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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

FORT ST. DAVID CONSULTATIONS 1727

(VOLUME No. 4.)

— JANUARY 1726-27 —

The Consultation & Diary Book of the Worspⁿ. George Morton Pitt Esq^r. Dep^{ty}. Governor & c^a. Council being their Proceedings in the Affairs of the Rt. Hon^{ble}. United Company of Merch^{ts}. of England trading to the East Indies begun this first day of January 1726/7.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

M^r. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROV^{LL}. CHIEF.
MESS^{rs}. ROB^t. BERRIMAN. HUMP^y. HOLCOMBE.
ROB^t. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.

The Deputy Gov^r. at *Madrass*.

WEDNES-
DAY 12TH.
[sic]

Augustus Burton Provisionall Chief reads the Acc^t. of the Hon^{ble}. United Comp^{ys}. Cash for last Month the ballance whereof remaining is Pag^s. 22959. 4. 61.

Cash Accot.
for Decr.
read.

Augustus Burton Warehousek^r. reads that Acco^t. for last Month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 333. 11. 74. also he reads the Journall Parcels to the last of December.

Warehr.
Accot. for
Decr. read &
Journall
Parcella.

Robert Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for last Month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 65. 11. 16.

Cuddalore
Land Cusr.
Accot. for
Decr. read.

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenap^m. reads that Acco^t. for last Month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 37. 18. 60.

Tevenap^m.
Sea & Land
Custr. Accot.
for Decr.
read.

Rob^t. Brooke for Humpy. Holcombe Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for last Month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 24. 35. 48.

Cuddalore
Sea Custr.
Accot. for
Decr. read.

The Warehousekeeper reports that Sha Permall the Comp^{ys}. Merch^t. hath brought in more Cloth than his debt to the Hon^{ble}. Comp^y.

[The]
Comp^{ys}.
Merchts:
having
brought in
more Cloth
than [his]
Debt to ys.
Comp^y.
Pa
4,000 [is]
Order'd to
be Advanc'd
Pa
him 400 for
Drapers.

ORDER'D that [four thousand] Pagodas be advanc'd [him on the running Contract, also 400] Pagodas to [Tondevery to provide Drapers].

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	Pa	fa	Ca
The Extraordinary charge in the above Acco ^t . arises from			
Charges Extraord ^y . presents &c ^s . as usual at Christ- mas	33	12	—
Fort House & buildings Seconds Lodg ^s	60	20	50
Compy ^s . Garden repairs	5	3	32
	99	—	2

Gen^l. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George dated the 9th. instant [read] advising us that the Dep^{ty}. Gov^r. arrived [there] on the 28th. ultimo, and expected the dis[patch] of the Sloop Ramah according to [the] direction given us by our Dep^{ty}. Gov^r. also they order us to fill up the Briggantine Good hope with Bales immediately upon [her] arrival here.

Gen^l. Letter from Mad^r, of the 9th. Jan^y. Brigg^s: Good hope to be fill'd up wth. Bales.

An answer to the several Paragraphs of [the] Hon^{ble}. Compy^s. Gen^l. Letters relateing to this [place] was now read approv'd & sign'd & order'd to be dispatch'd for Fort St. George leaving room therein for our Dep^{ty}. Gov^r. to Sign.

Sign'd & Dispatch'd an Answer to the Compy^s. Par. concerning this settle-ment.

AUG^s. BURTON.
ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.

Brigg ⁿ . Good Hope Sail'd to Madrass.	16 TH .
Mr. Graham & Mr. Sanders went to Porto Novo.	17 TH .
D ^o . return'd.	22 ^D .
M ^{rs} . Holcombe went to Porto Novo.	23 ^D .
M ^{rs} . Holcombe return'd.	26.
Ship Moylan from Bengal Cap ^t . Hurst Comm ^r .	—
D ^o . went to Porto Novo.	28
A Dutch Parr pass'd by from Nagap ^m . bound to Sadrass.	—
Cap ^t . She & Mr. Barnhold from Nagap ^m .	
Ship Moylan went to Porto Novo.	29 TH .
A Dutch Sloop from the N ^o .ward bound to Porto novo.	

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

M^r. [AUG^s.] BURTON PROV^{LL}. CHIEF.
MESS^{rs}. ROB^t. BERRIMAN. H. HOL[COMBE].
ROB^t. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.

MONDAY
30TH.

The D: Gov^r. at [Madrass.]

The Prov^{ll}. Chief acquaints the Board that a [com]plaint being made to him of some mony [M^{rs}. Launce] was indebted to a Chittee fellow which she re[fused] to pay, it is AGREED to be referr'd to the [Justices] of the Choultry.

A Complaint against M^{rs}. Launce referr'd to the Justices.

Petition of Fitcha produced & [...] that we would order the Bound Ren[ters to pay] him the due Polligars fees of this place [for...] months past.

Petition of Fitcha Polligr. against the Rents.

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Justices to
examine into
the Affair.

ORDER'D that the Justices do Sum[mon to the] Choultry the Renters & their Conicoplys [to examine] into it.

New weights
to be made
in the
Buzar.

The Severall Customers compla[ining that the] weights in the Buzar being most of th[em worn] out & useless.

ORDER'D that the Justices [do] examine them, that they may be mended, [new]weights made, as are requir'd for that [...].

Vinketty
Puttee's
demand
upon Andee
Chittee.

Vinketty Puttee presents a List [of Andee] Chittee's Effects praying we would ap[point a] person to examine into it, that a due [...] be laid thereon for Satisfaction of [...] Agreeable to an order; of Consultati[on of] 16th Dec^r. which is accordingly deli[ver'd] to Chief Justice who is to report the [result to] the Board.

Paymr.
Pa.
1400. ad-
vanc'd him.

ORDER'D that fourteen hundred [Pag^s.] be advanc'd Aug^s. Burton & R[obert] Berriman] Paym^{ts}. to defray charges Garriso[n].

Storekrs.
Accot. for
Decr.
[read]

Peter Tahourdin Storekeeper [reads that Accot. for last] month the ballance [due from] him is Pag^s. 101. 24. 63.

[. . .]

Rob^t. Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore pays Pag^s. 65. 11. 16. in full of his last month ballance.

[. . .]

Rich^d. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam pays Pag^s. 37. 18. 60. in full of his last months ballance.

AUG^s. BURTON.
ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.

[. . .]

Mr. Bennet arriv'd here from [Tanjore].

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURS-
DAY 16TH.
[sic].

MR. AU[G^s.] BURTON PROVISIONALL CHIEF.
MESS^{RS}. ROB^t. BERRIMAN. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.

The Dep^{ty}. Gov^r. at Mad[rass].
MESS^{RS}. HOLCOMBE BROOKE Sic[k].

Genl. Letter
from Mad^s.
of the 30th.
January.

A Gen^l. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President [and] Council of Fort St^t. George dated the 30th ultimo [was] read acknowledging the receipt of the Severall Letters & Bales Consig'd to them, & are pleas'd to say, th[at the] seasonable & ready dispatch we have made, is a good [sign] of our application in the Hon^{ble}. Comp^{ys}. Affairs & reco[mmend] it to be continued.

They order
that every
Sorter do
chop each
peice of
Cloth they
turn out
wth. the
initial Let-
ters of their
names.

They order, as it is judg'd necessary for the better service of our Hon^{ble}. Masters, & that they may be acquaint[ed] which of their Servants in future shall turn out Cloth that may be equal to the Musters, that every Sorter for the time coming, do chop each peice of Cloth they turn out with the initial Letters of their names, & that when there shall happen to be any Quantity of Cloth so turn'd out, in the Warehouse, the same shall be revis'd & examin'd at a Sorting order'd for that purpose, the Dep^{ty}. Gov^r. & all the Council & Sorters to be present, they further say, that they would not hereby countenance the taking in any Cloth that shall be

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inferiour to Muster, but recommend it; to take care that no Cloth that is equal to it, be turn'd out which will be the most effectually way of Serving the Comp^y. well, by doing Justice to them and the Merchants.

The Prov^l. Chief reports he has advanc'd Sha Perm^l. four thousand Pagodas on his runing Contract & 600 Pag^s. to the Paym^r. to defray charges Garrison. Sha Perm^l
Pa.
advd. 4000
& y^e. Paym^r.
600.

He also reads the Acco^t. of the Hon^{ble}. United Comp^{ys}. Cash for last month, the ballance whereof remaining is Pag^s. 16700. 3. 17. [Cash]
Acco^t. for
Jan^y. read.

The Storekeeper reports that there are some Stores become old & useless. [Sto]res to
be Survey'd.

ORDER'D that Mr. Gilman with him do Survey the same & report it at the Board.

Peter Tahourdin for R. Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for last month the ball whereof due from him is Pag^s. 63. 3. 72. [Cu]ddalore
Land Cust^m.
[acco^t. for
last month
read.

Aug^s. Burton Warehousek^r. reads that Acco^t. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 221. 32. 62. [Wa]re-
housek^m.
Acco^t. for
[last] Month
read.

He also reads the Journall Parcels to the last of December.

Journall
Parcels read
[to] the last
of Decr.

Rich^d. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenap^m. reads that Acco^t. for last month, the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 30. —. 48. Tevenap^m.
Sea & Land
Cust^m.
Acco^t. for
Jan^y. read.

ORDER'D that Fran^s. Veath be entertain'd in the Service of the Gunroom at Pag^s. 2. 9½. Gunroom a
man enter-
tain'd in
that Service.

AUG^s. BURTON.
ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.

Briggⁿ. Moylatchamee Sail'd for Columbo. 17th.
Pass'd by a Dutch Ship from Pulicat bound to Nagap^m. 18.
Mr. Threipland gone to Porto novo. 26.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR. AUG^s. BURTON PROV^l. CHIEF.
MESS^{rs}. R. BERRIMAN.

TUESDAY
28.

ROBERT BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.

The Dep^{ty}. Gov^r. at Madrass.

MR. HOLCOMBE Sick.

A Gen^l. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George dated the 22^d. instant read acknowledging the Receipt of the Ramah's Cargo, & incloses Invoice & bill of loading for Wares ship'd on board her for this place. The Prov^l. Chief Reports he has rec^d. the under mention'd Sums from the Renters. Gen^l. Let-
ter from
Madr^s. of the
22^d. Febr^y.
adviseing of
Wares sent
us on the
Ramah.

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	Of Sadashavarrow & Tricom Chittee Bound Renters for a Quarters Rent due the last of Sept ^r	833	12	—
The Bound & Beetle & Tobacco Rentrs. pay one Quarters rent.	Of Do. Tobacco & Beetle Farmers for a Quarters. Rent due the last of October	425	—	—
Arrack Farm ^r . pays a Quarters rent.	Of Poncala Kistnah Arrack Farmer for a Quarters Rent due the 8 th . of Dec ^r	300	—	—
Rent ^r s. of ye. Weighing & Measuring Duties pay a Quarters rent.	Of Pancala Logabunda & Govindaram Chittee Renters of the weighing and measuring Duties for a Quarters Rent due the last of December	45	—	—

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recover'd of
ye. old
Arrack
Farm^rs.

Prov^l. Chief also Reports he has rec^d. of Sadashavarrow Pag^s. 38. Acco^t
Cootah and Condapah old Arrack Farmers being in full of their Debt.

Cuddalore
Sea Cust^r.
Acco^t. for
Jan^y. read.

Peter Tahourdin for Hum^y. Holcombe Sea Cust^r. of Cuddalore reads the
Acco^t. for last month the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 25. 21. 8.

Tevenap^m.
Sea & L^d.
Cust^r.
ballance for
Jan^y. pd.

Rich^d. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenap^m. pays Pagodas 30. —. 4:
in full of his last Months ballance.

Cuddalore
Land Cust^r.
ballance for
Jan^y. paid.

Rob^t. Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore pays Pag^s. 63. 3. 72 in full o
his ballance for last Month.

[Pay].
masters
Acco^t. for
[last month
read].

Robert Berriman Paymaster reads that Acco^t. for last months Particulars Viz^t

	Pa.	fa.	Ca.
Charges Garrison	1102	22	60
Hospitall Charges	26	33	—
Peons & Servants wages	272	5	—
Charges General	63	32	58
Charges Extraordinary	14	30	28
Fortifications & Repairs	12	7	20
Fort House & Buildings	7	2	16
Garrison Cost & Charges	11	1	48
Companys Garden	10	21	6
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Dyett	288	—	—
	<u>1859</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>76</u>

Pa. fa. Ca.
Ballance due from him 161 18 72.

	Pa.	fa.	Ca.
The extraordinary expence in the above Acco ^t . is from			
Charges Extraord ^y . as usuall on new years day ...	14	15	14
Fort house & Buildings upon ye. Seconds Lodg ^s	7	2	16
Garrison Cost & Charges	11	1	48
Comp ^y s. Garden Repairs	10	21	6

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Mess^{rs}. Tahourdin & Gilmans report read concerning the old & useless stores in the Gunroom which is entred after this Consultation.

A Report of the useless Stores read, to be wrote off.

ORDER'D that the same be wrote off to Proffitt & Loss.

The Justices read their report concerning the broken & useless weights wanting at their respective Choultrys which is enter'd after this Consultation.

A Report concerning ye. Weights at the Choultrys.

ORDER'D that the old weights be mended & new ones made according to the said Report & the Comp^{rs}. chop to be put thereon.

ORDER'D that 10001 [*sic*] Pag^s. be advanc'd Sha permall on his runing Contract.

Sha Perm^{ll}: advd. Pa 1000 [*sic*].

ORDER'D that fourteen hundred Pag^s. be advanc'd Aug^s., Burton and Rob^t. Berriman Paym^{ts}. to defray charges Garrison.

Paymr. advanc'd 1400 Pa.

Provisionall Chief Reports that [he has rec^d.] of Sha perm^{ll}. & Tricom Chittee's Pag^s. 48. being the pr[opor]tion of Andee Chittee's Share in the Contract of the Old [Set] of Merchants which he Secured on Acco^t. of Andee Chittee debt to Venketty puttee Kistnah.

Page. 48 Secured on Acco^t. of Andee Chittees. Debt to Venkettee puttee.

ORDER'D the same be only deposited till the whole Set of Merchants are call'd upon & examin'd.

Sha Permaul being called in to make good Andee Chittee's Share of the Severall Godowns that are now made use of by him Amounting in the whole to 27 Pag^s. which he promises to Pay, & take them upon his own [Acco^t.] Agreeable to the Contract of the Partys concern'd that they should not dispose of their Shares but to each other, & at their first Cost.

Page. 27 pd. by Sha Perm^{ll}. Acco^t. Andee Chittee.

AUG^s. BURTON.

ROB^t. BERRIMAN.

PETER TAHOURDIN.

RICH^d. GILMAN.

Mr. Thereipland return'd from Porto novo.

28.

To M^r. AUG^s. BURTON

PROV^{ll}. CHIEF OF FORT ST. DAVID & C^A. COUNCIL.

S^r. & S^{rs}.

Pursuant to your order of Consultation we have Survey'd the Comp^{rs}. weights at their Respective places & find severall wanting & others broke which may be repair'd with a small Charge and also some less in weight they not having been lookt over for some years so that they are wore away by constant use: therefore we make bold to give an Exact Acco^t. of what is wanting and broke at the foot of this our Report, We are

S^r. & S^{rs}.

Your most Humble. Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID,

THE 28TH. FEB^R. 1726/7.

H. HOLCOMBE.

R. BROOKE.

PETER TAHOURDIN.

RICH^d. GILMAN.

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AT THE BANKSALL IN CUDDALORE.

broke	...	1 Weight	ib.	56
Wanting	...	4 Do.	56 each	
		1 Do.	14	
		1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	
		1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{4}$	
		7	...	...	...	...	...	ib	
								pz: 238 $\frac{3}{4}$	

WANTING AT CUDDALORE LAND CUSTOM HOUSE THEIR BEING NO MORE THEN
ONE HALF HUNDRED WEIGHT.

7 Weights	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	ib.	56 each
1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	
1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	
1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{4}$	
14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	ib.	430 $\frac{3}{4}$

AT TEVENAPATAM CHOULTRY.

broke	...	1 Weight	...	...	...	...	...	ib.	56
Wanting	...	1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	56	
		1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	2	
		1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	1	
		1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	
		1 Do.	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{4}$	
		5	...	...	...	...	...	ib.	59 $\frac{3}{4}$

To M^r. AUG^s. BURTON
PROV^{LL}. CHIEF OF FORT ST. DAVID & C^A. COUNCIL.

S^r. & S^{rs}.

According to your orders, we have Survey'd the Gunners Stores, & find the two trucks as also the two hatchets worn out, & fitt for no further use as we think they will cost more to repair them or at least as much as will make new ones.

[We are]

S^r. & S^{rs}.Y^r. most Humble. Serv^{ts}.

FORT ST. DAVID
Y^r. 28TH OF FEB^R. 1727.

PETER TAHOUREDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE WORSP^{LL}. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ^S. DEP^T. GOV^S.
 MESS^{RS}. AUG^S. BURTON. R. BERRIMAN.
 H. HOLCOMBE. R. BROOKE.
 PETER TAHOURDIN. RICH^D. GILMAN.

WEDNES-
 DAY 16TH.
 [sic]

Augustus Burton late Prov^{ll}. Chief reads that Acco^t. of the Hon^{ble}. United Comp^{ys}. Cash to this day, the ballance whereof being Pag^s. 11434. 19. 57. is now deliver'd the Dep^{ty}. Gov^r. Cash Acco^t. read & Deliver'd ye. D: Govr.

Augustus Burton Accom^t. reads the Journall Parcels. Journall Parcels read.

He also reads his Warehousek^r. Acco^t. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 113. 5. 46. Wareh^{se}. Acco^t. for Febr^y.

Peter Tahourdin Storekeep^r. reads that Acco^t. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 20. 14. 3. Storek^{ts}. Acco^t. fo: Febr^y. read.

Rich^d. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenap^m. reads that Acco^t. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 39. 13. 16. Tevenap^m. Sea & Land Custr^s. Acco^t. for Febr^y. read.

ORDER'D that five hundred Pag^s. be advanc'd Aug^s. Burton & Rob^t. Berriman Paymasters. Paym^r. advd. 500 Pag^s.

Petition of Sha Permall read & is enter'd after this Consultation Setting forth, that on the 8th. of Dec^r. 1723, at night his house in Cuddalore was rob'd, severall Jewells & other things were taken out of a China box, to a considerable Amount, but that lately Pitcha has discover'd the fellow that had stole them by name Kistnah, & has Secur'd him for our examination, whereupon he being call'd before us, is strictly charg'd to give us a true Acco^t. of this Affair; & how he gott into Sha Permall's house, & carryed off those Jewells mention'd in the said Petition, he declares that he is a relation to Sha Permall, & was at that time in his Service, at Petition of Sha Permall, read complaining against one Kistnah who had rob'd him.

2^d Month, that at the time he committed this Robbery, he found the door of Sha Permall's Room shutt, but the key being in it, he easily open'd the door & went into the room, where he found a Chest, & the keys lying upon it, wherewith he open'd the Chest, & in it was a box wth. some Keys, which box he open'd & took out the Severall things said to be contain'd in it, & afterwards made his escape over the wall, that the Severall things found in the house where he was in for picking of locks were not his but belong'd to a Goldsmith, that he did employ Ranga & Shasa boutique fellows, & Chellumbrum formerly one of the Merchants Servants to Sell severall things for him, & accordingly allow'd them something for their trouble, but that since they are gone up into the Country, the Stones that he has pick'd out of the Rings remains in the box but the gold he has sold.

AGREED that Kistnah be closely confin'd till Pitcha can produce the Persons that were employed to sell the Jewells, for a further examination into this Affair. Kistnah confin'd.

G. M. PITT.
 AUG^S. BURTON.
 ROB^T. BERRIMAN.
 R. BROOKE.
 PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^D. GILMAN.

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- 16 Mons^r. Cordier from Pond^{ry}. wth. Mons^r. Phour.
- 17 D^o. wth. M^r. Cordier return'd to D^o.
- Sloop Ramah from Mad^s.
- 19 D^o. Sail'd for Madrass.
- Pass'd by the Jenny Galley from Bengal bound to Madrass.
- 21 Mess^{rs}. Upton Gray & Nevil went to Madrass.
- Pass'd by a Dutch Briggⁿ. from Nagap^m. bound to Metchlapatam.
- 22 Pass'd by the Bethlehem from Pegu bound to Madrass.
- 25 Mad^m. Holcombe & Le Febure went to Pond^{ry}.
- M^r. Holcombe & his Spouze went to Pond^{ry}.
- 26 The french Manilha Ship Pass'd to Pond^{ry}.
- A Chouliar Ship pass'd by from Cudda bound to Pond^{ry}.
- Pass'd by a Sloop with the Emperors Colours.
- A Sloop from Bengal touch'd here in her way to Mad^s.

TO THE WORSP^{LL}. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ^R.

DEP^{TY}. GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

THE HUM^{BLE}. PETITION OF SHA PERMALL.

That the 8th. of Dec^r. 1723 at night yo^r. Petitioner not being then at home his house in Cuddalore, was rob'd, & severall things that were in a China box, were taken away by the Person that is now in Custody, who having Confess'd the Same to M^r. Burton when he was Chief here, Your Petitioner begs leave to lay before you an Acco^t. of what his Losses are.

18 Rings Sett with Severall Sorts of Stones.

12 p^r. of earrings Sett with D^o.

4 p^r. of Ganister Beads & Pearls.

1 p^r. wth. Ganister Beads & Gold.

1 p^r. of Gold beads & pearls.

1 Gold Chain.

12 Gold beads & 14 Corral beads.

109 gold beads: 4 China beads.

1 Silver box.

10 Pearls.

a Gold breastplate wth. a Chain & sett wth. Stones bought of Commodore Mathews.

Severall gold Moors, Chequins, & Moors Pag^s.

A Peice of Gold.

A Silver plate.

8 Dollars.

Swordbelts wth. Silver plates.

Jewells for Children 7 p^r. sett wth. Stones.

3 Gold forehead plates Sett wth. Stones.

A Chain of Corral beads wth. Tygers Claws Sett in Gold

12 Gold beads for Women.

2 p^r. Silver belts, Manilha work.

Belonging to
other People.

1 Necklace wth. gold Pearls.

A Gold Chain for the Neck.

2 gold Rings Set wth. Stones us'd for the Nose

1 Ring Sett with Stones.

1 Sett of Silver belts, & 1 p^r. of Silver Chains.

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Your Petitioner has good reasons to beleive that Severall of the above mention'd things are made away; by Ranga, Souba, & Chellumbrum, who were employ'd to dispose of them, & that many of the gold Rings are already melted down, so that he entirely relys upon your Worship &c^a. for Justice in this Case, & that you will take the Affair into Consideration for which he as in Duty bound shall ever Pray.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE WORSPELL. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ^r. DEPT^y. GOV^r.
 MESS^{rs}. AUG^s. BURTON. R. BERRIMAN.
 H. HOLCOMBE. ROB^t. BROOKE.
 PETER TAHOUBDIN. RICH^d. GILMAN.

MONDAY
27th.

Gen^l. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George, of the 20th. instant wth. Cobby of a Paragraph of the Gov^r. & Councils of Bombay Letter to them of the 18th. Jan^{ry}. last in relation to a Duty of 3 Rup^s. $\frac{3}{4}$ Candy order'd to be paid upon all Pepper purchas'd for Private Trade upon the Mallabar Coast, if any such Pepper should come to this Port we are to demand the Certificate requir'd, & act accordingly.

Gen^l. Letter from Mads. of the 20th. March.

A Duty of 3 Rup^s. $\frac{3}{4}$ Candy upon all Pepper.

They inclose us a List of Goods to be provided this Year & also send us Musters of Longcloth Ord^{ry}. N: 1 & 2 for us to Contract & Sort by hereafter which was drawn out of two bales N^o. 1 & 2 provided Last Year by our Merchants: here and weigh 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^{lb}. each, and that our Merchants here may be convinc'd, that the Hon^{ble}. Gov^r. & Council do not intend any hardship to them, they send likewise their own Musters of the same Sortm^{ts}., by w^{ch}. they have Contracted, & do now Sort by, that they may be compar'd wth. the new Must^{rs}. & return'd to them.

Must^{rs}. of Longcloth Ord^{ry}. N. 1 & 2. to [sort] by.

Aug^s. Burton Accompt^t. produces the Accot. Salary, due to the Hon^{ble}. United Comp^{ys}. Covenanted, Serv^{ts}. for Six months to the 25th. instant w^{ch}. is order'd to be p^d.

[Ac]cot. Salary Ord^d. [to] be paid.

Hump^y. Holcombe Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Accot. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 118. 15. 24.

Sea Customer of Cuddalore's Accot. for Febr^y. read.

Robert Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore pays Pag^s. 113. 5. 46. in full of his last months ballance.

Cudde. Land Cust^{rs}. ballance for Febr^y. read.

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenap^m. pays Pag^s. 39. 13. 16. in full of his last months ballance.

Tevenap^m. Sea & Land Cust^{rs}. ballance for Febr^y. paid.

ORDER'D that thirteen hundred Pagodas be advanc'd Aug^s. Burton & Rob^t. Berriman Paym^{ts}.

