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# **RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE**

# LETTERS FROM TELLICHERRY 1745-46

# (VOLUME No. 6)

# Nº. 1

TO THE HONOURABLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQ<sup>B</sup>.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

We received Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. Letters of the seventh and twenty ninth of July and have only to advise that four French Ships have been at Mihie this season one of whom it is thought was from Maschareen by the Number of Europeans she had on board the other three were Merchant men from Bussorah and Mocha. They left Mihie the twenty second Ultimo but we don't hear where they designed to go.

This comes by the Advice Snow who left Bombay the twenty fourth Ultimo when non of our Honourable Masters Ships were arrived from Europe.

We expect the Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George down in all this Month to fill up and dispatch home. We are

> HONOURABLE SIE & SIES Your Most Obedient humble Servants

TELLICHERRY 5TH. SEPTR. 1745. PR. ADVICE SNOW.

JOHN GEEKIE. W: J. W: W. N: S. J: R.

Nº. 2

To RICHARD BOURCHIEB ESQ<sup>B</sup>. CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR AND SIRS

On the fourth Instant arrived the Advice Snow who left Bombay the twenty fourth of August built for the Service of Fort St. George Presidency and brought us the enclosed Packet for your Settlement which we now forward by a Toney with such private Letters as have come to hand since our last.

As yet there are no Europe Ships arrived at Bombay but we expect to have the Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George to despatch from hence in all this Month. We are

#### SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble servants

TELLICHERRY 7<sup>TH</sup>. SEPT<sup>B</sup>. 1745. PER TONEY.

JOHN GEEKIE. WILLM. JEYNSON. WILLM. WEST. NICLS. STONESTREET. JOHN ROBINSON.

#### Nº. 3

### To the Commandee of Commandees of any English Ship of Ships that may call at this Poet.

#### SIR OR SIRS

This is to advise that a Ship came in to Mihie Boad the twenty first instant and sailed again the twenty third in the Morning to the Northward after haveing taken in a Larger quantity of Provisions than could be Necessary for one Ship only and which we hear was to Supply others with.

We therefore send this that you may be on your Guard though we know not what Ships there May be or their Strength. We are

SIR OR SIRS

Your most humble servants

TRLLICHERBY 23<sup>p</sup>. SEPT<sup>B</sup>. 1745. John Geekie. Will<sup>m</sup>. Jeynson. Will<sup>m</sup>. West. Nic<sup>ls</sup>. Stonestreet. John Robinson.

# Nº. 4

TO THE HONBLE. NICHOLAS MORCE ESQR.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUE &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

#### HONBLE. SIR & SIRS,

We Replyed to your Honour &c<sup>25</sup>. Letters of the seventh and twenty Ninth of July the fifth of September per Advice Snow, since when we received your Favour of the Twenty Seventh August the twentyeth of September.

On the twenty first Ultimo a Ship came into Mihie Road and sailed again to the Northward the twenty third after haveing taken in a much larger quantity of Provisions than was Necessary for one Ship only which makes us Conjecture there may be more lying out at Sea and that this may be one of the four Ships bound to Europe which we heard the Governour of the Mauritius had unloaded to send a Cruizing but whither there may be any Credit given to this Report we are in doubt off, however we have sent advice to such Ports as we suppose our expected Ships may call at, for them to be on their Guard.

On the twenty Ninth of August arrived Our Honble. Masters Ship Walpole at Bombay. We are with Respect.

# HONBLE. SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedient humble Servants

TELLICHERRY 1<sup>st</sup>. October 1745. Per Pattamar. John Geekie. Will<sup>m</sup>. Jeynson. Will<sup>m</sup>. West. Nic: Stonestreet. John Robinson.

# Nº. 5

To RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR AND SIRS

On the sixth Instant Arrived Our Honble. Masters Ships Walpole, Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George and Elizabeth who Left Bombay in Company with the Neptuns Prize Grab the Sixteenth Ultimo but off of Anjediva there Arose a Storm and they have not

Seen the Grab Since; By the Walpole we received the enclosed Packet for your Settlement and have landed your Stores which we shall [fr]eight on a Munchua and send down in Company with the Ships now under dispatch. We are

SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble Servants

John Geekie. William Jeynson. William West. Nic: Stonestreet. John Robinson.

