peter de Pomera &c. are to Act according to their Determination, as well in that as in all differences which shall arise between them and others, or among themselves in any manner relating to the Arrac Farm. Given under our Hands, and the seal of the R'. Hon'. Company this Fifteenth day of March 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERRELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.

--- AT A CONSULTATION ---

Present
THOMAS PITT ESQ'. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL. JN'. MEVERRELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.

Mr. Joseph Hiller Provisional Storekeeper reads his Storekeepers Accounts for the months of January and February, and payes into the R'. Hon', United Company's Cash Two Hundred Pagodas on account of Stores sold.
Mr. John Meverell Land Customer reads his Land Custom Account for the month of February last.

Choultry Custom ... ... ... ... Pag': 105: 8: 45
Rubio Broakers ... ... ... ... 25: 11: 20
Town Broakers ... ... ... ... 5: 2: 76
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Pag': 236: 2: 4

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr. Thos: Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Ordered that John Emas be Entertain'd one of the Gunroom Crew in this Garrison.
The R. Hon. United Company having on Ship Tavestock a parcel of course Hats supposing they intended them for the soldiers of this garrison who all wear Granadeer Caps, and they being very lyable to be dammaged by the moth, ordered that Storekeeper, do sell the same at Outcry.

Governour produced Translate of a saucy Letter received yesterday from the Governour of S. Thoma and proposes an answere thereto, which was read & approved, Copies of both are as Enterd after y. Consultat.

FROM MIRUSMAUN PHOUSDAR.

of S. Thoma.

I have power over Chinapatam and likewise over S. Thomas, as it belongs to the King, whose Grant of Chinapatam Ground to the Company was on no other intent then to make the Place fruitfull, and bring riches into his Kingdom, but not to Act any thing that should prove unjust or prejudicial to the Merchants Interest there. I can’t help putting you in mind of the Governours of Golcendah and Vizapore, who for their unjust actions, and ill behaviour were instantly turned out of their Province, notwithstanding all their resistance and clapt into Irons, what reason therefore has the King to value any one, seeing he turns out whosoever he please, and who by his Great kindness and Justice towards his people has obtaind of God to conquer wheresoever he comes, and knowing me to be one of his officers, I wonder at the style you write me, what can I say more—

To MIRUSMAUN PHOUSDAR of S. Thoma.

I received your impertinent and insolent letter, wee all know your King to be Great, wise, and just and many of his Nobles Persons of Great Honor but most of his little Governours amongst who, I reckon you, very uncorrupt and unjust. We would have you to know we are of a Nation whose sovereign as great and Powerfull, able to protect his subjects in their Just rights over all the world, and revenge whatever injustices shall be done them, of which there will be speedy Instances given, I am not a little surprised at your saucy expressions, as well as actions in Imprisoning my Inhabitants, when you know I can fetch yon hither and correct you for both, this is an answere to your Letter.

THOMAS PITT.

22º. Received 7 Pattamars a Generall Letter from William Tillard at Metchlepam dated the 13º. Instant.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq. President & Governº.
WILLIAM FRAZER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL. JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.

Thomas Pitt Esq. as Mintmaster reads his Mint Accounts for the month of February last, and pays into the R. Hon. United Companies Cash the sume of Two hundred and thirty Pagodas seventeen fanams and forty Cash, as the Ballance of that Account.
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Ponagette Narso &c. Tobacco and Beetle farmers pays into the R. Honble. United Companies Cash the sume of Six hundred and fifty Pagodas on that Account.

Gropah &c. Arrao Farmers payes into the R. Honble. United Companies Cash the sume of Three hundred Pagodas on that Account.

M'. Thomas Wright Sea Customer payes into the R. Honble. United Companies Cash the sume of One Thousand Pagodas on Account Sea Customs.

This day was the Lease for the Arrao Farme deliverd to Peter de Pomera who was strictly charged to observe the same, and that he put nothing into the Arrao that was destructive to the health of the People, more especially Dutrow.

Tho: Pitt.  
Will: Fraser.  
Tho: Wright.  
John Meverell.  
Tho'. Frederick.

Ship Malborough Cap'. Minter Master Sail'd this morning out of this road for Emoy in China by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Generall and Council of Batavia dated the 23d. Instant, to be forwarded by the first opportunity from Malacca, and also to the Supra Cargoes of Ship Sidney, inlosing therein a price Current of China Goods on this Coast.

Ship Commerce M'. Henning Master arrived in this road from Bengali, by whom received a Generall Letter from President Beard &c. Council dat'd 10th. and 12 Febry.

Received 2 Pattamars a Generall Letter from M'. William Tillard at Metchlepatam dated 15th. Instant.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present
Thomas Pitt Esq. President and Govern.  
William Fraser.  
Thomas Wright.  
John Meverell.  
Thomas Frederick.

Generall Letter from M'. William Tillard at Metchlepatam dated 15th. Instant now read.

The Chambers Friggat calling in at Pollicondore as she came from China, where M'. Dolben tells us he received a Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council there, Directed to the Governour and Council here, which has met with the misfortune to be lost, supposing it was thrown overboard when they met with the French, but having read it he in good part remembers the purport thereof, which he was desired to put in writing, and accordingly did it, being a request to us, to furnish them with slaves, stores &c. wth' we have no orders for the same from ye Managers for the United Trade, yet considering here being in Port, at this time a ship of theirs called the Strutham bound for China, which intends to call at that Island: that the following stores be sent on her, not doubting the Company will approve thereof.

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Limejuice 50 or 60 Gallons ... ... ... ... ... ...
Butter ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Jars 10

what slaves procurable and to write to Fort St. David to get some.

Henry Davenport Secretary Payes into the R't Honble United Companys Cash the suime of One Hundred and six Pagodas for permiss of Passengers on board Colchester.

Mr. William Fraser Warehousekeeper payes into the R't Honble United Companys Cash Fifteen hundred Pagod. on Account Goods sold.

The Governour acquaints the Council that whereas they had all heard that Coja Timore an Attorney for an Armenian in Persia, upon which Account he had great demands on Coja Awan, who delaying to adjust the same, took a Warrant out of the Court against him upon which Coja Awan delivered some Papers seal'd up to Coja Gregoria, who lodged them in the Court but soon after Coja Timore having business which occasion'd his going to St. Thoma, whither he was followed by Coja Awan, where he prevail'd by some indirect means or other with the Governour of that Place to seize Coja Timore and put him in Irons, and remain'd there himself, for which reason and they being two of our Inhabitants, He sent yesterday the Mulla and Brahminy to demand them and to have his positive answer whether he would deliver them, who when returned acquainted him that the Governour of St. Thoma insisted on a Cowl or Pardon for Coja Awan, and that the Papers lodged in the Court should be sent to him, the former was acquise'd to but the latter with scorn rejected: This business occasion'd great debates, and method proposed for the revenging the onsolence of the Governour of St. Thoma in seizing our Inhabitants, for that we considering the ill consequences of it, which will be, that no matters for the future shall be prosecuted here, but that him against whom the cause is carryed will appeal to St. Thoma, the farther consideration of this is referred to another meeting.

THO. PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOM: MARSHALL.
JOHN MIVERELL.
THO: FREDERICK.

Thursday: 30th.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ., PRESIDENT AND GOVERN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MIVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROB. RAWORTH.

Ordered that John Philips be Entertained one of the Gunners Crew in this Garrison.

Mr. William Fraser Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Accounts for the months of January & Feb. last.

Ordered that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr. Thomas Marshall Pay-master for defraying Charges Garrison.
Ordered that Joseph Parker be discharged from farther service in this Garrison, and that John Pool be in his room.

Ordered that Abraham Malay, Issack Malay, and Dundoo Madras be Entertained as soldiers in this Garrison.

Ordered that the Paymaster loads on the Chambers Friggit for Bengal all the black stone he [has by him] according to a former request from the President & Council there to provide it for [their Chappel.] This day was unanimously resolved to [fill up the Council to the] Number of seven with M'. Raworth, there being a vacancy by the Death of M'. Ellis, and in consideration of the reasons mentioned in our Consultation of the 10th. Instant and that he be Storekeeper.

The Beetle and Tobacco Farmers were again sent for before us, and demanded whether they were ready to clear their Accounts, and willing to continue the farm of Beetle and Tobacco, to which they made some hesitation, then desired till Monday next to consider what answer to give, which was accordingly Granted them.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WEIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MREVELL.
THOM'. FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Ship Mahomudde, Mahomud Tyre Noquedah arrived in this Road from April Qnedda.

Sloop Diana M'. Nevell Master arrived in this road from Bombay.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ'. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WEIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL. JOHN MREVELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK. ROB'. [RAwoaru].

M'. Thomas Marshall Paymaster reads his Account for the month of February Viz':

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Agreed that Messrs. Meverell, Frederick and Raworth be Justices at the Choutry.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be paid M. John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Ordered that M. Jeremiah Harrison be Receiver of the Sea Customs, and that M. Robert Raworth delivers to him all Bookes and Papers relating to that Employment.

M. Charles Bugden Rentall Generall payses into the R. Honble. United Company's Cash the summe of One Thousand and forty Pagodas and thirty four fanams Ballance Collected by him for Quitt Rents ending August 1702. And also reads his Scavengers Account for the year ending Ulto. September 1703 Ballance due to him Seaveny two Pagodas] twenty three fanams which is agreed to be paid by M. If[unt] he farther pays One Hundred forty eight Pag.' eight fanams and sixty Cash on Accol. Town Wall money.

Ordered that M. Richard Hunt be Rentall Genl. and Scavenger, and to take charge of both the Employes from the primo Instant.

Ordered that Michael Fets is entertained one of the Gunroom Crew in this Garrison.

Just as we was resolving to write to the Nabob about the Governor of S. Thomos seaising an Armenian Inhabitant of ours, thinking that the most proper way before we use violence in fetching him out of their hands, we just then received Letter from the Nabob and Buxie on the same subject. Translate of which are Entered after this Consultation, upon which 'twas agreed they should be immediately answered.

Tho: Pitt.
Will: Fraser.
Tho: Whight.
John Mettrel.
Tho: Frederick.
Rob: Raworth.

From Nabob
Deyail Case.

I am informed that one Coja Timore makes unreasonable demands on Coja Awan an Armenian Inhabitant of Chinsapatam who has dwelt there a considerable time and am informed you have set a Guard upon his house. [He] is a Person that does business for us, as we have [occasion] for Jewells, and stands indebted to us a considerable sum of money, so that you would do well to order your people by no means to meddle with him, and if there are any unreasonable demands on him, I will accomodate the business when I arrive at Piancaut [What can I write more?]

From the Beare.

I have been lately informed that one [Coja Timore] as Vackel for another Person makes unreasonable demands on Coja Awan, and that your Honour has set a guard upon his House which I wonder at, such unreasonable things are contrary to your Law, and cannot [but admire] that a Person must be ruined without examination, if Coja Awan be indebted to any Person 's [will appear] against him, he is a Person that serves the Nabob and one with Jewells, and at this time is indebted to us, concerning which the Nabob has [wrote your] Honour, and I likewise write you as a [friend &] desire your Hon. to order that none of your people meddle with him or his effects, that he may [go on] quietly with our Affairs, and if there appeares any reasonable writings against him he shall satisfy the same according to reason and Justice, my family is at St. Thoms to whom I hope your Honour will be assisting, I shall shortly be in your Parts.

Ship Dolphin Thomas Plumb master arrived in this road from Bengall by whom received a Generall Letter from the Council for the United Trade there dated 13th. Feb[.] [last].
Letter to the Nabob, and another to the Buzie answer to what was received the second Instant, now read, and agreed to be sent. Copy of which as Entered after this Consultation.

To the Nabob.

To NABOB
DOWED
CAYNS
APRIL 4th.
1704.

Ketch Queen Anne Ralph Bulkly Master [arrived in] this road from Fort St. David, by whom received a Pacquet from the Deputy Governor and Council there dated 8th Instant.

Ship Francisco arrived in this road from G[anjam] Sloop Vizagapatam Merchant arrived in 4th road from Ditto.

I received your Excellency's Perwanna and [observe the] contents, by which I find that your Excellency [is misinformed as to the affair between Coja Awan and Cojah Timore, both which Persons are our Inhabitants, yet nevertheless the Governor of St. Thomas] most unjustly] seized Coja Timore and used him barbarously [upon] a complaint of Coja Awan, grounded altogether on falsities, so with your Excellency's leave [here] represent the truth to you. About two years [past] there was here one Coja Paulo went to Persia on one of our ships, who was Attorney for Coja Isop formerly an Inhabitant of this Place, who tho' he left an [attorney] yet recommended the care of his effects to our [Government desiring to assist his Attorney] on all occasions, this Coja Paulo dyed in Persia, who [left Cojah] Awan, his Attorney here, by which means [he was] also Attorney to Coja Isuph who adjust [ed all] accounts with the deceased Coja Paulos [friends] in Persia and received from them an order to Coja Awan here to deliver to him or his order what effects left in his hands of his by Coja Paulo, to receive which as also all other effects in several other parts, he sent this Coja Timore and two others, who arrived here about Ten months past, and soon after showing their Power to Coja Awan made their demands of the effects of Coja Isoph left in his Hands by Coja Paulo who readily promised before several Persons to comply therewith, and some months after Coja Timore renewing his demands Coja Awan told him, that the effects were abroad on several Voyages the obligations for which he was ready to deliver him up, deducting his Commission for the same, to which Coja Timore agreed and daily expected Coja Awan's compliance, but he delaying it from month to month, Coja Timore &c. complain'd to our Justice who ordered him to be taken into Custody or give security for his Person till the business was determined, upon which Coja Awan delivered into our Court of Justice some Papers sealed up, which to this day remain as they were, soon after which Coja Timore having business which occasioned his going to St. Thomas wither he was followed by Coja Awan who prevail'd with the Governor there (for reasons which are easily to be guess'd) to seize Timore put him in Irons and used him at a Barbarous rate, upon this Coja Awan remain'd with that unjust
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Governour which immediately occasioned several of our Inhabitants to complain to me against him, he owing here to several People between 6: or 800 Pag[...]

upon which I set a guard upon his House; that nothing might be [remov'd] till he returned and cleared these demands, I [a] few days [after] sent our Vacqueel to S' Thoma to demand Coja Awan and Timore our Inhabitants, and would have [done it in] another manner, but for the regard we have for your [Exc?] resolving to apply ourselves to you before we [revenge] these injustices, and were writing you this Letter just as we received your Perwanna, by our Vacqueel [we offer'd] that whereas in this Place there are eminent [Merchants of] all Casts and Nations, that it should be decided [by such] as they should choose themselves, or upon a fair [and full] hearing in our Court of Justice, where all matters are [deter]mined according to the Law of God and man, [in no] Place but this, can this matter be decided, here [being all] three Witnesses, money, and Papers relating there[to], I offer'd Awan my Cowle to returne hither, and end his [business] like a Merchant, when the Guard should be [taken off his] house, otherwise we would call sufficient [Witnesses at] the taking of an Inventory of what was [there and secure] it for the Payment of what he owes our Inhabitants but nothing of reason or justice would [satisfy him] and the [Governour of S'. Thoma, who] insisted on delivering back the Papers, which we can't part [with] I have here represented to your Excellency the whole truth of the matter not doubting but you will give [orders for the] delivering up to us our Inhabitants, having hitherto observed that you are a Lover of Honour and Justice I wish y'. Excellency all health and prosperity.

THOMAS PITT.
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in the same, and did get in but part of it, for which he was allowed 25 Pag'. 'Tis agreed Mr. Frewen has the [remainder] 75 when he has collected the whole Sixth.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper delivers out pieces ordinary Broad cloth for the use of the old Company to be paid at Invoice price.

Coja Awan that remains at St. Thoma [owing a] considerable sum to the Inhabitants of this place, the Court had ordered (by the advice and consent of the Governor and Council the Judge representing the same to us that his House should be open'd, and an [Inventory] taken of all Goods, and Household stuff in it in the presence of the Armenians, Mogulls and Pattans of this Place, who accordingly were summoned this day in order thereto, but instead of going to the house the Armenians and Mogulls came to the Governor the former desiring to be excused by reason they had effects in St. Thoma which would suffer thereby, the Mogulls allege[d] that the [Buxee's servant had been with them this morning and] charged them in the Nabobs and his Masters names not to concern themselves in this matter, but the Pattans did not appear, they were ordered all to retire to the Town Hall, whilst the Governor and Council considered of it, who came to [the] following resolutions. That if any of the sufficient men of them would give security for Payment of Coja Awan's debts, [or] delivery up of his Person within such a time as should be agreed on, or otherwise they must assist at the opening of his House and Godowns, and take an Inventory of all that was therein, to which if they did not agree, they must assist at the opening of his House and Godowns, and take an Inventory of all that was therein, and caused them to acquiesce with the following.

Mr. Hunt makes a report that the Account delivered in by Mr. Bugden of the Ground Rents and Scavengers agreed with the General books.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOM: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOM: FREDERIC.
ROB: RAWORTH.

Ship Sedgwick Capt'. Richard Rawlings Commander [arrived] in this road from Bengal by whom received the following packets. From the United Council in Bengal, and [from the] President and Council there for the separate Affairs of the old Company.

Ship Surat Merchant Capt'. Hancock Com'. arrived in [this] road from Pegue. Ship Bombarupang arrived in this road from [ ]

Ship Commerce Capt'. Bulkly Com'. sailed out of this [road for] Bengal.
Ship Sumarteen arrived in this road from Acheen Cojah Woanes Noquedah.
Ship Latchme arrived in this road from Negapatam.
Ship Allemadutt sailed out of this road for Bengal.
The Presidents Letter to the King of Atcheen dated the 11th, Instant, Instructions to Messrs. Griffith and Bugden for a settlement at Atcheen, and a Commission to them to represent the Company in those Parts, all now read and approved, which are as Entered after this Consultation.

We knowing the Employ of the Secretary of this place to be very fatiguing, and his reward for the same to be much less here than in any other Parts of India, and that in all Places and by all Nations there are settled fees for a Secretary, we have therefore for the future encouragement of the Secretary of this Place settled the following Fees referring it to the Hon. Managers for their approbation and confirmation of the same Viz:

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Ordered that Adrian Johnson be Entertained one of the Gunners Crew in this Garrison.
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To his most Illustrious Maj[esty] Sultan D[embell A]hum, King of [Acheer]

THOMAS PITT Esq. President for Affairs of the Rt. Hon[ble.] English East India Company [on the Coast] of Choromandella and Orissa and Governor of Forts St. George and St. Davids and City of Madras &c.

May it please Y. Maj[esty].

I heartily congratulate your Maj[esty's] accession to the Crown, and wish that your Reign may be long and prosperous, for that we shall be always at your Majesty's service to do any thing that may contribute thereunto since your ascending the throne we are informed that our Nation enjoys their Ancient Priviledges in your Kingdom, which they were debared of during the rebellious times, which Royal favours of your Majestie, have encouraged us to send this our Ship to your Port, on whom comes Mr. Griffith and Mr. Bugden to reside at our Ancient Factory, whom we desire may be favoured with yo'. Royal Protection, and the free enjoyment of the English Priviledges.

We have sent by them a Present for your Majestie of which we beg your acceptance, as also our humble thanks for the benefits you have pleased to bestow upon us. We wish your Majestie health and prosperity, and that you may be always successful against the enemies to your Crown and Dignity, which shall be the hearty wishes of

Your Maj['s]. most Dutifull

FORT St. GEORGE & Obed. servant

11th April 1704. THOMAS PITT.

INSTRUCTIONS to Messrs. Henry Griffith and Charles Bugden in order to their settling at Atcheen.

You having by your Petition to us dated the 24th February, requested our Countenance and assistance in your design of settling at Atcheen (which Place is under the Direction of this Presidency) of which having duly consider'd we hereby Grant and order you to Act in the following manner.

First.

That on your arrival at Atcheen you present the Presidents Letter to the King (of which we deliver you a Copy) with the Present you have obliged yourselves to carry at your own Charge, which must [go in the Right] Honble. Company's name.

Secondly.

That whereas the Hon[ble. Company has a piece of Ground there, on which they formerly had a factory] we hereby empower you to enclose the same [as you shall] think fit, and build such necessary Houses and Warehouses as shall be most convenient for your accommodation but at no manner of charge to the Company.

Thirdly.

Whereas we here deliver you a Copy [of the Original Grant of the Priviledges in the Year 1660 [by the] Queen of Atcheen to the Rt. Hon[ble. Company [which we] enjoy you to have a particular regard to and to the utmost of your Power preserve, and if any [now residing] there, or that shall come from any part of [India of] English [birth] shall do anything towards the lessening or] forfeiting the same, do you advise us there of [that so they] may be prosecuted for it in such parts of [India where] they reside.

Fourthly.

We shall advise to Bengali and Surat of your settling at Atcheen by our permission and that we have empowered you there to represent the Company and call such an Account as aforesaid as do anything to the prejudice of
their Priviledges, but for all other recommendation we hope you'll deserve by your faithfull dealings, with those who make you [Consignments].

Fifthly.

We having a War with France and Spain, 'tis not impossible but that we shall have several French Cruizers in those seas, and your Port as like as any to be their Place of Rendezvous, therefore order you that if any such Ships come to your Port, or that you hear of a certainty they are in those seas, or any Pirates, that you with all speed advise thereof to Malacca, and all other Ports whither an opportunity presents of writing, for that you well knowing the seasons (that our Company's ships, and several others belonging to this Coast, which are Generally of great value) when they come thro' the Straights of Malacca, and what charges you shall be set for your advices, we will by some means or other reimburse you, but caution you this, not to put us to any extravagant charge, we not knowing how to be repaid the same.