Pag^s. 1300 be adv^d. the Paym^{ts}.

The Merchants are now call'd in & Agree to the Musters lately rec^d. from Madrass & also to Contract for two thousand Bales, according to the Condition of the Madrass Contract, & it is AGREED, that we forthwith write to Madrass for a fresh supply of Cash to enable our Merchants the better to carry on their new Contract, whose names are as follows:—

The new Merch^{ts}. Agree to the Contract.

Sha Permall.
 Tondeveroy.
 Verago Chittee.
 Durmasheva Chittee.
 Tricom Chittee.
 Ornagilum Chittee.

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Payms.
Accot. for
Febr'y. read.Rob^t. Berriman Paymaster reads that Accot^t. for last month Particulars Viz^t.

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Garrison	1104	—	60
Hospitall Charges	18	11	58
Peons & Serv ^{ts} . wages	272	5	—
Charges Generall	64	19	38
Charges Extraordinary	3	10	—
Fortifications & Repairs	2	29	54
Fort house & buildings.	4	—	78
Garrison Cost & Charges	59	33	42
Companys Garden	6	11	52
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diett	288	—	—
	<u>1873</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>62</u>

Pa fa Ca
Ballance due from him 288 4 10.

The Extraordinary expence in the foregoing Accot. arises Chiefly from

	Pa	fa	Ca
Garrison Cost & Charges Fort wall	59	33	42
Fortifications & Repairs cleaning the Fort & mending Godowns &c ^a .	2	29	54
Fort house & buildings	4	—	78
Compys ^s . Garden repairs there	6	11	52
Page ^s .	<u>73</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>66</u>

G. M. PITT.
AUG^s. BURTON.
ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^p. GILMAN.

27

A sloop from Beng^l. who touch'd here saild to Maddarass.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

Jth.

THE WORSP^{ll}. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r. DEPT^y. GOV^r.
MESS^{rs}. AUG^s. BURTON. R. BERRIMAN.
H. HOLCOMBE. R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN. RICH^p. GILMAN.

Genl.
Letter from
Mad^a. they
give us leave
to advance
our Mercht^s.
Pa.
10000.

Gen^l. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Madrass inclosing a copy of the Severall Clauses in their Contract, & give us leave to advance our Merchants the sum of ten thousand Pagodas now sent us by Peons overland, that the Investment may be carried on with Vigour; but we are to issue no more mony to them upon it, untill the Goods are deliver'd into the Warehouse & Embaled.

The Contract
Sign'd.

The Merchants attending without were call'd in & the Contracts are now interchangeably Sign'd Seal'd & Deliver'd, & ten thousand Pagodas adv^d. them.

— APRIL 1727 —

Deputy Gov ^r . reads the Acco ^t . of the Hon ^{ble} . United Comp ^{ys} . Cash for last month the ballance whereof remaining is Pag ^s . 9304. 23. 66.	Cash Accont. for last month read.
Augustus Burton Accom ^t . reads the Journ ^l . Parcels.	Journall Parcels read.
He also reads his Warehousek ^r . Acco ^t . for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag ^s . 1107. 6. 63.	Wareh ^{se} . Accont. for last month read.
Hump ^y . Holcombe Sea Customer of Cuddalore pays Pag ^s . 118. 15. 24 in full of his ballance for the month of Febr ^y .	Cuddalore Sea Cust. pays his ballance for Febr ^y .
He also produces the Choultry Registers w ^{ch} . are now read.	Regs. of the Choultry produc'd.
ORDER'd that five hundred Pagodas be Advanc'd Aug ^s . Burton & R. Berriman Paym ^{ts} . to defray charges Garrison.	Pag ^s . 500 advd. the Paym ^t .

G. M. PITT.
 AUG^s. BURTON.
 R. BERRIMAN.
 R. BROOKE.
 PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^d. GILMAN.

The Brigg ⁿ . St. Vincent Ferrier Sail'd to Madrass.	8 th
Mons ^r . Morandier from Pond ^{ry} .	9
The new Merch ^t . Joeheriff.	10
Mr. Walker from Madrass.	11
Mons ^r . Morandier return'd to Pond ^{ry} .	12
Mons ^r . Du Roiff's from Pond ^{ry} .	14
A Chouliar Ship from Mallaca pass'd by to Madrass.	16
Mons ^r . Du Roide & De Lorrان from Pond ^{ry} .	—
Mess ^{rs} . Du Roide & De Lorrان return'd.	17
A Chouliar Ship Pass'd by from Pond ^{ry} . bound to Porto novo.	20
A Dane's Sloop Pass'd by from Tranqr. bound to Allemburum.	22
Pass'd by the Prince Brigg ⁿ . from Persia.	—
Sloop Ramah from Madrass.	27
Mons ^r . Ferrier & his Lady from Pond ^{ry} .	29

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE WORSF ^{ll} . GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ ^s . DEPUTY GOV ^r .	
MESS ^{rs} . AUG ^s . BURTON.	ROB ^t . BERRIMAN.
HUMP ^y . HOLCOMBE.	ROB ^t . BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.	RICH ^d . GILMAN.

Gen^l. Letter from Madrass of the 13th. instant incloseing Invoice & bill of loading for the Wares & stores sent upon the Ramah Sloop, was now read.

Gen^l. Letter from Mad^s. wth. Invoice & bill of Loading of the Ramah's Cargo.

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The Merchants having not, as yet rec^d. their usuall Tasheriff.

Warehr. to
deliver out
broad Cloth
that the
Mercha. may
be Tasher-
riff'd.

ORDER'D that the Warehousek^r. deliver out the Broad Cloth &c^a. due to the Merch^{ts}. upon signing the present Contract.

Storeks.
Accot. for
March read.

Peter Tahourdin Storek^r. reads that Acco^t. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 22. 22. 12.

Cuddalore
Sea Cust^r.
Accot. for
March read.

Hump^y. Holcombe Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 55. 24. 52 & pays Pag^s. 40 in part thereof.

Tevenapm.
Sea & Land
Cust^r.
Accot. for
March read.

Rich^d. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenap^m. reads that Acco^t. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 76. 28. 60 which is paid.

Cuddalore
Land
Cust^r.
Accot. for
March read.

Rob^t. Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for last month, the ballance due from him is Pag^s. 113. 1. 16 which is now paid.

Paym^{ts}.
Accot. for
March read.

Rob^t. Berriman Paym^r. reads that Acco^t. for last month Particulars Viz^t.

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Garrison	1104	34	30
Hospitall Charges	22	12	28
Peons & Serv ^{ts} . wages	272	5	—
Charges Generall	68	17	60
Charges Extraordinary	144	13	20
Fortifications & Repairs	10	21	74
Garrison Cost & Charges	6	22	16
Warehouse Godown	4	33	32
Company's Garden	22	2	26
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diett	288	—	—
	1994	18	46

ballance due from him 93. 21. 44.

The extraordinary expence in the foregoing Acco^t. is from

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Extraordinary y ^e . Gov ^{rs} . travelling charges &c ^a .	144	13	20
Fortifications & Repairs	10	21	74
Garrison Cost & charges Fort wall	6	22	16
Warehouse Godown putting up y ^e . Screws	4	33	32
Companys Garden repairs there	22	2	26
	Pag ^s . 188	21	8

Paym^{ts}. adv^d.
Pa.
1300.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 1300 be advanc'd Aug^s. Burton & Rob^t. Berriman Paym^{ts}. to defray charges Garrison.

Tevenapm.
Sea & Land
Cust^r.
Accot. for
April read
& ball paid
in.

Rich^d. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Acco^t. for this month the ballance whereof due from him is 59 23 20 w^{ch}. is now paid.

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Augustus Burton Warehousek^r. reads that Acco^t. for this month, the ballance whereof is now paid in being Pag^s. 583. 22. 27 & also delivers in his Acco^t. of remains.

Wareh^{rs}.
Acco^t. for
Mar read &
ball paid in
his Acco^t. of
remains
deliver'd in.

Hump^y. Holcombe Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for this month of April the ballance whereof paid in is Pag^s. 56. 22. 32.

Cuddalore
Sea Cust^r.
Acco^t. for
April read
ballance
paid in.

Rob^t. Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for this month, the ballance whereof paid in is Pag^s. 89. 27. 52.

Cuddalore
Land Cust^r.
ballance
paid in &
the Acco^t.
read for this
month.

Peter Tahourdin Storek^r. reads that Acco^t. for this month the ballance whereof due to him is Pag^s. 6. 27. 73C^a which is paid, he also delivers in his Acco^t. of remains of stores in the Storehouse.

Storek^{rs}.
Acco^t. for
this month
read balles,
paid in, and
ye. Acco^t.
remains
deliver'd in.

Rob^t. Berriman Paym^r. reads that Acco^t. for this month Particulars Viz^t.

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Garrison	1101	24	16
Hospitall Charges	18	24	56
Peons & Serv ^{ts} . wages	272	5	—
Charges General	64	25	22
Charges Extraordinary	5	20	—
Fortifications & Repairs	—	34	4
Garrison Cost & Charges	25	3	36
Company's Garden	16	34	12
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diett	288	—	—
	<u>1843</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>66</u>

Paym^{rs}.
Acco^t. for
April read.

ballance due from him is Pag^s. 49. 30. 58. Upon examining the foregoing Acco^t. we find no extraordinary expence, but a small matter spent on repairs at the Garden's & the Fort Wall.

Greapa the Expence Braminy being an useless Servant to the Comp^y. he is order'd to be dismiss the Service.

A Useless
Conicopy
(Greapa)
turn out.

Rob^t. Berriman Paymaster reads the Acco^t. Exchange for one year & pays in the ballance being Pag^s. 184. 2. 51.

Paym^{rs}.
Acco^t.
Exchs.
produc'd &
ballce. paid.

Rich^d. Gilman Steward delivers in his Acco^t. of remains, which is now deliver'd the Accomp^t.

Steward's
Acco^t. of
rems.
[deliver'd] in.

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The Severall Renters now pay in their Quart^{rs}. Rents due from them, & is of

		Pa	fa
The Bound & Beetle & Tobacco Rents, pay one Quart ^{rs} . Rent.	Sadaahavarrow & Tricom Chittees Bound Rents, recd. of them a Quart ^{rs} . due the last of Dec ^r	833	12
	of Do. Tobacco & Beetle Farms. for a Quart ^{rs} . Rent to the last of Jan ^{ry}	425	—
Weighing & measuring Farms. pay a Quarter's Rent.	Of Paucala Logabunda & Govindaram Chittees Rents, of the weighing & measuring Duties for a Quart ^{rs} . Rent due the last of March	45	—
Arrack Farmer pays a Quarters Rent.	Of Poncala Kistnah Arrack Farmer for a Quart ^{rs} . Rent due y ^e . 8th of March	300	—

G. M. PITT.
 AUG^s. BURTON.
 R. BERRIMAN.
 R. BROOKE.
 PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^d. GILMAN.

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Mons^r. Ferrier Return'd to Pond^{ry}.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

4th.

THE WORSP^{ll}. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ^s. DEPT^{ty}. GOV^s.
 MESS^{rs}. AUG^s. BURTON. R. BERRIMAN.
 H. HOLCOMBE. ROBERT BROOKE.
 RICH^d. GILMAN.
 M^s. TAHOURDIN Sick.

Pags. 100.
 ord^d. to be
 paid for
 materials
 for a new
 Mill.

The Deputy Gov^r. acquaints us that when he was at Madrass he advanc'd Mr. Newcombe one hundred Pag^s. to provide Timber & Plank for the new mill that is to be built at Horse tail Point.

ORDER'D that the Sum of one hundred Pag^s. be paid him out of the Comp^{ys}. Cash.

The Rents,
 of the
 Bound &
 Beetle &
 Tobacco
 Farms.
 pres^t. a
 Petition,
 setting forth
 that they
 have been
 great losers
 by those
 Farms.

Petition of the Bounds & Tobacco & Beetle Farms. was now read, setting forth, that they have been great losers by those farms, & especially by the Juncan, that was lately taken away from them, wherefore they pray that it may be taken into Consideration, for as their Cowles are almost expired, they cannot engage themselves in new ones without some Allowances made them, w^{ch}. is AGREED to be deferr'd to another Consultation day.

Orders made
 concerning
 the Store-
 house.

Mr. Peter Tahourdin having desir'd the Sec^{ry}. to acquaint us that there is a great deficiency in the Salt Petre lately Sent upon the Ramah from Fort St. George, but as that deficiency was never reported to us, & we haveing already answer'd the

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Letter, and acknowledg'd the receipt of those Stores that came upon the Sloop, & that they came out according to her Invoice, it is AGREED that we take no further notice of this Affair, but for the future, a person be joyn'd with the Storekeep^r. to examine all the Stores sent from Madrass whether they come out in good Condition, & also that no Stores be bought but by order of Council & to be Survey'd by proper Persons that are to be appointed for that purpose, & they to report it to the Board. the same order is to be observ'd for all Stores that are worn out, before they are wrote off.

ORDER'D that five hundred Pagodas be advanc'd Aug^s. Burton & Rob^t. Berri- man Paym^{ts}. to defray charges Garrison.

Paym^{ts}.
500^{Rs}. adv^d.

G. M. PITT.
AUG^s. BURTON.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.

The Minurve from the Mallab ^r . Coast bound to Pond ^{ry} .	4
Mad ^{ms} . Ferrier & Holcombe went to Pond ^{ry} .	5
Ship Leiraslu Pass'd by from Batavia for Mad ^s . & Benga ^{ll} .	6
Mons ^r . Du Ghamp from Madrass.	7
Mad ^m . Le Febure went to Pond ^{ry} .	—
The Triton from the Mallab ^r . Coast to Pond ^{ry} .	—
Pass'd by a Jentue Brigg ⁿ . from Negap ^m . bound to Ganjam.	8
Mad ^{ms} . Holcombe & Le Febure from Pond ^{ry} . w th . Mons ^r . Du Blar.	10
Mess ^{rs} . Walker & Cradack sat [<i>sic</i>] out for Madrass.	—
The Stanhope from Bombay come to winter upon this Coast.	11
Pass'd by a Dutch Sloop from Negap ^m . bound to Sadrass.	13
D ^o . from Massalip ^m . bound to Negap ^m .	—
A Parr Pass'd by from Sadrass for Negap ^m .	15

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Present

THE WORSP ^{ll} . GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ ^r . DEP ^y . GOV ^r .	16
MESS ^{rs} . AUG ^s . BURTON.	R. BERRIMAN.
H. HOLCOMBE.	ROBERT BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.	R. GILMAN.

Gen^{ll}. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Mad^s. of the 9th. instant acknowledging the Receipt of the Rama's Cargo, & order that for the future no Cloth be taken in under the denomination of Nagore, for the Merch^{ts}. were used formerly to Pick out all the best of their Cloth, & impose it upon the Comp^y. for Cloth of that name, whereas in fact it was only good Ordinary & was one great reason why the fabrick of Ordinary was so far debased at this place.

Gen^{ll}. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. Presid^t. & Council of the 9th. May. No Nagore Cloth to be taken in,

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They Say
the Long-
cloth
Midling No.
3 proves
bad.

They approve of our Sallampores midling, and Longcloth Ordinary No. 2. lately rec^d. but that the Longcloth mideling No. 3. proves of a very bad fabrick.

A Great
want of
Washers at
Mads.

They order us to do our utmost endeavours to send them a supply of Washers, if it was but only 30 or 40 as they are in great want of them.

Petition of
Hum^y.
Holcombe
read to be
sent in our
next letter
to Mads.

The Petition of Hum^y. Holcombe is now read & enter'd after this Consultation, & it is AGREED that it be sent with our next Gen^l. to Madrass, in order that his request may be granted him, & that Mr. Brooke's do forthwith take charge of the Sea Cust^{rs}. employ^t.

The
Choultry
Reg^{rs}. read.

The Choultry Registers are now produc'd & read.

The Cowles
for the
Bound
Beetle &
Tobacco
farms for
five Years
are now
sign'd.

The Deputy Gov^r. acquaints us that he having discours'd the Rent^{rs}. upon what pass'd last Consultation day, has prevail'd upon them (notwithstanding their late losses) to accept of new Cowles, & that he has gott Poncala Kistnah the Arrack farmer to be joyn'd wth. them. whereupon Moutresapillah, (for Poncala Kistnah) with Sadashavarrow do now Sign the Cowles, & it is AGREED to date that for the Bound Rent the 1st. of July, & that for the Tobacco, & Beetle farm the first of August next.

Justices
pay Pag^s.
44. 6^{fa}.
upon the
Sale of
Andee
Chittees's
Houses.

The Justices now pay Pag^s. 44. 6^{fa}. upon the Sale of the Houses belonging to Andee Chittee which is order'd to be paid to Poindee Chittee Kistnah; being in part of his debt.

Capt. Pitt's
Petition to
have his
damag'd
Goods sent
& Shoar to
be sent to
Mads.

Cap^t. Wentworth George Pitt Commander of the Stanhope delivers us a Petition, praying that we will permitt him to land what damag'd Goods are aboard his Ship into the Comp^{ys}. Warehouse, that they may be repack'd at the charge of the owners. he also delivers Copy of the Objections he made to his bill of Loading att Anjengo.

ORDER'D that a Copy of the said Papers be sent to the Hon^{ble}. Presid^t. & Council, & that we wait their orders.

G. M. PITT.
AUG^s. BURTON.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^p. GILMAN.

16 The Severn from Surat for Madrass & Bengall.
— Do. Sail'd.
17 Ship Senora De Consesan from Maco for Madrass.
22 Mons^r. Mollandin & Ma^m. Mollandine from Pond^{ry}.
23 Mons^r. Viellian & Mons^r. Morandire from Pond^{ry}.
26 Mons^r. Mollandine & Madame wth. the rest return'd.
27 Madam Jabott from Pond^{ry}.
29 The Sarum Cap^t. Irving from Suratt.
— Minh^r. Oastrhazen wth. M^{rs}. Berriman from Portonovo

— MAY 1727 —

TO THE WORSP^{LL}. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOV^R. OF FORT ST. DAVID.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF HUMP^R. HOLCOM[BE]

SHEWETH

That your Petitioner being indebted Severall sums of mony to people & finding his incomes here not Sufficient to enable him to pay those debts, he most humbly Requests the favour of your Worship that you woul'd be pleased to mention in your next Gen^l. Letter his desire of Laying down the Hon^{ble}. Comp^{ys}. Service he hoping by some means or other of Satisfyeing his Creditors sooner than what he can possibly propose to do if he was to remain in this place.

And yo^r. Petitioner shall for ever pray.

TO THE WORSP^{LL}. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSP^{LL}. S^R. & S^{RS}.

Whereas I rec^d. the best part of my Pepper at Anjengo wet, as it will appear by the objections in the bill of Loading, Copy whereof is herewith deliver'd you, I beg the liberty to Land the Hon^{ble}. Comp^{ys}. Bales to have them open'd to prevent any further damage they may have already rec^d. & that what cloth is damag'd may be Wash'd, & the Bales repack'd in the Comp^{ys}. Warehouse at the charge of the owners.

I am

FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSP^{LL}. S^R. & S^{RS}.

THE 13TH. MAY 1727.

Y^r. most Hum^{ble}. Servant

WENT : GEO : PITT.

Copy of Cap^t. Pitts objections to the bill of Loading he sign'd at Anjengo. I object against the foulness of the Pepper & against any damage that may acrew from it being wet wth. fresh water severall of the boats comeing off in hard Showers of Rain.

N.B. MEMORANDUM.

Above half the Pepper came off wet with Salt water, the lower teer of baggs Swimming in almost every boat.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE WORSP ^{LL} . GEO : MORTON PITT ESQ ^R . DEPUTY GOV ^R .	
MESS ^{RS} . AUG ^S . BURTON.	ROB ^T . BERRIMAN.
H. HOLCOMBE.	ROB ^T . BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.	R. GILMAN.

30TH.

Gen^l. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. Presid^t. & Council of Fort St. George of the 23^d. instant was now read acquainting us of their design in sending the George Briggantine here, when we shall have Bales Sufficient to fill her up.

Gen^l. Letter from Mad^l. of ye. 23^d. May read Adviseing of Brigg^{ue}. Geor^g. being sent home.

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Mr. Holcombe has leave to quit the service.

They permit Mr. Holcombe to leave the Service According to his Request.

Messrs. Stratton and Brackstone order'd to Mads. The Guns that Capt. Pitt wants will be examin'd into as to ye. Value of them.

As they are in great want of some Persons there, they order Messrs. John Stratton & Edw^d. Brackstone to repair to Fort St. George as soon as they can Sett out & tell us they shall examine into the Value of some Guns Cap^t. Pitt has offer'd to purchase, and advise thereof.

Mr. Harris order'd under ye. Paym^t. Mr. Dockwra] [*sic*] under the Warehr. & Mr. Whitlocke undr. ye. Sea Cust^r. of Cudde.

ORDER'D that Messrs. Harris & Dockwra Supply the place of Messrs. Stratton & Brackstone, the form^r. to act under the Paym^t. & the latter under the Warehousek^r. Mr. Whitlock to Assist the Sea Customer of Cuddalore.

Pags. 1400 advanc'd the Paymaster.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 1400 be advanc'd Aug^s. Burton & Rob^t. Berriman Paymaster's.

Pag^s. 50 advanc'd the Storek^r.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 50 be advanc'd Peter Tahourdin Storekeeper.

Timber & Plank to be sent up to Mads. as also other goods.

ORDER'D that the Storekeepers report of the Timber & Plank now in the Storehouse, be sent to Madrass, & that we request their permission to send it up by the first Sea Conveyance that offers as also the Camblets Druggets &c^s. in our Warehouse.

G. M. PITT.
AUG^s. BURTON.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.

30
31st.

The Sarum Sail'd to Maddarass.
The Tillicherry grab from Porto novo.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

19th.

THE WORSP^{LL}. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ^s. DEPT^y. GOV^r.
MESS^{rs}. AUG^s. BURTON. R. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Gen^l. Letter from Mads. of ye. 14th. June. We are to send up the Timber & Plank, & the Stuffs.

A Gen^l. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. Presid^t. & Council of Madrass of the 14th. instant read, they give us leave to send up the Timbers & Plank, & also the Stuffs, & permit Cap^t. Pitt to land his goods to be wash'd & repack'd at the charge of his owners.

— JUNE 1727 —

They approve of the reasons given them in relation to Sha Permall Contract.

As there are two vacancys at this Board they have appointed Mr. Edw^d. Croke (who is senior to any Serv^t. at this place) Second of Council, & Mr. John Graham Youngest & give Mr. Burton leave to continue here some time longer.

Mr. Edward Croke appointed second of this place & Mr. John Graham Youngest of Council. Cap^t. Pitt's Petition granted.

ORDER'D that the Sec^{ry}. acquaint Cap^t. Pitt that he has liberty to land his damag'd Goods whenever he pleases to be wash'd & repack'd at the charge of the owners.

The Council Station'd.

Mr. Holcombe's laying down the Service having occasion'd some Alterations at this Board, it is AGREED that the employments be fix'd as follows.

Mr. Brooke's Sea Customer of Cuddalore.

Mr. Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore.

Mr. Rich^d. Gilman Storekeeper & Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam.

Mr. Graham to continue to Act as Sec^{ry}.

ORDER'D that five hundred Pag^s. be advanc'd Aug^s. Burton & Rob^t. Berriman Paym^{ts}.

Pag^s. 500 advanc'd the Paym^{ts}.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 1532 be paid Tondeveroy & c^a. Merch^{ts}. on their running Contract.

Pag^s. 1532 paid the Merch^{ts}.

Gen^l. Books are now produc'd duely ballanc'd & are now Sign'd.

Gen^l. books produc'd & Sign'd.

The Warehousek^r. delivers in a List of Europe Goods wanting here for Sale, to be sent to Madrass.

The Deputy Gov^r. acquaints the Board that he has rec^d. Severall Complaints of the late Sea Customer & against his Conicoply as it appears by a Petition now deliver'd in of Perumbelum a boat fellow, & also tells us that some of the Merchants have been with him, who informs him that the present Sea Customer of Cuddalore has oblig'd them to take double Certificates for Goods when one is Sufficient.

Severall Complaints against the Sea Cust^r. of Cuddalore & his Conicoply left to the Examination of Mr. Gilman & Graham.

AGREED that the Examination of these affairs be left to Mess^{rs}. Gilman & Graham, & that they do make a further enquiry at Cuddalore into the Practices us'd by the Sea Customer, & his Conicoply in the collecting in of the Comp^{ys}. Revenues.

G. M. PITT.
 AUG^s. BURTON.
 R. BERRIMAN.
 R. BROOKE.
 PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^d. GILMAN.
 JN^o. GRAHAM.

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Present

THE WORSHIP^{LL}. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ^R. DEPT^Y. GOV^R.
 MESS^{RS}. AUG^S. BURTON. R. BERRIMAN.
 R. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
 R. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

30TH.

Gen^l. Letters from the Hon^{ble}. Presid^t. & Council of the 26 & 27: instant
 read adviseing that they have Sent us Pag^s. 10000 & that we shall have another
 Supply as soon as the Peons return, but that they cannot comply with our demand
 for Europe Goods, they having already Contracted wth. their Merchants for all
 that is to come from Europe this Year.

