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EGMORE,
1st May 1934.

N. KELU NAIB,
Assistant Curator in Charge, Madras Record Office.

RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

LETTERS FROM TELLICHERRY

1734-36

(VOLUME No. 4)

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT & GOV^R. & COUNCIL OF BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

1. Our last Address waited on you by the Cowan under the 17th. Ultimo, & on the 30th. Imported ship Heathcote Captain Joseph Tolson, as did the Wilmington Captⁿ. Charles Massey the 2^d. Instant and the Middlesex Yesterday by which ships we recieved the Treasure you were pleased to Consign us Agreeable to their respective Invoices with Lieu^t. Kerr, Engineer Witherby & Detachment of Soldiers; the 6th. Instant, we despatchd the Wilmington & Heathcote for Anjengo; after Lading on the former Three Hundred & Fifty Candys Pepper & Nine Candys Two Maunds Cardamoms copy of whose Invoices goes herewith, as also Copy of our Letter to the Hoñble Court of Directors by them, we are Loading the Middlesex with the Utmost Expedition & since our remains in warehouse on her Arrival was about Five Hundred Candys Pepper there will be more than sufficient to compleat her Lading.

2. We shall have a due care in Investing the Treasure sent us in as favourable a manner as we can but altho the Crop is very Plentifull, and the French Care of money, yet we find it difficult to reduce the price to Moderate Terms, as many of the Principal Merchants in the Country, have in view to their Interest bought up a Quantity in expectation of selling it for an high price & as the French may soon be supplied with Cash by a Ship they expect from Pondichery, we thought it would be most prudent to embrace the present opportunity for securing a quantity, Accordingly we yesterday Contracted with Chatoo Chitty for Two Thousand Candy at Seventy Two Rupees and as part of this we have already recieved Six Hundred Sixty Nine Candys Eighteen Maunds we shall be cautious of advancing money, as the Country is in such disorder, & endeavour to Invest the remainder of our stock when the Major part of the above is brought in Apprehending the next Contract will not be on such easie Terms the State of our Account as it now stands with the Chitty goes herewith.

3. We shall duly conform to the method y^r. Hon^r. & c^a. have laid down for counting over the Treasure that may be sent us in the presence of a Companys Servant, & a person belonging to the ship that brings it, in order to prevent those Errors which have lately happend, though we cannot but entertain the highest opinion of the Integrity of those we employ in our Treasury, as their behaviour has been ever free from the Minutest reflection, we begg you will permitt us to remark that the Package of the Money now sent is in a bad Condition so that we are obliged to change the baggs.

4. Your Hon^{rs}. will please to observe in the Invoice of the Wilmington we inserted the Weight of the Pepper She recieved at Anjediva Agreeable to the account deliverd us by M^r. Dickenson, but as he was unacquainted with the Price, & your Hon^r. & c^a. did not advise us thereof we could not mention it.

5. We much doubt if we shall be able to procure the Flag Staff you have directed us to send to Bengall however we are using our endeavours.

6. Whenever Mr. Jeynson desires to return to Bombay we shall permit him Agreeable to your directions but when that happens we beg to be previously supplied with Another Assistant, as it will be difficult to go on with the bussiness in his Absence.

7. Captⁿ. Slaughter takes his Passage on this ship Agreeable to your Commands, though we can ill Spare him, & we hope in his stead you will be pleased to favour us with an able Ensign, we are afraid our Conforming to the directions you have been pleased to give us in making Lieutenant Kerrs Company to consist of the European sent ^{to} Robert & Wilmington & Topasses sent ^{to} Monmouth. will Occasion some concern to Lieutenant Mendonza, as he as an older Officer has behaved exceedingly well in the Service & whose present company consists of no more then Sixteen European & Fifty nine Topasses, & therefore we hope your Hon^r. & c^a. will please to Approve of making them equal.

8. We have recieved the Account of what Money has been paid to the Familys of the Seepoys, & shall credit the Presidency for the same conformable to your Orders.

Our design in writing the late President & Council in our Letter of the 29 May 1733 concerning the Practise theretofore used in charging the Rupees deliverd for Pepper @ 5½ fanams each & afterwards reduceing our Invoice at 5 was in order to have their permission, that we might in time to come Issue the Rupees at its real value here of 5 fanams & thereby prevent the imaginary gain which appeared on the head of Rupees, and at the same time renderd the Charge of the Pepper more than its real cost, and conceiving our proposal was approvd of, we did in all our purchases afterwards rate the Rupees to the Merchant at five fanams, and credited him for his Pepper at the same rate which exactly squares with the Method of keeping our Account Current with the Presidency & on the present Books there will be no Appearance of gain on Rupees, what was carried to profit & Loss on our last Books was owing to a former contract with him, which we could not conveniently alter. & by this Means the true value of the Pepper is rightly ascertaind, & our Expences appear in an exact manner which we Apprehend is what you require.

9. The Ratification of the Articles between us & Mibie are recieved, which we shall make use of as is most suitable.

10. The orders to the Commander of the King William you were pleased to send being now of no use we return in this packett.

11. Notwithstanding the application of our endeavours with the Prince for preventing the March of the Canaree Army on Durmapatam for Attacking Cotata, they did on the 3^d. Instant encamp on the low Grounds of that Island inland with between Four & Five Thousand men, & indeed we apprehended they would soon become Masters of its Fortresses, altho the General in his Letter to us, promised otherwise, we had therefore no other means left, than either to Seize them ourselves & run the risque of a Breach with Cotata & perhaps the Canarees, or try to gain the formers consent; on the 6th. at night after sundry Messengers going between us & him, he sent us a short Ola empowering us to take it under our protection & hoist our Colours, & as settling the proper conditions with him might prolong the time, to the endangering its becoming the Canarees, we instantly began our preparations & on the 7th. in the morning were peaceably introduced into its Fortresses, namely that on the high Hill, which overlook the whole, & from whence, The Canarees are encampt about Two Miles, another at the entrance of the river Codolee & a small Hill which commands the passage of the river up Trentapatam where we now continue with about Two hundred & Fifty men, including the Military, seepoys & some Tivees, we are endeavouring at this time to Obtain an Authentick grant from the King of Cotata, for its being made over to our Hon^{ble} Masters without the payment of any money, save some presents, & as he is pretty much Straitned by his Enemys, & was not in a Condition of preserving said Island with his own Force, we think we have a prospect of Accomplishing our aim in a Successful manner.

12. The Fortress on the highest part of the Island aforementioned is in a very bad condition, the walls being only a single stone cemented with earth, so that the smallest piece of ordinance might soon bring it down we are therefore Labouring hard in bringing stones from the Neighbouring ruinated Buzar for putting it in a posture of defence for the present intending from the liberty you have given us to fabrick a small tho regular Fortification that may be Garrisond with about Fourty men; the Engineer whose diligence hitherto we have reason to commend, gives it as his opinion that Four Bastions carrying five Guns each, is the Smallest Compass he can bring it to, so as to render it in a proper Security, and the Square within Side to be about Twenty Four yards we have hopes of being furnishd with a Considerable number of Stones from the Buzar & houses aforesaid, and others may be cut near the spot, so as to bring that Expence within a tolerable Compass, but as the Cooleys must be sent from hence a great deale of time will be lost, and an Extraordinary Charge Attend the Carrying up Chunam and other Materials from the river side, though your Hon^r. &c^a. may be confident we shall have as much regard in disburseing our Masters money as we should our own, It is Impossible for us to send you any Calculate of the Expence that we may be exposed to, but in the whole we fear it will be considerable, as we are under a Necessity thro the distance our people now there are from their Houses, and all manner of conveniencys to supply them with their Provisions and Two drams a day, which must continue untill things are better settled, & we are capable of relieving them, the Island is large & the places pretty far distant from each other. which with this Settlement & the sundry outposts this way, will inevitably render our Expences exceeding high, & were we to vacate Putinha & Moohara as you are pleased to recommend we might be exposed to troubles from Cunny Nair, & perhaps in time to come from Cotata & Nombiars we think it therefore unsafe at present & indeed we apprehend your expectations, that the vacating those places & employing their Garrisons on Durmapatam so as to bring the whole charge to its former Compass, will be frustrated & the Chief in particular is of Opinion, provided our Hon^{ble} Masters are determined to preserve a lasting footing on this Coast, it will answer in the end to throw up our places this way save a small work at Tellicherry & Codolee & make Durmapatam the Head Settlement as he cannot conceive they will care to support the immense Expence the preserving so many places must Occasion, & whose safety will be renderd precarious by the Neighbouring powers assisted by the French.

13. The providing the Sundry out Posts on this Island with Ammunition & Stores has greatly diminished our Magazine here, so that we are Obliged to entreat for Supplys Agreeable to the Accompanying Indent, & we begg particular regard be had, that the Gunpowder both Europe & Country, may be good of their kind, for a great part of what we have now by us is in an indifferent condition.

14. The King of Cotata as well as the other Neighbouring powers this way, are fixt in opinion the March of the Canarees is the effect of our Contrivance & therefore are so enraged at us, that could they possibly remove them, we might expect their resentment would light on us, thro the French instigation, Cotata has now about Nine Thousand Nairs, defending the Passes of the river, and has hitherto resisted their Attacks with a great deal of resolution, but what may be the Issue we cannot be certain though from what appears at present, it will be better for us, that the Canarees are not defeated, without our Prince and the Country Powers Join in one common League & Confederacy against them of which there is at present some prospect, as Cotata we presume will in a very short time be under a Necessity of Courting the Prince, as he has him many times before, & if a becoming resolution is about to be taken on all sides we presume your Hon^{rs}. &c^a. will Approve of our giving an helping hand towards their Overthrow & so prevent the many unspeakable Mischiefs we shall be exposed to, should they continue a footing in the Country, we have near compleated the necessary supplys of rice for the ensuing year, so that we shall have no immediate dependance on their Ports, and it would be well if the English Shipping in these precarious times were cautious of putting

themselves in their power we have wrote their General Sundry Letters requiring their forsaking our Island which he Answerd in very civil terms, promising to do so very Speedily. This is all we are able to do, till our Fortresses thereon are more tenable. We are most respectfully

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obedient & most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY

FEBRUARY 13. 1734/5

Wth SUCCESS via SURAT,

STEP^N. LAW.

WILLIAM FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILLIAM JEYNSON.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HON^{RS}.

Our last Address waited on you by the ships Heathcote & Wilmington under the 5 Instant, accompanying their Invoices & bill of Lading with such other papers as are usually sent.

On the 11th. Instant Imported ship Middlesex Captain William Stedholm from Bombay who is filled up with Pepper Agreeable to our Orders as will appear by her Invoice & bill of Lading hereby sent for Four Hundred Fourteen Candys Amounting to fanams Tellicherry one Hundred Fifty three Thousand two Hundred Ninety nine.

As the French are at present unprovided with money, & not knowing how soon they may receive supplys by their ship daily expected from Pondichery, we Judged it would be most suitable for us without delay to make a Considerable Investment of Pepper, Accordingly on the 11th. Instant we contracted with Chatoo Chitty for Two Thousand Candys at seventy two Rupees the Candy, including therein the Five Hundred Thirty six Candys laded on the present returning ships, we think the price is rather to [sic] high, but as it has been so greatly Advanced lately & sundry of the Merchants of this Country, being about to engross it, we are unwilling to defer our purchases, in expectation of more Moderate terms, & we wish our ensuing Contract may not exceed this rate, our superiours at Bombay have supplyd us with Two Hundred & Fourty Thousand Rupees by these Ships which we shall lay out in the best manner we can, after reserving Sufficient for our Expences which we are Sorry to find are likely to be considerable.

We signified to your Hon^{RS}. in our last the March of the Canaree Army on the low land of Durmapatam Island, and our Apprehensions they might Overcome its Fortresses to the rendering our dislodging them Impracticable we also acquainted you of the Apprehensions of our endeavours with cotata to gain admittance thereon, and on the 7th. Instant without settling any conditions with Us he sent an Ola empowering us to secure its strong holds & hoist the Brittish flag, we were unwilling however to execute this without first settling with him suitable terms, but considering delays might give the Canarees an Opportunity of frustrating us, we Instantly detached all the men we could spare to the Number of Two Hundred & fifty (including soldiers seepoys & Tivees) & entered the Fort in a peaceable Manner, we found them in a bad Condition especially the Principal one, as it has only a Single Stone for its defence, cemented with Earth, & the Walls exceeding low, so that the Smallest piece of Cannon might soon raze it, we all now persuing endeavours with Cotata for his Granting your Hon^{RS}. Authentick Title to this Island without paying the sum we formerly Agreed for, since at the time of our taking it, he seemd to us incapable of defending it how we shall succeed tho' hope we may accomodate with

him on moderate terms, as our being there secures a large part of his Country from the Attempts of the Canarees who have strove to pass the river into his Country, but have been repulsed with a good deale of resolution by his people to the Number of eight or Nine Thousand Nairs, the French have been so Malicious as to insinuate (and which the Mallabars firmly believe) that the March of the Army was owing to our Contrivance for facilitating our gaining this Island, Notwithstanding our real Innocence in this point, we may expect should the Mallabars dislodge the Canarees from where they are, they will revenge themselves on us, if they can, and to Guard Against which we have pressed the Prince to support the Canarees against Cotata untill the several Powers of the Country Unite, in one common League against their Invaders, when perhaps a proper opportunity may offer for routing them, & thereby relieve your Trade from those Exactions & oppressions they would Undoubtedly be inclind to lay, should they continue their Authority in this Country, & since the benefit would in that case prove such to your Affairs, we apprehend you will approve of our giving an helping hand, as far as in our Power for Accomplishing that design.

Having permission from our superiours at Bombay to fabrick a regular Fortification on the Eminence which Commands a great part of the Island, We have Consulted Mr. Witherby the Engineer your Hon^{rs}. sent out in the King William & now with us how to render it secure with small thô regular Works as may require about Forty men for its Garrison & he tells us that a square of four Bastions carrying five Guns each, & one of the sides to be twenty four yards is the most limited compass he can bring it to, we are now carrying Stones from the Neighbouring ruined Buzar and houses for the works, & as we can cut others very near the spot, we believe the Expence on this Article will be moderate, though we cannot be certain how much the whole may Amount [to], as our Labouring people by their being sent from hence arrive late there, & the Chinam & other Materials must be carried from the river side the Space of a mile, This Island being surrounded by rivers and centerd in the Pepper Country, is undoubtedly a more convenient Scituation than Tellicherry, & its being in the possession of any other Europe Power, or Canarees would deprive your Hon^{rs}. of the Trade, but the Expence in Maintaining this Settlement & that, we are afraid will be too considerable for the Pepper we get to bear, however your Hon^{rs}. may be assured nothing but a Solid view to the preservation of your Interest, engages us in things of this kind, to the encreasing our Anxiety, Care & Fatigue, when we had before trouble more then enough, in Managing with the several Treacherous & perfidious powers that Surround us, who are become worse then ever; by the near Neighbourhood of the French we promise your Hon^{rs}. however, no Industry or Application shall be wanting in us, in the Carrying on your Trade to the best Advantage, & rendering your Expences as easy as possible in times of such distraction.

The Hon^{ble} President & Council of Bombay have been pleased to direct our recieving of Captⁿ. William Studholm Comm^[r.] of Ship Middlesex what sum Soever he might tender us, we have passed our Certificate to him for Rupees Four Thousand Six Hundred & Seventy, the Amount paid into your Hon^{rs}. Cash here & for which we shall duly Credit Account Current Bombay leaving it to your Hon^{rs}. to make good the Same. We are with the utmost respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. & most ffaithfull Hble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILLIAM FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

FEBRUARY 15. 1734/5

We the Chief & Factors of Tellicherry do Acknowledge to have recievd into the Hon^{ble} Company's Cash here from Captain Will^m. Studholm of Ship Middlesex,

Rupees Four Thousand Six Hundred & Seventy, In witness whereof We having signed three Certificates of this Tenour and date the one of which when complied with the other to be voided dated in Tellicherry this 15 day of February 1734/5

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.

TO CAPT^N. WILL^M. STUDHOLM
COMM^R. OF SHIP MIDDLESEX

SIR

Your Ships Lading being now compleated as you have signified to us this day & desiring your dispatches for England, This is to order you wind & weather permitting to weigh Anchor & make the best of your way, thither following Such orders as you may have recieved from the Hon^{ble} Presid^t. & Council during the prosecution of your voyage the Paquet herewith deliver'd you for the Honble Court of directors we desire you will forward to them from the first port of your Arrival at in England we wish you a good voyage & are

SIR

Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY 15. 1734/5

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

GENTLEMEN

The Master & people belonging to your Ketch thrô the hard Northwest Winds, that have blown lately & the Sickness of her Crue, together with her bad Sailing represented that it would be difficult for them to gain the Port of Mangalore, & as you may be in want of Rice for the Garrison, we thought it best to procure her lading here, with which She now goes, consisting of Thirty two Corge three Bales making one Thousand three Hundred fourty Seven Chamsaul procured of Domingo Roderigues @ Nineteen Pagodas Ecaree the Corge & three Hundred & Fourty Rupees the Hundred Pagodas Amounting with the Charges thereon to Rupees Two Thousand one Hundred & Five, one Quarter, Fifty Nine Raes, which our Chief here will Account with Mr. Wake for as well as for the Five Hundred & Ten Mad-rass Pagodas he recieved from the Master of the Vessell, put off at Three Hundred & twenty Rupees the Hundred Pagodas, the Vessell has also been Supplied with Sundry particulars Amounting to Twenty Three Rupees, two quarters & Eighty raes. We are

SIRS

Your Very Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRUARY 19. 1734/5

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQR.

PRESIDENT. & GOVERNOR. & COUNCIL OF BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last Address waited on you by the Success Captⁿ. Dugud under the 13th. Ultimo Duplicate whereof goes herewith, on the 13th. we dispatched the Middlesex for great Brittain fully Laded with Four Hundred Fourteen Candys Pepper as ^{per} Copy of her Invoice & bill of Lading enclosed Amounting to ffanams One Hundred fifty three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine, we also transmit your Hon^r. &c^a. Copy of our Letter to the Honble Company ^{per} said ship, & that we designd to go ^{per} Princess Louisa under the 12 September sent ^{per} ships Heathcote & Wilmington.

We acquainted your Hon^{rs}. &c^a. in our last that we had contracted with Chatoo Chitty for Two Thousand Candys New Pepper including what he had delivered, & was Applyd Towards the lading the returning ships at Seventy Two Rupees the Candy, & as we have recieved above half the Quantity, we have reason to believe we shall not be disappointed in any part of this Contract, & hope when the whole is near brought in, we may be able to make another purchase for investing the remainder of our Stock after reserving for our Expences, there being a Prospect of procuring about Four Hundred Candys in the parts about Billiapatam on more Moderate terms than we pay the Chitty, we have appointed two Creditable Moors for this Service, to allow them one Rupee in a Candy for their trouble, and we to run the risque of bad debts & bringing it hither, whether this may Answer our Expectations, we are not certain, though we have very encourageing hopes, Cuni-seu the Cardamom Merchant has also been advanced Five Thousand Rupees for delivering us Pepper at Seventy Rupees ^{per} Candy, & Since he is a man of Credit, we think we run no risque with him, but he does not care to engage for a Considerable quantity.

Of the Eighty four Candys Pepper procured by our Linguist at Callicut at Eighty six & an half rupees the Candy & which we advised your Hon^{rs}. &c^a. under the 17th. January, we were about selling there, for preventing the great Export of the Northern Pepper to those parts he has been only able to put off Twenty five Candys at one Hundred Rupees the Candy thro the fall of the Price, so that we are afraid our care towards a timely provision for the late departed ships will be attended with some loss to our Honble Masters, though it was impossible for us to foresee it.

We informd your Hon^r. &c^a. in our last of the Canarees being encampt on the low Grounds on Durmapatam & that we had by the King of Cotatas permission enterd its Fortresses & hoisted our Colours in hopes of obtaining from him an Authentick Writing quitting all manner of pretensions to the said Island, but notwithstanding our endeavours herein he yet [shuffles] with us in expectation of recovering the sum we formerly Agreed to give him when it was in a State of tranquillity how we may be able to accomodate this Affair we are not certain but believe he will be obliged at last to accept of a much less sum.

The Canarees continue on the same Spot, finding themselves unable to pass against Cotata, as Boyanore has joind him in person with a Considerable body of Nairs, & enterd into a League of Friendship with him, they have been both Spirit-ed up greatly by the French to Attack their Camp, & tis said the Force of that Nation to the Number of near one Hundred men, will Openly Appear in the engagement; but from what Appears the Mallabars are unwilling to risque it, as our Prince is determined to support the Canarees untill the Aforementioned Powers sue to him with offers of entering into one Common Confederacy against the Invaders, for our parts we are in some difficultys, as should Cotata & Boyanore without the Princes Assistance overcome the Camp the French have certainly in view to put those two Powers on us, under Pretence we informd your Hon^r. &c^a. in our last of our being the Instruments in bringing them forward, we have therefore in order to Guard Against this immediate Mischief endeavourd to fix the Prince in his

design of not Suffering his Countrymen to run away with the victory, in exclusion of him, & least he might disregard a point of such Consequence for want of money to support his people, we have been induced as the least Evil to promise him some Assistance on our Honble Masters Account finding without we could not certainly depend on his Steadyness, & from what now Appears to us, both Cotata & Boyanore must soon be under a Necessity of coming into his Scheme which is to Surround the Camp so as to prevent their being Supplyd with Provisions when he on some Security he has from Raganats party now in Cadalay will March with a body of men to that Fort, in order to take possession of it, each power to maintain his own people untill they are drove over Billiapatam, & then any Assistance he has from them is to be at his own Expençe, but the Sea force which he expects from us, & the French to be Supported at the Charge of the whole Confederacy, & while the Camp is on Durmapatam, that we Guard the Barrs leading to the rivers, so as that nothing be carried into them by sea, what all this may terminate in is Uncertain, though as we Said before there is a probability it may Succeed notwithstanding all the Embarrassments the French will be contriving to throw in the way.

It is proper we make your Hon^r. &c^a. acquainted that the French have certainly, since the Lodgment of the Camp Supplyd Cotata (who now bears the whole Expençe) with great quantitys of rice Gunpowder & Lead to the increasing that Kings debt, in hopes he may be able through the Assistance of Boyanore to gain a Victory over it & then Attack us on the foundation of the Story they Invented of our bringing the Canarees thither, and at the same time Obtain some advantages in Trade from those powers, Since we understand it to be so, We hope & believe your Hon^r. &c^a. will not disapprove of our being at some Expençe (as it will bear no proportion to that of the French) to prevent these Evil designs, & thereby preserve the Princes Authority on whom the Interest of this Settlement so immediately depends, tis Strang [sic] the turbulency of those at Mihie, should lead them into such interprizes with people that are Naturally deceitfull & treacherous but we are unable to help it, & therefore constrained to Subject our Masters to some Expençe for Oversetting their Schemes, in hopes when they find they pay dear for them they will learn to be more quiet.

On the 25 Ultimo when the Chief & Mr. Forbes met the Prince on Durmapatam they obtaind from him an Authentick Grant for that Island being the property of our Honble Masters Translate of which goes enclosed, & Copy of what we are to give him on their behalf in Security of his Customs we hope the Same will be agreeable to your directions Adviseing the Honble Company thereof, & have Credited occasion Amounting to Five Hundred & twelve Rupees.

Thro our ignorance of Cotatas having any people in the Small redoubt faceing his palace & under the Guns of our Principal Fortress of Durmapatam we omitted giving our people orders to secure it, when they entered that Island, & thô when the Chief went there the day following he was about to garrison it, was prevented on finding Cotatas men there, nor have we yet been able, with all our Application to prevail on him to vacate the Same, but believe he will be Speedily brought into it

Capt^a. William Studholm of ship Middlesex has paid into our Cash Four Thousand six Hundred & Seventy Rupees for which we gave him a recet Conformable to your Hon^r. &c^a. as well as the present we made him & his people on that the Presidency for the same, he put ashore her three Seamen run away from some of Galleys, Named Joseph Jones, Rowland Owen & Isaac Bates, which are employd aboard the Galevats, as we are likely to have Occasion for them.

We request your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to Supply us with Four Hundred Maunds [of D]oll for the use of the Seepoys & Galevats & ten Water Casks for the Latter being much wanted.

We entreate your Hon^r. &c^a. will comply with our Indent sent with our last, as we may probably be in great need of its contents. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Your most Obed^t. & most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILL^m. FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

MARCH 4. 1734/5.

¶ PRINCE OF ORANGE.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.

CHIEF &c^a. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIRS

Yesterday Morning We recieved yours favours of the 20 & 21 Ultimo by the Ketch from whom we recieved the detachment of Soldiers sent by the President & Council of Madrass, we shall credit Bombay Garrison for the Three Hundred Fifty Seven Rupees you paid the Master for bringing them to your Settlement as we shall in like manner the Expence in Conducting them hither, after you are pleased to Advise us the Amount.

We are very much obliged for your ordering up the Ensign & Serjeant & Corporal & Drumer for the making a better Appearance as we are also for the three men you sent instead of the like number deserted of the Madrass detachment which you may be assured shall be returned after the rains, as you desire the above Ensign &c^a. now take their passage on the Ketch, & enclos'd we send you an Account of what the Master has been supply'd with and at Callicut we are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILLIAM FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

APRIL 5. 1735

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOV^r. &c^a.

COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Since our last of the 4th March ¶ Prince of Orange Duplicate whereof is enclosed we have recieved your Commands of the 14th February.

We have punctually performd our parts in making a Considerable provision of Pepper this Season, Namely

2000 Candys, Contracted for with Chatoo Chitty the 11th. Febr^y. of which we have Advised at 72 Rup^s. the Candy.

206 bot. & recd. of Badamala Putterah the 5 March on the same terms.

1200 Contracted for with Chatoo Chitty the 20 March at s^d. price his former Contract being complied with & part of this is now received.

200 Bot. of Badamalah Puterah @ 73 as the money is not to be paid till after it's delivery.

400 Expected from Chanquem Cuniahmud & Neliarate Mahmud from Billiapatam a great part whereof being deliverd which we think will come out Cheaper than the above from the Chitty.

100 Expected from Cunallu of Cotata at 70 Rup^s. the Candy of which we have recieved a great part.

100 Expected from the King of Cotata @ 72 of which we have recieved Twenty Candys & Fifteen Maunds.

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We judge we shall not faile in recieving the above, except that from Cotata, of which we have not equal certainty, & discounting therefrom, Five Hundred Thirty six Candys Applied towards the Lading of the last returned ships, there is a probability of our remains amounting to Three thousand Six hundred, Sixty four Candys, which we Apprehend will be as much, as we shall have Cash to pay for allowing for our present Extraordinary Charges, but if the Supplies should happen to be more than we expect we little doubt but it may be Invested, though not on so good terms, we transmit your Hon^r. &c^a. an Account of the Pepper reciev'd & money advanced the Several Parties.

We are Sorry your Hon^r. &c^a. are not able effectually to Redress the Matter of our Complaint concerning the private traders, as we are certain, It will be attended with very ill consequences & incline them the more to despise that Authority which Supports them.

We thought it better became us to represent the prejudice Attending the bringing small Arms to your Hon^r. &c^a. & therefore omitted doing it to our Honble Masters.

We are sorry we are not able to give you an Account of the recovery of any part of the Samorines debt which gives us a very bad prospect, however we shall Continue our Solicitations, which is all we are able to do, in order to bring him to a Compliance.

The Canarees continue with their Army on the low Grounds of Durmapatam, where they were lately Attacked by the King of Cotata Assisted by the people of the Nombiars & some few of Boyanores; but the Mallabars presently demonstrated they were more expert at running than fighting, for immediately on the Approach of the Cavalry, they gave ground, & repassed the river, with the loss of about one Hundred men, Cotata has been at Severall times Soliciting us to join in Conjunction with the Prince, French & Other Powers this way, & made us believe Mons^r. would defray the whole Charge of his & Boyanores people, the Chief & Mr. Forbes the better to discuss this point, went to Mihie, but the Result was, that they could not take on themselves the furnishing with every thing as before represented, but seemd willing to promise the Standing as a Security, that Cotata & Boyanore Should perform their Engagements, pursuant to what might be agreed on, but we having no opinion of the Sincerity of either the French or them, thought it would be best insisting for the French takeing on them in behalf of the former directly to afford the Supplys themselves, as we offerd to do in behalf of the Prince, from the Assurance he had given us of laying down a Sum for that end, but as they would not Acceed to this, we parted, Boyanore & Cotata seeming at the Same time, exceedingly offended at their failing them in the Positive promises, they had given them, & the better to remove the Jealousie we have Advised your Hon^r. &c^a. the Mallabars entertain of our favouring the Canarees, we proposed engaging with them, & join the Prince in exclusion of the French, provided they would lay down a sum of money, but Cotata notwithstanding he seemd to Approve of the thing was not to be brought to Offer even Fifty Thousand Fanams, the Prince has been lately with us for coming to a determination, & finding the people this way very far from Coming into reasonable terms, & being even Suspicious they might forsake him at last, he declared, that as Circumstances are, he is compell'd to join the Canarees, for entering Cotata's country in hopes, when the Evil is nearer him, he will come into Suitable measures for the Publick good, & in the meantime relieve us from the Destruction which now attends our Coconut Trees on Durmapatam, haveing Assurances from the General he will punctually execute the design.

We are & have been exceeding Anxious for Extirpating the Canarees from the Mallabar Conquest, but as these people are so jealouse of each other, that Boyanore will not trust Cotata, nor Cotata him, nor the Prince either of them, nor give down any money as a Security & considering they are all such Cowards, we cannot believe your Hon^r. &c^a. will approve of our entering on so Hazardous an undertaking on so bad a foundation, & therefore we conceive, it will be best waiting for a more favourable an [sic] opportunity, since we are not of ourselves able to Effect the work.

Our Works on Durmapatam, are carried on with as much Expedition as possible but altho we have not above half the Island Secured to us (including the Entrance of the river) we have no less than Four Fortresses, one of which we found ourselves under a Necessity of Seizing from Cotata the 13th. Ult^o. being the same we mentiond in our last as we found he was determind to make that place his retreat Sho'd he be worsted by the Canarees, at the time of his making the Attack beforementiond, we hope to be in a tolerable posture of defence when the rains set in, but as the Island is very Spacious, with sundry hills which may serve as a cover for our Enemies, and our places at a distance from each other, excepting that which we took from Cotata bordering on the river, we shall be obliged to Continue a considerable force there, and to enable us to do which, as well as to provide for our defence in our other places we have inlisted Fifty Carwar Seepoys including their Officer's who seem to us good men, a great part of whom having Served formerly in our Factory there, they are to have from us the same pay and allowance as those, we have had from Bombay the Gentlemen at Madrass have sent us Thirty Topasses as part of those we informd your Hon^r. &c^a. we desired for the service of the Prince, but we think it would not be prudent for us to lett him have them at this time, especialy if the Canarees vacate the Island as we hope they will, we must have some works made at the Extreame part inland for the Extent of it is inconceivable to you as well as the Scituation, indeed as we formerly Signified it appears to us too much for our Hon^{ble} Masters to Support the Expence of two places, & we are Afraid our Accounts when they are sent will be too evident a demonstration of what we say, we are not Absolutely Governd by our Opinion in regard to fortifying the Island, but what we represent is consonant to the Judgment of the Engineer, & you will please to consider that as the largest on Durmapatam is only Secured for the present, with a wall round Cemented with Earth we shall be obliged at least till the intended Fortification is made, to have a considerable body of men there, & for your Hon^r. &c^a. clearer view of the present state of our Garrison, we enclose you an Abstract thereof, & how they are disposed of, by which you will Observe that tho the Numbers are great, there are not many left for relieves, & we do not think the allotment we have made for the several places is more than really Necessary.

Since writing the foregoing we recieved your Commands of the 30th. Ultimo 7th Elizabeth & have landed from her & the Richmond the Forty five Barrels Gunpowder you were pleased to Lade on them agreeable to the Invoice.

In order the better to represent to your Hon^r. &c^a. the State of our Cash; we transmit you enclosed its balance to the 1st. Instant with the calculate of what we suppose will be paid on Account our Pepper Contracts, by which it appears if your Hon^r. &c^a. are pleased to send us by the Cowan to the Amount of Eighty Thousand Rupees we shall be able to discharge all that may be due for the above, & be amply Supplied for our Charges, but if your Hon^r. &c^a. should faile us in that Sum, we shall be either obliged to sell some of the Pepper or take up at Interest. We are with great respect

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. & most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILL^m. FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY, APRIL 18. 1735.

7th SHYBAR.

TO THE HON^{BLE} RICHARD BENTON ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT & GOV^r. &c^a. COUNCIL OF MADRASS.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRs

Your favour of the 4 february we recieved the 4th. ultimo with the detachment of Soldiers you were pleased to send us, & shall take care to Credit Bombay Presidency for the Charges Ariseing on them, we are extreamey obliged to your

Hon^r. &c^a. for this Supply, but some of them being very old & infirm we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will not amiss our returning Such on the Childs mentiond in the enclosed List as they will be only a dead Charge to the Hon^{ble} Company, we are with great respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY, MAY 3. 1735.

J^r CHILDS

Pasqual Pereera one of the Persons mentiond in the List is missing the rest of them are paid to the last Instant & we have kept their Arms & accoutrements as they will be of use to us.

STEPHEN LAW.

WILL^m. FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILLIAM JEYNSON.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

1. Since paying our last respects to you under the 1st. of April Duplicate whereof goes herewith we have recieved your Commands of the 9th. & 11th. of that month, with the several stores by the Richmond Elizabeth & Cowan which Correspond with their Invoices & due Credit is given for them.

2. We are pleased with your Hon^r. &c^{as}. approval of the Contract we at first made with the Chitty for two Thousand Candys of Pepper & by our last you will Observe, the great addition we have made thereto, all which we have as yet no doubt of recieving save Seventy five Candys & five maunds from the King of Cotata and Twenty nine Candys Nineteen Maunds from Cuniseu who have deliverd us in no more than for the amount of the money we Advanced them, so that exclusive of the loss in Weight that may Arise & discounting Five Hundred Thirty six Candys of the present Crop, Laded on the last departed Ships we shall have in Warehouse, Unless any unforeseen Accidents happens by the end of September Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty four Candys of Pepper to be disposed of, as your Hon^r. &c^a. may direct.

3. It is Evident by our last Letter we had closed our Contracts for the Pepper then Advised before we could possibly know of your being unable to Supply us with the Necessary Cash which however considering the danger that might attend our deferring it, we are not at all concernd for Secureing so Considerable a quantity, though your Hon^r. &c^a. will readily conceive we had no way left us on the disappointment of the money to pay for the Pepper & provide for our Charges, then by either desposing of part of the Pepper to the Shipping or taking up money at Interest & Judging for Sundry reasons the last Expedient to be best, we had recourse thereto as will Appear by a Succeeding Paragraph.

4. That your Hon^r. &c^a. may better percieve the state of our Accounts with our Merchants we enclose you the same under N^o. 5 being in no wise Apprehensive of any loss, save from Chanquem Cuni Ahmod Nealearate Mahmod, & yet of the recovery of that we have the greatest Assurance & probability as the Pepper to the amount of their Balance is bought at Billiapatam & could not be conveyd hither before the setting in of the Weather.

5. Our Callicut Linguist has disposed of the last remains of Pepper there being fifty five & an half Candys at Ninety three three quarters Rupees the Candy & on that account our Hon^{ble} Masters will Suffer Twenty Eight Rupees one quarter & Sixty raes.

6. Under No. 3 your Hon^r. &c^a. will recieve our Treasury Account for the Month of May with a Sketch of the sum yet to be paid the Chitty on Account Pepper Contracted for the Head of Rupees being Charged with sixty three Thousand taken up of the following Persons at the premium of Ten $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent $\frac{1}{2}$ Annum for which we have given our Bonds on account & in behalf of our Honble Masters.

1735 April 25 of	Badamalah Putterah	..	..	..	1200	—	—
May 6	Ayapa Putterah	..	..	..	13000	—	—
7	Eyta Achem Chitty	..	..	..	20000	—	—
8 {	Anna Putterah	..	..	..	18000	—	—
	Mainu Sabram Putterah	..	..	..
					£3000	0	0

we should have forbore borrowing so much together had we not Apprehended difficultys in raising it, nor would it have been prudent, leaving the place destitute of money in times so unsettled therefore we hope our proceedings herein will merit your Hon^r. &c^a. Approbation.

7. Our Paymasters Account for the Month of May is forwarded under No. 4 we are exceeding sorry to find our disbursements so large without being able to remedy it, otherwise than by leaving ourselves very much exposed, as we have no less than Ten Fortresses to Maintain (including those on Durmapatam) & indeed there must be a considerable force on the latter, while the Canarees continue thereon.

8. Of the Ensign & Thrity men spared the Prince Sometime ago we had returnd us just after our Entering on Durmapatam Twenty one including the officer, & there remains with him now but ten who we could not withdraw without disobliging him.

9. Lieutenant Kerr pursuant to your Hon^r. &c^a. directions has the Command of the people Committed to him on which Head it does not become us to say any thing further.

10. We have given the most pressing Instructions to our Callicut Linguist for procuring the Timber required for the Powder Mill, & more especially the two large pieces of Twenty Eight Inches Square, If the getting them is practicable, we shall take care to have them in readiness not doubting but your Hon^r. &c^a. will find Conveyances for the whole together with those orderd by the late President &c^a. for Gun Carriages & what lyes provided for Gombroon Factory.

11. We wish the representation your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleased to make to the Ho^d. Court of Directors for preventing the bringing out small Arms may be attended with Success, as we do in a more particular Manner what you have wrote the Gentlemen at Bengall, tho we apprehend it will be very difficult restraining Supra Cargos, while there is a Temptation of Interest & untill our Honble Masters do give Sufficient Authority to Controule them.

12. The inland Territorys of the Samorine have been lately visited by the Forces of the Misure Rajah to the Number of fifteen or sixteen Thousand men Horse & foot burning two Districts that way, without meeting any opposition the Chief has recieved two Olah's from him, relating to this incident without making any mention of his debt, which he seems so far from desiring to discharge, that we Apprehend a late request made us for our Linguist being sent to him was in order to Solicite another Loan, we are sorry to say there Appears to us little probability of being reimbursed the large Sum he owes, without applying forcible measures, yet those Your Hon^r. &c^a. will not think proper, while we continue to want so many Necessarys from Callicut, such as Timber, Lime, firewood bamboes matts Coyr. and many other things a great part of which are absolutely required for the Service of Durmapatam, it would be wrong in us to Amuse your Hon^r. &c^a. with false hopes & expectations. for indeed we believe our endeavours for the getting this money, without forcible means. will be unsuccessfull as he pays no manner of regard to the Chiefs Letters on this Subject, we had entertained a good Opinion of gaining the Sum due from Durmet Ponicary. but tho our Linguist has been at

Some Expence in Arresting him & taken all the pains in his power, he has not been able to effect any thing, & from whence we are lead to conclude, that of [Maccna] Bedda the Mother Queen is very precarious & more so that of Puniture Rajah who is to [sic] distant from us to do any thing to him where your Hon^r. &c^a. inclined, the Prince Cuni Homos Balance is lessend this year Nine Thousand Seven Hundred fourty one fanams by his Customs & he now owes Sixty one Thousand three Hundred Twenty one & Six vis & if our Honble Masters Trade is pretty extensive, which we hope will happen, that amount will not be long discharging.

13. A Munchua belonging to our Merchant Chatoo Chitty, which sailed from hence in April with our Pass but not Colours, having a Christian Soldier aboard her was in the beginning of May, at the instigation of some of the Moors at Callicut, Seized by the Governour of that place on pretence her Lading of Tobacco, was the property of a Canaree Merchant then on her, & which was deemd a lawfull reprizal for some of the Callicut boats stopped at Mangalore we understand however that the Lading aforesaid belonged to the Chitty & therefore we were induced to demand her & in compliance therewith our Linguist Advised us of the Governours being Willing to restore her, but he afterwards flew off thro the persuasion of the Moors aforesaid, declaring he could not do it without the Samorines express orders, Application has been made to him, but what the Issue may be as we have not his Answer is uncertain, tho if your Hon^r. &c^a. does not disaprove of it, we shall in future give the Companys Protection of Pass & Colours to such boats as belong to & are the immediate property of our Chitty, as he has Generaly a large Sum of theirs in his hands, & will be the only Person exclusive of our Servants enjoying that Favour. While the French give theres [sic] to sundry Moors & other people of Callicut, as well as all the Merchants in Boyanores Country.