'Tis much to be feard that Mr. Delton who has resided a long time at Atcheen in contempt of the Company's Authority will be no Friend to your design, on whose actions you must make the best remarks you can and if you find, and have good proof thereof, that what he do's tends to the destruction of the Company's Priviledges, do you advise us thereof and we will give necessary orders therein, we earnestly recommend to you a frequent correspondence with this Place, when be sure to give full advices of all matters of importance. We wish you good success in your undertakings, and again recommend to you the intire preservation of the Company's Priviledges, which you have promised shall [be done with] out any Charge to them Dated in Fort St. George this 12th. day of April 1704.

THO : PITT.
WILL : FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MONTAGUE.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME WE THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE AND COAST OF CHORDOMANELL FOR THE R. HON.{2}. UNITED ENGLISH EAST [INDIA] COMPANY SEND GREETING.

THAT whereas we are informed (of great) disorders at Atcheen by several English (that trade to) that Port, that tends to the ruin and destruction [of the] R. Hon[2]. Company's Priviledges, to retrieve [which and to preserve them for the future we hereby empower [Messrs. Henry] Griffith and Charles Bugden to reside there [as the Company's representatives, requiring all Her Majesty's subjects] Queen Anne of Great Brittain &c. to apply themselves to the aforesaid Messrs. Griffith and Bugden [in all matters] and disputes between them and the Government who we hereby enjoyn to be assisting to them to the utmost of their Power. We also hereby empower the aforesaid Messrs. Griffith and Bugden to demand of all English Ships belonging to any Port or Ports on this side Cape Bona Esperansa that Trade to Atcheen a view of their Passes which if they shall refuse shall be taken for Granted they have none, of which you are to advise the particulars, the Masters and Ships Name, and what Port she belongs to, and if any Pass be produced to you wherein if any thing mentioned is unusual you are to take a Copy thereof attested and send it us by the first opportunity. We likewise hereby permit the aforesaid Messrs. Griffith and Bugden to take Possession of the Ground belonging to the R. Hon[2]. Company on which their
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Factory formerly stood, to inclose the same and build such accommodations as they think convenient. Dated in Fort S. George 11th. April 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MERVILL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present
THOMAS PITT Esq*, PRESIDENT AND GOVERN*,
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL. JOHN MERVILL.
THOMAS FREDERICK. ROBERT RAWORTH.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper sell Capt. Ignatius One Hundred Candy of Lead for Nine Pagodas per Candy.

Mr. Charles Lockyer having Petitioned to be discharged the Company's service, Agreed that the same be granted him and his Petition Entered after this Consultation.

Mr. Thomas Wright Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Account for the month of February [last, viz.]

To Custom on Goods Imported and exported this month ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 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demanded of them whether they were willing to hold thearme, to which they seemed not very willing, but told us if they did they could give no more than six Thousand Pagodas, upon which we answered that their month ended the seventeenth Instant when [we] would take it into the Companys Hands, & accordingly Mr. Frewen was sent for, and ordered to take charge of the same.

THO. PITT.
WILL. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
THOM. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB. RAWORTH.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq. President & Governor.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.

Mr. William Fraser as Accountant does [now produce] an Account of salary due to the Rt. Hon. United Companies servants in this Place. Half salary from [the 22d, July 1702 to] the 29th, September 1703, and from that time to the 25th, March last whole salary Amounting to Pag. 2714. 13. [4, which] is agreed to be paid out of Cash, in pursuance to the Manager’s orders in their General Letter to Ship Tavestock [that] their servants shall be paid whole salary in [the country] from the 22d, July 1702.

[Letter] to Governor and Council of Fort St. David, to Mr. Tillard at Matchlep, both [dated yester]day now read and approved.

Mr. William Fraser does now pay into the United Right Hon. Companys Cash the sume of Two thousand [three] Hundred sixty five Pagodas on Account Goods [sold out] of the Warehouse.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WIGHT.
THOM. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB. RAWORTH.

Hon. Your Honours Generosity and kind Inclination to promote the wellfare of Youth incites me to trouble your Honour with an Affair of that Nature; 'Tis what you was pleased yesterday to speak of, which has wholly employ’d my thoughts since, and Humbly offer’en to your Honours prudent consideration.

As to the Honourable Company here are so many in their service better capacitated than myself, and my Seniors that the mean service I can do them will never be wanted, and the little hopes I have of advancing my small Fortune by lying ashore and an opportunity now presenting, which gives me a fair prospect of improving it, induces me to beg your Honours permission for going abroad, and
favourable assistance therein, since the improving my time well, and the experience I shall gain thereby will conduce much to the satisfaction of my Freinds, and enable me the better to serve your Honour when may be counted worthy your Commands.

[Fort St.] George
April 11th, 1704.

Honble. S'.
Yo'. Hon". Obedient hum[ble] Servant

Cha'. LOCKYER.

Ship St. Johan arrived in this road from Atcheen Coja Sattore Noquedah.
Ship Paula Doulat arrived in this road from [Bengall]

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THOMAS MARSHALL. JOHN MERRYELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK. ROBERT RAWORTH.

Letter from Peddaway Duppa and Nagappa to the Governour and Councill now read. Ordered said [Letter be copy'd] and sent to Fort St'. David for their answers.


Agreed that the President payes the Warehouse keeper Two thousand nine hundred seventy nine Pag. eleven fansams to buy 5,000 Rup.' and to send the like Amount in pagodas to Vizagapatam, with all expedition, the Chief and Council representing in their last Letter that their necessities were very great on Account that the Nabob was expected there who expected a Present, and that they wanted [where with all] to defray the Charges of the Garrison and their servants and likewise to pay arrears for Rent to the [Nabob for] their Town.

THO. PITT.
WILL. FRASER.
THOM. WRIGHT.
THO. MARSHALL.
THO. MERRYELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB. RAWORTH.

Received 33 Pattamars the following Generals Viz:

From President Beard and Council dat4. 16th. February last.
From the Chief and Council of Visagapatam dated 16th. of February 6th. and 31st. March 1704
From Mr. Tillard at Metchlepatam dat4. 4th. Instant.
Sloop Rawou Rautoon arrived in this road from Pegue.
Mr. Thomas Wright late Sea Customer pays into ye. R'. Hon'. United Companies Cash the sume of one Thousand Pagodas on Account Sea Customs.

There being severall Portuguese Souldiers willing to go to Pollicondore, ordered that the Paymaster advances to them Three months pay at two Pagodas per mensem, and that the steward lays in Provisions for them for the aforesaid time.

General Letter to Vizagapatam dated this day now read and approved; and addition to Metchlepatam. Letter.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr. John Meverell Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

The Governour acquaints the Council that Tobacco and Beetle farmers had [offered seven] Thousand Pagodas per Annum for the said Farme, to commence the same from the 17th December, from which time their old Cowle expired, upon which the Farmers were sent for, who confirmed what the Governour had say’d, to whom ’twas proposed by the Governour and Council that they should hold the Farmes to the 17th next month, and [pay from 17th December] after the rate of seven Thousand pagodas per Annum, and that, in the mean time [if they settled] their Accounts to our satisfaction w[e would then] consider of giving them a new Cowle [for the Farm].

The Arrack Farmers were likewise sent [for who are in] arrears [lacunae] who insist [upon] having four months abatement as the Beetle and Tobacco Farmers had during Dowed Cawns besieging this Place who was answered that the Beetle and Tobacco farmers [desisted from] collecting those Revenues by order of the Govt. & Council, but to them was directed no such orders, who alleged they made, nor sold little or no arrack during that time by reason that most of the Inhabitants [deserted] the Place, and that they wanted some ingred[ients] which were Generally imported from the Country, so that after a long debate it was unanimously agreed that [they] should pay a moiety of what they owed, or [life in prison till they did, and severity to be used to] compel them thereto.

THO: [PITT].
WILL: [FRASER].
THO: [WRIGHT].
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROB: RAWORTH.

Ship Dorothy Capt. [Rose] Commander sailed out of this road for Vizagapatam by whom sent two packets to the Chief and Council there, one for the United Trade and the other for the Separate dated [16th and 16th] instant.

Huglyana Ketch [Charles Hopkins Master arrived in this road from Bengal by whom] received a general letter from the United Council there dated 4th & 6th March last.
——FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1704——

The following order [was signed] by the Governor and Council Ordered that 24 the [Warehouse keeper] immediately unload all the salt Petre [and Rice] come on the Huglyana Ketch (from) Bengal on the [Right Hon'b. United Companies acct].

**THOMAS PITT.**
**WILLIAM FRASER.**
**THOMAS WRIGHT.**
**THOMAS MARSHALL.**
**JOHN MEYERELL.**
**THOMAS FREDERICK.**
**ROBERT RAWORTH.**

Ship Stratham Capt. [Thomas] Flint Commander sailed out of this road for 25th Fort [S' David] from thence designed for China.

Ship Chambers Prigit, Capt. Thomas South Commander sailed out of this 26th road [for Bengal] by whom sent two packets one for the [United Council] and the other for President Beard etc. [Council] for the Separate Affairs.

Ship Prince Charles [belonging to] the Royall Danish [Compy.] sailed out of [this road for Try]incomorial.

Received Pattamar [via Metchlepatam] a Generall Lett'. from the Generall and [Council] at Surat dated 25th January last and a General [from] the Agent &c. in Persia dated 16th October 1703.

Dispatched Pattamar [a Gen'. Letter to] Mr. William Tillard at Metchlepatam.


**AT A CONSULTATION**

**Present**

**THOMAS PITT ESQ'. PRESIDENT & (GOVERNOUR).**
**WILLIAM FRASER.**
**THOMAS WRIGHT.**
**THOMAS MARSHALL.**
**JOHN MEYERELL.**
**THOMAS FREDERICK.**
**ROBERT RAWORTH.**

[Wee expecting] several horses from Metchlepatam which [were the] New Companies, and now be [long to the] United [Trade.] the charge of keeping which [will be considerable 'tis] thought fitting that some be [sold and] Mr. [Addison] offering one hundred and (fifty) [Pagodas] for [a grey horse] that came by the Phoenix, 'tis agreed he [as the same] delivered. [Wee finding that] experiment of making [of raw] silk [to be very] chargeable the success of which [depending entirely upon the well growing of the [Mulberry trees] and [this Country] being so excessive despair [and dry [that there] is little probability of effecting the same, 'tis therefore agreed that all the Necauds except two be return'd to Bengal on the Huglana Ketch, and that the Paymaster gives them Batty accordingly] and returne [the account of] what they have received to Bengali with [them].

Thomas Pitt Esq, President reads his Mint account of the month of March last and pays into the Rt. Hon'm. United [Companies Cash] the sume of five hundred ninety six Pag'; twenty fanams for custom on Gold coined in the Mint.

Ponagettée Narso &c. Tobacco and Beetle farmers pays into the Rt. Hon'm. United Companies Cash the sume of Four hundred thirty three pagodas twelve fanams.
FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1704

The following General letters were now read, viz.:
From the Gen'l and Council at Surat dated 25th Jan. last.
From the Agent &c. in Persia dated 25th October 1703.
From the Governor and Council at York Fort dated, 20th March.
From the Deputy Governor &c. at St. David dated 27th Instant.

Mr. Thomas [Wright] late Sea Customer pays into the Rt. Hon. United Company's cash the sum of Two thousand Pagodas on account Sea Customs.

Ordered that Bastian Carralle and Augustine de Rozira Topasses be entertained soldiers in this Garrison.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper, paymaster, and storekeeper &c. do each in their employes get ready to send by ship Queen to Bencoolen what stores they have wrote for.

Upon reading of the Letter from the West Coast we were not so much surpriz'd at the strange alteration in their style of what it was formerly, nor at the many saucy and unmannerly expressions and reflections therein, but at their drawing such a prodigious number of Bills upon the Governor and [Council here] amounting to no less than Dollars 56,782-2s. without advising their necessity for the same or whether it is for account of the United Trade or the Separate Affairs of the Old Company. There was several of the aforesaid Bills this day presented for acceptance, but [there being so] many reasons appearing at present [against the] paying of them. It is resolved that the farther consideration and resolution on this weighty affair [be deferr'd] to our next meeting.

'Tis to be observed that those independent gentlemen at the West Coast did not intend only to strip us of near all the stock the Honble. Managers were pleased to send to this Place, but sent us also an empty ship to provide for without giving us the least [assistance by] loading any Pepper upon her [pretending] that 'twas the Hon. Managers orders that no Pepper should be sent from thence [to this Coast] not as much as upon their own [shipping], there being no voyage presenting for ship Queen, so as to defray her demorage, 'tis resolved that she be forthwith loaded the same And Cap'. Logg was now sent for and acquainted with the aforesaid Resolution.

Tho. Pitt.
WILL: FRASER.
Tho. WRIGHT.
Tho. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB. RAWORTH.

Dispatch'd to Pattamar a General Letter to the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David for the United Affairs dated this day.

Ship Happines Cap'. Sands Commander arrived in this road from Surat, by whom received the following Letters from the General and Council there Viz.
One Dated the 27th, March last, and one 21st. Ditto. with Copy of three Letters from Cap'. William Morrice &c. English captives at Muskat, representing the miserable condition they are in.

This evening the Governor had word brought him, y' there was the Corps of a White man drove ashore, near Tandore, to which he sent the Doctor to view it, who returned and acquainted him that it had some time lain in the sea, and so disfigured that there was no knowing it, when People were sent to bury it.

Ketch Josiah sailed out of this road for Arracan.
Commence Brigantine arrived in this road from Anjengo.
Ship Restoration Cap'. Perring Commander [arrived in] this road from Goa.
Sloop Bone Adventure arrived in this road [from ditto].
FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1704

AT A CONSULTATION

THOMAS PITT ESQ. PRESIDENT & GOVERN'.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL. JOHN MEVRELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK. ROW. RAWORTH.

THOMAS PITT ESQ'. President reads his Account of the United Companies Cash for the month of April last. Balance Pagod. 29,563. 3d. 1.

Mr. William Fraser Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the month of March last [and pays] into the R. Honb. United Companies Cash the sum of Nine Hundred twenty five Pagodas [twenty seven] fanams thirty five Cash as the Balance of his Account Goods sold.

The Governor being acquainted that the Buxee was set out of St. Thomas towards [the Mount] in order to go to the Camp, he yesterday [morning sent] Narrain with the One Hundred Pag. Gold Chains [agreed to be sent] him which he kind[ly] received [assuring] he would on all occasions be a friend to the Company affairs Mr. John Meverell Late Land Customer reads his Land Account for the month of March last Vis.

Choultry Custom ... ... ... Pag*. 321: 25: 56
Rubie Broakers ... ... ... ... 52: 26: 62
Town Broakers ... ... ... ... 2: 26: 53
Registering Slaves ... ... ... ... --: 32: --

Pag*. 373: 3: 11

and pays into the R. Honb. United Companies Cash six hundred Pagod. five fanams and Fifteen Cash as the Balance of his Land Customers Account.

The following Generals were read Vis¹ from the Gen¹ and Council at Surat dated 21st March, and from Dittos dated 27th Ditto from Vizagapatam dated 17th April 1704.

There being Two hundred Pagodas offered for the dark grey horse which came from Persia on ship Colchester agree[d] the same be sold, for the reasons given in our Consultations of the primo Instant.

Ordered that the Storekeeper buys what Timbers is lately come from Pegue, there being a great occasion for them in this Garrison.

Agreed that Twenty five Pag¹, twenty fanams be paid out of Cash for Salary due to Mr. Thomas Matthews deceased.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagod¹ be paid Mr. John Meverell Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Mr. Peter Wallis does now deliver the Ring sent from the West Coast, which is given to Mr. Meverell to make up.

After reading the West Coast [Letter paragraph by] paragraph and likewise what relates to that place, wrote us by the Hon¹, Mannagers by [the Tavistock and by] the Governor Deputy and Comittees for the [Separate] Affairs of the Old East India Company [to their President] and Council, we Entered upon the [debate whether] we could accept of these Bills drawn on the Governor and Council of this Place, signed, Richard Watts, [George Shaw and] Charles Wheeler, and after mature consider[ation] thereof concluded that we could not accept the [same for the] following Reasons.
1st. That the Honble. Managers having made [the place In] dependant from this, and taken it as they [say themselves] under their immediate Direction and management [wee] conceive we have no further to do with them [then as they] have directed us, which is to furnish them [with what we] find necessary, particularly a sloop or [Two] of about Thirty Tons, from which we cannot infer [that they mean] any otherwises stores, and not any [money or] the paying what Bills they shall be pleased [to charge] upon us.

2nd. That neither by their Letter nor their Bills [do they] distinguish whose Account it is for, whether [the Account] of the United Trade, or the Separate Affairs [of the Old] East India Company, nor as much as particularize the necessity they were under for drawing [such Bills].

3rd. In the 5th Paragraph of their Letter [to us they say] the Court of Managers have ordered them to apply themselves to us, to supply their wants of what properly procurable on this Coast, by which 'tis most undoubtedly meant stores and necessaries and not money.

4th. That in their Letter they do not so much as hint that they have any orders from the Honble. Managers to draw Bills on us, for certainly if they had, they would have remitted us that clause, or a Copy of the whole Letter, if not thought a lessening to his Honour and Worship Messrs. Watts and Shaw, who are the Rulers of the rest there, and sole contrivers of the mischievous management that has of late attended the Company's affairs in these parts.

5th. It can't be imagined that any of these Bills can be for Account of the Old Company for since July 1702 we have paid West Coast Bills Amounting to 26,000 [laeuna] and remitted them in stores, and Goods to the Amount of 7057 [laeuna] besides the Old Company who admire to hear that they are in arrear at the West Coast have ordered in their Letter by the Tavistock if any thing due there 'upon their Account, it should be returned them in Goods from this Place, and not a word mentioned that they have given leave to draw Bills upon their President and Council here.

6th. We are of opinion that the Amount of these Bills is not really nor bona-fide paid into the Company's Cash, but most part of it if not all is for Goods [delivered] to Messrs. Watts and Shaw, if so, however disp[of'd of to] workmen or Merchants the Profit thereof [ought to be] brought to the Company's Account the truth [of which] we are so well satisfied in, that had not the [Company] cut off their substitution, we would have [sent] hence Commissioners to examine into this [and other] miscarriages, which should have done the [Company] Justice therein.

7th. To have paid these Bills would have [rendered us] uncapable to make any Investment for [Tavistock] or Provision for the Sidney, all of them [amounting to] Pagod. 33,401: 6s., which is more than [we have in] Cash of both Companies, and for taking [up money at] Interest we have no orders from the [United Trade] nor have they sent any seal to enable [us thereto].

The refusing payment of these Bills [has occasion'd] no small mattering in this Place nor can [wee think it] otherwises then a very great hardship upon [on them the] Persons to whom the money is due, for [whereas from the] first settlement of the West Coast it has [been] subordinate to this Presidency and Persons who [traded thither] were requested and encouraged to give their [Settlements] Credit and take their Bills upon this Presidency by whom the Exchange was settled at 17 [Dollars] for 10 Pagodas which liberty of drawing on us has bitherto been a practice and may be justly said the [support of the] Place. We therefore think it our duty and obligation not onely in regard to Justice but for the support of the Honour of that Interest for which these Bills hereafter shall appear to be drawn, do declare and promise that if these Bills are not paid nor satisfied by the Governour and Council of York Fort who drew them, that then we the President and Council here
think ourselves obliged to pay the same as soon as we shall be enabled thereto with Eight 3/4 Cent Interest from the time of their being due, and in case they should not be complied with during the time of the present President and Council we then recommend it to those that shall succeed us charging it upon them as a piece of Justice not to be neglected or deferred, It being well known to multitudes of People that the practice of drawing Bills on us has gained them the Credit of these Bills, tho' for the present we must declare we can give no future encouragement for accepting West Coast Bills till we receive farther orders from the Honble. Managers.

**THO. Pitt.**
**WILL. Fraser.**
**THO. Wright.**
**THOM. Marshall.**
**JOHN MEYERELL.**
**THOM. Frederick.**
**ROB. Raworth.**

Commence Brigantine Nicholas Audney Master sail'd out of this road for Bengal.

Ship Streatham returned into this road having [best for a] Passage to 10 Fort S'. David but could get no farther there Covelong the wind and Current being against [Her].

Brigantine Destiny M'. Edward Master sail'd for Fort S'. David.

Ship Francis sail'd for Vizagapatam.

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**AT A CONSULTATION**

**Present**

THOMAS Pitt Esq*, President & [Govern'.]  
WILLIAM Fraser.  
THOMAS Wright.  
JOHN MEYERELL.  
THOMAS Frederick.  
ROB. Raworth.

**TUESDAY 16th.**

Mr. Thomas Wright Late Sea Customer [reads] his Custom Account for the month of March [last] Viz:

- Custom on Goods Imported & exported y'; [month] 2967 0 0
- To Custom on Grain ... ... ... ... ... [674 19 44]
- To Anchorage ... ... ... ... ... [53 0 0]
- To Freight to Colchester from Bengall [and] Metchlepam. [9 13 54]
- To the amount of Goods sold out of the Sea Gate. [35 25 0]

and pays into the R'. Honble. United Com[pany's Cash] [two] thousand Pagod'.

Mr. Thomas Marshall Late Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month of March last Viz:

- Charges Garrison ... ... ... ... ... 1217: 24:
- Charges Cattle ... ... ... ... ... 60: 8:
- Silk Wormes ... ... ... ... ... 15: 1:
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and pays into the R't. Hon't. United Companys Cash seventeen Pagodas and 28 fanams as the Ballance of his Paymasters Accounts.

M't: William Jennings Steward pays into the R't. Hon't. United Companys Cash Two hundred and seventeen Pagod's, twenty three fanams and sixty Cash for salt Pork sold to Europe Shipping.

Doct'. Bulkly pays into the R't. Hon't. United Companys Cash Twenty three Pagod's for Physick sold to ship Tavestock, being in great want for the same.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagod's be paid to M't: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

M't: William Warr Publck Notary did now appear before the Governoour and Council with the West Coast Bills rob'd by ship Queen demanding their acceptance and Payment. 'Twas unanimously [agreed] in the negative, that we. would neither accept nor pay them for the following reasons [Viz; that] the Governoour and Council of Bencoolen [who drew] these Bills have not distinguish'd by Letter or the Bills whether they are on Account of the United Trade [or] the Separate Affaires of the Old East India Com[pany].