Gen^l. Letters from the Hon^{ble}. Presid^t. & Council of the 26 & 27: instant
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 for Europe Goods, they having already Contracted wth. their Merchants for all
 that is to come from Europe this Year.

they cannot
 comply wth.
 our demand
 for Europe
 Goods.

The George
 Briggantine
 to be fill'd
 up wth.
 Bales &
 Plank, & to
 be return'd.

They order that the George Briggantine be return'd them wth. what Bales we
 have, & that we fill her up wth. Plank agreeable to what we propos'd in our last
 Letter.

Mercht^s.
 advd.
 Pa. fa. Ca.
 1197. 12. 9

The Deputy Gov^r. reports that he advanc'd the Mercht^s. the 26th. ultimo.
 Pag^s. 1197. 12. 9.

Paym^r.
 Pa.
 1300

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 1300 be advanc'd Aug^s. Burton & Rob^t. Berriman Paym^{rs}.

Report of
 Mess^{rs}.
 Tahourdin
 & Gilman
 read.

Mess^{rs}. Tahourdin & Gilman's Report is now read & enter'd after this Con-
 sultation.

Cuddalore
 Sea Cust^{rs}.
 ballance
 paid.

Robert Brooke Sea Customer of Cuddalore pays Pag^s. 53. 13. 26 in full of
 his last months ballance.

Cuddalore
 Land
 Cust^{rs}.
 ballance
 paid.

He also pays in his Land Customers ballance for last Month being Pag^s.
 81. 15. 10.

Tevenap^m.
 Sea & Land
 Cust^{rs}.
 ballance
 paid.

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam pay's in Pag^s. 48. 11. 60.
 in full of his last months ballance.

The Comm^r.
 of the Geo:
 Brigg^{ns}.
 is ord^d. to
 get his
 Vessell in a
 readyness
 [for] to
 take in
 Goods.

Capt^t: Tye being sent for up before us, is told to get the George Briggantine
 in a readyness in order to take in Bales, & the Warehouse^r. is order'd to Send
 them off, that she may be dispatch't as soon as possible for Madrass.

Paym^{rs}.
 Accot. for
 May read.

Robert Berriman Paymaster reads that Accot. for last month Particulars Viz^t.

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Garrison	...	...	...
Hospitall Charges	...	...	...
Peons & Servants wages	...	...	...
Charges General	...	...	...
Charges Extraordry.	...	...	...
Fortifications. & Repairs
	1100	33	50
	21	4	78
	269	5	—
	59	19	44
	7	18	—
	2	22	42
	<u>1460</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>54</u>

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	Brought over	...	1460	31	54
Garrison Cost & Charges	16	32	12
Companys Garden	4	19	52
Charges Cattle	...	...	50	—	—
Charges Diett	...	...	288	—	—
	Pag ^s .		1820	11	38
The Extraord ^{ry} . Expen ^{ce} is					
Garrison Cost & Charges	...	...	16	32	12
Companys Garden	...	...	4	19	52
Charges Extraord ^{ry}.	...	...	7	18	—
	Pag ^s .		28	33	64

G. M. PITT.
 AUG^s. BURTON.
 ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
 ROB^t. BROOKE.
 PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^d. GILMAN.
 JN^o. GRAHAM.

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14th.

THE WORSP^{ll}. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ^s. DEPT^{ty}. GOV^r.
 MESS^{rs}. AUG^s. BURTON. ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
 ROB^t. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Augustus Burton Warehousek^r. reads that Acco^t. for last month, ballance due from him is Pag^s. 209. 5. 38.

Wareh^{se}.
 Acco^t.
 for June
 read.
 Tevenap^m.
 Sea & L^d.
 Cust^r.
 Acco^t. for
 June read.

Rich^d. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenap^m. reads that Acco^t. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 134. 24. 24.

Journall Parcels read.

Journall
 Parcels
 read.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 500 be advanc'd Aug^s. Burton & Rob^t. Berriman Pay-
 masters.

Paym^t.
 Pa.
 advd. 500.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 50 be advanc'd the Storekeep^r. for Provision of Stores.

Storek^r.
 advd. Pag^s.
 50.

The Deputy Gov^r. reports that on the 5th. instant he paid the Merch^{ts}. Pag^s.
 1676. 1. 13.

Merch^{ts}. pd.
 Pa. fa. Ca.
 1676. 1. 13

He also produces a Letter from Tomby Chittee complaining of Severall Sums
 of mony due to him from Eram Rauze & Chinjee Chinada Chittee, but as Eram
 Rauze stands a Debtor upon the Comp^y. books, what can be collected out of his
 Effects without reducing him to extream necessity must be paid to the discharge

A letter
 from Tomby
 Chittee to y^e
 D: Gov^r.

— JULY 1727 —

Eram Rauze Pa^s. of that Debt, first, & accordingly a hundred & Seaven Pag^s. w^{ch}. the Dep^{ty}. Gov^r. says he has rec^d. from Sha Permall belonging to the said Eram Rauze, is hereby order'd to be p^d. into Cash.

G. M. PITT.
AUG^s. BURTON.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.
JN^o. GRAHAM.

- 14 Mess^{rs}. Hart & Newcombe from Mad^s.
17 Mad^m. Holcombe went to Pond^{ry}.
20 Ship Effingham from Mocha.
22 Ship Mountague from Great Britain pass'd by.
23 Sloop Ramah Sail'd to Mad^s.
26 Ship Effingham Sail'd for D^o.
29 Mad^m. Holcombe from Pond^{ry}.

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31st. THE WORSP^{all}. GEO: MORTON PITT ESQ^s. DEPUTY GOV^r.
MESS^{rs}. AUG^s. BURTON. ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Gen^l. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. Presid^t. & Council of Fort St. George of the 25th. instant read, adviseing of the Ramah's Arrivall, & promise that our indent for Stationary Ware shall be comply'd wth. & that this settlement shall have Credit for the Ordnance put on board the Stanhope.

Gen^l. Letter from Mad^s. of the 25th. instant read.
[to] Debt Fort St. George for the Ordnance on board Capt. Pitt's ship.

By the first Oppertunity we are to Send them some Gawls, being in great want of Ink.

Page, 100 pd. for Materialls for the Water Mill.

The Deputy Gov^r. reports he has advanc'd Mr. Newcome one hundred Pag^s. more, for materialls for the watermill at Horse tail Point w^{ch}. is ORDER'D to be paid him.

Mercht^s. pd. Pa fa Ca 4799. 18. 8.

He also reports he has lately paid the Mercht^s. Pagodas 4799. 18. 8 at Severall Payments.

Acco^t. of remains in the Storehouse presented.

Mess^{rs}. Tahourdin & Gilman presents the Acco^t. of remains in the Storehouse w^{ch}. is now interchangeably Sign'd.

Cuddalore Sea Custra. Acco^t. for June read.

Rob^t. Brooke Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for last month, the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 141. 13. 34. of w^{ch}. Pag^s. 88. — 8 is paid in part.

— JULY 1727 —

Robert Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore re[a]ds that Acco^t. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 63. 33. 32.

Cuddalore Land Cust^r. Acco^t. for June read.

Peter Tahourdin Storekeeper reads that Acco^t. for last month the ballance whereof paid him is Pag^s. 38. 21. 3.

Stork^r. Acco^t. for June read.

Rich^d. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenp^m. pays Pag^s. 114. 24. 24. in part of his last months ballance.

Tevenap^m. Sea & Land Cust^r. Acco^t. for June read.

He also reports there is a great want of Tarr in the Storehouse.

Tarr to be bought [for] the use of the [Ga]rrison.

ORDER'D a Sufficient quantity be bought for the use of the Garrison. Paymasters Acco^t. for last month read.

Paym^{rs}. Acco^t. for June read.

	Pa	fa	Ca
Charges Garrison	1103	16	30
Hospitall Charges	18	15	58
Peons & Servants Wages	266	27	—
Charges General	61	22	16
Charges Extraord ^y .	2	18	—
Fortifications & Repairs	3	14	12
Garrison Cost & Charges	4	12	2
Company's Garden	5	29	48
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diett	264	—	—
Pag ^s .	1780	11	6

ballance due from him Pa fa . Ca
99. 13. 36.

- G. M. PITT.
- AUG^s. BURTON.
- R. BERRIMAN.
- R. BROOKE.
- PETER TAHOURDIN.
- RICH^d. GILMAN.
- JN^o. GRAHAM.

Mad^m. La Febure went to Pond^{ry}.

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- THE WORSP^{ll}. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^a. DEP^y. GOV^r.
- MESS^{rs}. AUG^s. BURTON.
- ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
- ROB^t. BROOKE.
- PETER TAHOURDIN.
- RICH^d. GILMAN.
- JOHN GRAHAM.

3^d.

A Gen^{ll}. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. Presid^t. & Council of Madrass, advising that the Hon^{ble}. Court of Direct^{rs}. haveing this Year sent out a Commission to be executed by the President, Mr. Pitt & Mess^{rs}. Turner & Higginson & as they think the Deputy Gov^{rs}. presence necessary, they would have him come up thither as soon as possible, & leave the charge of this Settlement wth. Mr. Aug^s. Burton.

Gen^{ll}. Letter from Mad^s. advising of the New Commission. The Deputy Gov^r. to repair to Mad^s. Mr. Burton to be Prov^{ll}. Chief.

— AUGUST 1727 —

Arrack Farm & Quarters rent paid. The Arrack Farmer now pays in Pag^s. 300, for a Quarters Rent due the 8th. of June last.

Cash Accot. for July read & ballance paid Mr. Burton. The Deputy Gov^r. reads the Accot^t. of the Hon^{ble}. United Comp^{ys}. Cash for last month, the ballance whereof remaining is Pag^s. 13573. 29. 33 which he now delivers to M^r. Aug^s. Burton & the Accot^t. is interchangeably sign'd between them.

Rent^{rs}. a Complaint from them about the Grounds. Mess^{rs}. Gilman & Graham to take a Survey. The Renters have made a complaint that there has been great incroachm^t. made upon the Grounds since they took the Cowle the 1st. of July 1722—they desire that the Possessors of Severall Gardens may pay them a consideration according to the Value of the Ground, whether productive of Paddy or other Grain, which we finding to be a just demand Mess^{rs}. Gilman & Graham are appointed wth. the Renters to take a Survey, of these Lands, surreptions possess'd & make their Report.

G. M. PITT.
 AUG^s. BURTON.
 R. BERRIMAN.
 R. BROOKE.
 PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^d. GILMAN.
 JN^o. GRAHAM.

3^d. The Walpole & Lethuelier pass'd by from Europe.
 — A french Ship pass'd by, call'd the Ly's.
 — The Dep^{ty}. Gov^r. wth. Mess^{rs}. Tullie & Credock for Mad^a.
 4 The Rent^{rs}. Tasheriff'd & had 7 Guns.
 15 M^r. Walsh from Mad^s.

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WEDNES-
 DAY
 16th.

M^r. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROV^{LL}. CHIEF.
 MESS^{rs}. ROB^t. BERRIMAN. ROBERT BROOKE.
 PETER TAHOURDIN. RICHARD GILMAN.
 JOHN GRAHAM.

Gen^l. Letter from Mad^a. wth. Invoice & bill of lading of the Ramah. Gen^l Letter from the Hon^{ble}. Presid^t. & Council of Fort St. George of the 3^d. instant inclosing Invoice & bill of loading for Stationary Ware Sent us upon the Ramah Sloop.

Journall parcels read. Augustus Burton Accompt^t. reads the Journall Parcels.

Wareh^{se}. Accot. for July read. He also reads his Warehousek^{rs}. Accot^t. for last month ballance due from him
 pa ca
 287. —. 30.

Storek^{rs}. Accot. for July read. Rich^d. Gilman Storekeeper reads that Accot^t. for last month the ballance where-
 of due from him is Pag^s. 41. 28. 72.

Tevenapm. Sea & La. Cust^r. Accot. for July read. Rich^d. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Accot^t. for
 Pa fa Ca
 last month the ballance whereof due from him is 139. 30. 62.

— AUGUST 1727 —

Peter Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for last month ballance due from him is Pag^s. 71. 15. 34. which is now paid in.

Cuddalore Land Cust^r Acco^t. for July read.

Paucala Logabunda & Govindaram Chittee Renters of the weighing & measuring Duties pay Pag^s. 45 for a Quarters Rent due the last of June.

The Weighing & Measuring Duties A Quarters Rent paid.

Robert Brooke Land Customer of Cuddalore pays Pag^s. 63. 33. 32 in full of his last months ballance.

Cuddalore Land Cust^r ballance pd.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 500 be advanc'd Aug^s. Burton & Rob^t. Berriman Paymasters.

Paym^t. 500 Pag^s.

ORDER'D that fivety [sic] Pagodas be advanc'd Rich^d. Gilman Storekeeper.

Pag^s. 50 Advanc'd the Storekeeper.

The Justices deliver in an Award from the Arbitrators of Narrain on the one part & Chitraputra Suttan & Veranah on the other part, the latter to pay in the

An Award concerning Chittra puttra, Suttan & Veranah.

Pas fa Ca whole to Narrain 101 — 40 in 22 days Chitraputra Accordingly paid his Share being Pag^s. 24. 7. 40 the other two refusing to pay their Shares or the Penalty on forfeiture bond they joyntly Sign'd to stand to the Arbitrators decission.

ORDER'D that the Justices do sell the said Suttan and Veranah's houses and what Effects they can find of theirs to discharge their debt and keep them in prison till such time Each of them pays his Share; and to see the said Parties chuse other Arbitrators in another Dispute between them According to the Aforesaid Award.

their houses & Effects to be sold.

AUG^s. BURTON.
ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
JN^o. GRAHAM.

Mr. Osterhazen from Portonovo wth. Mr. Wilhelm sat out for Poard^{ry}.
Cap^t. Pit [sic] from Maddarass.

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MR. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROV^{LL}. CHIEF.
MESS^{rs}. ROB^t. BERRIMAN. R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN. RICH^d. GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

17th

Rec^d. a Gen^l. Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort S^t. George dated the 14th. instant requiring Mr. Burtons presence there & ordering him up imediately, he to deliver up the Warehouse to Mr. Berriman & the Cash to Mr. Graham which was accordingly done & he forthwith proceeded on his Journey.

Gen^l. Letter from Mad^r. Mr. Burton ord^d. up the Warehouse to be deliver'd Mr. Berriman & the Cash to Mr. Graham.

AUG^s. BURTON.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.
JN^o. GRAHAM.

— AUGUST 1727 —

- 17 Mr. Burton Sat [sic] out for Mad^s.
 19 Mr. Croke from Mad^s.
 — Mr. Osterhazen from Mad^s.
 20 Mr. Osterhazen went to Porto Novo wth. Mr^s. Berriman.
 21 Mons^r. Cordier from Pond^{ry}.
 — Mr. Berriman went to Porto Novo.
 — Mr. Cordier return'd to Pond^{ry}.
 — A Dutch Sloop pass'd by from Pullicat bound to Negap^m.
 22 The Dilligent a french Ship from Pond^{ry}. bound to Porto novo.
 — The Jupiter pass'd by for Acheen.
 25 A Dutch Parr pass'd by.
 26 Mr. Burton from Madrass.
 — A Dutch Parr pass'd by from Sadrass bound to Negap^m.
 — Mr. Berriman from Porto Novo.
 27 The Ramah Sloop from Mad^s.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

28th.

Mr. AUG^s. BURTON PROV^{LL}. CHIEF.
 MESS^{RS}. EDWARD CROKE. ROBT. BERRIMAN.
 ROBERT BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^D. GILMAN.

Mr. GRAHAM Sick.

Gen^l. Letter
from Mad^s.
by Mr.
Burton.
Mr. Croke to
enter upon
his employ.

Rec^d. a Gen^l. Letter from the President & Council of Fort St. George by Mr. Burton directing him on his Arrivall to take possession of the Government, & to receive the Cash, Mr. Croke to enter upon his employ of Accompt^t. & to send Mr. Smart thither.

Gen^l. Letter
to Mad^s. of
this days
date.

A Gen^l. Letter to the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George was now read & Sign'd acquainting them of Mr. Burtons receiving the Governm^t. and Cash also Mr. Croke receiving the list of books and papers in the Accomptants Office, & the Journall Parcels posted up to Ultimo July.

Sloop
Ramah
arrives.

Yesterday Sloop Ramah arrived and imported the Stationary Ware sent us from Fort St. George.

She is to be
return'd.

ORDER'D that she be fill'd with bales, & sent back immediately.

Mr. Burton's
travelling
charges to &
from Mad^s.
to be pd.

Mr. Aug^s. Burton produces an Acco^t. of his travelling Charges to & from Madrass Amounting to Pag^s. 23. 7. which is order'd to be paid.

Mr. Croke's
to be pd.

Mr. Croke also produces an Acco^t. of his travelling Charges Amo^t.ing to Pag^s. 12 which is order'd to be paid.

Journ^l.
parcels
read.

Mr. Aug^s. Burton reads the Journall parcels for July posted up to that time w^{ch}. he delivers to Mr. Croke with the Gen^l. Books & papers in the Accompt^{ts}. Office.

Cuddalore
Sea Cust^{rs}.
Acco^t. for
July read.

Robert Brooke Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for last month, Pa. fa. Ca. ballance due from him is 88. 6. 8.

— AUGUST 1727 —

ORDER'D that Mr. William Johnson assist the Storekeeper & Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam in the room of Mr. Wood Smart lately gone to Fort St. George.

Mr. Johnson order'd under Mr. Gilman in the room of Mr. Smart gone to Madras.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 1300 be Advanc'd Aug^s. Burton & Robert Berriman Paymasters to defray Charges Garrison.

Paym^r. 1300 Pag^s.

Robert Berriman Paymaster reads that Acco^t. for last month Particulars Viz^t.

Paym^r. Acco^t. for July read.

	Pa.	fa.	Ca.
Charges Garrison	1100	5	78
Hospitall Charges	23	11	74
Peons & Servants wages	268	29	—
Charges Generall	67	11	72
Charges Extraordinary	7	29	2
Fortifications & Repairs	—	33	48
Company's Garden	12	—	34
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diett	264	—	—
	1794	13	68

Ballance due from him Pa. fa. Ca. 104 35 48

Sadashavarrow & Tricom Chittee Bound Rent^{rs}. pay one Quarters Rent being Pag^s. 833. 12. due the last of March.

Bound Rent^{rs}. a Quarters rent paid.

They also pay Pag^s. 425. for a Quarters Rent due the last of April of the Tobacco & Beetle Farm.

Tobacco & Beetle Rent^{rs}. a Quarters [rent paid].

AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^d. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.
JN^o. GRAHAM.

The Ramah Sloop Sail'd to Mad^s.

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The Ship Stanhope Sail'd for Great Britain.

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MONDAY
11TH.

MR. AUG^s. BURTON PROV^{LL}. CHIEF.
MESS^{RS}. EDWARD CROKE. R. BERRIMAN.
ROBERT BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Gen^l. Letter from Mr. Sec^{ry}. Torriano of the 8th. Instant Serveing only to enclose invoice & bill of loading for eight Penknives sent by the Ramah Sloop, which we are to bring to Account.

A Gen^l. Letter with an Invoice of Penknives.

Gen^l. Letter to the President & Council of this days date, with Copys of our General Book's order'd to be dispatch'd to Fort St. George.

Gen^l. Letter to Mad^s. with our Gen^l. books.

Augustus Burton Warehousekeeper reads that Acco^t. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 188. 28. 10.

Wareh^{se}. Acco^t. for Aug^t. read.

— SEPTEMBER 1727 —

Tevenap^m.
Sea & L^d.
Customs.
Acco^t. for
Aug^t. read.

Rich^d. Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenap^m. reads that Acco^t. for last month the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 239. 22. 58 of which Pag^s. 180. is paid in part.

Storekeep^r.
Acco^t. for
Aug^t. read.

Rich^d. Gilman Storekeeper reads that Acco^t. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 19. 33.

Cuddalore
Land Cust^m.
Acco^t. for
Aug^t. read.

Peter Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for last month the Ballance whereof is Pag^s. 95. 25. 74. w^{ch}. is paid.

Cash Acco^t.
for Aug^t.
read.

Augustus Burton Prov^{ll}. Chief reads the Acco^t. of the Hon^{ble}. United Comp^{ys}. Cash, the Ballance whereof remaining is Pag^s. 6821. 2. 64.

Paym^{ts}. 500
Pag^s.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 500 be Advanc'd Aug^s. Burton and Robert Berriman Paymasters to defray Charges Garrison.

Storekeep^r.
50 Pag^s.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 50 be Advanc'd Rich^d. Gilman Storekeeper.

Ketchiah a
Conicoply
entertain'd
[in] the
Service.

ORDER'D that Ketchiah a Conicoply be entertain'd in the Service to assist the Sea Customer of Cuddalore in the room of Amble[ta.]dy lately Discharg'd.

AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^d. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.
JN^o. GRAHAM.

- 12 Mons^r. Gemins went to Mad^s.
20 Mad^m. Le Febure went to Pond^{ry}.
23 Tricom Chittee's Brigg^{no}. Sail'd for Mad^s. wth. Bales.
25 This morning Mr. Packer was found dead in the corner of his inward room with his throat Cutt.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY
26th.

MR. AUG^s. BURTON PROV^{ll}. CHIEF.
MESS^{rs}. EDWARD CROKE. ROBT. BERRIMAN.
ROBT. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

The Death
of Mr. John
Packer.

Mr. Aug^s. Burton Provisionall Chief acquaints the Board that he Summon'd the Council to advise them of John Packers death which he had knowledge of at about nine a Clock this Morning by Mr. Vezian wanting the key of the Accompt^s. Office knock'd at John Packers door, but perceiving no motion made within his Lodgings he sent a Servant in at the Window who open'd the door w^{ch}. Shewed John Packer lyeing on the ground on his back on a corner of the room his fists clinch'd, close by him laid a bloody knife and his Sword upon the Cott bended up the hilt the Gold head of his Cane quite Cutt off and carried away, his hand Scrutore broke open and his papers thrown upon the Cott, his Chest open and all his Cloaths Strow'd upon the ground.

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Mr. Burton also acquaints the Board that he immediately on his Viewing Mr. John Packer in this Condition order'd the Docter to examine his wounds and give in his report which is enter'd after this Consultation.

The
Surgeons
Examines
the Body.

The manner of his death and the circumstance herewith mention'd makes it appear that the said John Packer was murder'd.

Depositions
taken.

ORDER'D that depositions be forthwith taken of John Packers Servants Serj^{ts}. Corp^l. and Centrys of the Guards and all such Persons be Seized on & Confin'd that seems or gives any or the least Suspicion of being guilty of the murder.

All and every deposition be taken in due form and Sworn and to be enter'd after this Consultation.

By the Severall depositions herewith Annexed particularly of Will^m. Karr Serjeant & Henry Greir Centry at the Main Gate of the Fort from five to Seaven in the morning, appears that Peddu Dubash had a hand in the murder he absenting the place this very morning and coming into our bounds but last Night.

Peddu
supposed to
had [sic] a
hand in the
Murder.

ORDER'D that the Tom Tom be beaten at Tevenapatam, Cuddalore, Treppalora, Manjecopang, and all other places in the Companys Limitts to find out and Seize Peddu Dubash and all such persons to make his Appearance who has seen the said Dubash within the Space of four days past.

[Tom] Tom
beat to give
Notice [of it]
to Polli^{gr}.
to look out
for [him] &
a Reward of
Twenty
Pag^s. [offerd]
to the
Person that
find [him].

ORDER'D that Peons be sent all about the Country to Seize on Peddu Dubash and the Polli^{gr} to send out his Taliars in quest of him and twenty Pagodas reward to be given by the Hon^{ble}. Comp^y. to any Person that shall discover the said Dubash.

ORDER'D that Rich^d. Gilman and John Graham take an Acco^t. of all the Effects belonging to John Packer and have him buried with all the decency becoming his station.

AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^{pd}. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^{pd}. GILMAN.
JN^o. GRAHAM.

Sloop Ramah came from Mad^s.

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The de Ly's a french Ship bound for France.

GEORGE THREIPLAND Doctor Deposes that Mr. John Packer din'd and Sup'd with him Yesterday and Seem'd to be very chearfull the said John Packer went home from him at about nine at night in order to go to sleep the said George Threipland says that he wrote to the said John Packer but two days agoe for some money who answer'd him in writing that he had no more then two Pagodas w^{ch}. was at his Service.

Geo:
Threiplands
deposition.

Henry Nelson one of the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{rs}. Guard and Centry just at John Packers door from Seaven to nine at night deposes that the said John Packer came to his Lodgings at about nine at night and went immediately to Sleep and sent away his two Servants and lock'd the doors within Side after his Servants went out.

Henry
Nelsons
deposition.

Harvey Seal one of the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{rs}. Guard and Centry just at John Packers door of his Lodgings from three to five a Clock in the morning deposes that he heard a quart^r. before four a Shrieking and noise four or fives [sic] times over the

Harvey
Seals deposi-
tion.

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said Harvey Seal says that he could not tell whether the said Shrieking and noise came from the said John Packers room or from the Cloth Godown, the said Harvey Seal call'd out at the same time to the Serj^t. & Corp^{ls}. of the Main Guard to acquaint them of the Noise.