TELLICHEERY 8<sup>TH</sup>. NOVEMBER 1745.

#### Nº. 6

TO RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ<sup>R</sup>.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

SIR AND SIRS

Your letter of the Sixteenth came to hand this Afternoon and we now send you by this Munchua the Stores we received from Bombay for your Settlement Invoice and Bill of Lading of which comes enclosed as Likewise Invoice of two Chests of Treasure containing ea Ten thousand Rupees.

By return of this Munchua please to Send us as many of your Military as you can conveniently Spare.

We are

SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble Servants

TELLICHEERY 24<sup>™</sup>. November 1745. ⊮ Ship Fort S<sup>™</sup>. George. John Geekie. William Jeynson. William West. Nic: Stonestreet. John Robinson.

# Nº. 7

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

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

# MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS

Our last Addresses was by the Montague Captain Fielder Freeman who sailed in Company with the Prince William Captain William Webber for Great Brittain the Fifetenth of February. Duplicates and Triplicates of our Advices by them are now forwarded by the Elizabeth and Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George Captains Acton and Pinnel, who left Bombay the Sixteenth Ultimo in Company with the Walpole Commodore Lowe and Neptuns Prize Grab, but meeting with a hard gale of wind on this side Goa the Grab parted Company with them and we have heard no news of her yet so we wish she may be safe, the Other three Arrived us the Sixth Instant.

From the expectation of the Elizabeth's Arrival and the Fleury a French Ship of force on the Coast we keep<sup>t</sup>. the Edgbaston Commodore Cobham to Convoy her up so long as The twenty first of February but the Imagining She must have put off from Anjengo we dispatched her to Bombay with what Country Ships were waiting her for Convoy.

On the twenty third of February Arrived the Bombay and Restoration Grabs the former we sent to meet the Elizabeth who we heared was then got to Cochin She came up hither the First of March and we dispatched them to Bombay the third. On the fourth of April Arrived the Northampton Captain Duncomb Backwel and it being too late for him to proceed to Bombay, conformable to Your Honours &c\*. Orders we Opened the Packet for the Honourable the President and Council and after haveing landed the treasure and Goods we consulted with the Supra Cargoes about her Cargoe for China and tendered them such part of her Europe Goods as they might think Adviseable to take but they did not chuse any; We keept her here so late as the tenth of May in Expectation of the Edgbaston and the Elizabeths bringing down some Cotton for her but Neither of them Arriving we sent her away with what Pepper we could Spare being Five hundered Candies and three hundered Candys of Sandall Wood Makeing up her Stock in Foreingn [sic] Silver Two hundered and Sixty thousand Rupees as % Invoice enclosed. As to all our proceedings with Relation to that Ship we beg leave to Referr your Honours to Our Diary and we now send Cap<sup>t</sup>. Backwels Second and third Bond for fifeteen hundered Rupees taken up at Respondentia for his Ships use; likewise his Receipt for One hundered and eighty three Rupees paid him for Necessarys Supplyed the Sick soldiers.

The thirteenth of May Arrived the Edgbaston from Bombay bound to Bengall for which Place she proceeded the Next day; by her we Learn that Captain Pinnel was to have been dispatched the twenty third of April for us to fill up with Pepper but he Befusing to proceed before the Rains the Governour and Council had Protested against him.

The begining of August three French Merch<sup>t</sup>. Ships Arrived at Mihie from Bussora and Mocha belonging to Bengall two of which were under Moors and Banian Colours they were followed soon after by an Other Ship who came as we Supposed from the Islands and they sailed soon after but to what Place we are not Certain.