2d. The Amount of the Bills is more money [than in] Cash of both Companies, whereupon the Pu[blck No]tary brought with him, M't. Coningsby M't. [Benyon] and M't. Friend, and declared the Bills Pro[tested, that] the Persons to whom they were payable [would return] them to the severall Persons that remitted [them hither].

Mess'. Brewster and Daniel Supra [Cargoes of] Ship Stratham delivers in a Paper for [our advice] relating to their proceeding to China, which [paper and] our answere thereto is as Entered [after this Consulta]tion.

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TO THE Hon'ble THOMAS PUTT Esq.

President of the Coast of Choromandell, and

Hon'ble St. &c.

The great experience your Honour &c have in the China Trade Induces us to request your advice [in this] affair. Our intentions have hitherto been for A[mony] but upon farther considerations do propose going to [Canton] The motives that lead us thereto are, the miserable [account] we have from that Place of
the perfidiousness of the [merchants] and the uncertainty of Trade there, confirmed to us by [late] instances not unknown to your Honour &c. besides the Government having engrossed the Trade into their own hands we must reasonably expect great delays in our business taking at last whatever Commodity they put upon us at their own rates. Whereas [Canton] being a Port more free and open, and the Company ['s interest as well as our own Credit requiring expedition] in dispatching our Affairs, which for the foregoing reasons: We humbly beg your opinions here in, which [will] infinitely oblige.

FORT S'. GEORGE
MAY 11th, 1704.

To MESSRS. BREWSTER AND DANIEL
[SUPRA] CARGOES OF SHIP STRETHAM.

We received yours of the 11th. Instant wherein you desire our advice whether you had best [go] to Amoy or Canton, where to we can returne no [other] answer then to advise you to keep up to the Company's orders, for as you are not in any respect under our direction so neither do we think it safe for us to advise as much as the discretionary part; The usage Mr. [Dolben] met at Amoy you have had a full Account [thereof] so that upon the whole matter we conclude [with this] that had we a ship of our own to send to China [we] should think the Port of Canton the most Eligible [for] the very reason you yourselves give in your [Paper] so wish you a good and prosperous Voyage [We are]

FORT S'. GEORGE
16th. MAY 1704.

Your Assured Friends [and] Humble Servants.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MAYERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROG. RAWORTH.

Sloop Vizagapatam Merchant sailed for Vizagapatam.

Ship Stretham Capt. Flint Command'd. sailed out of this road for Atcheen and China.

Ship Pembrooke Frigat Andrew Gatt Master arrived in this road from Surat by whom received Copy of our last Letter from the General and Council there.

Ship S'. Joan arrived in this road from Surat Co[ja] Michael Noquedah.

Received ¶ Pattamars a Generall Letter from Mr. Will[iam] Tillard at Metchlepatam dated 11th. Instant.
FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1704

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq*. President and Gov[ernor.]
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.

Mr. Thomas Frederick Land Customer reads his Land Custom Account for the month of April last Viz.

To Choultry Custom ... ... ... Pa. 504: 6: 14
Rubie Broakers ... ... ... ... 43: 6: 73
Town Broakers ... ... ... ... 3: 27: 15
Registering Slaves ... ... ... ... 32:

and pays into the R‘ Honb’ United Companys Cash[ five ] hundred forty three Pagod, twenty two fanams and twenty two Cash.

Mr. Thomas Wright Late Sea Customer payes into the R’ Honb’. United Company Cash One Thousand Pags on Account Sea Customs.

Mr. Thomas Marshall Late Paymaster payes into [the] R‘. Honb‘. United Company Cash the sume of One Thousand Pagodas, being money he received Account building the Black Town Wall and Workes.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr. John Meverell Paymaster towards building the Black Town Wall and workes.

Thomas Pitt Esq*. as Mintmaster reads his [Mint] Account for the month of April last, and [payes into the R‘ Honb‘. United Company Cash the sume of [four hundred and] sixty nine Pagod‘. twenty five fan‘. on that [Account].

Generall Letter from Mr. William Tillard at Metchlepam dated [ph. Instant] reod now read.

Agreed that Twenty five Pagodas be paid [Mananga]pau for Three months Town Conicoplyes Duty [ ending ] ultimo April 1704.

Ordered that Bastian Lewall at his request [be dis]charged from farther service in this Garrison and Antonio Johanna. Topaz be Entertaind in his [room]

The Petition of Sebastian Rebeira laying claim to the Estate of Pasquall-De Grace was now read [ which ] is referred to the Court of Admiralty to examine into what Allledged therein, and report their opinion [ upon ] it.

There being a great necessity to send a Vessell [ to the ] West Coast for their speedy answers relating to the [Bills they] drew on us by the Queen, that so we may prevent any in[j]oynen[v]ie that may attend the United Trade [ if the amount of the Bills] or any part thereof be for Account of the old Company by taking speedy care to pay the same, for [which] reason we have Agreed to send the Huglyana Ketch [lither but she being invoiced at such an extravagant rate from Bengall, we think it reasonable that she be put up at [outfory the 25th. Instant and that the Sea Customer buys [her] for Account of the United Trade. Agreed that as soon as the Huglyana Ketch is bought at Outery that the Ware-housekeeper loads on her for the West Coast Forty Tons Salt Petre and twenty Tons redwood.
The House commonly called Mr. Jearsey's House [being] very much out of repair 'tis ordered that the Paymaster forthwith set people to work to repair it thorowly and [that ] Mr. Wright who Lodges in it supervise the same.

'Tis Agreed that all the Woollen Manufactury belonging to the United Company be put up to outcry this day of seventeen night being 30th. Instant.

Paupiah the Braminy who is our only Linguister [y^] Translates Persians, Gentues &c. delivered in a Petition to have his Pay advanced from Five to eight Pagodas a month, which we think very reasonable considering the service he do's, and accordingly the Paymaster is to pay him eight Pagod. a month to commence from the first of next month.

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Mr. Jearsey's house to be repaired.

Woollen Manufactury to be sold.

Paupiah Braminy wages advanced to pag. 8 per month.

Ship Gralvis arrived in this road from Trincombar.

This Day the Governor rec'd. advices from Pollicat that Mouh. Johannes 25 Stylan lately Chief for the Dutch Affairs at Metchlepam was arrived there [in order] to his going to Negapatam to take charge of the Government and Direcords on the Coast.

This day arrived the Metchlepam Horses, one [being] left on the road, 23 which was not able to come [thorow].

At a Consultation

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq., President & [Gov'']
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.

Tomorrow being the day appointed to sell the Woollen Manufactury, agreed that they be not sold under the following Prizes Viz'.

Aurora at 24 Pag. 30 peice
Scarlet at 45 Ditto.
Red & Green at 15 Ditto.

and to be declared at the sale that the R'. Hon. Company will not make another sale till [Primo] Oo [tober] next.

General Letter to the Governour and Council of Bencoolen, to the United Council in the Bay of Bengall [both] dated the 27th. Instant now read and approved.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagod. be paid Mr. John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

M'. Joseph Hiller Late Provisionall Storekeeper pays into the R'. Hon. United Companys Cash Three Hundred Pagod. on Account Stores sold.
Ponagottee Narso &c. Tobacco and Beetle farmers pays into the R'. Honble. United Company's Cash Five Hundred eighty three Pagod', twelve fan', on that Acco'.

Received this day @ Pattamar, the following Packets viz'.


From Ditto dated 10th. May for the Separate Affairs.

From the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David, dated 27th. Instant for the United Affairs.

### AT A CONSULTATION

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A Petition of Nalla Mutty Relick of [Wallaca] Chittee Deceased concerning the Estate of [Her deceased Hus] hand in the Hands of Chinandee Chitte [was now read.] Tis agreed that [the] Examination of what [alleg'd in] the Petition be [referred to] six of the Casts and that the Bramsung Paupiah brings in a List of the Heads of the Casts to the Governor and Council, out of which the same to be chosen and they to make their [report to the] Board.

Mr. John Meverell Paymaster reads his [Paymaster's] Account for the month of April last, Viz'.

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The following General Letters were now read Viz'.

From Vizagapatam dated 10th. May 1704.
FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1704

From Fort St. David dated 27th. Instant, as also a Letter to the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David dated this day now read and approved.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOM: MARSHALL.
JOHN: MOYERELL.
THOM: FREDERICK.
ROB: RAWORTH.

Dispatchd to Pattamars two Packets for Fort St. David for the Separate and United Affairs both dated yesterday.

Ship Madapolam Lauchad Noquedah saild for [Arracan].

Ship Restoraton Capt. Perring Comander sail'd out of [this] road for 3 Bengall by whom sent two Packets both dated the 27th Instant for the United and Separate Affairs.

Sloop Bone Adventure sailed for Bengall Sam'l. Bowcher [Master].

Ship Happyness sailed for Bengall Capt. Sands Com[and]'.

Ship Sedgwick Capt. Rawlings Comt'. sailed for Bengall.

Ship Gralvis sailed for Bengall.

'Ship Seermary arrived in this road from Surat Coja [Arracan] Noquedah. 8

'Ship Humphrey and Charles Capt. Wright Comt'. arrived in this road from Gomboone in Persia, by whom received a General Letter from the Chief and Council there dated 28th. April last.

Ship Sta'. Cruce sailed out of this Road to the southward.

Received y Pattamars a General Letter from the Deputy Governor and 13 Council of Fort St. David dated 10th. [Instant] with Copy of their Diary and Consultations to the [26th May 1704].

AT A CONSULTATION

THOMAS PITT Esq'. President & Governor.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL. JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK. ROBERT RAWORTH.


General Letter from the Chief and Council [of Gomboon] dated 28th. April last, and from the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David dated 10th. Instant [both now read].

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be [paid] Mr. John Meverell Paymaster to defray Charges [Garrison].

Mr. Thomas Marshall Sea Customer payes into the R't. Honble. United Companies Cash the sume [of] one Thousand Pagod, on account Sea Customs.

Mr. Peter de Pomera &c. Arrac Farmers payes in [to] the R't. Honble. United Companies Cash the sume of Five Hundred fifty four Pagod, sixteen fanams in part of the Debt owing to the R't. Honble. Company by Gruapau &c. old Tobacco Farmers.
Ordered that the Warehousekeeper buys one Thousand Candy of Redwood to lye by for a store, and that he advances money for the same as he sees occasion.

This day in Consultation Mr. Dolben made a Proposal to us of Freighting the ship Queen for China (which) we were just Dispatching for the West Coast) which we were willing to hearken thereto by reason that the Governor and Council there were very doubtful whether they shall be able to load Her for England, and desir[e] us to Employ her if possible, so that "was Agree [d] that the following demands be made if they Freighted the aforesaid Ship to China, The Freighters either to pay the Company's Demorage during the time of the Voyage or Five thousand five hundred Pagodas, and that they shall be obliged to Dispatch her from China to this Port by the Tenth of December, and whereas he did likewise propose that she might goe from China to Persia or that if she arrived so early here as to save her Passage thither that she might proceed on that Voyage from hence for which Voyage it was Agree[d] to Let her for Eight Thousand five Hundred Pagodas, and the Secretary to acquaint Mr. Dolben [with] the same.

Tho. Pitt.
WILL. Fraser.
Tho. Wright.
John Meeverell.
Tho'. Frederick.
Ron'. Raworts.

Dispatch'd 3/8 Pattamars a Generall Letter to Mr. William Tillard at Metchlepatsam dated yesterday.

At a Consultation

Present

Thursday 15th.

Thomas Pitt Esq'. President & Govr.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.
John Meeverell.
Thomas Frederick.
Robert Raworts.

Mr. Dolben was this day again in Consultation who acquainted us he had conferred with the Persons that were to be concerned in Freighting Ship Queen for China and Persia, who in consideration of the dearness of [silver, as also] the small quantity procurable, and the ill[treatment] they must expect in China in buying of their [goods,] they had come to this result, that unless we would Let them the Ship for Eight Thousand five Hundred Pagodas, and Persia they would desist from thinking any more of this matter which we told him we would consider of and return our speedy answeres. So after having Debated this amongst ourselves, and all of us inferring from the West Coast Letters that they would not be able to dispatch her for England whereby her demorage would be a heavy Loss to y. Company besides her being in no good state of health would [not] a little in danger their lives, and so consequently the ruin of the ship, which induced us to conclude to Let [the] ship to Freight for China and Persia at Eight Thousand Pagodas to be paid on her returne from Persia to this Port and that the Freighters have the whole ship, reserving [the] Privilegges to the ships Company, and that there be noe manner of Disputes on her returne whether she carrys her Tonnage or No, Tis likewise agreed that the ship brings freight free from Persia for the Company One Hundred Chests of Wine, Rosewater and Fruit, and six Persia horses if the Companies Chief there shall put them on board.
Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do’s forthwith unload all the Redwood and Salt Petro &c. Loaden on board ship Queen for the West Coast also send for ashore the redwood out of the Hughly[anah] [Ketch and order all] the stores intended for the [West Coast to be traverse’d on] board the Ketch, and that Mr. Edward Jones [be sent] off to do the same.

Tho. Pitt.
Will. Fraser.
Tho. Wright.
John Meverell.
Thom. Frederick.
Roh. Raworth.

THURSDAY 22d.

AT A CONSULTATION
Present
THOMAS PITZ ESG. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Thomas Pitt Esq. as Mintmaster reads his M[int Acct.] for the month of May last, and payes into the Right Hon[ble] United Companys Cash Three hundred twenty [two Pagodas] fifteen fanamas sixty Cash as the Ballance of that month’s Account.

Mr. Robert Raworth Storekeeper reads his [Storekeeper’s] Account for the month of May last.

Mr. Thomas Frederick Land Customer reads his Land Custom Account for the month of May last Viz.

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Mr. Thomas Marshall Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Account for the month of April last.

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and payes into the R[ight Hon] United Companys Cash the same of One Thousand Pagodas on that Account.

Mr. Thomas Marshall Late Paymaster reads [his] Account Disbursements of the Black Town Wall and Works and payes into the R[ight Hon] United Companys Cash the sum of Two hundred thirty nine Pagod. twenty eight fanamas sixteen Cash, as the Ballance of that Account.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be paid to Mr. John Meverell Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Cap’t. William Legg Commander of Ship Queen delivers in a request for the Payment of what money allowed him by Charterparty to be taken up in India being Nine hundred and sixty Dollars, which is agreed to be paid him and his request is as Enter’d after this Consultation.
Record of Fort St. George, June 1704

The President produces a Letter he received [from] Dowded Cawn wherein he desires Liquors, which is agreed to be sent him.

The President acquainted the Council that [Sen.] Gregoria Parran had been with him this morning [who] told him he had a message from the Phousdar of [S.' Thoma] desiring that the Governour would permit him to come to this Town to discourse with him about the [business] of Coja Awan and Coja Timore being very desirous to propose means to accommodate that matter, [so as to] preserve his Friendship with this Place,' Tis [agreed that] he be permitted to come.

In the Year 1702 when Dowded Cawn was besieging this Place, the Governour sent the Bedford sloop [to] Trincombar for Provisions, but meeting with a long passage was straightend for water so that they [arched] at [lacuna] in the King of Tanjores Country [where] the People seiz'd the Vessell and all the men [and put them] in Prison, where they lay several months and were use'd barbarously, the Vessell they haul'd into a small river, and took out her Guns which were four and [also ten] Candy of China root and sent it to the King [Upon this] the President wrote several Letters to his [Chief Ministers] demanding satisfaction but all the answer [could be] had they pleaded the Vessell was a wreck [and of course] their right, at which time the Merchants [of Tanjore] had several effects here, which the President [would have] seized, but that a Merchant here one Sunca[Rama] who has great dealings at Tanjore pretended that he would accommodate the matter and procure satisfaction but not having hitherto done any thing in it, [The President] acquainted the Council that he had few dayes past seiz'd Goods that came from Tanjore for satisfaction for the aforesaid vessell and Cargo, unto which the Council unanimously assented, hoping thereby to discourage those Country People and those adjacent to us from doing the like.

Kittee Narain with whom several English were concerned sent likewise a Boat near Two yeares since to the southward into Mangamaus Country where the Chief Minister seiz'd and took from their Cincoply upwards of One Thousand Pagodas, and there being lately some of that Ministers Goods arrived here, Agreed that the same be stop'd till satisfaction be made.

To [The Hon.]. Thomas Pitt. Esq. [President and Govern. of] [Fort St. George].

S.

Having occasion for money for the Service of Ship Queen, and it being agreed in Charterparty made between the Hon. Managers for the United Trade and the Owners of said ship that Dollars [Nine] hundred and sixty shall be paid the Commander [in India] for that purpose if required, I therefore request Your Hon.'s and Council will please to order the same to be pay'd.

S.

Fort St. George
22d. June 1704.

Your most [Humble] Servant
W[illiam Legg]
---FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1704---

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq., President and Governor.
WILLIAM FRASER, Thomas Wright.
THOMAS MARSHALL, John Meverell.
THOMAS FREDERICK, Robert Raworth.

General Letter from the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David, dated 21st. Instant now read.

Mr. Thomas Marshall pays into the Right Hon. United Company's Cash the sum of Eighty one Pagodas, one fanam, being part of what he paid as the balance of his Paymasters Account 13th. May 1703, but the President Debted the Cash short that which is now cleared by paying the same.

Mr. Thomas Marshall Sea Customer refers his Sea Customer Account for May last Viz.'

To Custom on Goods Imported & exported this month ... ... ... ... P. 2312. 30. 22
To Custom on Grain ... ... ... ... 687. 30. 76
To Anchorage ... ... ... ... ... 50. 18. —

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Mr. Thomas Marshall delivers in a Petition desiring leave to lay down the Company's service in order to proceed on a Voyage to China, which is accordingly granted, and his Petition Entd. after this Consultation.

Mr. Thomas Marshall Judge Advocate produces an Account of what money now lies in Court, which is ordered to be paid into the R. Hon's United Company's Cash being Nine Thousand Seven hundred seventy five Pagodas and thirty Fanams, the particulars of which is as follows:

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Articles of Agreement between the President & Council and the Freighters of Ship Queen were now read, and agreed upon; ordered to be drawn out fair to be signed and Entered after this Consultation.

Ordered that Mark Rayes and Antony Merino be Entertain'd Soldiers in this Garrison and that John Phillips one of the Gunners Crew at his request be discharged.

Ordered that the Paymaster muster Queen's ship's Company and report the same to this Board.

By Mr. Marshall's laying down the service [the Sea] Customer and Judge Advocates Places are vacant and considering the season of the year we have just reason to expect ships from Europe very suddenly when it may happen the Company may think fit to make alterations in their Council upon which 'tis agreed that no removal be made for the present [But whereas] Mr. Wright the Warehousekeeper has no extraordinary business upon his Hands at this time [this order'd] that he supplies the Place of Sea Customer till the arrival of the shipping or that the President [and Council] shall direct otherwise.
therein, and 'tis [likewise agreed] that the Judge Advocates Place be vacant [till the] arrival of the shipping, or that the President [and Council] shall find it necessary to fill the same.

THOMAS PITT.
WILL: FRESSLE.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOM: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEYERELL.
THOM: FREDERICK.
ROB: RAWORTH.

TO THE HON'BLE THOMAS PITT, ESQ.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR OF
FORT ST. GEORGE &c. COUNCIL.

Hon'ble S. &c.

Your Honour &c. are not insensible of my intentions of returning shortly for England, and my desire of seeing something more of this part of the world than I have yet done, by which I may likewise render myself more capable of serving the Hon'ble Company as well in other parts of the world as here, which I shall be ready to do on all occasions.

The present opportunity of seeing China makes me renew my request of leaving their Hon'ble service, but not without some regret, having received many favours from them, and shall embrace all opportunities to make my due acknowledgement of the same, I beg you'll be pleased to grant me my request which will add to the obligations of

Hon'the S. &c.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th June 1704.

Your obed. Humble Servant,
THOMAS MARSHALL.

CONTRACT and AGREEMENT, by and [between] the Hon'ble President and Council of Fort St. George for Account of the Rt. Hon'ble United English East India Company and [John] Dolben Esq. &c. Freighters of Ship Queen burthen [three] hundred and twenty tons or thereabouts, William Legg Commander, now riding in the [Road] of Madras [accord] to Charterparty made between the Rt. Hon'ble United English East India Company and her owners in England dated the 23rd day of December 1702 which said Charterparty with and every its Tonnage, Privileges [under] obligations we the said President and Council do assign and make over unto the said John [Dolben) Esqr. (&ca.) Freighters to have the sole Lading [and] Freightment thereof to the Port of Canton or any [other port in China] and so hither again and to [Gombroone in Persia] or from Malacca to Persia directly and hither again if the Supra Cargoes of said ship [shall think] convenient for the consideration and [sum of eight] Thousand Pugdias Current of Madras [to be payable] the said John Dolben Esqr. [&ca.] Freighters [executors, administrators and assigns] into the said President and Council or their successors [within thirty] days after the next arrival of the said ship from Gombroone in Persia to this Port, without any abatement or [deduction] for allowances of short tunnage. Tis also agreed that the said Freighters are [and shall be] at all charges of measuring, Presents, [and other Incidents to Trade] that shall be demanded or may happen during the said Voyage and that she be dispatch'd from China so early as to gain her Passage to Gombroone in Persia and arrive here by the 15th, day of August One Thousand seven Hundred and Five, and if she stays longer the said Freighters allowing and paying her Charterparty
Demorage for so many days as she arrives after the said 15th. day of August 1705. And it is farther Agreed that in case the said ship shall proceed directly for Persia from China without touching att Fort S. George that then it may be Lawfull for the Supra Cargoes to Lade on board any of the Companys ships which they shall meet in China, or Malacca or elsewhere bound to Fort S. George, such quantity of Gold as they shall think fit, being part of the stock Laden by the said John Dolben Esq., &c. on said ship to be brought to Fort S. George and there delivered to the said John Dolben Esq. &c. without paying any freight for the same, and it is farther agreed by and between the President and Council and ye Freighter of the aforesaid ship that they bring Freight free from Persia for Account of the B. Hon's. United English East India Company One Hundred Cents of Wine, Rosewater and fruit and six Persia Horses if the Comp'. Chief there shall put them on board. In Witness whereof we the President and Council for Account and in behalf of the B. Hon's. United English East India Company do hereby oblige ourselves on the one part, and John Dolben Esq. for himself and in behalf of the Freighters of said ship, on the other part, having hereunto interchangeably set our hands and seals in Fort S. George in the City of Madras this 27th day of June 1704.