Benjamin
Barlows
deposition.

Benjamin Barlow Corporall of the main Guard deposes that Harvey Seal Centry at the Dep^y. Gov^{rs}. house call'd out to him before four a Clock in the morning & acquainted him wth. the noise which the s^d. Benjamin Barlow heard himself a great Shrieking he took his Launce & went wth. Tho^s. Roberts Corp^l. to the back Gate and enquir'd of the Centry of the noise and where about it was the Centry there told him that the noise was towards the Cloth Godown where he went, but found it not there and the said Corporall return'd to their Guard where the said Benjamin Barlow heard the noise again and took his Launce with him and went again with Thomas Roberts Corp^l. up to the Forthouse and so turn'd down by John Packers Lodgings and they again went to the back Gate when William Karr Serj^t. joyn'd them who enquir'd of the Centry there, whereabouts he thought the noise was, the Centry said that he took the noise to be towards the Cloth Godown, the said Benjamin Barlow on his going back again to his Guard in Comp^y. with the said Serj^t. William Karr and Thomas Roberts Corp^l. he heard a little Sighing from John Packers room.

[Thom]as
Roberts
[depo]sition.

Thomas Roberts Corp^l. but now his free Guard deposes that he was at the main Guard and heard a Shrieking noise and very Shrill twice and Seeing Benjamin Barlow Corp^l. of the Guard going for his Launce he the said Thomas Roberts went with him and so went together to the back Gate, the Centry there told them that he thought the noise was towards the Warehouse, where the Deponant went with Benj^a. Barlow but they heard nothing and so together they went again to their Guard from whence the said Deponant heard the noise again and went once more with the said Corporall Barlow towards and turn'd the corner of John Packers Lodg^{gs}. Serj^t. William Karr following them, then altogether they went to the back Gate where the said Serj^t. W^m. Karr enquir'd of the Centry where abouts the noise was who answered that it was towards the Warehouse, Gunroom and Armory and that way, the said Deponant Says that the said Serj^t. William Karr, Benjamin Barlow Corporall, and himself went to the Gunroom, and then to the Warehouse and found there two people a Sleep who was awaken'd by them and said that they heard no noise and the said William Karr Benj^a. Barlow Corporall, and himself returning again by John Packers Lodgings, the Deponant saw the window open and he heard a noise and Supposed that [John] Packer made it in his Sleep.

Wm. Karr
deposition.

William Karr Serj^t. Depos that [...] upon the Court of Guard about half an h[our...]three in the morning who heard a noise and Shreiking and Saw Thomas Roberts Corporall who was now free Guard but laid in the Fort and Benjamin Barlow Corp^l. of the Guard going towards the Forthouse and turn'd close towards the Corner of John Packers Lodg^{gs}; the Serj^t. William Karr followed the said Corp^l. and came up with them and went with them to the Centry of the back Gate and ask'd the said Centry whether he heard a Noise the said Centry said that he heard a Noise and beleived it to be from the Gunroom or Armory the said Serj^t. William Karr going that way with the said Corp^l. went first to the Warehouse and found the doors open but did not go in and then went to the Gunroom & found there Centry one Antigue, the said Serj^t. Will^m. Karr ask'd the Centry whether he heard a Noise who answer'd that he heard a noise and judged it to be towards the Warehouse the Cooper of the Garrison who is an Officer in the Gunroom was Awake when the said Serj^t. William Karr ask'd the Centry whether he heard a noise, the said Cooper said likewise that he heard the noise and beleived it to be towards the Warehouse, the said Serj^t. William Karr and the aforesaid Corp^l. went to the Warehouse and open'd the doors and found there a Sleep two Packers whom they awaken'd from their Sleep and ask'd the said Packers whether they heard a noise, they answer'd no, and then one of the Corp^{ls}. Benjamin Barlow went into the Godowns and saw nothing, from thence the said Serj^t. William

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Karr and the two Corp^l^s. aforesaid went towards John Packers Lodgings in their way to the main Guard, the s^d. Serj^t. W^m. Karr saw the Sash of the window of the s^d. John Packers Lodgings drawn up about Eight Inches, & likewise saw a Shade of some body walking within Side of the said Lodgings backwards & forwards, tho the room was darken'd at the same time the s^d. Serj^t. W^m. Karr said to the Corp^l. then that the noise must have been in John Packers room & supposed that the s^d. John Packer was beating his Serv^{ts}. Tho^s. Roberts Corp^l. made answer that he Supposed Mr. Packer was frighten'd in his dream & so made a noise the said Serj^t. and Corp^l. went to the Guard and heard no further Noise.

A Translate of Grua Dubash and Servant to Mr. John Packer deposes that he was at his Master's Lodgings when he came home which was about nine at night and brought with him another Servant a boy Named Ragounyclore that the said John Packer immediately undress'd to go to Sleep and sent away both his Servants and Shutt the doors within Side as Usual.

Packers
Servants
deposition.

A TRANSLATE of Ragounyclore a boy & Serv^t. to Mr. John Packer deposes that he came with his Master to his Lodgings at about nine a Clock and that the said John Packer his Master sent him home immediately wth. Grua his Dubash who was at the Lodgings of the said John Packer his Master where he came home, after the Servants was out that Mr. Packer shutt the doors within Side as Usual.

Serj^t. William Karr deposes that he Saw a Dubash Named Peddu going out of the Fort a little after the Gates were open'd muffled up with a Shaul about his face and the ends of it under his Arm the said Serj^t. ask'd the Dubash (as knowing him to be turn'd out of Mr. Harris's Service some time Agoe) who he Served now, the Dubash made answer no body then the said Serj^t. ask'd him what business he had in the Fort, the said Dubash made answer that he happen'd to fall A Sleep in the Fort when the Gates was Shutt then the said Serj^t. let him go, when the Centry took hold of him, and let him go again.

Willm. Karra
deposn.

Henry Greir Centry from five to Seaven a Clock in the morning at the Main Guard deposes that a little after five a Clock he Saw a fellow going out of the Fort Gate, the said Centry Stop'd him and said to him God damn you where are you a going in such hast and then Serj^t. Karr took hold of him and uncover'd him and call'd him by his name and then let him go.

Henry
Greirs
deposn.

Mr. Edward Harris Comp^{ys}. Servant deposes that he turn'd away a Dubash Named Peddu from his Service above two months ago by being Suspicious that he Stole Cap^t. Orrills Spoons, and then for not paying a Chittee fellow about four or five Pag^s. which the said Edward Harris gave to the said Dubash Peddu to pay the Chittee fellow for some Gingham he had bought of him.

Edward
Harris
deposition.

A Translate of Juggu father to the Dubash Peddu, deposes that his Son about two months ago was turn'd out of Mr. Harris's Service who went to Pondicherry directly in order to Recover some Debts there belonging to his said Son Peddu & so to go to Chellumbrum but whether he is at Pondicherry or Chellumbrum the said Deponant cannot tell, for he has not heard of him or saw him from that time to this.

Juggu
deposition.

A Translate of Moota Irsha formerly Servant to John Packer deposes that he was turn'd away by the said John Packer for Suspicion of his Stealing the Gram from his horse, the said Moota Irsha Says that Peddu Dubash ask'd him Severall times whether his Master was worth mony, and the said Peddu have been in his Masters room with Mr. Harris his Master Severall times but the said Moota Irsha have not Seen the said Peddu for above these two months, when the said Peddu ask'd him to go with him to Chellumbrum to the Moors feast.

Moota Irsha
deposn.

A Translate of Verabudra deposes that he was coming from Fort St. George hither some days ago where he saw Peddu the Dubash the said Peddu ask'd him when he was going to Fort St. David and offer'd to go with the said Verabudra and the said Peddu came together and pass'd Penniar River the said Peddu bid the said Verabudra go home for he had some business at Manjecopang this was last night.

Verabudra
deposn.

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Tricomq a
deposn.

A Translate of Tricomq a Packer in the Companys Pay deposes that he was Yesterday comeing into our Bounds the other Side Penniar River where he Saw Peddu Dubash comeing to the said River they could not pass without a Cattamarran the said Peddu got upon the Cattamarran and the Wife to the said Tricomq remained the other Side for want of Room on the Cattamarran.

Surgeon's
Report.

ON TUESDAY the Twenty Sixth Ins^d. I went by order of Mr. Augustus Burton Prov^l. Chief to examine the body of Mr. John Packer deceas'd where I observed, first a very large Wound on the fore part of the Neck which by its un-equall appearance and Jagged Lips Seem'd to have been made at two Stroaks and had Divided both the Windpipe and Gullet or Passage for the Element 2^d. a Superficial Wound of two Inches long and transverse from under the right Ear determinateing within one Inch of the large wound before mentioned 3^d. a very deep Wound on the inside of the left Thumb which had divided the Muscles and laid the Bones bare.

This is a true Report by
SEPT^r. 28th. 1727.

GEO : TREIPLAND
Surgⁿ.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY
30th.

MR. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROV^l. CHIEF.
MESS^{rs}. EDWARD CROKE. R. BEERIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GBAHAM.

Sloop
Ramah
arrived.

THE RAMAH Sloop Arrived this day and imported according to Invoice eight bales of BroadCloth and eight Penknives sent us by the President and Council of Fort St. George for the use of our Garrison.

Despatch
from
Madras.

ORDER'D that she be forthwith laden with the Comp^{ys}. Bales and sent back Again that she may return before the Monsoon Setts in.

Cuddalore
Sea
Customer
Accot. for
Aug^t.

R. BROOKE Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for last month the ballance whe[re]of due from him is Pag^s. 179. 12. 78 which he pays into Cash.

Fishes
come down
the River
which stops
the Peons
from
Travelling
Mr. Burton
supplies
the Comp^y.
with
[money
. . .]

MR. BURTON PROVISIONALL CHIEF acquaints the Board that he has advices of the fishes comeing down the River that the peons cannot venture to pass with the Supply of Cash the Presid^t. and Council hath sent us as p advice of the Sec^y. Torriano's Letter dated the 22^d. ins^t. Mr. Burton produces the Cash Acco^t. and having not Sufficient to defray the Charges Garrison for this month he offers to lend the Comp^y. the deficiency being Pagodas 1512. 1. 78.

ORDER'D that Sum be borrowed of him and to be repaid so soon as the Cash arrives and the Presid^t. and Council be advised thereof.

Paymasters
Acct. for
Aug^t. read.

ROBERT BEERIMAN Paymaster reads that Acco^t. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 91. 14. 30 Particulars Viz^t:

	Pa.	fa.	Ca.
Charges Garrison	1099	10	20
Hospitall Charges	18	21	54
Peons & Servants wages	270	5	—
Charges General	58	18	8
Charges Extraordry.	38	31	—
	1485	14	2

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	Brought over	...	1485	14	2
Fortifications & Repairs	1	30	10
Companys Garden	2	13	6
Charges Cattle	...	...	50	—	—
Charges Dyett	...	...	272	—	—
Accot. Curr ^t . Fort St. George	...	...	2	—	—
			<u>1813</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>18</u>

The extraordinary charges in the above Acco^t. is from Charges Extraordinary.

	Pa.	fa.	Ca.
Mess ^{rs} . Burton's & Croke's travelling Charges			
Moor's feast dyet for Prisoners &c ^a .	38	31	—
Fortifications & Repairs	1	30	10
Companys Garden	2	13	16
Charges Dyett encreas'd	48	—	—
Acco ^t . Curr ^t . Fort St. George Galls	2	—	—
	<u>PAGOD^s.</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>2 26</u>

ORDER'D that Pagodas 1300 be advanc'd Aug^s. Burton and Robert Berriman Paymasters. Pay Master advanced 1300 Pag^s.

THE ACCOMP^t. presents the Acco^t. Salary for Six months ending the 29th. instant amounting to Pag^s. 425. 23. 26 which is ORDER'D to be paid. Acco^t. Sellaray ordered to be paid.

THE BOUND RENTERS were sent for to be acquainted with Gunner George Sanders Petition for a peice of ground scituated near the Portugueze Church in the Colloway of 420 feet from N: to W: and 66 from N: to S: where he intends to build a house the Renter consented thereto. A peice of Ground granted to George Sanders.

ORDER'D that the Sec^{ry}. do deliver George Sanders a grant for the same he paying the Hon^{ble}. Company a Gratuity of half a Pagoda $\frac{1}{2}$ Annum.

OUR LETTER to the HON^{BLE}. PRESIDENT and COUNCIL of Fort St. George of this day's date is now read and Sign'd. Generall Letter to Madras Read.

ANTONY JOHNSON Topaze enter'd in Cap^t. DAVID WILSONS Comp^y. at 1. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ mensem commencing the 1st. Instant. A Topaze entertaind.

Mr. Burton Prov^{ll}. Chief acquaints the Board that he had advices last night from the Peons and Talliards he sent in quest of Peddu Dubash that he was seen the other day in Pennaruttee to change a Pagoda, he left that place the same day, the said Peons enquired after him at every Choultry they since pass'd and are told by the people that gave water to the said Peddu to drink in his way, that one of his hands is very much cut and was cover'd over with the Sleeve of his Coat he making use but with one hand to drink with, upon this advice Mr. Burton immediately sent Pitcha the Polligar with some more Talliards to the place he was directed by the said Peons. Peddu discover'd Peons sent to bring him in.

AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^d. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.
JN^o. GRAHAM.

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Present

WEDNES-
DAY 4.

MR. AUG^s. BURTON PROV^{ll}. CHIEF.
 MESS^{rs}. EDWARD CROKE. R. BERRIMAN.
 ROB^t. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

A General
from
Madras
wth. 10000
pag^s.

A Generall Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President and Council of Fort St. George dated the 23^d. ult^o. accompanying twenty Peons with 10000 Pag^s. came to hand Yesterday.

Mr. Burton
paid what
he had
advanced
for the
Comp^s.

Pag^s.
 ORDER'D that 1512. 1. 78 be paid Mr. Aug^s. Burton for what he Lent the Hon^{ble}. Comp^s. last month to defray Charges Garrison.

Broad Cloth
sent from
Madras.

The Sloop Ramah imported Eight bales of Broadcloth sent from Fort St. George for the use of our Garrison.

Pay Master
to have it
for the use
of the
Garrison.

ORDER'D to deliver out the Paymaster what Broadcloth he shall have Occasion for that use at Fort St. George Inv^{ce}. price he paying freight for the same.

Cash Acco^t.
for Sept^r.
Read.

CASH ACCO^t. for last month Read the Ball^{ce}. wanting is Pagodas 1512. 1. 78. borrowed of Mr. Burton.

Warehouse^r.
Acco^t. for
Sept^r. Read.

AUG^s. BURTON Warehousekeeper Reads that Acco^t. for last month the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 51. 19. 50.

Journal
Parcells
Read.

EDW^d. CROKE ACCOMP^t. READS the General [sic] Parcels to ultimo Augth. last.

Pay Mr.
advanced
500 Pag^s.

ORDER'D that 500 Pag^s. be advanced Aug^s. Burton and Robert Berriman Paymasters to defray Charges Garrison.

An Acco^t. of
Packers
Effects
delivered in.

MESS^{rs}. GILMAN AND GRAHAM produce an Account of Mr. John Packers Effects taken by them they report that they could not find a Will of the Said Deceas'd Mr. John Packer.

An outcray
to be
made of
Mr. Packers
Goods.

ORDER'D that his Effects be put up at Outcry and the Amount to be remitted Mr. Hammond his Attorney att Fort St. George who wrote to Mr. Aug^s. Burton PROV^{ll}. Chief a Letter concerning it and his Receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to the said Rich^d. Gilman and John Graham.

MR. BURTON PROV^{ll}. CHIEF Reports that he has had no Acco^t. of Peddu since what is related in our Consultation of the 30th. ultimo and that twenty Pag^s. is too small a reward for to find out the murder of Mr. John Packer or any of the Accomplices w^{ch}. was before offer'd in our Consultation of the 30th. ultimo.

A further
Reward of
100 Pag^s.
to any one
to bring in
Peddu.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 100 be given instead of 20 for a farther encouragement to any that shall find out and bring the murderer or any of the accomplices of said Murder, and papers, be affixed in all Languages throughout the Bounds to advise thereof.

AUG^s. BURTON.
 EDW^d. CROKE.
 R. BERRIMAN.
 R. BROOKE.
 PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^d. GILMAN.
 JN^o. GRAHAM.

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Mr. Morandire from Pond^{ry}.

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Peddu (the Murderer of John Packer) brought into the bounds.

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Present

MR. AUG^s. BURTON PROV^{ll}. CHIEF.
 MESS^{rs}. EDWARD CROKE. R. BERRIMAN.
 ROB^t. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

THURS-
 DAY
 5th.

A General Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President and Council of Fort St. George dated the 2^d. Ins^t. READ adviseing of the Arrival of the Briggantine with bales and Receiving the Depositions of the unfortunate murder of Mr. John Packer strenuously recommending us to the finding out of the Author or Authors of it and to Publish a reward of 100 Pag^s. to any one that shall declare him or them and a full Pardon to be granted to any accessory to it in order to bring the other or others to Punishment This is to be affixed in all parts of our bounds and also sent into the Country's describeing the Person of Peddu Suspected by us to be guilty of the murder and a description of him to be sent to the Hon^{ble}. President and Council.

A Generall
 Letter from
 Madras
 Concerning
 the Murder
 of Mr.
 Packer.

Mr. Burton yesterday acquaints the Board that he had no farther account of Peddu than what he reported the 30th. ultimo and that twenty Pagodas was to [o] Small a reward to find out the murderers of Mr. John Packer. It was then Judged necessary to issue out orders of a reward of 100 Pag^s. to be given to the discovery of the murder or any of the accomplices by affixing papers to all parts of the Bounds w^{ch}. was accordingly done being conformable to the late order receiv^d from the Presid^t. & Council of Fort St. George.

And Mr. Burton produces the Board a Letter he receiv^d at three a Clock this morning from Mons^r. Lenoir Gov^r. of Pondicherry adviseing of two of our Peons Seizing upon Peddu in a place called Wollagaree under his Jurisdiction he took the said Peddu from our Peons and put him in Irons and offer^d to deliver him up to Mr. Burton's order who sent Mons^r. Lenoir a Letter at 6 this morning to demand Peddu and Six Peons to guard him hither.

A Letter
 from the
 Gov^r. of
 Pond^{ry}.
 Relating to
 Peddu.

AGREED that affixing up papers of pardon throughout our Bounds and in the Country's round about us in the name of the Gov^r. and Council of Fort St. George to any accessory to the murder who shall discover the Author or Authors so as he or they may be brought to Punishment; Be deferr^d untill to morrow when Peddu will be present w^{ch}. will give a farther light how to proceed in it and the President and Council be acquainted therewith.

Two Peons Merabbooy and Hemombooy who Seized on Peddu and stays with him at Pondicherry sent Mr. Burton at three a Clock this morning by Peon Kistna a Gold head of a Cane bruised all to pieces and a Neck buckle of bath Mettal belonging to John Packer; which is now produced, the same was found upon Peddu when they laid hold on him who confess^d to them that he Stole it out of John Packers room in Tuesday morning but he deny^d at the same time to have a hand in the murdering of him.

Peddu
 Seized who
 is taken at
 Pond^{ry}.

Mr. Burton acquaints the Board that Vengarlah a Talliar and Chit Lingana a Peon belonging to the Comp^y. whom he sent in quest of Peddu saw a Peon Jamaul Cawn formerly an Inhabitant of this place who told them that he met Peddu with one Tylon Cast an Inhabitant at Trepopilore pass by Trevedee which Occasion^d the said Talliar and Peon to come back to Trepopilore and go into the house of said Tylon who they Seiz^d on and his family and brought them Yesterday Evening to Mr. Burton he order^d him to be Confin^d and Tylon to be put in Irons.

Tylon who
 assisted
 Peddu in his
 Escape
 Confined.

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Tylon
Examined.

THE SAID Tylon is now brought before the Board who Confesses that he heard Peddu came to his house on Tuesday morning but he was gone to gather fruit out of the bounds to sell for the maintenance of his family and return'd to his house at four or five in the Evening and saw Peddu there who Stay'd till the next morning when the said Tylon went out of the Bounds again as usual to gather fruit and met with Peddu, they went together to Trevidee where they saw Jamaul Cawn who occasion'd them to return back to Nellacoopung where Peddu hid himself and so the said Tylon came home to his house he acknowledg'd to have receiv'd of Peddu two fanams but that he did not pawn his Earrings neither did he see his Unkle with Peddu at Tombe Reddee Coopang, and says that he had no relations there.

Several
deposition
delivered in.

The Depositions of Nauchepah Wife to Tylon Ramaniah the Company's Corporal Peon, Moottu Comp^{rs}. Peon, Vencutteeputtee Talliar and Rama the Tom Tom fellow and a Translate of a Cadjan from Videe Reddee are enter'd after this Consultation.

TYLON is again sent for and examined upon the Depositions and in the presence of his Wife, Ramaniah, Moottu, Venketteeputtee, and Rama also the Cadjan of Videe Reddee Read to him, he deny's all and every thing therein mention'd.

It appears that Tylon was made privy to the murder and for not advising us of Peddu being at his house according to the notice given by the Tom Tom.

ORDER'D that he be put in Irons and kept in the Fort Prison untill further order from the Gov^r. and Council of Fort St. George.

Ranga &
Ramah
Bro^{rs}. to
Peddu
Examined.

Mr. Burton acquaints the Board that he had Confin'd Ranga & Rama Brother's to Peddu the former was taken and Seiz'd on by his order at Bombapollam in his way to Madrass by two of the Company's Peons Merabboy and Hemomboy the latter Peon brought him here and went again to joyn Merabboy in quest of Peddu.

Ranga Brother to Peddu is now sent for before Board and ask'd the reason of his going out of the Bounds just after the Tom Tom was beaten in Search of his Brother, he answer'd that he had no business in this place to maintain himself and was going to Madrass to Kistna the Arrack Renter who he had Served before for above two Years he was again ask'd when he had seen his Brother Peddu he made answer not these two months.

Nauchepa
wife to
Tylon
Examined.

Nauchepah the Wife of Tylon is now sent for in the presence of Ranga and ask'd whether she had Seen him on Tuesday morning at her house in Trepopilore talking there privately with Peddu according to the Depositions she had given, she answer'd that she saw this same man who she knew to be Ranga and Brother to Peddu at her house in Trepopilore, who with Peddu were talking together a great while, the said Ranga deny'd that he had seen either her or him for a long while especially Peddu he had not seen for these two months, they are both ORDER'D to wth. draw.

RAMA Brother to Peddu is now sent for before the Board and ask'd what business he had in this place to maintain himself, he answer'd no business but four fanams a month to Serve in the Arrack house at Tevenapatam where he for the most part sleeps for want of habitation, he was ask'd whether he had seen his Brother Peddu lately he made answer that he had not seen him for above these two months, he was again ask'd when he had seen his Brother Ranga, he said that his Brother Ranga slep't with him at the Arrack house in Tevenapatam on monday night with Nellatombe the Arrack Seller, Tham-Coottee Arrack Distiller and Venketty Kistna a Dubash who wait to Serve the Strangers that comes here, the said persons were sent for Separately and question'd about it they answer'd that Rama and Ranga did Sleep wth. them in the said Arrack house on monday night. accordingly they were dismiss'd.

A further
examina-
tion of
Rama &
Ranga.

The said Rama again ask'd whether he knew w[h]ere Peddu was who answer'd that he knew nothing of him or any one that had seen him of late but being press'd to tell the truth and a pardon offer'd him if he would declare the murderers or any of the accomplices he said that Ranga had told him yesterday that on Tuesday morning he went from the Arrack house to Trepopilore into the house of Tylon

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where he saw his Brother Peddu and talk'd with him there he knew nothing else but that his brother Ranga wanted to speak with him somewhat more but he would not hear him.

RANGA is now sent for in the presence of Rama who told the former that he should say that he was on Tuesday morning at Trepopilore in the house of Tylon where he saw and talk'd with Peddu, the said Ranga Confess'd it and that he was afraid to own it before that he had then seen & talk'd with Peddu in Tylon's house on Tuesday morning after he went a fishing at Trepopilore River then he went into the Town and wanted to drink water which Occasion'd him to go into Tylon's house where he saw Peddu his brother and talk'd with him for a little while and so he went away and promised to see him again in the Evening, but he did not go, They were each of them press'd to declare the murderers or any of the Accomplices upon grant of a pardon in the Name of the Presid^t. and Council of Fort St. George which they refused to do or give any farther answer than what is aforementioned.

ORDER'D that Ranga have Irons put on his Legs and hands and sent to the Cockhouse in Tevenapatam and Rama have Irons put on his Legs only and sent to the Cockhouse in Cuddalore, untill farther order from the Presid^t. and Council of Fort St. George.

Rama &
Ranga
Confined.

ORDER'D that Nauchepah, the Wife to Tylon be kept upon the Choultry with her Children, her house to be Chop'd untill farther order from the Presid^t. and Council of Fort St. George.

Nauchepah
Confined.

AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^p. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^p. GILMAN.
JN^o. GRAHAM.