14. We have Maturely weighed the purport of your Commands last received relating to the Island of Durmapatam, & to which we shall now endeavour at giving you the best notice we are able for your Hon^r. &c^a. taking such resolutions as you may think most convenient in order to Secure our Honble Masters Interest at these Settlements.

15. The remarks you are pleased to make from our Advices touching the Fortress proposed to be built on the Principal eminence there, we must Acquiesce are exceeding just, for a Curtaine of twenty four yards with suitable Bastions cannot afford room Sufficient for the Accomodations of the Persons whose Service will be wanted, admitting the Island should be hereafter renderd the head Settlement, but since our writing you thereon & after taking a near view of the whole, We apprehend the making a regular Fortress with four Bastions on the place aforesaid will be very improper, as its distance from the sea Westward is two & quarter Miles from the Entrance of the river Trentapatam two Miles & from that of Codolee the same so that it can be in no wise Suitable for Commanding the bars leading to those Rivers & somewhat insecure by its distance from the Sea with Several hills & valleys between leading to the same which may enable a powerfull Enemy to cut off its communication nor does it stand in proper place for keeping the Companys Merchandize, & as it ought to be a standing Maxim in India with us, to have the Principal Places bordering on the Sea, for the throwing in the Necessary Supplies, we say the above spot cannot Answer that rule & therefore in our Humble Opinion, the Fabricking the principal Fortress will be most safe & convenient at the Entrance of the river Trentapatam, on an hill there calld Attara, commanding the adjacent Shore & the barr of the river, & is more commodious then any other place, for Shipping off goods. It cannot be annoyd by sea, thro the many Rocks & Shoales, that lye near Grove Island, within which this hill of Atarra stands, & as the land on the Opposite side of the River Northward is very low, we judge it will be free from any Annoyance that way, but the Eminence inland, on which your Hon^r. &c^a. write us, must be secured by a Tower Redoubt, or some thing of that kind of a small Magnitude capable of being Garrisond with Twenty five men, since that spot, thro its scituation defends a great part of the Island, this is what occurs to us on this matter & what we think will be the best expedient both as to Expence & Security.

16. We shall next proceed for giving your Hon^r. &c^a. our best Judgment of the Conveniencys & inconveniencys which may attend the leaving this Settlement for that of Durmapatam & first the Conveniencys.

17. The Island by being made over to the Hon^{ble} Company by the Prince will admitting the Canarees removed thence become there [*sic*] immediate property, & under their sole Government. The Lands thereon with vines & [panns] may admit of great Improvements, & afford a revenue at least of twelve Thousand Rupees Annually, from the Coconut Trees, Paddy & Salt Panns. Its Scituation in the Corner of the Pepper Country, Surrounded with rivers, leading to Cotata & Bengatt (from whence the same is Usually brought) may in all probability render the procuring that Commodity more Secure than in any other Place hereabouts, our Settlement there prevents the French Dutch or any other Europe Nation from getting a footing, & will have an Influence on Randotarra lying to the Northward, which annually Supplys a large quantity of Pepper, & it's Nearness to the Territorys of Cotata, may in all likelyhood awe him so, as to induce him to maintain a better disposition towards us, then he has Shewn for some time past, admitting the Fortifications Compleatly made, The same will by its advantageous Scituation of being Surrounded with Rivers, be in a better Security than is Tellicherry, & there is little doubt of its being well peopled & flourishing under a Just & prudent administration.

18. The inconveniencys of removing to Durmapatam by reducing Tellicherry & making the former the head Settlement.

19. Exclusive of the great sum that will be sunk in leaving Tellicherry, a Considerable Charge will attend the Razing the Works, as they are so well cemented, & forming a Convenient Stronghold for preserving our Title capable of being defended by a few men, & what is more the making new and Convenient Fortresses at Durmapatam, which we apprehend will have no other benefit from the Materials of Tellicherry, than the Timber, for the carrying the stones we Judge will cost as much, as preparing them there from the several adjacent Quarrys & an additional Expencc must attend the keeping of both Tellicherry & Durmapatam, which will be unavoidable untill the latter is render'd in a proper Security, the Warehouse as they will contain a great part of the Companys Estate, we conceive ought to be where there is the most safety & near the Residence of the Companys Servants & therefore we Suppose it will be thought proper to have them placed on Durmapatam, tho the Shipping off Goods & Landing there, is not altogether, so commodious as here, but as the Companys Trade consists Chiefly in Pepper, and which is exported Generaly in the fair Season, & not much damaged by salt water, the preceeding Inconvenience we think not sufficient to Outweigh the foregoing considerations. Our non Residence at Tellicherry may Occasion the Country of Irrebenadu (which is the Tract lying between Cadolee & Mihie) to be more then heretofore under the Influence of the French, and a part of the Pepper to be carried away by them, Curringhoda our old Antagonist may also if due care be not taken recover his Lands, & Supported by the French, Subdue Narranport Nayr, to the causing disturbance at Tellicherry, & which he may do with the more ease, provided Moylan be vacated, but as a remedy to this, we apprehend the Prince will readily Accept of that Fortress, and allow for the payment of such a Number of our people, as the keeping there may be thought proper for its Security, provided he enjoys the benefit Ariseing from the Lands formerly taken from said Curringhoda, & by this means as well as from the regard the Country people may probably pay him preferable to us, we conceive the District hereabouts may Continue in Tranquility, though we shall not presume to mention this to him till we have your Hon^r. &c^{as}. Resolution, of ourselves we have no other Objection to this proposal, than from the Uncertainty of his Successours paying the same regard as he does to us, but tis to be considered on the other hand, as the Company will willingly Continue the payment of the Customs, their own Profit we may reasonably Suppose will cement them in our Interest.

20. We have in the foregoing endeavour for Setting this point in as good a light as we possibly can, that your timely & effectual orders may be sent us for our proceedings whether the Conveniencys or Inconveniencys may be more or less than we have represented are out of Humane Knowledge to determine; we are actuated by a Sincere view, to our Hon^{ble} Masters prosperity, and our Toiles, provided the work should be determined on at Durmapatam will be very great through the want of proper workmen to perform them & a Competent Number of such as are Necessary for inspection for the saving all that can be therein, and one thing we may remark, that from what now appears to us, Supposing Durmapatam Compleated, this place reduced and Codolee Secured a small work of Stone the usual Compliment of men for these Garrisons of about Three Hundred & fifty will we believe be sufficient for the whole & not less, as the Island is pretty large, & the Scituation of several places requiring sundry small works, we have endeavourd by means of our Gunner to Obtain a more Perfect draft thereof that was formerly sent, which goes enclosed under N^o. 6, & Shew you by a Scale the distance from each place, & where at present we are Fortified, & from thence your Hon^r. & c^a. will be better able to Judge of our proposal, for rendering the Hill called Attarra, the principal Fortress, we should have employd the Engineer about this Draft, was he not incapable thro a dangerous distemper that now attends him, and indeed we fear as he is advanced in years will overcome him, but all that we have represented with regard to said Hill is consonant to his Judgment, we are Sensible the prosecution of this Undertaking will be attended with a very extraordinary Expen^{ce} & of which perhaps the Hon^{ble} Company may not altogether Approve, but your Hon^r. & c^a. will know we were either obliged to Secure this Island, or Suffer all the Mischiefs incident to its being in possession of the Canarees or French, the latter we are well assured proposing to gain it as well as the former, tho to hold this place & it will Unavoidably require so considerable a force, without being Suitably Secured of either, as we believe the trade cannot Support, & the Expen^{ce} of Tellicherry in the present State for Fourteen or fifteen years may probably, Amount to as much, as the raiseing the Works on Durmapatam for makeing it the head Settlement, we Submit the whole to your Hon^r. & c^a. Judgments Assuring you we shall to the best of our Capacity do our parts, and one thing we think entirely Necessary, that the Principal works provided, they should be made on Durmapatam, be raised according to the rules of Art, with proper Strenght [*sic*], The want of which here has exposed our Honble Masters to more Expen^{ce} than need otherwise have been.

21. During the time of our being in possession of this Island, which is now about four months, we have secured the Hill called Codottee at the Entrance of Codolee, with a pavement & Ramparts of Stone raised on the Mud wall & to us there seems to want nothing more there than a Ditch, & the breaking down some little risings thereabouts, the Hill called Tacharra which we took from the King of Cotata, is secured in like manner, bearing Casements for Ten Guns, it seems to want little more than Compleating the Ditch already begun both of them have Guard Rooms & other Conveniencys made of Teak Timber & Coverd with Tyles, Atarra is Secured for the present with Mud Walls & unless the Rains Injure it we think it in a safe condition, That on the Principal Eminence facing the Canaree Camp is Garri-sond with one Hundred & fifty men including two Commissiond Officers, & has walls Cemented with Earth with a Parapet four foot thick, ten six pound Guns & two Nine with the Hobit, & sundry Cohorn Mortars, we wer[e] obliged for present Security to make it in that Manner with a safe place for the Magazine, a small Habitation for the Officers, & a Guard room Coverd with Cajans, and as there are a great quantity of stones cutt & Lime there, we have thought at present of making the fabrick either of a Tower or a redout when the weather permits, and the present wall will be a defence to it, till the work is raised.

22. Your Hon^r. & c^a. may be confident we have entirely at heart the expulsion of the Canarees, as the only expedient for Secureing our Honble Masters Interest at these Settlements & preventing the immediate Mischiefs done by them to the Island of Durmapatam, in Cutting down the Coconut Trees for their Use & other

Inconveniencies, but we have experienced the dastardly Spirit of the Mallabars, & their Incapacity or unwillingness to furnish a Competent sum for waging war against them, together with the little Inclination formerly Shewn by the Prince for entering on Action, without a better prospect of Success, than he could hope for from the disposition of Cotata & Boyanore, as the former seemd to have nothing more at heart than freeing himself from their Annoyance, without regarding what might become of the rest of the Country, little reason had they to believe we contributed towards bringing them on Durmapatam and Cotatas displeasure on this Surmise, was only owing to our want of inclination in Routing them thence and taking no thought of their being about Cadalay, nor of their Capacity there to put an entire stop to our Trade carryd on from Randotarra & Billiapatam with the parts adjacent, we still are firmly of Opinion any undertaking against them should be with a View to drive them out of the Country & not fail [*sic*] into the French Scheme for applying Measures only towards keeping them out of the parts hereabouts, we can obtain no promise of money from Cotata, tho we have labourd hard for it, he only now offers (and which is the most he will be brought to) furnishing three Thousand Nairs, to assist at his Expence untill they are drove over Billiapatam And the Prince then to manage the rest by himself, but considering the inconstancy & villainy of these people, how can we be sure he will not fly back, after relieving his own Territorys. & the rather as the Necessary Security will be wanted of a deposite of money, yet however as the Canaree force at present does not exceed Four thousand men including Six Hundred Horse, & the Prince seems willing now to risque it, as he a few days past Signified to us, and we reflecting if a Tryal is not made the Work will never be effected, we have listned to their proposals, & promised to contribute all that is in our power therein on a Supposition, The Prince will be at least as good as his Word in putting us in possession of Two Hundred Thousand fanams, exclusive of fifty Thousand which perhaps Cotata may be induced to lay down, as a small Security for the payment of the Three Thousand Nairs that he promises to furnish, we are indeed somewhat Timorous of the undertaking considering the Garrisoning of so many places will incapacitate us from affording many of our people & those we do, not of the best sort, though undoubtedly if the Mallabars have any resolution the Overcoming so inconsiderable a Number that are ill paid, and have not provision as we are told for longer than August, will Appear to those who know these people best as a Matter of little difficulty; these considerations Animated by the inclination your Hon^r. &c^a. have Shewn to effect their Overthrow, we say induces us to run the proposed risque, since the Prince who has his all at Stake, is Willing to hazard it, and we are assured these Settlements can be of little Utility if they remain Masters of the Country, & it will be better making the Effort now than after laying out great sums on Durmapatam on the Uncertainty of not enjoying the benefit proposed thereby; the Stopping up the Sea will be Absolutely Necessary, in which we have hopes Cotata will engage the French as well as to Assist with their people by land, tho could we have any tolerable Security of doing it without them, we should prefer it & then stand a very good Chance of having the trade of Cotatas Country made over to us exclusive of all others, In fine we have been afraid of entering on these designs least the Issue should prove unsuccessfull & our Conduct exposed to censure, tho the [. . .] in the [. . .] the Power of Human Judgment to Answer for & [. . .] willing [. . .] howsoever they succeed your Hon^r. &c^a. as well as our Honble Masters will consider that it is & always has been our view to promote their Interest to the Extent of our Capacity doubting not but you will Judge a Galley or some Vessel of Force Necessary towards assisting us in preventing the Importation of Provisions to the Canarees, and give a proper Caution to the people under your Directions not to frequent their Ports, untill there is a certainty of their being safe by so doing.

23. In April last the French of Mihie recieved a Letter from their Company in Cypher sent overland, adviseing them that the Ship intended them last Season, was lost on this coast [*sic*] in a Storm but that the people & Effects were saved, that they intended them another to saile in August, but if thro the approach of the Monsoon,

she might not be able to call on this coast then to proceed for Pondichery thus far they have talked Publicly, but tis privately said, that Eight Ships of war would be appointed this way after the rains, the Commodore of which not to be in subjection to any of their Governments in India, whether this be true or not we cannot be certain, but should it prove so we may expect from them great insolence if not something worse, and we are apt to surmise the Sending out these Ships Admitting it so, may be with a view to possess Durmapatam influenced therein by the representations that may have been made home of that places being very proper to extend their Trade & [pre]vent our getting the quantity of Pepper we now do.

24. Sometime since a French Soldier of Mihie in order to prevent our delivering him up committed a barbarous Murder on [. . .] servant, by stabbing him in several places, leaving him hanging up in his room, & when he came hither related the action with all its horrid circumstances, and as things of this nature may again happen and others Screend for Abominable Thefts committed in either of our Settlements Mr. Tremisot proposed for avoiding these Evils to enter into the Articles now forwarded to your Hon^r. &c^a. in French under N^o. 9 we are of opinion the same if [avoided] may be of Mutual Benefit provided the First Article be rendered Consonant to what now Subsists for we are apprehensive by granting liberty of detaining such as may be called National Subjects, or belonging to either of our Colonies in any part of India, may engage us in disputes in proving the reality thereof, & the same Objection holds good in the Second, The 4th. we believe may be consistent enough in case each of us do by our own force & Authority return such respectively as are included therein, which we think will be better then letting our people enter into each others district Arm'd & the same reason holds good in the 5th. If your Hon^r. &c^a. do approve of their proposal with the Alterations above Specified we beg you will please to send them us in English and Portuguese to be Signed here & your Approval apart, that the same may be settled as soon as possible as it is of some Consequence.

25. The Vice Roy of Goa in his Letter to the Chief Complains of our entertaining the subjects of his King Alledging that he on Several Occasions has returned on Condition of Pardon Sundry Englishmen that have come under his flag; and as we are ignorant of his case we begg your Hon^r. &c^a. will be pleased to give us your directions whether to return such as come to us or not.

26. In our Address under the 12th. december last we inform'd your Hon^r. &c^a. of our having reciev'd of Thomas Rout Administrator to Jonas Johnson dece[as]ed the sum of Six Hundred Thirty three Rupees, Fourty five Raes which he desired might be made good to Captⁿ. James Inchbird, but being signified to us it is not yet done, we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will cause the same to be paid as we have given due Credit for it on the Books here.

27. We are very sorry to acquaint you that on the 10th. Instant Dyed Mr. Frans^s. Witherby the person you was pleased to send us to Execute the office of Engineer, the want of whose Service, and our Ignorance as well as those under us in that art will put us under great Inconveniencys, unless your Hon^r. &c^a. have it in your Power to send us a Capable person to supply his place, The Inventory of Mr. Witherbys Effects under N^o. 10 Shews y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. what he has left which before he dyed he desired might be taken care of, by the Chief, untill farther directions might be given by Mr. Mace in whose hands he has left a will.

28. The Mangalore Workmen formerly employd in our Fortifications here, are so dispersed to the French & other Services, that those we got last year, were exceeding bad, nor coud we find a proper person to act as Master, we are therefore obliged to request your Hon^r. &c^a. will if possible afford us one, who has given proof of his abilities, & twelve other good workmen, who by being mixed with the people here, may be of great service, as may three or four others, Skilld in cutting free Stone, of which there is plenty near Atarra Hill on Durmapatam that may be rendered very usefull in the Foundation, & one that Understands blowing up Rocks, letting them be all furnished with their Tooles, two or three good Purvoes for inspecting the people, & Assisting in keeping the Accounts we are persuaded may contribute

to the Saving a great deale of money, as would a carefull & industrious Companys servant, to reside constantly on the Island, & we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will find no difficulty in Supplying us.

29. We are taking the proper care conformable to your Hon^r. &c^{as}. directions for stopping from the Detachment sent us, what is due on account cloathing, & to their respective officers, but as Captain Slaughter had the management of those that came with him by the Robert, we are ignorant of what he collected, and for making out their Accounts as clear as possible we beg your Hon^r. &c^a. will be pleased to cause the particulars of any such stoppage to be sent us, with Seperate accounts, Shewing how the Debts from the several soldiers to their officers Arise as some of them deny to owe the sum Charged, therefore said account will be of use in Confronting & adjusting them, & a means to prevent discontent, when the whole is Collected we shall duly credit Account Current Bombay as we have allready done for the sum paid the Familys of the Seepoys made up to the Ultimo December last, amounting to Rupees Fourteen Thousand eight Hundred eighty nine & sixty raes.

[30.] Enclosed goes our Garrison & Hospital Indents Under N^o. 11 & 12 which we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will be pleased to Comply with, we also send the other papers Annually required as ¶ list We are with great respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. & most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILLIAM FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
JUNE 16. 1735

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.

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

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Our last address waited on you by Pattamar under the 16th. Instant, Duplicate whereof accompanies this, with all the papers therein mentiond as ¶ List, we found it Impossible to procure another Pattamar to go directly from hence, & therefore are obliged to send this to Callicut, for its being forwarded by such persons as may be found proper there and on not getting them, transmit it to Madrass recommended to the President & Council.

We have not been able to learn anything more of the French, but the Backwardness Shewn by Cotata in finishing the Scheme we advised your Hon^r. &c^a. oft for routing the Canarees, leads us to believe they have given him expectations of powerfull Assistance which may compleat the work without engaging at all with us, nothing more Material offers at present as we begg leave to assure you we are

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TELLICHERRY
JUNE 24. 1735

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

Finding great difficultys in procuring Pattamars to carry our Advices to Bombay, directly from hence, we are obliged to trouble your Hon^r. & C^a. with the Accompanying Packett which we beg you will please to forward thither as safely & expeditiously as you can, as it contains duplicate of what we have before sent relating to the affairs of this Settlement which are Important.

We beg your Hon^r. & C^a. will favour us with any Material News you may have recieved from Europe, & particularly let us know if the French are makeing any preparations for this way we are most respectfully

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TELLICHERRY
JUNE 24. 1735

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

SIR AND SIRs

On the 17th. Instant, we receiv'd your Letter of the 4th. and agreeable to the notice you therein give us, we have Credited Account Currant Bombay, for the sum you paid Captain Gale, and the Charges you were at in sending hither the Madrass Detachment of Topasses.

We are sorry we should hitherto omit owning the receipt of your Letter of Middlesex and of our being in possession of the Treasure you sent us by her, Amounting to 10000 Rupees, which however we then Credited the Presidency for; We are

SIR AND SIRs

Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
JULY 25TH. 1735.

TO CAPT^N. WILL^M. GIBBS.

SIR,

I am directed by the Chief to acquaint you, that it is his order you adjust your Accounts monthly, of what Stores you receive from the Storekeeper, and what you Deliver in to him, and that you render an Acco^t. every three Months of your Expen^{ce} to be delivered into the Office, as a means for avoiding mistakes. By Order of Stephen Law Esq^r. Chief & C^a. Factors at Tellicherry

TELLICHERRY
AUGUST 18TH. 1735.

WILL^M. JEYNSON
Sec^{ry}.

TO MR. WILLIAM FORBES
STOREKEEPER.

SIR,

As the several Services you are appointed to may be better attended, by your being eased of the Stores, you are hereby directed to deliver over to Mr. Richard Lynch the General Stores belonging to this Settlement, of which you are to take an exact Inventory to be signed by you both, as soon as you can Conveniently. We are

SIR,

Your Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
AUGUST 18TH. 1735.

TO MR. RICHARD LYNCH.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to receive from Mr. William Forbes Storekeeper, the Charge of the General Stores, belonging to this Settlement, taking an exact Inventory thereof, to be signed by you both, and Delivered in as soon as you Can, and for the management of that Trust, we shall give you the following Directions.

1st. You are duly every month to render to this Board a true Account of all such Things as are received into your Charge; and of what are delivered, whither for the use of the Company, or sold to private Persons.

[2nd.] By the value of the Stores, now deliver'd you, you will be able to regulate your Sales, which must have an Advance of 25 ³/₄ Cent, on what Sold the Company's Servants, and 50 ³/₄ Cent to all others whomsoever.

3^d. You are to deliver nothing from the Stores, without a receipt being taken from the Person who requires them, expressing for what Service they are wanted.

[4th.] You must adjust with the Principal Officer, and Gunner as well as with any others in the Company's Service; that have Trusts committed to them once every Month, all Things delivered to, or receiv'd from them.

5th. You must render an Account to this Board every three Months of your Sales, when you are to pay the Amount thereof into the Hon^{ble} Companys Cash, taken a receipt from the Chief for the sum Paid.

6th. We recommend to you a proper Deligence that not only yourself, but all others under you, render a just and faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed. We are

SIR

Your most affectionate Friends and Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
AUGUST 18TH. 1735.

To MR. HUGH HOWARD
PAYMASTER.

SIR,

The sundry our [sic] Posts depending on this Settlement, Occasioning a more than ordinary Expence of the several Articles under your Care, we think proper to recommend to you an observance of the following Rules, for preventing as much as possible any purloining, Wastage, or Misapplication.

The Articles of Timber being pretty Considerable, you must be exceeding Carefull in keeping a true Account of whatever is, and may come into your Charge, as also of the Issues thereof, whither by Sales, or for the Companys Service, ascertaining the Value, and Measurage of which you must deliver in an Account every three Months.

The Chunam is in like manner to be valued, and a due Account kept of it; receipt and delivery, expressing to what Works, it is applied; and the same care must be had of all others Articles, under the denomination of petty Stores, such as Bamboes, Baskets &c^a. all which together with the Timber, must have a true Account delivered of into the Office every three Months, and the Value of what sold must have due Credit in your Monthly Account. We are

SIR

Your humble Servants

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HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^M. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
AUGUST 21ST. 1735.

To CAPT^N. DAVID WILKIE
COMM^R. SHIP QUEEN CAROLINE.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to send ashore, in such Boats as now proceed on Board you, The Treasure Consigned this Settlement, by the Honble President, and Council of Bombay, taking care it be well Roped and Buoyed.

We are

SIR,

Your humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WILL^M. FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^M. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
SEPTEMBER 8TH. 1735.

To CAPT^N. DAVID WILKIE
COMM^R. SHIP QUEEN CAROLINE

SIR,

You are hereby ordered Wind and Weather permitting to weigh anchor, and make the best of your way for the port of Callicut, where at your Arrival pray deliver the Accompanying Letter to Francisco Dias our Linguist, from whom you are to receive such a Quantity of Plank and Timber as he may send aboard your Ship

for Gombroon Factory, giving him a receipt for the same, we recommend to you, the utmost Dispatch possible in your return hither, when we shall give you our final Directions for your proceeding to Gombroon. We are

SIR

Your humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

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HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY

SEPTEMBER 8TH. 1735.

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

HONBLE SIRs,

[1st.] Our last Address waited on you by the Middlesex dated the 15th. February, Duplicate whereof, and Copy of her Invoice accompany this. On the 7th. Instant Imported Ship Queen Caroline Captain David Wilkie from Bombay, and after Landing the Treasure Amounting to 80000 Rupees, she was dispatched for Callicut to receive there, the Plank and Timber directed to be provided for Gombroon Factory, and as the same is in readiness, nothing can hinder her Speedily Departure for said Place; we do not now transmit your Hon^{rs}. a List of Ships and Vessells arriv'd and Sailed, as that will be done, pursuant to our usual method in January; the sundry Paragraphs of your Commands to Bombay ~~3~~ Ships Queen Caroline, and Scarborough; relating to this Settlement, have been sent us; and we beg leave to take the Liberty of replying thereto, as far as necessary in the sequel hereof, and shall puncutally observe as near as possibly we can the Directions therein given.

[2^d.] Our Purchases in Pepper from the beginning of January last, have consisted of 4080 Candys at the following Rates Viz^t.

Candys.									
3810	@ 72
200	@ 73
70	@ 70
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4080 Candys.									

& of which we have received into Warehouse to this Day 3721 Candys, and do not doubt but the remainder being 359 will be deliver'd us in all next Month; when our stock in this Commodity will be, without Accounting for loss in Weight, 3544 Candys, which with the 536 Embarked on the last return'd Ships, adjusts the above Quantity; It is needless assuring your Honours of the Sincere application of our Endeavours, in making our Contracts as favourable to you as possible, for it is what we shall ever do, as well as omitt no Opportunitys of giving you entire Satisfaction in all respects; what the produce may be the Ensuing Season, we cannot be certain, though there is a prospect of a plentiful Crop, the share we may Get of it, as well as the Price it may bear, depends on the Circumstances of the French, which at present we can make no judgment of, The Traders to Callicut will also influence it, for last Season, 'tis computed, that near 1000 Candys was carried by Land to a Port in the Samorines Dominions, called Quilandy four Leagues from Callicutt, and then Transported thither in Boats, at the Expence of about Ten Rupees on every Candy, and we are informed it Sold there at near Eighty eight Rupees; this is an Evil that will Effect us is [sic] Time to come, and which concerns us the more, as it does not seem to admitt of a remedy.

3^d. The sundry Outstanding Debts to your Hon^{rs}. with the Samorine, mother Queen Puniture Rajah, and Dermet Ponicy, we are sorry to acquaint you, are in no likelihood of being Paid, for the former, who is so largely indebted to you, and as greatly obliged for the Services your Hon^{rs}. afforded him, towards withstanding the Dutch, will not now return even an Answer to the Chiefs Letters, on this Head, so that Force seems to us the only remedy, & which we have signified to our Superiours. But those of Puniture Rajah, mother Queen, & Dermet Ponicy we conclude will prove irrecovable [*sic*], unless the Samorine can be induced to Discharge them, In consideration that the Money was spent for his Service. That of the Prince Cuni Homo is annually lessened by his Customs, and now stands at Fanams Tellicherry Sixty one Thousand three Hundred fifty Seven & Six Vis.

4th. The Complaint that is made of the loss in the weight of the Pepper Shipt on the Compton for China; we are confident, was not Occasioned through any Injustice or neglect here, but rather proceeded from the Pilferage in China, which those who carry that Commodity thither, often Experienced to a much greater degree, we believe than that by the Compton; however we shall conform punctually to your Hon^{rs}. Commands in having it weighed in the Presence of one of the Super-cargos, or the Person they may appoint, Assisted by one of your Covenanted Servants, though it often happens, that the Shipping are in too great an hurry to admit of that delay, and we are wholly unprovided with proper Europe Scales and Weights, for making Expedition; Our method here is to weigh a Maund at a time, when we Pack it for Exportation, and we take the same way in receiving it, from the Merchants.

5th. We are as sensible as your Hon^{rs}. can possible be, that the Encrease of your Charges at this Settlement can in no wise Answer, But then we beg leave to represent to you, that it never heretofore lay under the Difficultys, or Dangers it has lately done; we acquainted your Hon^{rs}. in our several Addresses, that the Canaree Army had subdued this Country as far as Durmapatam bordering on this District, and that we judg'd their views are to conquer the remainder of the Pepper Country, for laying such Impositions, and Duties on that Commodity, as may in some measure reimburse the immense Expence this Undertaking has occasion'd and further strive to render the keeping of your Settlements impracticable; they still continue on the low Grounds of Durmapatam, (the same Place we mention'd in our last) waiting for more Forces to enable them to proceed forward, we steadily [*sic*] believe, their real Intentions are what we represent, and to provide against which, in pursuance of the Latitude given us by our Superiours, we have been constantly striving for effecting an Union among the Mallabar Powers, joined with us, in order to compell them to retire, but we are sorry to say, the Mallabars are so envious against each other, and in general so negligent of what may be the Consequence of this Invasion, that we have been unable to prevail on them to lay down a sum suitable for Carrying on such an Enterprize, for to this moment they do not offer to raise above Sixty Thousand Rupees, which we believe wou'd be found too small, and in the End, the Confederacy wou'd be oversett, unless supported at your Hon^{rs}. Expence, which we judge you wou'd not choose to bear, and we on our Parts, from what we have seen, must conjecture, that the Nair's wou'd want Resolution, as last Season a great Body of them were Defeated on the said Island by an inconsiderable Number of Horse; we have also in our several Addresses, acquainted your Hon^{rs}. that the French have been constantly contriving us Mischiefs, and that they were bent last Season to settle on Durmapatam, for eating you out of the Trade that way, as they have already done in the Parts about Mihie, and we have been since credibly informed, that had we not been on that Island, they wou'd have attempted it, yet admitting they had not, we are convinced, the Canarees wou'd have been steadily entire Masters thereof; and Consequently in a Capacity of hindering The bringing The Pepper produced in the adjacent Parts; when your Ships might probably have been disappointed of their Tonnage; and this Settlement rendered a dead Charge, and in such case, we must believe your severest Censure wou'd have fallen on us; whither it will be necessary for your Hon^{rs}. to hold that Island and Tellicherry, or if the former will be in the End more convenient for the main Establishment, and

have no more at the latter than a small Work; we must leave to the judgement of our Superiours; what we have wrote to Bombay on this Head, under the Sixteenth of June last, we beg leave to Enclose under N^o. 3. and now we submit our Conduct to your Hon^{rs}. impartial judgement, hoping our proceeding will be found to be built on so sound reason according to the Times, and Circumstances which presented; and though we are so unhappy as greatly to exceed in our Expences, in maintaining no less than Ten Fortresses, and Two Gallivatts; (the latter for preventing the Canarees putting us, to any Inconveniencys by Sea) we think the same could not be avoided without exposing your Affairs to greater Mischiefs, however when it may be judged necessary to limit the Number of said Fortresses, with the Compliment of Men, we shall pay a ready Obedience thereto, at the same time hoping whatever Detriment may ensue will not be imputed to us; the Deligence of your Servants here, in performing their Duty, we promise you shall never be wanting, and we shall esteem it our greatest Felicity to have your Hon^{rs}. Approbation; but it is not in our Power with Policy alone, to make Villians Honest, nor impede the Ambition of some from invading the Property of others; and in fine the Prospect before us, does not promise the entire Security of your Interest here; or that we shall be always able to continue your Settlements in Peace, and Quietness, while the French, Canarees, and Mallabars pursue their constant Schemes for making their several Advantages, but why the former have been induced to pursue such Troublesome Maxims; or what their views are in lending the King of Cotata at Times, to the amount of near a Lack of Rupees, (which is still ow'ing to them); we are at a loss to Account for, unless they had in view to engrose the whole Trade of his Country, which is very considerable, and this is the only reason, why that King is so little inclined to us, and was it not for his present Troubles with the Canarees, we believe through the Instigation of the French, he wou'd not only stop Pepper coming from his Country, but give us Disturbance in other respects, which he wou'd be apt the redier [*sic*] to do, did he not think us, in a Condition of withstanding any such attempts.

6th. On the Tenth of June last we had the Misfortune to loose Mr. Francis Witherby the Person you was pleas'd to appoint Engineer of Bombay, his Effects have been taken care of by us, untill we receive Directions from Mr. Mace the Gunner of Bombay, who he declared to have his Will in Possession.

7th. Late at Night on the Twelfth Instant Anchored here, your Ship King William from Bombay, when Captⁿ. James Sanders signified the reason of his coming here, was to deliver five Persons who deserted from thence, and not Discovered till after Two Days leaving that Place, and pursuant to his request, they are put ashore here, in order to be sent up, by the first Conveyance.

We are with The utmost Respect

HON^{BLE} SIRs

Your most Obedient, and most faithful Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY
SEPTEMBER 15TH. 1735.
P KING WILLIAM

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.

TO THE R^T. WORSPL. W^M. COCKELL ESQ^R.
AGENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE BRITISH NATION
&C^A. COUNCIL AT GOMBROON.

R^T. WORSPL. SIR, AND SIRs

AGREEABLE to the orders we have receiv'd from the Ho^{ñble} President, and Council of Bombay, we now dispatch to you, Ship Queen Caroline, on whom we have Laden the Timber, and Plank, we were some time since directed to provide

for your Factory, It's Cost, and Charges you have an Account of in the Accompanying Invoice, Amounting to Rupees one Thousand three hundred, eighty two, Two Quarters, Eighty five Raes, for which we shall Debt Account Currant Bombay. We are

R^t. WORSP^l. SIR, AND SIRs
Your most Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
SEPTEMBER 25TH. 1735.

To CAPTⁿ. DAVID WILKIE
COMM^r. OF SHIP QUEEN CAROLINE.

SIR,

THE Timber and Plank we were directed to Lade on your Ship for Gombro[on] being all on Board; you are hereby Ordered Wind, and Weather permitting to weigh your Anchor, and make the best of your way, for s^d. Port.

HEREWITH you have our Paquet for the Agent, and Council, for Affairs of the Hoñble Company Residing there, which you are to deliver to them, on your Arrival at that Port, and you are to follow all such Orders as s^d. Gentlemen may Think proper to give you; we wish you a safe, and speedy Passage. And are

SIR

Your very humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
SEPTEMBER 25TH. 1735.

To CAPTⁿ. GEO: WESTCOTT.
COMM^r. OF SHIP SCARBOROUGH.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to send ashore in such Boats as shall be sent you off, by M^r. William Forbes Storekeeper, all the Treasure, and Stores Laden on board your Ship, by the Hoñble President, and Council of Bombay, and Consign'd to this Settlement Taking care the Treasure be well Roped and Bouy'd. We are

SIR

Your Humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^m. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^m. JEYNSON.

TELLICHERRY
OCTOBER 13TH. 1735.

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

SIR AND SIRs.

YESTERDAY arriv'd here our Hoñble Masters Ship Scarborough Captⁿ. George Westcott from Bombay, by her we receiv'd a Paquett from the Hoñble President and Council, which they direct our forwarding to you 1st first Opportunity, Though

as we know not, but it may be of Consequence, we send it, by this Boat Express, being uncertain when an Occasion may offer. We have also Copy of a Bill of Lading of sundry Stores for your Settlement, which we are likewise directed to send you, and therefore desire you will acquaint us, If a munchua will be a proper Conveyance, to forward them by, should one offer your way, or in what manner you would have them sent. We are

SIR AND SIRs

Your most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

P.S.

Your Paquett for the Honble President & Council, is receiv'd and we shall forward it, thither by the First Opportunity.

TELLICHERRY

OCTOBER 14TH. 1735.

TO CAPT^N. GEO: WESTCOTT
COMM^R. OF SHIP SCARBOROUGH.

SIR

WE having Laden aboard your Ship Four Hundred Fifty Candys Pepper, which you say is sufficient to stiffen her, you are hereby directed Wind and Weather permitting to weigh Anchor, and make the best of your way, for the Port of Callicut, where on your arrival please to deliver the Accompanying Letter to Fransisco Dias our Linguist, from whom you are to receive aboard such a Quantity of Timber and Plank as he may tender you, and give him a receipt for the same.

WE recommend to you all the Dispatch possible, in taking the aforementioned aboard, and desire you will loose no time in returning hither, when we shall Lade on you the remainder of the Pepper you are to carry, and give you your Dispatches for Bombay. We are

SIR

Your very humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.
RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

OCTOBER 19TH. 1735.

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

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs

1st. By the Queen Caroline Capt^N. David Wilkie, who imported with us, the 7th. of September, we receiv'd your Commands of the 25th. and 28th. August, and on the 13th. Ultimo those of the 23^d. September of Scarborough Capt^N. George Westcott.

2^d. THE King William touched here, the 12th. of September, when we receiv'd notice from Capt^N. Sanders of his having found on Board, after leaving Bombay, Four Sailors, and one Soldier, belonging to the Island, which he declared, and we

believe he knew nothing of, 'till his being at Sea; we took them ashore, and now return them on the Scarborough as ^{per} List enclosed; and the premention'd Ship, after taking in Wood and Water, Sailed the 15th. Copy of our Address to the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors by her goes herewith.

3^d. THE Queen Caroline deliver'd us, the Treasure your Hon^r. &c^a. were pleased to Consign us by her, Consisting of Eighty Thousand Rupees, in that Specie and Venetians; She sailed for Callicut the Day after her arrival, and return'd to us, the 25th. with the Timber, and Plank, we had been directed to provide for Gom-broon, for which Place she left us, the Day following, and under this cover goes the Copy of her Invoice, Amounting to Fanams Tellicherry Six Thousand nine hundred thirteen and nine Vis, or Rupees One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Two, two Quarters, Eighty Five Reas; we assure your Hon^r. &c^a. had the Quick-est dispatch possible from Callicut, and we shall constantly Observe the same, as we have hitherto, in regard to all Ships that may come under our Direction.

4. THIS your Hon^r. &c^a. will receive by Ship Scarborough, who duly deliver'd us, the Treasure, and Stores sent on her, agreeable to her Invoice save one Barrel, and Two thirds of Tarr, suppos'd to be Leaked out by the badness of the Casks, If the Owners are Answerable for the Amount, we leave it to your Hon^r. &c^a. to recover it of the Commander, which we have not done here; and what contained in the Bill of Lading, Designed for Anjengo, we have taken ashore, and wait for the Advice of those Gentlemen how to Transmit them, but their Packett was forwarded immediately by Boat Express, as we had no prospect of any Occasional Conveyance offering.

5. THE Enclosed Calculate under No. 6 of the remains of Pepper, shews your Hon^r. &c^a. that we are likely to have in Warehouse, after the Dispatch of the Scarborough, Candys Two Thousand Eight hundred Fifty one and eight Maund, of the Old Crop, which we conceive will fully supply the Tonnage of the present Year, (including that of the Richmond), and as the new Crop promises very well, we hope we shall not be disappointed in providing for the Cargoes of those Ships, which may be under your Dispatches in 1736/7 and for enabling us to do which, we depend on the proper supplies, that we may be always in Cash, for making our Investments, as Occasions offer, not Doubting but your Hon^r. &c^a. will also Account for the large Expen^{ce}, we are at present exposed to, which will be seen in our Books of Accounts. we have no Thoughts of applying to Cochin, or Callicut for Pepper, judging we shall not need it, and the Price is Extravagantly high; The Dutch as we are informed, having advanc'd it, to Seventy Six Rupees that Candy, which will come out nearest Eighty four this, and we believe it will be more at Callicut, through the demands of the Country Vessels, and such as Trade under our Hon^{ble} Masters Protection.

6. WE have been very desirous of Answering your Hon^r. &c^a. Expectations, in laying out the Mony now consign'd us, in old Pepper, but the Country is so gleaned of it, and the French in want for the Dispatch of their Ship that arriv'd the 29th. September from Europe, we thought it more Eligible to avoid giving more than Seventy Three Rupees for it, hoping thereby to moderate the Price of the new, which will be a much greater benefit to us, than securing an inconsiderable quantity at an advanc'd Rate; The French now pay Seventy Five, and are able to purchase very little. The Ten Thousand Pound Weight of the Head sort of Cardamoms required for the returning Ships, mention'd in your Commands of the 23th. September; we shall procure on the best Terms we can, and to prevent our being Disappointed have deliver'd to Cuniseu the Merchant Five Hundred, and one Venetians; as the French either on publick or private Account, have advanc'd a large sum to People of indifferent Credit, for engrossing as much As they possibly can of that Commodity.

7. WE shall follow your Hon^r. &c^a. directions in taking ashore from the Richmond, whatever quantity of Gold there may be a prospect of Vending here, on as good Terms, as the Comptons sold at Madrass, but we believe it will scarce be in our power.