JHN DOLBN.

[Witnessesses.]

[Galston Addison]
[Joseph Lister]
[Henry] Davenport Sec'y.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RARWORTH.

The following Generall Letters were now read & sign'd.

To the Governour and Council of Pollicondore.

To the Supra Cargoes of ship Sidney.

To the Supra Cargoes or Commanders of any of the [Company's] ships all dated yesterday as also a Generall to M'. Tillard dated this day.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagod. be paid M'. John Meverell Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

The Contract for freighting ship Queen for China [and] Persia was now interchangeably signed between the President and Council, and M'. Dolben &c. in behalf of the Freighters.

M'. Eyton widdow of Nathaniel Eyton who lately dyed at Bentall on the West Coast, delivered in a Petition requesting that we would write to the Governor and Council of Bencoolen to appoint some[ody] to adjust her Husbands Accounts, and after his Debts paid, pay the remainder into the Companys Cash and remitt it hither by Bill for her subsistance.
WEDNESDAY 24TH.

Papers delivered in by the Register relating to Coja Timore & Awan.

Coja Gregoria &c. on the 20th request leave for 37 Bales Goods of Coja Usuph be sent to Manila.

Agreed the Bales be sent they giving Security.

The Register this day delivered in a parcel of Papers to the Governor and Council sealed up, said to be what Coja Awan delivered to Coja Timore, which was afterwards delivered into the Court and left by the Late Judge Advocate with the Register, which Papers 'tis Agreed they ly in the Cash Chest, till the business between Coja Timore and Coja Awan be ended.

Coja Gregoria and two Armenians the Attorneys of Coja Usuph setting forth to us that there was thirty seven Bales of Goods proper for Manilla in the House that Coja Awan lived belonging to Coja Usuph, which they desired they may be permitted to ship on board the St. Cruz now bound to Manilla, for whereas they are dyed and oiled Goods, so that lying another year would much impair their Value, which now they esteem to be upwards of two Thousand Pagodas.

'Tis Agreed that Coja Gregoria and the Two Attorneys have leave to ship off the aforesaid Bales giving [five] thousand pagodas security to the Governor & Council to indemnify them from any demands that may hereafter be made by Coja Awan.

This Morning M'. Thomas Marshall and M'. Henry Whistler Supra Cargoes of ship Queen and Cap. William Legg Commander went off on board Ship.

About 5 a clock this morning ship Queen sailed out of this road for China.

Huglyana Ketch Cap. Hopkins Command', sailed out of this road for the West Coast by whom sent a Packet to the Governor and Council of Bencoolen dated 27th, May and 20th. Instant.

Sloop Christian Quintus arrived in this road from Trincombar.

Ship St. Joan de Canterbury belonging to the Armenians sailed out of this road for Manilla.

Sloop Christian Quintus sailed for Trincombar.

PERSONS.

THOMAS PITT Esq'. PRESIDENT & GOVERN'.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVEREL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be advanced to M'. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper towards buying of Redwood.
Ponagottee Narso &c. Tobacco and Beetle farmers payes into the Hon. United Companys Cash the sum of Five hundred eighty three and [twelve] fansams on that Account.

Ordered that the following stores be sent to Fort S. David on ship Johanna.

Ordered that John Tandermine and William Harris be discharged from farther service in this Garrison, and that Jacob Stock and Adreon Peterson are Entertained of the Gunroome Crew, and Antonio Rodrigues as a souldier in this Garrison.

Ordered that George Ainsworth be Entertained as Cooper in this Garrison, and that the Paymaster payee (him) as such.

John Meverell Paymaster reads his paymasters Account for the month of May last Viz.

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Colloway Chittee and Vinkatte Chittee offering twenty Corge of 40 Covda. Betteelas offered to sell. 'Tis ordered that they first sort them, and then the Governour and Council will view them and agree [as to] the price thereof.

The two aforesaid Persons likewise proposed the furnishing the Company with Long Cloth according as the Mannagers direct, and produced a Muster for which they ask'd Thirty two Pagodas to Corge which we thought not worth more than thirty, of which they were ordered to consider till to morrow, and then give their finall answer.

THO. PITT.
WILL. FRASER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MYSVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB. RAWORTH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq. President and Governour.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MYSVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Wollacoa Chittees widdow having formerly complained in a Petition to us, of great Injustices done Her by one Chinamdee Chittee, the examination of which
was Agreed in Consultation the 31st May last to be refer\ed to the Cast, and this
day a List of some Persons being delivered in, 'Tis ordered that the following
Persons do examine the whole matter with all expedition, and make their reports to
the Governour and Council Viz. Vincattee Yerwallapa Madus, Pegu Nulla Sanday,
Vincattee Puttee, Colloway Chittee.

Agreed that the Diana Ketch be bought at Three [hun\dred] Pagodas for the
Company's service, and the President payes for the same out of Cash, as alsoe the
Charges for the present expedition.

Agreed that M'. Raworth be added to M'. Fraser and M'. Meyerell in the
rooms of M'. Marshall to examine into the unequa\l assessment that was lately
made for Building the Black Town Wall and Workes.

Ordered that the Warhosekeeper delivers to the Storekeeper. One Hundred
Candy of Salt Petre to [refine] Gunpowder.

Colloway Chittee and Vinkattee Chittee appeared [this] day as ordered to
treat about the price of Long Cloth with whom after a long Debate, 'twas agreed
to give them Thirty one Pagodas a corge upon the Muster now before us, Term'd
to be N. 1. N. 2 Pagodas [as] Twenty nine and N. 3. Twenty seven Pagodas, the
Length of which to be 72 C\ord•, and 2½ [broad when] Brown; to be paid in part
when brought in and the Account to be cleared as soon as washed and sorted.
We were in great hopes to have agreed for the aforesaid Longcloth at Pag'. 30 ½
Corge, but they alleged that whereas they were to send their own money into
the Country, and run all risgoes from the Government, and not to be paid till the
Goods were brought in and sorted, 'tis very much more to their disadvantage
then the usuall Contracts the Company formerly made, besides they utterly
refused to agree for any certain Number of Pieces; supposing their intent thereby
is that they would bring in no more then as they saw their advantage thereon:
They also produced musters of Sallampores and forty Cov\s. Betteelaes which
were not approved of so promised to bring others.

The Governour received last night newes from Pollicherry of the arrivall
there of a small ship from France who give out they expect four more of consid-
erable strength two Men of Warr and two Company ships.

Ship Johanna Coja Satoor Noquedah sailed out of y'. read for Fort St. David
and Atcheen.

---AT a Consultation---

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq*. PRESIDENT & GOV.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Mr. Thomas Wright payes into the R'. Hon'ab. Company's Cash One Thousand
Pagodas in par\t of the Balance of M'. Thomas Marshall's Sea Custom account.

THURSDAY,

THOMAS PITTE Esq*. PRESIDENT & GOV.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
and farther pays One Hundred seaventy six Pagodas twenty fanams for fourteen months Town Conico[ply's] duty at the Sea Gate ending ultimo December [last] Generall Letter to Mr. William Tillard at Metchlepam dated yesterday now read and approved.

The Governour acquaints the Council that the Phousdar of S. Thoma had released Coja Timore Armenian who he had so unjustly detained [upon] the complaints of Coja Awan.

Agreed that the Governour has the sole direction of the Diana Ketch as to her fitting, and send her where he thinks most proper for the Companys Interest, with such directions and Instructions as he shall think necessary, and if he sees convenient any one of the Comp*. Factors or writers upon her.

Agreed that an old Grey Horse sent from Metchlepam formerly belonging to the New Company be sold to Mr. Matthew Mead for one Hundred Pangs.

Sloop Diana Cap'. Ridgley Co[mand'] sailed out of this road.

This day ship Scipio Cap'. Burrish Co[mand'] arrived in this road from England bound to the Bay but touchd here for water and refreshment, many of his men being down, He advises that there was two ships come out bound for this Fort The Martha and Neptune the former he left off of Lisbon and the latter came out ten dayes before him in Company with the Fleet y' carried the King of Spain to Portugal.

S. Georges Ketch Cap'. William Weld Comand' arrived in this road from 14. York Fort, by whom received a Generall Letter from the Governour and Council there dated 29th May last.

Briggantine Endeavour Cap'. Hart Com'. arrived in y'. road from Battavia.

To [Captain] Burrish Comand'.

of ship [sic]pio in Madras Road.

We have sent off Mess*. Meverell and Raworth two of our Council with our Secretary desiring you will permmitt them in your presence to open the Company's Packet for Bengal not only that for the United[Trade] but also that for the Separate Affairs of the Old Company and take out what Packets directed for this Place, which may be of great moment to the Company's affaires, and afterwards to be made up and sealed as before. There will also come on board you three Armenians with a Chest of Silver containing 21,000 Rupees which wee desire you to take on board you for Account of the United[Trade], and give them Bills of Loading for the same having adjusted the freight one 30 Cent to be paid [to] their Council in Bengali Dated in Fort St. George 15th July 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Ship Dansburgh arrived in this road from Trincombar.
FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1704

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

THURSDAY 19th.

[Account] Cash for June read.


[Warehou]es Account for April & May read.

Storekeepers Account for April & May read.

Land Custom Account for June read &


[Pa. 46. 24 pd. into Cash for Salt Pork sold.

P. 1000 ordered the Paynt.

[Coja] Timore delivers in this day his Petition de[siring] that the money and Goods attach'd by the Court of Admiralty for Account of Coja Usnph whose Attorney, he is, may be delivered him, the examination of which business is deferred to Frday next at 8 in the morning when all the Armenians are to attend, and Mr. Mead to give them notice of the same.

Varioup payments are made, and the Accounts are read and approved.


Seraupau pays into the R'. Hon'me. United Comp'. Cash the sum of Four Hundred Pagodas in part of the Rent for the New Townes.

M'. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the months of April and May last.

M'. Robert Raworth Storekeeper reads his Storekeepers Account for the months of April and May last.

M'. Thomas Frederick Land Customer reads his Land Custom Account for the month of June last Viz:

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and pays into the R'. Hon'me. United Company's [cash the sume of] [seven] hundred and Ten Pagodas on that account.

M'. Addison pays into the R'. Hon'me. United Company's Cash the sume of One Hundred and fifty Pagodas for a Horse sold him by order of Council, and M'. Lister pays Two hundred Pagodas for a Horse sold him. M'. Mead pays into Cash One Hundred Pagodas for a Horse sold him.

General Letter from the Governor and Council of Bencoolen dated 29th May last was now read, advising of their having drawn Bills upon us to the Amount of Doll 4379:2, which Bills were now presented for acceptance, the consideration of which is referred to our [next] Consultation.

M'. William Jennings Steward pays into the Right Hon'me. United Company's Cash Forty four Pagodas 24 fa. for salt pork sold to the shipping.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid to M'. John Meverell Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Coja Timore delivers in this day his Petition de[siring] that the money and Goods attach'd by the Court of Admiralty for Account of Coja Usnph whose
The Governor acquaints the Council that the Chief Minister in Mangamaus Country had made satisfaction for what was seized of Narrains &c. Inhabitants of this Place, for which some Goods belonging to the subjects of that Country were seized as reprizals here which the Governor cleared as soon as Narrain advised him he had received satisfaction.

THO. PIT.  
WILL: FRASER.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
JHN. MEYERELL.  
THO. FREDERICK.  
ROB'. RAWORTH.

Ship Mary Cap', Samuel Heaton Comand', arrived in this road from Battavia.  
Ship Rising Sun Cap', Wyburgh arrived in this road from Holland belonging to the Seperate Stock.

Ship Humphrey and Charles Cap', Wright Comand', sailed out of this road for Vizagapatam by whom sent Two Packets to the Chief and Council there, for the United and Seperate Affairs.

Ketch Tibby Cap', Weoley Com', sailed for the Coast of Syzyde.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PIT. ESQ., PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR.  
WILLIAM FRASER.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JHN. MEYERELL.  
THOMAS FREDERICK.  
ROBERT RAWORTH.

THOMAS PIT. ESQ. as Mint Master reads his Mint Account for the month of June and pays into the R'. Hon™. United Company's Cash Fifty four Pag' thirty two fanams forty Cash on that Account.

M'. THOMAS WRIGHT pays into the R'. Hon™. United Company's Cash the sume of One Thousand Pago'd in part of the Ballance of M'. Thomas Marshalls Sea Custom Account.

Ordered that Antonio de Rosara Topaz be Entertain'd Souldier in this Garrison.

Seraupaus Lease for Three Years for the the New Towns being expired from the first of this month, the head inhabitants of which were now before us, and acquainted that the Townes were in the Company's hands, and that [speedily] we would order a superviso' thereof, and that Seraupau had no more to do with them.

This day we tooke into our consideration whether we should pay the Bills drawn on us by the Governour & Council of Bencoolen Amounting to Doll', 4379 : [2 : th6] they are drawn on us in the same manner as those [that came] by ship Queen without distinguishing by their [Letter] [ or] Bill whether they are for Account of the Old Company or the United Trade, but we considering that these
Bills can be for no other account than the United Trade, and [by reason of the small amount thereof, and that if we return them,] there will be an interest due upon them, all which induced us to come to this resolution of paying them; and 'tis unanimously agreed they are forthwith paid.

Tho: Pitt.
Will: Fraser.
Tho: Wright.
John Meeverell.
Tho: Frederick.
Rob: Raworth.

Received ṑ Pattamars the following General Letters Viz:
From the Govern'r and Council at Trincombl, dat'd 24th July S. N.
From the Govern'r and Council at Negapatnm, dat'd 26th D. S. N.
From Dep't, Governo'r &c. at Fort S'. David dat'd 19th Instant.

At a Consultation

Present

Thomas Pitt Esq'. President & Govern'r.
William Fraser. Thomas Wright.
John Meeverell. Thomas Frederick.
Robert Raworth.

The following General Letters were now read Viz:
From the Govern'r and Council of Negapatnm. 26 July S. N.
From the Governour & Council of Trincombl. 24 July S. N.
From the Dep't, Governo'r &c. at Fort S'. David dat'd 19th Instant.

Agreed that six thousand Pagodas be sent by Peons overland to Fort S'. David.

M't. John Meeverell Paymaster pays into the R. Hon'ble United Company's Cash the sume of Fifty six Pagodas, and a Half for three old mangle Horses received from Metchlepam from the New Company's Factory, and sold here by Publick Ottery.

Capt. Thomas Wyburgh Comand't of ship Rising Sun produces his Certificate from the Company for liberty to Trade in the East Indies.

Peter de Pomer &c. Arrac Farmers pays into the R. Hon'ble United Company's Cash the sume of Six hundred Pagodas on that Account.

This Day we heard the Petition of Coja Timores, and examind matters relating to him and Coja Awan, and upon a full examination of all Papers, and Persons upon oath we came to the following resolutions.

First. That Coja Usuphs Letter of Attorney to Coja [Timore] is very Authentick wherein he gives full power to Coja Timore to receive his Effects from Coja Awan which were left in his hands by Coja Paulo.

Secondly. It appears to us that Coja Timore who [came] over with the aforesaid Power in August last on ship Colchester, that soon after he showing the same to Coja Awan, who upon sight thereof promised a due compliance therewith and few days after he paid Coja Timore a considerable suin of money on that Account, who from time to time dunn'd him for the adjustment of all
Coja [Usuph] Accounts, and that he would deliver him all Papers and obligations relating thereto, which he delayed till the 20th. of January, upon which Coja Timore took a [Warrant] out of the Court of Admiralty to Arrest Coja Awan who then promised him to deliver him Coja Usuph's [effects] and all Papers relating thereto, and the 29th of [the said month] complied therewith in delivering up several [papers] and a full Account of the particulars of Coja [Usuph] effects signed and sealed by himself, and two [Witnesses] thereof; Declaring therein that all those effects [were for] Account of Coja Usuph, and that he had nothing [to] demand out of them, but the Commissions of the several Advantages when they should arrive. When about 40 days after the delivery up of the aforesaid Papers, Coja Timore as mentioned in former Consultations went to St. Thomas, where he was presently followed by Coja Awan who had an understanding with the Governor of that Place, who clapt up Coja Timore, and used him barbarously, demanding of him the Papers which Coja Awan delivered him, which as soon as heard of there were secured in the Court of Admiralty, also the money that arrived on an Armenian ship from Manilha amounted to Pag. 10074 part of w[as] amounting to Pag. 3228: 18. has been paid away by ye. Court of Admiralty as 'tis the Register appears, so that there remains Pagod. 6845 : 18: now in the Company's Cash, with the Papers delivered in at the same time, w[as] unanimously agreed to be paid and delivered to Coja Timore, it appearing plainly to us to be part of the Estate of Coja Usuph whose attorney Coja Timore is. 'Tis further agreed that the House which appears to us to be Coja Usuph's, in which Coja Awan lived, that M'. Mead and the Register of the Court of Admiralty gives Coja Timore possession and likewise deliver him the Bale Goods belonging to Coja Usuph as mentioned in Coja Awan's List of Goods delivered to Coja Timore, and whereas it appears by Coja Awan's List to Coja Timore that there is likewise in the house three & a half Bales belonging to Coja Phanuse [Armenian]. 'Tis ordered that those be also delivered the Person [being] before us this day to demand them, and whatever [Bales] or other Goods that are in the House properly belonging to Coja Awan. 'Tis ordered that M'. Mead and M'. [Warr] go and take an Account thereof and seal and lock up the same in a room apart in that House, and [return] to the President and Council an Account thereof.

Received 'tis pattamars via Metchlepata a General Letter from St. Nicholas Wait &c. Council at [Surat] dated 31st, May advising the arrival of the Two men [of warr] at Bombay as also the Josiah. The two [former having] lost their Commanders and several of their men.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present
THOMAS PITT Esq., PRESIDENT & GOVERN.*
WILLIAM FRASER, THOMAS WEIGHT.
JOHN MAYERELL, THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.


Agreed that Twelve Hundred Pagodas be paid to the Governor of St. Thomia with the usual Present, it being the Annual Rent for this Town, The Kings Duan having wrote the President for the same, who will see that the accustomed receipts be given.
General Letter from S'. Nicholas Wait &c. Council at Surat dated 31st May last now read, as also a Genl. from Mr. Tillard at Metchlepattam dated [lacking] Instant now read.

THOMAS PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
Tho: WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
Tho'. FREDERICK.
Rop'. RAWORTH.


About eight this morning we descried a sail to the Southward, who came to an Anchor beyond St. Thomas at 5 in the evening when the President received a Note from Her acquainting him that it was ship Martha Cap.' Samuel Goodman Commodore who came directly from England bound to this Port, and [in her] Passage had met with the misfortune of [losing her] Mainmast 400 Leagues to the Westward of the [Cape] that she had lost near forty men, soldiery, sailors and Laskars, and the surviving but in a miserabe condition, having not above Ten well men to work the ship upon which the President immediately ordered Lascarrs to be got ready to send on board Her.

**AT A CONSULTATION**

**Present**

THOMAS PITT Esq'. PRESIDENT & Govt.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

About Ten this morning arrived the Pa[cquet from] Ship Martha [upon] which the Council was [duly] summoned when the Packet was open'd wherein was found all Papers as List Enter'd after this Consultation, and the General Letter was now read and all other Papers perused.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagot. be paid Mr. John Mevorell Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

THO. PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
Tho: WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO'. FREDERICK.
Rop'. RAWORTH.

**LIST OF THE PACKET TO Y'. FORT ST MARIEHA.**

2. Copy of Comp'. Gen' to D'. dat'd 6th. Jan' 1703 to Neptune.
5. Charterparty of said ship.
6. List of Goods to be provided on the Coast.
7. Copy of the Supra Cargoes Covenants of the Loyall Cooke.
8. Manifest of Goods Licensed to be ship'd on y'. Martha.
10. Manifest of Entries on board y'. Separate Stock ships.
11. Invoices of Medicines to be sent in a Pack. [apart.]
12. Companies Indulgence.
14. Covenants of Mr. Anthony Everick to be a Factor dated the 23d, December 1703, with his security Bond & Bond to perform Covenants, which being Executed are to be returned us.
15. Copy Orders of Investments for Loy Cooke for Amoy and the Fort.
17. Packet to the Bay to be forwarded thither with the [ship as] also the Charterparty for their guidance.

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ROBERT RAWORTH.

General Letter from Commodore Brabourne &c., Council at Anjengo dated the primo Instant, advising the unfortunate news of ship Neptune Capt. Lesly Commander being lost at Mannacurra on Cape Comarren the 21st, June last in the night, within twenty or [thirty] yards of the shore, the People all saved but one who were arrived at Anjengo, and that Mr. Cowes [one of] their Council was sent down to the wreck to [endeavor] to recover what came ashore from the natives which Letter was now read, as also a Letter from the Command[er] to the Governor and Council here.

THO. PITT,
WILL. FRASER,
THO. WRIGHT,
JOHN MEVERELL,
THO. FREDERICK,
ROB. RAWORTH.

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JOHN MEVERELL, THOMAS FREDERICK,
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do inquire what Pegue stick Lack is at, and what quantity in Town, and report the same, The Company having ordered same to be bought.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper loads on board ship Martha her Charterparty of Redwood.