The Twenty first of September a French Ship under Dutch Colours Anchored at Mihie and after haveing taken in a much Larger quantity of Provisions than could be Necessary for One Ship only sailed to the North<sup>rd</sup>. from which and Rumour that they had some Ships of Force lying off at Sea to intercept those we expected from Bombay We sent Advice to Such Places to the North<sup>rd</sup>. and South<sup>rd</sup>. as we expected our Ships to call at for the Commanders to be on their Guard. The same Ship (as we Judged) returned to Mihie the [lacuna] day of October and after [lacuna] days stay sailed again standing out to Sea, their not Suffering any boats to go on board her from the Shoar encreased our Suspicions but we could never learn the truth.

On the twenty first Ins<sup>t</sup>. Arrived the Success Gally Cap<sup>t</sup>. James Barton belonging to Madrass & bound to B.bay.

We aquainted Your Honours of our intention to delay contracting for this years Pepper as long as we possibly could in hopes from our Large Stock in hand to Lower the Price but the Crop proving very indifferent and the French not being able to Stay any Longer we Contracted with our Merchants the Twelth of March for One thousand Seven hundred and ten Candies at Eighty eight Rupees **P** Candy being the lowest we could bring them too.

We have laden on the Elizabeth and Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George two thousand four hundered thirty five Candies and Seventeen pound And have now remaining in Warehouse of the Old and New Crops Three thousand Nine hundered and Ninty three Candys which for want of Room we were Obliged to mix. Our whole purchases this Year are not much above two thousand two hundered Candys and the whole within about Sixty Candys already in, and we shall take especial care to make Our Merchants pay off their old Arears Annually Conformable to our Agreement with them.

We have Advanced Six thousand two hundered Rupees for a Provision of the head sort of Cardamoms, but as Usual could not bring the Merchants to fix a Price for them, Nor have yet Received any it being too early in the Season.

Enclosed are Captain<sup>s</sup>. Pinnell and Acton's Original Requests for Surplus Tonnage of Salt Petre and Pepper on the Charter party terms.

By the Winchester in January last we aquainted your Honours with Our being at Variance with Prince Cuny Homo, On Account the pernicious measures with Regard to Your Interest he was then engaged in, which on the departure of the Prince William and Montague in February we were in hopes with the Assistance of the Young Prince we should have put a Stop to but when it came to the push he basely deceived us and Joyned with his brother & together with Ally Rajah and the Cannanore Moors have ever since Attempted to do us all the Mischief in their power, so that Notwithstanding we left no means untried to come to a Reconciliation it came at last to an Open Rupture, The French underhand fomenting the quarrell which has unavoidably involved us in some Expence and an excessive deale of trouble purposly avoided Acting Offenceivly against the Prince, that he might have no cause of Complaint and to facilitate the makeing matters up when he should see his Mistake and be willing to harken to Reason but the misfortune is that he is of so inconstant and treacherous a Disposition that makeing any Advances towards a Reconciliation is a Sure way to Retard it and encrease his Most Unreasonable demands. We have been for this Month Past treating about it and some times had good Reason to hope it would soon be concluded but we no Sooner shewed a readiness on Our side than he imediately flew bake [sic] and it is at present quite broke off. We assure your honours that we have not been the Agressors nor given the least Occasion to the Prince to Complain, his only design he says at first was to sett the Moors against us thinking by that means to get them destroyed, for tho at present they are in Aliance it is Notorious to every body that he bears them an irreconciliable hatred and it is they that bear all the Expence on his side, but for a detail of these Matters we must beg Leave to referr to our Diary and Consultations by this Ship as entering into particulars would not come within the Compass of a Letter and Oblige us indeed almost to transcrib them. On the whole we ashure your Honours that we shall use our Outmost endeavours to come to ane Accommodation if to be done on Reasonable terms and if we are dissapointed in that keep as much as possible on the defenceive and be as frugal as can be expected in the Unavoidable expences a Continuance of these troubles will Occasion.

The heavy rains having washed down the Seramby at Mattamy Point; for some time we keept a Guard Boat there but before Our troubles began we erected another Seramby in which we have been as frugall as possible.

We were likewise Obliged to erect a Little Battery at Maylure on Durmapatam Island to hinder the Moors from Crossing the River at that Place which has been of great Service during the present troubles Our People having lately defeated an Attempt made by the Moors in which they lost so many men that we hope they will be deterred from making another.