8. WE are firmly persuaded there was no Reason for the Supercargoes of the Compton representing to our Hoñble Masters, that the Loss in Weight of the Pepper carried to China, was owing to any neglect or mismanagement here, but rather proceeded from pilferage in China, which has been long and often Complain'd of, however we shall be particularly careful to weight it, in the presence of the Person appointed by the Supercargoes, Assisted by one of us; but as the demands for Pepper on this Coast have been more than ordinary of late Years, and so many Markets to carry it to, we cannot promise your Hon^r. &c^a. we shall be able entirely to remedy the mixture of Flags, and small Stones, which we take to be owing to the manner of their Drying it on the Ground floors, and the small Peices of Matts falling into the Ships hold, when the package is cut; and if we should be too Scrupulous, by objecting against the Pepper, through the mixture of the small Stones aforementioned, and apply Sieves, as practiced by the Dutch, we should be involved in incincible [*sic*] Disputes, tending to prevent the Merchants bringing it, for we find it difficult to introduce any new methods with these perverse Mallabars, nor can we with all our application, hinder their common practice Of Scattering Water amongst it, which in the End, notwithstanding our pains in Drying, Occasions a severe loss in weight, we have often Desired a new set of Scales and Weights, and which we earnestly repeat again, as they will contribute greatly to the Dispatch of the Ships.

9. THE sundry Paragraphs of our Hoñble Masters last Commands to Bombay, relating to this Settlement, shall be duly regarded, as far as is in our power; Your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to observe we have Answered the same in our address to them by the King William.

10. WE lost no time on the arrival of the Queen Caroline, in sending for our Outstanding Bonds, Two of which were Paid off the 10th. September, Namely, one to Badamalla Putterah amounting with the Interest thereon to Rupees Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Sixty, one Quarter, and Ten Reas; Another to Eyta Achem in like manner for Rupees Twenty Thousand, Six Hundred; ninety five, three Quarters, Fifty six Reas; & on the 22^d. Another to Ana Putterah, and Mani Sabiem for Rupees Eighteen Thousand six hundred, Eighty, Two Quarters, and nineteen Reas; The other to Apa Putterah was Paid off the 10th. Ultimo, and Amounted to Rupees Thirteen Thousand, Four hundred ninety Eight, Two quarters, and Fifty two Reas; But he was prevail'd on to accept of the Interest to the 22^d. September; These two last it was impossible for us to discharge sooner, through the great distance of their abode from this Place; all the Bonds premention'd are cancell'd and go in this Paquet, pursuant to an order for so doing.

11. WE are so unfortunate as not to be able to give your Hon^r. &c^a. any notice of our Success in recovering the large Balance, or any part of what is owing from Samorine Rajah; nor indeed by what appears, does he Think of Payment; for he yet omits giving Answers to the Chief's Letters, on that Subject, his Country was relieved by the approach of the Rains, from the Misure Army, and they are now engaged with the naique of Madura; yet there is such an aversion in that King to launch out Mony, that the few People he had assembled for resisting the invading Power aforementioned were soon disperced for want of support, which gives us little hopes of obtaining any thing from him, in an amicable manner; your Caution not to trust him further, we were determin'd to observe, as we should have done to all others whomsoever, for such are our Standing Orders, and we are sensible our deviating in any wise (let the Occasion be ever so pressing) might subject us to answer it ourselves, and therefore under these Circumstances, we beg leave to say, although even bad Consequences might ensue at some particular times, through our strictly observing this Rule, that we think we shall always be justified in not reciding [*sic*] from it; What due from Puniture Rajah, Durmet Ponicy, and Mauna Bedda shall be continued on our Books, agreeable to your Hon^r. &c^a. Directions, for all Opportunity's being embraced towards recovering them; we shall not press the Prince for Payment of his Balance, otherwise than through the Discount of his Customs, which a few Years will clear, though if he could be brought willingly to discharge it, and so Carry away annually the net Mony, it might in the end be

more satisfactory to him, and further engage his Gratitude, on finding so large a Sum Flowing to him, without his being at any Expence about it; But our Attempts this way have, and shall always be managed so cautiously, as not to give him any offence, which is certainly our Interest always to Avoid.

12. THE permission your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleased to give us, for granting Pass, and Colours to Chautoo Chitty, we hope will not be abused, and shall be our care to prevent it.

13. WE shall not execute the Articles you have been pleas'd to permit our entering into with the French at Mihie, concerning Deserters, untill those in Portuguese are received, which we understand were not finished by that Sec^{ry}. and as the Ratification of those formerly sign'd on the commencement of Mr. Braddyll's Chiefship, is expected to come from our Hon^{ble} Masters, pursuant to what was done by the French Company, & signified hither by the Gentlemen of Mihie long since; we have not Thought proper to say, any thing about them, supposing it would not be Satisfactory to them in any other manner, and yet though we have no real Opinion of their sincerity in observing those Articles, should there be a War, and it suits their conveniency to violate them, we however wish we were authorised, as from the Hon^{ble} Company in making the same assertion they did of their being confirm'd. On the 25th. August Mons^r. Dumas appointed Governour of Pondicherry, arriv'd at Mihie from Mascarine, in a large Ship called the Duke of Bourbon, and landed as we are informed, Fifteen Chests of Treasure, but that since from France did not bring any. The Chief sent a Compliment by two of our Gentlemen to the Governour, in the manner they did to President Phipps, which terminated in the Ceremonies, and professions currant with that Nation, and he sailed soon after for Pondicherry.

14. WE will conform in future to your Hon^r. &c^a. Commands in returning to the Vice Roy of Goa, on promise of Pardon, such of the Portuguese Nation, as fly hither for protection, but not those whom the Law of nations obliges to Protect.

15. THE effects of the Deceased Mr. Witherby are deliver'd over to Mr. Crawford Surgeon of the Scarborough agreeable to the Directions of Mr. Mace the Administrator.

16. M^r. JOHN GOODERE whom your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleas'd to send to our Assistance, shall be Employ'd in the Office; and Mr. Richard Lynch is admitted to our Board, who returns your Hon^r. &c^a. his humble thanks for the same.

17. THE amount paid at Anjengo, on Account of the Recruits sent us from Madrass, has been duly Credited for on our Books.

18. WE read with great attention what your Hon^r. &c^a. are pleas'd to remark, touching Durmapatam Island, namely, that our several Advices have not been so plain, and full, as to enable you to give us, positive directions, for pursuing any particular Scheme, yet propose for Fortifying the same; that our Letter under the 17th. August 1734. expresses our holding it, might have so great an influence over Randotarra, that were the Dutch in Cadalay, it would not be in their power, to deprive us, of a great share of the Pepper produced thereabouts, but it's being compared with others of the 23^d. February 1733/4 to the Hon^{ble} Company 27th. of the same month, and 28th. September to the Presidency, as well as our last letter, renders it very doubtful, if the advantages, from possessing the Island, would be secured, and the rather, as we have represented; If the Canarees remain at Cadalay, and are inclinable to put a stop to our Trade carried from Randotarra, and Billiapatam, or lay heavy Duties on it. It is in their power so to do; and that even the King of Cotata can hinder the bringing Pepper down the Rivers bordering on his Country, and that if it appears to us on a nearer view; The French, Dutch, or Canarees being possessed of Cadalay, have it in their option to deprive us of any considerable share of the Pepper brought down the Rivers bordering on Trentapatam &c^a. we are to desist laying out any more of our Hon^{ble} Masters Money, but remain in the condition we now are (If to be done with safety) untill their Pleasure herein be known; and that when your Hon^r. &c^a. resolved on making this new Settlement, you apprehended the Trade thereby would have been

secured against all Opponents, nor did we express any Fear, or Apprehensions to the Contrary, 'till in our last Letter, wherein we have entirely at Heart the Expulsion of the Canarees, as the only expedient for securing our Hoñble Masters Interest at these Settlements.

19. WE are in a particular manner concern'd that our several advices relating to the premention'd Points, have not proved Satisfactory; Indeed the constant Trouble, and concern which has attended us, and our Incapacity of writing so correctly as might be wished, may perhaps in some measure Expose us to the Remarks you are pleas'd to make; but with due submission, we beg leave to say, that from the commencement of the Chief's assistance at this Settlement, to the present time, we have repeatedly represented the Dangers our Hoñble Masters Affairs lay under from the Canarees Invasion, and the uncertainty we were in how the same might terminate, and that our harbouring any Thoughts of possessing Durmapatam, was founded on our immediate Apprehensions, that the Canarees might, and afterwards we were under the same Fears in regard to the French; Our dread of the Canarees Seizing the Island, was sett forth in our Letters of the 27th. February, and 3^d. March 1733/4. and the Commands of the Presidency of the 4th. April following relating thereto, will on perusal render it evident, It was judged proper, and we were Empower'd to oppose them, and hoist our Colours there, by Virtue of a grant obtain'd in Mr. Braddyll's time from the Prince, and in our Address of the 17th. August we laid down our several Reasons, why we had not been able to obtain it, and why it had not been in our power to unite with the Mallabars, for Expelling the Canarees, making at the same time such remarks, as then occurred to us of the Conveniences, and Inconveniences, which might attend our possessing s^d. Island, & on the 19th. September 1734, we express'd our Jealousies of the Canarees, being about to levy Duties, on the Trade; and unless they were removed, it would be greatly exposed, withal that we had reason to believe, The French were working underhand for obtaining Durmapatam. On the 28th. September we repeated our apprehensions about the Canarees designs to levy Duties, and that they had Fabrick'd a large Fortress at Cadalay, and were in possession of a Trankier at Edecaute Point, so that their impeeding our Pepper coming from thence, was entirely in their Power, we also added the genuine Account, we had from the Heiress of Cananore, of the French obtaining a writing from the King of Cotata, for their holding that Island, and of the Prejudice that might in all humane appearance attend this Settlement, on its being possessed by any European Nation; The 2^d. October 1734, we repeated our Apprehensions in regard to the French, that if they did not, it was ours, and the Princes Opinion, The Canarees wou'd infallibly get on s^d. Island, and make a bold push that Season for extending their Conquest. On the 14th. October your Hon^r. &c^a. were pleas'd to acknowledge the receipt of our Letter of the 17th. August, expressing your Sence of the Ill Consequences, which might probably attend the s^d. Island, being in possession of the Canarees, or any others, yet you seem'd not inclinable to give us your positive Instructions relating thereto, till our Answer arriv'd; but on receipt of our Addreses under the 19th. and 28th. September abovemention'd, you thought proper in your Commands of the 5th. November to say; You did not expect to hear less than what we represented, as touching the Canarees, being about to levy Duties at Billiapatam, and the Country bordering on Agar, withal, that your being persuaded, if any others except the Mallabars were in possession of Durmapatam; The many Posts we now hold, would be no longer useful, towards procuring Pepper on this part of the Coast, and therefore, If before the receipt of your Commands, The French or Canarees were not settled thereon, we were immediately to take it, in the name of our Hoñble Masters, and hoist the British Flag, cautioning us at the same time, not to put them to any Expence, but on a rational view of success, and to be particularly careful, not to pay the mony, that might be agreed on with Cotata, untill we were in actual possession of the Island.

20. WE have been the more particular in the foregoing, in order to convince your Hon^r. &c^a. of our constant apprehensions from the Canarees, while they continue in this Country, and that our possessing the Island, was with a view to guard against the many Evils, their being thereon prior to us, might expose us to, as well as

to be able to provide against the French attempts for gaining it, which we are entirely persuaded was their Design, and therefore so far, our conduct needs no justification; For supposing the Canarees had got it, and in possession of Edecaute, Cadalay, and the parts N^o.ward their Capacity for impeeding our Trade would have been out of all doubt, or if the French had got it, cosidering the Friendship between them, and Cotata, arising from the large Sums of Mony lent him, and presents made, we may reasonably conclude, that would have been a sufficient Bar, to our bringing any considerable quantity of Pepper from his Country, and what with the Canarees, and them, with the Footing the latter have got in Boyanore's Country, it would have been more than probable, we might have failed in making a provision for the dispatch of our Honble Masters Ships, which certainly must have produced a greater Prejudice to them, than the Expence, we have hitherto been at on s^d. Island, abstracted from the Ill Consequences, that might well be apprehended in Future.

21. THE necessity of our holding this Island being thus premised for guarding against the immediate threatening Mischief's, so justly to have been apprehended from the French, and Canarees, which indeed were our Reasons for proposing it, and the Presidency's for giving the Orders they were pleas'd to do. We are next to represent, how far it may prove a Security for preserving the major part of the Pepper Trade, against all Opponents, & particularly why in our former Letters, we sett forth, The Dutch being at Cadalay, would not have it in there [sic] power to deprive us, of a great deal of the produce of those parts, and why now the contrary apprehended, admitting the Canarees should remain there. The Scituation of this Island, by being in the center of the Pepper Countries, surrounded with Rivers, which afford a proper conveyance, for bringing it, does enable us to confirm what we before asserted, that in Reason it promises a better Security to the Trade, than any other place, Exclusive of the advantages that may be made, through it's becoming the immediate property of our Honble Masters, and encouraging a resort of People to settle there, who in all times may be useful in Defending it. That it has naturally an Influence over Cotata, and as the Moors kept him in awe, for a number of Years, we may on that Foundation expect to do the same, and since Randotarra is contiguous to it, and the Rivers inland border on that District, we must conjecture, as we before said, That admitting the Dutch in possession of Cadalay, they will not be able to deprive us of a great share of the produce of those Parts. On the other hand, the Canarees being there, as well as in possession of Edecaute with a large Force kept up, it may well be concluded, that the Country People, (as in such case they will be under their authority), cannot avoid being subject to them, and not so immediately depend on us, through our Force, not being equal to theirs, and therefore the foregoing joined to the apprehensions we always signified we were under, of their becoming Masters of the Mallabar Country, thereby having it in their power to lay what Impositions they pleased on the Pepper Grounds, and obliging the Natives, to bring it by Land to what Port they might appoint for its Exportation; these Reasons we say induced us, to set forth to your Hon^r. &c^a. our earnestness for Expelling them the Country, prior to our laying out great Sums on the Island; but 'tis to be observed, since the Canarees at present are ill furnish'd with Mony, and Provisions, their number thereby lessened, and the Mallabars in beseige of Taliparambut, which is likely to fall into their Hands, as the several Efforts the Canarees have made to relieve it, have proved Ineffectual, considering withal the natural aversion the [sic] Mallabars to submit to a foreign Yoke, and the Impossibility that now Appears of the former maintaining their Conquest without a powerful Army, being constantly kept up, the difficulties of raising Mony from the Mallabars to support it, and that they even to this moment cannot be brought to Cultivate the Grounds, that have been subdued, we may presume under these Disadvantages, the Carnatick King will not choose to proceed much further in supporting a precarious Undertaking against a Country, that abounds with Men, who in times past, have shewed no want of Resolution. and not unlikely may assume it again; and should this be the case, our Fears in regard to them, will of course be removed, and a tolerable Security obtained in all probability to the Trade, through our holding Durmapatam, and s^d. Place as is

before remarked, will in all likelihood influence Cotata, and Randotarra, so as to Occasion the bringing the Pepper to us preferable to Others, but 'tis Obvious, it will be hardly possible for us to impend some of it going by Land to other Parts, if an Advantageous price is Offered; For last Year we had a plain Instance of no small Quantity being carried from Boyanores Country, and some from Cotata's, to a place called Quilandy in the Samorines Dominions, Eight Leagues distant from us, & thence Transported to Callicut, at the Expence of about Ten Rupees. ¶ Candy, as we are informed, in spite of all the means, the French could use to prevent it, and if the Price encourages this practice at such a distance, the French at Mihie, by being so near, will stand a good chance of drawing a share thither, and by the same Reason, the Dutch at Cannanore, or Cadalay, were they inclined to launch out in like manner. On the whole, we must leave it to your Hon^r. &c^a. to determine how far you can Depend on Durmapatam, proving a Security to the Pepper Trade, against all Opponents; we for our part must repeat that We esteem it a Scituation to be preferred to any other, in case the Canarees do of themselves, or are compelled to leave the Country; but as the Determining what is necessary to be done with the Island, being a matter of the greatest Importance, concerning which your Hon^r. &c^a. have not been able as yet to know the Hon^{ble} Company's Sentiments, we think it becomes us, considering the caution laid down in your last Commands, not to proceed any further, than in providing in the most suitable, and frugal manner, for it's preservation; Though as we have often hinted, the keeping so many places on Account of the Pepper Trade, will occasion an extraordinary Expence, without being in due Security, through our Forces being so divided.

22. We are perswaded Mr. Achibald Campbell, will lay before your Hon^r. &c^a. a correct Plan of the Island, in which he has taken much Pains, and from thence, as well as Discoursing with him, you will be capable of judging, whither the Plan laid down by Mr. Braddyll for erecting a strong Fort on the Top of the Hill, where the Moors Stood, and raising Breast Works, towards the Sea, with small Guards, for securing the Rivers (admitting you should please to determine on Fortifying the Island) may be most suitable; or that set forth in our Address of the 16th. June, indeed, it is our humble Opinion, grounded on the best observation, we have been able to make, and with all the pains we could use to obtain it, that the Eminence Inland is too far distant, for commanding the Entrance of the Rivers, and may have its Communication cut off by a powerful Enemy, by means of the Valleys, and Hills leading thereto, and sure we are, The Warehouses ought to be made at the entrance of the River Trentapatam, and defended by the principal Place, and withal, in conformity to a standing Maxim, the s^d. Head place should stand, where it can be secure of Relief by Sea; the Distances were taken by our Gunner, as we could not pretend to do it ourselves, and are perswaded, he employed the best of his judgment therein; tho for want of suitable experience, and the proper Instruments, we find he has erred; The small Work on the principal Eminence, we mention'd in our last, that we should set about as soon as the Rains were over, is drawing to a conclusion, and though we have little knowledge in things of this kind, yet we have the Satisfaction, to find it approved of by Mr. Campbell, and is term'd a Star square whose sides defend themselves each way, & may be Garrisoned by about Thirty Men since it's contents on each square is no more than seventy Foot; we should not have set about this had we judged it in a proper Security before, but as it was not, and employ'd near one hundred, and Fifty Men, for its defence, without our being able to provide them with Water, sufficient on any Emergency, and as we might want part of those Men on urgent Occasions (which we can never know how soon may happen) We depend on your Hon^r. &c^a. Acquiescing with our proceedings therein, assuring you we esteem'd it, the best expedient and have spared no pains or care for rendering the Expence as moderate as possible; we have very much at Heart the putting the Island. in a proper Security. and to which end, we shall be govern'd by the advice of Mr. Campbell, well knowing how necessary it is to preserve it against any attempts whatever, and we assure your Hon^r. &c^a. we are in no wise wanting therein; but we are still of Opinion, Grove Island cannot be quitted with safety, as it is very near that of Durmapatam,

from the Camp, & Fortresses No. ward, after several attempts, the Mallabars was surprized with the loss of many of their People, the seige raised, & Havock made in the Houses, & Places bordering That way, & one burnt belonging to one of the Heads of the Pagoda, which he offered Forty Thousand Rupees to preserve; by this your Hon^r. &c^a. will perceive how little Dependance there is on the Nairs; & though Cotata made a push on the Camp, at the time some of their People were absent on the foregoing Service, his People presently run with so much Precipitation, that Eight of them were Drowned in the River, & 'tis now said a large Reinforcement of Horse, & Foot, are repairing this way, the Consequence of which we are unable to declare.

30. THE 29th. Ultimo our boat returned from Anjengo, & the Gentlemen there advised us that they would send a Munchua for their Stores Landed here from the Scarborough, & that they should have in Warehouse, for the Hom'ward bound Ships in January, Two Hundred forty three Tons in Pepper, & Cloth, & that they did not address your Hon^r. &c^a. because the[y] supposed the Ship wou'd be gone; before our receipt of their Letter, we transmit herewith a Paquett Lodged here some time since by them, for your Hon^r. &c^a.

31. MR. WILLIAM FORBES entreats your Hon^r. &c^a. to favour him, with a sett of Bills of Exchange on the Hon^{ble} Company for one Thousand Pounds Sterling, Payable to Demcan Forbes Esq^r. of Colloden, his Majesty's Advocate for Scotland, which amount he will punctually pay into our Treasury here, & as the same is on his own proper Account, he hopes he may be allowed at the Rate of Two Shillings, & Six Pence ꝯ Rupee; Mr. Alexander Christie our Surgeon, likewise interceeds for a sett of Bills for Two hundred Pounds, Payable to Mr. William Lamb his Attorney at Dover, & as the same is for the support of his Children at Home, is willing to hope for your Hon^r. &c^a. Favour that it may be at Two Shillings, & Six Pence, this Amount likewise will be Paid into the Treasury.

32. In the first Part of this Letter we mention'd to your Hon^r. &c^a. the arrival of the Scarborough the 13th. Ultimo, & Captⁿ. Westcott choosing to receive Four Hundred, Fifty Candy's Pepper, for Stiffening his Ship, we sent it off, with as much Expedition as he could take it in; & on the 19th. she left us for Callicutt, to receive the Timber lying there in readiness for her, where she arriv'd the 26th. And the enclosed Invoice shews your Hon^r. &c^a. the Quantity she could take in, & how much still remains; The large Pieces our Linguist assures us, he had the utmost Difficulty in getting, & yet we are sorry to find, The Ship as the Captain informs us, could in no wise receive them, so that they must wait till your Hon^r. &c^a. can procure a proper Conveyance for them. On the 30th. the Linguist informs us, to have Dispatch'd her, & she arriv'd here the 15th. Instant, when although your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleas'd to direct our Lading on her, Seven to eight hundred Candy's Pepper, the Captain signified by Letter, Copy whereof goes herewith, he was unable to receive more then Five hundred, and Fifty in all, & the hundred Candy's to compleat which was sent off, as fast as could be taken in; The Contents of the whole Including the Timber, & what formerly sent on the Rose amounts to Fanams Tellicherry Twenty two Thousand, Eight hundred, Sixty eight, & Eleven Vis, as ꝯ Invoice, & Bill of Lading enclosed, which also comprehends a list of old, & unserviceable Barrels of Muskets, & Pistols, whose value your Hon^r. &c^a. will be pleas'd to acquaint us of, that we may charge them to the Presidency.

33. As it has been in our power this Season to procure a good Master Mason, & a sufficient number of Workmen from Mangalore, & the Pay of those your Hon^r. &c^a. were pleas'd to send down, being much higher than we give to those here; we are induced to return on the Scarborough, the nine Bricklayers, Four Carpenters, & Five Stonecutters, that came on her, & to whom we have deliver'd Provisions to the 15th. December, & as they will be indebted on Account the four Months pay advanced them, at Bombay, from the 23^d. Sept^{br}. we beg you will please to

acquaint us, how much may be recover'd from them, that we may Debt the Presidency for the same; Mr. Samuel King the master Bricklayer is also return'd & Paid to the last of this month; & as one Thomas Mickhell that came down with Mr. Witherby to serve as a Mason, at Twenty Rupees $\frac{1}{2}$ month Wages, is very infirm, & chooses to repair to Bombay, he is permitted so to do, & he's paid to the last Inst^t.

34. AGREEABLE to your direction Serjeant John Babtista, & Manoel Francisco Soldier proceed on this Ship, & are paid for this Month.

35. WE have in a foregoing Paragraph signified to your Hon^r. &c^a. we should take Mr. Campbell's advice, for putting Durmapatam in a proper Security, but since considering he will soon be at Bombay, and your Hon^r. &c^a. enabled from his Representation to give such Directions as you may think more eligible, we shall forbear, till they arrive doing any thing of Consequence, save finishing the Work we are upon, & some other small matters in order to keep our People employ'd & we don't doubt therefore of receiving your Directions as soon as possible, & the more particular they are relating to the Works the better, as we do not pretend to have much Knowledge that way. We also presume to add, that Cotata from an Instance we had of his Firing on our People manuring one of the distant Salt Pans, seems determined to molest us, in a greater degree, when it is in his power, and as already your Hon^r. &c^a. appear to be in doubt of the Importance of this Island, and we apprehensive in time to come, Censures may be laid on us, we humbly entreat you will please to determine at once how far you are resolved to support it, that it may be esteem'd not of that moment it was at first judged, more Expences may be avoided, for what is already done, is very inconsiderable to that which must attend it by a long possession; For our parts, we are in ourselves conscious of having done our Duty to the best of our Capacitys, & it will be a Melancholy Discouragement to find ourselves blamed hereafter, in what we immediately conceived would be for the publick Service.

36. THE enclosed Indent we beg you will please to comply with, and Favour us with a further supply of Stationary Ware, or we shall not have wherewith, to carry on our Business.

37. WE were inform'd Yesterday that Ragonares [sic] actually on his return to the Army, but are unacquainted what force he brings.

38. THE Neptune Smack formerly built here, for the service of the Settlement, having been laid up near three Years, Thro' our not finding it of any Utility to employ her, & Mr. Roach assuring us, she might be of Service at Bombay, by her being strong Built; we have thought it best to send her, under the care of the Scarborough. A list of her stores goes enclosed, your Hon^r. &c^a. will observe she stands on our Books at Fanams Eleven Thousand six hundred, six, & nine Vis; But we shall not charge her to the Presidency untill you are pleas'd to inform us of her value.

39. SINCE writing the foregoing on the 15th. Instant, Captⁿ. Inchbird delivered us, your Commands of the 11th. Ultimo. We are launching the Dolphin, & Antelope Gallivatts, for their proceeding with him, & shall take care to Exchange the Sepoys, who have been longest here, & as there is not any immediate want of such Vessels: we have Thoughts at present of not detaining any; The Five men put out of the King William before mention'd will be sent by Captⁿ. Inchbird, as 'tis Thought better so to do, since Captⁿ. Westcott has Four Deserters already, & more he apprehends might be Troublesome.

40. WE are exceeding sorry to hear of the Troublesome State of Affairs In Persia: and Mr. Craddock Supercargo of the Fort St. George being here, & bound to the Gulph, we Delivered him, Copy of your Paragraph relating to what you are

pleas'd to require, & shall do the same as other Occasions may offer. We are with the utmost Respect.

HONBLE SIR, & SIRs

Your most Obedient, & most humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.
RICH^D. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER 17TH. 1735.

To M^R. ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

SIR,

The Honble President, & Council of Bombay, have been pleas'd in their directions hither to recommend to us, the taking your advice, for putting the Island Durmapatam in a proper Security and as you by the pains you have taken are become well acquainted with the Scituation thereof, and of the places we at present hold there, we desire you will give us your Opinion in Writing whither in the manner we are going on with the Works at the principal Eminence, it will answer the end proposed, if any additions ought to be made thereto, whither Tachara is now in a proper condition for withstanding the attempts of the Canarees or others may make, & if not let us know the manner it may be put in a better State, always having a regard to saving all that can be in the Expençe, & whither we might preserve the future Quiet of the Island in quitting it. The same Request we make in regard to Attarra, namely what Works are necessary there for it's preservation, apprehending it not to be in a suitable Condition at present, & if that might be quitted without Inconveniencies, we desire you will also let us know your sentiments of Codotu, & if in the State it is, you think it may be defended, & otherwise, what is proper to be done to it further, & Lastly, if Onoparambu may be vacated with Security, or if not what is necessary to be done thereto, should there be any thing else you can think of relating to the better securing of the Island; we desire you will acquaint us, and that you will be particular and full in what you may judge proper to represent on the aforementioned Heads. We are

SIR,

Your humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.
WILL^M. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WILL^M. JEYNSON.
RICH^D. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
NOVEMBER 14TH. 1735.

To CAPT^N. GEO. WESTCOTT
COM^R. SHIP SCARBOROUGH.

SIR,

You having signified to us. by Letter that you can take in no more Goods than is contain'd in your Bill of Lading sign'd this Day. You are hereby order'd Wind and Weather permitting to weigh Anchor and make the best of your way for Bombay, following such Orders as you may have receiv'd from the Honble President and Council during the prosecution of your Voyage thither.

WE desire you will receive aboard nine Bricklayers, Four Carpenters, & Five Stonecutters, with two Europe Masons, & carry them to Bombay, we have put aboard Provisions for them, & also Serjeant John Babtista & Manoel Francisco, whom we are directed to send up.

HEREWITH we deliver you our Paquett for the Hoñble President and Council & a Box, which we desire your care of, and that you will deliver them immediately on your arrival. We wish you a safe & speedy Passage. And are

SIR,

Your very humble Serv^{ts}.

STEPHEN LAW.

WILL^m. FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

NOVEMBER 17TH. 1735.

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PAQUETT TO BOMBAY ꝑ SHIP SCARBOROUGH DATED
NOVEMBER 17TH. 1735. VIZ^t.

- No. 1. Tellicherry General under sd. date.
2. Copy of D^o. to the Hoñble Company dated Septbr. 15th. 1735 ꝑ King William.
3. Copy of Ship Queen Carolines Inv^{ce}. to Gombroon.
4. Indent of Stores.
5. Four Cancell'd Bonds.
6. Calculate of Pepper remaing. at Tellry. Novbr. 6th. 1735.
7. Invoice of Ship Scarborough.
8. Bill of Lading of Ditto.
9. Copy of Captⁿ. Westcott's Letter.
10. List of Workmen return'd to Bombay.
11. Ditto of the Neptune Smacks Stores.
12. D^o. of the Paquett.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR, AND SIRs.

IN our last address ꝑ Scarborough under the 17th. Instant, we acknowledged the receipt of your Commands of the 11th. Ultimo, by Captⁿ. Inchbird, who bringing with him the whole Number of Gallivatts sent out from Bombay, we have had an Opportunity of Exchanging one hundred Forty nine Sepoys, including their Officers, those Landed here accordingly a List goes herewith under No. 9 and wherein is contain'd the Names of Twenty one of the old Detachments still remaining with us, also those Deserted, Dead, and sent up at sundry times, under No. 8 goes the List of the Sepoys return'd being one hundred Forty nine which exactly answers the Number we receiv'd, under No. 10 your Hon^r. & C^a. will have an Account of mony deliver'd, Abdull Rezek Patan Subedar in the month of September to buy Swords for the Sepoys, & what now advanc'd them to clear them of the place, both which Sums are Rupees nine hundred & Fifty; & under No. 11 is shewn what has been deliver'd Gunjee Naique in like manner amounting to Rupees Four hundred, which with the foregoing Sum is Rupees one Thousand three hundred & Fifty, and carried to Account Currant Bombay, for your Hon^r. & C^a. causing the same to be discounted as we apprehend you will be pleas'd to charge this Settlement with their whole Pay, & that no Errours may happen we enclose under No. 6 the particular Account of mony advanced here to the Two Subedars since their being at this Place. Abdull Rezek the Subedar who came down with the Chief, was very desirous of

returning, but as he is a very good Officer, & Conducts himself much to our Satisfaction, & at present well acquainted with the Temper of the Natives, we have prevailed on him to continue, as we cou'd not hope for another so capable. We have deliver'd Provisions to the Sepoys we sent to the end of this Month, without receiving any for those Landed.

2. THE Dolphin and Antilope Gallivatts proceed with Captⁿ. Inchbird, as we are not in immediate want of them, they are paid to the last October & Victualled to the Ultimo December and have Detachments from the other Gallivatts, Inventory of their Stores, & Lists of their People are sent in this Paquett, we Disbursed as appears by our Books Fanams eight Thousand sixty seven, & Eleven vis, for repairing the Antilope which you will please to let us know if we are to charge the Presidency, or this Settlement for.

3. THE Men left here by the King William, Scarborough, & Queen Caroline, are now sent up, except one Charles Clayton, who lies Sick in the Hospital; A List of them and sundry People from our Garrison goes enclos'd, as well as of those put ashore by Captⁿ. Inchbird, The Military we send are paid to the last Instant.

4. WE have supplied Captain Inchbird with sundry Provisions, & Stores as ^{of} Account Amounting to Fanams Five Thousand Five hundred Seventy six, & Two Vis among which are Forty one Firelocks, & Cartouch Boxes, & we shall be very glad to have the like Number sent us.

5. M^r. THOMAS ROÛT master of the Dolphin having behav'd in all the Services, we have employ'd him, with great Prudence and care, we think it is just in us, to make this Favourable mention of him to your Hon^r. &c^a. We are with great Respect

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient & humble Serv^{ts}.

P.S.

Captⁿ. Sanders intreated our Addressing your Hon^r. &c^a. for a Pardon for the Men he left.

TELLICHERRY

NOV^{BR}. 20TH. 1735.

STEPHEN LAW.

WILL^M. FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

WILL^M. JEYNSON.

RICH^D. LYNCH.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.

PRESID^T. AND GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

SINCE our last addresses of the 17th. and 20th. Ultimo, Duplicates whereof are enclosed, we have received by way of Cochin the Duplicate of what your Hon^r &c^a. were pleased to write us by Captⁿ. Inchbird, and as we have been very particular in the prementioned Letters, we have little to add now.

THE French are very eager in providing Pepper sufficient for the Dispatch of their Europe Ship, and there being very little remaining in the Country of the old Crop, we are informed they offer'd Eighty Rupees the Candy, for Two hundred Candys, & yet we do not find they have been able to procure it; They continue

supplying to King of Cotata with Rice, & we are told they have fixt the Quantity to Two Thousand Bales ¶ Mensem value nearest Three Thousand Two hundred Rupees, & this agreement took place from last August. Through the Representation of Boyanore of our intending to settle a Factory at Poringature lying in the Country of Irrebenadu Three Leagues Inland of Mihie, & bordering on this side, that River. The French are now with about Three hundred Nairs, & a number of their Garrison Soldiers, Masons &c^a. Erecting either a Factory, Warehouse, or Fortress at that place for preventing the bringing Pepper this way out of Boyanores Country, & drawing to themselves what is produced in the Parts thereabouts, without regarding the Title of our Prince, or the Nombiers, to whom the Ground & Place belongs; we cou'd easily put a stop to their design, were we to stir up the Prince and Country but as that will bring us into disputes, & Expences in Maintaining their Nairs, & perhaps render the French more obstinate in supporting what they are about; we have been fearful of running into a Charge which we cannot know certainly the end of, therefore we have tried another Expedient in causing the Prince, & the Heads of the Pagoda Tiringatt, who are Proprietors of part of the Ground, to send eight Braminees forbidding in the Name of the King. Country, & Pagoda, the carrying on any Works there, & in case they may not desist thro' these means, then the Pagoda to pronounce an Excommunication against all those assisting the French, which 'tis apprehended will terrify Boyanore Curringhoda and Narangole Nombier, the Persons who are supporting them in such a manner as probably may make them change their measures, though the Former 'tis presumed has set them on this in order the better to engage them in a Quarrel likely to break out between him, & the Heads of his Country, who are actually at this time soliciting the Prince to countenance them, & they to be at the Expence, but the present State he is in, through the Canarees, renders him unable to do, what he otherwise has a great Inclination to. We confess the French proceedings herein are presumptuous & unjust in settling where they can have no other right to plead than what their Force gives them, & indeed in our judgement considering the Trade of Irrebenadu, is made over to us by the Governing Prince, who has the only right to do it, we may esteem the present attempt an open Violation of our Priviledges, & our so tamely suffering this & many other Indignities received from these turbulent People, we are afraid may tempt them to commit further Insolencies & abuses hereafter.

In our address ¶ Scarborough we signified the Canarees having raised the seige of Taliparambutt carried on by the Nairs, & they esteeming the Prince to be at the bottom of that Undertaking, which indeed he was, Occasioned a tendency to a Rupture between them, & he solicited us for Fifty of our Soldiers to remain with him, but we not being able to spare them, & he appearing to us not in a Condition of contending with them, & both Parties willing to accommodate the Difference. The Chief at the pressing Instance of the Prince was present at an Interview between him & the Canaree General on Durmapatam the 2^d. Instant, where nothing more passed than common professions of Friendship, but the Canarees applying to the Chief for assistance of Ammunition & Boats at their Expence, were told our Business depended on Trade, and not War, & that it did not become us to concern ourselves in anything that might give offence to the Neighbouring Powers, unless the Prince shou'd make applications to us, under whose jurisdiction we live, & in such wise we should supply him as we have hitherto done.

On the 26th. Ultimo one Joseph Babbista a Topass Soldier from having some Words with a Nair of this District in Tellicherry Muckary fell to Blows, & the scuffle being over, & the Nair about to depart for complaining to us, took up some Leaves & a Bayonet he had thrown on the Ground prior to the quarrel But the Soldier inflamed as we suppose by Passion suddenly seized the Nairs Bayonet from him, & stabbed him to the Heart. & he instantly expired, The Criminal was soon secured, & brought to the Fort, with the bloody Bayonet in his hand; & on the 28th. Ultimo we with our principal Officers assisted by the Linguist as Interpreter, after duly Examining the Circumstances in the best manner we cou'd, Unanimously judged him Guilty of the Murder. This Melancholy disaster occasioned an immediate

general Cry for justice, & we were Compell'd either forthwith to promise it, or risque the Lives of our People going to & fro in the District. For in cases of this nature not only the Relations of the Deseased think themselves obliged to Revenge themselves, but also the whole Cast to which he belonged, & many of them declared it wou'd be upparell'd [sic] Injustice for us to deny them the Satisfaction, which in like case they wou'd be ready to afford us; your Hon^r. & c^a. will conceive us in great Difficultys in a point wherein the like has not heretofore happen'd, and we of ourselves (being assured of the necessity of Punishing such Crimes, & without which it would be impossible to satisfy the Country or prevent many great Mischiefs) Unanimously Agreed to deliver him up to the Prince, who proposes to order his Execution speedily by shooting him through the Hands of the Christian Soldiers in his Service, we deem ourselves under a necessity of taking this method, as it is a punishment founded on Equity, & our refusing it may occasion the loss of some of our People, & Quarrels with those of our own District, & that the sending him to Bombay, would not be accepted as any Satisfaction, nor wou'd it be in your Hon^r. & c^a. power to procure it, as we cannot send up the Witnesses. Indeed had the Fact been Committed by an Englishman, we think we cou'd not have avoided proceeding in like manner, & as there is a possibility of the same disaster happening again, & we subject to great Troubles from the Laws of our Country, we desire your particular directions how we are to conduct ourselves.

On this Ship goes Jn^o. Harris Master of the Fly Gallivat left ashore Sick, to whom we have deliver'd Twenty Four Rupees, also Nathaniel Templeman Gunner of the Antilope Gallivat, who has received from us Sixteen Rupees for both which Sums we shall Debt Acco^t. Currant Bombay, Edward Nubling and Richard Neale Soldiers left ashore Sick by Captⁿ. Inchbird, are since Dead, & Charles Clayton out of the Scarborough is in a very dangerous Condition.

THIS Evening arrived a Munchua from Anjengo, & brought us a Letter from the Chief & Factors, wherein they desire that the Stores landed here from the Scarborough for their Settlement, may be sent on her, which we shall Comply with accordingly.

WE request your Hon^r. & c^a. will not fail sending us the small and likewise the Swivel Guns, Indented for in our last, with the other particulars therein mentioned. We are with all imaginable Respect.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obedient, and most humble Servants

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

TELLICHERRY
DEC^{BR}. 5TH. 1735.
P^r RICHMOND.

To W^m. WAKE Esq^r.
CHIEF & c^a. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.
SIR, AND SIRS.

YOUR favour of the 28th. Ultim^o. P^r Munchua, we have receiv'd, & agreeable to your request, we now send on her the Stores Landed here from the Scarborough for your Factory, as P^r the enclosed List which agrees with Copy of the Bill of Lading sent us from Bombay.

THE Master of the Munchua has been supplied with a few necessarys, which & the Charges embarking the Stores Amounts to Fan^s. Thirty one, & Thirteen Vis, the Chief will make good here. We are

SIR AND SIRs

Y^r. most humble Serv^{ts}.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

R^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

DEC^{BR}. 10TH. 1735.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.

PRESID^T. AND GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs

1. SINCE Addressing your Hon^r. & C^a. by this Ship the Richmond under the 5th. Instant, expecting she wou'd have sailed that Night; Captⁿ. Rawlinson is come here, after his journey to Bednure for solliciting the return of the Effects belonging to the Cumberland, which he cou'd by no means obtain; and he acquaints us as a certainty that Ragonat has an Army Assigned him for this way, consisting of Fiveteen Thousand Foot, & Four Thousand Horse, & only waits for the one hundred & Fifty Thousand Pagodas promised him for their support; his first Intent is to demand of us the Surrendering of Durmapatam, & we in leiu thereof to have the freedom of Trade secured to us, which if we refuse he is to lay seige to Tellicherry, & Captⁿ. Rawlinson further adds, that Vincajee has been applied to for his coming to talk with us on the premention'd Head.