Ordered that Mr. Meverell enquires what [Prisoners] are on the Choultry, and the reason of their being [there, and] report the same to this board.
Mr. John Meverell Paymaster read his Paymaster's Account for the month of June last Viz:

| Charges Garrison | 1329: 27: |
| Charges Cattle | 86: 16: |
| Silk Wormes | 5: 5: |
| Charges Extraordinary | 1: 28: |
| Charges Deytt and allowances | 281: 10: |
| Stores | 139: 33: |
| Charges General | 354: 31: |
| West Coast | 150: 13: |
| Ketch Huglyans | 252: 23: |
| Factors Provisions | 6: 13: |
| Fortifications and repairs | 98: 12: |

Pag't. 2616: 31:

Tobacco farmers pay in Pag'd 12 on that account.

Paymaster
Account
read.

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It is ordered that the Paymaster discharge all the Persons that are employ'd about the silk Wormes for the reasons [enter'd] in our Consultation p't May, and that the Houses [that] were built, and Garden that was fenced in for that purpose be put up at Outory, the Paymaster first delivereing into the President and Council the charge of the Houses and Garden.

Calloway Chittee and Vinkattee Chittee produced to us ye. day musters of Betteelaes and Sallampores, upon which we came to the following Agreement with them.


Betteelaes 50. Long 22½ Broad N°. 29 att Pag's. 40 1/2 Corge. Ditto N°. 28 att Pag's. 37 1/2 Corge. Co.

Sallampores ord'y. 32 Lo. 22½ Br'd. N°. 1 att Pag's. 15 1/2 Corge. Co.

It has not been with a little difficulty that we have persuaded the foregoing Persons to undertake the Companies Investment, by reason of our not advancing money as formerly, so to incourage them to bring in Goods in the manner the Honble. Managers have directed without Impressing money. 'Tis agreed for their incouragement that as soon as they bring in any Long Cloth Brown into the Godown they are to be paid one Pag'd. 3/4 piece, Half a Pag'd. a piece on Sallampores, and one Pagoda a piece on Betteelaes, and so in proportion of any other sort of Cloth, which is to be signified in writing by the Warehousekeeper to the President, who is to pay the same, and as soon as wash'd and sorted the Account to be cleared.

Tho: Pitt.
Will: Fraser.
Tho: Wright.
John Meverell.
Tho: Frederick.
Robr. Raworth.
FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1704

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq. PRESIDENT & Gov.  
WILLIAM FRASER  THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL  THOMAS FREDERICK.  
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Sunna Rama and Ramdos &c. this day was [before] us, who promised to bring in several sorts of Cloth fitting for the Company’s Investment, so acquainting them on what terms it must be, to which they answered [they] would forthwith provide musters.

This day the Portuguez Inhabitants Delivered in a Petition that the purport being concerning the Probation of Wills, [which] we lately took out of their Padres Hands of [this place] to preserve their Effects falling into the hands of the Patriarch; The farther consideration of which petition is deferred to another opportunity.

To THE HON’L THOMAS PITT Esq.  
GOVERN’L OF FORT ST. GEORGE &c.  
AND TO THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL.

The Humble Petition of those of the Portuguez Nation, and other Roman Catholicks Inhabitants of this City of Madrass, to whose notice it came, that your Honour and Council had determin’d that all Wills and Testaments should be approved at the Court of the Honourable Company, which is a thing has not been used for the space of sixty two Yeares, but have always been done before the Capuchine Padres which have been in this Church, as First by the R:. P:. Ephram de Nevers (and after his death) by the R:. P:. Miguel Anjo, to this very day; with the Consents of all the Governours y’ have Govern’d this Fort of St. George. And seeing that the R:. Hon’ble Company has consented that the Inhabitants which Inhabit in their Territories shall be judged according to the Customs of the Lawes of each respective Nation, and that the Poverty of your Petitioners is such, that the Charges of their Wills and Testaments being made, or proved in the R:. Hon’ble. Comp’. Court should be a great charge to your Petitioners by the delations made in the Court, caused by the multiplicity of Affairs done in it.

Therefore your Humble Petitioners beg of your Hon’. & Council to have regard to their humble Petition, & Grant them [that their] Wills and Testaments may be done before the [Rev. Padre as was] usual to this very day, wth. favour [your humble Petitioners hope] to receive from y’. Hon’. & Council. Whom God protect in all your affairs.
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At a Consultation

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THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

SABBATH
5th.

Vessels to be sent to the Neptunes wreck and stores to be provided.

Silver agreed to be sold 164 Doll. 10 P. 10 Part if coined here and 16 if otherwise,

Persons agreed to be present at opening the Silver,

A Souldier and Gunner entertained

20 Corge] Betteelaes [agreed] to be bought

At a Consultation

According to an order of Consultation on the primo Instant for the Warehousekeeper to enquire what quantity of Pegue stick Lack is in Town, and the price, who now reports that there is none in this Place.

The following General Letters were now [read and approved].

To Commodore Brabourne &c. at Anjengo.
To Capt. John Lesly both dated this day.
To the United Council in Bengal dated yesterday.

**Note:** The text contains a mix of 17th-century English and proper names, with some abbreviations and spelling variations typical of the period. The document appears to be a record of a consultation held at Fort St. George, detailing various administrative matters, including the sending of vessels to matchlepatam, the sale of silver, and general letters.
A Letter from the Deputy Governor and Council of St. David dated y°.

Instant now read.

There seldom present an opportunity for remitting money by Bill from hence to Fort St. David, we think it necessary to send them what money possible we can by Peons before the Raines. ‘Tis therefore Agreed that [six] Thousand Pagod be sent them under the care of [Kisnados and twelve Peons, and that timely notice be given to the Deputy Governor at Fort St. David to send some of their Peons to meet ours at Connimeer,[to prevent their being any ways attack’d by the Junkaneers at Boomipollam.

We thinking it the Company’s Interest to make some Investment in ordinary Long Cloth and Sallampores at Vizagapatam which will in some measure ease the Charge of that Place. ‘Tis therefore Agreed that [Ten Thousand Madras Pagod] be sent on a Boat now going thither under the charge of Ten Peons, and that we write the Chief and Council to draw [5000 Pag. on us] if they can meet with an opportunity to do the same and that they can Invest it in the aforesaid[goods] but strictly prohibit them not to buy Betteelas.

Kittee Narrain has been often before us about [renting] the Three New Townes Viz. Yegmore, Persiawaake & Tandore, and this day came to an Agreement with him to Lett him a Lease for seven years at Thirteen Hundred Pagodas per Annum, the Company to stand to all Damages that may accrue from Pagodas the Government, [by] Armies or otherways, and likewise to allow a consideration when it shall happen to be such dry weather when little or no Grain can grow. The Lease for which is Entered after this Consultation, wherein all Terms are more fully expres’d.

TRO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
TRO: WRIGHT.
JOHN MYTHELL.
TRO. FREDERICK.
ROB. RAWORTH.

THIS INDENTURE made this Fifteenth day of August One Thousand seven hundred and four for and in behalf of the R°. Hon°. United English East India Com[pany] of the one Part, and Kittee Narrain Gent Inhabitant of said Place of the other part, WITNESSETH That the said President and Council as well for and in consideration of the Yearly Rent herein by these presents specified, and reserved as for divers other good [causes and] considerations them the said President and Council] hereunto especially moving hath demeaned granted and to Earm Letten and by these presents doth [deemised Grant] and to Farm Lett unto the said Kittee Narrain all the three New Townes commonly [called] Yegmore, Persiawaake, and Tandore, belonging unto the aforesaid Right Hon°. United English East India Company with all the Ground, Buildings, Gardens and Priviledges within the said Townes, and all the Hedges, Fences and Inclosures thereof, and all [Ap] purtenances and Commodities whatsoever in [any] ways, to have and to hold the said Ground, Buildings, Gardens, Priviledges, Hedges, Fences, and commodities thereof aforesaid with all and singular their appurtenances to the said Kittee Narrain his Executors Administrators and Assigns from the First of [July] one Thousand seven hundred and four unto the full end and
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Term of seven years without any [im]peachment of any manner of wast, yielding [and] paying therefore yearly and every Year Thirteen Hundred Pagodas at one Payment Viz. on the primo July of every year unto the President and Council and the said Kittee Narrain for himself, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, and every of them doth covenant and promise at his and their own [proper] cost and Charges from time to time shall and [will] well and sufficiently repair, cleanse, scour, and amend, all the Ground, Buildings, Hedges, Fences & inclosures of the said Townes as often, and when need shall require during the said Term, and the same so well and sufficiently Improved, repaired, cleansed, scoured and amended in the end of the said Term, shall leave and yield up unto the said President and Council. And it is hereby further agreed by and between the said President and Council aforesaid and Kittee Narrain notwithstanding what beforementioned, That if any troubles should happen from the Government of the Country, then that the said President & Council will allow for what he shall make appear to have lost by said troubles, and it is farther agreed that in case of a great drought, and that the seasonable raines do not fall, that then the President and Council shall [abate] out of the yearly Rent the aforesaid Kittee Narrain what he shall suffer thereby he proving the same upon oath. And the said Kittee Narrain does hereby further promise, and Agree that he will sell the aforesaid Company such quantities of straw from the said Townes as they shall want, paying for the same at Market price. And the said President and Council doth, covenant, promise and Grant unto the said Kittee Narrain his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns upon Payment of the Rent as aforesaid, peaceably and quietly to have hold, occupy and enjoy the said Townes, Buildings with all the appurtenances therunto [belonging during] the said Term of seven years. IN [WITNESS WHERE]of we the President and Council for Account and in behalf of the R. Honble United English East [India Company] do hereby oblige ourselves on the one part, and Kittee Narrain for himself on the other part, having hereunto interchangeably set our Hands and Seals at [Fort St.] George in the City of Madras the day and year [above] written.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MERRYELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROB'. RAWORTH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present
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WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MERRYELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROB'. RAWORTH.

Mr. Thomas Wright pays into the R. Honble United Company's Cash the sum of Two thousand [Pagodas] in part of the Ballance of Mr. Thom's Marshall's Sea Custom Account.

Mr. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper acquaints now the President and Council that he has received Two Bales more then Invoiced on board ship Martha markt the United Company [with] mark N°. 38 q'. Cloth rashies red N°. 117: q'. Broad cloth ordinary Green, was ordered on board ship Neptune.
Ordered that Mr. William Fraser, and the Warehousekeeper in the presence of the Commander and Purser of ship Martha view what Bales damaged on said ship, and state the same. We fearing that Goods will not be brought in here in so great plenty as to fill up the Tonnage the Company have ordered; 'Tis therefore agreed that the following Investment be made at Fort St. David, and that they be immediately advised thereof.

30,000 Pieces Long Cloth ordinary ... Thirty thousand [pieces]
7,500 Pieces of 40 Co√a. Betteelas ... Seven Thousand five Hundred [pieces]
7,500 Piece's of 50 Betteelas ... Seven Thousand five hundred [red pieces]
15,000 Pieces of Sallampores ord27. ... Fifteen thousand [pieces]
3,000 Pieces Neckcloths ... Three thousand [pieces]
20,000 Pieces Long Cloth Fine if to be had at 50, or 55 Pag. a corge and a [two thousand [pieces]
20,000 Pieces Fine Sallampores if to be had at pro rato [two thousand [pieces]

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be advanced Mr. John Beverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

This day Cowloway Chittee and [Vincetee Chittee being] before us we acquainted them with the following particulars of what Goods we expect'd them to provide viz-

20,000 Pieces Long Cloth ordinary ... Twenty thousand
10,000 Pieces 40 and 50 Co√a. Betteelas Ten thousand pieces.
10,000 Pieces of Sallampores ... Ten thousand pieces
20,000 Pieces Long Cloth Fine ... Two thousand pieces
20,000 Pieces Sallampores Fine ... Two thousand pieces
4,000 Pieces all sorts of Moorces ... Four thousand pieces
2,500 Pieces Neck cloths ... Two thousand five hundred
300 Pieces Betteelas new muster ... Three hundred pieces

The Prizes of some of which are before agreed, and they were this day ordered to hasten to bring in Muslins of Long cloth fine, Sallampores Fine, Moorces of several sorts, and after a Long debate with the two aforesaid Persons they told us that unless we prohibited all other [Merchants] in this Town from making Investments in [the like sorts of Goods, we must not expect they could comply with the same, which they urged so strenuously and seemed resolved that unless we Granted their [request] they would desist from going any farther in providing] the aforesaid Goods, so to prevent so great a [prejudice] to the Company as disappointing them of their [tonnage] we promise to comply therewith; yet nevertheless shall underhand persist in encouraging all People [to bring] in such Goods as are fit for their Investment.

The Hon'ble Managgers having ordered by [the Martha] the buying some Mathlepam Gooches, which [have been] till of late extravagantly dear, but as we are informed are now tolerably cheap to what they were, [by reason] of the New Company desisting from making Investments, and [the Old Company Factory withdrawn, & fearing that if we should now in pursuance to the Managgers orders send down Persons as if we intend to settle a Factory for the United Trade which would undoubtedly run up again the prizes of Goods. 'Tis therefore resolved that we send down Kittee Narain with Ten thousand Pagodas to bring up such Goods as he shall be directed in our Instructions to him; And that the President pays him out of Cash One Hundred and fifty Pagodas towards defraying his charges, and the following things to be sent by him Viz. Gold Chains to the value of about 70 Pag. Broad Cloth-2 Bales.
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Aurora 2 p'. perpetuances red 1 Bale.
Scarlet 10 yards. Rosewater 1 Chest.
Cloth rashes 1 Bale red. 0 Cases strong Water.
2 Fowling pieces 12 Ivory handled knives.
1 Bale Wax Cloth 1 Bale Dungarees.

There being a necessity of sending a person to Metchelepamp to take care of the Dead Stock for the United Trade we have this day made choice of M'. Thomas Faucett with whom we now agree to pay him monthly in lieu of salary, Dyett, Fourteen pagod' 8 month and the Company to be at no other charge than the peons they have at the Factorys of Metchelepampa & Maddappollam, to which place of [Matchlepamta] is to [repair] by first boat.

Ordered that M'. Hall be Entertain'd Doct'. , second Mate.

Ordered that Antoniodes Rosaro be Entertain'd one of the Gunners Crew, and Paul de Silvia, and [Anthony Sceare] Topazes, be Entertain'd Souldiers in this Gar'ison.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
ROB: FREDERICK.
ROB: RAWORTH.

Ship Latchee Presaude Mahomud Hassan Noquedah sailed for Bengali.
Dispatch'd Peons a Generall Letter to the Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated [this] day with 6,000 Pagod: under the charge of [said Peons]

Ship Mary Cap't. Cornwall Comander', sailed out of [this] road for Bengali by whom sent a Packet [to the Coun]cil for the United Trade in Bengali dated [the] 8th, Instant.

Ship Rising Sun Cap't. Wyburgh Comander sail'd out [of this road for] Bengali.
Received Pattamars a Generall Letter from Commodore Brabonrne &c'. Council at Anjengo datd. 17th, July last.

--- AT A CONSULTATION ---

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq'. PRESIDENT & GOVERN'.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Thomas Pitt Esq'. as Mintmaster reads his Mint Acco' for the month of July last, and pays into the R'. Hon'' United Companys Cash the sum of Ninety five Pagod'. Nineteen fanams for Custom on Gold coined.

M'. Thomas Wright Sea Customer reads for M'. Thomas Marshall the Sea Custom Account for the month of June last Vis'.

Custom on Goods Imported and exported this month Pa.1,686 : 34 : 72
To Custom on Grain ... ... ... ... 229 : 23 : 4
To Anchorages ... ... ... ... ... ... 66 : 18 : ...
To Tonnage ... ... ... ... ... ... 194 : 18 : ...

Pag'. 2,177 : 18 : 76
The following Generalls and Instructions were now read and approved, which Instructions are as Enter'd after this Consultation.

Instructions to Kitty Narrain for his Journey to Metchlepam.

Generell Letter to Mr. Simon Holcombe Chief & Council at Vizagapatam all Dated this day.

Agreed that the following Goods be sent to Vizagapatam:
- 1 Bale of Aurora
- 6 Bales Broad cloth ordinary red.
- 6 Bales of Broadcloth ordinary Green.
- 1 Bale Cloth rashes red. 1 Bale Ditto Green.
- 1 Bale Perpetuanoes red. 1 Bale Ditto Green.
- 6 Chests of Syrash Wine 1 Chest Rosewater and that the Ten Thousand Pagodas ordered for be now sent [Vizagapatam in Consultation the 8th. Instant.

General Letter to Mr. William Tillard at Metchlepam dated this day.

Instructions to Kitty Narrain for his Journey to Metchlepam.

We depending upon your integrity as well as great experience in those parts, have made choice of you to goe to Metchlepam, where we intend to make a small Investment, provided Goods can be bought much cheaper then formerly, of which by the informations we have had, we have a great prospect.

We forbear at present to send any English to appear in making the Investment fearing it may run up y" Goods to the former prizes, besides we are willing to avoid the extraordinary charges that attend a Factory; We are in great hopes you'll find good part of the Goods we want ready made, so that there will be no need trusting of money into the Merchants Hands, which our Company have positively ordered the contrary, and therefore we enjoin you to observe the same.

The Investment we order you to make is as follows:
- 3,000 Pieces of Romalls
- 2,000 Pieces of Allejars
- 1,000 Pieces of Sacerguntees
- 1,000 Pieces of Collawapooses

which Goods must be full Lengths and breadths & the best Chay, which you must take care to be well washt, Packt, and be ready to goe Home in January. We shall here in few dayes dispatch a Boat to Metchlepam with severall things for sale and Pro[sents] under the care of Mr. Faucett who is to reside [there] to receive the Dead stock from the Old and New [Camp:] and looks after the same for Account of the New [Trade] for whose Account you goe to make this Investment unto which he is a stranger, tho' we have ordered [him] to countenance you in all your business, and [own all] the Goods bought by you as the Company's [and give] you accommodation not only for Lodging but Warehouse roome &c. in the Factory.

We have no orders from the Company for buying any white Cloth there, yet notwithstanding if the Fine Long [cloth] N. 1. of which there is Musters in the Company's [factory] can be bought between Fifty and sixty Pagod. [per corge we would have you buy one Thousand Pieces, [so like]wise the same quantity of fine Sallampores if [they can] be bought pro rata.
We order you to send us frequent advices [of your] negotiation and write us fully thereof.

We have now paid you One Hundred and [fifty] Pagod's, for your expenses of which you must give [an] Account at your returne, when we will reward [You] suitable to your merits. Dated in Fort St. [George this] eighteenth day of August 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MERRY.
THOMAS PEDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

To M'. Thomas Faucett.

The great hopes we have of your faithfullness and diligence, induced us to elect you into the United Companys service to goe and reside at Metchlepam where you are to live in that which was called the Old Companys Factory, and take under your care the Dead stock that formerly belonged to the Old and New Company at Metchlepam and Maddapollam, which now appertains to the United Trade, an Inventory of both which we now deliver you. The dead stock of the Old Company is in their Factories, but that belonging to the New is to be delivered you by Mr. Tillard to whom we have wrote to send up severall things by the Yatch and Boats of which we deliver you a Copy, which if not sailed before your arrival we order you to see the severall things put on board them, and hasten the Vessells hither with all expedition.

Kittee Narrain will be at Metchlepam to negotiate some particular affaires of his own, whom we order you to countenance as if he was the Comps' servant, and if he buys any thing to own it as the Companys Goods, we have likewise permitted him to lye in the Factory, and you may accommodate him with Ware-houseroome if he has occasion [or] what else he shall want.

We send under your care severall sorts of Goods &c. which we order you to carry to the Factory and there deliver them to Narrain as he shall demand them.

Mr. Frewen left six servants to looke after the Metchlepam and Four Servants to looke after the Maddapollam Factories, which numbers we would have you reduce believing two or three will be sufficient when you are there.

We have agreed with you for fourteen Pag's. [per] month in lieu of Salary, Dyett and all charges whatsoever during your residing there, which is to be all the pleasure of the President and Council of this place whose orders you are to obey for your returning hither and if we should add a Writer to you, you are to be considered Four Pag's. 2 month for his [Dyett] and no more.

We order you to correspond with us by all opportunityes, and when any newes happens of consequence you are to dispatch Peons to us at the Comp's charge.

We order you to send up all the Plate reserving only a Beetle box, Rosewater bottle, and Pigdan, as also the Pallankeens, keeping there the New Companys Seconds and an ordinary one or two for the use of the Factory.

We would have you make no manner of appearance to avoid charges from the Government tho' upon Sundays or ships coming in we would have you hoist St. Georges Flag at the Factory.

We would have you tender Mr. Tillard the use of both or either of our Factories to live in, who is also to have the use of the Warehouses.
We strictly enjoyn you to looke after every thing very carefully, and air those things that require it to prevent their being spoilt. Dated in Fort S'. George this Eighteenth day of August 1704.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

P.S.—Desist from taking any one of the New Company’s Servants till our farther Orders.

This evening we spied a ship coming in from the Northward with a Dutch 17 Flagg at Topmaast head, who came almost into the Road just at six, when she saluted the Garrison with seventeen Guns, which were returned with the like number; this ship the President is advised came from Follicat on whom is Monheer Slyland going to Negapatam to succeed Governo’t. Comans in that Government.

Dutch Ship sailed early y‘e. morning.

Briggantine Endeavour Capt. Samuel Hart Commander sailed out of this 19 Road for Bengall.

Dispatchd by Mr. Thomas Faucet by Boat the following Packets Viz.

To Mr. Tillard at Metchlapam dated 15 th. Instant and the following Packets to Surat to be forwarded thither.

To the General and Council at Surat.

To St. Nicholas Wait &c. Council both dated the [18th. Instant] with Duplicates of our last Letters to Persia.

Received by Pattamars two Packets from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated [16 Instant].

AT A CONSULTATION

Present
THOMAS PITT Esq., PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.


M’. Robert Raworth Storekeeper reads his Storekeepers Account for the month of July last.