The Coffries Plantation on that Island is in a very flourishing condition and promises in time to Answer the Expence. They are all well contented haveing lost none since those that run away in November One thousand seven hundered & forty three whom we never heard the least news of their number is Since encreased by Six Children three of whom are Males.

M<sup>r</sup>. John Lemon Brandling Junior Merch<sup>t</sup>. died the fourth of April Insolvent and his Widow Petitioning for Your Honours former Indulgence to her on the Like unhappy Occasion we agree'd to it conditionaly, which has since been Confirmed to her from Bombay..

Mr. William Rumbold who Arrived in the Northampton produceing his Covenant as Factor for Bombay altho he was not mentioned in the General Letter by that Ship we entertained him in that Station here from the day of his Arrival, but after a lingering illness he died the fifeteenth of August.

Such Paragraphs of Your Honours Commands by this year's Shipping as Relate to this Settlement shall be duely Observed as Occasion Occurs.

We now send our Diary from the fifteen of February to this time, But the General books and Calculate of Quick Stock we must beg Your Honours excuse for deferring till the Latter Ships; The death of M<sup>r</sup>. Brandling and Absence of M<sup>r</sup>. Byfeld together with the present disturbed State of our affairs Rendering it impossible to get all Ready early enough for this Conveyance. Enclosed comes Invoices and Bills of Lading of each Ship, Reports of their Survey and all Necessary Papers as # List of the Packet.

We have drawn on Your Honours the following Bills of Exchange dated as **#** Margin Viz.

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Novem- Ber 14 <sup>78</sup> , 1745	On sett being three bills of Exchange of the same Tenor and date in favour of Thomas Stonstreet for £20 or Rup <sup>3</sup> . 165. 2. 7 Received here of Nicholas Stonestreet on his own Account	165	20	07
Ditto Die.	One Sett being three bills of Ex <sup>50</sup> . of the same Tenour and date in favour of Ann Hallings for £150 being for Rupees 124-1-52 Received here of John Geekie Esqr. on his own Acc <sup>4</sup> .	1241	1	52
Ditto Die.	One Sett being for three bills of Exchange of the same Tenour and date in favour of the Rev <sup>rd</sup> . Doctor William Geekie for £200 being for Rupees 1655. 70 Received here of John Geekie Esq <sup>r</sup> . on his Own Acc <sup>t</sup> .	1055		
Novem- BER 15 <sup>78</sup> , 1745.	One sett being three Bills of Exchange of the same tenour and date in favours of Thos. Waters for £14-2-3 being for Rupees 116-3-18 Received here of Charles Waters on his own Acco <sup>t</sup> .	1655 116		70 18
Novem- Ber 21ª. 1745.	One Sett being three Bills of Exchange of the same tenour and date in favours of Margaret Adams for £20-5-@ 2/3 P Rupee is Rupees 180-Received here of Domingo Roiz	180	********	

We are

#### HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

WITH THE GREATEST SUBMISSION

Your most faithfull and Obedient Humble Serves.

TELLICHEBRY 24<sup>TH</sup>. NOVEMBER 1745. PSHIPS ELIZABETH & FORT S<sup>T</sup>. GEORGE.

John Geekie. William Jeynson. Will<sup>m</sup>. West. Nic: Stonestreet. John Robinson.

# Nº. 8

TO THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ<sup>R</sup>.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUE OF HIS MAJESTIES ISLAND AND CASTLE OF BOMBAY &C<sup>A</sup>. COUNCIL.

# HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

Since our last of June the tenth we have Received your Honours &c<sup>a</sup>. Commands of August the twentyeth and October the forteenth with a Letter from the Secretary without any date. The first by the Advice Snow on the fourth of September and the Other by the Walpole, Elizabeth and Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George who imported on the sixth Ultimo haveing parted Company with the Neptuns Prize Grab in a hard gale of wind a little on this side Goa the twenty fourth Ultimo. Three out of Nine Sybars that parted Company at the same time are since Arrived but hearing nothing of the Grab we are concerned for her Safety. The Treasure by these Ships was deficient Sixteen Rupees in three Chests and of the Stores for Anjengo two Country Buckets were wanting which the Commander made good here every thing else came out right.