A TRANSLATE of Nauchepah Wife to Tylon deposes that by times on Tuesday morning Peddu came to her house and at Six a Clock after Peddu was there her husband the said Tylon went away to gather fruit out of the Bounds as usual for to bring it to his Wife to sell for their maintenance in the mean time, the said Nauchepah ask'd Peddu what business he had there at her house so soon in the morning, the said Peddu answer'd that he did but just Arrive from Madrass and owed his Unkle money and had quarrel'd with him which was the reason that he came to hide himself there, then the said Nauchepah went away to sell fruit about the Town and before Dinner time she came home again and saw Peddu there for whom she dress'd some Victuals and gave him to Eat and about four or five in the Evening her husband Tylon came home and heard Peddu offer two fanams to carry him out of the Bounds and about Six or Seven at Night both her husband and Peddu went out of the house together and two days after the said Tylon her husband returned to his house by himself the said Nauchepah told him that the Tom Tom had been beaten that no body should hide Peddu without being made Slaves to the Company and forfeit their house and Effects, her husband made answer (Po) who should know that he carried Peddu out of the bounds, that Peddu had pawn'd his Jewells at Punnabruttee and gave him two fanams which will Serve him a great many days more than gathering of fruit, the said Nauchepah says that her husband has an Unkle at Tombe Reddee Coopang and that she saw Ranga Peddu's brother in her house talking.

Depositions
of Nauchepah.

A TRANSLATE of Ramaniah the Comp^{rs}. Corp^l. Peon deposes that when Mr. Burton order'd him to carry Yesterday Tylon in the Choultry Cockhouse and to put him in Irons the said Ramaniah told Tylon that he would not put him in the Cockhouse or in Irons if he would Confess the truth and offer'd him twenty Pagodas and took out his handkerchief at the same time and made a motion of

Rama
deposition.

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taking out the money and to give it immediately to the said Tylon who made answer (Po) what is twenty Pagoda's for he did not Value it so much as to brake his word for it for he must stand to his word, the said Ramaniah answer'd if you do not confess I beleive it will be your fortune to be hang'd, the s^d. Tylon made answer that he could not tell what his fortune will be, afterwards the said Ramaniah put him in the Cockhouse and came away.

Sundry
depositions.

A TRANSLATE of Moottu Company's Peon, Venketteputtee Talliar and Rama the Tom Tom fellow deposes that they heard Ramaniah the Corp^l. Peon offer'd twenty Pagodas to Tylon when the said Ramaniah was going to put him in Irons at the Choultry Cockhouse in Tevenapatam and the said Ramaniah made a motion of opening his handkerchief to take out the money for to give it him then the said Tylon made answer (Po) that he did not Value the money for his word was better, the said Ramaniah then put him up in the Cockhouse and went away.

Cadjan
from Viddee
Reddee
Renters.

TRANSLATE of a Cadjan given under Viddee's hand (Tylon's Unkle) a Weaver in Tombee Beddee Coopang by order of Videe Beddee.

That Tylon and Peddu came to my house on Wednesday night and brought with them some Rice and Slept there that night and talked of going to the Northward a Thursday morning they went away & afterwards Peddu returned and brought some Rice with him, Eat it, and went away, this is all that Videe knows.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*FRIDAY
6th.

MR. AUG^s. BURTON PROV^{LL}. CHIEF.
MESS^{rs}. EDWARD CROKE. ROBT. BERRIMAN.
ROBERT BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^p. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Peddu
brought into
the Bounds.

Mr. Augustus Burton Prov^{ll}. Chief acquaints the Board that Peddu was brought before him at about twelve a Clock last night, he order'd Irons to be put on his hands and Legs and Sent him Prisoner to the Cockhouse in the Fort and a Centry to be kept upon him with Orders that no one shall have any Conference with him.

he appears
afore the
Board &
makes his
first Confes-
sion.

Peddu is now sent for before the Board who answer'd and Confess'd himself in the English Language to all the Question's ask'd him directly as follows.

That he came from Fort St. George on purpose to rob Mr. John Packer and enter'd our Bounds on monday Evening, so soon as it was dark he went into the Fort and watch'd Mr. Packer's motion & found him to have been at Mr. Edward Harris's Lodgings before Eight a Clock at night when Mr. Packer's little boy went into Mr. Packer's Lodgings and carried in his black Silk Coat Peddu Silp'd into the Room after him and hid himself till the boy went out, afterwards he gott under the Couch in the first Room, Peddu about Nine at night saw Mr. Packer come into his Lodgings with his two Servants a little boy and a pretty tall boy go through that Room and went into the next room and he Set upon his Cott whils't he was undress'd then he bid his Servants go home and he went to the door and lock't it after they were gone out and so Mr. Packer went back again to his Cott and laid down to Sleep when Peddu likewise went to sleep under the Couch till about three a Clock in the morning then Peddu gott from under the Couch and pull'd off his Coat that it should not be found bloody and went into the room where Mr. Packer was laying down and gott at his Scrutore he perceived that Mr. Packer was wake who Call'd out who is there Peddu upon that

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went again into the first room to a Box of knives and forks that laid by the head of the Couch he had laid under and Snatch'd up a knife out of it and run to Mr. Packer and Cut him A Cross the throat who made a Shreiking noise twice or thrice and Call'd out Oh Lord Oh God and struggled with him at the same time when Peddu cut himself on the back of his left hand, then Peddu gave another Cut a Cross Mr. John Packer's throat and kill'd him Dead, then John Packer roll'd off from the Cott and fell down on the floor in the Corner of the room just by the head of the Cott, then Peddu open'd his Chest and took every thing out and strow'd it about the Room and broke open his Scrutore and took every thing out and put upon the Cott but could find nothing that he could carry away then he laid hold of his Silver hilted Sword and endeavour'd to brake off the hilt but he could not, so he put it A side then he took his Gold headed Cane and with a Pacote (the thing that he uses to cut Beetlenutt which he brought with him) Cut the Cane Clear off just under the head and Carried it away with him and nothing else belonging to Mr. Packer, as for the bath Mettal buckle he says that when he served Mr. Harris he was sent by him to Mr. Packer for a Muster of a Neck buckle which Peddu received of Mr. Packer then and made Mr. Harris a Silver one by it but kept the muster Peddu that whils't he was in Mr. Packer's room after he had kill'd him he saw the Soldiers pass by the Window to the Eastward Several times and about four a Clock when every thing was hush'd he gott out of that Window and went & laid down upon a Pyal just by the Armory Godowns till the Gun fir'd when he gott up and was a going out of the Main Gate, of the Fort, William Karr Serj^t. took hold of him and ask'd him what business he had there, he said that he came into the Fort, and tumbled to Sleep when the Gates were Shutt, Peddu Says that he then went directly to Trepopilore to the house of Tylon who he found at home with his Wife and the said Tylon went out presently after and return'd towards the Evening and after Six at Night Peddu promised Tylon two fanams if he would go along with him out of the Bounds, Tylon consented to it and they went to Punnahruttee where Peddu pawn'd his Earrings and gave Tylon two fanams and then they went together to Tombe Reddee Copang in a house where they Dress'd Victuals and eat but Peddu could not tell whether the Master of that house was any ways related to Tylon, and Peddu Says that he never did tell Tylon that he had committed murder but that he had owed his Unkle money and quarrel'd with him which was the Occasion of his running away Peddu likewise Says that his brother Ranga came to him on Tuesday morning and talk'd with him but not that he had confess'd to him the Murder he had committed on Mr. John Packer only he said that he came from Fort S^t. George that morning owed his Unkle money and had quarrel'd with him w^{ch}. was the Occasion of his hiding himself and that his brother Ranga promis'd to See him Again before the Evening but he never came.

ORDER'D that Peddu be again Sent to Prison with Irons on his hands and Legs and a Centry to be kept over him that no body shall have any Conference wth. him without the order of Mr. Burton. Peddu sent to Prison [sic].

Tylon is now sent for before the Board and ask'd whether he would Confess that he had been made privy by Peddu's means to the Murder of Mr. John Packer or whether he was at Peddu's house on Tuesday morning when Peddu came there or went with him at eight A Clock out of the Bounds or that Peddu pawn'd his Earrings at Punnahruttee and give him two fanams for his Trouble he was ask'd whether he had an Unkle in a place Call'd Tombe Reddee Coopang or went there to his house with Peddu or that his Wife Nauchepah when he return'd home told him any thing of the Tom Tom being beaten concerning Peddu, all which he denys and Says that he knew nothing more then what he said Yesterday. Tylon brought [a]gain before the [Bo]ard.

ORDER'D that Tylon be sent again to Prison with Irons on his hands and Legs. Tylon Returned to Prison [sic].

Ranga Brother to Peddu is sent for before the Board and ask'd whether Peddu had told him of the murder he had Committed on Mr. John Packer he answer'd no, nor does he know anything more then what he had told Yesterday.

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Ranga again
Examin'd.

ORDER'D that Ranga be sent Again to Prison with Irons on his hands and Legs.

Mr. Harris is sent for before the Board who Says that Ensign Brewster and himself walk'd upon the Curtains on Monday Evening, Mr. John Packer came to them and they went together to his Lodgings and they Stay'd with him there till about Seaven at night and Eat some Crabs together and then they went to Supper with the Docter.

AGREED that a grant of pardon be affixed in all Languages in and out of the Bounds in the name of the President and Council of Fort St. George to any Acces-sary to the murder of Mr. John Packer who shall discover the Author or Authors so as he or they may be brought to Punishment; be deferr'd and the President and Council be acquainted therewith.

A General to
Madrass wh.
Copy of
Consalta-
tions.

ORDER'D that a General Letter be sent to the President and Council of Fort St. George encloseing Yesterdays and this day's Consultation and Depositions.

P. 100
given two
Peons who
Caught
Peddu.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 100 be given to Merabboy and Hemomboy two of the Company's Peons who Seized and had taken Peddu and the Tom Tom be beaten all over the bounds to give Notice that the Company had given them such a Gratuity.

AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^p. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^p. GILMAN.
JN^o. GRAHAM.

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The 2 Peons that Caught Peddu a reward of 100 : given.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*SATURDAY
7th.

MR. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROV^{LL}. CHIEF.
MESS^{rs}. EDWARD CROKE. R. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^p. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Peddu
Second
Confes.

Mr. BURTON Acquaints the Board that he Summon'd them to tell them that Peddu had sent a Note to him in Gentue tongue by William Karr Serj^t. and [a] Message that he had Something more to impart concerning the murder of Mr. John Packer.

ORDER'D that Peddu be sent for before the Board and ask'd the reason of his Sending Such a Message.

Peddu Appears before the Board and is ask'd the reason of his Sending such a Message, he answer'd That he came from Madrass to get Service here his Brother in Law gave him Nine fanams there before he came away, when he came here which was on Monday Evening he went to the Washing Town Choultry at Tevenapatam from thence at past five a Clock he was coming to the Fort to look for Conavittee a Servant belonging to M^r. Hai]rstens and met with Mr. Vezeian the other Side of the Bridge from the Fort who said to him Peddu from whence

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did you come he answer'd from Trepopilore Mr. Vezian ask'd him whether he saw Trim Mr. Packer's Servant, Peddu answer'd that he did not See him, Mr. Vezian ask'd him whether he Serv'd any body, Peddu answer'd no, then Mr. Vezian bid him go along with him and if he would Serve him he wou'd give him A Pagoda $\frac{1}{2}$ month, so Peddu went along with him and they both walked together round the Colloway and so came back into the Fort together when Mr. Vezian call'd out to his Servant Grua, Grua and bid him lay the Table and then Mr. Vezian [w]ent towards the Cookroom and bid Peddu stay on [the] out Side of the Square where Mr. Vezian liv'd and at the door of the Square Mr. Vizians Servant laid the Table and he came & Sat down there and ask'd his Servant Moottu Kistnah for some water to drink afterwards his Servant bro^t. the Supper, when he was a Supp[in]g the Gunner pass'd by from his Lodgings with his Gown on, who Mr. Vezian saw and bid Peddu presently go into the Square and Stay there by the door, Mr. Vezian ask'd the Gunner whether he would Sup with him, the Gunner made answer that he did not care for Supper, this was almost Eight a Clock at Night, when Mr. Vezian had done his Supper he bid his Servant bring him a Pipe of Tobacco, after he had done Smoaking one Pipe he bid his Servants bring Water to wash his hands and face and then he bid his Serv^{ts}. go home which was about half an hour after Eight a Clock, then he Call'd Peddu and Carried him within the Square by his Lodgings and ask'd him whether he would kill Mr. Packer, Peddu answer'd that he cannot, then Mr. Vezian told him that he would go along with him and give him Something and promised that he should Serve him and he would give him a Pagoda a month, Peddu answer'd very well then Mr. Vezian Show'd him a place and bid him Sleep there and so he went into his room to Sleep and before three a Clock in the morning Mr. Vezian came to Peddu and awaked him out of his Sleep and carried him out of the Square towards the East window of Mr. Packer's Lodgings and gott up the Banisters (which goes round the house a little distance from it, where is Packer's Lodgings) when Mr. Vezian had got to the other Side of the Banisters he bid Peddu come too, then Mr. Vezian took up the Rattan window and gott into Mr. Packer's Lodgings, Peddu had then got over the Banisters, then he saw that Mr. Packer was awake and Peddu got likewise in at the window and saw Mr. Packer got up and took hold of his Sword Mr. Vezian took hold of the Sword and Wrench'd it out of Mr. Packer's hands and throw'd him upon the Cott and held him by his throat and his knees upon his belly Peddu was then Standing by the Cott and heard Mr. Packer call out twice together Oh Lord Oh God, Mr. Vezian bid Peddu bring him a knife, Peddu said that he did [not] know where a knife was, Mr. Vezian made answer that in the other room where was a Lighted Lamp and this Side the Chest lay a box of knives, Peddu accordingly went there and brought him a knife, then Mr. Vezian bid him cut Mr. Packers throat, which he had hold off at the same time, Peddu said that his hand Shook and he could not do it Mr. [Vez]ian again bid him Cutt and held Mr. Packer's throat to him, Peddu then gave a Cutt a Cross Mr. Packer's throat and cut at the Same time the back of his left hand then Mr. Vezian Snatch'd the knife out of Peddu's hand and Cut Mr. Packer's throat and kill'd him dead and afterwards roll'd him off of the Cott and got a key and went into the next room and brought Mr. Packer's hand Scrutore in the same room he had kill'd Mr. Packer and open'd it upon the Cott then he went into the next room and open'd his Chest and bid Peddu look into the Scrutore and see what he could find, but Peddu at that time got hold of Mr. Packer's Cane and Cut off the head (with a Pacote he brought with him w^{ch}. he used to cut his Beetlenutt, then Mr. Vezian said that he had got nothing and both went out again at the same window, which was almost four a Clock, and then Peddu ask'd Mr. Vezian for Something that he had promised) by that time they were again got into the Square Mr. Vezian answer'd you dog Sleep here and he would give him Something in the morning, then Mr. Vezian went into his room to Sleep and Peddu laid down in the Square until the Gun fir'd, then he was afraid to Stay after he knew what had been done and went out of the Fort, the said Peddu then repeated before the Board all the rest of his Transaction which was word for word According to our Consultation of Yesterday.

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Peddu
return'd to
Prison.

PEDDU was order'd to withdraw.

THE BOARD Debated on what Peddu had said when Mr. Edw^d. Croke reply'd that Cap^t Wilson should Say, what do you think if you should find a Gentleman had a hand in this murder, this was a day or two after the murder was Committed.

Capt. Wilson
Sent for.

ORDER'D that Cap^t. Wilson be sent for before the Board.

Mr. JOHN GRAHAM reply'd that he should have heard Mr. Vezian Say the same day Peddu had made his Confess[ion] when the Board had sent for all the Gentlemen in the Fort to have heard the Tryal among whom was Mr. Vezian, who should say so soon as the Consultation was over that how impudently Peddu had told his Story and that Mr. Vezian was afraid to look towards Peddu for fear he should have been Impeach'd by him.

Capt.
Wilson
appears
before the
Board.

CAP^t. DAVID WILSON appears before the Board and was ask'd the reason he had to Suspect any Gentlemen to have had a hand in the murder of Mr. John Packer he answer'd that he had no certain ground or reason to Suspect any Gentlemen, but that as he was talking with M^{rs}. Holcombe on this Affair she told him that some of her Acquaintance had Suggested that notion to her and that he made no farther enquiry into the particulars because she seem'd to be reserved and only hinting it as a bare Suggestion.

CAP^t. DAVID WILSON is Dismiss'd.

Mr. Burton
to speak to
M^{rs}. Hol-
combe
about some
expressions
us'd by her.

ORDER'D that Mr. Burton speak to M^{rs}. Holcombe about it and report it to the Board the next Consultation what she meant concerning [tho]se Expressions she had used.

Moodu
Vezian's
Servant
examin'd.

MOODU Mr. Vezians Servant is Sent for before the Board and ask'd whether his Master had any blood upon his Shirt or any of his Cloaths who answer'd that he Saw upon a Chair in his room on Wednesday a day after the murder of Mr. Packer, a White Handkerchief bloody be[lon]ging to his master which he then had put to the Washerman & Suppos'd that his Master had been in the Cookroom and Cut some Mutton or something else for his dinner or Cut his finger with his Penknife in makeing Pens.

MOODU was order'd to withdraw.

[En]quiry
made about
bloody
Shirt.

ORDER'D that Mr. Burton enquire of the Wash[er]man belonging to Mr. Vezian of the bloody Han[dke]rchief he had rec^d. of Moodu Mr. Vezians Servant and Report it at the Board next Consultation.

Mr. Vezian
appears
before the
Board.

M^r. VEZIAN is Sent for before the Board & was ask'd whether he was guilty of the murder of Mr. Packer that Peddu had impeach'd him & charg'd him with it Mr. Vezian deny'd it, then the Board told him what Peddu had said Mr. Vezian deny'd it again in a very insolent manner, then Peddu was sent for before and in the presence of Mr. Vezian and was order'd to tell him what he had to say concerning the murder of Mr. Packer, Peddu had began to speak as he had related to the Board and Mr. Vezian interrupted him in a very insolent manner, The Board order'd Mr. Vezian to hold his tongue until he had heard all that Peddu had to say, he answer'd very well, then Peddu was order'd to tell Mr. Vezian what he had to say and M^r. Vezian interrupted him again just when Peddu said that Mr. Vezian took hold of the Sword & wrench'd it out of Mr. Packer's hands, Mr. Vezian presently in an insolent manner [said] now Gentlemen how can it be possible [the] Sword could be bent in such a manner in a [Scuff]le, and to his certain knowledge that it could not be, for it must have been endeavour'd to have been broke off to carry away the hilt, Mr. Vezian was order'd to be carry'd A Side by the Guard.

Mr. Vezian was again sent for before the Board and was told that his behaviour there was very insolent, and gave but the more Suspicion that he had a hand in

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the murder by not hearing the Impeachm^t. against him from Peddu, & make such reply to it afterwards as was becomeing in his defence, he answer'd that [he] would be quiet & give Peddu leave to Say what he could.

PEDDU was again Sent for in the presence of Mr. Vezian [and] order'd to tell him what he had to say concerning the murder of Mr. John Packer. Peddu sent for.

PEDDU accordingly related to Mr. Vezian word for word as is here before mention'd. Peddu relates the Affair to Vezian.

M^r. VEZIAN made answer that he knew nothing of the matter and deny'd that he had a hand in the murder of Mr. Packer and said that he was never out of the Fort all that day nor did he put on his Cloaths, but went with his longdraws all that day and offers to bring his own Servants as Witnesses. Mr. Vezian deny's all.

PEDDU is order'd to withdraw.

MOODU KISTNAH Mr. Vezian's Serv^t. is now sent for before the Board in the presence of Mr. Vezian and ask'd whether he could remember that his Master was dress'd and had his Cloath's on, Moodu answer'd that he came from Cuddalore on Monday night before Seaven a Clock and Saw his Master dress'd and standing by the Docters window. Moodu Kistnah again examin'd.

MOODU KISTNAH Mr. Vezian's Servant is order'd to withdraw. He with-draws.

GRUA Servant to Mr. Vezian is now sent [for] before the board in the presence of Mr. Vezian his Master & ask'd whether his Master was dress'd on Monday, Grua answer'd that his Master was dress'd before he came to him which was about four a Clock in the afternoon and that his Master went out of the Fort that same Evening and return'd again at about half an hour after Six a Clock. Grua Vezians Serv^t. examin'd.

GRUA Servant to Mr. Vezian is order'd to withdraw.

M^r. VEZIAN deny'd what his Servants had said and says that he did not dress himself all that day neither was he out of the Fort. [Vezian deny's wt. [his] Serv^t. Says.

M^r. VEZIAN is order'd to withdraw.

THE BOARD debated that it appear'd very Suspicious Mr. Vezian had a hand in the murder of Mr. John Packer and his behaviour was very insolent by his endeavouring to Confound Peddu in the Impeachment. [Vezian Sent to Prison.

ORDER'D that Mr. Vezian be confin'd in a Godown under the Lodgings on the main Guard of the Fort and have a Centry put over him that no body have any conference with him but by order of Mr. Burton Prov^{ll}. Chief.

MOODU KISTNAH Serv^t. to Mr. Vezian is again sent for before the Board & gives in his deposition w^{ch}. is enter'd after this Consultation. Moodu Kistnah again Examin'd.

GRUA Servant to Mr. Vezian is again sent for before the Board & gives in his deposition w^{ch}. [is] enter'd after this Consultation. Grua examin'd again.

GEORGE THREIPLAND Docter is sent for before the Board & ask'd when he saw Mr. Vezian, he answer'd on Monday night about Seven a Clock that he saw him at his window and dress'd with all his Cloaths on & a Cap upon his head. George Threipland examin'd.

ORDER'D that Mess^{rs}. Gilman & Graham do immediately go and Seal up the door's of Mr. Vezian's Lodgings & secure what he has there. the doors of Vezian's rooms to be Seal'd up.

GEORGE SANDERS GUNNER is now sent for before the Board & ask'd whether on monday night before eight a Clock he pass'd [by] the door of the Square, he answer'd that he did and saw Mr. Vezian sitting there at Supper, he [ca]ll'd out to the Gunner to Sup with him the Gunner made answer that he did not care for Supper. Geo : Sanders examin'd.

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Mr. Vezian's
Answer to
wt. Mr.
Graham had
said.

MR. VEZIAN is again sent for & acquainted what Mr. Graham had told the Board he answer'd he did not say so, but he confess'd that he should have said that Peddu look'd so impudent at his first Confession that he was afraid that Peddu would look on him and impeach him.

Mr. Vezian
return'd to
Prison.

ORDER'D that a Guard be sent for, and Mr. Vezian be carried away to Prison as is here before order'd.

AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^d. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.
JN^o. GRAHAM.

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Mr. Vezian confin'd upon Suspicion.

Sloops belonging to the French [ca]me in our River to winter her[e].

Mons^r Morandire went to Pond^{ry}.

Mood
Kistnah's
Deposition.

MOODU KISTNAH Mr. Vezian's Servant deposes that half an hour after twelve his Master [ha]d Eat his Dinner and bid Kistna his Servant go home & so [go] to Cuddalore and bring him four fanams of Pipes when he return'd to his Master in the Fort was about Seven at night who was at the Docter's window the outside of the Docters Lodgings talking with some Gentlemen that were within he was dress'd with his Shoes & Stockings, Coat, Wastcoat & Breeches a Cap upon his head & a Cane in his hand the said Moodu Kistnah went to him there & his Master Mr. Vezian ask'd him whether he had brought the Pipes, he answer'd yes, then Mr. Vezian bid him go and lay the Cloth out of the Square just before the door, then bid him go into the Cook room and get him some Eggs and Bacon for Supper, w^{ch}. he did and brought it at the [Sq]uare door when Mr. Vezian was a Eating the Gunner [pa]ss'd by, Mr. Vezian called out to him to come to Supper, [the] Gunner said that he did not care for Supping & so went away, after Mr. Vezian had done his Supper, he bid his Servant bring his night Cloaths, then a Pipe of Tobacco, & then he bid them take up the Chair & carry it within and go home, which was about half an hour after eight A Clock, then the said Kistnah and Grua both Servants to Mr. Vezian and two Servants belonging to Ensign Brewster Comrah and Venkee went all home together, the next morning at Seven a Clock he came again and found his Master at the Gunners door then he went [to] the Square and got Toast and Milk ready for his Breakfast as usuall then his Master came from the G[unn]ers and bid him put a Chair at the door of the [Sq]uare and there he carried the Toast and milk, after [he] had Eat his Breakfast he went to the Fort house and Kistnah was at home getting Cloaths ready for his Master to Dress, at about ten a Clock his Master came home and dress'd himself, the said Moodu Kistnah Says that his Master never sent him home at night so soon as at half an hour after eight a Clock & very seldom his master used to get up at Seven in the morning except he had Business to do in the Office, but this morning he found him at the Gunners door, the said Moodu Kistnah deposes that the next day after the murder being committed on Wednesday, Grua another Servant belonging to Mr. Vezian Shew'd him a white Handkerchief with redd Stripes, bloo[dy] lyeing upon a Chair which he gave to the Washerman, then the Washerman ask'd him how came this blood upon the Handkerchief, Moodu Kistnah made answer that he used to go to the Cookroom himself and cut some meat perhaps this blood came that way or his Cutting of Pens, perhaps he had cut his finger, and so gave the Cloaths to the Washerman.