Accpt. Cash for July

Storekeeper's

Adm’t. R. 30,000,

Pt. by the Warehouse-keep for silver & Goods sold.

Accpt. Cash for July

Acc’t. R. 30,000, rand
Mr. Thomas Frederick Land Customer reads his Land Custom Account for the month of July last.

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Total: 384: 10: 1

Henry Davenport Secretary reads his Account for Passes for the months of June and July last, and pays into the R. Hon. United Companys Cash the sum of sixteen Pagodas on that Account.

Serraupon pays into the R. Hon. United Companys Cash the sum of six hundred and fifty Pagodas on Account Rent of the New Townes.

Agreed that six hundred and fifty Pagodas be advanced to Paupiah &c. Washers towards curing the R. Hon. United Companys Cloth.

Generall Letter to Commodore Brabourne &c. Council at Anjengo dated yesterday now read and approved.

Mr. John Meverell Paymaster reads his Account for the month of July last.

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Generall Letter from the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David dated 16th July now read.

Mr. Fraser and the Warehousekeeper report that they had view'd the Cloth received by ship Martha and find the Damage to be no more then in Bale No. [228] Piece 684, and Bale No. 44. p. 130 half a piece of which was delivered to the Comand at Invoice [price] for which he paid the Warehousekeeper for the same.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be advanced to Mr. John Meverell Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Ordered that Pasquall de Costa Topaz be Entertained a Souldier in this Garrison.

Ordered that the Paymaster muster ship [Martha's] Company and report the same.

Coja Awan who had lately a great contest here [with] Coja Timore when he withdrew hence to St. Thoma [which] time he left Customs unpaid Amounting to [60 Pagodas] thirty Fanams, to pay which 'tis ordered that the Attorney General and Register extend some of the Goods that lye in Coja Usupha House, and sell them at the Sea Gate, and what they shall surmount the [aforesaid] sum that he owes be paid into the Companys Cash.
Agreed that the Governour gives orders to Serjeant Dixon and Serjeant Hagonin to provide themselves to goe with the men that are designed to goe to the Neptunes Wreck.

Cap'. Francisco De Saa dying lately on a Voyage to Battavia, and having left no Will, 'tis ordered y. Mass'. Wright and Meverell demand and receive of Cap'. Samuel Heaten what money, Goods, Books & Papers in his hands belonging to the said Francisco de Saa and to call Senh'. Francisco Cordoza to their assistance, and that they state his Account, and pay all his Debts, and what shall remain it being according to the Portugues Law (those that dye Intestate) to pay a moiety to his Widdow and the other moiety into the Companys Cash, which is to lye till demanded by his relations who have a right thereto, who are said to be in Europe and none in those parts.

Mr. Matthew Empson who was formerly one of this Council, and ordered by the Hon'. Managers to be Second of Fort St. David, but he finding it very inconvenient to remove thither by reason of his Family & concerns here, He delivered in a Petition this day to be dismissed the Companys service, which was accordingly Granted him, and his Petition Enter'd after this Consultatijn.

We having already sold, and being about to sell more of the Persian Horses belonging to the Old Compt. 'Tis Agree'd that we buy four Atcheenhol's rooms thereof at 30 Pag'. a Horse.

Agreed that Ten thousand Pagodas more be sent overland by Peons to Fort St. David, [first advising] thereof that they may send Peons to meet ours at Conomier to conduct the same.

To the Hon'ble Thomas Pitt Esq'.
President & Governor of Fort St. George &c.

Whereas my Hon'ble Masters [for the United] Company were pleased to confer me to be Second of Fort St. David, which most certainly they esteem'd as a mark of their favour by so doing.

But it has happend very inconvenient to me [for] the following reasons, because I have been a housekeeper in this Place for Eleven yeares, which has caused me build for the settlement of my Family which is large, having Wife and Children, so that if I should remove hence, it would be of great prejudice to me, I have also lived here Eighteen yeares by which means it has made me capable of serving their Honours without doubt better here then any where else.

My request to your Honour and Council is that I may have leave to dismiss myself from their Honours service by which means I may sit still, till their Honours signify their pleasure how they will dispose of me. I beg the favour of your Honour &c. in permitting this Paper to be Enter'd in the Consultation Bookes that my Honourable Masters may have the perusal of it in England I am your most Obedient Humble Servant.

Fort St. George,
23rd August 1704.
records of fort st. george—

fort st. george, august 1704

24th

ship bombarupum cojee tanerre noquedah sailed for bengall.
dispatch'd pattamarr a general letter to the deputy governour and council of fort st. david dat'd this day.

dispatch'd pattamarr the following general letter:
to commodore brabourne &c. at anjengo dat'd. 22d. ins. copies of our last letters to persia to be forwarded thither by messrs. harnett and scattergood now at tutescreen.

received pattamars a general letter from the chief and council of vizagapatam dated 4th instant.
dispatch'd pattamarr the following general letter:
to commodore braiborne &c. at anjengo dat'd. this day,

received a general letter from the chief and council of fort st. david dat'd this day [with ten] thousand pagod's. under the charge of kinsnades [and twenty] peons.

st. george friggot cap. william weld command'd out of this road for vizagapatam and bengali to the former sent a packet to the chief and council there dat'd the 15th and 26th instant.

ship pearl cap. twisden command'd sailed out of this road for mallaoca.

sloop hierusalem arrived in this road from trincomalee.

received pattamars this day the following packets.

from the united council in bengali dat'd 7th april and 19th may and copies of theirs dat'd 9th and 23rd march the originals of which never came to hand.

from vizagapatam dat'd 13th instant.

from mr. tillard dat'd 21st ditto.

at a consultation

present

september 25th

friday

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the following general letters received last night pattamars overland were now read.

from the united council in bengal
one dated 9th march last copies, the originals never came to hand.

one dated 23d ditto.

one dated 7th of april.

one dated the 19th may.

from the chief and council of vizagapatam dat'd. 13th august.

from m. william tillard at metchlepatah. dat'd. 13th & 21st august.

an answers to the bengall generalls were now considered of and resolved to send by ship martha.

paymaster reports ship martha's company to be eighty six men and boyes.

tho. pitt.
will: fraser.
tho. r. whig.
john mevrell.
tho. frederick.
robert raworth.

ship martha cap. samuel goodman command'd sailed this morning out of this road for bengall by whom sent the following packets viz.

to the united council in bengal dat'd. 31st of august.

to ditto dat'd the primo instant.
Ship Mahommedes Mahomud Hussain Noguedah sailed out of this road 3 for Cuddalor.

Ship Dorothy Capt. Ford Command. sailed out of this road for Pegue.

Brigantine Destiny Capt. Edwards Command. sailed for Pegue.

Ship Charlon Capt. Costin Command. arrived in this road from Bombay, having lost his passage hither and laid two months at Carwar, by whom received a General Letter from St. John Gaye &c. at [Surat] dated 26th April 1704. Two Generals from the Deputy Governor and Council of Bombay dated 13th & [16th May] last.

Received this day two Letters from the Deputy [Gov.] and Council of Fort St. David dated 31st August [and 2d.] Instant with their General Books A and B.

--- AT A CONSULTATION ---

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ. PRESIDENT & GOV.  
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.  
ROBERT RAVWORTH.

Ponagettee Narso &c. Tobacco and Beetle farmers pays into the Rt. Hon.'s United Company's Cash the sume of Five hundred eighty three Pagodas and twelve fanams on that Account.

M'. Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt. Hon.'s United Company's Cash the sume of One thousand Pagod in Account Sea Customs.

Serrangau pays into the Rt. Hon.'s United Company's Cash the sume of Four Hundred Pagod on Account Rent of the New Townes.

Agreed that Ten thousand Pagod more be sent by Peons to Fort St. David, and that advices be sent beforehand for Peons to meet ours at Connimeer to conduct it.

We having in several Letters since the arrivall of the Martha press'd the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David to come to a speedy conclusion with their Merchants for the prizes of Goods in the method ordered by the Hon.'s Managers and having advised them of the prizes we give here about which they write they have had several conferences with their Merchants, but cannot bring them to agree on the same Terms; so considering the time is short to provide so considerable a quantity of Goods ["Tis"] agreed that we write them that they forthwith conclude on the best Terms they can, and advise thereof.

Agreed that Two hundred Pagod more be advanced M'. Robert Raworth Store-keeper towards making of Powder.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagod more be advanced M'. John Meverell Paymaster towards defraying Charges Garrison.


Ordered that Venture Desire, Manuel Caldera and Francisco de Costa Topazes be Entertain'd soldiery in this Garrison.
The following General Letters were now read Viz.:

From the General and Council at Surat dated 25th April,

From the Deputy Governor and Council at Bombay dated the 13th. and 16th May last.

From the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David dated 31st. August and 2d. Instant.

The Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David advise us in their General Letter dated 31st. past month that they had drawn a Bill of Exchange on us for P. 491 : 18. payable to Somiah, agreed the same be paid.

Tho: Pitt.
Will: Fraser.
Tho: Wright.
John Meverell.
Tho. Frederick.
Rolf: Raworth.

Dispatch'd 7 Pattamars a General Letter to the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David dat'd this [day].

Dispatch'd a General Letter to the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David dat'd this day [with ten] thousand Pagod's. under the [charge of Kisnedess and] Twenty Peons.

Received 7 Pattamars a General Letter from Commodore Brabourne and Council at Anjengo dated 17th. August last with Translate of several Letters from Mannacree relating to the Neptunes wrack.

---FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1704---

---AT A CONSULTATION---

Present

Thomas Pitt Esq'. President & Govern't.
Will: Fraser.
Tho: Wright.
John Meverell.
Tho. Frederick.
Robert Raworth.

Compt. Cash

for [August] last read.

[See

Custom

Account

for ye. month

of July, &

Custom on Goods Imported & export'd this

month

... ... ... ... ... Pa. 913 : 17 : 42

Custom on Grain

... ... ... ... ... 444 : 11 : 44

Anchorage

... ... ... ... ... 55 : 18 : =

Tonnage

... ... ... ... ... 11 : = : 4

Pag. 1424 : 15 : 6

and pays now into the R'. Honble. United Compt. Cash the sume of Three thousand one hundred forty eight Pag'. three fan. and fifty Nine Cash [as the] Balance of his former Sea Custom Account ending ult'. March last.
FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1704

Mr. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the month of August last and pays into the R. Hon. United Company's Cash the sum of Thirteen thousand four Hundred and Sixty Pag'd., and thirty fanams for Silver and Goods sold out of the Warehouse.

Mr. John Meverell Paymaster pays into the R. Hon. United Company's Cash the sum of sixty Five Pag'd., twenty two fanams, as the Amount of sundry Goods sold at [Outery] belonging to Thomas Grandy deceased.

Mr. Thomas Wright pays into the R. Hon. United Company's Cash the sum of One Thousand Pag'd., as part of the Balance of Mr. Thomas Marshalls Sea Custom Account.

Mr. Thomas Frederick, Land Customer reads his Land Custom Account for the month of August last.

Choulkrey Custom ... ... ... Pag'd: 148: 21: 23
Rutie breakers ... ... ... 24: 26: 52
Town Broakers ... ... ... 37: 1: 48
Registering Slaves ... ... ... 1: 12: =

Pag'd: 201: 25: [40]

and pays into the R. Hon. United Company's Cash the sum of six Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

General Letter from Commodore Brabourne &c. Council at Anjengo dated the 17th of August last was now read as also Translates of several Letters from Padre Hieronimio Telles to the Commodore relating to the Neptune's Wreck [with a Letter] from Capt. Lesley.

Ordered that John Lowis, Anthony Farandus, Manuel Texeres, and Bernardo Ennis be Entertained Souldiers, and John Noble of the Guarnosme Crew in this Garrison.

We finding it very convenient to keep stores of Salt Provisions not only for the Garrison, but also to supply shipping, and any other unforeseen accident that may happen. 'Tis therefore agreed that the Steward buys in Three hundred hoggs, to be well fed, and salted up as the Governour from time to time shall direct.

There being an order issued out to Mr. Mead Attorney Gen'l., dated the 23rd of August last, for the selling some of Coja Awan Goods to satisfy what he owed for Custom, report of w'h. he now makes, and there being due upon the Ballance to Coja Awan Pag'd. 13. 30. 'Tis agreed the same be equally divided between the Secretary and Attorney General for their trouble in his business.

Agreed this day with Colloway Chitter & Vinkattee Chitter for 2000 Pieces Fine Moorees Long 18 Cov'd, Broad 2½ at Pag'd: 33 ¹ Pag'd, and to be sorted by the Comp't. Muster.

Tro: Pitt.
Will: Fraser.
Tro: Wright.
John Meverell.
Tro': Frederick.
Rof. Raworth.

Dispatch'd ¹ Boat a Packett to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dated this day.
FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1704

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq., PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

General Letter to the R. Honble. United Company dated this day, now read and approved to be sent by a [Danes] ship from Trincombar.

The Capuchins here of the Portuguez Church being [under] interdictions from the Patriarch and Bishop of S'[Thoma] who design to put upon us what Padres they please, [which] may be the worst of consequences, to prevent which ['tis] agreed for the satisfaction of many of our Inhabitants of that persuasion that Padre Lauronso a Capuchin be admitted into Town, to exercise his Function in their[Church].

Mr. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the R. Honble. United Company's Cash the sume of One Thousand Pagodas on account Goods sold.

Agreed that One Thousand Pag. be remitted to Fort St. David by Bill of Exchange.

THO : PITT.
WILL : FRASER.
THO : WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Received 3 Patamars a General Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dat'd. 11th. Instant.

Dispatch'd 3 Patamars a Packet to the Governour of Trincombar, wherein Inclosed one for the R. Honble. Managers for the United Trade to be forwarded by a Ship of theirs there design'd in few dayes for Europe.

Received 3 Patamars via Metohlepatam a General Letter from S'[Nicholas Wait & Council at Surat dat'd. 28th. July last.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq., PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Thomas Pitt Esq. as Mintmaster reads his Mint Acco't for the month of August last, And payes into the R. Honble. United Company's Cash the sume of one Hundred Thirty one Pagod. twenty three Fanams and forty [cash] for Custom on Gold coined, and payes to the Warehousekeeper Three thousand two hundred seave[n]ty nine Rupees as Custom on Silver Coined.
Mr. Thomas Wright, Sea Customer, reads his Sea Custom Account for the month of August [last] Viz.

Custom on Goods Imported and exported this month... ... ... ... Pag. 1960: 12: 28
Custom on Grain... ... ... ... Pag. 74: 11: —
Anchorage... ... ... ... Pag. 64: « =
Tonnage... ... ... ... Pag. 16: 24: —

Pag. 2,115: 11: 28

Mr. Thomas Wright pays into the Rt. Honb.'s, United Companies Cash for Pagodas twelve fanams and seventy four Cash as the Ballance of his Sea Custom Account ending ult. June [last].

The Governour having wrote to Suratt for, some oyle and Paint usefull here on severall occasions, [as also] some Garden seeds all Amounting to Two hundred and one Rupee 50 P.' which sum tis ordered [that] the Warhouse-keeper pays the Governour in Madrass Rupees, and take the aforesaid oyle, [paint and] seeds for the Companies Account.

The Letter from St. Nicholas Wait &c. at [Surat] was now read importing great contests between St. John Gayer &c. Council, and St. Nicholas &c. [council] copy of our Letter received from them with the [papers] inclosed we think necessary to be sent to the [Honb.] Managers by the conveyance of the Danes ship but the Packet directed to them we think better to remain here to be sent by our own shipping accordingly 'tis agreed the Packet be forthwith [despatched] to Trincomar.

Agreed that Ten thousand Pagod's be sent to Fort St. David by Peons to meet ours at Connimeer, and that the Governour advises them to send their Peons to meet ours at Fort St. David.

Fort St. David General Letter dated 11th. Instant now read advising of a Bill of Exchange drawn on this Presidency for Pagod's. 1327: 23: 3 payable to the President and Council for the Seperate Affaires of the Old Comp' which is agreed to be paid.

General Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 16th. Instant now read.


THO: PITR.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
JHN: MEVRELL.
THO: FREDERICE.
ROB: RAWORTH.

Dispatch'd 31st Pattamar a General Letter to the Rt. Honb.'s Managers for the United English East India Company Trading to the East Indies.

The Governor and Council of Bencoolen [having lateu]y wrote us for a quantity of Copper Cash, and silver fanams, the coining and sending which to them [wee know] to be of great advantage to the Company: 'Tis there[for] argued that now being a leisure time in the Mint that the Warehousekeeper buys Ten Candy of [Japan] Copper, and deliver it to the Mintmaster for that [use] as also a Chest of Silver to be coined into Fanams.

By M'. Marchalls laying down the Company's service when he went to China, by which the Em[ploy of] the Sea Customer was Vacant, which then [was] [agreed] for the present to be put under the care of M'. [Wright] for reasons given in our Consultation of the [26th]. June last; But now M'. Wright having considerable business in the Godowas: 'Tis agreed that M'. John Meverell succeeds in that Employ, and that M'. Thomas Frederick [succeeds] him in that [Employ] of Paymaster, and that M'. Robert Raworth succeeds him in the Employ of Land Customer, and continue Storekeeper till the arrival of M'. Martin, and that they all Enter on their several Employes the first of next month and clear their Accounts in their Present Employes.

The Wine Licence expiring the 28th. of this month ordered that on Thursday the 28th. Instant the same be put up to Outcry in the Consultation room in the Fort before the Governour and Council, and that Notes are fixed on the Gates to give notice of the same.

The Paymaster this day delivering in an Account for building the silk worme Houses and making a Garden for the same Amounting to Three hundred thirty three Pagodas fifteen Fanams. It is again ordered that he puts them up to outcry as mentioned the primo August last, giving notice of the same by putting up Notes on the Gates on the 4th. of October next.

Ordered that Ambo Malajan Topaz be Entertain'd a soldierr in this Garrison.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagod'. be advanced M'. John Meverell Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Agreed that Twenty five Pagod'. be paid Mannangapan for three months Town Ounicoplyes duty ending ultimo July last.

Agreed with Colloway Chitte and Vinkattee Chitte for Moorees ordinary Long 20 Covd. Broad 2½ [No. 1] at Pagod'. 19 ½ Gorge N°. 2 : Pag'. 18. Two thousand pieces to be sorted by a muster now agreed on [and] seal'd with the Companys and their seal.

Dispatch'd this evening Kianados and Twenty [peons] with Pagod'. 10,000 for Fort S'. David by whom also sent a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour [and] Council there dated this day.
Yesterday in the evening we heard that the Portuguez and Moores had a quarrell wherein was killed a Portuguez Gentleman Senr· John Rebeiro of good fashion and 2 Moores, occasioned chiefly by the Moores Governour going [after a] treacherous manner to his House who they call [the Governour] of the Portuguez, whom he designed to have mur[dered] or used him barbarously by imprisonment, he [receiv'd] a slight wound, but upon firing some Armes [the Moores] Govern· and his People fled, two more of whose people we hear this day dyed of their wounds, and three or four 'tis said are in [danger] thereof.

About 8 this morning the Governour here received a message from the Governour &c. Portuguez Inhabitants of St. Thoma being come to the Place of our Out Guards who desired admittance and Protection which accordingly was Granted them, and in the evening one of their Chieftest Inhabitants Sen'. Matthias Carvullo waited on the Governour, and acquainted him with the whole matter being much as before recited, only that the original of the quarrell arose from a Moore offering to take a candle from a young Woman as they were walking in procession at their Feast.

**FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1704**

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**AT A CONSULTATION**

Present

THOMAS Pitt Esq'. PRESIDENT & GOVERN'._
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JNO MIVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Tis agreed that the Prisoner brought from Fort St. David for barbarously murthering his Fellow Souldier at Cuddaloor, to be Tryed at a Court Martial, the method for which to be farther considered of.

The Governour acquaints the Council that according to a Note he received from the Warehousekeeper yesterday he paid Colloway Chittoe and Vinkattee Chittoe three thousand eight hundred seventy Nine Pag' being for sundry Callicoes brought into the Warehouse for Account of the United Trade which is now confirmed and approved of.

According to an order of the 21st, of this month the Wine Licence was put up to Farme there being about Four competitors for the same, which fell to Joshua Page's Lot] he bidding most which was Four Hundred forty one Pagod. 12 Annam to take a Lease for two years we unanimously think one hundred and fifty Pagodas too much 12 Annam, and wish no ill consequence may attend it.

General Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David, dated 24th Instant now read.

Mr. Robert Raworth Storekeeper reads his Storekeeper's Account for the month of August last.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagod. be advanced by Mr. John Meverell Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.


TWO: Pitt.
WILL: FRASER.
TWO: WRIGHT.
JNO MEVERELL.
TWO: FREDERICK.
ROB: RAWORTH.
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Received 2 Pattamars a Generall Letter from Kittee Nar [dated 5th Instant].

Received Two Packets 2 [Pattamars from the Deputy] Governour and Council of [Fort St. David dated the 27th] past month for the United and Seperate Affairs.

Received 3 Pattamars a General Letter from Commodore Braboune &c. Council at Anjengo dated 9th, September last, advising that the Natives had half'd ashore ship Neptunes Bottom, but had got little or no Treasure.

Received this day 4 Pattamar a General Letter from the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam dated 11th, September 1704 advising the receipt of the 10,000 Pagod. sent on yr. St. George Ketch, and their having made a Contract with their Merchants to the Amount of said sum in Longcloth ordinary and Salampores.

Received 4 Pattamars a General Letter from Mr. Thom. Faucet at Metchlepatam dated 20th, September advising of their having miss'd their Port, and arrived at Vizagapatam. from whence came to Metchlepatam, as also a Letter from Kittee Narrain who had likewise mett wth the same fate.

AT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 5th.