2. YOUR Hon^r. & C^a. will please to observe we signify the above to you in the manner we have heard it, whither it may prove True or not, we shall soon know, however it is necessary on our parts, that we put ourselves in the best posture we can; though our Forces being divided to so many out Places, renders us so weak, that allowing for those generally Sick, & Invalids, wh. have not at present here above one hundred & Forty Soldiers, & Eighty Sepoys, which to defend this Fort, & it's Limits, Considering the magnitude & Structure of the whole, as well as the Quality of them, is a very Inconsiderable Force, Codolee is in bad condition & some of the Places on Durmapatam not much to be depended on. Your Hon^r. & C^a. will also please to reflect that the Understanding of your Chief and Factors in Military Affairs cannot be Extraordinary for want of suitable Experience, yet you may be confident, making those reasonable Allowances all will be done that is possible; The Island we shall never forsake, unless we are unavoidably Compell'd, for sure we are the Canarees only want it, for fixing themselves the better in the Country, & that they may then with more Facility, deprive our Honble Masters of the benefit arising from their Settlements, we indeed never expect'd less than this in the End, & for which reason, we have been always desirous of Expelling them, but as our Force has not been equal to it, nor the Country, or French willing to join us, otherwise than endangering the whole Burden to fall on our Honble Masters, & which we cou'd not answer risquing necessity compells us to wait the Event, assuring you our Fears are not grounded of what may happen to ourselves, but really do we regard the Reputation of our Country, & Interest of our Hon^l. Employers, & well as the Scituation of this Place, & the Tract of Ground we hold are well known to you, we shall be glad to have your Hon^r. & C^a. directions how far it may be necessary for us to maintain our Several Places, provided things should be brought to Extremities, & we must remark that if the Canarees shou'd presume to attack Tellicherry Narranport Nair, with others now depending on us in the District must be under an Unavoidable necessity of submitting to them, & we cut off from all supplies, or

Assistant [sic] from the Country. A Sea Force for demonstrating ourselves in a Capacity of impeding their supplies of Provisions & without which their Army cannot subsist, wou'd be the best Expedient, but as we sent the Gallivatts away, for easing our Charges, we have none left, & to man Munchuas out of our Garrison wou'd weaken us to[o] much, nor are such Vessells proper as they have a number of Gallivats & our Two we believ̄e, wou'd not have been sufficient of themselves, your Hon^r. &c^a. will therefore please to consider if a Gally, & some Gallivats are not requisite. 'Tis certain what we have represented may not be true, but shou'd it prove so, we know not how soon it may happen, and therefore it depends on your Hon^r. &c^a. to take the measures you judge most Suitable. We are with great Respect

HON^{BLE} SIR, AND SIRS

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.

W^M. FORBES.

H^M. HOWARD.

W^M. JEYNSON.

RICH^D. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

DEC^{BR}. 12TH. 1735.

⌘ RICHMOND

TO THE HON^{BLE} JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.

PRESID^T. AND GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^{BLE} SIR AND SIRS

THIS accompanys duplicate of our Letters ⌘ Richmond under the 5th. & 12th. Instant.

THE French are carrying on a Fortress at Peringature, as we have already signified to your Hon^r. &c^a. & to give this proceeding a better gloss, they have by a Bribe of one Thousand Dollars, prevailed on one of the Princes of Colastree to appear in their Behalf, & he is accordingly at this time with them. The Pagoda of Tiringat continues to complain in the manner we before mention'd though we believe the success will not answer our Wishes, the Prince and Nombiers are exceedingly Exasperated, & talk of using their Efforts in opposing the French in what they are about & we considering the evil tendency of suffering our Neighbours to go on in so uncontrollable a manner, have some Thoughts of spiring up the above Powers, & afford them some small Assistance under hand apprehending that otherwise the Country of Irrebenadu, as well as Boyanores & Cotatas may form a League, that may prejudice us in time to come, or at least put a Stop to the Pepper coming to us from the Inland Parts. In fine, some Resolution must be Shewn, or those incroaching People may gain what hereafter may be difficult for us to take from them, however we shall proceed with the utmost caution, that we are not brought into an Expençe, which may be disapproved of, & we shall be very [sic] on this head to have your Hon^r. &c^a. particular Instructions.

WE have learnt nothing since our last concerning Ragonats coming, save that the Force intended him is ready, & that he only waits for Mony, we are using all possible Expedition, for putting ourselves in the best posture of Defence we can, & not knowing what great Occasion we may have for Military Stores, we are desirous of being sufficiently suplied therewith, & that your Hon^r. &c^a. may know of the principal Articles by us, we enclose a List thereof, for enabling you to consider the farther Quantities necessary to which is annex'd our present Indent. Our Gunpowder you will observe is not in proportion to the Shott, & yet even of the Latter, there are some of the Sizes scarcely sufficient, but as your Hon^r. &c^a. have People better acquainted with these Things, we leave the whole supplies to be such as you may approve of.

SINCE Writing the foregoing we have notice from our Prince, that one of the Heirs of Colastree the same we mention'd in a preceeding Paragraph to be with the French went Yesterday with Four Tonies, & a Munchua attended by a Guard of Soldiers to Agar, on pretence of Accommodating between Gupaljee the Canaree General, & the King of Cotata, but as there are so many difficulties to surmount in that Affair, we are not from thence under any great Apprehensions, though we are that the French through the advice of Boyanore Currinhoda, & Narrangole Nombier have put him upon this for dividing the Heads of Randotarra, that they may be introduced into a share of the Trade, & as such kind of Maxims prov'd the cause of so much confusion in the time of the Moor's Prosperity, we cannot but dread the Consequence, shou'd they be allowed to proceed, since they are a Nation that have Occasion'd infinite prejudice already to our Honble Masters in seizing a Settlement at Mihie, & playing the same Game at Peringature, carrying on a Friendship with Cotata at a great Expence & striving by what appears to combine with him, & the Heads of the Country So. ward, for Working us out of Trade that way, & to gain a Share of what we have hitherto enjoy'd solely at Randotarra. Sure we are, That provided we had sent our Prince with a Guard of Soldiers into Boyanores Country for stirring up some of the Heads thereof against him, Those of Mihie wou'd instantly have opposed us with all their might, yet we see they dare do worse than that to us, & we at the same time, Obliged to be cautious of running into Troubles, & Expences in openly opposing them; They say Boyanores Country is under their protection, & to demonstrate the better, give Pass and Colours to all the Vessells belonging to the Merchants of his Country, & so much do they stand to this, that on the Chiefs writing to Mr. Tremisott a few days since in an amicable, & Private manner for releasing a Munchua, their Guard Boats had taken coming out of Cota River, He imperiously Answer'd, that she being furnish'd with a Pass from us to be shewn to our own Vessells, was Ground for condemning her, for the Owner being Establish'd under the Protection of the French Company, & a Subject of Boyanore, ought not to have had a Pass from a Stranger, & as this Letter is pretty remarkable, we take the Liberty of enclosing Copy thereof, and the Chief's. That they wanted to get Durmapatam & are to this moment disgusted at the Heiress of Cannanore for giving us Grove Island is most certain, as is that they will never be quiet, 'till they suffer for their Insolencies, & abuses, we on our Parts are very desirous of preserving things in a peaceable, & easy Channell, never making an Attempt of Impeeding their Pepper carried over Land from Cotata, though we might have done it by the Assistance of the Prince, but we see our forbearance encourages them to attempt stopping ours, & perhaps if a suitable Resolution be not taken on our side, They may by the Mock Authority of the Prince they have got, send their Europe Ship to Agar, for bringing away Pepper by force notwithstanding the Trade thereabouts has been so long Enjoy'd by us, founded on an absolute right given us by the King of Colastree; our Experience has taught us, that reasoning by Words or Letter signifies nothing, since they consider, that after Seizing the Decoy Grab, and Southgate, & Attacking the Shawallum some time since, without our resenting it, They may do the same again or worse. On the whole reflecting on the repeated Commands of our Honble Masters, for our avoiding Expences and Disputes, we are constrain'd to govern ourselves by Proceedings very different to those of the French Servants, yet as our tamely suffering them to go on at Agar, may be attended with the ill Consequences before represented, we this Morning ventured to send a Messenger to our Prince, for his applying his utmost Endeavours to draw off the Counter Prince from the French Interest, & dismiss their Boats and Soldiers, promising if he will not, we wou'd give him a suitable Present to induce his Compliance, Yet if that shou'd fail, we inculcated it wou'd be incumbent on him for the preservation of his Authority to apply forcible measures, in Obliging him, & the French People to leave the place, & that we shou'd be ready to support him therein, what success we may meet with, we cannot be certain, but if Force shou'd be used, & those of Mihie aim to resent it, we think it will be our best Policy to make use of the same weapons they do, by Stirring up the Nombiers, our Prince & the Heads of Boyanores Country now disgusted with him, for opposing their settling at Peringature, being assured, that for One Fanam

spent by us thereby, They must launch out Ten, for supporting Boyanore Curringhoda, & Narrangole Nombier, though as such kind of things are frequently carried to a further length than what is at first foreseen, we shall be very cautious in what ever we do, & nothing but our just dread of the Ill Consequences of the French Proceedings to the Interest of our Hon^r. Masters, leads us to entertain any such Scheme; your Hon^r. & c^a. plain & speedy Directions for our Guidance herein are earnestly wish [*sic*] for, and particularly how we are to govern ourselves in time to come, when attempts are made by those of Mihie for usurping our Priviledges, it being our humble Opinion that will always be their Intent, while we supinely suffer it.

WE request your Hon^r. & c^a. will please to supply us with one piece of super fine Scarlet Cloth.

LETTIFICAN PATANY an Inhabitant of Surat, having last Year built a small Grab at Callicutt, requested of us a Pass, which we accordingly granted him, & returning thither this Season, applied to us for another which at first we refused, but he representing his Dependance on us for the same believing it was in our power to gratify him, & that it might be of great Prejudice to him to proceed without, we have Issued one letting him know we shall not on any Account do the like again.

WE Omitted acquainting your Hon^r. & c^a. at the time of writing the Letters mention'd in the foregoing The French had stopt up the Bar of Cota River, but that not Answering the End, they with the assistance of Boyanore raised Batteries against the Shore which Obligated Cotamarcarr to repair to Mihie & give an Ola for the Payment of Twelve Thousand Fanams as a Recompence for a Boat he had taken from the Canarees carrying their Pass and Colours, which the latter Obligated them to make good. We are with great Respect.

HONBLE SIR, & SIRs

Your most Obed^t. & most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
DEC^{BR}. 20TH. 1735.

LIST OF TELLY. PACQUETT TO BOMBAY ²⁹ SHIP CHARLES VIA SURAT
DATED DEC^{BR}. 20TH. 1735. VIZ^T.

- N^o. 1. Tellicherry General under s^d. date.
2. Duplicate of D^o. dated the 5th. Instant.
3. D^o. D^o. 12 D^o.
4. Copy of the Chief's Letter to Mr. Tremisot,
with his Answer.
5. Account of Remains of Stores at Tellicherry
& Indent of what wanted.
6. List of the Paquett.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.

PRESID^T & GOV^R. & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs

THIS Accompanies duplicate of our last under the 20th. Instant, informing you of one of the Heirs of Colastree being at Agar, with a Guard of French Soldiers, where he still continues, & was Yesterday visited by Mons^r. Louet from Mihie, we have been using all the means in our power either to draw off this Prince by Bribe, or compell his to retire by means of Ours, but neither of these have we been able to Effect, as the Canarees of whom our Prince stands much in awe, have

assign'd him a Guard of their Men. We have sent to the General to withdraw his People, which he promises to comply with, that our Prince may Force him away, but we are too sencible of the baseness of the Canarees to rely on their Word, especially now the French are treating with them, as we hear for a Factory on the other side Billiapatam, which they seem willing to grant them, & as we are persuaded of their intended Encroachments, & that the invaders will play off all Parties one against the other, for Accomplishing their design of possessing the Country. We find ourselves in Difficulties, how to Guard against either of those Mischief's, but considering there can be no proper Remedy Obtained without removing the Canarees, we are now Endeavouring to set on Foot a Treaty with the Mallabars for effecting their Overthrow if possible, though even in this we have but little hopes of Success, as Mony is likely to be wanting as hath been heretofore, & we wish we had not as much Reason to fear a Failure in the Courage of the Mallabars, notwithstanding the Canaree Army is more inconsiderable than ever. Your Hon^r. &c^a. are apprized of our sending away the Two Gallivats for easing Expences, & we have no Sea Force now with us for withstanding any Encroachments of the French at Agar, or assisting the Mallabars in case a Resolution shou'd be taken for attacking the Canarees, we should be glad therefore if your Hon^r. &c^a. could supply us with a Competent Sea Force, & give us your Directions in what manner we are to behave towards The French shou'd they attempt carrying away Pepper from the parts about Agar, or invade in any other manner our Hon^{ble} Masters Priviledges, your Opinion wou'd likewise be necessary if it becomes us to attempt a Conjunction against the Canarees admitting only a small Sum laid down though since those People actually mean to subdue this Country, rob us of our Priviledges, & wrest from us if they can the Island Durmapatam, we presume an Effort, even though very precarious is to be preferred to letting things take there own Course, as they are so likely to terminate to the Destruction of the Interest of those we Serve. From Mangalore we have a Confirmation of Ragonats designs against us, but do not hear he is sett out. We are with great Respect.

HON^{BLE} SIR AND SIRs

Your most Obedient, and most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

DEC^{BR}. 26TH. 1735.

¶ PRINCE OF ORANGE.

TO SERJEANT JN^O. CHRISTIAN.

You are hereby Order'd to proceed to Agar to the Prince, with a Corporal, & Eleven Soldiers, and on your Arrival take under your Command the Companies Soldiers now there who are to remain with the Prince as his Body Guard, & you are to attend him wherever he goes; You are on no Account to engage in any other Service, but the immediate Defence of s^d. Princes Person, and take particular care your People do not Straggle about, but keep them always together, & in Case there be any French Soldiers at Agar, you must not permit those with you to have any Discourse with them whatever Shou'd anything Material happen inform us of it forthwith. We are

YOUR LOVING FRIENDS

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

JAN^{RY} 3^D. 1735/6.

TO THE HONBLE JN^o. HORNE ESQ^r.

PRESID^t. & GOVERN^r. & C^a. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY

HONBLE SIR, & SIRs

OUR last Address waited on you by the Prince of Orange under the 26th. Ult^o. Duplicate whereof Accompanies this wherein, as well as by our preceeding Letters you will observe the French having erected a Settlement at Peringature for impeeding our bringing away Pepper from Boyanores Country, as well as to gather to themselves the produce of Irrebenadu, we likewise inform'd you of their introducing one of the Heirs of Colastree called Naducoilotu with their Guard of Soldiers into Agar, for dividing the Country Powers that way, usurp our Princes Authority, & all this with a view, as we conceiv'd for depriving us of the sole Liberty hitherto enjoy'd by our Honble Masters of the Trade in Pepper thereabouts, & we are sorry to Acquaint you, that our Endeavours for removing s^d. Prince, & hindering the French frequenting that Place with their Boats, have hitherto prov'd Abortive, & 'tis now currently said, that their aim is not what we at first apprehended, to have a Settlement on the other side of Billiapatam, but even at Agar, founded as we imagine on the Canarees consent, & who they suppose by the Presents we hear they have made, the General will be ready to support them therein, we need not set forth to your Hon^r. & C^a. how greatly these Proceedings tend to violate our Honble Masters Priviledges granted them long since by the King of Colastree confirm'd by the Governing Princes at that time one of whom was this very Prince of Nadu aforesaid, also by Ragonat the Canaree General, & on these foundations, we judg'd ourselves fully Authorized in forcibly Impeeding the French Boats using the Liberties they have done, but as they have an Europe, & Country Ship at Mihie, we cou'd not help believing they wou'd have been applied in supporting their present unjust Schemes, and further injuring us in Attacking the English Trade, according to their former practice, & having experienc'd that Writing our Complaints have only tended to make them more insolent, we declined it; Mons^r. Louet has been often at Agar, and the Linguist with Cotata for effecting a Peace between that King, Boyanore, the Heads of Irrebenadu, and Canarees in consideration of a Sum of Mony to be Paid the Latter, & joining for wresting from us the Island Durmapatam, that it may remain in Possession of the Invaders, & to prevent the Prince giving us any Assistance, a Party was to be assigned for Blocking him up at Cherica & Billiapatam, but as Cotata has our Proposals for Uniting with our Prince, Country & us against the Canarees, we may reasonable [*sic*] judge he will prefer them to risquing the Issue of their being Masters of s^d. Island, & so having it in the Power to make Attempts on his Country, whenever they think proper, Cacart and Chandrote Nombiers have been with the King on the premen-tion'd Business, & by their Letter to the Chief intimate he approves of the Proposals, but we have found so much Backwardness in the Mallabars, such confusion in their Councils, & Enmity among themselves, no Inclination to launch out Mony, & so little Resolution in other Respects, that we really cannot Answer for the Success in what we are upon, however considering the Prince immediately concern'd for the preservation of his Prerogative, on which our Interest depends. We have animated him for Obliging the French, & the Prince of Nadu to forsake the Shore, & that our Honble Masters wou'd bear the Expence, finding that otherwise his Avarice wou'd be a means of greatly Slackening his Resolution, & although the Canarees are willing to make what advantages they can by these Com-motions, we conceive they wou'd not readily break with him to the exposing the safety of their Places No^o.ward, and cutting off the Communication between them, especially as their Force is pretty much reduced & Cotata in Arms against them. We heartily Lament the present Posture of Affairs, as it so immediately tends to fixing these Invaders in their Conquest, & hereafter make each of us feel it's sad Effects, though as there is no confiding in the French. & their Councils so very uncertain, we can only since we have not a Force to Rout the Canarees, conduct ourselves so as to Guard against immediate Mischief's, & as those of Mihie are very lavish of their Mony to hurt us, we hope our Issuing the necessary Sums to prevent it, will not be Disapprov'd of.

THE Cowan Imported here the 4th. Instant, as did the Four Bbay Cruizers, whose coming we find to be merely accidental & therefore we were very fearfull of detaining any of them, but the posture of Affairs being such as above represented, we judged it a good Opportunity, by their Countenance, to write the French in complaint of their Proceedings, Copy whereof accompanies this as will their Answer provided we receive it in time, & Understanding it to be our immediate Duty to support our Masters Priviledges so justly acquired, we have ventured to send up the Neptune, & Queen Caroline in Convoy of the Cowan, and detain the Victoria and King George untill the Richmond arrives, Intending if there be a necessity to Employ them in seizing whatever Pepper the French may presume bringing away from the Parts where our Honble Masters have the Sole Title of Exporting it. And as our frequenting the Country of Boyanore, as they have done in so open a manner that of Agar, wou'd have induced them to oppose us therein. We have thoughts of requiring the French to withdraw their Vessells, though as the Stay of the Cruizers are likely to be Short, we must govern ourselves with the more caution, but we well know the Exercise of so much Prudence on our side, has been the Occasion of so many repeated Insults, & will we are assured create more, nay blast our Reputation as well as Interest, if a greater Vigour is not exerted by us, we are timorous in every thing we do least troubles should arise, & we not in a Condition to support them, or that we might be censured for Spending Mony, while the French Agents seem to Act with an Unbounded Latitude, & we are assured Disburse very large Sums.

THIS Evening came to hand an Answer from the French, Copy whereof in Portuguese goes herewith, we need not make many Comments on it, as it will be Obvious to your Hon^r. &c^a. that they want to have our Prince esteem'd as a Stranger in Irrebenadu, but that him whom they have a mind to set up has a right to Randotarra, Though we never found till now, that any save our Governing Prince had, or Pretended to have even the Shadow of Authority there; It is difficult for us to countermine the French Schemes always, as they are so very unfixt; they were lately bent on supporting Cotata, & have Issued large Sums therein, & now they seem as eager to ingratiate themselves with the Canarees. On the whole, prove things howsoever, we conceive it to be absolutely necessary, that we have a suitable Force, with some Gallivats to withstand the French Encroachments, as well as to awe the Canarees, & we must Acquaint you, that admitting their Europe Ship Sailes, a large Country Ship is soon expected from Pondicherry, & will remain with another now here till the latter End of April. Your Hon^r. &c^a. speedy Instructions are likewise desired in want [sic] manner we are to proceed against the French immediate Attempts to deprive us of our Trade, admitting they shou'd proceed so far as to Place themselves in a Factory at Agar, or elsewhere within the Honble Companies Priviledges.

NOTWITHSTANDING these Commotions, as the time for laying out for Pepper is now come, we are engaging our Chitty, and such others as we think we can confide in to collect from the several Parts of this Country what is to be got, & have Issued out to this Day Fourteen Thousand Rupees for that Service. We are with due Respect

HONBLE SIR, & SIRs,
Your most humble & most Obedient Servant,

STEPHEN LAW.
WM. FORBES.
H^d. HOWARD.
WM. JEYNSON.
RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
JANRY 6th. 1735/6.
7 QUEEN CAROLINE GALLY

TO CAPT^N. JOS^H. PREIST
COM^R. OF THE QUEEN CAROLINE GALLY

SIR,

The Hoñble Company's Affairs requiring the Countenance of Two of the Cruizers now here under your Command, You are desired to leave them Accordingly, & of which we shall Advise the Hoñble President and Council. We are

SIR
Your humble Serv^{ts}.

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

TELLICHERRY
JANRY 4TH. 1735/6.

TO THE CHEVALIER TREMISOT
CHIEF &C^A. COUNCIL OF MIHIE.

GENTLEMEN

WE have observed for some Days past your proceedings to be very opposite to that good Understanding which at present Subsists between our Nations, & therefore we now address You on the Nature of our Complaints in hopes you will Duly attend to what is just and Reasonable.

You have very lately erected a Settlement at Peringature lying in the Country of Irrebenadu, & which is immediately under the Government of the King of Colastree, who by Authentick Grants has given our Company the sole and Undoubted Priviledge of Trade thereabouts, & for a further Confirmation thereof the Governing Princes of the Houses of Pally and Odeorem did at the same time deliver us their Ratifications thereof, which we have by us to shew.

You have likewise introduced within a few Days with your Guard of Soldiers a Prince of the House of Odeorem into the Territories of Randotarra, & do frequent the same with Your Vessells and People with as much freedom as if the same belong'd to you, without considering that he himself is one that Ratified the king of Colastrees grant aforesaid, & therefore what sencibly touches us is your presuming to frequent the Parts bordering on Agar, where you must know we have to this moment Enjoy'd a Sole & Undoubted Title to the entire Trade, and while we do not desurb [*sic*] your Share in Boyanores Country, we cannot but wonder why you should take such Liberty with Ours. Besides Gentlemen we apprehend you wou'd have Ill bore our introducing a Competitor to Boyanore in his Country in the manner you have done one in Randotarra, tending only to molest our Affairs, & cause Confusion in the Country that way.

ON the whole, as what we Represent above is truly and really founded on right justice, we must desire and require you to desist from your proceedings at Peringature, as well as frequenting the Country of Randotarra, & others where our Trade is concern'd. We are

GENTLEMEN,
Your most humble Serv^{ts}.

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

TELLICHERRY
JANRY 4TH. 1735/6.

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

GENTLEMEN

YESTERDAY imported our Hon^{ble} Masters Ships Queen Caroline, and Scarborough from Bombay & agreeable to the Directions of our Superiours, we now dispatch the former towards you to take in the remainder of her Cargo, having laden aboard One hundred, & Sixty Candies of Pepper and Six Candies of Cardamums, enclosed is Calculate of her Tonnage receiv'd from Bombay, in which the above is included. We are

SIRS,

Y^r. most humble Serv^{ts}.

1[sic] STEPHEN LAW.
2[sic] W^M. FORBES.
H^H. HOWARD.
W^M. JEYNSON.
R^D. LYNCH.

TELLRY

JANRY 11TH. 1735/6.

TO THE HONBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE UNITED COMP^Y. OF MERCH^T OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONBLE SIRS,

YESTERDAY Evening imported your Hon^{rs}. Ship Queen Caroline Capⁿ. David Wilkie, also the Scarborough Captⁿ. Geo: Westcott from Bombay, & agreeable to our Directions, we have Laden aboard the former One hundred, & Sixty Candies of Pepper, & Six Candies of Cardamums, Amounting in the whole to Tellicherry Fanams Seventy three Thousand Six hundred, & Seventy, as ^{per} Invoice, and Bill of Lading enclosed, & we now dispatch her for Anjengo, to take in the remainder of her Cargo, agreeable to our Orders. We are with the utmost Respect.

HONBLE SIRS,

Your most Faithful, & most Obedient humble Servants,

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

TELLICHERRY

JANRY 11TH. 1735/6.

TO CAPT^N. DAVID WILKIE
COM^R. OF SHIP QUEEN CAROLINE

SIR

WE have Laden on board your Ship, One hundred, & Sixty candies of Pepper, & Six Candies of Cardamums, the Quantity order'd by the Hon^{ble} President and Council of Bombay; You are hereby directed Wind and Weather permitting to weigh Anchor, & make the best of your way for Anjengo, following such Orders as you may receive from the Chief & Factors there. We are

SIR

Your humble Servants

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

TELLICHERRY

JANRY 11TH. 1735/6.

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

HONBLE SIRs,

By the Queen Caroline we Address'd your Hon^{rs}. in a short Letter, Duplicate of which goes herewith, as well as that of the 15th. September ☿ King William. This you will receive ☿ Ship Scarborough, whose Tonnage we have compleated, as will be seen by the accompanying Invoice, & Bill of Lading, the former Amounting to Tellicherry Fanams Two hundred Seventy Thousand five hundred twenty two, & Eight Vis, being for Six hundred Eighty nine, & one Quarter Candies of Pepper, & Two & a half Candies of Cardamums; you have also Enclos'd Copy of the Queen Carolines Invoice.

THE great Scarcity of the Head sort of Cardamums this Year, the high Price they bear, & the demands made for 'em has render'd it impossible for us to procure more than we have Laden on these Ships, & we are deficient of the Quantity Order'd nine & a half Candies; But as they seem to us indifferent in their Quality owing as we presume to the mixture with some of the second Sort, we conceive your Hon^{rs}. will not be prejudiced through this Disappointment. By the King William you have been particularly Inform'd of our Purchases of Pepper the last season, the Quantities we have receiv'd, & of what was then standing out, we have got in the major Part, & for enableing us to secure all that is possible of this Crop, our Superiours sent us on the Queen Caroline in September Seventy one Thousand nine hundred ninety Eight Rupees, & ☿ the Scarborough in October last One hundred Thousand Rupees, & a further supply now by her & the Queen Caroline of One hundred & Twenty Thousand Rupees; we promise your Hon^{rs}. the application of our best Endeavours in this matter. But as the French are our Rivals therein, & the continued of [*sic*] carrying from these Parts large Quantities over Land to Callicut, we have some Reason to dread, the success of our Assiduity will not Answer our Wishes.

THE Debts due to your Hon^{rs}. from the sundry Powers this way, we are sorry to Acquaint you, are in the same State as when we address'd you by the King William, & we continue in our Opinion that the Samorine can only by Compulsive Methods be brought to Discharge the large Balance he owes, for as to Applications and Entreaty we have used all in our Power; but the Distraction of your Hon^{rs}. Affairs under this Presidency, we fear will not soon admitt of our Superiours taking the Premention'd methods for recovering this Debt by Force, & indeed, the dependant we have on Callicutt in our present Circumstances will not well permit of it.

THE several Representations we have made to our Superiours concerning the Island of Durmapatam, their Remarks thereon, & Ours in return to them, have terminated in the End; That as the Expence of raising the necessary Fortifications is likely to be greater than they can venture to put your Hon^{rs}. to, before your Settlements [*sic*] are known concerning the Island, They direct us to proceed no further then in securing ourselves there for the present, in the best manner we can, which we shall accordingly do, though our remaining undetermined in this Affair. must unavoidably Occasion an heavy Expence in raising small Works for immediate Security, that afterwards should your Hon^{rs}. resolve on fixing there, may not be thought sufficient; & our continuing to possess such a large Tract of Land with no less than Ten Fortresses, even with the Limited number of Men we have in them, renders our Charges exceeding high, & divides our Force in such a manner as may give our Enemies great advantage over us, & put us to great Streights in preserving them shou'd they be Attacked. We have already acquainted your Hon^{rs}. that our sole aim in fixing on Durmapatam was for preventing it's falling into the hands of the Canarees or French, & we are positive each of them, were eager to get it; The former in order the better to Establish their Conquest, & the latter to eat us out of the Trade, & if either had Succeeded, we must believe your Hon^{rs}. Interest at this Settlement wou'd have been exceedingly Prejudiced, therefore all things consider'd we are in hopes the charge we have put you to, will not be Disapprov'd of; though we are sencible they much exceed what your Trade can bear.

IT wou'd be too tedious for us to give your Hon^{rs}. a particular Account of all the French Schemes lately practiced for disquieting & Destroying your Interest at this Settlement, therefore we will only confine ourselves to Two Instances which seem to us very remarkable; They the beginning of last Month, with part of their Garrison, & a Number of Nairs proceeded to erect a small Fortress at a Place called Peringature bordering on this side Mihie River, & lying Inland about Three Leagues, with a view as we must suppose to hinder any Access of Pepper coming to us from the Country of Boyanore, & for drawing to themselves the produce of the Country called Irrebenadu in which the above Place Stands, & to give this proceeding a better Gloss, They by Bribes prevailed on one Nadu Coilota one of the Heirs of Colastree (though divested of all legal Authority) to repair to 'em. for giving his Sanction to the above undertaking, & finding this step was ill relished by some of the adjacent Powers, & apprehending we should not tamely permit them to enjoy unmolested so gross a Violation of your Hon^{rs}. Priviledges; They next in order as we suppose to embarrass us, did introduce the abovemention'd Prince into the Territories of our Prince Cunhi Homo called Randotarra, lying between the Island Durmapatam and Cannanore, & there labour'd for dividing the Petty Powers; and the Canarees being with their Army thereabouts Endeavour'd by large Gifts to unite them for supporting their Upstart Prince, & assigning them a Factory at Agar, from whence we have hitherto solely been Entitled to bring away Pepper, at the same time frequenting those Parts with their Vessells in as free a manner as if the Power of so doing was invested in themselves, & that their views might effectually succeed, They set on Foot a Treaty for a Peace between the Canarees, and King of Cotata offering to be at the Expence of a large Sum for inducing the former to accept it, on Condition that they shou'd all unite for Attacking your Hon^{rs}. Settlements, & wresting from you the Island of Durmapatam, which was to be deliver'd to the Canarees. Your Hon^{rs}. will conceive us to be in great Perplexity on this Occasion, especially as we were too sencible our writing the French in Complaint of these Proceedings wou'd avail nothing, nor had we force for restraining their frequenting the Parts immediately appropriated for your Commerce, as they had an Europe and Country Ship then in the Road of Mihie, & though they will let us have no Trade in Pepper in Boyanores Country stretching from their Settlement Five Leagues, yet we were well assured any attempts for opposing their Designs, wou'd have brought on us farther Insolencies, & perhaps Bullying with their Ships, & Seizing ours, as they did formerly Your Hon^{rs}. Grab the Decoys Ships Shawallum & Southgate; we therefore had only left to spirit up our Prince for supporting his Authority, & Assembling as many Men as he cou'd for molesting the French Mariners, & the People of their mock Prince, but his dread of the Canarees caus'd him to be too Irresolute for some days when luckily Arriv'd Four of the Bombay Cruizers in pursuit of Angria, & although we had no Authority for detaining any of them, yet we thought the necessity of our Affairs wou'd justify our keeping with us the Victoria Grab, & King George Gally proposing to return them in Company of your Hon^{rs}. Ship the Richmond speedily expected from China, & the other Two sail'd forthwith back in Company of the Trade bound up, & we instantly wrote to Mihie, complaining of their Proceedings, Copy whereof with their Answer goes herewith; and reanimated the Prince for his immediately disturbing the French Mariners, & the People belonging to their Prince, accordingly in an Encounter with the Latter, four of them were Killed, & Two Wounded, which raised great Commotions in the Canaree Camp, & brought many of their Horse, & Foot over the River for defending the French Vessells, & Boats then there Disembarking Rice for there use, & our Prince was apprehensive of a sudden assault from them, but our supporting them with Men, Ammunition & Provisions, & the Canarees dreading a Disturbance in all their Conquest N^o.ward, induced them after some time Spent in Councils, to come to us, & finding us steady in approving the Princes Proceedings, They after using sundry menaces were brought to agree to put the afores^d. Prince under the Obedience of Ours, & dismiss the French from the Shore, the Result of which your Hon^{rs}. will be inform'd at the Period of this Letter, Though we understand there's a likelihood of their Complying, being told the French are return'd to Mihie, after Issuing near Eleven Thousand Rupees, towards

effecting the intended Peace, & obtaining a Factory at Agar. That it may appear plain to your Hon^{rs}. how far these Men have attempted to Rob you of your Privileges, we are to acquaint you; The Head King of Colastree long since with the then Governing Princes, whereof the Prince of Nadu Coilotu was at that time one, & the Person the French are now about to set up, did deliver your late Chief Mr. Adams an Authentick writing, excluding all other Europe Nations, save ourselves and the Dutch, from carrying on any Trade in their Dominions, & though the French at last forcibly seized their Settlement at Mihie, & have ever since impeded us in the Embarkation of Pepper from Boyanores Country, yet they did not till now presume to interfere in your Trade carried on in Rundotarra, not as we suppose from any want of Inclination, but their apprehensions our Prince might seize their People and Mony, though now conceiving the Canarees, notwithstanding their General has ratified the abovemention'd Grants, wou'd support them in their Designs, they readily push'd for gaining as much liberty there as they have assumed in the Country where they are Settled & farther to injure us erected their Fortress at Peringature, presuming all along as we imagine that our Openly impeding them in support of your Hon^{rs}. undoubted Right wou'd give them an handle to seize our Ships, finding their doing it was so tamely submitted to heretofore, & we are very confident our attempting to introduce a Competitor to Boyanore in his Country in the manner they did their mock Prince into that of ours, wou'd have instantly led them to Oppose us with the utmost Violence, yet in our Letter to them before taken Notice, mentioning this particular they wholly pass it by, & justify their Princes going to Randotarra, by his having a Right (as they say) thereto, though it is well known not one in this Country pay him the least Obedience. In fine, since the French Servants are so lavish of their Mony & supported by their Superiours in all their unjust Practices, your Hon^{rs}. cannot expect to be exempt for some Expençe in supporting your Affairs, & we wish that may at all times Answer as from our long Experience we have found them bent on causing us Mischiefs, which we fear will ever be the case, while they are so near us.

YOUR Hon^{rs}. have from time to time been made Acquainted with the progress of the Canaree Army, who have continued ever since last Year on the low Grounds of Durmapatam Island, having made sundry Attempts to Pass the River for subduing the King of Cotata without effect; we have also plainly signified to you their real Intent is to master the Pepper Countries for laying such Duties & Impositions on the Trade as may in some measure prove a Recompence for the immense Charge this undertaking has Occasion'd. All the parts No^o.ward along Shore at proper Distances, have their Fortresses. & Cadalay on the confines of Agar, and Cannanore, is almost built of a considerable magnitude, & appears Pretty strong, from all which we must be of Opinion, that although their Force is but small at present, they still are determin'd to persecute [*sic*] their Undertaking, & we are credibly inform'd, that Ragonat their late General had a few days since an Army assigned him this way for going through with their Work. & to compell us to resign to them the Island of Durmapatam for their better Security, but we conceive the Troubles which now attend his King from the Invasion of another Power, & the failure in raising the Mony intended are the cause of the Delay. We have been constantly contriving means for three Years past, to compell these invaders to retire, but the Disunion of the Mallabar Powers, the want of a suitable Force of our own, & Mony to Support the undertaking have prevented so necessary a Work & the uncertainty of the French Councils proves likewise very prejudicial, since from what we have Experienced, we can rely on their Words or Writing, & what adds to our concern is that we find our Disbursements here, are excessively high, & that they cannot be avoided without exposing our safety, especially as we are compell'd to keep up Durmapatam, as an immediate Remedy for preserving our Trade, which however seems to us to stand very precarious at this time, among such a Variety of Interests, and counter Dispositions. On the whole we judge it it will be best for us to prosecute the Scheme we are upon for Uniting with the King of Cotata, our Prince, & the other Mallabar Powers for making as good an Effort as possible for Routing the Canarees, even although an inconsiderable Sum be laid down towards supporting the Confederacy, we esteem this the only and best Expedient, on considering

that their Force may be soon Augmented in such a manner as wou'd be difficult to withstand, & as in the present State we have no proper Security of your Hon^{rs}. Trade & Priviledges, & your Expence are beyond what you will choose to bear, an hazardous Tryal is to be preferred to the suffering these People to go on towards Destroying all your Interest; but after all there's so much Deceit in the Mallabars & so many Schemes sets a Foot, by the French keeping up the Divisions among them, that we cannot Answer we shall be able to conduct this matter as we propose and Wish, & really the State of Affairs is such now that we are not sure of being enabled with any tolerable Security to carry on your Trade, & which concerns us the more, reflecting on the heavey Expence Your Hon^{rs}. are at present Subject to; for our Parts we are incessantly contriving how to avoid present Mischiefs, but one is no sooner got over, but another arises, which renders our Scituation very Irksome & sometimes causes us to fear it will take up time (if we do at all) to bring your Hon^{rs}. Affairs upon such a footing, as may carry a Probability of Recompencing you in some measure, for the large Sums you have Issued on this Settlement, which indeed by our Calculate you must be great Sufferers in, and this makes us as wary as Possible in subjecting you to more than what is Unavoidably, a great part of these Evils are owing to the French, by their launching out in so profuse a many [*sic*], for by our Computation, abstracted from what they have lately given the Canarees, & presents to several of the Country People, the King of Cotata must have had from them near Seventeen Thousand Pounds, which we believe he never intends to Pay.

THE Chief being in great want of a small sum to be Paid in England, gave directions to his Attorneys at Bombay for obtaining Bills on your Hon^{rs}. tho' too late, & notwithstanding we are forbid Issuing any from hence, we hope the Liberty we now take in receiving of him into your Cash here One Thousand three hundred & Twenty Rupees, for One hundred and Sixty Five Pounds Sterling, Payable to Samuel Pugh Esq^r. will not be censured, & we shall give Notice hereof to the Presidency. Mr. W^m. Forbes having obtained Bills on your Hon^{rs}. for One Thousand Pounds Sterling Payable to Duncan Forbes Esq^r. of Colloden, his Majesties Advocate in Scotland, he has accordingly Paid into your Cash here Eight Thousand Rupees the Amount of sd. Bills at Two Shillings & Six Pence $\frac{7}{8}$ Rupee being on his own proper Account; & we have also receiv'd of Mr. Alexander Christie Rupees One Thousand Seven hundred Fourteen, one Quarter, & Fourteen Reas, being for a set of Bills in his Favour Payable to Mr. Will^m. Lamb of Dover for Two hundred Pounds Sterling at Two Shillings & Four Pence $\frac{7}{8}$ Rupee. Our Superiours having likewise directed us to receive any Sum Mr. Gilbert Elliott might desire to Pay into Your Cash here, & give him Bills on your Hon^{rs}. for the Amount, we have accordingly received nine Thousand Rupees, & Drawn two sets of Bills in his Favour, One for Pounds Sterling Seven hundred, being for Rupees Six Thousand at Two & Four Pence $\frac{7}{8}$ Rupee, Payable to Mr. Isaac Ardley Mercer of Ludgate Hill, & another for Three hundred & Fifty Pounds Sterling, being for Rupees Three Thousand, Payable to Mr. Jam^s. Johnston Oylman in Bishopgate Street, & we have also receiv'd into your Cash Six Thousand Rupees of Captⁿ. Geo: Westcott, & passed our Certificate to him for the same, agreeable to the Directions of the Hon^{ble} President and Council of Bombay leaving it to your Hon^{rs}. to make good the Amount, & for all which Sums we shall duly Credit the Presidency.