Grua's
Deposition.

GRUA Mr. Vezian's Servant deposes that on monday after he went home to Dinner he came again to his Master at about four a Clock & found his Master dress'd wth. Shoes, Stockings, Coat & Wastcoat & a Cap upon his head & a Cane

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in his hand & a little while af[ter] his master came out of the Fort at about half an [hou]r after Six or near Seven a Clock his Master came [into] the Fort & went to the Docters door where he was walking about, Grua was then at the Square door, where his Master liv'd, & saw him, then came Moodu Kistnah from Cuddalore with the Pipes and ask'd him where was his Master, Grua answer'd that his Master was there walking at the Docters door, then Moodu Kistnah went to his Master at the Docters and came back again and bid Grua lay the Table at the Square door and Moodu Kistnah went then into the Cookroom and brought some Eggs & Bacon and laid it upon the Table then his Master M^r. Vezian came and sat at Table which was before Eight a Clock, after his Master had done Eating, bid him bring the night C[loa]ths and undress'd himself and after Grua had carried his Coat and other Cloaths that his Master had pull'd off into his Lodgings, then his Master order'd him to bring a pipe of Tobacco then he Smoak'd his pipe out and order'd him and Moodu to Carry in the Chair and bid them go home, which was about half an hour after Eight a Clock; then he & Moodu, Comrah & Venkee went home together, the next morning Grua came to the Fort a little after Seven a Clock and found his Master at the Gunners, he went and got ready the Toast and Milk, his Master came home and Eat it and then he went towards the Forthouse, the next day he saw his Master's white Han[dk]erchief upon the Chair in his room bloody and Grua went and told Moodu Kistnah of it, that same morning Moodu Kistnah put the Cloaths to the Washerman, the Washerman ask'd what was that blood, Moodu Kistnah answer'd that he beleived his Master had been Cutting some meat in the Cookroom or been Cutting Pens perhaps he had cut his finger.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

M^r. AUG^s. BURTON PROV^{LL}. CHIEF.
 MESS^{rs}. EDWARD CROKE. ROBERT BERRIMAN.
 ROBERT BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^p. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

SUNDAY
8TH.

THE BOARD met & agreed to go into M^r. Vezians Lodg^{gs}. & Search there for any thing belonging to M^r. Packer, & to look upon M^r. Vezians Cloaths & see whether any thing bloody was to be found upon them, some of M^r. Vezians Cloaths are found bloody.

M^r. Vezian's
Lodgings
Search'd.

ORDER'D that the Docter examine them & give his opinion of them in writing which is enter'd after this Consultation.

the Doct^r.
to examine
the bloody
Cloaths.

THE BOARD again met & agreed to send for Peddu, and examine him over again upon his impeachm^t. on M^r. Peter Vezian being accessory wth. him in the murder of M^r. John Packer.

Peddu again
examin'd.

PEDDU appears before the Board, & is required to give an Acco^t. of his impeaching M^r. Peter Vezian on the murder of M^r. John Packer, Peddu accordingly gives an Acco^t. exactly word for word as he did Yesterday, & making a farther addition which is as follows.

Peddu Says that M^r. Vezian came f[rom] his room before three a clock in the morning barefooted & [wth.] no other Cloaths on than a Shirt, a pair of long-draws & a Cap, upon his head, & when he went out of M^r. Packers Lodgings he had never a Cap upon his head w^{ch}. was left behind in M^r. Packers Lodgings,

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when they went into the Square Mr. Vezians Shirt & Drawers were very bloody Mr. Vezian sat down upon a Chair at his door & pull'd off his bloody Cloaths & thrust it wth. a Cane or a Stick into the Sink which is in the Square, & just by the Lodgings of Mr. Vezian who afterwards ask'd Peddu whether he had any blood upon him, Peddu answer'd no, and so Mr. Vezian went into his room to Sleep, and bid Peddu Sleep in the Square, at five in the morning Peddu was afraid to Stay for fear of being found out he made the best of his way out of the Fort, And repeated every thing Since as is mention'd in his first declaration Peddu was order'd to be Carried back from whence he came to Prison.

The Sink in
the Fort
to be
examin'd.

ORDER'D that the Sink in the Square just by Mr. Vezians Lodgings, or rather the Common Shoar or Channel to Convey the water, out that [Side] of the [Fort] be open'd & Search'd as far as it can be done without damaging any the Walls or Lodgings.

Tom Tom
to be [beat]
about the
[blo]ody
Shirt or
[d]rawers.

ORDER'D that the Tom Tom be beaten & a Pag^a. reward offer'd to any who shall produce the bloody Shirt or Drawers that may be found & taken up by the Channel out of the Fort, the rains that have fallen Since that Disaster might have Carried the said Shirt & Drawers clearly out.

Paper from
[Mr. Ve]-
zian.

Mr. Burton Produces to the Board a paper he rec^d. last night from Mr. Peter Vezian w^{ch}. is [en]ter'd after this Consultation.

Moodu
Mr. Vezians
Servt gives
[an]
Accot. of his
[C]loaths.

Moodu Mr. Vezians Servant is sent for before the Board to give an Accot^t. of his Masters Cloaths, w^{ch}. he now takes an Accot^t. off and finds only a pair of white longdrawers missing he can give no Accot^t. of his Caps, being very old, torn & good for nothing, so there was no Accot^t. kept of it.

[A] bloody
Hand-
ker[chi]ef
found at the
[Wa]sherman's

Mr. Burton reports that the Washerman who Carried Mr. Vezians Cloaths Said that a day or two after the murder he went to Mr. Vezians room for his foul Cloths, his Servant Moodu Kistnah gave them to him, among w^{ch}. there was a [wh]ite Handkerchief red Striped very much bloody the Wash[er]man ask'd Moodu the meaning of it, Moodu made answer [it] may be that his Master went into the Cookroom and [cut] some Mutton or Something else there, and told the Washerman what's that to you, & bid him carry away the Cloaths the Washerman said nothing of it to Mr. Burton, because he took Mr. Vezian to be a Gentleman, & that he could not do such a thing as murder w^{ch}. was the Occasion of his not complaining to Mr. Burton According to the order he had given to all the Washermen.

Mr. John Graham reports that Mr. Vezian had sent for him & desired him to Speak to the Board, that he might have an answer to the paper he Sent Mr. Burton which is enter'd after this Consultation.

AGREED that no Answer shall be sent to that Paper, that the Board would send for Mr. Vezian in proper times & read to him his Accusation & hear all and every defence he shall make in due form.

All the
Comp^{ys}.
Servts to
give in
writing an
Accot. of
Mr. Vezians
behaviour.

ORDER'D that all the Comp^{ys}. Servants Officer's, Docter, Gunner, all and every Person or Person's Mr. Vezian was known to converse with be sent for & order'd to give into the Board in writing an Accot^t. of Mr. Vezians Behaviour since the murder of Mr. John Packer & all such expressio[ns] & Actions as may any way tend to Suspicion of his being guilty or had a hand in the murder of said John Packer.

Mrs. Hol-
combe's
Answer.

Mr. Burton reports that he has ask'd Mrs. Holcombe whether she had utter'd to Cap^t. Wilson or told him that some of her acquaintance had Suggested that a Gentlem[an] sho[uld] have had a hand in the murder of Mr. John Packer Mrs. Holcombe reply'd, that she herself only Suggested such a thing by the Character Mr. Vezian had in this place for a great reprobate.

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Mr. Berriman tells the Board that a little before the murder was Committed Mr. Vezeian went to him & ask'd Mr. Berriman to lend him 21 Pag^s. & said that he had mony come out of England this Year in the hands of Mr. Franks who wrote him that he would Send it him in a few days when he would again pay him; & that he has reasons now to beleive that Mr. Vezeian did not tell him true.

Mr. Berriman acquaints ye. board of some mony he lent Mr. Vezeian.

AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^d. CROKE.
R. [BE]RRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.
JN^o. GRAHAM.

BY ORDER OF Mr. Augustus Burton Prov^l. Chief I examined Some Linen of Mr. Vezeian's and found the back part of a Shirt & a pair of Drawers Stain'd with a bloody Slime which I beleive is the Effect of a Distemper, he has for some time complain'd off.

[Surgeons report.

GEO: THREIPLAND.

Peddu's Accusation

He deposes that on monday the 25th. d[ay] of Sept^r. he saw me on the bridge, & I having called to him ask'd whether he had any Service or if had Seen Trim formerly Servant to Mr. Packer & that afterwards he went & took a turn in the Colloway, & came in the Fort, & heard me call for my Servant & order him to lay the Table Cloth, at the door, & that afterwards I proposed to him the taking away of Mr. Packer's life to w^{ch}. he answer'd that he cou'd not do it himself but that I reply'd I would help him & that I would give him a Pagoda a month to Serve me if he would assist me.

[Mr. Vezeian's answer [deliv]er'd in writing to [Ped]du's accusa[tion].

In answer to this accusation I declare that I never saw the [sa]id Peddu Since Mr. Harris had dismissed him of his Service [to t]he best of my knowledge, that it may be likely enough of [...] hearing of me call my Servants to bring my Cap, but I remember I went to the Cookroom & order'd the Cook to frye me some Eggs, & Stayed Some Small time at the Docters window who then was Setting at his Scrutore, playing on the flute on Comp^v. wth. Mr. Dockraw that I went away & than told my Serv^t. to lay my Cloth w^{ch}. Still he might hear, & I not See him. being then very Dark. but to think it Strange for me to ask one who I had not Seen some time, w^{ch}. he declares to have been at Madrass, more then that was Seen to come in the bounds monday morning, & told his Companion not to take any notice of his being there, for me I say to ask that man to kill another & to reward him only by taking of him in my Service & give a Pagoda a month, I should think that man must have hinted of it to him before which could not be done, but by having kept a Correspondence wth. him, while he was abroad.

He declares that we both came into the window & that awakeing of Mr. Packer, he & I Struggled together, & that he reach'd his Sword, & that I wrench'd it, by w^{ch}. means he could not draw it, the Sword is yet to be produced, & I am Sure may Soon be known whether that wrench in it could have been done in a Struggle.

As to the murthering of the Gentleman he further declares that he & I ask'd one another who should kill him; & that he went to fetch a knife, but that he Cut his hand (but how he said it happen'd I can't tell) but that I took the knife & Cut his throat, I am Sure that if all this happened as he falsly declares Mr. Packer would have had time enough to a Cryed out, more than [he] was heard to do, & that the Centry must have heard the Strug[glin]g between he & I.

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Mr. Harris can Justify that I was there at the time when Mr. Threipland sent to him a note, for some mony, & that Mr. Packer Said at paying of it that was all that he had so that I could not go for mony when I knew he had none. This is all I can Say to his Accusation at Present my thoughts being so frustrated at his false Impeachment that I may have forgott a great deal of his deposition, but I am Yet in hopes to be favour'd wth. a Copy of them & then I should do my endeavours to answer them to, in a handsome manner & shew you my innocence.

I would beg the favour Sr. that the [first] time Peddu is called before the Board you would [ask him] the following Questions.

- 1st. Why he did not accuse me Yesterday.
- 2 Whether he has rec^d. any mony from me at any time.
- 3 If I gave any reason why I should propose the killing of Mr. Packer.
- 4 Why he did not Say he Served me when Serj^t. Karr Stopped him at the Fort Gate, or that he came to speak wth. me the night before.
- 5 Whether I took any thing out of the room.
- 6 How I was dress'd when the murder was committed.
- 7 Whether I was bloody any where.
- 8 How we came to meet in the morning.

I am

Sr.

Your most Humble Servant

PETER VIZIAN.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*MONDAY
9TH.

MR. AUG^s. BURTON PROV^{LL}. CHIEF.
MESS^{RS}. EDW^D. CROKE. ROB^T. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^D. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Several
Depositions
deliver'd in.

Mr. Graham produces to the Board Several depositions given by the Gentlemen in the Fort under their own hands. who have in any ways been Conversant wth. Mr. Peter Vezeian since the murder of Mr. John Packer.

W^m. Johnson; Rich^d. Dockwra Comp^{ys}. Servants.

Nathaniel Ross Ensign, Benjamin Brewster Ensign.

George Sanders Gunner, George Threipland Surgeon.

ORDER'D that every one Swear to the foregoing Papers, & be enter'd after this Consultation.

Copy of a
Par of a
Letter from
Wood Smart
to Wm.
Johnson.

Mr. Burton produces to the Board a Copy of a Par: [of a] Letter dated the 15th. Sep^r to Mr. Johnson wrote him from Fort St. George by Mr. Wood Smart w^{ch}. he order'd to be taken & is. I shall in a day or two give you Some Acco^t. of Vezeian & let you See how base a fellow he is; take this from me you may as well let a Bear or Tyger come into your rooms as him.

Peddu again
impeaches
Vezeian.

PEDDU is now sent for before the Board, & ask'd to tell the truth concerning the murder of Mr. John Packer who Says that he had told the truth before & that Mr. Vezeian had a hand in the killing of Mr. Packer, or rather the Principle Peddu was again ask'd to tell the manner of it w^{ch}. he repeated over in English word for word in the Same manner as to the Substance set down in the two last Consultations of the 7th. & 8th. Instant.

Peddu is order'd to withdraw.

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Mr. Peter Vezian is sent for before the Board & ask'd whether he had a hand in the murder of Mr. John Packer or not, he answer'd no, he was again ask'd whether he knew any body that had, he Again answer'd that he did not know any thing of the matter, he was told that Peddu had again impeach'd him in the very Same manner he had done before, & Several other Circumstances appear'd against him by the expressions he had used from his own mouth Since the murder of Mr. Packer makes it very Suspicious that he was Guilty, Mr. Peter Vezian Answer'd, that he had no hand in the murder of Mr. John Packer.

Vezian
deny's all.

Peddu is sent for before the Board in the presence of Mr. Peter Vezian & Demanded to tell what he knew of the murder of Mr. John Packer, Peddu answer'd that Mr. Vezian was the occasion of Mr. Packers murder, Peddu was then order'd to tell Mr. Vezian how & in what manner Mr. Vezian could be acc[essa]ry to it, Peddu then reply'd as follows.

Peddu
relates the
Story before
Vezian.

THAT he came from Madrass to get Service here, his Brother in law gave him 9 fanams there before he came away when he came here, w^{ch}. was on Monday Evening he went to the washing Town Choultry at Tevenapatam from thence at Past 5 a Clock, he was coming to the Fort to look for Conavettee a Servant belonging to Mr. Hairstens, & met with Mr. Vezian the other Side of the bridge from the Fort, who said to him Peddu from whence did you come he answer'd from Trepopilore, Mr. Vezian ask'd him whether he Saw Trim Packers Serv^t., Peddu answer'd that he did not See him, Mr. Vezian ask'd him whether he Served any body, Peddu answer'd no, than Mr. Vezian bid him go along with him & if he would Serve him he would give him a Pagoda $\frac{3}{4}$ month [So] Peddu went along with him, & they both walked together [round] the Colloway, & so came back into the Fort together, w[hen] Mr. Vezian call'd out to his Serv^t. Grua Grua & bid him lay the Table, & then Mr. Vezian went towards the Cookroom & bid Peddu stay on the outside of the Square, where Mr. Vezian lived, & at the door of the Square Mr. Vezian's Serv^t. laid the Table, & he came & sat down there & ask'd his Servant Moottu Kistnah for some water to drink afterwards his Servants brought the Supper when he was a Supping the Gunner pass'd by from his Lodgings with his Gown on, who Mr. Vezian saw & bid Peddu presently go into the Square & Stay there by the door, Mr. Vezian ask'd the Gunner whether he would Sup with him the Gunner made Answer that he did not care for Supper, this was almost eight a Clock at night when Mr. Vezian had done his Supper he bid his Servants bring him a Pipe of Tobacco after he had done Smoaking one pipe he bid his Servants bring water to wash his hands & face, & then he bid his Servants go home, which was about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour after eight a Clock, then he call'd Peddu & Carried him within the Square by his Lodgings & ask't him whether he would kill Mr. Packer, Peddu Answer'd that he cannot than Mr. Vezian told him that he would go along wth. him & give him Something & promised that he should Serve him, & he would give him a Pagoda a month, Peddu answer'd very well than Mr. Vezian shew'd him a place & bid him Sleep there & so he went into his room to Sleep & before three a Clock in the morning Mr. Vezian came to Peddu & Awaked him out of his Sleep & carried him out of the Square, toward's the East window of Mr. Packer's Lodgings, & [...] up the Banisters w^{ch}. goes round the house a little di[st]ance from it where is Packers Lodgings when Mr. Vezian had got the other side of the Banisters, he bid Peddu come too, then Mr. Vezian took up the rattan window & got into Mr. Packers Lodgings, Peddu had then got over the Banisters when he Saw that Mr. Packer was awaked & Peddu got likewise in at the window, & Saw Mr. Packer get up & took hold of his Sword, Mr. Vezian took hold of the Sword & wrench'd it out of Mr. Packer's hands, & throw'd him upon the Cott, & held him by his throat, & his knees upon his belly Peddu was then Standing by the Cott, & heard Mr. Packer call out twice together Oh Lord, Oh God. Mr. Vezian bid Peddu bring him a knife, Peddu Said that he did not know where a knife was Mr. Vezian made answer that in the other room where was a lighted Lamp, & this side the Chest, lay a box of knives. Peddu accordingly went there & brought him a knife, then Mr. Vezian bid him Cut Mr. Packer's throat w^{ch}. he had hold off at the Same time,

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Peddu said that his hands Shook and he could not do it, Mr. Vezian again bid him Cut and held Mr. Packer's throat to him Peddu then gave a Cut A Cross Mr. Packers throat and Cut at the Same time the back of his left hand, then Mr. Vezian Snatch'd the knife out of Peddu's hands and Cut Mr. Packer's throat & kill'd him dead & afterwards roll'd him off the Cott and got a key and went into the next room & brought Mr. Packers hand Scrutore in the same Room & open'd it upon the Cot, then he went into the next room & Open'd his Chest, & bid Peddu look into the Scrutore and See what he could find, but Peddu at that time got hold of Mr. Packer's Cane & cut off the head with a Pocote, he brought with him which he us'd to Cutt his Beetle-nutt, then Mr. Vezian said that he had got nothing, and both went out Again at the Same window which was almost 4 a Clock, & then Peddu ask'd Mr. Vezian for Something that he had promised by that time they were again got into the Square, Mr. Vezian answer'd you dog Sleep here, & he would give him Something in the morning then Mr. Vezian went [in]to his room to Sleep, & Peddu laid down in the Square, Peddu also Say's that Mr. Vezian came from his room before three a Clock in the morning barefooted & had no other Cloaths on than a Shirt a pair of long drawers & a Cap on his head, & when he went out of Mr. Packer's Lodgings he had never a Cap, upon his head, w^{ch}. was left behind in Mr. Packer's Lodge^s. when they went into the Square, Mr. Vezian's Shirt and Drawers were very bloody, Mr. Vezian sat down upon a Chair at his door and pull'd off his bloody Cloaths, and thrust it with a Cane or a Stick into the Sink which is in the Square, and just by the Lodgings of Mr. Vezian, who afterwards ask'd Peddu whether he [had a]ny blood upon him, Peddu answer'd no, and so Mr. [Vezia]n went into his Room to Sleep and bid Peddu [to be] in the Square; at five in the morning Peddu was afraid to Stay for fear of being found out, he made the best of his way out of the Fort.

Peddu was order'd to withdraw.

Mr. Vezian's
Accot. how
he spent the
Evening.
Mr. Packer
was
murder'd
upon.

Mr. Peter Vezian was demanded to tell the Board whether he knew any thing of what Peddu had just now told him, he answer'd that he would tell and repeat all that was done that monday evening before the murder was Committed.

That he went out of the Fort on monday even^g. the day before the murder of Mr. Packer, where he met Mr. Wilhelm the Dutch Chief a little to the Eastward of the Fort Gate by the River Side lading some Chellinga's with Plank the Dutch Chief was in the Chellinga & Mr. Vezian went in to him, & Stay'd there near an hour that it was then dark, he told Mr. Wilhelm that he was going to the Portugueze Church it was then half an hour after Six and that he went from thence directly to the Portugueze Chru^{ch} where he met & spoke to the Drummer of Chemundlum Guard & ask'd him how long the Church Ceremony would last, the Drummer told him in the Portugueze Language w^{ch}. he understood that it would last till about eight a Clock, Mr. Vezian then directly came home, and so soon [as] he got into the Fort he called for his boy Grua and gave him his hatt, & Wigg and went into the Cookroom himself, where he order'd the Cook to fry him Some bacon & eggs for Supper, afterwards he Contradicted that order, & told the Cook that he would do it himself, he went then from the Cookroom, and coming by Mr. Dockwra's Window he Saw him Sitting there & Docter Threipland at the same time Siting at his great Scrutore playing on the German flute, he ask'd the Docter to play a minuet that he had often heard him play, the Doct^r. told him he could not play it without his book at which time his boy came to him, so he order'd him to lay his little Table at the Square door, & went home himself & pul'd off his Coat, & gave it the boy & his Cane, he went from thence into the Cookroom in order to dress his own Supper & when it was done he return'd to the Square door & order'd his boy to bring his Supper, being then past eight a Clock, when the Supper was put upon the Table, presently after the Gunner passing by he asked him if he would eat, the Gunner answer'd no, so soon as Mr. Vezian eat his Supper, he call'd for a pipe

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of Tobacco, after he had Smoak'd it he call'd for his Servants to undress him and sent them home, and so went into his room, and so to Sleep, it was then about half an hour after eight a Clock, & that he did not use, till near Seven the next morning when he met with Ensign Brewster on the Parade at which Serj^t. Karr came to Mr. Brewster to return the Guard telling him all was well, only that they heard a Shreiking noise in the night, & that they had Search'd every where but could find nothing, Mr. Vezian made answer that he Supposed Packer had got a Whore, & that he was too big for her, & made her Squall out, after that he bid his boy boil him Some milk for Breakfast as usual, while that was getting ready he continued walking with Mr. Brewster, at which time Mr. Sanders joyn'd them, and asked Mr. Brewster to go with him and drink Tea, the Clock had then Struck eight, then Mr. Vezian went from them to do his [busi]ness in the Accomptants Office & went to Mr. Packer's door, [&] endeavour'd to open it but found it lock'd he asked Mr. Packer's Servants where their Master was who told him he was A Sleep, then he knock'd at his door, and call'd out Packer; but no body answer'd, he then went to Mr. Grahams room where Mr. Dockwra was Sitting down with Mr. Graham, & he Set with them about ten or twelve minut's, then he got up, and said he would go and Awake, Packer; for that he should lose all the morning by his Sleeping, he went out and knock'd again at Mr. Packers door, and return'd to Mr. Grahams room Mr. Dockwra told him that he likewise had knock'd [at] Mr. Packer's door and could not Awake him, and [as] he Sleeps very Sound, then Mr. Vezian went again to Mr. Packer's door, and bid one of the Servants awake his Master; and as he was coming out of Mr. Graham's room, he said he would go round to Mr. Packers window, & awake him accordingly he went to the window, & saw the rattan Sash open about four inches & Saw Mr. Packer's Cot, and Scrutore open upon the Cott. and the Papers in disorder, and as he thought his Sword drawn, he went Again to Mr. Graham's room, and Related what he had Seen; & wished that Mr. Packer had not laid violent hands upon himself Mr. Graham told Mr. Vezian that he made a noise about nothing and Said he might be A Sleep on his Couch in the outer room, then Mr. Vezian knock'd at another door of Mr. Packers that came into Mr. Graham's room, & then he went out again to one of Mr. Packers Servants & bid him Awake his Master, the Servant laugh'd, upon w^{ch}. he gave him a Slap on his face Saying you dog what do you laugh at, this he Says the Centry can Witness from thence Mr. Vezian went to the Gunners room and told him the Same as he told Mr. Graham, Mr. Sanders the Gunner made Answer that he Supposed Packer had been killing a Rat, and that might have been the o[cc]asion of the Sword's lying upon the Cot, & likewise the noise the Serj^t. heard in the night, Mr. Vezian Stay'd about five minutes there Mr. Brewster was then likewise wth. the Gunner, who said come let us go See what's the matter for it Seems the old Gentleman Sleeps very long, by this time the People in the Fort were Alarm'd and ran towards Mr. Packer's window, Mr. Graham & Mr. Dockwra went in and the Gunner followed them, the Docter being call'd for came running without his Cap and Wigg. and went in at the door, & Mr. Vezian follow'd him, who then saw Packer in the Corner of the room lyeing with his throat Cut.

Mr. Peter Vezian was ask'd whether this was all that he knew he answer'd yes. then he was ask'd whether he should have told Ensign Ross, that he was afraid to look on Peddu for fear Peddu should impeach him.

Mr. Peter Vezian answer'd that he did not Say so. but he confesses that he told Mr. Ross that Peddu look'd so impudent at his first Confession that he was afraid Peddu would Cast an Eye about & impeach him.