THOMAS PITT ESQ. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WEIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

There being a vacancy in the Council at Fort St. David by Mr. Empson's refusall to go thither 'Tis agreed that Mr. [Richard Farmer be] added as seventh and last [of Council] With having had proposals from Colloway Chittee and [Vinceatte Chittee] for buying of the Broad cloth [received 2] Martha who bought that parcel by the Tavestock [part of which is] still upon their hands, we also have had [the] proposals of Sunca Ramma who refusing to [take the] Cloth Rashes, and Perpetuanoes induced us to agree with the aforementioned Colloway and Vinceatte Chitties a t[wentys] Cent Profit on the Invoice computing the Pagoda [at] Nine shillings, and are to receive the following [sorts of] Cloth viz:—

- All ordinary Red and Green
- All the Aurora
- All the Scarlet
- All the Cloth Rashes fine and course

All the Perpetuanoes reserving only as much in the Godown as shall be thought necessary for the clothing of soldiers, Prescits &c. a moiety of the whole Amo[unt] thereof to be paid at Three months and the other [moiety] in six months from the time of their receiving it; [what induced ] us to so speedy a disposal of the aforesaid [cloth is] partly, what the Hon’ble Managers wrote us by the [Mar]thas, from which we infer a great quantity may be expected by next shipping by reason of the [dearness of] silver, besides we are not a little apprehensive [that] the Sidney and Loyall Cooke may chance to bring [hither all their Cloth from China] which would have much depreciated this should it lye till then unsold.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper [delivers the] aforesaid Cloth, and as soon as done report the Amount to the President and Council.
Our Cash being very low so much that without selling the Silver we are not able to carry on ye Investments either here or [at] Fort S. Davids, and considering that Currant Rupees are already at 360 for Pag'. 100 we foresee that if we sell it by Parcells 'twill make Silver very cheap. To prevent which and to be sure of money to carry on the Investments, 'Tis unanimously Agreed that all the Silver now in the Warehouse which is [laconic] Chests be sold to Colloway Chittee & Vinkatee Chittee at seventeen and one eighth Dollars weight for Ten Pagodas, which is to be delivered them as they pay for the same Vie'. They are to pay on or before the 15th. of this month Twenty five thousand Pagod'. on the 15th. of November Twenty five thousand Pagod'. on the 15th. of December Twenty five thousand Pag', and on the 25th. January the remainder; Before we agreed on the aforesaid terms we did well and maturely consider this method would be most for the Company's advantage, for we could have sold some few of the Chests at about 16½ or 16¾ weighty Dollars for Ten Pagod'. yet that would have so depreciated it, as that the [Company] would have been losers upon the whole, [besides] upon calculating what we must have paid Interest for money should we have kept it for ye China Voyage [fall May] or June next, which is likewise very [uncertain] without the next ships bring better encouragement then those that came last thence which would have Amounted to more than we can get, according to an order of the President reads his Account [of the] R. Honb'. United Company's Cash the sum of Five hundred eighty three Pagodas and [fanams] on that Account. M'. Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R. Honb'. United Company's Cash the sum of Two [Hundred] and five Pag'. for an open Boat received from Metcheptam formerly belonging to the New Company and sold here by Publick Outcry at the Sea Gate.

The following Generall Letters received from several Places were now read. Viz'.

In the Fort S. David Generall now read they advise of their having drawn a Bill upon us for Two thousand five hundred Pagod'. payable to the President and Council here for the Seperate Affairs of the Old Comp'. Agreed the same be paid, being so much borrowed of their Cash in July last.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagod'. be paid M'. Thomas Frederick Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Agreed that we send Two thousand Pagod'. to Fort S. David by Bill o Exchange.

Agreed that the Paymaster sells the silk worme houses and Garden for the most he can get, according to an order of Consultation on the 21st. past month.

M'. Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into ye R. Honb'. United Company's cash the sum of one Thousand Pag'. on Account Sea Customs.

Ordered that Andrew Garmarch be Entertained one of the Gunner's Crew in this Garrison and Joan de Rossiro, Lorenzo Ferdinando, Peter de Silvia Topazes be Entertain'd soldiers.
Ordered that the Accomptant draws out the Account of the last half year's salary due to the R. Honble. United Companies servants here, ending 29th Septem'b. last.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB'. RAWORTH.

William Tillard Esq' the New Company's President at] Metchlepam advising that he was [at Trevettore] Mr. Wright and Mr. Raworth went [out to meet] him, who all arrived here in the evening. He had been upon his Passage twenty days, occasioned by troubles [in the way] which obliged him to come part of it by Sea till he was past them: The Governor received him at the Garden when he fired 15 Great Guns and offered him a room there till those Lodgings in the Fort which Mr. Thomas Marshall had were made ready for him, he also gave him a General Invitation to his Table, and [acquainted] Mons'. Supply Surgeon and Mr. Eaton Factor who came along with him, that they were both welcome to the Company's Table.

Padre Landon arrived here this day from Fort St. [David]

Received a Letter from Mr. Thomas Faucet at [Metchlepam] dated 25th September advising that the Yatch and ['Fly'] were got into Metchlepam River, and that they [would] not come up hither this season.

Received 3 Pattamars a General Letter from Mr. Thomas Faucet at Metchlepam dated 3rd Instant.

At a Consultation Present

THOMAS PITT Esq. PRESIDENT & GOVERN'T.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Mr. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into y. R. Honble. United Companies Cash the sum of Twenty four Thousand five hundred Pagodas on Account Silver sold out of the Warehouse.

Agreed that Twelve thousand Pagodas be sent to Fort St. David by Peons overland of which Two thousand of it is in Bills.

Mr. William Fraser Accomptant does now produce an Account of half a year's Salary due to the R. Honble. United Companies servants here Amounting to Pagodas 1,592 : 31 : 2. Agreed the same be paid.

Thomas Pitt Esq'. as Mintmaster reads his Mint Account for the month of September last, and pays into the R. Honble. United Companies Cash the sum of [Thirty Three] Pagodas fourteen fanams and forty Cash for [Custom on Gold] coined, and pays to the Warehousekeeper [two Rupees] and ten p'.
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Mr. John Meverell Paymaster reads [his Pay Masters] Account for the month of August last Viz.:

Charges Garrison ... ... ... Pag'. 1,923: 23
Charges Cattle ... ... ... 66: 35
Silk Wormes ... ... ... 3: 24
Charges Extraordinary ... ... ... 4: 19
Charges Dyett and allowances ... ... ... 251: 10
Stores ... ... ... ... ... 470: 27
Charges Generall ... ... ... 537: 28
Fortification and Repairs ... ... ... 287: 18

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Mr. Thomas Frederick Land Customer reads his Land Custom Account for the month of September last which is approved Viz.:

Choultrey Custom ... ... Pag'. 127: 4: 15[...]
Rubie Brokers ... ... 13: 29: 75...
Town Brokers ... ... 26: 15: 7...
Registering Slaves =: 32: [...]

Pag'. 168: 9: [17]

and payes into the Rt. Hon. United Company's Cash the sum of Three hundred seventy one Pagodas eleven fannams and 17 Cash, as the Ballance of his Land Custom Account.

Mr. Thomas Wright Sea Customer payes into the Right Hon. United Company's Cash the sum of One Thousand Pagodas on Account Sea Custom.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be advanced to Mr. Thomas Frederick Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Ordered that Anthony De Silvia, Francisco [Rosario] Lewis Depaigne and Domingo De Rosario Topazes be Entertained Souldiers in this Garrison.

Agreed that Four thousand Pagodas be paid to Colloway and Vinkattee Chittees in part for Callicoes brought into the Warehouse.

Ordered that Timothy Allen and George Walker be Entertain'd in the Gun-rooms Crew of this Garrison.

The following Generall Letters received were now read Viz.:

From Mr. Faucett at Metchlep. datd., 25th. September. 1704.
From Ditto. 3rd. October
From Fort St. David. 18th. Ditto.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper sells Lead at Eight Pagodas & Candy.

THO. PITI.
WILL. FRAZER.
THO. WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO. FREDERICK.
ROB. RAWORTH.

[Received 3th] Pattamar a General Letter from Commodore [Brabourne] &c. 24th. Council at Anjengo dated 30th. past month [inclosing] copies of several Letters to and from Capt[ien] Lesly who was in the Company's [Munchua at Mancacurree] near the Neptune's [wreck giving] great [hopes] of recovering the Treasure, part of the bottom of the ship not being in above Nine foot of water.

Dispatch'd 9th Pattamars the following General Letter all dated 23rd.
FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1704

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS Pitt Esq. President & Governor.
WILLIAM Fraser.
THOMAS Wright.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

The following General Letters sent to the undermentioned Places dated this day, were all now read and approved and ordered to be Copied out fair Viz.

To Kittee Narain at Metchlepatam.
To Mr. Thomas Faucet at Ditto.
To the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam.
To the United Council in Bengal.
To the Deputy Governor &c. at Fort St. David.
To the Commodore &c. Council at Anjengo.
To St. Nicholas Wait &c. Council at Surat.
To the Deputy Governor &c. Council at Bombay. Agreed that Eighteen Hundred Ninety one Pagodas thirty one fanams be paid [out of cash for] Calicoes, brought into the Warehouse by Com[raupan Chittie.]

Tho. Pitt.
Tho. Wright.
Will. Fraser.
John Meverell.
Tho. Frederick.
Rob. Raworth.

27th. Dispatch'd to Pattamars the following General Lres all dated the 24th Instant Viz.

To Kittee Narain at Metchlepatam.
To Mr. Thomas Faucet at Ditto.
To the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam.
To the United Council in Bengal.
To the Deputy Governor &c. Council at Fort St. David.
To the Commodore &c. Council at Anjengo.
To St. Nicholas Wait &c. Council at Surat.
To the Deputy Governor &c. Council at Bombay.

Rec'd to Pattamars a General Letter from the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David dated 24th. Inst., advising the safe arrival of the 12,000 Pagodas sent them.

November 3rd. Received this day a Packet from St. John Gayer &c. Council at Surat dated the 15th. September with Copies of theirs of the 24th. August sent Via Bengal, advising that the Surat ship the Pyrates tooke on that Coast last year was lost near Syndee the Pyrates having all left her at Don Maskareen, and Madagascar, where at the latter they gave her to the Laskara who endeavoured to carry her to Surat but lost her as beforementioned, they likewise advise us that the Dutch had seiz'd Three Moors Mocho ships of great value, where was also several Pilgrims of considerable Quality, all which they positively refused to deliver till they had permitted the [Di]rectore and all their Companys servants to withdraw from Surat, or deliver them up their security Papers and Nineteen Lack of Rupees for the Dammages they had suffered by them in their Trade. St. John [Gayer &c.] at Surat were all under strict Guards, and [the Men] of Warr at the Riversmouth, but had no power [to assist] them.
**FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1704**

**AT A CONSULTATION**

*Present*

THOMAS PITT Esq., PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
WILLIAM FRASER.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
JOHN MEVERELL.  
THOMAS FREDERICK.  
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Pongettee Narso &c. Tobacco and Beetle farmers pays into the R. Honbl. United Company's Cash the sum of [five] hundred eighty three Pagodas twelve fanams on that Account.

The President acquaints the Council that he paid on the 2d. Instant the sum of Four thousand four hundred eighty eight Pagodas to Colloway and Venkattee Chittees for Calicoes brought into the Warehouse by them as advised by the Warehousekeepers Note.


Thomas Pitt Esq. as Mintmaster reads his Mint Acc. for the month of October last, and pays into the R. Honbl. United Company's Cash the sum of sixty three Pag. as the Ballance for Custom on Gold coin'd in the Mint.

Mr. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Accounts for the month of September last.

Mr. Thomas Wright Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Accounts for the month of September last Viz.

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and pays into the R. Honbl. United Company's Cash the sum of One Thousand Pagodas on Account Sea Customs.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be advanced to Mr. Thomas Frederick Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

The following General Letters received were all now read Viz.:

*From the Deputy Govern't. &c. at Fort St. David dated 24th. of October 1704.*


*From Dittos dated 13th. Sep. 1704 relating to Ship Prosper[ous].*  
*From Dittos dated 24th. August 1704 Copy.*  
*Copy of a Perwanna from Hassat Han to y°. Govt. of Surat.*

Ordered that Salvadore De Mount be Entertained one of the Gunners Crew, and that Jos: Mentoro Me Rodrigues Abre Mendez, Domingo de Costa, Francisco de [Menezas] be Entertained Souldiers in this Garrison.

The Muskettas that were sent out on the [Martha being] of a different bore to those formerly sent, 'Tis [ordered] that the Warehousekeeper delivers the Gunner [ . . . ] Candy Lead to make shott for them.

'Tis Agreed that Antonio De Miha a Chinese [who] kill'd his fellow Souldier at Fort St. David be [tried] by a Court Martial at the Companies
FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1704

Garden [House] on Wednesday next the 13th. Instant, and that Mr. Matthew Mead Attorney General do in the mean time draw up a charge against him, and get the same Translated into the Portuguez Language.

To: Pitt.  
WILL: FRASER.  
THO. WEIGHT.  
JOHN MEYERELL.  
THO. FREDERICK.  
ROB. RAWORTH.

15  This being the day appointed as by order of Consultation [of] the 10th. Instant, to hold a Court Martial for trying Antonio De Mihe, 'Tis deferred, Mr. Mead the Attorney General being ill.

16  Dispatch'd to Pattamars the following General Letters dated the 14th. Instant Viz:

To Mr. Faucet at Methlepatam.  
To the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam.  
To the President and Council for the separate Affairs in Bengali.  
To the United Council in Bengali.  
To the Deputy Governor &c. at Fort St. David.

18  Dispatch'd to Pattamars the following General Letters dated this day.

To Mr. Faucet and Kittey Narrain at Methlepatam.  
To the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam.

22  Received to Pattamars a General Letter from Mr. Thomas Faucet at Methlepatam dated 10th. Instant advising the great apprehensions of troubles all Europeans were in there by reason of those at Surat, which they fear will effect them, the Dutch in particular making great preparations for their defence, who are advised their Chief at Golconda is seiz'd, and 25,000 Rupees demanded of them.

This day Mr. Matthew Mead Senior Merchant in the R. Honble. United Company's Service departed this Life.

23  Yesterday in the evening we saw a smack to the northward which came to an Anchor about seven a Clock and this morning the Master came ashore and acquaint'd us it was the Rising Sun Smack [come] from Bengali belonging to the R. Honble. United Company Loaden with Petre &c. by her [were received] the following Packets.

From the United Council in Bengali [dated 19th August 1704].  
From Ditto dated 4th. November.  
From the United Council in Bengali dat't 6th Nov[ember 1704]  
From Ditto dated [lucuna].  
From Messe. Bugden and Eyre dated 9th. Novem'[er 1704].

This day arrived the Huglyana Ketch Charles [Hopkins] Master by whom we received a General Letter from Governor and Council of York Fort dated 24 [4th August] 1704.
FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1704

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq. President & Governor.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

General Letter from the Deputy Governor & Council of Fort St. David dated 11th Instant was now read advising of their having drawn a Bill of Exchange on us for Four hundred Pagod$, payable to Mr. Richard Hunt, which Bill being now presented, Agreed the same be pay'd.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr. Thomas Frederick Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Mr. John Meverell late Paymaster reads his Account for September last, Viz':

Charges Garrison ...... .......... 1288: 8
Charges Cattle ....... .......... 39: 17
Charges Dyott and allowances ...... 247: 21
Stores ...... .......... 79: 4
Fort St. David ...... .......... 1: 18
Charges Generall ...... .......... 366: 32
Charges Extraordinary ...... .......... 2: [23]
Fortification & repairs ...... .......... 195: [22]

Pag$. 2221: 1 [ ... ]

and payes into the R. Honble. United Company's Cash the sum of One Thousand and seven Pagodas and three Fanams as the Balance of his Paymasters Account.

Mr. Thomas Frederick Paymaster reads his paymasters Account for the month of October last Viz':

Charges Garrison ...... .......... Pag$. 1216: 19:
Charges Cattle ...... .......... 40: 8:
Charges Dyott and allowances ...... 244: 33:
Stores ...... .......... 52: --:
Charges Generall ...... .......... 351: 35:
Charges Extraordinary ...... .......... 18: 5:
Fort St. David ...... .......... 8: 23:
Fortification and repairs ...... .......... 72: 22:

Pag$. 2005: 1:

Peter de Pomere &c. Arrack Farmers payes into the R. Honble. United Company's Cash the sum of seven Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Mr. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the R. Honble. United Company's Cash the sum of Seven Thousand one hundred Ninety eight Pagod$, eighteen Fanams, being the full Amount of Broadcloth sold at the Sea Gate to Colloway Chittee, which money has been some time due, but he having not sold the Cloth delayed the payment thereof till this time.

Agreed that Eight Thousand Pagodas be paid to Colloway and Vinkattee Chitties in part for Callicoes [brought] into the Warehouse by them.

Agreed that Fifteen thousand Pagodas [be sent by] Peons overland to Fort St. David.

Mr. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the R. Honble. United Company's Cash the sum of [ten] thousand pagodas in part of silver sold Colloway & Vinkattee Chittee.

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FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1704

Hoglyana Ketch arriving from the West Coast [this] day by whom we received a General Letter from the Governor and Council of York Fort dated 24th August advising the great number of Bills drawn by them by Ship Queen were on Account of the United Trade the consideration of which is deferred to our next meeting.

Ordered that Robert Atkinson be Entertain'd one of the Gunners Crew in this Garrison.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO: FREDERICK.
ROB: RAWORTH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq*, President & Governor.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

The Rising Sun Smack Thomas Harris Master [arrived] yesterday in this road from Bengal Laden with Salt Petre, ordered that the Warehousekeeper do unload the same with all expedition in order to her proceeding to ship Neptunes wreck.

Ship Dutchess Capt. Hugh Raymond Commander arriving in this road this day from Bengal who brought us a General Letter from the United Council in Bengal dated 17th March 1703/4 which was now read. Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do unload all the Goods & Stores belonging to the United Company on board said ship, except the Salt Petre which is to be continued on board as part of her Cargo.

Mr. Matthew Mead Senior Merchant in the Honble United Companies service dyed on the 22d Instant, and no Will to be found, ordered that Mr. Thomas Frederick and Mr. Robert Raworth do take an Inventory of the said Mr. Meads Estate and report the same to this Board.

Ordered that the Hoglyana Ketch be forthwith dispatch'd to Fort St. David in order to goe into that River to be sheathed and cleaned, and that the Deputy Governor and Council there, have directions to do it with expedition, that so she may return Laden with the Companies Bales either, and that the Fifteen thousand Pagoda agreed yesterday to be sent thither overland be now Laden on her.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper sends on the Hoglyana Ketch good store of Packing stuff of all sorts to Fort St. David and that the Storekeeper sends thither a new Beam, and puts on board her Nails &c. that will be wanting for her Sheathing.

This day Colloway and Vinkattee Chitteres complained to us against Sunca Rama, That he bought up Cloth in the Country for which they had given out money for the Company, besides that he very much enhanced the Price, to which if we did not put a speedy stop, they could goe no further on in the Investment: Sunca Rama was sent for who confess'd good part of what was charged against him,
for which he was reprimanded by the President and told that tho' the Company allow'd to all their Inhabitants freedom of Trade, yet [it was] to be in such a manner as not to be any wayes [to their] prejudice.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO: FREDERICK.
ROB: RAWORTH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT Esq. GOVERN*. AND PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

General Letter from Mr. Thomas Faucet at Melchlepam dated the 16th. Instant now read.

Yatch and Fly formerly belonging to the New Comp. at Melchlepam arriving to day in this road from thence, ordered that the Storekeeper unloads them wth. all expedition.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr. Thomas Frederick Pay-master to defray Charges Garrison.

Thomas Harris presented a Petition to be reinstated in his former Employ as Ensign, The consideration of which is deferred till we see a thorow reformation in him.

It being agreed in a former Consultation that Serj. Dixon and Serjeant Hugonin should goe to Command the Souldiers that we are now about sending to the Neptunes wreck and considering that the giving y* the Character of Ensigns Pro hac Vice would strengthen their Command over the souldiers. 'Tis therefore agreed that they have that Character in their commission which is to be signed by the Governour and that y*. Paymaster advances Two months Pay to them as also to all the Men.

Agreed that Mr. Thomas Woolmer Surgeon be Entertain'd at eight Pagodas 39 mensem for this expedition, and that he gives a Bond of 500 Pag. penalty that he leaves not the service when he comes to the wreck without leave from Mr. Brabourne or he that Commands in Chief there.

Ordered that the Paymaster advances three months Pay to all the Masters, Sailors and Laskars on board the Vessells now bound to the Neptunes wreck.

This day wee tooke into consideration [the payment] of the West Coast Bills which amounted [to, Interest] and all, near Forty thousand Pagod. & considering that if we pay them at this present we must [stand] still with the Investment, so 'Tis resolved [that we] defer them if possible till the arrivial of the [China Ships.] and in the mean time those that are not contented with their Bills; 'Tis Agreed that they have Bonds given them signed by the President and Council for the payment of the same at Interest at eight per cent.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THO: FREDERICK.
ROB: RAWORTH.
This day the Governor received a Letter from Mr. Adams Chief at Calliout advising him that Ketch Tibby Capt. George Weoley Commander was [brought], in there by a small French ship that sailed lately from Pollicherry having met the said [Ketch off] Ceylone.

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### At a Consultation

**Present**

THOMAS PITT Esq.*. GOVERN*, & PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.

JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.

ROBERT RAWORTH.

There being a cause in the Court of Admiralty before Mr. Thomas Marshall layd down the Judges Employ, relating to the case of Mr. Hall to which Mr. Empson and Mr. Carey in this Place has some claim to a part that is in Bengall, about which Mr. Warr this day Regis. to that Court produced a Letter from Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Curgenven; the consideration of which is deferred to an other opportunity.

Mr. Richard Farmer importuning us to be Entertained as last of Council at Fort St. David, and was admitted as by a former Consultation, since which he has been very troublesome in Importuning the Governour by Letters for Land Customer & Scavenger at Cuddaloor in which Employ Mr. Games was fix'd on the first settlement of the Council there, and being on some Account or other jealous that he should not obtain it, we received from him this day a Generall Letter menacing what he [would do if] he had not those employes, for which reason [as well as] Judging that he has no particular right to [them, 'tis] resolved that Mr. Games continue in them [and that] Mr. Farmer has such an Employ as is at this [time va] cant.