CAPTⁿ. GEO: WESTCOTT has taken aboard the Scarborough here Ten Thousand Canes, & Ten Leaguers of Batavia Arrack, which he Desires us to Acquaint your Hon^{rs}. with.

THE French attempts for involving your Hon^{rs}. Affairs in Troubles taken notice of in a preceeding Paragraph we hope to overset (The Prince of Nadu being about to return home) & effectually procecute our Scheme for Uniting with the Mallabars towards expelling the Canarees, and considering their Army is at present less considerable than heretofore, their King invaded, & the Dutch gone up with a Force to compell them to redress several Injuries offer'd them, we esteem an Attempt at this time to carry as good an appearance as can ever reasonably be hoped for,

& since we are assured your Hon^{rs}. Interest here can be no otherwise preserved than by being rid of them, we judge no time is to be loss [*sic*] for trying the Issue, which we shall proceed in with all the Prudence, and Circumspection in our Power, but as a Vessell of Force is immediately necessary for stopping their Communication by Sea, & the Capture of the Derby by Angria requiring the whole Force of Bombay, we are now in some doubt whether to detain one of the Cruizers or not, yet as one of those here in Conjunction of the Richmond, & several Country Ships now Bound up, with [*sic*] probably be amply sufficient for withstanding any Attempts of that Pyrate, & the Affair we are upon of the utmost moment, we hope our resolving to keep one with us will not be censured; Sure we are nothing governs us in this but a view to your Service, and we heartily Wish to have a better prospect before us of your Affairs than what now presents, sincerely lamenting the melancholy disaster before related, which we receiv'd an Account of this day from the President & Council, with Directions to forward the Accompanying Letter by this Ship the Scarborough, & another by the Queen Caroline, which with Duplicate hereof is sent by her to be put aboard the latter at Anjengo where we Understand she is to wait the Arrival of this Ship for proceeding in Company.

By the Calculate of the Scarboroughs Tonnage sent us by the Hon^{ble} Presid^t. and Council of Bbay, we observed she receivd there Two hundred & Three Tons, Fourteen Decimals & we have Laden here Six hundred eighty nine one Quarter Candies of Pepper, & Two & a half Candies of Cardamums, which we compute at Two hundred Thirty one Tons, & Eighty Four Decim^s. so that she seems wanting of her Tonnage about Forty Five Ton, tho' the Captⁿ. assures us he can take in no more Goods, which your Hon^{rs}. will see by Copy of his Letter enclos'd. We are with the greatest Respect.

HON^{BLE} SIRs

Your most Faithful & most Obedient humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

JANRY 17TH. 1735/6

SCARBOROUGH.

LIST OF TELLRY PAQUETT TO THE HONBLE COMPANY SHIP SCARBOROUGH DATED
JANRY 17TH. 1735/6. VIZ^t.

- No. 1. Tellry General under sd. date.
2. Ditto Duplicate SH King Will^m. Sep^{br}. 15th. 1735.
3. Ditto Do. SH Queen Caroline Janry 11th. 1735/6.
4. Paquett from the Ho. Presid^t. & Council of Bbay.
5. Copy of Tellry Gen^l. to the Chief & Council at Mihie, with their Answer undr. the 4th. Inst.
6. List of Ships & Vessells Imported & Exported at Tellry Commg. Febrv 4th. 1734/5 Endg. 17th. Inst.
7. Invoice of the Scarboroughs.
8. Bill of Lading Do.
9. Copy of Queen Carolines Invoice.
10. Do. of Captⁿ. Geo: Westcotts Letter to the Chief & Facts.
11. List of the Paquett.

LIST OF TELLRY PAQUETT TO THE HONBLE COMPANY & SHIP QUEEN CAROLINE
FORWARDED TO ANJENGO & SCARBOROUGH DATED JANRY 17TH. 1735/6.

- No. 1. Duplicate of Tellry Genl. & Scarbo' under sd. date.
2. Paquett from the Ho. Presidt. & Council of Bbay.
3. Copy of Tellry Genl. to the Chief & Council at Mihie with their Answer under the 4th. Instant.
4. List of Ships & Vessells Imported & Exported at Tellry Comg. Febry 4th. 1734/5 Ending the 17th. Inst.
5. Copy of the Scarboroughs Invoice.
6. Do. of Captⁿ. Geo : Westcotts Letter to the Chief & Fctrs.
7. List of the Paquett.

TO CAPTⁿ. GEO : WESTCOTT
COM^r. OF THE SHIP SCARBOROUGH.

SIR,

You having signified to us by Letter this Day that you can take aboard no more Goods then the Six hundred Eighty nine, & One quarter Candies of Pepper, Two & a half Candies of Cardamums, you have reced from us. You are hereby Order'd Wind & Weather permitting to weigh Anchor, & make the best of your way for St. Helena, following such directions as may have been given by the Honble President and Council of Bombay during the Prosecution of your Voyage thither.

HEREWITH you will receive Two small Boxes containing our Advices to the Ho. Company, one of which please to deliver to Capt^t. Wilkie, & the other forward to them in the most Expeditious, & safe manner Possible. We wish you a good Voyage. And are

SIR

Y^r. humble Servants

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

TELLICHERRY
JANRY 17. 1735/6.

TO MESS^{rs}. HAMILTON & ROSS.

GENTLEMEN

By the Letter wrote the Chief Yesterday, we observe that you are under some Apprehensions the waiting for the Richmond may possibly be so late as to Occasion the Loss of your Voyage, & therefore desire to know if you may depend on a Convooy by the 25th. Instant, shou'd there be no News of her by that time.

We have the greatest Reason to imagine, that the Richmond may be very speedily here, considering it is now near three Weeks, since the Cowan imported, & the former had no more to do at Malacca, than to take in a Mast, & as it cannot well be supposed that any Accident has attended her, it is our Opinion it will be most Prudent for you to wait her Arrival, when you may be Assured of a Suitable Convooy, for Otherwise if we were to comply with your request in appointing a

Gally immediately to attend You up, It is dubious whether her joining with you, considering the present Force of the Enemy might prove sufficient to prevent the Capture of some of you. We shou'd be glad to Oblige you was it in our Power. And are

SIRS

Your humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WM. FORBES.

H^r. HOWARD.

WM. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

JANRY 22^d. 1735/6

TO THE HONBLE JN^o. HORNE ESQ^r.

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

HON. SIR, & SIES,

SINCE our last Address of the 6th. Inst^t. Duplicate whereof goes herewith, we have receiv'd your Commands of the 1st. and 8th.

THE Queen Caroline in Company of the Scarborough the 10th. Imported here, On the former we Laded One hundred & Sixty Candies of Pepper, & Six Candies of Cardamums & Dispatch'd her the next day for Anjengo, & the other carried Six hundred eighty nine one quarter Candies of Pepper, Two & a half Candies of Cardamums, being all she cou'd take in, & she sailed the 18th. Copy of both their Invoices, with Two of their Bills of Lading, as well as the Letters we wrote the H^o. Court of Directors goes herewith, also Captⁿ. Westcotts Letter to us of his being unable to take in more Goods. Your Hon^r. & C^a. will Observe we are great deficient in the Quantity of Cardamums you Order'd, which we could not possibly remedy, thro' the unusual Demands made for them, & the high Price they bear, altho' they were but very Indifferent in Quality, you will also take notice of the deficiency of the Scarboroughs Tonnage, which we intimated to our Hon^r Masters; The Treasure & Stores you were pleas'd to Consign us by the Prementiond Ships have been receiv'd agreeable to their Invoices.

THE Bills of Exchange you were pleas'd to Favour Mess^{rs}. Forbes, & Christie with, were deliver'd them, & their Amount has been Duly Paid into the Treasury; we also received of Mr. Gilbert Elliott the Sum of Nine Thousand Rupees, for which we gave him Bills at Two Shillings & Four Pence, & a Certificate to Captⁿ. Geo: Westcott for Six Thousand Rupees paid in by him we also took the Liberty of granting the Chief Bills for One Thousand three hundred & Twenty Rupees made good to the Cash a Two Shillings & Six Pence each, which he hopes your Hon^r. & C^a. will not disapprove of, as he had immediate Occasion for that Mony in England, & forgot at the time of the Scarboroughs going up to Solicit your granting them.

THE appearance of a plentiful Crop of Pepper this Season induced us to commence an early purchase, & to which end we have Advanced to Chautoo Chitty Sixteen Thousand Rupees, & to Nellate Tupy & other Moors joined with him Twelve Thousand Rupees, for Collecting all they can in the Parts hereabouts, we were under a necessity of trusting the latter, contrary to our former Practice, as the Chitty is not now able to provide the Quantities heretofore, his Age rendering him incapable of exerting his usual Activity, & the many Losses he has sustained have reduced his Circumstances greatly, tho' he still appears to us preferable to any other, as he is very far from being in a ruin'd State. What greatly effects us at present is, the carrying way considerable Quantities to Callicutt Overland, & it's Yeilding there about Ninety Rupees ^{per} Candy, induces those that deal in it to give

for green & New Pepper near Seventy Five, & as neither the French or we can remedy this, & the Consequences may prove very hurtful in the large Purchases we have Orders to make, we have determin'd to supply Callicutt from hence, as far as too Four hundred Candies, being of Opinion this method may produce some Gain to our Honble Masters, & be effectual in lowering the Price there, that our Contracts may be made here on moderate Terms, & so a good deal saved in the End thereby, & it will be very Pleasing to us to have your Hon^r. &c^a. Approbation.

WHEN the Richmond arrives we shall carefully Examine her Gold, & vend a part here, provided it appears to yeild the Madrass Price, though we have no Expectation of its Answering.

It is impossible for us to express our concern, & surprize at the melancholy News of the Capture of the Derby by Five of Angria's Grabs, yet however, we are not without hopes it may prove to be some other, The Child Gally Captⁿ. Coward does not yet appear, & probably might take the Outward Passage, and his Wife and Daughter being aboard, we presume was a strong Circumstance for your Hon^r. &c^a. taking her to be the Derby, however we shall give the necessary caution to such Ships as arrive here, agreeable to your Commands.

IN our several Advices lately we have set forth the French Proceedings for Violating our Trade, & setting up the Prince of Nadu Coilotu, in order to divide more & more the Country Powers, & to establish themselves by means of the Canarees in a Factory at Agar, since which, on our spiriting up the Prince & supporting him from hence, he cut off Four and Wounded two Nairs belonging to his Rival, which the Canarees, as well as the French seem'd determin'd to resent, but at last, the Former after using many menaces, did at an Interview with our Linguist, agree to put the afores^d. Prince of Nadu, under the Obedience of Ours, & a day was fixed for their bringing him to Durmapatam, where in the Presence of Cunhi homo & the Chief the s^d. promise was to be Executed, though we were not only Disappointed in that but also at a second meeting, on pretence he was not to be prevailed on to trust himself; however they engaged for his proving hereafter, no ways prejudicial to the Country, as he shou'd return to his House, & the[y] earnestly press'd for a Loan of Ten Thousand Pagodas, this we cou'd not avoid Denying, & we seperated with a seeming Disatisfaction, & proceeded on the Scheme we Advised your Hon^r. &c^a. of our having laid for Uniting with Cotata, & the Country towards Attempting their Overthrow, & Things seeming to carry a favourable Prospect. Our Linguist on the 21st. Instant attended that King in Company of the Four Nombiers, the Issue of which was, that since the French, through his joining us, & the proposed Confederates, might probably deny him all future Assistance, he expected we shou'd take that Part on Ourselves, as long as his Occasions might require it; that he wou'd furnish Five hundred Men for expelling 'em on the other side Billiapatam on condition the Expence was ascertained, & on their being forced thither, & not before he wou'd by a free Gift resign to our Honble Masters all his Pretensions to Durmapatam, we need not Expatiate on these Proposals; your Hon^r. &c^a. will presently judge their Unreasonableness, and that we cou'd not Undertake supplying him in so Unlimited a manner, Especially as he cou'd not be brought even to engage for his discharging his Debt to us preferable to all others, & so small an Assignment of People wou'd prove of little Utility, & we dreaded above all his Treachery, for which he is more remarkable than all the other Mallabar Powers; our Prince on having the aforesaid Communicated to him; DECLARED it was no foundation for us to enter on Action so that the Design on which we entertained great hopes appears to be in a manner Overset, which gives us the utmost Uneasiness, & leads us to dread this unhappy Country, as well as we may feel the sad Effects of the present Invasion, & which may light on us the sooner by the French management by Spiriting up Boyanore Currinhoda, & his Father for Assigning all the Force they can Spare in opposing our Prince, and supporting theirs, offering to bear the Expence, & to induce the Canarees to come into their measures, have advanced them in Loan as we are credibly inform'd above Five Thousand Pagodas, & at the same time continue to supply Cotata as heretofore, whose Debt by our Computation cannot be less than Seventeen Thousand Pounds. Boyanore we hear is not to

be brought into their measures, but it is apprehended Curringhoda, from the Dependence he & his Father have on them, may Assign Two hundred Nairs, & they Fifty or Sixty Soldiers towards supporting their Prince, & the Canarees, thro' the Loans made them, & the Expectation of raising Contributions from the Country by his means, may perhaps be inclined to try how far our Prince is capable of supporting his Authority, & as his Overthrow must in all humane appearance prove Ours, & bring on us immediate Mischiefs to the entire Destruction of our Trade, & Quiet, we judge we have nothing left than to animate him in raising what Force he can for standing on the Defensive, & that we assist therein with the necessary supplies, & in case the Canarees shou'd go to Extremities, that we immediately annoy 'em by all the means in our Power; We say it seems to us no other method can be taken, for if we sit still, & let them gain their Point, we may be left alone to defend our Fortresses, & cut off from all our Commerce; the[se] are sad Evils, considering the present State of Affairs under the Presidency, but as it has not been in our Power to Remedy them, & the French so lavish of their Mony; we must wait the Issue, apprehending notwithstanding our present Expences, neither or [sic] H^o. Masters or your Hon^r. & c^a. expect we shou'd sit still, & tamely suffer a total Destruction of their Interest, we have always proceeded According to the Latitude we had, & if things have not turn'd out better, we are persuaded they have not proceeded for want of our care and Endeavours, & it will be proper that your Hon^r. & c^a. give us your speedy Instructions on the present posture, & particularly in regard to the French, admitting they appear in Arms against our Prince, & attempt to enter on our Trade at Agar, But you will please to reflect Words will carry no weight, Force alone must be the Instrument [sic], & though we keep the Victoria Grab, (which we think we cannot avoid doing) it may happen that their two Ships, one now here, & another expected from Pondicherry may be too Superiour.

We shall follow your Hon^r. & c^a. directions in securing ourselves in the best manner we can on Durmapatam, & are accordingly at this time exceeding Busy in raising a small Work at Atarra, that it may be in a tolerable Security. The Star Redout on the principal Eminence is all compleated save the Pavement, & as Tachara is in a very indifferent condition, we shall next consider on what is immediately necessary to be done there, but these several Works, though of the smallest magnitude possible together with our large Garrison & the supplies we cannot avoid affording the Prince, renders our Expences extravagantly high, & which we dread our H^o. Masters will be greatly displeas'd with, altho' they are such as must be submitted to, in our present Circumstances. We shall duly regard the caution laid down to us in being wary of the Canarees, who we are well assured, are fully bent if they can to subdue this Country, when our Places will not then be worth keeping; We hear nothing lately of Ragonat, his King being busy Inland in defending his Country from a Power that has invaded it, & the Dutch are going up to Bassalore with Five Ships, & a considerable Military Force to have some Grievances redress'd, what the success may be we know not.

We exceedingly concern'd the Richmond does not yet appear, & are apprehensive, the detaining the King George Gally for her, may put your Hon^r. & c^a. to some difficulties at Bombay for Securing the Trade, yet we are very unwilling to let her go, as we hourly expect the coming in of the afores^d. Ship, & then with the Trade now here, & Bound up, they may be of suitable Force to withstand the Enemy.

We Omitted in the foregoing to Acquaint your Hon^r. & c^a. of our Care in transmitting the Two Paquetts for the H^o. Company sent us in your Letter of the 8th. One went by the Scarborough, & the other was deliver'd to Captain Westcott with our Paquett to be put aboard the Queen Caroline at Anjengo.

ENSIGN HENRY KENDALL having been Ill for some time, we have been deprived of his Service, and as we know not how soon we may have Occasion for Officers, & no one in our Garrison fit for that Employ, we beg you will please to send us an able Person or two that are well vers'd in their Office, with a Man skilled in Gunnery to be Assistant to ours, as we were unable to supply Ourselves out of the Europe Ships.

THIS goes by a Boat belonging to Mr. Dudley, & in two or three Days, we shall forward Duplicate of these Advices, by that your Hon^r. &c^a. sent down. We are most Respectfully

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most Obed^t. & most hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}.

STEPHEN LAW.

WM. FORBES.

HM. HOWARD.

WM. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

JANRY 24TH. 1735/6.

LIST OF TELLRY PAQUETT TO THE H^o. PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF
BOMBAY DATED JANRY 24TH. 1735/6.

- No. 1. Tellry General under s^d. Date.
2. Ditto Duplicate under 6th. Instt.
3. Do. Copy of the H^o. Company Undr. 17th. Inst. & Scarborough, & Queen Caroline.
4. Do. Do. Queen Caroline Undr. 11 Inst.
5. Copy of Captⁿ. Westcotts Letter to the Chief & Factors.
6. Do. of the Queen Carolines Invoices to G. Britⁿ.
7. Do. Do. Bill of Lading.
8. Do. of the Scarboroughs Invo. to G. Britain.
9. Do. Do. Bill of Lading.
10. List of the Paquett.

TO WILL^M. WAKE ESQ^R.

CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN,

YESTERDAY Morning imported Ship Expedition from Bombay, & brought us the Melancholly Confirmation of the Capture of the Derby by Angria, which we presume you will be apprized of from the accompanying Letter, & by what we learn you are desired to assist this Settlement with what Men you can possibly procure, & wherein we are assured of your best Endeavours, that we may be in a proper Condition of withstanding the Attempts of the King of Canara now aided by the French, for wresting from us the Island Durmapatam. It wou^d be too tedious for us to give you the particulars of all the Commotions, which we fear will continue to disturb us, untill the former are removed, & the latter in want of Mony, which they are very Lavish of at present. We are

SIR, AND SIRS

Your most humble Servants,

STEPHEN LAW.

WILL^M. FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD

WM. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

JANRY 28TH. 1735/6.

TO THE HONBLE RICH^d. BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. & GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL.
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR, & SIRs,

By Ship Expedition who imported here Yesterday Morning, we received the Accompanying Letter from the Honble Presid^t. and Council of Bombay, with directions to forward it with Speed, & they are pleas'd to acquaint us of their having made application to your Hon^r. & C^a. for affording this Settlement what Men you can Spare towards preserving us against the threaten'd Invasion of the Canarees, on whose side the French now appear. We hope your Hon^r. & C^a. will be so good as to exert yourselves on this Occasion, & if possible help us with Two or three Persons skill'd in Gunnery, of which we are in real want, & it will be an Additional favour in granting us with the Supplies, as many good Europeans as possible, & brave Officers to Command them, we shou'd not be thus pressing, had we not reason to apprehend Disturbances of many kinds, at a time that our Presidency, through the Unhappy Circumstances of Affairs are incapable of assisting us, & the difficulties are render'd the greater through the Melancholly Misfortune of the Capture of the Derby, which we shall not particularly mention, Supposing the enclos'd Letter will give you a full Account of it.

It is hinted to us, that your Hon^r. & C^a. do maintain a perfect good Understanding with the Nabob of Arcott, On whom the King of Canara, or Bednure is greatly dependant, therefore if your Hon^r. & C^a. can by means of the former Compell the other to pay a due regard to our Hon^r Masters Priviledges obtained from the Powers of this Country, it will be an Acceptable Piece of Service; as we have the greatest reason to imagine the s^d. King is not only resolved to Pay no regard to them, but also to Seize from us the Island Durmapatam lately secured by us for preserving the Pepper Trade. Your Hon^r. & C^a. will be pleas'd to consider how far our request may be complied with, and accordingly we are assured of your Exerting your Endeavours. We are most respectfully.

HONBLE SIR & SIRs,

Your most Obed^t. humble Serv^{ts}.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

JANRY 28th. 1735/6.

TO CAPT^{ns}. SANDILANDS & STONEHAM
COM^{rs}. OF THE VICTORIA, & KING GEORGE

SIRs,

THE Honble Company having an undoubted right to the Trade of Randotarra, being the tract of Land lying between Durmapatam Island and Cannanore. Reason and justice authorize us to preserve the same against the Usurpation of whomsoever, and the French being about with a Ship and Munchuas to Anchor at, and frequent the Shore thereabouts with an Intent as may be presumed to violate our Priviledges. We think it becomes us, and accordingly do direct you to proceed to Eddecaute, or the place they may Anchor at that way, and there to Examine the Vessells and Boats about to Land or come from that Shore, and if you find any Pepper carrying from thence you are to Seize the same letting the French know it.

is equitable for us so to do where we are solely entitled to the Trade, but if you find no Pepper, or Warlike Stores carrying ashore, then you may permit their Boats to go and come treating them Civilly. We are

SIRS

Your humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELL^{RY}.

JANRY 28TH. 1735/6.

TO CAPT^{NS}. SANDILANDS & STONEHAM
COM^{RS}. OF THE VICTORIA, & KING GEORGE.

SIRS,

SINCE writing the foregoing we have notice that the French Ship and Vessells carries with them Guns and Military Stores, as well as Soldiers for Fortifying and securing the Point of Land lying Northward of Grove Island called Eddecaute, whou'd [sic] shou'd they do, our Masters Trade and Priviledges, will run the greatest risque of being lost. Therefore we direct you not to permit them to Land any Guns or Military Stores aforesaid nor even their Soldiers. We are

SIRS

Your humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

JANRY 28TH. 1735/6.

TO CAPT^N. SANDILANDS.

SIR,

I apprehend the appearance of your Vessells induced Mons^r. to alter his first Intention, and is now gone to Mangalore, however though there is no immediate benefit to be had from your continuing where you are, yet it will be proper to stay till tomorrow Morning, and then make an easy Sail to Tellicherry. Observing your Instructions while you remain in your present Station. I am

TELL^{RY}.

JANRY 28TH. 1735/6.

Your most humble Servant

STEPHEN LAW.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^B.
PRESID^T. AND GOVERNOUR & C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR, & SIRS,

OUR last Address waited on you by a small Boat under the 12th. Ult^o. Duplicate whereof Accompanies this; and on the 27th. we receiv'd your Hon^r. & C^a. Commands of the 20th. 7th Ship Expedition with the enclosed Paquetts for Madrass and Anjengo, which we forwarded forthwith.

Our several Letters lately sent make your Hon^r. &c^a. acquainted with the distracted State of our Hon^{ble} Masters Affairs here, which by the French management is likely to be render'd worse, since we are credibly Informed, that after their making Application to several of the Country Powers this way for joining with them in distressing our Prince (though which they cou'd not be prevailed to engage in) Mons^r. struck in entirely with the Canarees, and a Messenger is sent by them to the King of Bednure with considerable Presents, and carries the Generals Letter, and another from the Prince of Nadu, on a view to obtain a Settlement, or as some say a Fortress at Eddecaute Point, and for the Achamars of Randotarra being compell'd to assign them all the produce of the Pepper in those Parts, when our Prince is to be Seized, and their Upstart Nadu to be put in possession of his Government, and Durmapatam to be Attacked, for which Service they engage to Pay the Canarees Forty Thousand Rupees, to assist them with Loans, and bring to their Obedience the King of Cotata, and Boyanore; we the rather Credit these Reports as there is an actual Coldness between them and s^d. King, from whom they have withdrawn their usual Supplies, on his refusing to accept of their proposals for a Peace, and he for some days past appears very eager for joyning with us, and the Prince for attempting the Expulsion of the Invaders, and s^d. Prince beings [sic] to think him very sincere and that Cotata is fully convinc'd now that no Tranquility is to be expected in this Country while the Canarees are in it; we have had no particular Discourse since writing our last Letter, with this King, but provided he appears to us earnest for Executing the design aforementioned against the Enemy, we are intri^{ly} of Opinion, that as the Canarees are not esteem'd to have above Two Thousand Men, it will be absolutely necessary for us to Assist in Expelling them if possible being assured if it be not effected, our Hon^{ble} Masters have no Security whatever for their Trade and Priviledges in these Parts, and therefore an hazardous Tryal, with the Expence of Mony, appears to us preferable to the suffering them to come to our Gates, and exclude us from all means of getting Pepper, besides our Disbursements at present are so very considerable, that it is high time, things were brought to some Period, and not run on from Year to Year in so precarious a manner, as that though we do get Pepper, with the high Price it bears, and our large Disbursements, it cannot Answer to our Hon^{ble} Masters, and as the foundation of all the Mischiefs we feel is ow'ing to the Canarees, we conclude our only Game is to get rid of them, and we hope howsoever things may succeed, we shall be found to proceed on a reasonable Basis.

We Acquainted your Hon^r. &c^a. in our last the necessity we judged ourselves under of keeping the Victoria, and for the reasons set forth in the preceeding Paragraph, we apprehend your Hon^r. &c^a. will think it unavoidable, though we are in the greatest dread, it may put you to some Inconveniencies with regard to Angria; since it is our great Misfortune to find him so much Elated on the Capture of the Derby, which in all it's Circumstances is the most Extraordinary Incident we ever heard of.

The Price of Pepper is so Advanc'd through the Quantities carried to Callicutt, that were we to make our Contracts at this time, it wou'd hardly come out at less than Seventy five Rupees the Candy, & as we think that Export must soon cease, and the French do not appear to have much Mony for any thing than to Spend in doing us Mischief, we are of Opinion, it will be best for us to delay buying for a few days in Expectation we may get it on more moderate terms.

We enclose our Treasury Account for last Month, which shews you the Sums advanc'd for Pepper, what Issued for Charges, and for a Provision of Rice, and the Balance will enable your Hon^r. &c^a. to judge what further Supplies are necessary towards procuring what Quantity of Pepper you may require, and for our Expences.

YESTERDAY Evening Imported our Hon^{ble} Masters Ship Richmond, & brought us a Letter from the Gentlemen at Anjengo, acquainting us of their having taken ashore all her Gold, & that there wou'd be about the value of Twenty Thousand Rupees, more than they have Occasion for, with which they wou'd procure Venetians and Gubbers to be sent us.

ON the King George Gally we send John Gumley Soldier of this Garrison, who in a Scuffle killed Edward Pullibank Corporal, the Examination and Depositions relating thereto, taken by us Accompanies this, and we also send up Francis Cominere the principal Evidence against the Delinquent for your Hon^r. &c^a. further Information of this Affair.

CAPTⁿ. THOMAS STONEHAM of the King George Gally signifying to us he can take in no more than fifty Candies of Pepper, we have accordingly laden s^d. Quantity aboard Amounting to Fanams nineteen Thousand, two hundred and Forty as Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed.

WE request your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to Supply us with a Quantity of Doll, for our Sepoys and Marine Service.

IN this Paquett goes the Stew^{ds}. Account of what supplied the Cruizers Amounting to nine hundred Fifty three Fanams, for which we shall Debt the Presidency. We have permitted Abdalla Karimy Sepoy, at his Request to return to Bombay on the King George Gally.

SINCE writing the foregoing we have Intelligence on which we think we may depend, that the Embassy of the French to Bednure is actually with an Intent to obtain the Pepper Trade Northward, and fix their upstart Prince in the Government, by rejecting Ours, and that the Supplies at present to the General consists of Fifteen Thousand Rupees, and Two Thousand Bales of Rice, which is promis'd shall be Discounted out of the Trade they may carry on, from all which, exclusive of the Troubles and prejudice naturally to be dreaded from the Canarees; the French will never fail in doing us what Mischiefs they can. And we shall be very glad to know how far, and in what manner we are Authorized to oppose the French, shou'd they attempt to Violate our Hon^{ble} Masters Priviledges in the way we have so much reason to apprehend, or in any other Respect, we are also impatient to know whether it will be agreeable to you that we in Conjunction with Cotata and the Prince endeavour at Expelling the Canarees, although a proper deposite of Mony may be wanting towards carrying on the Undertaking.

THOMAS BILLINGSLY who came hither a Corporal with Captⁿ. Slaughter, and promoted here to an Halbert, being frequently in the Hospital, and cannot obtain a Cure, is very earnest to return to Bombay, & we have accordingly permitted him to take his Passage on the King George Gally, he is Paid to the last of January, though we can ill spare a single European as they are much reduced in their Numbers through Desertion and Mortality, and we find it Impracticable to inlist any here. We are with great Respect.

HON^{ble} SIR AND SIRs

Your most Obed^t. & most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

FEBRY 2^d. 1735/6.

TO CAPTⁿ. THO^s. STONEHAM

COM^r. OF THE KING GEORGE GALLY.

SIR,

You are hereby Order'd Wind & Weather permitting to weigh Anchor & make the best of your way for Bombay in Company of the Richmond, and the Trade bound up taking care you keep together, and that your Vessell be always in a Suitable posture for resisting the Attempts, of the Enemy.

Herewith you have our Paquett for the Hon^{ble} President and Council, which we desire you will deliver to them immediately on your Arrival.

You are to receive aboard Jn^o. Gumley Criminal a Prisoner and Francis Cominere the Evidence against him, whom you are to deliver up to the Gov^r. and Council, & afford a Passage to Thomas Billingsly Serjeant. We are,

SIR,

Your humble Servants.

STEPHEN LAW.

WM. FORBES.

H^h. HOWARD.

WM. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.


TELLICHERRY

FEBRY 2^d. 1735/6.

TO THE HON^{ble} JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.

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

HON^{ble} SIR, & SIRS.

THIS Accompanies Duplicate of our last Addresses under the 2^d. Instant  King George Gally, when we intended to dispatch the express Boat in a few days, but apprehending we might have something of Importance to write, we still continue to detain her for that purpose.

WE lately Contracted with Chatoo Chitty for a Thousand Candies of Pepper at Seventy Rupees the Candy, and have advanc'd him the full Amount as he has deliver'd in to this day Seven hundred, Eighteen Candies, and Twelve Maunds; we have also receiv'd from the Moors employ'd by us, Seventy Nine Candies, & Twelve Maunds, and from Badamalla Putterah eighty Six Candies, & Thirteen Maunds; the Price of which as we advanc'd him no Mony will be settled hereafter. We shall use all means possible for gathering in what Pepper procurable with the utmost Speed, and are encourag'd thereto, by the French being unprovided with Mony at present, though Supplies are daily expected from Pondicherry.

FROM our several Letters lately sent your Hon^r. & C^a. will be apprized of the many Mischievous Schemes, set on foot by the French, tending to rob us of our Priviledges, and oversetting the Government of our Prince, and that they had sent one of their Gentlemen to Bednure for effecting the aforesaid Points; and that we considering the great detriment which might ensue to this Settlement, and that our Affairs here cou'd have no Security, but from the Expulsion of the Canarees; had induced us to attempt Settling a firm Union with our Prince, King of Cotata, and other the Country Powers, for our making an Effort with them for Routing the Canarees, which we judge to be the easier Accomplish'd at this time, than any heretofore, as their Army is not Computed at more than Two Thousand Men, and have not Provisions to support them five Days, and in pursuance of this Work so absolutely & Unavoidably necessary, we have had sundry Messages from, and Conference with the King of Cotata and our Prince, who by what appears are truly Zealous in the cause; Cotata is quite broke off from the French, and is brought to desist from making any demands on us for Loans, promising for whatever he may want, to give us a proper Security. But our Prince is to bear the main Burden of the Expencc, and which he judges he shall be capable of doing, from the Contributions the Country will be ready to afford him, when they see a Commencement of the means for their Relief, and we are well assured that save Boyanore and Curringhoda, The Mallabars in general are exceeding eager to restore their Liberties, and convinc'd that without removing these Invaders, our Hon^{ble} Masters Affairs here are neither at present or can be hereafter in any manner of Security, and that if this Opportunity be lost, it may be impracticable for us to induce these People to enter into the like Conjunction, all our dread indeed is that Mony may be wanting for prosecuting the Undertaking, and we were in great doubt there from whether we shou'd enter or not, as a Miscarriage (of which none can be sure may not happen) might bring on us severe censure. However, since it is impossible for us

to receive your Directions in time and delays may be attended with the worst Consequence, and considering that in the several Commands to this Settlement, we are left to act as times and Circumstances offer, we promise ourselves a candid Construction will be put on our proceedings, and that we may avoid Prolixity in this Letter, we take the Liberty of enclosing Copy of our Two Consultations on the Points in hand, we are with the utmost Expedition getting every thing ready for Execution, and have hopes we may be able to manage so as to Compell the Canarees to Capitulate on Condition of being put on the other side of Billiapatam, when it will not be easy for them even with a considerable Force to repass that River, and Cadalay will be shut out of all Communication with the Country, while we prevent all Assistance by Sea, through the Gallivatts hourly expected to Arrive, We are indeed afraid, that the French may presume to appear in their behalf, though there is a Probability they may think it best not to irritate the Mallabars, we have Endeavour'd to bring them into our Scheme, but do not entertain any great hopes of Success, yet it will be well if they Stand Neuter. We are senceible sundry difficulties will appear to your Hon^r. &c^a. as they have done to us in regard to the Enterprize we are upon; but as nothing of this kind can be attempted without some hazard, and no means whatever otherwise left for preserving our Hon^{ble} Masters Interest from a total Overthrow, we must conclude as we have said before, that it is a necessary and unavoidable Expedient, & the undertaking being in all respects just in itself & the Force we have at present to encounter very Inconsiderable to what heretofore, we judge that in reason we may expect Success.

As the Enterprize we are going upon will greatly exhaust [*sic*] our stock of Military Stores, we request your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to supply us in the best manner you can especially with Europe and Bombay Gunpowder, Shott, and some Arms. We are very respectfully.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Obed^t. & most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WM. FORBES.
H^a. HOWARD.
WM. JEYNSON.
RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRY 20TH. 1735/6
P EXPEDITION

TO THE COMMANDER OF ANY SHIP OR VESSELL
TRADING UNDER THE HONBLE EAST INDIA
COMPANIES PROTECTION, THAT MAY ARRIVE,
OR BE AT ANY OF THE KING OF CANAREES PORTS.

SIR

THE danger this Settlement is exposed to from the Invasion of the King of Canarees Army this way, has Obliged us to attempt their Expulsion from the Mallabar Country, and since we must believe they will be apt to make reprizals on the English Trade, we think it our Duty to caution you not to go into, or frequent either Mangalore or any other place or Port under the Canaree Government, least thereby you give them an Opportunity of Seizing you and your Effects, we recommend to you the utmost care in avoiding the above mention'd danger, and are

SIR

Your humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WM. FORBES.
H^a. HOWARD.
WM. JEYNSON.
RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
FEBRY 24TH. 1735/6.

TO CAPT^N. PATRICK SANDILANDS.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to proceed with Six Munchuas to Eddecaute Point, three of the s^d. Munchuas do you keep with you, and the remainder are to proceed to Billiapatam.

OUR intent in sending you on this Cruize is that you shou'd prevent all manner of Supplies being brought by Sea to the Canarees, and in Order to which let the Munchuas keep Cruizing about from the N^o.ward a little off Cannanore down towards you as you lye at or about Edcaute Point, whatever Vessells they or you may meet with belonging to the Canarees you are to Seize taking care their Cargoes are not Imbezled, nor the People Maltreated. In the day time you may weigh and Cruize backwards and forwards the better to discover any Supplies being brought to the Canarees, which as we said before you are to hinder to the utmost of your Power.

WHATEVER Vessells you may see passing to or from the N^o.ward, that seem not determined to supply or frequent where the Canarees are, you may let them Pass without giving yourself any Trouble about them as there will be frequently Munchuas going and coming.

WE have said before you are to hinder any Supplies of Provision being carried to the Canarees meaning be the same Attempted by whomsoever as the Law of Nations authorizes us justly in this Point. We are

SIR

Your humble Servants.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^M. FORBES.

H^M. HOWARD.

W^M. JEYNSON.

RICH^D. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

FEBRY 24TH. 1735/6.

TO CAPT^N. SANDILANDS.

SIR,

SINCE our Instructions deliver'd you last Night we have thought proper to appoint Captⁿ. Mendonce to Command the three Munchuas who are to Cruice off the Shore near Billiapatam. And now send three Munchuas which are to be under your Command, and with whose Assistance you are to Execute the Service desired by.

SIR

Your humble Servants.

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RICH^D. LYNCH.

TELLRY.

FEBRY 25TH. 1735/6.

TO CAPT^N. LUIS MENDONCE.

As we hold it necessary to prevent as much as we can any Supplies whatever being carried to the Canarees. You are hereby directed to proceed with three Munchuas under your Command to Billiapatam and by Cruizing too and fro to the N^o.ward thereof, we apprehend you will have a fair chance of meeting with and taking their Boats which are often coming to Madacarra, and in which if you are

Successful be careful that no Imbezlements are made of their Cargoes, nor their People Ill-treated, but send them to Tellicherry in charge of one of your Munchuas. We leave it to your Discretion to chuse a proper and safe Place to get Water, wherein the Tony we have appointed to attend you will be of Service. We are

SIR,

Your humble Serv^{ts}.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^d. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

FEBRY 25TH. 1735/6.

TO ENSIGN HENRY FORBES.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to proceed with Twenty Soldiers to Nercadda, and take under your Command our People now there with the Prince, and remain with him in Defence of his Person, wheresoever he goes. We recommend to you always being in readiness to make a suitable Defence, in the management of which we leave to your Discretion. Advice us from time to time as you have Opportunity of what material Occurs. I am

Your Affect. Friend

STEPHEN LAW.

TO THE HONBLE JULIUS VALLENTYN STYN VAN GOLLENESSE
COMMANDORE &C^a. COUNCIL AT COCHIN.

HONBLE SIR, AND SIRS,

THE other day we wrote your Gentlemen at Cannanore touching our present breach with the Canarees, and sent our Youngest in Council therewith; but through their want of suitable Authority, they were pleas'd verbally to signify to us they cou'd not act in the Point we desir'd, without your immediate Commands first obtained, however we promise ourselves we shall be so fortunate as to receive an agreeable Answer with Speed, and herewith we transmit you Copy of what we wrote them.

A few days since our Servants at Mulliky in Order to furnish us with a large Quantity of Rice did Freight at that Port by our Command Eleven Country Boats, and laded them therewith, but as Five of them were Sailed by Mangalore they were detained by one of the Noble Companies Ships, notwithstanding our Servants by Name Francisco de Souza & Ventura de Souza had the previous permission of the Factor of Bassalore for their repairing this way. We flatter ourselves your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to cause the s^d. Boats to be releas'd, and the others remaining at Mulliky permitted to come away and thereby render our Company a Singular Service; we shou'd not have hired these Vessells had not we been under a necessity of so doing, through our want of Rice for the Settlement. Your Ship has also detain'd a Country Boat freighted by one Corotu Cuttially a Moor Inhabitant of this Place, which we hope you will also cause to be restored. We have wrote your Commandant on the Premention'd Affair, but are in some doubt he may disregard it, and therefore we beg you will give him the proper Directions in Compliance with our request, assuring you what we write is really fact.

As your Hon^r. &c^a. are sencible this Country depends on the Carnatick Coast for Rice, and we cannot now openly frequent the same, we are obliged to have recourse to secret methods in employing strange Boats, to whom were we to afford

our Pass and Colours it wou'd prove a means of Discovery, and frustrate us in future, we are on this Occasion therefore obliged to sue to your Hon^r. &c^a. that you will please to grant us a Number of Passports to be shew'd your Vessells, or that you will give them Directions to let the Boats we send in the manner afores^d. with our Certificates to have Liberty to go and come without Impeachment, as your Hon^r. &c^a. gratifying us in this is purely for the Support of our Settlement, without the minutest view to any private advantage; we hope you will as good Friends and Allies comply with our request. Untill we receive your Hon^r. &c^a. answer to this, we shall give the Vessells we employ a Certificate of their belonging to us to be shewn to your Ships and Vessells. And are

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs,

Your most humble Servants.

STEPHEN LAW.

WM. FORBES.

H^r. HOWARD.

WM. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

FEBRY 29th. 1735/6.

TO CAPTⁿ. SANDILANDS.