Mr. Vezian was order'd to withdraw.

THE BOARD debated & Agreed that Mr. Vezian should be sent to Prison from whence he came, & Irons put on his hands & Legs.

[Mr.] Vezian return'd to Prison, & Irons are to be put on his hands & Leggs.

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Mr. Graham Say's that Mr. Dockwra was in his room when Mr. Vezian came in, they were drinking of Tea together the first time Mr. Vezian came in, he said that Packer was a Sleep, & had the key of the Office, and he could not go to write for want of it, afterwards Mr. Vezian came again & only Said that he had looked in at the window of Mr. Packer's Lodgings & Saw his Scrutore broke open & his Papers thrown upon the Cot but that he did not See Packer to which Mr. Graham reply'd that Mr. Packer might be lyeing upon his Couch in the outer room, & bid Mr. Vezian not make a noise on the door to disturb him.

Sundry
Persons
Examin'd.

ORDER'D that the following Persons be Sent for before the Board & Examined into the particulars of what Mr. Peter Vezian had Said.

Mr. Wilhelm the Dutch Chief.

Martin Rodrigueze Drummer at Chemund^m.

The Cooke's belonging to the Cookrooms in the Fort.

Mr. Threipland the Docter.

Ensign Brewster.

Mr. Dockwra.

The Centry at Mr. Packers [do] or from 7 to 9 a Clock in the morning.

Mr. Wil-
helm.

Mr. Wilhelm the Dutch Chief Says that Mr. Vezian was with him in the Chellinga till about half an hour after Six, but he does not remember what day it was neither does he remember that Mr. Vezian told him that he was going to the Portugueze Church, but that Mr. Wilhelm observed that Mr. Vezian had a Cap on then & no Hatt or Wigg.

Mr. Wilhelm dismiss'd.

Martin
Rodrigues
Drum^r. of
Chemund^m.

Martin Rodrigues Drummer at Chemundlam Guard Says that he Saw Mr. Vezian at the Portugueze Church on monday night near Seven a clock, Mr. Vezian ask'd him what business he had there, & how long it would be before the Church will be done. Martin Rodrigues Answer'd that it would be eight a Clock before the Church Ceremony would be over, & Mr. Vezian went away presently, Martin Rodrigues observ'd Mr. Vezian had a Cap on then, & no Hatt or Wigg.

Martin Rodrigues dismiss'd.

The Cooks
examin'd.

Irsha Cook belonging to the Cookroom in the Fort Says that Mr. Vezian was not on monday the night before the murder of Mr. Packer, in the Cookroom, but Moodu Kistnah Mr. Vezian's Servant came there that night before eight a clock & Carried away Mr. Vezian's Supper.

Irsha the Cook Dismissed.

Cooley Cook belonging to the Cookroom in the Fort Says that Mr. Vezian was not in the Cookroom on monday night before Mr. Packer was mur[der'd] but that Moodu Kistnah his Servant came & Ca[rry]ed away his Supper.

Cooley the Cook Dismissed.

Mr. Threip-
land the
Surgeon
examin'd.

Mr. Threipland Docter Says that Mr. Vezian was at his Window at about Seven a clock monday night before the murder of Mr. Packer & that Mr. Vezian had a Cap on his head, but do not remember what Mr. Vezian Said to him, except twice to play on the flute.

Mr. Threipland Docter Dismissed.

Ensign
Brewster
Examin'd.

Benjamin Brewster Ensign was by as an officer that Guarded Mr. Vezian heard all that he Said, & who deny's all & everything except that Mr. Vezian belevied that Packer had a Whore last night, Mr. Brewster also Say's that he Saw Mr. Vezian walking upon the Parade a little after Six a Clock on tuesday morning, w^{ch}. he was then Surprized at it, as not Seeing him before up so soon of a morning about two hours after Mr. Packer was found murder'd in his Room.

Benjamin Brewster dismissed.

Mr. Dockwra Says that he did knock once at Mr. Packer's door the tuesday morning before it was known that Mr. Packer was murder'd.

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Mr. Dockwra Dismiss'd.

Mr. Dock
wray
examin'd.

The Centry Moses Young from Seven to nine a Clock on Tuesday morning at Mr. Packer's door before Mr. Packer was found to be murder'd Say's that Mr. Vezian came Several times and knock'd at Mr. Packer's door & call'd out to Mr. Packer a matter of half a Dozen times, & bid the boy wake his Master, the boy laugh'd then Mr. Vezian gave him a Slap of the face the boy made answer that he would tell his Master so soon as he got up, the Centry Say's that he Saw Mr. Vezian so very buisy in running backwards & forwards, that he gave Mr. Packer's Servant the key of the Small door between the Banisters & the house, the boy went to the window, & return'd back crying, & went into Mr. Graham's room.

Moses
Young
examin'd.

The Centry Moses Young Dismiss'd.

Moodu Kistnah Servant to Mr. Vezian is Sent for [before] the Board & ask'd whether Mr. Vezian was in the Cookroom the night before Mr. Packer was murder'd, he answer'd that he could not tell, but that Mr. Vezian his Master was Sitting down at the Table by the Square, & Moodu Kistnah was sent by him to the Cookroom to bring his Supper.

Moodu
Kistnah
again
Examin'd.

ORDER'D that each of the aforementioned People be Sworn next Consultation day to what they have said.

All the
foregoing
Persons to
be Sworn.

Cap^t. Wilson's Deposition is enter'd after this Consultation.

Mr. Whitlock's Deposition is [enter'd] after this Consultation.

Sundry
Depositions
Delivered in.

Francis Veath, a French man [cen]try at the Gunroom from five to Seven a clock the morning Mr. Packer was murder'd, his Deposition is Enter'd after this Consultation.

Laurence Vanderloven Cooper & Officer in the Gunroom his Deposition is enter'd after this Consultation.

Peddu is again Sent for before the Board, & ask'd to relate over again the manner he had met with Mr. Vezian the other side of the bridge which he did in the same manner as he had done before, he was ask'd again whether he could remember anything farther, Peddu answer'd no, the Board, asked him Several times over, whether he could remember any thing else, still he answer'd no. he was then ask'd whether Mr. Vezian had on his Hatt & Wigg Peddu answer'd yes. then Peddu was told, that there was a Wittness that Mr. Vezian was Seen that night at the Portugueze Church at near Seven a Clock & likewise that there were Suffi-
cient Witnesses that Mr. Vezian had a Cap on his Head instead of a Hatt & Wigg that night, Peddu answer'd no, that Mr. Vezian did not go that night to the Portu-
gueze Chrch neither had he a Cap on, but a Hatt and Wigg.

Peddu again
sent for
before the
Board &
Examin'd.

ORDER'D that Peddu be Carried again to Prison from whence he came.

Peddu
return'd to
Prison.

AND the Board broke up.

Mr. Burton again [sat] for the Council & Called them up who had all but [ju]st gone down Stairs & told them that Peddu had sent a Message to him by the Officer of the Guard that he wan[t]ed to Speak wth. him.

ORDER'D that Peddu be Sent for before the Board, & was ask'd what he had to Say, farther. Peddu made answer that he now remember'd very well that Mr. Vezian did just call in at the Portugueze Church at the South Gate in his way when Peddu, & he was walking round the Colloway & that Mr. Vezian had a Cap on, & no Hatt or Wigg, Peddu was ask'd whether he had any thing farther to Say, he Answer'd no.

Peddu sends
a Message
to the
Chief ;
desires leave
to Speak
before the
Council, of
Something
that he had
Recollected
about
Vezián.

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ORDER'D that Peddu be Carried beak to Prison from whence he came, & the Examination be referr'd to another time.

AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^d. CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.
JN^o. GRAHAM.

Mr. Johnson's Deposition.

I don't remember to have heard Mr. Vezian Say any thing in particular relating to the murder of Mr. John Packer, but that he was the first that found it out, wanting the key of the Office, & wondering that Mr. Packer slept so long, & have observed him alway's in whatever Company I have met with him, to be perpetually talking of it and when other's have endeavour'd to divert the Discourse he has always run into it Again; w^{ch}. I have often took notice of to h[ims]elf and others.

FORT ST. DAVID.
YE. 9TH. OCT^R. 1727.

WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Mr. Dockwra's Deposition.

On Tuesday the 26th. ultimo coming from Mr. Burton's between Seven & eight in the morning I went into the Fort house to Mr. Graham's room & whilst I was Sitting there Mr. Vezian came in & after some Discourse Said, I believe Packer was foul of Some of Mr. Croke's Slave wenches last night for the Serjeant has acquainted Ben: Brewster that there was a Squeeking heard in his room last night—this was about a quarter of an hour before the murder was found out.

After Peddu was taken [...] along with Ensign Brewster, & Mr. Vezian he [...] that when Peddu was hang'd he was resolv'd to put on his Broad Wastcoat on purpose to See him Executed this was heard by Mr. Brewster as well as my Self.

FORT ST. DAVID.
YE. 11TH. OCT^R. 1727.

RICH^d. DOCKWRA.

Ensign Ross's Deposition.

That Mr. Vezian was at Trepopilore on thursday last, when we had the news of Peddu's being brought in I exprest a desire I had to See him on w^{ch}. Mr. Vezian Said he did not care to See him for fear he should bring him in. & that he would not go near him.

FORT ST. DAVID.
YE. 11TH. OCT^R. 1727.

NATH^l. ROSS.

The Surgeons report of the bloody Cloaths.

By order of Mr. Aug^s. Burton Prov^l. Chief, I examined Some Linnen of Mr. Vezian's & found the back part of a Shirt & a pair of Drawers Stained with a bloody Slime which I beleive is the Effect of a Distemper he has for Sometime Complained off.

GEO: THREIPLAND.

Ensign Brewster's Deposition.

What I have observed in Mr. Vezians behaviour Since Mr. Packers murder he has been very inquisitive, concerning Peddu frequently moveing a Discourse about him, I reply'd to him, I would give fifty Pounds that he was taken he answer'd, Suppose he was, & should swear against you I answered, Il'e venture that provided he was taken at which the Discourse dropped.

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YE. 11TH. OCT^R. 1727.

BENJⁿ. BREWSTER.

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To M^r. AUG. BURTON
CHIEF & C^a. COUNCIL OF FORT S^t. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

This is to inform you that on tuesday Sept^r. the 26th. being drinking Tea at my Lodgings in the Fort wth. Ensign Brewster about 8 a clock in the morning M^r. Vezian and told us that he had been knocking at M^r. Packer's door two or three times, and could not make him hear, and that he had look't in at his back window, & Saw his Sword lay upon his Cott, I made Answer that he might have been killing a Rat in the night, M^r. Vezian answer'd that he was afraid there was Something the matter more than Ordinary, I hearing that run directly to the back window, [&] jump't in and Saw the Corp's of M^r. John Packer lay upon his back with his head upon a Pillow w^{ch}. posture I beleive he had been lay'd in after he had received his death. by this time the door was opened, and I met M^r. Vezian in the middle of the outward room where he made a Stand and gave a look towards the place, where the Corp's lay, and told me he could not bear the Sight of it, and turned about and went out of the room.

Gunner's
Sander's
Deposition.

FORT S^t. DAVID.
YE. 11TH. OCT^B. 1727.

GEO^RE. SANDERS.

The Day after Peddu was brought in Prisoner, M^r. Vezian as I was dressing came into my Chamber and told me that the Murderer was Secure in Prison, I answer'd that's no news to me for I heard last night his Confession at M^r. Burton's house & know the Particulars, what occur'd to my memory I then told him Soon after he left me, but in a little time Return'd and Said the fellow, Sure has the impudence of Hell to Confess the most minute Circumstances, as his putting on M^r. Packer's Slippers and walking up and down in the Chamber, thereby to impose upon the Guard, by makeing them beleive that it was M^r. Packer himself I told him that Peddu Said nothing Such, and Desired him to give me his Author It was the black People's New's he said or that his Servants had misinform'd him.

Mr. Threipland's
Deposition.

They Say Say's he to me at another time that Peddu had the impudence to look in at the Window in the morning, before he left the Fort to See if M^r. Packer was dead. I made Answer: Cetoit une Action barbare, I'en hais le Souvenir n'en parlow plus.

GEORGE THREIPLAND.

After Peddu's Examination M^r. Vezian [came] into my Room & casually Speaking of the fellow's behaviour [to the] Board Said I am glad the fellow did not cast an Eye my [...] misunderstood his meaning and answer'd him, that every [bod]y thought, and knew his money to be no temptation.

One day M^r. Vezian came into my Chamber and taking up one of my Pistols, asked me if it was Charged, I told him no, and desired him to lay it down, notwithstanding he endeavour'd to bend it and cut his thumb or finger with the flint it bledd pretty much. & he whip'd with his handkerchief, but I cannot remember whether that Accident happen'd before the murder of M^r. Packer or Since.

A Frenchman of the Gunroom named Fra^s. Veath Centry from 5 to 7 a Clock on tuesday morning deposes he Saw at about 5 a Clock M^r. Vezian come to the Gunner's Room wth. long Drawer's & Slippers & his hands behind him under his banyan Coat, he went into the Gunner's Room, came out again presently & went away, & some hours after he heard of the murder of M^r. Packer.

Fra^s. Veaths
Depⁿ.

CAP^t. DAVID WILSON Deposeth that when M^r. Burton in Consultation had order'd him to give an Eye on M^r. Vezian that he might not make his Escape that he went to him and talk'd wth. him about different matters & perceived that M^r. Vezian was very inquisitive, & ask'd him more than once whether Peddu was call'd for up in Council again, & what it could be for, Cap^t. Wilson made answer

[Capt.]
Wilson's
Depⁿ.

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what do you think that Mr. Burton has done examini[ng o]f Peddu & the said Cap^t. Wilson Saw Mr. Vezian very [busy] in going backwards & forwards, & finding him going out of the Room, & apprehensive of his giving him the Slip he went to the door to enquire what was become of him & not willing to give Mr. Vezian, or the other Gentlemen who where [sic] then present of his being employ'd to watch Mr. Vezian any Suspicion call'd for his boy Harry to Send and find him out & to observe his motions, in the meanwhile he ask'd a Dubash that stood by what was become of Mr. Vezian, the Dubash told him that he was in the Cookroom, Mr. Vezian hearing h[im] call out Harry Harry he immediately came out. & C[ap^t.] Wilson at the same time asking his Serv^t. Harry what h[ad y]ou been with Mr. Vezian immediately reply'd Mr. Vezian what are you afraid Sr. that I should run away with your boy Harry.

DAVID WILSON.

Mr. Whitlock's Depⁿ.

Mr. Whitlock Comp^{ys}. Serv^t. deposes that he heard at Cuddalore on tuesday morning Mr. John Packer's murder he in Comp^y. at the Same time wth. Ensign Williams Mr. Whitlock immediately said to Ensign Williams that he Suspected Mr. Vezian did it for he knew that he had no mony & had a vile principle presently after he came into the Fort, & went into the Docter's Lodgings when Mr. Vezian & Dockwra were walking with the Docter. Mr. Vezian came up to the said Mr. Whitlock, & said there was a very sad Accident happen'd, Mr. Whitlock said yes, and look'd at the Same time full in Mr. Vezian's face, & saw his Countenance changed upon it Mr. Whitlock imediately turn'd to Mr. Dockwra & said that Mr. Vezian had alter'd his Countenance, Mr. Whitlock then turn'd to Mr. Vezian & told him that he would not go to See Such a Sight. Mr. Vezian answer'd that he would not have him for it was a very ugly Sight, these were the only words that had pass'd between himself & Mr. Vezian for above this month past, when they had a Quarrell. ¹

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRIDAY
13th.

MR. AUG^s. BURTON PROVISIONALL CHIEF.
MESSRS EDWARD CROKE. ROB^t. BEBBIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

The Persons
that deli-
vered in
their depo-
sitions all
sworn.

The Severall Persons were sent for before the Board and sworn to what they declared in the Consultation of the 9th instant in Answer to what Mr. Peter Vezian said, which are there incerted and every Deposition which are enter'd after that Consultation were duely sworn to.

Martin Rodrigues Drummer of Chemundlum and Francisco Neath [sic] Centry at the Gunroom were sworn before the Board by the Portuguez Padre to what the former declared in the Consultation of the ninth instant and the deposition of the other which is entered after that Consultation.

Nothing to
be found in
the Sink.

The Sink or Channel that Conveys the water out of the Fort was open'd and narrowly Search'd into for the bloody Drawers or Shirt belonging to Mr. Vezian but no such thing was there to be found.

Mr. Vezian
examined
again.

Mr. Peter Vezian is sent for before the Board and was ask'd whether he was guilty or not of the murder of Mr. Packer Answer'd not guilty.

Severall
Questions
put to
Mr. Vezian.

Mr. Peter Vezian was ask'd what a Clock he was up the Tuesday morning Mr. Packer was found to be murder'd Answer'd between six and seven and not before he was then told that Lawrence Vanderloven Cooper and Officer in the Gunroom and Francisco Neath Centry there had depos'd that they saw him go

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into the Gunners room at five a Clock the Tuesday morning before the murder of Mr. Packer was known with a Banyan Coat, Long Drawers and Slippers, and Francisco Neath likewise deposed that he had his hand behind him under or between his Banyan Coat. Answer'd that he was not up then neither did he go into the Gunner's room at that hour.

Mr. Vezian was ask'd why he denied to the Board the Seventh instant that he was undress'd the Monday before Mr. Packer was murder'd, and that he never went out of the Fort all that day and night and offer'd to bring his Servants for Witnesses. Answer'd that he was really surprised at his being call'd up and directly charged with the murder of Mr. Packer that he did not remember then of his being dress'd or going out of the Fort.

Mr. Peter Vezian was ask'd the reason [why] he should give out and report that Peddu should put his feet in Mr. Packers shoes or Slippers after he had murder'd him and walk about his room that the Sentry and soldiers should take him for Mr. Packer himself. Answer'd that he had heard his Servant Moodu & Mr. Johnsons servant say so they were then together with great many of the soldiers talking about it, and that Mr. Brewster was by him at the same time they told him.

Mr. Brewster was sent for in the presence of Mr. Vezian and ask'd whether he heard anybody tell Mr. Vezian that Peddu should put on Mr. Packers shoes or slippers and walk about Mr. Packers room after he was murder'd. Mr. Brewster denies that he ever heard anybody tell Mr. Vezian anything of it but that he did see Mr. Vezian standing in the Fort with great many soldiers & Servants talking together.

Mr. Brewster call'd up.

Moodu, servant to Mr. Peter Vezian, & Ranga, servant to Mr. Johnson, were both sent for before the Board & ask'd whether they had told Mr. Vezian that Peddu should put Mr. Packers shoes or slippers on after he had murder'd him, the former Answer'd that he never did tell Mr. Vezian any such thing, but the latter Confesses that he did tell him so at the same time they were all standing together in the Fort among some soldiers who were talking about it. Moodu & Ranga are dismissed.

Moodu and Ranga examined.

Mr. Vezian was ask'd the occasion of the bloody handkerchief being found in his room a day after the murder of Mr. Packer. Answer'd that he was in the Doctors room Snaping a Pistol and the flint cut his fingers which he wiped upon that handkerchief.

Mr. Vezian acquaints the Board how his handkerchief came bloody.

Mr. Vezian was ask'd the reason of his sending for the two Peons that Seized on Peddu the very next morning after he was brought in. Answer'd he was very glad to hear that Peddu was taken & wanted to ask the Peon some questions about the manner of their taking him.

Mr. Vezian was ask'd why he should tell Mr. Ross that he did not care to see Peddu for fear he should bring him in. Answer'd that he never did tell Mr. Ross any such thing, but he would tell the Board what discourse he had with Mr. Ross the night Peddu was taken. That Mr. Ross should say to him to Morrow morning he intended to go to the Fort & pay his Salem to Peddu Mr. Vezian Answer'd take care Ross for he is a Damn fellow and he may bring you in with him. Ross reply'd that he could bring twenty men to prove that he laid upon the Guard the night Mr. Packer was murder'd and tis more likely he will accuse you Vezian because you are a poor dog. Mr. Vezian then made answer that Packer had no money for he saw him pay away the last two Pagodas he had.

Some more questions put to Vezian.

ORDER'd that Mr. Ross be sent for the next Consultation day and to be examin'd upon what Mr. Vezian said.

Mr. Vezian was ask'd why he should say that he would put on a brocado Wastcoat the day that Peddu was hang'd. Answer'd that he did say he would put on his best Coat & Brocado Wastcoat for Joy that such a Villan as Peddu was taken and executed.

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Mr. Vezian was ask'd why he should say and where he could have had the knowledge of Peddu looking in at the window in the morning before he left the Fort to see if Mr. Packer was dead. Answer'd that his Servant told him so.

Moodu Kistnah and Grua, Servants to Mr. Peter Vezian, who were sent for separately and ask'd whether they had told their Master that Peddu should look in at the window before he went out of the Fort to see if Mr. Packer was dead, they both answer'd that they never did tell their Master any such thing.

Mr. Vezian
return'd to
prison.

ORDER'D that Mr. Vezian be carried back to prison from whence he came and a farther Examination be referr'd until the next Consultation.

The Sentry
over Mr.
Vezian ex-
amined.

Mr. Burton acquaints the Board that he had notice of Henry Greir, Sentry, yesterday over Mr. Vezian was seen to talk with him through the window.

ORDER'D that Henry Grier be sent for before the Board. Henry Grier tells the Board the discourse he had with Mr. Vezian which is taken from him sworn and enter'd after this Consultation.

Vezeian's
servants
again ex-
amined.

Moodu Kistnah & Grua, Servants to Mr. Vezeian, their depositions of their Master sending for the Peons who had brought in Peddu are enter'd after this Consultation.

Gen^l. Letter
from
Madras.

A Generall Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George dated the ninth Instant just now received, and read ordering to send up the murderer of Mr. Packer with a strong and trusty Guard of Peons & the Peons that took him with the Serjeant and Sentry of the main Guard the morning the murder was Committed.

Peddu sent
up with a
good Guard.

ORDER'D that Peddu be forthwith sent away overland with Ramaniah the Corporal Peon & ten trusty Peons, and Merabboy and Hemonboy the Peons that took him, likewise Serjeant W^m. Karr & Henry Grier who were on the main Guard the murder was committed and Peddu went out of the Fort.

Papers &
Consulta-
tions upon
the impeach-
ment of
Vezian to be
sent up.

ORDER'D that all the Consultations & Depositions to this day be got ready upon the Impeachment of Mr. Peter Vezeian being accessary with Peddu to the murder of Mr. John Packer with a general Letter and sent to Fort St. George with a list of the Packet which is enter'd after this Consultation.

Peddu is sent for before the Board and ask'd to tell what he farther knew of Mr. Packer's murder. Answer'd that what he had told before was all true and there was nothing more for him to tell.

ORDER'D that the Peons aforementioned take charge of him and carry him to Fort St. George with all Expedition possible.

AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^p. CROKE.
ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^p. GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

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Peddu, Wm. Karr & Henry Grier sat out for Madrass.

Henry
Grier's depo-
sition.

Henry Grier Sentry over Mr. Vezeian deposes so soon as he had put a Ball in his piece Mr. Vezeian said to him Grier where have you been all this while for I have not seen you these two or three days. Grier answer'd that there was a man who was sick in the Governours Guard and had liberty to go home and he was put in his room till that man was able to return to his Duty. Mr. Vezeian

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ask'd him whether he had heard any news about him. Grier answer'd that he had heard none, but what was the Common discourse and in the Mouth of everybody that he was guilty of murder. Mr. Vezian then clap'd his hands together and said, God and his own Conscience knew that he was innocent. Grier made Answer, God knows that best, then Mr. Vezian said that he had Confounded the dog who said that he saw him upon the bridge at Six a clock and that he had brought the Dutch Chief to witness that he was with him in the boat at half an hour after six, and likewise that he had brought the Drummer of Chemundlum to say that he was at the Portuguez Church between six and seven a clock then Mr. Vezian said that he had heard that they had found some things. Grier Answer'd that he could not tell but he heard there was a bloody handkerchief found. Mr. Vezian answer'd oh Lord that was in trying somebody's Pistol and the flint cut his fingers and took a handkerchief out and wiped it. Mr. Vezian then ask'd for what was the Tom Tom beaten. Grier Answer'd that he could not tell then. Mr. Vezian said that he had heard it was to give two Pagodas for any body that shall find any bloody things, again Mr. Vezian ask'd him whether he had heard when he was to be sent up. Grier said, faith Sir you asks me such questions that I cannot resolve you, then Mr. Vezian said that he had heard he was to be sent up this week and he wanted to know whether it would be by sea or land, and he supposed that a Guard of Peons would be sent with him. No Sir, reply'd Grier, they will take more care of you and send you up with a Guard of white men, then Mr. Vezian took up a book and read and said that there was a Charter to Bombay, Fort St. George and Fort William for executing Criminals said Grier Listen'd at the window and heard Mr. Vezian say that if he dies he shall die with a clear Conscience and rather die here than go home to his friends and die there and it would be a disgrace to him, then he said to Grier that the Governour & Council sent for the boy and promised him his life if would impeach anybody, that Mr. Burton who is the Governour now had pitch'd upon him. Grier Answer'd he could not tell that, but a guilty Conscience needs no accuser and such a Crime as murder ought to be examined into, for if it had been his own father he would hang him for such a Crime. Mr. Vezian then ask'd him whether he thought that he was guilty. Grier answer'd that he thought he was guilty by the Circumstances he heard & that his own words Condemn'd him before the Board, then Mr. Vezian answer'd that if he went up to Madrass he doubted not but to Confound them all in his Tryall, then he again said that he wonder'd what Cockhouse they would put him in. Grier made Answer indeed Sir I dont know what Cockhouse they will put you in. Mr. Vezian then said that he supposed they would put him in the same cockhouse with Seal. Grier said since he had suspected all this he wonder'd that he did not prepare himself for Death. Mr. Vezian then Answer'd and clap'd his hands up & said God and his Conscience knows that he was Innocent, then they both talk'd of Several things concerning Mr. Vezians friends in England, and the manner of his Coming out and then Mr. Vezian said what does the Gentleman think that if he had been guilty of this murder that he had not made the best of his way to Pondicherry. These last words Mr. Vezian repeated over several times. Then Grier said to him that he heard that he and Mr. Packer had a great falling out not long before this murder happen'd, he Clap'd his hands together and answer'd that he was as good friends with him as ever he was in his life and that he sup'd or dined with him (Grier says that he cannot justly tell which of them) the Sunday before and Mr. Harris with him, and that he saw him pay away the last money he had, which was two Pag^s., this was to shew that the Gentlemen should not think that it was for Leucure of mony, he said that he had seen Mr. Graham's mony and that he could have taken what he pleased of it if he had been that way given, and Grier said that the last words he had with Mr. Vezian that by God it was a Damn bold attempt being in a Garrison where there are several men Sentries and rounds going every hour.