On the Ninth and tenth of August Arrived three French Ships at Mihie from Mocha and Bussorah One of which hade Moors and the other two Banyan Colours, One of them sailed again the forteenth. On the twentyeth passed thro this Road another French Ship under Dutch Colours we Judge from the Islands by having about twenty Cofferees Slaves on board and the Marriners being all Europeans, She stayed but two days and then sailed in Company with the other two Ships but whither we could not Learn.

The Advice Snow Arrived the fourth of September and haveing filled up her Water proceeded the Next day for Madrass.

On the twenty first of September another French Ship under Dutch Colours Arrived at Mihie. Her stay of two days only and takeing on board a Much greater quantity of provisions than one Ship could want, with their not permitting any Country boats to come on board them gave us strong suspicions that they might have some force lying out at sea. We therefore sent Letters Express to Goa and Mangalore to Advise the Commanders of the Ships we expected from Bombay of this Report. The same Ship (we Judge) Returned again to Mihie on the twenty first of October and after two days stay sailed, standing out to Sea, Since that they have had no Ship neither can we Certainly tell whither they have had any Ships of force lying out at Sea or no, or whither they expected any, tho they have Constantly and do still give out that their men of war are on their way and will soon Arrive.

On the twenty first Ultimo Arrived the Success Galley Captain James Barton from Madrass bound to Bombay by whom we learn that the Men of War left Madrass in September but whither they designed he can't tell neither have we Yet any news of them. Private letters give ane Account that three French Companys Ships with two hundered and fifty men each and their lower tire of Ports open past by Battavia on the Seventh of August for China Supposed to be for the Protection of two Acupulca Ships sent from France last Year.

We dispatched the Elizabeth and Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George full Ships for great Brittain on the twenty fourth Ultimo and the Walpole at the same time to Callicut to take in what masts and Stores are Ready for Bombay. The Success went with the Walpole to Callicut in Company with the Elizabeth and Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George. We sent a Munchua with the Stores for Anjengo the Ships not haveing Room for them, but the twenty thousand Rupees we had formerly Orders to Supply them with we sent on the Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George as Captain Acton promised to carry it free of any demand on his Owners Acc<sup>t</sup>.

The Walpole Returned from Callicut the fourth Instant and the Success on the 10<sup>th</sup>. and we dispatched the Walpole to your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. with half the Northamptons Cargo and all the Private trade the Commodore Alledgeing that he could take in no more and keep a Clear Ship. The Success Gallay goes under his Convoy.

Our contracts and Purchases of Pepper this year Amount to two thousand two hundered and Six Candys of which there is at present not quite fifty Candys Outstanding and we expect to receive it before the end of the Month as we have already what they are to pay this year of their Old Arears but twenty three Candys Seventeen Maund & twelve pound of last years Contracts is not yet recovered being what Our Merchants could not get in at Pyachy By the King of Cotiote's having Seized all the Pepper in that Burzar [sic] as taken Notice of the fifteenth of October last year. The late troubles have made it very improper to give them that Assistance we should Otherwise have done towards obliging the People they bought it of to make it good to them, but as soon as ever we see a fitt Oportunity we shall endeavour to Recover it for them, But if that proves ineffectual Oblige them to make it good themselves.

We laded on the Elizabeth to Compleat her Charter Party Tonnage in Pepper Three hundered and forty two Tonns and on the Captains Requesting it Eighty tones Surplus tonnage, on the Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George three hundered and forty two for her Charter-Party tonnage and on the Comm<sup>rs</sup>. Requesting it fifty Tonns Surplus Tonnage, On the former we likewise put on board forty Tonns of Salt Petre and forty Tonns on the Latter upon the Commanders Requesting it on the Charter Party terms, Invoices of said Ships with Copys of the Commanders Requests are enclosed under N<sup>o</sup>. 12. [..] 13, 16, 17, 18, 19.