SIR,

As we are assured the Moors of Cannanore will give what Supplies they can to the Canarees tending in the end to prejudice very much our present Attempts against the Enemy, we have thought it convenient and Conducive to the Interest of our Employers, that you lye in the best manner you can for Examining all the Vessells and Boats that go in and come out of Cannanore, and if you find any Munchuas loaded with Rice, or carries Ammunition you must Seize them, and send hither; but any small Boats with necessaries going and coming, you are to avoid molesting, as it wou'd appear too rigorous a proceeding and pray treat their People with Civility, and as what we write is of moment, we desire you will put your Vessel in the Station, proposed as soon as possible.

It may happen perhaps that the French may presume to send Supplies of Provisions, or Ammunition to the Canarees, under pretence of assisting the Moors, but as the Law of Nations forbids such Practices, we direct that you do not permit any Vessells belonging to the French carrying Provisions or Ammunition to go into Cannanore, but civilly let the People know, we have stopt up that Port, for prevent^g. Succours being carried to our Enemy.

We shall this Night send out our Munchuas, & Gallivatts, for assisting you in the Service directed to your care, & beg you will Exercise your Diligence therein, as our Interest, & Reputation is so nearly Concern'd, for bringing the present Undertaking to a prosperous Event. We are

SIR,

Your humble Serv^{ts}.

STEPHEN LAW.

WM. FORBES.

H^r. HOWARD.

WM. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELL^{RY}. MARCH 3^d. 1736.

TO MR. THO^s. ROUT MASTER OF THE DOLPHIN.

You are hereby directed to proceed in Company of the Tyger Gallivatt to a place called Nercadda, which is known to the People of the Tony that attends you, and lies to the Northward of Cannanore; you are to send a Shore there one of the Mucquas with the Accompanying Letter to Mr. Henry Forbes at Cherrica, for his repairing to you with Twenty Soldiers with whom you are then to go to Billiapatam, at the Entrance whereof lies a Fort of the Canarees called Madacarra, and which place the Nairs are determin'd very Speedily to Attack, when you find the Attempt made you are to go in as near as you safely can, and from your Vessells assist the Mallabars all that is possible for taking the said Fort, and if you have Success Mr. Forbes will Land his Soldiers there and you must Spare some Others of your Detachment who all together joined with the Mallabars may be capable of preserving the place; But in case Mr. Forbes through any unforeseen Accident shou'd not be able to repair to you, then you are to proceed on the above Service without him, and give the Assistance as before Directed, but you must not Spare such a Number of your Detachment as may too much weaken your Vessell.

We have Order'd a small Munchua to follow you, which with another now Cruizing from Mount Dilly to Billiapatam, you must keep Employ'd in Seizing all the Canaree Vessells they may meet with, but they are not to meddle with any others, except such as belong to the Moors of Cannanore and laded with Rice, if you meet with any such send them to Tellicherry, without Embezling any thing of their Cargoes, and be sure the People are Civilly treated, but any other Boats belonging to the Moors of Cannanore not Laded with Rice, or Ammunition, are to pass without any Interruption. The Canaree Vessells that you, or the Munchuas are able to take must likewise be sent hither, and the People well treated and no Pilferage of their Cargoes. and are

Your Loving Friends.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^a. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

MARCH. 3^d. 1735/6.

TO ENSIGN HENRY FORBES.

SIR,

THE Chief has desired the Prince to permit of your repairing with Twenty Soldiers on board the Dolphin for making an Attempt on the Canaree Fort of Madacarra, lying within the River Billiapatam. Our Instructions to Mr. Rout on this Head will be shew'd you by him, and in case the Attempt is attended with Success then you are to Land your Men with as many as the Vessells can spare for preserving the Place. And pray give us the Speediest Notice of your Proceedings that we may give you the Assistance, and Supplies necessary. In case the Prince shou'd not have Order'd you to go to the above Service, or you think he will be disgusted at it, you are to remain where you are, and follow such Directions as he may give you. The Command and management of the Vessell is to be immediately under Mr. Rout. We are

Your Affect. Friends

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^a. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELL^{RY}. MARCH 3^d. 1735/6.

TO ALL COMMANDERS OF SHIPS AND
VESSELLS, OR WHOMSOEVER SUBJECTS,
FRIENDS, OR ALLIES, TO THE KING OF
GREAT BRITAIN.

THIS Vessell being Laded with Rice for the use of the Honble East India Companies Settlement of Tellicherry, We their Chief and Factors do by these Presents desire she may have free Passage and civil Treatment, dated in Tellicherry this 29th. day of February 1735/6. and Seal'd with the Seal of said Company.

STEPHEN LAW.
WM. FORBES.
H^E. HOWARD.
WM. JEYNSON.
RICH^D. LYNCH.

WE THE CHIEF AND FACTORS OF TELlichERRY do by these Presents certify that this Vessell is employ'd by us to carry Advices to our Servants in the Canaree Country, and did bring to this Settlement a Lading of Rice. Witness our hands this 29th. day of February 1735/6.

STEPHEN LAW.
WM. FORBES.
HUGH HOWARD.
WM. JEYNSON.
RICH^D. LYNCH.

TO M^R. RICHARD LYNCH.

SIR,

THE News we have receiv'd of the Savagee Gallivatts being out on the Coast as well as Two Grabs, impeded your Proceeding Yesterday, but as the getting of Rice in future, and releasing the Vessells the Dutch have detain'd is of the utmost moment to our Affairs. Do you this Night Proceed in a Munchua to Mangalore, where you will find the Dutch Ship lying there for Stopping up that Port, with whom you are to Endeavour to have the Boats detain'd, restor'd to us, and procure from the Captain if possible a safe Conveyance to the Commandant lying at Bassalore, where in such wise you had best go, but if that is not attainable, then Endeavour to send our present Letter to him, with another from yourself, signifying the Business you are come upon, and beg him to restore the Vessells, and forbid any Molestation being given to us in future. We leave the rest to your Judgment, & management. We are

SIR,

Your most Affect. Friends and Servants

STEPHEN LAW.
WM. FORBES.
H^E. HOWARD.
WM. JEYNSON.
RICH^D. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
MARCH 3^D. 1735/6.

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

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs,

ON the 2^d. Instant, we receiv'd your Hon^r. & c^a. Commands of the 17th. Ult^o. by the four Gallivatts, whom you have been pleas'd to send to our Assistance.

THE Observations you are pleas'd to make in regard to the French, we are sorry to find are but too justly grounded, however as we do not hear of any Extraordinary Assistance coming to them this Season, of Money or otherwise, we have hopes, they will not be able to make any insolent Attempts in prejudice of our Masters Affairs; what Success has attended their Embassy to Bednure, of which we gave you Notice, we are as yet uncertain, though thoroughly persuaded the main Intent is, to Intrude into our Trade of Agar, as well as that carried on from Billiapatam, and very confident we are they will be continually contriving some Schemes or other, both to Embarrass us as well as themselves.

THE Importance of your Commands now receiv'd is such as requires a greater Attention, than is possible for us to Employ at this time, and therefore we must beg you will please to wait for our Answer thereto, till another Opportunity. Our Star Redout on Durmapatam is fully compleated, as is a little Work lately raised for securing Atarra Hill, which consists of a small Bastion that flanks the Curtanes, and is as strong as a thing of that Sort is capable to be. Tachara not being in a proper Security, we are now about rendering it so, with a small round Tower, which was the best Work we cou'd think of that wou'd require a few Men, and be raised at a moderate Expence. Codotu is indeed not in the State we cou'd wish it, but the form of the Hill is such as puts us greatly at a loss how to render it better, especially as we cannot pretend to have Judgments in things of this kind. Onaparamboo hill had no Works and in no manner whatever defencible and we being about to break with the Canarees; thought proper to Vacate it, and demolish the Mud Wall that was raised thereon.

IN pursuance of our Resolution set forth in the Two Consultations transmitted your Hon^r. &c^a. with our Advices of the 20th. Ult^o. for joining with the Country Powers, to attack the Canarees, after having made the necessary Preparations; we determin'd to commence Hostilities on them the 24th. but through fear as we apprehend, they that very day left the Island, set fire to their Camp, and March'd towards Agar and Cadalay burning all the Houses they pass'd by in Randotarra and Agar. On which we immediately send out the Victoria, and some Munchuas to hinder their being Supplied with Provisions by Sea, desiring the Dutch at Cannanore, to do their Parts, and wrote the Hieress not to afford them any Assistance; the former sent us word they wou'd Communicate our request to their Superiours at Cochin, and the latter acquainted us she was in no Condition to support the Canarees, & wou'd give no disgust to the Powers engaged in the War. On the 26th. the Prince sent a pressing Message to us, desiring we wou'd appoint Narranports Nairs, as many Tivees and Moors as we cou'd spare, with some of our Military to join him and the King of Cotata near Eddecaute, in order to protect the Heads of Randotarra and prevent their Submitting to the Canarees; Accordingly we detach'd to the Number of Four hundred & Fifty, and twenty eight of our Garrison, to be Incorporated with thirty two before sent, under the Command of Ensign Forbes; and on the 1st. Instant an Attack was made on them by the Mallabars, together with some of our People, who dislodged them from Eddecaute Point, took possession thereof, killed and Wounded about Sixty and Obliged the rest to retire under their Fort of Cadalay. It is said their Horse meeting with a Sharp fire from our People occasioned their retreat, & that their Elephants were very much terrified; the Prince is now about Fortifying a small Hill more contiguous to Cadalay than Eddecaute for annoying the Enemy, and proposes to Attack Madacarra lying within Billiapatam River, and towards Facilitating that design, we last Night dispatch'd two of the Gallivatts thither with Detachments from our Garrison; and least the Moors of Cannanore shou'd Supply the Enemy with Provisions, we have appointed the Victoria, two Gallivatts and some Munchuas to seize all their Boats laden with Rice, and shall only afford them sufficient for their own Support. Your Hon^r. &c^a. may be assured nothing sh[all] be wanting on our Parts towards bringing the undertaking in hand to a speedy and good Issue; though we have receiv'd no more Money as yet from the Prince than about Twenty Thousand Rupees, however at a meeting the Chief had with him at Eddecaute the 2^d. he gave him full Assurances of sending in a further Sum shortly towards carrying

on the Enterprize; We Omitted to acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. of our giving Orders to Captⁿ. Sandilands not to Suffer the French supplying the Canarees, with Rice or Warlike Stores, and we think ourselves justified herein by the Law of Nations; we also shou'd have Acquainted you of our sending a Letter to the Canaree General before our Rupture with him, requiring his retiring with his Forces on the other side of Billiapatam in pursuance of the Agreement enter'd into between the King of Bednure and our Prince, but he did not Vouchsafe us an Answer.

THE necessity we are under of Supplying the Mallabars with Ammunition, and without which little cou'd be done, will drain our Stores of all kinds very much, and therefore we are Obliged to Solicit for a Quantity of Europe Gunpowder for small Arms and Bombay for our Great Guns and furnishing the Mallabars, the Heads of what we are immediately in want of you will find in the Accompanying List, and we entreat you will Comply herewith as far as in your Power, small Arms are likewise to be wish'd for, as many of those by us are but indifferent, and continually out of repair, a Number of them to be deliver'd the Natives in whom we can Confide, will very much Facilitate the Business we have in hand.

THE Arrival of the four Gallivatts and Sepoys, with several Detachments we have aboard, occasions a very great Expence of Ghee, and the Bengall Shipping not bringing any this Season we have not been able to supply ourselves therewith, otherwise than in small Quantities from Callicutt; we therefore request your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to furnish us with a hundred Maunds. And are with all imaginable Respect.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs,

Your most Obed^t. & most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

Hⁿ. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

MARCH 4TH. 1735/6.

TO WILLIAM WAKE ESQ^r.

CHIEF &C^a. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIRs,

ON the 20th. in the Evening we receiv'd your Letters of the 19th. Ult^o. & 4th. Instant by Ensign Macartney accompanying Twenty nine Soldiers including the four Dutch men, to the latter of whom you are pleas'd to mention to have deliver'd one Rupee each, & the former Paid to the 1st. Instant. These People came up in Tonies from Callicutt, after having March'd from Tanore thither, where the Munchua was left, as the strong North West Wind impeded her proceedin[g] further.

WE are extreemly Obliged for the above Assistance, and are sencible such a Number being drawn from your small Garrison must render the Duty of those remaining Pretty severe, and therefore we cannot reasonably expect any more from you, unless you shou'd be so fortunate as to inlist. We are indeed pretty much Streightn'd, as we hold so many Garrisons, and are Obliged to annoy the Canarees our Enemies both by Sea and Land; If any Recruits shoud be sent from Madrass, whither our Superiours have applied, we entreat you will forward them to us with the utmost Expedition. We shall return Ensign Macartney to you by one of the latter Ships, as he is at present of Service, & one of our Officers indisposed.

ON the 18th. Instant the People in our Pay sustain'd five several Attacks from the Canarees under their Fort of Cadalay, with the loss of two of our Soldiers, and Eighteen Wounded, the Nairs giving way at the beginning of the Engagement; our People lye now Encampt within random Shott of that Fortress, and as the Canarees are in want of Provisions we have hopes, notwithstanding the Supplies

the French are continually affording them, they will be Obliged to Capitulate before the Rains. We send this to Callicutt to be put aboard your Munchua with directions to the Master to proceed to you with all speed and whenever we are Acquainted of the Expence you have been at on this Detachment, we shall Duly Credit Account Currant Bbay for the same.

YOUR Paquett for Bombay is receiv'd, and shall be forwarded thither in two or three Days. And are

SIRS

Y^r. most Obed^t. humble Serv^{ts}.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

MARCH 24th. 1735/6

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flying towards the Moors Buzar, but after many of them had Surrender'd their Arms those base People fired on them as did the Dutch from their Ships & Fort at Cannanore, however with much difficulty, & pressing Solicitations made to the Prince by the Chief then there, a Number of them were saved & brought hither, and the Dutch as well as Moors were prevailed on to receive others into their Districts, we cannot compute the exact loss of the Enemy but are assured it has been very great, and two parties endeavouring to save themselves by retreating Inland were cut off by the Nairs to the Number of about three hundred, we cannot sufficiently express our detestation at the Barbarity of the Nairs exercised even on Women and Children, but they in some measure paid for it, as above a hundred of them were blown up by their negligence in carrying their lighted Matches into one of the Magazines in expectation of Plunder; the Dutch lost an Ensign by fatigue and two Soldiers killed, we had a Topass, & two Sepoys blown up with the Nairs, and two others killed, eight Slightly Wounded, the Camp and Fort were soon Plunder'd by the Conquerors, excepting the Warlike Stores in the Fort, which by agreement with the Dutch are to be divided between us, there is a considerable Quantity of Gunpowder as appears to us with a large Brass Mortar and some Shells sent by the Vice Roy two eighteen pound Guns very indifferent two good Six Pounders and Four others of different Sorts. We hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will not disapprove of our dividing the Value of what may come to our share among our People, who indeed behaved exceeding well, and have Sustained prodigious fatigue, and as Encouragement gives the greatest Life & Spirit to Warlike Exploits, the Chief the better to induce our People to perform well, did after animating them the day preceeding the Engagement, promise them a Gratuity, founded on the Princes word that he wou'd pay it, the Chief also engaged in behalf of y^e. Company that due care shou'd be taken of the Families of those killed, and as some of the Sepoys died in the Engagement belonging to Bombay, a list of whom goes herewith, we humbly entreat your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to cause a Suitable Allowance to be given Monthly to their Families. We were Surprized to find so little Provisions with the Enemy who must unavoidably have Surrender'd in twenty four Hours or run the risque of Starving, the Moors were ready enough to Supply them, and indeed were the Occasion of their holding out so long, and from what appears to us preferr'd their Staying in the Country to the Princes regaining his Authority, he is now gone against their Fortresses lying on the other side Billiapatam, and 'tis hoped will soon oblige them to Surrender, we heartily wish it may so happen. apprehending in such case the King of Canara will remain quiet, and make no further Attempts on the Mallabar Country, considering his first undertaking is Computed to have Cost him Twenty two Lack of Pagodas, we are now using our utmost endeavours with the Prince for discharging his debt on Account

of this War, whose Amount we are not as yet thoroughly apprized of, and we believe we shall not be Disappointed of the same, nor even of recovering What we have Expended on our Vessells and People, assured your Hon^r. &c^a. may be it shall be our utmost care to gain the whole as soon as possible; but we cannot think at present of divesting ourselves of our Force till we see what turn things take.

By the return of our Pattamar from Madrass the President and Council there in their Letters of the 26th. of Febry, and 1st. of March, inform us of their having sent on the Madrass Gally & Jenny Snow a recruit of Sixty Six Men, including forty Europeans under the Command of a Lieuten^t. and two Ensigns with a hundred and twenty Arms, & fifteen Candies of Madrass Gunpowder, but as neither of those Vessells appear, nor any News of them, we greatly fear the lateness of the Season will prevent the gaining their Passage.

We have shewn a becoming Compassion to the Canarees, that escaped hither, who are all sent away to their Country by Land and Sea under Guards, save three of the principal Men, who we were induced to detain for Facilitating an Accommodation with their King, which is our Business to effect as soon as we can, as from his Country our Settlement is Supported with Provisions, and shou'd we fail therein we must depend on your Hon^r. &c^a. and Bengall for Supplies.

THE French have been under hand working Stratagems for keeping the Canarees in this Country, but finding it at last difficult to Succeed, after our Conjunction with the Dutch, they made Advances to Cotata, for being introduced into the Confederacy, which was little listned to, as our prospect of Overcoming seem'd not to need their Assistance, and Experience has Sufficiently demonstrated how base and Treacherous they are in all their Proceedings.

OUR People being all withdrawn from Cadalay, as well as our Vessells, & having no immediate Service for the Victoria, we now dispatch her Victualled to the 15th. May; the Commander and People have behaved well, and indeed tis owing purely to the Countenance of this Vessell that Mons^r. did not supply the Enemy openly with Provisions &c^a. The Dutch are at present in possession of [the] Fortress aforesaid, and from what appears to us, are determin'd to demolish it agreeable to their promise made the Prince so to do, but shou'd they fail therein, it is our Opinion they will keep nothing more than a small Fort with about Twelve Men, purely to Command the bay and prevent any others taken [sic] the Place.

WE enclose your Hon^r. &c^a. the State of our Treasury, an Account of the Mony issued for Pepper, and the Quantities receiv'd to this time, we shou'd have Collected more, had it not been for the late Commotions and particularly the Destruction done by the Canarees at Agar, but we hope now things will be there Settled and that we shall yet obtain as much as may be required.

THE uncle of our Prince has deliver'd to the Detachment belonging to the Victoria who has been in the War, a Months Pay to each according to their degree. Manoel de Penha was killed in the first Engagement, and if he has any Family, we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. will give them an allowance.

WE have laden on the Victoria Seventy five Candies of Pepper, being all the Com^r. chooses to take in, amounting as ³/₄ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclos'd to fan^s. Twenty eight thousand two hundred Sixty four, and eight Vis.

CAPTⁿ. INCHBIRD some time since wrote the Chief of his having taken three Salt Boats from under one of the Forts of Sundah Rajah, but one of them having a Portuguese Pass, he was obliged to return to the Vice Roy of Goa, & the other two which he sent to Mangalore under the Charge of a french Ship, & left there by her, being Sold as not in a Condition to be brought hither, produc'd Rupees a hundred eighty four, two quarters Thirty Raes; which we shall Credit the Presidency for, and leave it to your Hon^r. &c^a. to dispose of this Mony as you may think proper. He likewise Acquainted him that it was your Pleasure to return Madmud Naique Jumbledar, who with Shack Sadure Naique, Ballu Bajee Fuckero

and Balue Sepoys who have been here some time proceed on the Victoria, Victualled to the last of this Month, also Serjt. Dent at his request Paid for this Month. We are with great Respect.

HONBLE SIR, & SIRs,

Yr. most Obedt. & most humble Servts.

STEPHEN LAW.

WM. FORBES.

HM. HOWARD.

WM. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

APRIL 7TH. 1736.

TO ENSIGN THO^s. FISHER.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to proceed in two small Munchuas to Billiapatam in Command of a Serjeant, two Corporals, a Drummer, & thirty Soldiers, twelve hundred Cartridges, ten spare Arms, exclusive of those each Man carries, & the Cartridges in every ones Box, a Poutch with forty hand Granadoes.

Our Design is that you go first to Billiapatam for requiring where the Prince is, & to whom you will be convey'd by one of his People, and be provided with the proper Embarcations. You are to remain with him in Security of his Person, as well as performing what other Services may be in your Power. One of which is that you appoint two of your Soldiers that understands Canarees to signify to the People of any of the Forts you may be near, that provided they will Surrender, you will undertake the Security of their Persons, & cause them to be carried in Safety to their own Country, and in case they do submit you must lodge them at Billiapatam advising us thereof, and we will with Speed send Vessells to carry them away, but before you make any Advance in Speaking as before directed to the Canarees, you must be assured the Prince will Comply and readily permit you to Execute the above Conditions, for otherwise we cannot Consent to your meddling with it at all, and we need not apprise you to avoid being engaged in anything tending to Cruelty that may be Inconsistant with the divine and humane Laws.

We shall be glad you may be able to Satisfy your People by Paying them the usual Allowance of two fanams each day to a Serjeant, one & a half the Corporals each, one to every other European, three Quarters every Mustee, & half a fanam each Topass, & for your performing this the Paymaster now delivers you a hundred Rupees, which you are to Account for on your return.

There goes with you two of our Ballicarrs to assist in procuring you Provisions and Necessaries, but if the Prince offers to Supply you as he did at Cherrica you are to receive the above allowance of him, & in such wise there will be no Occasion for you to Spend the Mony deliver'd. We are

SIR

Yr. Affect. Friends

STEPHEN LAW.

WM. FORBES

HM. HOWARD.

WM. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

APRIL 7TH. 1736.

TO CAPT^N. PAT^[K]. SANDILANDS.
COM^R. OF THE VICTORIA GRAE.

SIR,

WE have laden aboard your Vessell Seventy five Candies of Pepper, which is all you say can conveniently be taken in. You are hereby directed Wind and Weather permitting to w^{gh}. Anchor, and make the best of your way for Bombay, where on your Arrival deliver the Accompanying Paquett to the Hon^{ble} President and Council.

As we apprehend it will be best for you to keep a good way off Shore, the better to avoid meeting with the Enemy, we recommend to you the prosecuting that Tract, and wish you a Safe and Speedy Passage up. We are

SIR,

Your humble Servants,

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

TELL^{RY}. APRIL 7TH. 1736.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^R. &C^A COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs,

WE Address'd you by the Victoria under the 7th. Instant, Duplicate whereof goes herewith by the advice Boat, which we are unwilling to detain longer, least her Passage up shou'd thereby be render'd precarious.

WE had Yesterday Information from the Dutch of their determining to demolish Cadalay, and for which purpose we are sending thither all the Labourers we can spare, we cannot give your Hon^r. &c^a. any certain Account of the Princes proceedings against the Canarees Forts on the other side Billiapatam, nor has he applied to us for any other Assistance than an Ensign & thirty four Men, which have been sent to him, to remain as his Body Guard, we have repeatedly dunn'd him for Mony, and in an Ola receiv'd the 8th. he mentions to have Agreed with the Heads of the Pagoda Taliparamboo, and the Powers thereabouts for furnishing him with three hundred Thousand Fanams, a part of which he promises shall be soon sent us, and indeed we believe we shall not now be disappointed. 'Tis said the Canarées are about Assigning thee Thousand Men for opposing the Mallabars, but as our Intelligence is very uncertain, and reports of this kind having often been spread by the French, we are in hopes it may not be true, however we believe your Hon^r. &c^a. will approve of our continuing our force, and it shall be our Endeavours to recover the Additional Expence from the Prince, who certainly in justice ought to pay it.

WE are using means with Cotata for our Speedily seeing him in Company of our Prince, in order to obtain from him a writing renouncing all Claim to the Island Durmapatam, which he positively promised to give us on the Canarees being expell'd to the other side Billiapatam; we shall Speedily take a Survey of s^d. Island in order for securing the Inland Parts, of which we shall give your Hon^r. &c^a. a particular Account by Pattamar.

WE Omitted acquainting your Hon^r. &c^a. in our last of the Victorias having sent in a Northern Vessell, without a Pass, but on our enquiring at Callicutt where she was laden, we were Assured some Merchants of that Place had freighted Goods

on her for Syndy, and that they saw her English Pass, which was accidentally afterwards lost by her Boat, oversetting in the Surf, as we cou'd not Invalidate these Assertions, we thought proper to release her.

THE hundred and fifty Rupees you are pleas'd to mention to have advanced Mr. Tho^s. Rout of the Dolphin Gallivatt, in your Letter of the 17th. Febry last, he alledges not to have receiv'd, but the one hundred Rupees deliver'd John Sanders of the Antilope, he Acknowledges, and will Acco^t. with us for the same. We are with all due Respect.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs,
Your most Obed^t. & most hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

STEPHEN LAW.

WM. FORBES.

H^a. HOWARD.

WM. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL 10TH. 1736.
☞ SHYBAR.

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs,

SINCE our last Respects under the 10th. Instant (Duplicate whereof goes enclosed) we have receiv'd your Commands of the 3th. ☞ Neptune deliver'd us the 16th. & those of the 11th. receiv'd the 18th. ☞ Richmond.

WE have laded with all possible Expedition on the Neptune, Rose. Princess Caroline, and King George as ☞ the enclos'd Invoice five hundred ninety one Candies, & an half of Pepper (which is all the Com^{rs}. signify to us they are able to take) Amounting to fan^s. two hundred thirteen Thous^d. one hundred fifty four, and we are much concern'd to find this Quantity will in no wise Answer your Hon^r. &c^a. Expectations, though we are assured it does not proceed from the application of any room to the use of the Commanders.

WE shall give the Richmond the quickest dispatch we can, and observe your Directions relating to her, the two hundred Candies of Sandall Wood we were Order'd to provide is now weighing, which as it was the property of some of us and procured long since, it is judged reasonable to charge for it as it is sold to others, especially since it is taken from the best Parcels that are here, if your Hon^r. &c^a. shou'd have any Objection to this Proceeding, we shall readily conform to your Pleasure, being determin'd that no motive to private Advantage shall Subject us to Censure.

FROM the Treasury Account and that of the Pepper forwarded in our last, your Hon^r. &c^a. will observe the State of our Cash & Investm^t. we are endeavouring to get as much Pepper as we can, and to which end, as the Treasure now Consign'd of fourty thousand Rupees, will not be Sufficient, nor can we depend on receiving any Supply from Anjengo, for want of a Conveyance hither, we shall be under a necessity of using the Liberty given to take up at Interest, which shall be done on the easiest terms in our Power.

THE Stores your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleas'd to Consign us are receiv'd According to their respective Invoices, and we wish some Barrells of Europe Gun powder cou'd have been sent for our small Arms, as we have expended the greatest part of what we had by us, and are consequently in want.

THE Prince has Subdued two Fortresses belonging to the Canarees on the other side Billiapatam, named Maday and Taliparambo, and intends to proceed against three others that still remain we have sent him what men he has desired, and our

Gallivatts are on the Cruize, but we are concern'd to say no mony is yet come from him, though according to his promise, we may expect a Sum every hour; it shall be our utmost care to secure what may be Indebted on the Wars (of which indeed we cannot give you a Particular Account now) and also to recover an Allowance for the Additional Number of Men we keep, and who we apprehend wou'd be imprudent to Discharge, as the Canarees loudly threaten Revenge, and assured we are, have sent some Horse and Foot to Neleasaron, where stands one of their Forts on the Confines of the Mallabar Country. We informed your Hon^r. &c^a. of our Intention to raise a Small Tower at Eddecaute Point, for preventing in future, the French or any Others attempting to invade our Priviledges there, the work is now carrying on and will be finished before the Rains in such a manner as to be Garrison'd with Sixteen Men; we have hopes, & are accordingly Labouring for obtaining from the Heads of Randotarra the Cost of the above work, and assigning wherewith to maintain it, but the Mallabarrs are so sparing of their Mony, that we will not positively affirm; we shall Succeed though we are in Expectation of it.

THE Island Durmapatam employs much of our thoughts and under the 27th. Ult^o. we gave a reply to the principal Heads of your Letter of the 17th. February relating to it; we compute about ninety Men may secure the small places made, and necessary to be made thereon, but then such sort of Works are incapable of making a great Defence against an European Power. We are sencible Tellicherry Fort is very large and irregular, and there are sundry Inconveniencies attending it, as set forth in the abovemention'd Letter, but whither our Hon^{ble} Masters, or your Hon^r. &c^a. judge this Settlement to be of that Importance as to secure it in a better manner, with the heavy Expençe, that must attend the so doing, we must leave to your determination, but as the Fabrick proposed to be built on the Island, has not as yet any certain place assigned for it, and we at a loss where to Cut the Stones, and a mistake therein might Subject us to a great Expençe in carrying them to any other, we cannot till this point is fully settled, make Preparations, nor have we Abilities to line out, or Conduct such a Work. On the whole, for preventing any Mistakes in a thing of this great Concern, we beg leave to repeat our proposal, that a skilful Person, or Persons such as your Hon^r. &c^a. think equal to the Undertaking, may be joined with us the better to take a suitable, and determinate Resolution (admitting the Building be resolved on) and by which means Errors may probably be avoided, & we exempt in some measure from the apprehensions we may otherwise be under of being hereafter Censured, and since nothing can be done in the Rains, but preparing Stones, and which cannot be set about for the foregoing reason, we think much time will not be lost provided the Resolution is taken at the Opening of the fair Season.

We have sent People on Account of the Prince to assist the Dutch in the demolition of Cadalay, which is a great part razed so that our apprehensions of their continuing there are quite over. The French Gentlemen appointed to Bednure is return'd but with what Success we cannot tell, though howsoever will little effect us, provided the Canarees are kept out of the Country.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM LANE according to your Directions has the charge of Lieut. Kerrs Company, and he proceeds to Bombay on the Rose. but we are prevented taking a Shore Ensign Adair, thro' the Victorias being Sailed before we receiv'd your Commands, he is a Person that wou'd have been very acceptable having behaved well while here.

ON the 15th. Instant we had notice of Mr. Lowthers being at Mihie having taken passage on a French Ship thither; the Chief deliver'd our Letter to the Gentlemen of that Settlement, and personally demanded him, which was refused as appears by their Answer now forwarded, we understand he is about taking his Passage for Pondicherry, in order to repair to England.

CAPTⁿ. GOUGH not being positive of touching at Anjengo, having no Orders for so doing, we had no other way left than to deliver the Sloop in charge of Captⁿ. Combes of the Prince Frederick, who has put his own People aboard and promises

his care of her, an Account of her Stores has been transmitted to Anjengo by Mr. Lynch, who went aboard for that purpose, just as she was going away. The People which brought her down are return'd on the Neptune; agreeable to your Orders.

PATRICK CRAFFORD whom your Hon^r. &c^a. were pleas'd to send hither as an Assistant to our Gunner is arriv'd; and employ'd accordingly.

THE Madrass Vessells do not yet appear, which makes us believe they have lost their Passage.

WE have Supplied the Cruizers with a hundred and one Boats of Water amounting to fanams three hundred and three, for which we shall Debt the Presidency.

WE have sent aboard the Neptune a Chest containing Sixty Six old & unserviceable Firelocks; and George Baucher Soldier being desirous of returning to Bombay, proceeds on this Vessell, and John de Mill stays here in his Room. We are with great Respect.

H^o. SIR & SIRs,

Your most Obed^t. & most humble Serv^{ts}.

TELLICHERRY

APRIL 20TH. 1736.

P.S. The Supra-Cargoes of the Richmond beg your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to forward the enclosed Paquett to the Hon^{ble} Company by the first Opportunity.

Idem.

STEPHEN LAW

W^m. FORBES.

HUGH HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TO CHEVALIER TREMISOT.

DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OF MIHIE

SIRS,

MR. HENRY LOWTHER late Chief of Suratt having as we are assured taken Protection on board one of your Ships, and is now landed at Mihie, for Screening him from the enquiry the Hon^{ble} President and Council of Bombay were desirous of making into his Conduct in behalf of our Company. We think it incumbent on us to request you will cause the said Gentleman to repair hither that our Masters may not be prevent'd in Obtaining the due Satisfaction from him. We are

SIRS,

Your most humble Servants.

TELLICHERRY

APRIL 14TH. 1736.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^u. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TO CAPT^{NS}. YOAKLEY, PRIEST, STONEHAM AND NUNN.

GENTLEMEN,

We have laden aboard your respective Vessells as much Pepper as you say can Conveniently be taken in. You are hereby Order'd Wind and Weather Permitting to weigh anchor, and make the best of your way to Bombay, wither we Wish you a Safe and Speedy Passage. And are

SIRS

Your humble Servants.

TELL^{RY}. APRIL 20TH. 1736.

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

TO THE HON^{BLE} JULIUS VALLENTYN STYN VAN GOLLENESE

COMMANDORE &C^A. COUNCIL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE NOBLE DUTCH COMPANY AT COCHIN.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS,

WE were some time since Obliged with your Favours of the 16th. March, and since then the Vessells, and Cargoes of Rice detain'd by your Ships have been deliver'd to us, and we are thereby extream sencible of your justice and desire of behaving towards us consonant to the perfect Harmony that Subsists between our Nations. We beg leave to assure you that in the premention'd Affair we Acted with Sencerity [*sic*] in claiming nothing more than what was directly intended for the Service of this Settlement.

WE heartily Congratulate your Hon^r. &c^a. on the joint Success of our Arms against the Canarees at Cadalay, and we must and do ascribe it as owing next to the Favour of the Almighty, to the good Conduct and Resolution of your Commanding Officer, and the Forces acting in Conjunction on this Occasion. wherein we had the Pleasure to observe a perfect good Understanding maintained, & we hope our Proceedings are as agreeable to you as we Confess those of your Gentlemen have been to us; and it will be always a Maxim with us to do every thing on our parts that may Convince your Hon^r. &c^a. how desirous we are of improving a good Intelligence with your Hon^r. &c^a. and those Acting under your Authority. We are Respectfully.

HON^{BLE} SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^t. Servants

TELLICHERRY.
APRIL 17TH. 1736.

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

TO CAPT^N. CHARLES GOUGH
COM^R. OF THE RICHMOND.

SIR,

You are hereby Order'd to send under the care of a proper Person aShore in these Boats five Chests of the H^o. Companies Treasure from N^o. 496 to 508 taking care they be well Roped, Bouy'd, & Secured. We are

SIR
Y^r. humble Serv^{ts}.
[. . .]

TELL^{RY}. APRIL 22^D. 1736.

TO CAPT^N. CHA^S. GOUGH
COM^R. OF THE RICHMOND.

SIR,

Your lading being Completed, you are hereby Wind and Weather permitting to weigh Anchor and make the best of your way for the Port of Canton in China, following such Orders as you may hereafter receive from Mess^{rs}. Isaac Hoassaye and Edw^d. Page. We are,

SIR
Your humble Servants.

TELL^{RY}.
APRIL 24TH. 1736.

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

TO CAPT^NS. EDW^D. AMYAND AND
SAM^L. HEPBURN IN COMMAND OF THE
MILITARY, & MADRASS GALLY.

SIRS,

Captⁿ. Amyands Letter to the Chief of the 14th. Instant we receiv'd Yesterday, & are sorry to find such a variety of Impeedments [*sic*] Occurring in your Passage; We hope the New Moon which will be on the 28th. may give you a favourable Wind to come up hither, & though the Season is late, we are not apprehensive of the Moonsoon till the full, therefore we shall be glad to have your Detachment landed here, as well as your Ammunition, and we can dispatch the Vessell instantly. However if there is an Impossibility of your getting up hither in any reasonable time, & can reach Tanore, or Penany, our Linguist at Callicutt has Directions to afford you Embarkations, and all other Assistance to bring the People up, and the Gunpowder may be left there with him, till we can Conveniently bring it away, but if this failes, then it will be best for you to continue at Cochin, provided you have got so far, and we shall to Morrow or next Day, dispatch one of the Companies Gallivatts (now out on the Cruize) to you, and after all if you cannot even reach Cochin, there is nothing left then for you to proceed to Anjengo, and there land your Men and Stores, and untill they can be Convey'd hither they are to remain under the Direction of W^m. Wake Esq^r. &c^a. Factors, who will give the Vessell her Dispatches for Madrass. We are,

SIRS.
Your humble Serv^{ts}.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL 26TH. 1736.

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

To WILL^M. WAKE ESQ^R.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN,

THE CHIEF was Yesterday favoured with a Letter from Mr. Wake, giving Notice of the Madrass Gally with the Recruits for this Settlement being off Caly-Coilone, and at the same time another came to hand from the Command^r. of them, expressing a doubt of their being able to reach this Place, therefore we now Dispatch a Boat with Instructions to our Callicutt Linguist to give him all possible Assistance for their being brought hither, provided they reach any of the Samorines Ports, otherwise to remain at Cochin, till one of our Gallivats (now on the Cruize) can be sent down thither, which we hope we shall be able to do in two Days; but in case She shou'd not even have been able to reach Cochin, then we now direct the Vessells returning to you; and we entreat you will please to cause the Officers Detachment and Ammunition intended us to be Landed at your Settlement, to remain with you till they can be Convey'd hither, giving the Master of the Vessell Directions to make the best of his way back, advising the Honble President and Council of this matter.

WE are determin'd to return your Ensign some time before the Rains, but three of our Officers being Sick, renders it Impossible to do it now. The Richmond Sailed Yesterday for China, & the Bombay Cruizers laden with Pepper the 20th. We are

SIRS

Your most humble Servants.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL 26TH. 1736

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

To THE HONBLE RICH^D. BENYON ESQ^R.

PRESID^T. & GOV^R. &CA. COUNCIL OF MADRASS.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS,

WE have receiv'd your favours of the 26th. Febr'y, & those dated in March with the enclos'd Papers, to which we shall fully reply by Pattamar, and are exceedingly Obligated for the care and Pains your Hon^r. &c^a. have taken towards assisting us.

We had notice Yesterday by Letters from Mr. Wake and Captⁿ. Amyand of the Madrass Gally being off Caly-Coilone the 15th. Instant, and as they apprehend the Northerly Winds and Currents will not admit of their reaching this Place, we have directed the Detachment and Ammunition to be Landed at any Port in the Samorines Dominions, if they can get so far, or to remain at Cochin till we can send a Gallivatt to bring them up, but if even that Port is not attainable, then to put them ashore at Anjengo, to be under the direction of the Chief and Factors there (till they can be Convey'd hither) who in such wise, we have desired to dispatch the Vessell with all Expedition, and from whom your Hon^r. &c^a. will be inform'd of what is done. We have no Notice as yet of the Jenny Snow, & therefore Suppose She is return'd back.

WE imagine the Gentlemen of the Shipping will give your Hon^r. &c^a. an Account of the Capture of the Severn by Angria twenty five Leagues Westward of Pidgeon Island, she was carried into Gereah the 3^d. Instant, and had a rich lading chiefly consisting of Freight for Bussorah.

OUR War with the Canarees has hitherto met with Success, and several of their Forts built in this Country reduced, but as that King loudly threatens Revenge, we think ourselves under a necessity of keeping up our Force, till we know how things may terminate, especially as he is very powerful. We are with Respect.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs,

Your most Obed^t. humble Serv^{ts}.

TELLICHERRY
APRIL 26TH. 1736.

STEPHEN LAW.
WM. FORBES.
H^E. HOWARD.
WM. JEYNSON.
RICH^D. LYNCH.

TO CAPT^N. WILL^M. LANE.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to proceed in two Munchuas with Seventy Soldiers including petty Officers, and Exclusive of a Drummer to Billiapatam where you will be joined with a hundred and Six Sepoys including their under Officers. You are to govern your Proceedings by what the Prince shall desire of you, for whose Service you are appointed, and as we apprehend you will join his Nairs, and attend his Person for reducing the Forts of Nelesoron &c^a. We must recommend to you a strict care that your Men are all kept together for Supporting one another on Occasion, and we need not tell you that you are not to expose too much the People without there is a prospect of Acting with Success against the Canarees our Enemies.

ENSIGN THO^S. FISHER now at Billiapatam, or Cherriica, commands a party of fifty Soldiers who you are to join to your present Force, save such of them as are Sick, who with the said Mr. Fisher who is also Indisposed may return hither, though if he is able to undergo the Fatigue, we shall be glad he goes with you, and to this purpose the Chief writes him.