Moodu Kistnah, servant to Mr. Vezian, deposes that on Tuesday morning, the morning after Peddu was brought in, his master ask'd him whether they had brought Peddu or whether he knew anything of it and who was the Peon that took

Moodu
Kistnah's
deposition.

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him at the same time the Peon that brought him was standing by the Fort house and his master was then in the Square just by the window of Mr. Johnsons lodgings and sent his other servant Grua to call that Peon to him, and Grua accordingly went & call'd that Peon, who made answer that he could not come without the Governour's order.

Grua's deposition.

Grua, Mr. Vezian's servant, deposes that Mr. Vezian was in the Square and order'd him to go and call the Peon that brought Peddu, the Corporal peon Paupa was then by that Peon, who made answer that he cannot go without the Governour's order, Grua went back again, & told the other servant Moodu Kistnah what Paupa the Corporal Peon had said, and Moodu Kistnah told it to his Master.

SUNDAY
15.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROVISIONAL CHIEF.
MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE. ROBERT BERRIMAN.
ROBERT BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHARD GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Genl Letter
from Madras
read orders
Mr. Vezian
up.

A General Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George dated the 12th Instant read acknowledging the receipt of ours of the 9th instant with an account of Confining Mr. Vezian on suspicion of his being accessory with Peddu in the murder of Mr. John Packer, pressing us to use our utmost endeavours to gett at the particulars of this affair, and every person to be duely examin'd and upon strong evidence Mr. Vezian to be sent up with a strong Guard and the material Evidences against him.

Mr. Vezian
sent up with
a strong
Guard.

ORDER'D That Mr. Peter Vezian be immediately sent up with a Guard of a Serjeant two Corporals four Europe Centinels eight trusty Topasses with a Corporal Peon & six Peons & a General Letter to the President & Council of Fort St. George to advise them of it, the material Evidences against him be referr'd to them who can better judge by the Consultations & depositions on this examination sent them yesterday.

General
Letter to
Madras.

this days date read and sign'd.

A General Letter to the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George of
AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^d. CROKE.
ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN
RICH^d. GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

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Mr. Vezian sat out for Mad^s. with a strong Guard.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR. AUG^s. BURTON PROVISIONALL CHIEF.
 MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE. ROBT. BERRIMAN.
 ROBERT BROOKE.
 RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

THURS-
 DAY
 19TH.

Robert Brooke for Peter Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 99. 14. 32. Cuddalore Land Cust^r. Acco^t. for Sept^r. read.

Richard Gilman Storekeeper reads that acco^t. for last month the ballance due from him is Pag^s. 56. 8. 2. Storekeep^r. acco^t. for Sept^r.

ORDER'D that Pag^s. 50 be advanc'd Richard Gilman Storekeeper for provision of stores. Storekeep^r. advanced 50 pagodas.

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Acco^t. for last month, the ballance due from him is Pag^s. 125. 4. 14. Tevenapat. Sea & Land Cust^r. acco^t. for Sept.

Ensign Ross was sent for and Mr. Vezian's answer to his deposition read to him, he says that something like that discourse pass'd between Mr. Vezian and him the night that Peddu was known to be taken, besides what Mr. Vezian deny'd inserted in his deposition of the 9th he affirms to be true, & what farther discourses he had with Mr. Vezian at other times since the murder of Mr. Packer he now gives in writing which is enter'd after this Consultation. Ensign Ross declares what has past between Vezian & he.

The Accomptant delivers in the Copy of the General Books for last year. General Books delivered in.

AUG^s. BURTON.
 EDW^d. CROKE.
 ROBT. BERRIMAN.
 ROBT. BROOKE.
 RICH^d. GILMAN.
 JOHN GRAHAM.

When at Mr. Johnson's rooms in Company with Messrs. Baker & Vezian we were talking of the murder of Mr. Packer I said I could not believe but some white man was Concern'd in it. Mr. Vezian ask'd me, who I could suspect, I answer'd no one sooner than himself, he reply'd why him. I gave him my reason telling him of his runing himself in Debt to black people when he knew he could not pay them & that he was very poor & I beleived he would stick at nothing to get money, he laughed at me & alter'd the discourse to his Father's employ in England. Ensign Ross' Deposition.

NATH^l. ROSS.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR. AUG^s. BURTON PROVISIONALL CHIEF.
 MESSRS. EDW^d. CROKE. ROBT. BERRIMAN.
 ROBT. BROOKE.
 RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

FRIDAY
 20TH.

A General Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George read incloseing Invoice & bill of Lading for stores sent on the Ramma which is accordingly arrived & advising of sending ten thousand Pagodas overland this day And Gen^l. Letter from Madras advising 10,000 pag^s. & incloses invoice of the Ramah.

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Material
Evidences
ordered up.

Ordering up Mr. Vezian's two servants and to send the knife & sword with the material Evidences against him & what farther knowledge of this affair & Seeming strange to them that Mr. Vezian & Peddu should walk together round the Colloway by the waterside go to the Portuguez church and into the Fort without being seen by any & yet Peddu to give so large an account of the others actions.

It appears to the Board that Peddu may walk with Mr. Vezian on the close of the evening from the Fort bridge and round the Colloway & Mr. Vezian go to the Portugueze church while Peddu stood at a little distance from him, as he had related, without his being known & into the Fort without any notice of the Guard, or the Gentlemen's servants within.

The main Gateway of the Fort has a turning with it which occasions the lamp within it to give but little light either without or within the Fort, therefore the Centry cannot distinguish one Dubash from another, nor is there a sufficient light in the Fort from any of the Lodgings to make a Discovery, also very few people are known to walk round the Colloway in the night.

ORDER'D that three Peons be sent now with Mr. Vezian's two Servants & the two Cooks Irsha & Cooly as Evidences against him, likewise Mr. Packers sword, the knife he was murder'd with Cane Gold head bruised & bath metal buckle found upon Peddu by the two Peons that took him. To Morrow if the weather proves fair to send up Ensign Ross & Moses Young, Centry at Mr. Packer's door from seven to nine the morning he was found Murder'd, and Lawrence Vanderloven & Fran^s. Veath Officer & Centry in the Gunroom from 5 to 7 the same Morning who saw Mr. Vezian go into the Gunners Lodgings Mr. Vezian denying it.

Rama
Chandra
examined.

Ramma Chandra, whom Peddu says he saw, was sent for before the Board & ask'd whether he had seen Mr. Vezian & Peddu pass by the Colloway or from the Portugueze Church to the Fort the night before Mr. Packer was found murder'd. Answer'd that he does not remember to have seen either of them.

Generall
Letter to
Madrass.

ORDER'D that a Generall Letter be sent to the President & Council of Fort St. George to advise them of the aforementioned.

AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^d. CROKE.
ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE.
RICH^d. GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

- 20 Sloop Ramah from Madrass.
21 Ensign Ross, Vanderloven & Fra. Veath & Mr. Vezian's Servants & two books sent for Madrass.
25 Moses Young also sat out for Madrass.

AT A CONSULTATION

*Present*MONDAY
30TH.

MR. AUGUSTUS BURTON PROVISIONAL CHIEF.
MESSRS. EDW^d. CROKE. ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE.
RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Cuddalore
Land Cust.
ballance for
Sept.

Robert Brooke for Peter Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore pays Pag^s. 99. 14. 32. being the ballance of that Acco^t. for last month.

Arrack
Farmers
rent paid.

Poncalah Kistnah Arrack Renter paid Mr. Burton the 22d. Instant Pag^s. 300 his Quarters Rent ending the 8th of Sept^r.

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Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam pays Pag ^s . 100. 14. 14. in part of his last months ballance.	Tevenapatam balance paid in part.
Robert Brooke Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that acco ^t . for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag ^s . 146. 24. 12. which he now pays.	Cuddalore Sea Cust. acco ^t . for Sept. read & part of ballance paid.
Robert Berriman Paymaster reads that Acco ^t . for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pagodas 126. 34. 10.	
Advanced Augustus Burton & Robert Berriman Paymaster 1300 pagodas to defray Charges Garrison.	Paymasters acco ^t . for Sept. read. Advanced Paymaster 1300 pag ^s .
Paucala Logabunda & Govindaram Chittee Farmers of the Weighing & Measuring Duties pays Pagodas 45 for a Quarters Rent due the last of September.	Weighing & Measuring Duties a Quarters rent paid.

AUG^s. BURTON.
 EDWARD CROKE.
 ROBERT BERRIMAN.
 ROBERT BROOKE.
 RICHARD GILMAN.
 JOHN GRAHAM.

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Present

MR. AUG ^s . BURTON PROVISIONALL CHIEF.	
MESSRS. EDW ^d . CROKE.	ROB ^t . BERRIMAN.
ROB ^t . BROOKE.	
RICH ^d . GILMAN.	JOHN GRAHAM.

THURSDAY 9th.

A Generall Letter from Mr. Sec^y. Torriano by Order of the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George to send thither the Drummer of Chemundlum Guard who Mr. Vezeian said to have seen at the Portugueze Church with all expedition that he may arrive there by Satturday morning when comes on his tryall.

General Letter from Sec^y. Torriano.

ORDER'D that the Drummer of Chemundlum Guard be forthwith sent away and a General Letter to advise the Hon^{ble}. President & Council thereof read & sign'd.

Drummer sent up.

Augustus Burton Provisionall Chief reads the Cash Acco^t. for last month, the ballance remaining is Pag^s. 13392. 19. 60.

Cash Acco^t. for Oct^r. read.

Augustus Burton Warehousekeeper reads that Acco^t. for last month, the ballance due from him is Pag^s. 439. —. 60. of which he pays in part Pag^s. 400.

Warehouse keepers Acco^t. for Oct. read.

Edw^d. Croke Accomptant reads the Journall Parcels to ultimo September last.

Journall Parcels read.

Advanced Richard Gilman Storekeeper Pag^s. 50 for to defray Gunroom & Armory expence.

Storekr. Pag^s. 50.

Robert Brooke for Peter Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Acco^t. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 138. 31. 68. which is now paid.

Cuddalore Land Cust. ballance paid.

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Storekr.
accot. for
last mo.
read.

Richard Gilman Storekeeper reads that Acco^t. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from is Pag^s. 88. 27. 68.

Tevenna-
patam Sea
& Land
Custom.
Accot. for
Octr. read.

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Acco^t. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 49. 16. 10.

Edward
Crokes
salary paid.

ORDER'D that Edward Croke be paid Pag^s. 9. 31. 40. his sallary from the time he left Fort St. George, being the 16th of August to the 29th Sept^r. last, makes 1 mo. 13 days at £40 per annum, he reports that the Accomptant there omitted to pay the same.

List of the
Gardens in
those
bounds
delivered in.

Messrs. Gilman & Graham deliver in their Report and a List of all the Gardens in the Honourable Companys Limits, conformable to an Order of Consultation of the 3d of August last, which are enter'd after this Consultation. Severall of them Surreptiously Possess'd by some of the Inhabitants.

To be deli-
vered up
to the
Renters
except they
pay some-
thing
annually.

ORDER'D that such of the Inhabitants do pay annually the proper rents for the Grounds they have thus taken from the Renters or deliver it up to them, & all Gardens that are not Register'd the Secretary do see it done with the dimensions thereof.

All Grounds
that lye
fallow to be
delivered
the Renters
to be culti-
vated.

It is also AGREED that such Grounds & Gardens that lye fallow under the name of Charity & Flower Gardens be Surrender'd up to the Renters, except such as are appropriated for the use of their Pagodas.

AUGUSTUS BURTON.
EDWARD CROKE.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
ROBERT BROOKE.
RICHARD GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

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The Deputy Gov^r. with Messrs. Holland & Tullie from Madrass.

To MR. AUG^s. BURTON

PROV^{LL}. CHIEF & C. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID

SIRS,

Pursuant to an Order of Consultation of the 3d of August we have taken an Acco^t. and viewed all the Gardens surreptiously Possess'd of which we now deliver you in a List, by which you will perceive that the greatest part of them are surrendered up, most of the Pretended Owners chusing rather to do that than to pay a small acknowledgment to the present Renters, there are a few of them that have consented to pay something annually for their Gardens as valued by the Renters, which you will also please to take notice of. We have acquainted the Renters of it and have put them in possession of those Lands which are delivered up, & which have been hitherto very unjustly kept from them.

We have annexed to the List now delivered in Acco^t. of the Gardens belonging to the English as deliver'd us by the Renters, and we do propose that those persons that have no Grants shall be oblig'd to register their Garden & to incert the number of feet from N. to S. and from E. to W. contain'd in everyones respective Ground, as the surest means to prevent any complaints that may happen in future of the like nature.

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We have also made mention at the back of the aforementioned List of severall Gardens and Grounds which goes under the name of Charity & Flower Gardens, but as there are a great many of those Gardens that are not made use of, & the Ground lying fallow we shall by your leave acquaint the renters they may cultivate such of them as are not appropriated to the use of their Pagodas, & sow Grain thereon according as the nature of the soil will allow of, which will also bring in a small revenue to the Renters.

Thus having settled this Affair with a great deal of pains and trouble to the Satisfaction of all Parties, we now present it for the Board's Approbation, & Subscribe ourselves

Your most Humble & Obed^t. Servants

RICH^d. GILMAN.

JOHN GRAHAM.

FORT ST. DAVID
9TH NOV^r. 1727.

AT A CONSULTATION

THURS-
DAY 16TH.

Present

THE WORSPL^e. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r. DEPUTY GOV^r.

MESSRS. EDW^d. CROKE.

ROB^t. BERRIMAN.

ROB^t. BROOKE.

PETER TAHOURDIN.

RICH^d. GILMAN.

JOHN GRAHAM.

A Gen^l. Letter adviseing of ten thousand Pagodas from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George which came by the Deputy Gov^r. was now read, with copys of such Paras. of the Letters receiv'd from Europe relating to this Settlement.

Gen^l.
Letter from
Madras
with copy of
the Cos.
Paras.

They advise us of a new Charter granted by His Majesty appointing the President & five Senior Council of Madras to be Justices of the Peace, our Deputy Gov^r. is to act in that capacity at this Settlement & no one else, but as that will involve him in a vast deal of trouble, they do empower him to appoint such persons at this place as he shall think proper, who are to hear & report to him any breaches of the Peace and other enormities therein, he is also to decide all Civil Causes, in which likewise he may if he pleases Chuse Assistants who are to act in the same manner as is before directed in Criminal Cases but no otherwise, but in any flagrant Crimes they order the offender to be sent up in order to proceed to tryall in the solemnest manner, of which we are to give notice in all Public Places that if any of the Inhabitants think themselves aggrieved by any Judgment in Civill Cases they may apply themselves to the Mayor's Court.

The New
Charter.

As they have found the fabrick of the Cloth here much improv'd they give us leave to take in a number three of the Ordinary Long Cloth.

The Deputy Gov^r. pays into Cash the ten thousand Pag^s. he brought from Madras, which is order'd to be enter'd accordingly.

No. 3 ordy.
Long Cloth
allowed to
be taken in.
Pag^s. 10,000
paid into
Cash.

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Persons
appointed to
assist the
Dep. Gov.
to be
Justices of
the persons.

He now thinks fitt to appoint the undermentioned Gentlemen who are to act for him as Justices, & directs when any Persons shall be committed to Prison there shall be an order given to the Keeper of the Prison w^{ch}. order must be signed by the Justice which committs the Person to Prison & he is also to incert the Cause of the Complaint.

Justices of the Choultry

MESSRS. EDWARD CROKE.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICHARD GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

All houses
not regis-
tered to be
so.

The Deputy Gov^r. also thinks proper that all houses within these Limitts that are not already register'd be now register'd upon the Choultry Books, free of all Charges, & that they shall be allow'd three months time for the same, after which time if any one shall be found to have a house that has not been duly register'd it is to be Confiscated to the Company.

GEO. MORTON PITT.
AUG^s. BURTON.
EDW^d. CROKE.
ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE.
PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

- 16 Ensign Hollond Commission read.
19 Mons^r. Mollandin with his Lady from Pond^v.
22 Mons^r. Mollandine return'd to Pond^v.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNES-
DAY 29TH.

THE WORSP^{LL}. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
MESSRS. EDW^d. CROKE. ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
ROB^t. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

Robert Berriman Paymaster reads that Acco^t. for last month, the ballance whereof is Pag^s. —. 12. 30. due from him.

Paym^{ts}.
Acco^t. for
Oct^r. last.

The Extraordinary Expen^{ce} from the above mention'd Account arises Chiefly from Charges Extraordinary sending Prisoners to Madrass & repairs in some of the buildings.

Cuddalore
Sea Cust^{rs}.
Acco^t. for
Oct^r. read.
Paymaster
advanced
1400 pag^s

Robert Brooke Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads the Account for last month, the ballance paid in is Pag^s. 126. 19. 66.

ORDER'd that Pag^s. 1400 be advanc'd Robert Berriman Paymaster.

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Mr. Richard Gilman being very sensible of the great Charge this Settlement is to our Hon^{ble}. Masters & as he is willing to reduce the Expences as much as lyes in his power he now presents us with an Acco^t. of the Persons that are in pay under the Storekeeper & how they are employ'd, & proposes to reduce the Charges in that Article Pag^s. 7. 8. per mensem which we approve of, & hope it will also prevail upon others to follow this good example.

Storekeeper delivers in a List of Persons under him, retrenches the Expences.

Mr. Aug^s. Burton Warehousekeeper pays Pag^s. 39. — 60. in full of his last months ballance & reports he has deliver'd up the Warehouse remains to Mr. Edw^d. Croke, the Acco^t. of Remains are now produced & interchangeably Sign'd between.

Warehouse^{ke} ballance paid, the Acco^t. remains delivered in.

ORDER'D that a Generall Letter be wrote to the Hon^{ble}. President & Council to advise of Mr. Burton's Setting out this night for Madrass & to enclose our Cash Acco^t. & our Surgeon's indent for medicines wanting here.

Gen^l. Letter to Madrass read.

Sha Permall pays Pag^s. 1194. 31. 48. in full of his Debt.

Money paid by Sha Permall.

GEO. MORTON PITT
 AUG^s. BURTON.
 EDW^d. CROKE.
 ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
 ROB^t. BROOKE.
 PETER TAHOURDIN
 RICH^d. GILMAN.
 JOHN GRAHAM.

Messrs. Burton & Tullie set out for Madrass.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE WORSPELL. GEORGE MORTON PITT ESQ^r. DEPUTY GOV^r.
 MESSES. EDW^d. CROKE. ROB^t. BERRIMAN.
 ROB^t. BROOKE. PETER TAHOURDIN.
 RICH^d. GILMAN. JOHN GRAHAM.

WEDNESDAY 27TH.

Generall Letter from the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Fort St. George dated the 2th instant read, adviseing the Sarum's arrivall from Bengall & that the London & Prince William were dispatch'd from thence but are to touch at Vizagapatam in their way to Madrass.

Gen^l. Letter from Madrass.

They inclose a Copy of a letter from the President & Council of Fort William who writes them that a Person who goes by the name of Mustapha & sometimes Jean Baptista is lately run'd away from Bengall with upwards of nine thousand rupees belonging to the English there besides a demand the President of Madrass has on him from Aleppo, & as it is believ'd he went on a French Mocha ship from Bengall which was to touch at Pondicherry they direct that we use our interest with the said Governor of Pondicherry to get him into our hands or that he may be secured in order to be prosecuted in their Court.

A Person named Mustapha alias Jean Baptista supposed to be at Pondry. having run from Bengall with 9,000 rup^s.

They order that all the Evidences that has been lately at Madrass & such others as we think materiall in the affair of Mr. Packer be all sent up against the 5th of January next.

Evidences to be sent up in the affair of Mr. Packer.

— DECEMBER 1727 —

Letter from
M. Le Noir
Mustapha is
not to be
found
neither
there nor
at Porto
Novo.

The Deputy Gov^r. reports that immediately upon the receipt of our last Generall Letter from Madrass, he wrote Monsieur Le Noir requesting the favour of him that the abovesaid Mustapha alias Jean Baptista might be deliver'd up to us or to have him secur'd that he might be prosecuted in their Courts, in answer to which it was wrote him that he had been there, & was design'd for this place, but that afterwards he went a board their Mocha ship to Portonovo. The Deputy Gov^r. has since enquir'd at that place but no such Person is to be found.

10,000 Pag.
from
Madrass
Severall
rents paid.

The Deputy Gov^r. reports that on the 18th instant he rec^d. ten thousand Pag^s. from Madrass & that on the same day he rec^d. Pagodas 833. 12. being the last Quarters Rent due from the old Bound Renters, & Pag^s. 425. for the last Quarters rent due from the Tobacco & Bettle Farmers upon the old farm.

Money paid
the Mer-
chants.

He also reports he has paid the Merchants this Month at two Severall pay-ments Pag^s. 5133. 30. 60. on their running Contract.

Great Scar-
city of
Grain.

The Deputy Gov^r. representing to us the great scarcity of Grain in this place is occasion'd by not having had the usuall rains, & the disputes between the Renters in the Country have put a stop to the Grain coming hither or elsewhere, & as there are no stores in the Bounds the People liveing from hand to mouth it is

To advise
Madrass of
it.

AGREED that we write to the Hon^{ble}. President & Council of Madrass to desire some of the Northern boats may be sent to supply this Settlement till the Grain is more Plentifull.

Paymaster
1900 Pago-
das.

ORDER'd that Pag^s. 1900 be advanced Robert Berriman Paymaster.

Cuddalore
Land Custn.
Accot. for
Nov^r. read.

Peter Tahourdin Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Accot^t. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 101. 11. 50. which is now paid.

Warehouse
Accot. for
November
read.

Edw^d. Croke Warehousekeeper reads that Accot^t. for last month, ballance due from him is Pag^s. 607.

Journall
parcells to
the last of
October.

He also reads the Journall Parcels to the last of October.

Cuddalore
Sea Custn.
Accot. for
Nov. read.

Robert Brooke Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Accot^t. for last month, the Ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 128. 24. 4.

Storekeepers
Accot. for
Nov^r. read.

Richard Gilman Storekeeper reads that Accot^t. for last month the ballance whereof due from him is Pag^s. 130. 26. 38.

Tevenapa-
tam Sea &
Land Custn.
Accot. for
Nov^r. read
Balce. paid.

Richard Gilman Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Accot^t. for last month, the Ballance whereof paid in is Pagodas 81. 10. 36.

Paymasters
Accot. for
Nov^r. read.

Robert Berriman Paymaster reads that Accot^t. for last month, Particulars viz^t :

Charges Garrison	...	...	...	...	1142	2	12
Charges Hospitall	...	...	...	...	20	19	54
Charges Generall	...	...	...	...	57	18	4
Peons & Servants wages	...	...	...	...	269	29	—
Charges Extraordinary	...	...	...	...	135	4	68
Fortifications & Repairs	...	...	...	...	3	27	66
Fort House & Buildings	...	...	...	...	7	29	74
Garrison Cost & Charges	...	...	...	...	11	22	14
Warehouse Godowns	1	27	72
Company's Garden	2	25	20
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Dyett	248	—	—

1950 26 64

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Most of the Extraordinary Expence in the above Acco^t. arises from the Deputy Gov^r. travelling Charges, Setting up a New Flagg Staff & some repairs in the Fort.

GEORGE MORTON PITT.
EDWARD CROKE.
ROBERT BERRIMAN.
RONERT [sic] BROOKE.
PETER TAHOUDIN.
RICHARD GILMAN.
JOHN GRAHAM.

Mr. Naish set out for Pondicherry

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