We inferring from the Letters from Anjengo [that they] are bare of money, and not knowing but they may [want] to subsist the Neptune Sailers, as also the men [we now] send. 'Tis agreed that One Thousand Pagod', be sent on the Rising Sun, and Five hundred Pagod' on the Maddapollam Yatch.

General Letters to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David, and to the Commodore &c. Council [of] Anjengo, both dated this day, now read and approved.

Ordered that John Tea one of the Gunners Crew at his request be discharged from farther Service in [this Garri] son.


Mr. Thomas Wright Late Sea Customer re[ads his] Sea Custom Account Current for the month's of October and November last, and payes into the R'. Hon'th. United Companies Cash the suft of Eleven [Hundred] and five Pagodas ten fanams and sixty Cash as the Ballance of that Account.

Mr. Robert Raworth Storekeeper reads his [Accounts] for the months of September and October last.
M'. Robert Raworth Land Customer reads his Land Custom Account for the month of October last Vizt.

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Agreed that Four Hundred Pagodas be advanced to Paulo &c. Washers towards curing the B'. Honst. United Companies Cloth, and that the Warehouse-keeper delivers them out of the Godowns six Garce of Rice.

Generall Lette', from Mess'. Griffith and Bugden at Atcheen dated 6th August last now read.

Ketch Boneadventure Samuel Butcher Master arrived in this Road from [Dhok] Bengal.

Huglyana Ketch Charles Hopkins Master sailed out of this road for Fort 2 S'. David by whom sent a Genst. Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council there dated 30th. past month.

This day arrived a Packett from the Commodore &c. Council at Anjengo dated 9th, past month advising the arrivall there of Two Separate Stock [ships] the Horsham and Anne M'. Walter Combes [Supra] Cargoe bound to Surat and departed Eng[land] 9th April, the said Letter advices of the arrivall at [Goa] of two Portuguez ships from Europe.

**AT A CONSULTATION**

**Present**

THOMAS PITT Esq', GOVERN'. AND PRESID.
WILLIAM FRASER. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

The following Letters &c. received and sent now read, Vizt.:—


Sailing orders to y'. Master [of the] Rising Sun Smack.
Sailing orders to y'. Master of y'. Maddap[2]. Yatch.
Governours Commissions to y'. two Ensigns bound to y'. Neptune's wreck.
Govern'. Letter to y'. Chief Minister in Mangomaus [Country].
Generall Lette', to y'. Govern'. of Columbo or Gallee.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be advanced to M'. Thomas Frederick Paymaster towards build[ing] the Black Town Wall and Works.
4. Yesterday evening the Masters of the several Vessels bound to the Neptunes wreck had their Dispatches given them when immediately the soldiers ordered upon them embarked and the vessels sailed in the night.

6. Ship Dorothy Richard Rose Master arrived in this Road from Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam by whom received the followmg JPetters Via.

2 Generals from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dated 20th. and 27th. November with Copy of the Diary and Consultations from September 4th to November 19th.

From M. Faucett and Narrain dated 29th. November Including Bill of Loading for 59 Bales Chay Goods and 3 Sallampores loaded on this Vessell.

From M. Faucett dated 28th and 29th. November last.

From Kitee Narrain dated 3rd. Instant.

AT A CONSULTATION

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THOMAS PITI ERQ. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR.

WILLIAM FRASER.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

JOHN MERVESL.

THOMAS FREDERICK.

ROBERT RAWORTH.

Agreed that the Bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 31st. August last for Four hundred ninety one Pagot, eighteen fanams be now paid unto Somiah, the payment of which having been deferred so long by reason of a dispute between him and Seraupa etc. Joint Stock Merchants.

The Rice brought up now by the Dutchess being much damaged by worms; 'Tis ordered that the [Warehouse] keeper sells it all at the Banksall for the [most he can] gett.

The Governour does now acquaint the Council [that] he had detected three Black Fellowes of running of cloth that came out of the Country to cheat the Company of their Customs, who were now before us, one of them being charg'd with Betteelas found in his House which had no [chop of] the Custom House, to which he answered that the Company's chop being only red'd earth wash't out, & [produced] a choultry Note, for a parcel of Betteelas brought in last year for M. Marshall, of which these now taken he saies were those he turned out. The other two black followes being charg'd with byding Long cloth fine in a House little distance from the Town, [and Faring] it into small pieces of 14 Cov., or thereabouts [to wear] in as Turbants and Girdles, of which they made frivolous excuses saying they intended to have brought it [to] the Custom House, and that there was only two pieces taken by a Servant to cover him from the Rain, [they were] all sent Prisoners to the Choultry till further inquiry could be made.

Coja Timore presented a Petition representing that there was some Goods amongst Coja Awans [that] properly belonged to Coja Uswhp, which suffered much by lying, and if they were not speedily taken [care of would] be eaten up by the white Ants; Agreed that the [Governour] and any one of the Council examine what [alleg'd in] the Petition and do what fitting therein.

The Measurers presented a Petition as Entered after this Consultation insisting upon a greater allowance for executing that office then what we told them they should have formerly in Consultation without which they are not able to subisit the People they were forced to keep for that service, The considera. tion of which is deferred to our next meeting.

Joshua Page presenting a Petition complaining of frauds put upon him in the Wine License by Henry Hunt, orderd they attend next Council day.
THOMAS PITI', Esq'. President reads his Account of the Rl. Hon'. United Companies Cash for the month of Novem'. last Balance Pagod$. 1,292 : 17 : 3.


Ordered that James Aydlin at his request be discharged from farther service in this Garrison as also Peter Dewell.

Messrs. Frederick and Raworth do now deliver in an Inventory of Mr. Matthew Mead Dec. Estate Ordered y't., they sell the same at Publick Outcry at the Sea Gate.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper Embules Brown Longcloth and Sallampores as they come in clean.

Mr. John Meverell late Paymaster, reads his Account of the Black Town Wall and Works from April to the ultimo September last, and pays into the Right Hon'. United Companys Cash One hundred twenty eight pagodas Nineteen fanams and seventy one Cash (being the) bal lance of that Account.

THOMAS Pitt, Esq'.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS Wright.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

Ship Speedwell arrived from Vizagapatam.

Received a Pattamara a General Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S'. David dated. 8th. [Instant.]

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITI', Esq'. GOVERN'. AND PRESID'.
WILLIAM Fraser. THOMAS Wright.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS FREDERICK.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

William Tillard Esq'. delivers in a Paper as Entered after this Consultation the purport of which being to ask our advice relating to some Affairs of the New Company, upon which we call'd him in, and desired him to descend to particulars, and we should be ready to serve the new Company to the utmost of our Power in all respects, so first he desired that we would supply him with what money we could out of the United Companies Cash for Account of the New Company, that so he might in some measure appease the clamours of their Merch'ts at Metchlepam to whom they were considerably Indebted, unto which he was answered that we had no orders from the Managers of the United Trade to supply either of the Separate Interest of the Old or New Company out of their Cash, besides we are at this time very much straiten'd for money to provide Cargoes for the speedy dispatch of the ships belonging to the United Trade, M'. Tillards next request that since we could not supply him with money, to advise him what answer he sho' make the Merchants, who he heard was coming up hither, as also whether we would advise him to remain here or goe for England by the first ship, unto which was replyed we could think of no
other answers to be given to the Merchants then that they must have Patience till the New Company sent out money or give orders therein, and that we thought it not only the Company's Interest, but his own, as also the Merchants that he goe for England by the first ship, carrying with him all necessary Books and Papers, whereby to give the Company a full and entire Account of their Debt at Metchlepataam, which we think the most effectual way to bring it under their consideration for the speedy payment thereof, and further that he leaves Copies of all Books and Papers here to be sent [to] the Comp. by the next years Ships.

The Governor produces a Gentne Letter which was found on Monday last by Ensign Poirier at the Sea Gate sealed up and directed to the Governor which being Translated we find the purport of it, is complaints of frauds committed by the Storekeepers, Rentall [all General] and Scavengers Conicoplyes, about which there was a Gentne Letter near a month since drop'd [in the] Companies Garden importing much the same [but neither] of them descending to particulars so as to detect frauds therein mentioned: 'Tis Agreed that the following Paper be published by setting [it] up in all [Languages] at the Sea Gates.

That Whereas there has been lately Gentne [Letters] drop't at the Sea Gate and Companies Garden [directed] to the Governor the purport of which is complaints of frauds committed by the Storekeeper, Rentall [General] and Scavengers Conicoplyes, but not descending to particulars we are not able to detect the same. Therefore this is to certify that if that Person or Persons who wrote the Letters will appear before the Governor and Councill and prove what therein alledged against the [Conicoplyes] he or they shall not only have Fifty Pagodas reward but likewise be protected by the Government as also employed for their future Encouragement.

There having been further inquiry into the business of Moota, a Black Fellow who was suspected of running of Beetelas, 'tis believ'd they are as he aledges a parcel turn'd out by Mr. Marshall, and for not having the Choultry chop upon them 'twas answ'er'd 'twas alwaies done with red earth which came out in Washing, so to prevent frauds for the future of this nature, 'Tis order'd that the Land Customer chops all Goods at the Choultry with such marking stuff as is us'd at the Godown, which comes not out with washing, and is hereby agreed, for the foregoing reasons, Moota be releas'd.

Pennagotee Narso &c., Tobacco and Beetle Farmers, pays into the Right Hon. United Company's Cash the Sum of Five Hundred Eighty three Pagodas Twelve fanams on that Account.

To the Hon. Thomas Pitt Esq., President of the Coast of Churumandell & Governour of Fort St. George &c. Council

The Humble Petition of Pencoola Kiana Bowchee that your Hon. &c. Petitioners has been Measurers of Paddy to the Right Hon. Company many years, in which Office they always behav'd themselves honestly, Your Hon. &c. Petitioners had for each Garso measuring formerly from the Buyers four fanams per Garso, and from the Sellers 2 fanams per Garso, which they had allow'd them all along in Hon. Higginson's time, and some years in your Hon.
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&c. time, and now only allow'd forty Cash per Garce at present, and if Paddy fall cheaper, as by all likelihood it will considering the Season &c., they will perhaps only pay twenty Cash per Garce, by which means your Hon'. &c. Petitioners are already almost ruin'd by running in debt to pay their Servants to the Number 34, which is merely impossible they can assist themselves or families long, and in a little time will be reduced to such want, they shall not have where-withall to sustain Nature without your benign &c. prevent the ensuing calamity, which can only be prevented by allowing them what they formerly had per Garce from Buyer and Seller as is aforesaid, May it please your Hon'. &c. for each Pagoda's worth they had one Measure, and now but eight part of a measure for each Pagoda, all which is very hard to your Petitioners, they putting their sole Repose in your Hon'. &c. goodness.

Your Petitioners humbly intreat that you may take the premises into your serious consideration and grant them their request as formerly and as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

To the Hon'ble Thomas Pitt Esq.
President &c. Council for the United Affairs of ye. R'. Hon'ble English East India Com'ny. on the Coast of Chorbomandel.

Hn's 12. St. &c.

Having occasion for your advice hope you'll excuse the trouble of these lines from one who is destitute of Council occasioned by the mortality of all those whom the Hon'ble East India Company sent out to consult together about the Management of their Affairs; I do therefore draw up for your perusal a short breviary of occurrences which have happened since the beginning of our troubles with the Merchants at Metchlepatam, which will give your Hon'. &c. an insight into the occasion of their continuance to this day Viz'. President John Pitt Esq., and myself, the rest of the Council being dead, sent Home and consigned to the Directores in London on ships Stratham & Rising Sun in February and April 1702 for Account of the Hon'ble East India Company Sundry Goods and Merchandize amounting to upwards of 253,000 Pag. part of which sum is already [paid] at Metchlepatam, and we were in hopes of paying off the rest at the arrival of the first ship from England, but it was our misfortune to be disappointed by the loss of ship Norris the 2d. of August following, however the Merchants to whom the Ballance of said money was owing, considering that such a Loss was not by the carelessness of [or could] be prevented by any one ashore, they were very well contented to stay till the arrival of the next year (in case we did not recover any thing from the wreck, in finding which we were also disappointed not only of the Treasure which came in the Noah but in the Loss of our President John Pitt Esq., above mentioned who dyed in May 1703 at Durham [Parr, so] many disappointments following one the other [made] the Merchants very uneasy and troublesome [to me] the survivor; but yet I did a little mollifie [their] uneasy tempers by telling them we expected [the] Hallifax every day from China, which according[ly] did arrive in July following; out of which I [took] out all the Gold and what Merchandize would sell at Metchlepatam satisfying the Merchants in part with said Gold and Merchandize which made them contented to stay till the arrival of the next Europe ships from the [Directores.]

The latter end of December following we received the newes of the Tarestock arrived at this Place [for] [account] of the United Trade, but there being no money come out by Her to pay the Merchants, I did again [satisfie their]
unessiness by telling them that the Directors [could] have yet no Account of
the loss of the Norris by which ship they had sent out money, but when the
next ships came be sure we shall have money sent out by them.

In August last we received news of the arrival of ye. Martha from England
for Account of the United Company and at the same time I received a Letter
from the Honourable Directors wherein was no mention made of any money sent
out by them to pay the Merchants, which made them very hot in their Demands
on me to know the reason of the Companies not sending out wherewithall to
satisfy their Debts, I could not have told what answer to make them, but we
not at the same time received the displeasing news of the Neptunes running a
shoar on Cape Comoreen, when I told them that the Directors might very probab­
ly send out money by said Ship Neptune, but she miscarrying and the Letters
with Her, I could have no Account of the truth thereof, and withall told them
'twould be necessary for me to goe to Fort S'. George not only to enquire whether
any money belonging to our Company came in said ship, but in case there
was none sent out by Her, then I could request your Honour &c. Council to
spare me some money out of that which belonged to the United Company;
the Merchants were notwithstanding this answer still very uneasy and dissatis­
fied, some of them being for my staying at Metchlepattam till they received
what was due to them; but afterwards they all considered better of the matter,
and consented to my coming hither where I have been now arrived almost two
months, still in expectation to hear some good news from the Neptunes wreck
[but] your Honour &c. having yet received no good account thereof from
Anjengo concerning the wreck and the time of the Europa ships departure
from hence drawing very nigh; I do now put in this my request to Your
Honour &c. Council for your advice to me in my circumstances.

First what answer I shall give to the Merchants in respect to the money
which is come for [Account of] the United Company, and if it do's not suit with
[y.] Judgements or occasions to part with any money then [pray] give me your
advice how I shall further Act in my Employers, your opinions herein
may be very serviceable to the Honb. Company and will be gratefully
acknowledged by my forwardness in whatsoever may be serviceable to the United
Company [or] yourselves being

FORT S. GEORGE
13th December 1704.

WILLIAM THALLER.

This evening the Governour received advice [that Dou] Cawn was arrived
at Coujeeveron, and that he [design'd for] St. Thomas.

Received 15th Pattamar a General Letter from Commodore Brabourne &c.
Council at Anjengo dated 17th [November] advising that the Natives had several
times attempted to dive for the Neptunes wreck but were beaten off by Cap.
Lesly in the Nunchu; Inclosed in said Letter was copy of a Letter from Mr.
Adams &c. at Calicuth dated 8th November advising the arrival of four French ships
of considerable force at Panella half a League to the Southward of Tellicerry.
We also received this day a Letter from the Govern' and Council of Negapatam
advising also the arrival of the French Ships, and inclosed copies of Lett. from
their several Chiefs on that Coast, who farther advise that the French had
engaged near Mangalore two Portuguese Frigates of 26 and 24 Guns [whom] they
took, one they burnt, and the other sent with [the] Prisoners to Goa, they had
likewise taken a [ship] in the Latitude of Bombay belonging to the [Brok]er
there, they give out they are bound for Pollicherry but for a certainty is yet
unknown.
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Rec'd. Y Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S'. David dated [lacuna]. [also in T.O. copy.] This day arrived Kittee Narrain from Metchlepam, with whom came 17 Merchants from thence (being above twenty) to demand of Mr. William Tillard what money was due to them from the New Company.

Dispatch'd this morning a Packet to Mr. Faucett at Metchlepam inclosin' 17 copies of the Letters we rec'd, which advised of the arrival of the French ships, ordering him to dispatch the same immediately to Vizagapatam and from thence to Bengal with all expedition.


By Consulbation November the 10th. 'twas appointed on the 15th. following Antonio de Mayo should be [brought] upon his Tryall for stabbing his follow souldier & accordingly Mr. Mead was ordered to draw up his Indictment, who presently after fell sick and dyed, so that wee having no Person here so proper for that employ, and there being five WitnesseR that yes at Charge. 'Tis agreed that they are all taken into service in the military till an opportunity presents for Trying the aforesaid Persons, and then to return to Fort S'. David.


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MONDAY 18TH.

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Council, wherein there was many expressions which filled them with jealousies that he was not true to the Company's Interest, for which reason 'twas agreed the Lease should be stopt till inquiry be made into the truth of the Letter, and the Character of the Person that writ it, who upon very good information we found that the Padre was an infamous and scandalous fellow, and that the [sor] of this Letter arose from Manuches Detecting his attempting to commit debauchery in his Family, besides the Padres of this Place and other Portuguese Inhabitants of good reputation gives the aforesaid Padre a very ill Character, and having from the time the Lease was stopt to this present strictly inspected the Action of Sen. Manuch we find no reason to change our former good opinion of him. 'Tis therefore unanimously agreed that the Secretary Draws him out a Lease upon the Terms first intended.

The following General Letters received were all now read.

From Fort St. David dated (Lacuna) [also in T.O. copy.]
From M. Faucett dated 6th. December
From Anjengo dated 17th. November
From Callicut to Anjengo dated 5th. Ditto
From Negapatam 20th. December N.S.

M. John Meverell Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Account for the month of October last.

- Custom on Goods imported & exported this month. P. 367: 31: 23
- Custom on Grain
- Ankorage

Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse account for the month of October and November last and pays into the R1. Honb. United Companys Cash the sume of Nineteen thousand six hundred sixty one Pagodas in part of silver sold out of the Warehouse.

Agreed that Nineteen Thousand six hundred sixty one Pagodas be paid out of Cash to Colloway & Virkatee Chities in part of Callicoes brought into the R1. Honb. United Companys Warehouse as the Warehousekeepers Note.

THO. PIT: WILL. FRASER, THO. WRIGHT, JOHN MEYFRELL, THOMAS FREDDERICK, ROBRT. RAWORTH.
The following General Letters sent were now read.
To the Deputy Govern's, and Council of Fort St. David.
To Governor Comans &c. Council at Negapatam both dated this day.
General Letter from the United Council in Bengall dated 22d past month now read.

The Accountant do's now report that he has perused the Invoice and Papers relating to the Investment [made] at Metohlepatam by Kittee Narrain who finds no [Error] therein.

The Kings Boxee this day making a Vissett to the Governour, who has showed himself friendly to the Companys Interest on all occasions, to preserve which Tis agreed that we make him the following Present.

1 Piece of Scarlet
1 Ditto of Aurora
1 Ditto ordinary Red
1 Ditto Green and to his servants 10 yds. Aurora

The Sea Customer reports that some Gunny's and other Goods freighted on Ship Dutchess from Bengall are dammaged, and that Mr. Affleck to whom they were consigned, desires a surveigh may be made thereof and such reasonable allowances made as we think fit. Resolved that the Dammaged Goods before mentioned be surveyed by Four indifferent Persons, Mr. Edward Fleetwood Mr. George Heron for the Company, and the Two others to be chosen by Mr. Affleck, and that the Sea Customer [reports] what they determine, so as the Company may be [advised] what they suffer thereby, and if they find it reasonable to deduct it out of the ships Freight.

The Warehousekeeper reports that as he is delivering out to the Merchants the Broad Cloth, he finds that some of it is a little damag'd by moth &c. in so much that they refuse to take it without some allowance. Resolved that the Warehousekeeper, Messrs. Fraser and Meverell survey the same and adjust the damage with the Merchants, which when done the Warehousekeeper to report it to this Board.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper Loads on board Ship Dutchess her charterparty proportion of Redwood.

Agreed that One thousand Pagodas be advanced to Mr. Thomas Frederick, Paymaster, to defray Charges Garrison.

Agreed that Four Hundred Pagodas be advanc'd to Mr. Robert Raworth, Storekeeper, to buy brimstone to refine for Gunpowder.

PARAGRAPH TO FORT ST. GEORGE CONSULTATION THE 22d MARCH 1702-3.yrr.

Mr. Nichola Manuch his Lease being expir'd for a house and Garden he has in the Suburbs of the Black Town, which was planted by him, 'tis order'd that the Lease for the same be renew'd for twenty one years to come, he paying for the same sixty Pagodas.

It being the Generall Opinion of all that the aforesaid Mr. Nichola Manuch is very poor, and in consideration of his readiness to serve the Company on all occasions, 'tis agreed that upon his payment of the sixty Pagodas before mentioned, it be return'd him as a gratuity for his good Services.

Ship Sedwick, Captain Rawlings, Commander, arriv'd in this Road from 22d Bengall, by whom receiv'd a General Letter from the United Council there dated 22d November last.

Dispatch'd per Pattamarrs Generall Letters to the Governour and Council of Negapatam, and to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David, both dated yesterday.
The following Order was Sign'd by the Governour and Council:

Yessama Naigues son still remaining at Trivlecane, I am advis'd 'tis for the Company's Interest that wee take some Notice of him by making him a Present, for that he is in a considerable Post and Governs a Country from whence comes many Goods for this Town, and thò those I advise with think the following present too small, I am for adding no more, and desire your Opinions upon it.

1 Piece Scarlet.
1 Dr. Ordinary Red.
1 Dr. Green.
2 Sword Blades.
1 Small looking Glass.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASIER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS FREDERIC.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
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