THERE goes from hence a party of about a hundred & Sixty Calicoylone Moors, who we suppose the Prince will carry with him, and if he does they are to be under your Command. And we must recommend to you to manage them discreetly using a proper Authority, since they are in their Natures very tumultous and Disorderly.

OUR great Concern is how to provide Subsistence for your Men, we mean the Soldiers, the Sepoys carrying their own Provisions with them. The Prince will allow you according to a stated Custom, one Rupee $\frac{3}{4}$ day to every Commission'd Officer, two fan[ams] each day to a Serje[ant], one fanam and an half every Corpo[ral] [one to] each private European, three Quarters of [a fa]nam to every Mustees, and half a fanam each Topass. But least any failure shou'd happen the Paymaster now delivers you one hundred Rupees which you are to give an Account of on your return.

WE have Order'd on board a Munchua in charge of two Maund of Biskett, two Maunds of Ghee, fifty bales of Rice, a hundred & fifty Salt Fish, two Dung^s. Quentre, Saffron three Dung^s. Pepper one Maund, Tamarine a Maund, two hogsheads of Arrack part whereof you will be Obliged to expend ere you Arrive at Billiapatam. and what remains you may carry along with you when you March to Support your People: but the Rice and Ghee issued must be paid for by them at the rate of Eight Fanams for every bale of Rice, and thirty Fanams a Maund of Ghee. You must send us an Account of what Stores you receive from Mr. Fisher.

WE desire you will as you have Opportunity write the Chief of your Proceedings and of what you may be in want of, and we earnestly recommend to you to take all imaginable care that your People get Provisions, to enable you the better to do which we have appointed Moors well Acquainted with the Country to seek out for what it Affords.

You now carry Six Chests contg. 8470 Cartridges of Powder & Ball, & you may receive from Mr. Fisher all he has by him. Ten Spare Arms & Six hundred flints, there likewise goes two Cohorn Mortars with their Shells, & one D. Farao, is appointed to employ them as there may be Occasion against the Enemy; whenever you March be Singularly careful that your Ammunition goes along with you, & on no Account trust it out of [what] the Prince will Supply you with [. . .] you must not we say trust the Ammuniti[ons] in any other manner, since your safety depends on it. We are,

SIR,

Your Affectionate Friends

TELLICHERRY
APRIL 26TH. 1736.

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

TO ENSIGN THO^S. FISHER.

SIR,

I have receiv'd two Letters from you and am very Sorry to hear of your Indisposition, and I shall be greatly pleas'd to find you have Overcome it.

This Accompanies Lieutenant W^m. Lane with a party of Seventy Soldiers including the petty Officers, to whom you must give Over the charge of those under your Command, save such as are Sick, and unable to bear Fatigue, who with yourself may repair to Tellicherry; though if your Health does permit I shall be glad to have you go with him. I desire you will give Mr. Lane all the Information you can in respect to the managing his People, & how to behave towards the Prince &c^a. Since the s^d. Mr. Lane is unacquainted with Ours, & the Customs of the Country, & we have no one else to send; Mess^{rs}. Mendonce, Kendall, & Adams being Sick. Remember to deliver Mr. Lane all your Ammunition, the ten spare Arms and all your Flints &c^a. I am,

Your Affect^d. Friend

STEPHEN LAW.

TELL^{RY}. APRIL 26TH. 1736

TO CAPT^{NS}. EDW^D. AMYAND &
SAMUEL HEPBURNE.

GENTLEMEN

WE now dispatch one of the Hoñble Companies Gallivatts to you; & desire that Captⁿ. Amyand with the Soldiers may take Passage on her for this Place, and that you put aboard her as much Ammunition as she can receive; in case you meet with the Success Grab Captⁿ. Goring request of him to take aboard the remainder, to which purpose we have wrote him, but shou'd you not fall in with s^d. Vessell, we desire you will Land it at Anjengo. And we refer it to Captain Hepburne to give the Hoñble Presid^t. & Council an Account of this Matter. We are

SIR

Your humble Servants

TELL^{RY}. APRIL 28TH. 1736.

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

TO CAPT^N. GEO: GORING
COM^R. OF THE SUCCESS.

SIR,

We desire in case you meet with the Madrass Gally that you will receive from her as much Ammunition as you conveniently can, with such a Number of Soldiers as may be tended you by Captⁿ. Amyand & Hepburne and bring them up hither being for the Service of this Settlement. And are

SIR

Your humble Serv^{ts}.

TELL^{RY}. APRIL 28TH. 1736.

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

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

SIRS,

THIS Serves to Acquaint you that we have directed the Captⁿ. of the Madrass Gally to Land at your Settlement, such a part of the Ammunition design'd for this Place, as cannot be Convey'd hither, which we desire your care of till an Opportunity Offers to bring it up. We are,

SIRS,

Your very humble Serv^{ts}.

TELL^{RY}. APRIL 28TH. 1736.

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

TO THE WORS^P^D. W^M. WAKE ESQ^R.
CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

As we know not what turn Affairs may take in regard to the Canarees, we think ourselves under an Unavoidable necessity to detain your Detachment, though as you have but one Officer, we now send Ensign Macartney in a Boat to Cochin, from whence he will find a proper Conveyance to you, and we likewise send your Drummer; they are both paid to the last of this Month. We are

SIRS

Your most humble Serv^{ts}.

TELL^{RY}. APRIL 29TH. 1736.

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

TO CAPT^N. LANE.

SIR,

I wrote you last Night and now send you the following :— A Ream of Paper, twelve Granado-Pouches, Ten Tents with there [sic] Poles, two hundred Flints, five hundred being send the other day, ten spare Arms, a Barrell of Gunp^o. Bbay, for y^e. Calicoylone Moors, fifty spare Belts for box's Six thousand Nairs balls, three thousand Pistoll balls, which are proper for the Calicoylone Moors, two Iron Guns Six Pounders, two field Pieces, Six Coines, two hundred round Shott Six Pounders, twenty five Iron Grape, a hundred Seventy five Cartridges filled with Bbay Powder for y^e. Six Pounders, twenty five Cartridges of Europe Gunpowder, four Powder horns filled with Europe fine Powder, two Gunners Bitts, four Spunge Staffs, a Ladle, four Hand Spikes, four hundred Wadds, three Store Chests, twenty Pound brimed Match, thirty Pound of Country loose, two Lead Aprons to the Guns, twenty five Cartridges for the Six Pounders, two Gunners, John Van Noy, and Mark de Gee, Serjeants we have none to Spare, four hundred & Seventy Salt Fish, & a hundred & Eighty Raw Fish, a Maund of Ghee.

I wish you Success and shall be glad to hear from you by all Opportunities. I don't recommend to you to consult with Mr. Fisher as I Suppose you will really do it. Pray don't be to[o] free in giving the Gunpowder and Balls to the Calicoylone Moors, more than is necessary. I am

SIR,

TELLICHERRY
MAY 4TH. 1736.

Your humble Servant
STEPHEN LAW.

TO CAPT^N. LANE.

SIR,

I wrote you last Night, but the Tony which carried it being Order'd to the Gallivatts, & they returning hither, she came likewise, by her you will receive the things I then forwarded namely two Chests with three thousand four hundred & fifty Cartridges, two Chests with fifty shells, & the Powder proper for throwing them.

This Morning I receiv'd your Letter of the 4th. and agreeable to your desire now send two good Cohorn Mortars of four Inch & an half & forty five shells, with the Gunpowder proper, & another Mortar of four Inch with fifty Shells, & Gunpowder suitable, these you may depend fit well as they have been tried; you will also receive ten Pound of Europe Match, with two priming horns of fine Powder, you have also five Cutties of Oyl, and ten Candles; I have tried to get the Nets to Fish, but those used in the Sea are not proper, and I cannot at this short Notice procure others, but you shall have them as soon as possible.

I Observe the Notice you give me that the Fort is resolutely Defended, that you want Guns to batter it, and then you will enter it with the Scaling Laders you have provided, to which I shall reply.

That I am inform'd there is a good Body of the Canarees in the Fort, and therefore an Attempt to Storm may be attended with great Hazard, and as our People are only sent to Assist, and the Force you have with you the prime of our Men, I wou'd not on any Account have you Risque a Storm, but rather let the Nairs go first, and you be ready to Support them behind; pray mark this and consider our Number are to[o] few to Attempt very Hazardous things, nor do I think it to be our Business in the Affair in hand. I am told by Mr. Rout that a pretty many Horse and Foot are got together to the Northward, who may perhaps make some Attempts, and as the Nairs are not always to be depended on, you must be careful to keep your Men together, and be sure a great deal of care is taken of your Ammunition, that you

may have enough on any Emergency. Consider you are a great way off, and we can't always Succour you, therefore all the Prudence and care possible must be Exerted. Deliver the enclos'd Letter to the Prince. I am

SIR,

TELLRY. MAY 6TH. 1736.

Your humble Servant
STEPHEN LAW.

P.S. Return all the empty Chests, and if your Cartridges are bad, I now send you two formers to make others. I once more desire you, if any thing of Consequence shou'd happen to Consult with Mr. Fisher. Idem.

TO CAPT^N. LANE.

SIR,

THIS Morning I had the agreeable News of the Surrender of Aycony Fort, which next to the favour of Providence, the Prince ascribes to the Success of your Artillery, and Mortars, but this News is greatly Sullied through the abominable Treachery of the Nairs in killing the Canarees after their Surrender, I hope however your People had no manner of Share in this Wicked proceeding.

As the Rains approach & may be hourly expected, I now write the Prince to permit you to repair hither, you are therefore to take his leave, and come away some by Land, and such as cannot March by Boats, of which you have a Number with you, and pray take care that the Guns, Ammunition, and Mortars be duly forwarded in the Tonies; you must remember to take the Princes permission for your coming away, & as we have gone so far to serve him in order to Cement his Friendship with our Honble Masters, I wou'd have you in no wise Disoblige him, and if he Desires you to remain at Billiapatam, or Madacarra, you are to Comply with it for the above Reasons, when you are there we shall be near enough to give you farther Instructions, as the Circumstances of things may require. I have not a bit of Biskett to send you, but you will receive a hogshhead of Arrack, & as to other things you must provide yourself in the best manner you can for the present. I am

SIR

Your humble Servant
STEPHEN LAW.

TELLRY. MAY 8TH. 1736.

TO ENSIGN HRY. FORBES.

SIR,

YESTERDAY Evening I receiv'd your Letter of the 7th. and am very sencible how much reason you have to Complain of the want of every thing for carrying on the Works; the Place you have made will not be Secure without razing the Old Fortification, therefore you had best Employ People on the same, and to enable you to Pay the Coolies I now send you by Anacha Muckway Seven hundred Fanams; as to Guns you must apply to the Prince for them, and to Morrow you shall have the necessary Empliments, save Carriages, which you must get there from him, and on this Head I shall again write him, we have several Guns dismounted here for want of Carriages, so that if we wou'd supply you it is out of our Power. As you observe the speedy Covering your Works is very Important, & which I am sure you will Strive to perform

as soon as you are able; I am Satisfied, you do the best you can in forming and Conducting the Works, which I am perswaded you will render as secure as the thing will admit of; and you may depend your Services will always be well judged of by me.

I affirm to you, I want to draw you away, but I fear it will be Scarce possible without Disobliging the Prince, and therefore Contrary to my Inclination the Command will continue, however if you want to come hither you shall be relieved; to Morrow we will send you Rice and Arrack for the Raines, it shou'd be done to Night, but all our Men are employ'd in hauling up the Gallivatts. Swivel Guns we have none, but I will Supply you with some Blunderbusses, I believe the Prince has many of the Sort of Guns that may be Swivell'd, which we took from the Canarees.

THE preceeding was wrote to go Yesterday, but there being no Conveyance, then it was deferred, and now you will receive, exclusive of the Seven hundred Fanams above mention'd the following particulars Viz^t. Ninety bales of Rice, four Blunderbusses Swivell'd, two thousand Musquett Balls, half a ream of Paper, four hundred Wadds, Eight Hand-spikes, two Ladles, two hundred empty Cartridges for four Pounders. What Cartridges you may want you may receive from Captⁿ. Lane, who I apprehend will soon be with you on his return. If Captⁿ. Lane be not return'd before this reaches you, then send all the Tonies that now go, to him for bringing away his Men and Ammunition, and write him a Line how many Boats you send. There goes in one of the Boats three hundred and Sixty Salt Fish, half a Maund of Tamarine, which forward to Captⁿ. Lane, with Twelve Pair of Shoes. The Tony that is now with you being large and cannot come hither in the Raines, I have Order'd a smaller with four Men to stay with you, & you may order that now with you to Captⁿ. Lane, I believe this small one which will come from Nircadda will be big enough for your purpose, & procure you Fish enough. I am

SIR,

TELL^{BY}.

MAY 10TH. 1736.

Your humble Servant

STEPHEN LAW.

TO CAPTⁿ. LANE.

SIR,

I receiv'd two Letters from you Yesterday dated then, and this Morning I have another, but that giving an Account of the Surrender of the Fort is not yet come to hand.

I wrote you the 8th. about your return hither, and I desir'd the Prince wou'd permit of it, which Instructions you must Conform too, and as your two Guns of Six Pounders cannot be brought otherwise than in Tonies, you had best send them away as soon as you can, together with such other things as are not immediately wanted for the use of your Command. Mr. Forbes will send you some other Tonies from Madacarra to assist in Conveying such of your Men as cannot March.

I am really Concern'd at the mutinous Behaviour of your People in general, and of the Six Soldiers in particular that are now Arrived under charge of a Guard of Sepoys; the matter shall be duly Examin'd into, and you may rest assured we shall award a Punishment answerable to their Crime committed, in the meanwhile they are close Prisoners in Irons. I hope you are just and careful in keeping up your Authority, which is the only method to keep things in Order; and I beg you will Exercise the utmost Prudence till you return.

I have wrote to Mr. Forbes to send you all the Tonies he has to bring away such of the People as cannot March, and your Ammunition &c^a. and by one of the

Tonies I send you three hundred and Sixty Salt Fish, and half a Maund of Tamarine, you must Supply Mr. Forbes with what Musquett Cartridges he wants. Every one here desires to be recommend [sic] to you. And I am

SIR,

Your Humble Servant.

STEPHEN LAW.

TELL^{RY}. MAY 10TH. 1736.

To CAPT^N. LANE.

SIR,

As you have Sustained a great deal of Fatigue, I now send Captⁿ. Gibbs to relieve you, and you are therefore to deliver the Command to him and repair hither, where your Services will be well receiv'd by.

SIR,

Your humble Servant

STEPHEN LAW.

TELL^{RY}. MAY 11TH. 1736.

To ENSIGN H^{RY}. FORBES.

SIR,

I receiv'd yours, and if the Masons have done their Work send them hither, and you may employ Coolies to raze the Fort. I am

SIR,

Y^r. Affect. Friend

STEPHEN LAW.

TELL^{RY}. MAY 11TH. 1736.

To ENS^N. FISHER.

SIR,

As you desire to be relieved I now send Captⁿ. Gibbs, and in his Company the Ensign from Madrass, if you are Incapable of bearing the Fatigue, he will cause you to be reliev'd, but if otherwise I shall be glad you stay with him untill you return, when I shall be glad to have the Satisfaction of approving your Services. And am

SIR,

Your Affect. Friend.

STEPHEN LAW.

TELL^{RY}. MAY 11TH. 1736.

To WILL^M. WAKE ESQ^R.

CHIEF & C^A. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR AND SIRS,

SINCE our last of the 29th. Ult^o. by Ensign Macartney, we have receiv'd your Favours of the 11th. April, and 5th. of May, and agreeable to your Request, we shall make good to the Chief here two hundred Sixty three Rupees, and thirty Raes, for charges in sending up your Detachment. and forty Rupees, one Quarter, for Water Supplied the Madrass Gally, and the hire of a Pattamar sent up hither.

THE Detachment sent from Fort St. George on the Madrass Gally got up in Safety, & we are Obliged for your care in Landing from that Vessell the thirty Barrells of Gunpowder brought on her, which we shall Endeavour to Convey hither after the Raines, being sencible it cannot be done before.

WE are glad the Emelia Sloop Arriv'd with you in Safety, it was impossible for us to Dispatch that Vessell in the regular manner we intended as Captⁿ. Combes was pressing to be gone, and therefore we had no other means that [*sic*] to direct Mr. Lynch to take an Inventory of her Stores and transmit you, and are glad to find there was so small a deficiency.

WE are Sorry we omitted to own the receipt of your Letter of the 26th. January by the Richmond.

THE HONBLE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL were pleas'd to write us some time since from Bbay, that you wou'd transmit us hither what Surplus of Mony you might have, Computed by them at about twenty thousand Rupees, but this we find you have been unable to Comply with, through the Impossibility of your procuring the Specie they directed, and that now you have only by you to spare to the above Amount in China Gold, which you are pleas'd to offer the delivery of to such Braminees, or Boats as we may send.

OUR want of Treasure here at present Obliges us to take up at Interest at the rate of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent $\frac{1}{2}$ Annum, therefore was it feazable for us to bring hither the Amount you Offer, something wou'd thereby be Saved to our Honble Masters; but then as China Gold bears a much better Price with you, then it does here, we apprehend the keeping it with you is to be preferred to sending it up, Subject to delays and Risque, and on the whole, we conceive it will be best to dispose of it there, & you forward us at the Opening of the Season what Venetians, and Gubbers you may be able to procure on reasonable terms.

FROM what we understand in your Advices, the Military in general were Paid to the 1st. of March, therefore both they and Ensign Macartney were allowed for that time forward, and as the said Ensign has thereby receiv'd one Months pay too much, we beg you will cause him to refund it, & allow him for the time he was on his Passage hither, which has not been done by us, nor had he more than Six Rupees delivered him at his Departure, supposing he might be with you before it was Expended.

WE have nothing further to Communicate to you in regard to the Canarees, save that the Mallabars are in possession of four of their Forts, exclusive of Cada-lay, so that there remains only one, in the formers possession; what Resolution the Carnatick Rajah may come to, we shall not be able to come to the knowledge of till after the Raines.

THIS Accompanies Bastion de Costa one of your Detachment, whose Family being very much Indisposed, as he represents, has requested, and we have granted him Liberty to return, and is paid to the last Instant. We are

SIR AND SIRs,

Your most humble Servants.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH

TELLICHERRY
MAY 14TH. 1736.

TO ENSIGN HENRY FORBES.

SIR,

I have by me Unanswered your Letters of the 13th. 14th. & 17th. Instant, the deficiency in the Oyl is what I cannot Account for, but in future will take care it be measured in the presence of the Person who carries it, & a measure lodged there for its being receiv'd Accordingly, when we shall know on whom to lay the loss.

I have lately had Advice from the Prince intimating that Ten Men are Sufficient for the Security of Madacarra and considering no Enemy can well approach it in the Rainy Season, & so small a Number of Men will relieve us in the Expences; I have now sent Serjeant Peart to take charge of the Place, two Corporals, four private Men, & five Sepoys, besides an Officer of their to remain with him, which you are to Order accordingly, and then bring the Men that will be Over the above Number to Tellicherry, I Suppose the Sepoys can March by Land, & the Soldiers may come with you in the three Tonies now sent. You must deliver all your Ammunition & Provisions to the care of the Serjeant, & take his receipt for them to be produced here.

Pray instruct the Serjeant how to deliver the Rice to the Sepoys of which an Account must be kept, & the like Quantity recoverd of the Subedars here, & on Account of their Ghee let him give each Man half a Rupee ¾ Month, which must also be recover'd here of the Subadar.

Immediately on receipt of this send hither the Masons, & leave the Fort Wall as it is, for it is a heavy Expence to pay those People to Domolish [sic] it, & by their being kept so long I am afraid we shall be puzzled how to send them away this Season; I have directed the Serjeant to give the Soldiers their allowance in Mony according to our common method, & he to discount from them whatever Provisions are deliver'd out of the Companies Stores.

The Blunderbusses and Six firelocks which you sent are receiv'd. Out of the Mony which I presume remains with you, pray deliver Serjeant Peart fifty Rupees to defray the charge on the Peoples Allowance, & take his receipt for the Sum you deliver.

I am told there are two Sepoys & about fifty bales of Rice more or less at Mad-day belonging to us, & that it may not be left there & lost, order one of the three Tonies, & the small one now with you, to bring the same away & lodge it with Serjt. Peart at Madacarra; the Sepoy w^{ch}. now goes will shew the Muckways where it is. I am

Your humble Serv^t.

TELL^{RY}. MAY 19TH. 1736.

STEPHEN LAW.

TO SERJ^T. RICH^D. PEART.

You are hereby directed to repair in a Tony to Madacarra, & take under your care that Place, Ensign Forbes now there will assign you two Corporals, four private Men, a Sepoy Officer, and five private Sepoys, which is the Number you are to keep, the remainder will be brought with him to Tellicherry, you must count over and Examine all the Stores, & Provisions in the place, & deliver a receipt for the same, and as it has been found troublesome to Content the Men by giving them Provisions, I wou'd have you from the day you take charge to take to yourself two fanams every day, deliver each Corporall one fanam & a half, every European one fanam, Mustees three Quarters, & Topass half a fanam, & for such Provisions as you supply any one with you must Discount it at the rate of eight Fanam every bale of Rice, & for the Goa Arrack three Quarters of a fanam ¾ Bottle, but be sure they have no more than what is really necessary, & conducive to their Healths. Mr. Forbes will inform you how much Rice to give the Sepoys, of which you must keep an exact Account that it may be recover'd of the Subadar here, you are also to deliver each Sepoy half a Rupee ¾ Month to Supply them with Fish &c^a. & to enable you to Comply with the above, Mr. Forbes will deliver you fifty Rupees.

I must strictly enjoin you to treat the Inhabitants about you with kindness. and avoid all manner of Contention with them, you have a Tony allow'd to go backward and forward for to bring you such things as you may want. Any Boats coming out with Merchandize you are to let pass, and be sure do not detain them, nor hinder others going into the River after you have Examin'd them, & find them to be Mallabarrs.

THERE are some bales of Rice, lying at Madday, under charge of two Sepoys. I have wrote Mr. Forbes to order Boats to bring it, & when it comes you are to Secure it well in your Stores, and write me the Quantity you receive. You are to receive from the Portuguese in Côm^d. of Billiapatam the half hogshead, or what there is of Goa Arrack left with him by Ensign Fisher. I am

Your Affect. Friend
STEPHEN LAW.

TELL^{RY}. MAY 19TH. 1736.

TO CAPT^N. LANE, & ENSIGN FISHER,

SIRS,

Your Conduct at Aycony Fort has been duly Examin'd into by the Gentlemen and Officers of this Place, and you have the Satisfaction to find the Majority willing to accept of your Submissive Acknowledgement towards your being Reinstated, but the Chief for many Reasons which Occur to him, holds it absolutely necessary for the Benefit of the Hon^{ble} Companies Service, that you be Suspended from acting any longer therein, till the Pleasure of the Hon^{ble} President and Council of Bombay be known, and you are required to Conform thereto accordingly from the date hereof.

TELL^{RY}. MAY 21ST. 1736.

BY ORDER of the Worsp^l.
Stephen Law Esq^r. Chief.

TO THE HON^{BLE} JOHN HORNE ESQ^B.
PRESID^T. AND GOV^R. & C^A.
COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^{BLE} SIR AND SIRS.

1. OUR last Address waited on you by the Cruizers under the 20th. of April, as well as its Duplicate, and since the Season proved very favourable for their getting up, we hope they Arriv'd in Safety.

2. On the 24th. of April Ship Richmond was dispatch'd for China with Seven hundred Sixteen Candies of Pepper, & two hundred of Sandall Wood Amounting to Fanams three hundred forty nine thous^d. one hundred thirty two & twelve Vis. Copy of her Inv^o. as well as an Account Currant relating to that Ship goes enclosed under N^o. 3 & which shews your Hon^r. & c^a. that we receiv'd a Balance from the Supracargoes in Dollars, amounting to Rupees thirty Six thousand eight hundred Sixty nine & fifty nine Raes, and this Transaction we hope will be approved of, as it was regulated agreeable to the directions you were pleas'd to give us, a Letter to your Hon^r. & c^a. from the Supracargoes goes herewith.

3. WE shall say nothing of other Ships called here this Season, as your Hon^r. & c^a. have a List thereof enclosed under N^o. 4.

4. On the 8th. Ult^o. one Lieutenant, one Ensign, two Serjeants, twenty five Europeans, & Six Topass Centinells, sent by the President and Council of Fort St. George on the Madrass Gally, were brought up from Cochin in Country Boats, as the hard N^o. W^t. Winds wou'd not permit the Vessell to reach this Place, & the thirty Barrells Gunpowder laded on her, was Landed at Anjengo, for want of a

Conveyance to bring it; we cannot give your Hon^r. &c^a. a certain Account of the Expence attending these Recruits, not having receiv'd exact Notice thereof from Madrass, & the other Vessell called the Jenny Snow has not been heard of, so that we conclude she was Obliged to return back.

5. On the 6th. Ult^o. our Gallivatts returned from their Cruize on the Canarees, bringing with them, Six small Boats sowed with Coir taken off their S^o.ern most Port called Pungoy, as they were Landing Provisions, the Account of what was found in them, together with the Value of the Boats goes under N^o. 12 Amounting to Six hundred thirty nine Rupees, & forty Raes, we beg your Hon^r. &c^a. to inform us in what manner the same is to be appropriated. The Fly Gallivatt being extremely decay'd from her Bend downwards, is now at Callicutt, for having a new bottom, as She was judged otherwise incapable of Service; and the Tiger is also worm eaten, but we are now giving her such Repairs as may be attended with little Expence.

6. OUR Purchases of Pepper hitherto this Season stands as follows viz^t.

Bought of Chatoo Chitty & ye. Amct Pd. @ 70 P Ca.	Rs.	C.	m ^d .
Badamalla Putterah	72	1560	—
King of Cotata	72	1464	13
Eyta Chitty	70	192	15
Moorsin the Buzar	64	45	—
Cuniseu of Cotata	70	140	4
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We have receiv'd the whole of the above Contracts save Ninety Seven Candies, & four M^{ds}. of Chatoo Chitty, & twenty five Candies lately Contracted for with Cuniseu of Cotata, both which we apprehend we shall soon be in Possession of, & we are not wanting in our Endeavours for Securing as much more as is possible, but the unusual Scarcity of Rain this Season will exceedingly affect the approaching Crop, & consequently be a means of Enhancing the Price of the Old now remaining in the Country. Our present Stock in Warehouse of this Commodity, without Accounting for Loss in Weight is three thousand Six hundred thirty eight Candies, & fourteen Maund, & adding thereto, what is still to be deliver'd by Chatoo Chitty, & Cuniseu your Hon^r &c^a. may depend on three thousand eight hundred ten Candies, & Eighteen Maunds, exclusive of what we have reason to expect we may be yet able to provide, assured you may be we are very Solicitous therein in Compliance with the repeated Directions given us, & likewise that we neither have, or shall appropriate a Grain thereof to private Account, while our Hon^{ble} Masters demands continue.

7. THE Pepper we lodged at Callicutt for keeping down the price there, is all disposed of, & on which a Profit arises of Seven hundred fifty three Rupees, two Quarters & forty Raes, but that method we do not find to be attended with the Success expected, & the way is now become so open, between this Country and Callicutt, that it seems to us impracticable to prevent large Supplies being carried thither.

8. THE French have laded Pepper on Sundry of their Vessells this Season, without our being able to know the Exact Quantity, though esteem'd between fifteen hundred and two thousand Candies.

9. THE State of our Treasury goes under N^o. 6 and being in want of Money towards Providing Pepper, & for our Extraordinary Expences, we Issued our Bonds on the 15th. April last to Badamalla Putterah for thirty thousand Rupees, on the 1st. June for eight Thousand Rupees taken up of Mr. H^b. Howard, and Six thousand D^o. of Mr. Will^m. Forbes at the rate of 10 P^{er} C^{ent}. p^{er} Annum, and we must have recourse to borrowing more as Occasions may require.

10. THE CHIEF and Factors at Anjengo in a Letter receiv'd the 14th. Ult^o. Acquaint us that through the Scarcity, and dearness of Dollars and Venetians they cannot Comply with your directions for sending us to the Amount of twenty thousand Rupees in those Species, & that they have no more Rupees than sufficient for the Payment of the Covenanted Servants, Officers &c^a.; but if we will appoint Braminees to bring that Value in Gold it shou'd be deliver'd, but as it bears a much better Price there, we desired them to procure if possible to the above Amount in Dollars. & Venetians, & remit us after the Rains.

11. WE are very Sorry we cannot say any thing agreeable in regard to our Hoñ Masters Outstanding Credits on this Coast. The Samorine seems determined to Pay nothing unless compell'd thereto; we have this Season on making up the English Customs at Callicutt from the Year 1728 to the 23^d. Dec^{br}. 1735. discounted from his Ola of forty three thousand four hundred Seven, two Tars & an half, without Interest the Sum of fifteen thousand two hundred thirty Six Fanams, three Tar, Namely, On Account the Companies Customs to the above time Six thousand Seven hundred twelve Fanams, & five Tar, and eight thousand five hundred twenty three Fanams, twelve Tars, made good by the Chief into Cash, for what he stood indebted to the Samorine Account his private Customs, & a New Ola is deliver'd us bearing date the 23^d. Decem^{br}. 1735 for Fanams Callicutt twenty eight thousand one hundred Seventy, & thirteen Tars an half, to be discounted without Interest from the future Customs on the English Trade there, we determined to send our Linguist to him this Rains, for trying how far he might prevail, but his distance Inland, and the Insecurity of the ways thither through a Quarrell he has with the Moors supported by a Neighbouring Power, induced us to defer his going till after the Rains, and the rather as we have too much reason to fear, it wou'd be attended with little or no Benefit. We are unwilling entirely to give up what is due from Puniture Rajah, though we conceive the Arrest we have thoughts of making with Braminees, may prove of no Utility, besides the Expence that must attend the sending them, yet as this method is the only one, we can think of, we shall be glad of your permission for proving the Issue, & when the Circumstances of Affairs will permit, we presume your Hon^r. &c^a. will try forcible means for obtaining what is so justly due from the Samorine, as to those of Durmet Ponicy, & Mauna Bedda they remain in the like uncertainty as heretofore; that of the Prince Cunhi Homo is lessen'd this Year by his Customs Seventeen thousand five hundred forty one Fanams, but on Account of his Wars with the Canarees (allowing for all the Mony as yet Paid) there will be due from him about twenty four thousand Rupees, & of this we shall further Add in the sequel of this Letter.

12. OUR Hoñ Masters Rents and Revenues at this Settlement continue as heretofore, abstracting what may arise from Durmapatam, (of which we shall be better Judges in a little time) we intended the last Year to levy an Accustomary Sum from every Shop in the Buzar, but as the Ground appertains to Naranport Nair, & he not willing to relinquish it to us, nor sell it for a small matter, this thing has remained in Suspence, considering that if our removal to Durmapatam be resolved on, the Mony We might Pay him wou'd be lost. The Land lying between this Place and Moylan has remain'd since it's Acquisition, in a great measure incultivated through the dread the People were under of being molested by Cuni Nair the former Proprietor, but as some now are willing to take it, we are about Assigning it to them, according to the Custom of this Country, though it will be ten Years before they will pay any Rent, as we propose it shall be Cultivated by those that take it.

13. THE Proceedings of the Mallabars for dispossessing the Canarees of the Fortresses built in their Country your Hon^r. &c^a. were fully advised of to the date of our last, since when two Others, one small, & one large have been Subdued, the Latter Chiefly by the Assistance of our Military, by means of which provided these Country People exert a becoming Resolution (as there is a large River between them and the Enemy) may enable them to impede the Canarees Passing; there is now but one Fortress remaining in that part of the Mallabar Territories, called Neleasaron, & which the Nairs attempted to reduce, but the setting in of the Rains, with the Impossibility of our People going at so considerable a Distance for the Sea, where

it Stands prevented them. We are from all sides assured, the King of Canara hath since the retiring of the Moors who invaded him, determin'd to make a vigorous Push the ensuing Season against the Mallabars and us, and 'tis said, he has obtained from the aforesaid Moors the Assistance of one thousand Horse to be joyned with his Forces, for revenging the remarkable Defeat he has Sustained. On the 11th. Ult^o. two Messengers sent by the Farmers of his Customs, & the Governour of Mangalore Arriv'd here, bringing with them Letters to the Chief, importing, that the King their Master having his Army at Cadalay, was by the King of Colastree, through our Assistance Attack'd, destroy'd, & the Fort Possessed by him and us, to the great detriment of Said King, a Number of Horse, Elephants, & things of great Value carried away, & all this done at a time when there Subsisted a good Understanding between him and us, that he is greatly Surprized at this Proceeding, and inclined to resent it as becomes him; but they out of a Love of Peace, had prevailed on him to permit of there sending these Letters by an Intelligent Person, for Enquiring whether we are disposed to give a suitable Satisfaction for the Injuries we have Committed & so restore the antient Friendship between the Canarees and English, & considering how long a good harmony has subsisted, they cannot help desiring we will signify the Motives inducing us to such a Sudden Enmity, & if on their Parts, they can contribute towards a Reconciliation, they Offer their Service. The Bearers of the above Letters asked the reason of our present Breach; which was told them, when they said it was yet possible to set all things right, provided we wou'd cause to be deliver'd up all the Fortresses taken, together with the Warlike Stores and Effects, & engage in no wise to concern Ourselves in the Quarrell between them and the King of Colastree, & in lieu of which we might be assured of the Security of those Priviledges we now enjoy in this Country, with the Addition of other Services, their King, who is great and Powerful is capable of bestowing; Our Answer to the Premention'd Letter, we enclose your Hon^r. &c^a. under N^o. 7 and verbally told the Messengers, that Exclusive of the reasons set forth in our Answer, we cou'd not avoid Assisting the King of Colastree, since our Obligations were mutual so to do, & that otherwise our Hon^r. Masters Trade and Priviledges were not likely to be preserved, therefore self Preservation was the only Motive, that induced us to Act as we aid, however if the King will redress our Grievances and content himself with his own proper Territories we shall in such wise readily Endeavour at effecting an Accommodation; to which the Messengers then said we were wide of an Agreement, and return'd back taking with them two Christian People for to bring back the Answer the King might think fit to give to our Remonstrance. Who are not yet Arriv'd. .

14. On the 18th. Instant at our Prince being here. he told us the great cause he has to Suppose the Canarees will make a Powerful Effort against him, & therefore desired we wou'd continue to afford him the utmost Assistance we are able; which we signified to him he might expect, provided he wou'd Pay off the Sum our Hon^r. Masters have already Expended, on his Account in the present War, & give us a proper Security that our after Disbursements will be duly made good, but we are Sorry to Acquaint You, that after the best Expostulations we cou'd use with him, he was only brought to promise the delivery of as much Mony as he can raise, and that our Hon^r. Employers shou'd in the end be no Sufferers in case he preserves his Country, we were not wanting in representing to him, how unreasonable his Expectations were, for us to launch out to an uncertain Amount on so precarious an Issue; yet that we shou'd acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. with what he had signified to us, and be govern'd by the Directions you might please to give, and in the mean time (since the Extraordinary Forces here are solely intended for his Service) we shall not be wanting in employing them in the defence of his Country. We can only say on this Subject, that we conceive his delay in Satisfying the Debt, contracted on the present War. and providing for the future, does not proceed from a view to deceive our Hon^r. Masters, but from the difficulties he lies under in raising the proper Supplies, and as this naturally in case the War be continued, may Occasion great Disbursements, without our being in a certainty of Payment. We wait for your Hon^r. &c^a. directions for governing our Conduct. The reasons for

our entering in this war are very evident, and in case the Enemy shou'd regain what they have lost, we presume our Hon^r. Masters Affairs at this Settlement will be brought into the same precarious State they were lately, though to preserve them on the Conditions the Prince seems to expect of us, is a most grievous weight, and this consideration renders us greatly perplexed, which is aggravated through reflecting on the immense Sums this Place has Swallowed up, without being in a suitable certainty of reaping any Share of the Benefits at first proposed, assured your Hon^r. &c^a. may be, we have done our utmost for gaining the Arrears due from the Prince and having a suitable Deposite of Mony, and are very much concern'd at our being so unsuccessful. We have Acquainted you, that our first Agreement with him was, that we shou'd bear the Expence of our own People and Vessells; but after the reduction of Cadalay, on his coming here the 23^d. April, he consented to our charging to his Account the One half of the Expence attending the Victoria, Gallivatts, our Soldiers, Sepoys, and the Moors employ'd by us, together with the Ammunition and other incident things to that time Expended, and the People we might farther assign him in that Season, might be charged wholly to his Account, and for the future, he wou'd afterwards concert with us, and according to the above Agreement his Account is Stated; but on our demanding when he was last here, that he shou'd Pay our present Extraordinary Disbursements, as well as such as might arise hereafter, he represented that in justice he was bound so to do, but it wou'd be to no purpose the charging him therewith, & thereby swell his Debt, to an Amount he might probably be unable to satisfy, & therefore on the best view he cou'd make of his Circumstances, he cou'd only Offer to take upon himself the one half of the Charge attending our Vessells and People, when actually employ'd in Action; yet in case his Abilities were such as enabled him to do more he wou'd then bear a larger Proportion. We are told the Canarees have applied to Angria for sending down his Fleet to their Assistance early in the Season, & is to have the freedom of their Ports, whether there be any truth in this, your Hon^r. &c^a. will be better informed than we can be at this distance, & consequently use what means may be in your Power to prevent their becoming Masters of the Seas, & hindering our Stirring abroad, tending evidently to the giving the Canarees extraordinary Advantages, and we are not sure but the French, as their Policies are very uncertain, may give them what Assistance they can.

15. CONFORMABLE to our promise made your Hon^r. &c^a. some of us have been round the Island Durmapatam, and find it's Circumference to be considerably more than we imagined. The Coconut Trees in great Numbers have been cut down and destroyed in the Parts bordering near the Place the Canaree Camp stood, & sundry Spots are capable of being Planted with Others, & applied for producing Paddy, but such Cultivations cannot be made, till a Number of Inhabitants resort thither, however we have for the present Lett out as much as we can possibly, & at the Opening of the Season the Salt Pans will be employ'd, when we shall know what the annual Revenue, in the State it now is may Amount to. At the extremity of it Inland, we judge a small work of a Tower, requiring a small Garrison is necessary to be raised, & which with your Hon^r. &c^a. Approbation may be set about at the beginning of the Season; we have view the Hill called Onaparamboo, which seems to be capable of receiving a regular Fortification, the Ground is partly loose Earth & Stone, which may with facility be cut a little under the Surface; but for making that Scituation answer the end proposed of Commanding the Two Rivers, the Hills called Atarra, and Codotu must be lower'd, which as we have before remarked, will Occasion an Expence out of our power to fix, and the People, employ'd on such an Undertaking, wou'd for some time deprive us of carrying on the Fortification at Onaparamboo. Your Hon^r. &c^a. require of us a Calculate of the Expence that may attend the raising a Fortress of Seventy Yards Courtain, Agreeable to the Plan laid down by Mr. Campbell [*sic*] (which seems to be a consistent one) and which we are very desirous of Complying with; but really our want of Knowledge in things of this Nature disqualifies us from doing it with the least exactness, & therefore may please to accept of Mr. Campbells judgment directed by the Ex-

pence of the Star Redout, admitting the same to have Cost at the time of his Departure, eight thousand Rupees, which in the State it was then, we conceive to be fully allow'd for, but it is better computing too much than too little.

16. NEITHER your Hon^r. &c^a. or us wou'd we presume have entertain'd any thoughts of possessing the above Island, cou'd this place have been deem'd free from the many Damages which might have been reasonably expected from it's being in the hands of the Canarees, or French, both whom we had the greatest cause to believe, were desirous of holding it, but as we have often Observed our continuing the same, as well as our other places depending on Tellicherry, must unavoidably occasion an Expence, that our Hon^r. Masters Trade can in no wise bear, exclusive of the danger, the whole may [*sic*] exposed to, throguh the Invasion of any powerful People, & therefore your Hon^r. &c^a. have been pleased to entertain the design you have inculcated to us of quitting all this way, & remaining with the principal Force on the Island, considering it's being Surrounded with Water, and the Companies immediate Property, may in the end prove the best Expedient; yet the demolition of Tellicherry &c^a. and erecting a secure fabrick on the Island, must Occasion a most excessive Expence, & notwithstanding we esteem the Trade may by the above means, be in a preferable Security, than by holding Tellicherry &c^a. this way, we presume your Hon^r. &c^a. may be still in an uncertainty of the Companies opinion thereon, & which we conceive is the motive why you have deferred coming to a final Resolution, & we are in the interim somewhat cautious of putting them to Extraordinary Disbursements least we might incur their Censure, besides your Hon^r. &c^a. require our sincere judgment how far (admitting the above design completed) it may prove a lasting Security to the Pepper Trade, & this matter considering the fluctuating State of this Country, renders us cautious in advancing things with certainty whose contingencies are precarious. 'Tis obvious although we and the French have Settlements along Shore to a considerable Extent, they do not hinder Pepper from being convey'd in large Quantities to Callicutt; & the Moors of Cannanore may if they are disposed and have Mony to carry on the Trade draw a Share thither, as they lye so contiguous to the Country called Randotarra, & all which Circumstances being considered by your Hon^r. &c^a. you may please to determine on quitting the Place this way, & securing the Island in the manner proposed, or to have them kept with the small Works already raised, with the addition of another at the extream Parts to do which about Ninety Men may serve for common Garrisons without allowing for Relieves, & to support this Expence a Revenue more or less will arise, but how much that may produce, we really cannot be thorough judges of at this time, & you may also please to reflect on what we have often signified, that Tellicherry is a most irregular Fabrick, & very ill Scituated as well in respect to a Contiguous Hill that Commands it, as the many defiles and Ditches, which are round it.

17. By some discourse our Linguist had lately with the Heiress of Cannanore she seems desirous of receiving from us the Island premention'd, induced thereto from its being a place held in great Veneration by the Mahometans in general this way, but we do not find her Circumstances can enable her to satisfy the amount our Hon^r. Masters have expended in Securing it, nor will she be easily brought as we conclude to the Renting it of us for a certain annual Sum, which might go a great way in Supporting it's Garrisons; we shall encourage her to make the most favourable proposals she can for our laying them before your Hon^r. &c^a. and are of Opinion, that our Renting the Grounds to the Moors will be preferable to the entirely relinquishing the Island, as well for preventing any European Power settling there, as for making the Prince and King of Cotata easy, neither of whom we imagine cou'd be brought to consent to the Moors holding the Fortresses we have fixed there. We have been endeavouring all we can to perswade Cotata to give us a formal Renunciation to all claim and Pretensions to this Island, founded on his promise so to do on the Canarees being drove over Billiapatam, but he amuses us with good Words, and says, he will do it in a short time after having gained the consent & approbation of the Second King, however as it is so publickly known to

the whole Country he made the premention'd promise to us, he cannot well either deny us what we demand, or through the want of it, occasion us any troubles on that Score. He seems to be Friends with us, & far otherwise with the French our Neighbours to whom, as we are told, he has Paid but a small part of the large Sum he stands indebted; we have often Acquainted you of the Principles of this King, & we may add that his Friendship with this Settlement will always be govern'd in proportion to our Abilities to keep him in quietness.

18. FROM the uncertainty we were in, as we have Acquainted your Hon^r. &c^a. what Resolutions the Canarees might come to, we thought proper to continue our Force of Soldiers and Sepoys, including what Arriv'd from Madrass, & those sent us from Anjengo (save the Ensign and Drummer, who are returned) which Occasions our Disbursements to be very large, as you will please to observe by our Paymasters Account under N^o. 5. We know of no method to ease them, but for the Prince to satisfy our Extra charge, or as that seems not likely to be obtained, that we endeavour at a Peace with the Canarees; but since the Condition wou'd without doubt be, leaving them at Liberty to Overcome the Prince, & he perhaps to stave against this, might apply to the Dutch, or French for their Assistance, and they afford it under certain favourable Conditions tending to our Prejudice, we cannot say how far in the end the lessening our Expences on these terms wou'd attone for the damages we might thereby be exposed to; we assure your Hon^r. &c^a. these things give us a great deal of Uneasiness, since we are incapable of fixing on any certain method for directing our Conduct in such a manner as may secure to us the approbation of our Hon^{ble}. Masters, whom we fear will be apt to Complain at the continued Expende of this Place, without having a reasonable prospect before them of being free from the like in future; we have in a foregoing Paragraph Acquainted your Hon^r. &c^a. we shall continue assisting the Prince till your Orders arrive, which we impatiently wait for.

19. FOR preventing the like Attempts lately made by the French for settling in Randotarra, we have Acquainted your Hon^r. &c^a. of our intending to erect a small Tower at Eddecaute, requiring about fifteen Men for it's Defence, which is accordingly Completed excepting the Roof. The Prince when last here promised to Assign from the Parts that way an annual Sum for defraying the Charge in keeping it, & which we shall endeavour to have settled as soon as possible.

20. REFLECTING on the Number of Outposts dependant on this Settlement, with the constant Expende attending the maintaining & repairing them we have entertained some thoughts of quitting Putina, which has now Twenty four Men assigned it; but as Cuni Nair is not likely to be brought into any real heartiness towards us, some of us apprehend the vacating it, may expose too much our district that way, & the sooner encourage him to attempt things to our Prejudice, so that we are in doubt what to resolve on. Codolee is made up with Earth, and kept by Naranport Nairs, but as they have so little Vigilance, & are to[o] tardy in their Attendance, we have lately Assigned twenty four Sepoys for it, & watching the Rivers Mouth, we conceive the Place as it now is hath but little Defence, & therefore if the preserving it is necessary, a small Work with about eight Men will be preferable, but our Expences in Building here have been so great, we are dubious in setting about it without Orders.

21. NOTWITHSTANDING our care for laying in a considerable Quantity of Grain, we are apprehensive we may soon be in want thereof & deprived of the means of getting it with the facility we did the last Season, and as this is a matter of the greatest moment, it Occurs to us that your Hon^r. &c^a. may engage some Moors Ship to repair to Mangalore for taking in a Lading there under pretence of carrying it to Muscat, Persia, or some other Place, and after it's being delivered here, she may be Laded with Mallabar Goods and returned up, thereby Securing our Hon^{ble} Masters from any Loss through this undertaking, we need not press your Hon^r. &c^a. on this head, as you will consider of what Importance it is to us; and the better to prevent Disappointments, we have concluded on Writing to Bengall for four to five thousand Bags, ascertaining the Price to three Rupees and an half 7

Bag to be entirely at our disposal, & Landed Wherever we may direct, which we conceive to be necessary as it is not impossible but we may either Accommodate with the Canarees, or find methods to procure it.

22. THE Masters of the Gallivatts informs us, that none of their Lascars were Paid for January, but that they with the Guñers, and Europeans did receive it, excepting Mr. Rout his Gunner and Europeans belonging to the Dolphin, he owns indeed it was Offered him but he declined taking it, apprehending it wou'd Occasion his Peoples absenting at the time of his Sailing. We have Acquainted you that Mr. Rout denies receiving the two hundred Rupees said to be advanced, but that John Sanders acknowledged the one hundred, which has been Stopped here. Enclosed is an Acco^t. of what the Detachments of Soldiers sent hither were made to be indebted to their respective Officers, what is collected from each Person, and the Particulars of what is Outstanding, & which shews that the Sum of four hundred ninety eight Rupees, & Sixty two Raes has been Stopt to the 31 May last of this four hundred fifty four Rupees, three Quarters, thirty four Raes, is paid into our Treasury, for your Hon^r. &ca. delivering it to those it belongs to, and Capⁿ. Will^m. Kerr is to make good to Capⁿ. Rick in Command of the third Company fourty three Rupees one quarter, & twenty eight Raes, collected by him, and not delivered our Paymaster, we shall take care to recover the remainder yet Outstanding, but are sorry to Observe there will be a considerable loss by Death, Desertion, and otherwise. By an Account transmitted hither some time since, there is made to be due to thirteen Sepoys, that had no Families at Bombay settled from Decem^{br}. 1732 to Nov^{br}. 1735, the Sum of Six hundred ninety nine Rupees one quarter, Seventy four Raes. But as one Abdella Cream returned up before Payment was made, what is due to him being Eighty two Rupees, & ten Raes, was not made good, but the remainder Amounting to Six hundred Seventeen Rupees, one quarter, Sixty four Raes, has been Paid to the others, and Acco^t. Curr^t. Bbay will be debted for the same, as we presume this Settlement will be charged with the whole; though to avoid keeping any further Acco^{ts}. with them, we shall with your Permission deliver them their Wages here Monthly from the Premention'd time forward.

23. OUR Surgeon Mr. Alexander Christie died the 26th. Instant, & has appointed his Wife, the Chief, & Mr. Will^m. Forbes his Trustees in India, and her, her Sister Sarah Lamb, and Will^m. Lamb of Dover Executrixes, & Executors in England, we suffer the more by his Death, as we have at present near Eighty of our Garrison Sick; through the unseasonableness of the Weather, and one Mr. John Rose his Mate though very diligent and capable as we apprehend has more upon his hands than he can undergo, therefore we entreat you will please to appoint either him, or one whom [*sic*] Abilities are sufficiently known to Act in the Station, since the Number of Men likely to be kept up in this Place, will certainly require such an one; and we also beg that provided you shou'd not think proper to appoint Mr. Rose, you will order an able Mate, as he finding the Encouragement of twenty four Rupees too little to Support him, will not care to continue longer on those terms.

24. ON Examining the Invoice by the Several Vessells in April, we find an Error committed in the Addition of the Stores of fifteen Rupees & an half, overcharged, which we have rectified, & the Presidency is short Credited that Sum.

25. AS we are uncertain what Occasions we may have for Warlike Stores, we beg your Hon^r. &ca. will comply with the Accompanying Indent under N^o. 10 as far as you can, as well as with the Cloth wanted for the Cloathing our Garrison, including the demands of the Prince for his Soldiers, & please to let us know what advance we are to put on what we deliver him.

26. SINCE writing the foregoing which we intended sending much sooner, but were hindred [*sic*] by the late coming of the Prince, we received on the 26th. Instant your Commands of the 18th. April transmitted by Gov^r Benyon, & to which we beg leave to reply, that as to Durmapatam proving a Security to a sufficient Share of the Pepper Trade against all Opponents, we apprehend as we have often inculcated that it's Scituation promises better than any other, as it borders on Cotata, & Randotarra, from whence a greater Quantity is collected, than elsewhere, to exemplify which we will suppose the Island vacated by us, & in the hands of any

other European, in such wise there appears a danger of our being deprived of a great Share of what we now get from the premention'd Parts, & which is considerably more than is obtained by means of Tellicherry only; for that being Relinquish'd wou'd only endanger our loosing what is now brought from the Country Irrebenadu, & now rendered the more precarious through it's bordering as near Mihie as this Place, & a part is carried to each, though neither Durmapatam or Tellicherry jointly or separately seems to us capable of Impeeding the carrying Pepper to Boyanores Country for furnishing the French, or Others conveying it to Callicut. Your Hon^r. &ca. apprehend that the s^d. Place is not supplied from the Parts near us, but Chiefly from Boyanores Country, & other Places So^ward, though admitting it so, it will be easily conceived that the French may be supplied by Land from Cotata, which we are sure is practiced, and moreover by the best Information we can at present get five hundred Candies at the Expence of two Rupees on each, have been this past Season thrown into Boyanores Country from thence, & with five hundred more making in all a Thousand, a little more or less conveyed to Callicut, & no doubt had the Encouragement continued, a larger Quantity wou'd have been carried. We concur in Opinion with your Hon^r. &ca. that while Prince Cuni Homo continues in Power and remains our Friend, which we have great Reason to expect, our Trade will be carried on without Interruption; But as the French are Competitors, & very much Chagrined with Boyanore, it is to be feared that one time or Other they may willingly own the House of Colastree, & the Customs of Mihie accepted by it in Prejudice of Boyanore, & it has been hinted to us; Mons^r. has some thought of it, which we may suppose may be in time listned to, & this as well as other reasons, renders us Cautious in our Behaviour towards the Prince, & on some Occasions makes it necessary for our Hon^r. Masters to go greater lengths than they need Otherwise do to serve him. That your Hon^r. &ca. may have a clearer Idea of the Produce of the Pepper Countries this way, we now give it you according to be [*sic*] best Information we can Obtain, & which is that Cotata's is about $\frac{1}{3}$, Randotarra $\frac{1}{4}$, Irrebenadu (or the Tract of Land lying between Mihie and Codolee River) $\frac{1}{12}$, Boyanores $\frac{1}{5}$, and Billiapatam $\frac{1}{8}$ of the whole; a great Share of which is bought by our Hon^r. Masters, the French a part conveyed to Callicut. a good deal carried up Country, some bought by the Moors, & very often several of the Country People who have Mony buy up for keeping it till an advanced Price offers.

27. WE are very sorry to observe from your Letter now received, that every Part of our Conduct for driving out the Canarees is not equally approved of, your Hon^r. &ca. judgment had of the Dutch designs, we confess Experience may have greatly influenced you in, yet we on the Spot did not on Weighing all Circumstances conclude that it wou'd be better that the Canarees shou'd remain in Possession of Cadalay (& from thence be in a condition of Mastering the Mallabar Country and destroying our Priviledges) than in the hands of the Dutch, however that place is entirely demolished, pursuant to their Engagements with the Prince (and they have only Six Men there in a Cajan House without any Works) We apprehended, it wou'd be best leaving that matter to be managed by him, than for us to pretend having the least Right to a Place under the reach of their Shott, especially as we never cou'd judge, they had other designs, than to remove a Power then in Enmity with them, & capable in a great measure by holding it, of Commanding the Bay, being Seated on one Side thereof, as their Fortress is on the Other, & even at the worst, had they Violated their Engagements with the Prince, & continued in Possession of the Fort, and were inclined to have carried on a Trade in Pepper, we cannot see that they cou'd be entire masters of Randotarra, while we continued to hold our small Work at Eddecaute Point, 'tis certain our Opinion, though directed with the sincerest view to our Masters Service, might have proved Erroneous, yet the Objections your Hon^r. &ca. Point out were entirely discovered by us, & from the best advice we cou'd get, after poizing all Circumstances, it was concluded highly preferable to join them, & in all Probability thereby secure the Retreat of the Canarees, than to Suffer them to remain in this Part of the Country, for totally depriving our Hon^r. Masters of their Trade, which we have ever judged wou'd be the Event of their Staying; while the other we apprehended were only Acting with a

view to Self Preservation, & avoiding the Inconveniencies that might result from so near a Neighbour; we are under no manner of Engagements with them at this time, & we have constantly excited the Prince not to receed from his Agreement in regard to that Place. We Observe that either the Copy we have by us of our Letter under the 27th. March is Erroneous, or your Hon^r. &c^a. have misconceived us, for we meant to say, that the Discourse about Durmapatam, Agar &c^a. passed between the Prince and Dutch, and not with us.

28. WE shall make known to the Chitty the favour Your Hon^r. &c^a. have done him in giving up what we had charged him for the Difference between Old and New Pepper.

29. THE CHIEF begs leave to represent to your Hon^r. &c^a. that near twenty one Years continuance in India, & of that between three and four in charge of this Settlement, subject to innumerable Inquietudes has so reduced his health and Spirits that he is rendered incapable of Supporting the Weight of his Station, & therefore humbly Entreats you will please to appoint whomsoever you may think proper to Relieve him after the Rains, and permit him to return to Bombay; and that you will consider this request does not proceed from any want of Zeal to Serve his Masters here, but a real Inability of undergoing so great a fatigue any longer, and hopes that as he is an old Servant, & has made it his Study to give Satisfaction, your Hon^r. &c^a. will comply with his Request.

30. WE send this Paquett under Cover to the Vice Roy of Goa, & forwarded by his Factor at Callicutt, apprehending by this means it will have a Speedier and Safer Conveyance than by another. We are with great Respect.

HON. SIR AND SIRS,

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

WM. FORBES.

HM. HOWARD.

WM. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
JUNE 30TH. 1736.

LIST OF TELLICHERRY PAQUETT TO BBAY 30TH. JUNE 1736.

- No. 1. Tellicherry General under sd. date.
2. Letter from ye. Supracargoes of ye. Richmond.
3. Invoice of Ship Richmond to China & Accot. Curr^t.
4. List of Ships & Vessells Imported & Exported at Tell^{ry}. Commg. Septbr. 7th. 1735 Endg. May 8th. 1736.
5. Paymaster Account for May 1736.
6. Treasury Ditto.
7. Copy of the Chiefs Letter to the Custom-Master & Gov^r. of Mangalore.
8. List of Soldiers Debts belonging to the Detachmt. sent to Tell^{ry}. what recover'd & remains to May 31st.
9. Price Currant.
10. Indent of Stores.
11. Do. Medicines.
12. Accot. of 6 Prize Boats taken by the Gallivatts.
13. List of the Paquett.

TO THE HON RICH^d. BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. AND GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL.
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON SIR & SIRs,

SINCE our last Address of the 26th. April, we have receiv'd your Original Letters of the 26th. Febry & 1st. March, accompanying Captⁿ. Edw^d. Amyand, & the Detachment committed to his Charge, who were brought up from Cochin by Country Boats, & Tiger Gallivatt, & the Madrass Gally put back to Anjengo, through her not being able to reach this Place, & after Landing there thirty Barrells Gunpowder designed us, She was directed back to you; & we hope Arrived in safety.

THE Stores sent with the premention'd Detachment agree with the Acco^t. your Hon^r. & C^a. were pleased to send us of them & we shall be very glad of your Speedy Advice of the whole Charge attending the Recruits, that we may correctly bring it on our Books, and thereby Square what you may Debt Bombay Presidency for.

WE are very glad to hear of the safe return of the Jenny Snow, & must repeat our Acknowledgments for the readiness your Hon^r. & C^a. have been pleased to Shew in Assisting us, as also for the Letters procured in our favour to the Ministers of the Carnatick Rajah; but as our breach was commenced with him before the receipt thereof, & no great Probability of his Paying any regard to them, we have them by us.

THE Motives of our difference with the King of Canara, arise from a meer necessity of Opposing him in the unjust Attack he made on the Mallabar Territories, & attempting to destroy the Trade & Priviledges of our Hon^r. Masters, as well as threatening the reduction of their Settlements, & we have been so Successful as to dislodge him from Seven Fortresses built by him in this Country. We hear he threatens another Invasion, & that he will take revenge on the Mallabars and us, which obliges us to keep our Force for withstanding him, but your Hon^r. & C^a. may be Assured of the return of your People, as soon as we can do it with safety, & nothing but the dread we were under of loosing the Commerce of our Masters, cou'd have induced us to put them to the Expence they have lately been exposed to. Durmapatam Island was the undoubted Right of the Mallabar King Colastree, who has given us an Authentick Title to hold it, & the Bednure Rajah had no other views in requiring it out of our hands, than as it's Scituation tended to render the Conquest he had proposed Successful, and our accepting it was entirely influenced as the only Expedient we had for our safety.

PLEASE to forward the enclosed Letter for the Gov^r. and Council of Bengall by the first Conveyance that Offers. We are most Respectfully.

HON. SIR AND SIRs,

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

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
JULY 12th. 1736.

TO THE HON. JN^o. STACKHOUSE ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. & GOV^r. & C^a. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM IN BENGALL.

HON. SIR AND SIRs

OUR Unavoidable Rupture with the Canaree Rajah (whose Country supplies us with Rice) gives us cause to apprehend we may be incapable the ensuing Season of procuring what is necessary for the Support of our Garrison and People depending

on this Settlement, And therefore we are Obliged to request your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to agree with any of the Traders that may come this way early for their delivering us, or to whomsoever we may appoint at any place on this Coast, to the amount of four or five thousand Bags of good sound Rice, whose Price must not exceed three Rupees & an half the Bag, tho' we hope your Hon^r. &c^a. may be able to agree for it under, & the Amount shall be duly made good by us; we beg your Hon^r. &c^a. will not Omit making a firm Contract, & for it's being Landed wheresoever we may direct, to which end we shall Lodge Letters at Anjengo, Cochin, and Callicutt, our reason for taking this caution is, on a Supposition we may perhaps accommodate with the Canaree Rajah before it comes when this Place cannot take it off, but on very disadvantageous terms tending to the Prejudice of our Hon^{ble} Masters. We entreat you will please to have a particular regard to the above Request, otherwise it may prove of great Prejudice to their Affairs. We are with Respect.

HON^r SIR & SIRs

Y^r. most Obed^t. humble Servants.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^e. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
JULY 12TH. 1736.

TO THE CHAVALIER TREMISOT
CHIEF OF MIHIE.

MONS^r.

I have received your Letter of this date, & am Obliged to you for imparting it's Contents.

'Tis very evident that the Prince of Nadu has been for sometime actually engaged in the Interest of the Canarees known Enemies to the Mallabar Country this way, & that he did what was in his Power towards rendering them Masters of it, but Providence has pleased to direct an Event wide of his Inclinations, & as the People in General seem sencible of their deliverance and willing to preserve it, we may in reason believe from the present view that the Prince of Nadu will not be able to Accomplish a design evidently tending to the destruction of his Mother Country; & Assured I am he ought to be Opposed therein by all those who Consult their true Interest; for I must still believe that had the Canarees obtained their proposed Ends, neither you nor us cou'd have been exempted from very great Mischiefs. You are pleased to inform me that one of the House of Palycolotu Arrived Yesterday to confer with the Prince of Nadu, which I knew nothing of till now, contrariwise am informed 'tis one of his own House. Shall make known to Prince Cunhi Homo of what you write me, & inform you of his Answer when it comes. I am

SIR,

Your most humble Servant

STEPHEN LAW

TELL^{RY}.
JULY 16TH. 1736.

TO THE HON. RICH^d. BENYON ESQ^r.
PRESID^t. & GOV^r. & C^a.
COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON SIR & SIRs,

THIS Accompanies duplicate of our last, as well as that to Bengall, which we beg your Hon^r. & C^a. will please to forward thither, in the most safe, & Expeditious manner being of moment. We are most Respectfully

HON SIR & SIRs,

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JETNSON.

RICHARD LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY
JULY 27th. 1736.

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

HONBLE SIR AND SIRs

OUR last Address of the 4th. Inst^t. waited on you by the Richmond, Duplicate whereof accompanies this, and on the 19th. we reced your Commands of the 12th. by Boat Express, and in pursuance to which we instantly made enquiry for procuring the Two hundred Candies of Sandall Wood, we are directed to provide for our Hon^{ble} Masters Ship Richmond, but as this is a Commodity never heretofore dealt in by them, nor no notice whatever sent us of it's being wanted till now, and as they are pleas'd to permit their Servants to Trade, it has been bought up some time since on private Account, & the same actually engaged for, in such a manner that provided those of the English Ships do not take it, according to their Agreement; it is promised to those of Macao, and it is apprehended a failure in the Compliance, will very much expose the Reputation of the Sellers, as it will be deem'd highly unjust to assign any part thereof in breach of their Engagement; therefore as some of ourselves are concern'd in this matter, we are under difficulties how to behave, and the rather since it is fear'd, our Hon^{ble} Masters may disapprove of the Selling Goods to private People, from their Settlements at a time they have demands for them, we shou'd be sorry indeed this shou'd happen, and to prevent it if we can possibly without breaking the Engagements supply the Richmond we will certainly do it, waving all regard to private Interest; although we most humbly beg leave to say, that our total Exclusion from the Pepper, and the little benefit of the Sandall being taken away, must render it hardly possible for the Chief in particular to support his Station with common Decency, which and the excessive Toils that attend it, will assuredly prove very uncomfortable, as there is not a Perquisite of any kind, save three hundred Rupees a Year or thereabouts resulting from the Passes, to satisfy near Two thousand he is obliged to Spend on the Table, Over and above the Allowance, he is particularly Concern'd, that his Zeal and Activity in his Masters Service (which he esteems equal to any of his Predecessours) shou'd not be attended with any Advantages bearing the least Proportion to theirs.

WE must still beg your Hon^r. & C^a. will please to excuse our not particularly Answering your Commands relating to Durmapatam, which to do in a proper manner will require more time and Consideration than we can at present well afford, but we are of Opinion, the razing the Hills of Codotu and Attarra for rendering the Fortress proposed to be built on Paramboo capable of Commanding the Rivers, will be attended with a monstrous Expence, nay we believe the Effecting it wou'd take up a great deal of time, and while that is doing, it wou'd be Impracticable to get People for other Services; how much it may Cost, as it is a thing we never saw

undertaken, we are incapable of judging, nor can we say how much may be Issued for fabricking the smallest Fort proposed of Seventy Yards Curtane, which is certainly not too big, and if the Calculate be right as made by Mr. Campbell, & taken from the supposed Cost of the Star Redout, it must come to more than he has Assign'd for it, as the s^d. Redout, exclusive of the Timber used on the Conveniences will be above Ten Thousand Rupees, and if your Hon^r. & c^a. are resolved to prosecute the intended Work, one or two able Men well versed in things of that kind ought to be appointed to reinspect the Scituation of the Island, for it wou'd be a Melancholly case to Commence so important a thing, without the nicest judgment being first made, and all advantages & disadvantages consider'd; we as coming out Young cannot be suppos'd to have Experience equal to such an Undertaking, & therefore we presume your Hon^r. & c^a. will not much depend on us. Tellicherry Fort is a most irregular Mass, commanded by an adjacent Hill, and requires a large Garrison, besides there are many Ditches & Banks almost contiguous to the outward Wall, where a Numerous body might lodge & cou'd not be much incommoded, therefore if the Settlement is of Consequence it ought to be preserv'd in a different manner, & Durmapatam being an Island, & the People that may Inhabit it, will be immediately under our Protection, center'd in the Pepper Country, & capable of receiving a Capital Fortification, it does appear to us preferable to Tellicherry, but we find by Experience, the Country Powers near us may permit of the Pepper being carried away by Land to Places more remote at a very moderate Expençe, & there is accordingly a constant intercourse in this manner between the Countries of Boyanore and Cotata, nay, we are assured this Commodity is in no inconsiderable Quantities convey'd to Quilandy, within three Leagues of Callicutt, on Men's Shoulders which is the reason it keeps up its Price in these Parts, & afford so much there for Transportation, so that our Commanding the Rivers, seems not Sufficient, while we are unable to awe the Country Powers, so as to impend the carrying away the Pepper, indeed we shall have this Advantage, if the Prince preserves his Country, that little or none will pass from where he has Authority; however with this Benefit hitherto enjoy'd, our Hon^{ble} Masters have Paid at the rate of nine Pence three Farthings 7^d Pound for what they have Exported, since the Commencement of this Settlement, & in this we only include the Currant Expences of the Place, and Freight of their Ships, without allowing one Farthing for the vast Amount of their Dead Stock, & this leads us to think, that without a better prospect in future, they will instead of being Gainers by the Settlement, prove great Losers, however we are well convince'd neither Durmapatam wou'd have been thought of, or other things provided there appear'd a Probability of preserving their Trade on the old Footing, but as the attempts of the Canarees, and French still threaten, a great Expençe is unavoidable, & we wish whatever may be resolv'd on, may prove a lasting Security to their Affairs.

Our last acquainted your Hon^r. & c^a. with our Proceedings against the Canarees to that time, & of the Mallabars having Dispossessed them of Eddecaute Point, where we have now a few People, and such a Work made, as cou'd be for the Present done, we propose erecting a Small Tower there as soon as we possibly can, as that Place is esteem'd highly necessary to be secured for the preservation of our Trade carried on from Randotarra, & which we are now certain, the French have been Endeavouring to deprive us of, there are about Ten thousand Stones lying there Cut by the Canarees, so that the Expençe will be so much eased. On the 6th. Instant the Dolphin and Tiger Gallivatts hauled in near Madacarra, a large Fort of the Canarees placed at the entrance of Billiapatam River, while the Mallabars Surrounded it by Land, and after Firing some Shott from our Vessells, and receiving a few from the Enemy, they Capitulated on Conditions to March away with their Arms, and every thing else belonging to them and which our People on their Parts Endeavoured to have perform'd, but in spite of all they cou'd do, the perfidious [sic] Mallabars even in the presence of their Prince, rifled the Enemy, who were glad to go away empty handed: the Chief went there the next day, and Endeavour'd all in his power to remedy this baseness, but it was impossible, as the Nairs had carried off every thing of Value; there was about a hundred and Twenty Men

in the Place at the time of it's Surrender including thirty Horse Men; it is a large Circumference with eight half Bastions, and a Stone Wall cemented with Earth, of about three foot & a half Thick, we have been very pressing to have it Demolished, but the Prince cannot be prevailed on totally to Vacate it, & proposes to raise a small Work there to be defended by a few Men, & notwithstanding our Garrison People are engaged in so many Services, we cou'd not help Assigning thirty of them with an Officer to remain there in Conjunction with the Nairs for it's Security. On the 17th. Inst^t. the whole force of the Nairs this way consisting of those of Randotarra, Cotata, Boyanore, Curringhoda, and Narrangole Nombier in all about Six thousand, advanced from Eddecaute with our People, and Encamped at a small Distance from Cadalay, and early the next Morning, the Mallabars Seated themselves on an high Hill within point blank Shott of that Fortress, we at the same time attempting to lodge on a smaller Eminence thereabouts but before we cou'd possibly put our Chevaux de Frizes, and field Pieces in order, the Enemy with about four hundred Horse, all their Foot, whose Number we are Uncertain of, & three Elephants Advanced to Attack the Nairs, who instantly gave way, & our Coolies were so exceedingly terrified, that they threw down our Ammunition and run away with the greatest Precipitation, & the Enemy looking on our Force as very Inconsiderable, & consequently easily to be Subdued, advanc'd upon them with great Resolution, & it was with some difficulty that they withstood the Two first Onsets, in fine, they made five, & were every time repulsed, the Action was very hot as we Spent near Twelve Thousand Cartridges, in the Six Hours the Heat of it lasted, their Guns from Cadalay, Two of which were 18 Pounders lent last Year by the Portuguese playing upon us all the time; The Chief then aboard the Victoria lying opposite to the Place, considering our People were much fatigued, & that it wou'd be difficult for them alone to continue their Footing, as they might be Subject to continual Alarms in the Night, & no Coolies to be had to raise Works for their Defence, left it to the Officers to retreat if they thought proper, & accordingly at about four in the Afternoon they retired in good Order and without Molestation to an Eminence hardly within Random Shott of Cadalay, & bordering on the Sea, this Action was maintain'd with about a hundred & Sixty of our Military including the Detachment from the Grab sent ashore that Morning, one hundred thirty five Sepoys, one hundred & fifty Southern Moors who behav'd well, Forty one Tivees, a hundred & Twenty of Narranports Nairs, & forty Tellicherry Moors, besides near Two hundred from the Heiress of Cannanore but the Behaviour of the latter deserves no Commendation; we had three of our Garrison killed and about Twenty Wounded, though most of them Slightly, some Sepoys wounded, one of Narranports Nairs killed, & about Ten of the Southern & our Moors Wounded, we are as yet uncertain of the Enemies loss, but our People Affirm they must have Suffer'd greatly, as they advanc'd almost to the Muzzles of their Peices; we are sure one of their Elephants was wounded, and two of their principal Officers killed, which greatly Disspirited their People, and after which their Attacks were less Vigorous. The Prince did all in his Power to perswade the Nairs to repair to the Assistance of our People, but bad Government, want of Discipline and Resolution were Obstacles too great to be Overcome, our Men lye at present securely Encamped on the Spot afores^d. which in a great measure deprives the Enemy of Forrage, and we are certain they are in great want of provisions for Man and Horse, and were it not for some small Supplies given them by the Moors, cou'd not have Supported themselves so long, we cannot express to your Hon^r. & c^a. how Troublesome it is to manage the Mallabars, some of us have had great Experience of them, but on this Occasion we cou'd never have imagined they wou'd have behaved in so Cowardly a manner, we are unavoidably engaged for the preservation of our Hon^{ble} Masters Priviledges, and nothing is omitted by us for rendering the Undertaking Successful, and was it not for our Diligence, 'tis certain nothing wou'd be done. the Natives are helpless Creatures, and are continually Applying to us for even the necessaries which there [sic] own Country affords; large Expences attends us and the Prince notwithstanding all the promises made us and continual Solicitations by us and our People has on [sic] deliver'd us about Eight Thousand fanams since the first Deposite, we do not doubt of recovering the whole he has engaged to Pay if things Succeed, but shou'd it happen

otherwise, there is great danger of loosing the Mony, however as our Hoñble Masters have so much at Stake, and things must probably be brought to a Crisis before the Raines; we are unwilling to give it up apprehending it is what your Hon^r. &c^a. wou'd not approve of. We may perhaps be Censured for exposing our People in the manner as has happen'd, though at the worst, provided the Coolies had not Shamefully left us, humanly speaking, with the Preparations we had carried, the Enemy might easily have been withstood, and in cases of this kind some Hazard is unavoidable, nor can any Men foresee Events, the Prince has undertaken to Fortify three or four places surrounding Cadalay, which if performed will be a good means of Distressing them, joined with our Watching the Sea. The Gentlemen at Anjengo have sent us twenty nine of their Garrison and their Ensign, which considering their small Numbers is full as many as they can spare, though they acquaint us if fifteen or twenty more are necessary they will send them, we have not a Line as yet, from the President and Council of Madrass, though we impatiently expect it, and wish they may spare us some People; Two hundred Military more, with the Force we now have, we believe wou'd be sufficient to Surmount all difficulties. The French do not openly assist the Enemy, but are often sending their Linguist, and we are told some Mony has been given them, their Ambassadour at Bednure was receiv'd in State by the King, but after delivering his Present of four Pieces of Scarlet Cloth and some Pearl, himself and it were much dispised, and told such a pityful offering merited no regard; so Mons^r. was dismissed with bidding him return home, and he accordingly retired to his House, divested of all the State he was receiv'd with. The Dutch keep their Ships blocking up the Canara Ports, and seeming willing to assist in Conjunction with us against the Enemy, the Chief to forward the same, and know their real Intentions, repaired to Cannanore the 18th. where he was told by the Captain, that if we wou'd give him a Writing renouncing all claim to Cadalay, provided it be Surrender'd, he apprehended his Superiours wou'd readily engage for dispossessing them of the Place, without any other views than to have it Demolished, we thought proper to Comply with this, judging our Interest Cou'd in no wise suffer thereby, and on the Princes seeing him the 21st. he gave him the like writing on his own part, but this was not done 'till after Discussing several Points. such as their wanting Durmapatam, Agar &c^a. which he positively denied, and then receiv'd Assurances that his Superiours wou'd Speedily Order their Ships, & Men to Cannanore towards Assisting to reduce the place aforesaid; we imagine they have no other Design than to Demolish a Fort that is so contiguous to them, establish their Factory at Bassalore on good terms, and recover a Debt due from the Canarees. The Moors of Cannanore have sent Two hundred Men to the Princes Assistance, who are the same mention'd to have been with our People at the time of the Engagement, and when he saw the Heiress attended by our Linguist the 11th. after assuring her of his Intentions to demolish Cadalay, she promised not to afford his Enemies any Provisions or Assistance whatever, but it is currently reported this has not been observed, indeed her Condition is very critical as she can neither confide in the Canarees, or the Sincerity of the Nairs considering what has happen'd. Bednure is Infested by an Inland Power said to belong to the Mogull, & though large Sums of Mony have been offer'd. they will not withdraw, so that no Succours have been sent to their Army in this Country, and the Mallabars are now Surrounding their Frontier place at Neleasaron, which is said will probably fall into their hands through their want of Provisions, the Sallies they have made being always repulsed with loss.

THE large Supplies of Rice we have been Obligated to afford the Mallabars, & the want of Conveyances for bringing large Quantities from the Canara Coast before the Commencement of our Rupture with them, wou'd have Streightned us very much, had not the Portuguese Frigats given us their Assistance by means of whom we have laid in Eleven Thousand two hundred twenty four Bales, & we presume the Hoñble President will think proper to Acknowledge this Favour to the Vice Roy, the Chief has done it on his part, and we hope by means of the Macao Ship to have another Supply, it is given out as if the French intend Openly to Supply the Canarees on our withdrawing the Victoria for Bombay, which if we find carries any reasonable

Probability, we judge your Hon^r. &c^a. will approve of our keeping her the Raines, for as we are engaged we have certainly nothing left than to Endeavour by all means possible to bring the Undertaking to an happy Conclusion, since the contrary must expose our Masters Interest at this Settlement to the greatest Mischiefs.

IN our last we acquainted your Hon^r. &c^a. of the loss our Merchant Chautoo Chitty had Sustained through the Canarees destroying his Dwellings at Agar, and he has since Solicited for our giving up the Advance we had Charged him, of 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cent on a hundred twenty five Candies, and nineteen Maunds of Old Pepper deficient, which he deliver'd in New, in [sic] difference in Value being four hundred forty one Rupees, we shall be glad if your Hon^r. &c^a. directions whither to gratify him or not; indeed he is so useful to us and so much Superiour to the rest of his Countrymen, that we think such a Favour wou'd not be ill bestowed, he has Contracted with us this Season for 1500 Candies of Pepper at Seventy, and has been Advanced Eighty five Thousand Sixty Seven Rupees, two Quarters, twenty Raes, but his Account with others our Purchasers your Hon^r. &c^a. will find incerted at the foot of our Treasury Account for February, now transmitted carried on to the 27th. of the present Month, which shews the Mony we have Issued for the Pepper, we are using the best means in our Power for procuring more, and if our Mony shou'd not be sufficient till farther Supplies come, we have determin'd to raise at Interest, rather than let any Opportunity Slip of laying in the Goods so much recommended to us.

THE Shybar that carries this came hither Express with the Paquetts to our Hon^{ble} Masters relating to the unhappy Capture of the Derby, she has been detained purely to carry any Advices we might have that might be very pressing when no other Opportunity offer'd, an account of what has been deliver'd her People goes herewith, and we Doubt not as we have promised them your Hon^r. &c^a. will consider their long stay, the other Shybar bringing us your Directions concerning the Richmond's Sandall, we shall detain a little while for informing your Hon^r. &c^a. how we proceed in ou[r] war. We are with great Respect.

HON^{BLE} SIR AND SIRs,

Your most Obed^t. & most humble serv^{ts}.

STEPHEN LAW.

W^m. FORBES.

H^m. HOWARD.

W^m. JEYNSON.

RICH^d. LYNCH.

TELLICHERRY

MARCH 27TH. 1736.

TO THE HON^{BLE} JOHN HORNE ESQ^r.

PRESIDENT AND GOV^r. &C^a.

COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HON^{BLE} SIR, AND SIRs,

OUR last went by the advice boat under the 27th. Ult^o. Duplicate whereof Accompanies this.

THE 28th. Ult^o. our Prince went to see the Dutch at Cannanore who were then return'd from the Canara Coast with five Ships, and other small Vessells, they readily offer'd him Assistance for reducing Cadalay, and on the 29th. the Chief for the better Conducting the same, paid them a Visit, and after sundry Debates. it was Agreed that we shou'd proceed in Conjunction therein, accordingly on the 30th. their Forces landed at our Camp consisting of about three hundred Men, of which a hundred & Eighty were Europeans, and the rest Buggesees armed with long pi[kes] they and we thre[w] several Shells, & fired some Shott on the Camp, but we were Sorry to find the skill of our People in the art of Gunnery to be very indifferent, as some of our Shells burst at the Mouth of the Hobit, & others lost

their Fusees before they went home. On the 1st. Instant when everything was prepared for Action, our People at about five in the Morning marched against the Enem[y] the Dutch and Nairs moving at the same time in seperate Bodies, and as we approached the Camp, some Resistance was made by the Horse and Foot, but being hard press'd, they soon gave way, when all those of our side got under the Fort Walls, and the Enemy were in such a Consternation that they had not time to shut the Gates, a Flag of Truce was twice hoisted, but it being difficult to make such a diversity of People cease firing, and the Canarees discharging some Guns afterwards, the Dutch and Nairs were exceedingly Exasperated, and made great havock. At about Seven the English flag was hoisted on one of the Bastions, and presently the Enemy left the Fort by jumping over the walls, having first lost many of their People in the Gate-way, among whom was Gopaljee the General, and several other principal Officers, and it was render'd impassable through the Number lying their [sic] Slain, those that escaped endeavour'd to Screen themselves by
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