We have at present Remaining in Warehouse of last year's and this years Crop. (which for want of Room we could not keep Seperate) three thousand Nine hundered and Ninety three Candys which we are Grabling [sic] as fast as we can.

Cuni Seu with whom the Contract of Cardamoms was always formerly made, has been for these last two Years so delatory and shuffing [sic] in his complying with them, that we are Apprehensive of encreasing his debt in case of dealing with him again we therefore Refused to Advance him any money for this Commodity till he should clear his present debt and have Advanced to Tycandy Cuni Ally a Very punctual and substantial Merchant the Begining of October Rupees five thousand two hundered on this Acco<sup>t</sup>. and Rupees One thousand two hundered to Tyoy Cuni Ally who not being so well knowen to us has deposited a Pawn in the Treasury of Gold Joys to that Amount and the whole quantity of ten thousand pound weight of the head sort is to be delivered in by the Last of this Month.

It is with a great dale of Concern that we must aquaint your Honours &c<sup>a</sup>. that Our troubles with the Country Governm<sup>ts</sup>. are not yet at an end, but have for some time been at such a height as has unavoidably involved our Honourable Masters in a good dale of Expence the we have in all Respects been as frugal as possible and as far as is Consistent with safety. In Our advices under the Thirty first of May we Mentioned Our design of giveing Baddencalencore Assistance Sufficient to enable him to stand his ground agst. the Prince and be a Check upon him which we Judged might have been done with a Modrate expence but on trial we found that unless we Openly Join him against the Prince, that of himself (being Reduced very Low) he could do little or Nothing to the Purpose and therefore laid that Scheme aside and endeavoured all we could to distress Ally Rajah, who to foment these troubles and prevent the Princes comeing to an Agreement with us as he often seemed inclin'd to do has at times made him presents to the Amount of above twenty thousand Rupees besides bearing his expences which Amounts to no inconsiderable Sum. We for some time keept three or four Munchuas cruizing of Cannanore but we found the Expence of them so heavy and so little benefit from such a Cruise that we soon discontinued it. It likewise gave us some trouble with the Dutch at Cannanore, who in this Affair behaved so partialy with regard to Ally Rajah (permitting him to plunder Merchants boats as they passed by Cannanore by which he got a good quantity of Rice to Subsist his People who without that in all Probability would have left him long ago and the troubles have been at an end) that after some letters between us we thought proper to write about it to the Commodore and his Council at Cochin who returned us a Satisfactory answer and soon after the Dutch at Cannanore would not permitt Ally Rajah to Cruise any more, Coppy of said Letters with their Answers are in the Packet under No. 20, 21.

During these Cruises Ally Rajah took a Toney going to Maddacarra with the Modeliers brother and three of Our Calliquilones in her whom he still keeps prisoners haveing used the first with great inhumanity and cut of the Nose and Ears of one of Our Calliquilones who had formerly been in his Service, We took a Bombora of his with some Coir and Coconutt in it & thirty eight Moors whom we send up by this Conveyance prisoners. We hade taken an other Bombora but bad weather comeing on the Ensign in the Munchuas went to Maddacarra without Leaving a Sufficient Guard to bring her hither, So she was retaken by Ally Rajah but our People saved themselves (being Six only with a Corporal) in a long boat that was in Company with them.

We last year advised of the ffortification at Mattamy point being washed down by the Violent rains. This year all the fair Season we keept a Small Guard Boat in the Mouth of that River, but finding that the Prince designed to Erect a fortification himself or let the Moors [d]o it on that Point of Land, about the latter end of July we came to a Resolution to erect a strong Seramby there with a good Pallisado as soon as ever the weather would permitt and in the Begining of August sent Ensign Bilderbeck with a Strong detachment for that purpose the Prince haveing threatned to Interupt the work, which however he did not Attempt. When the Seramby was finished, Ally Rajah haveing a great dale of Batty grounds at [...] which is within the Jurisdiction of Mattamy about the Middle of September when it was near Ripe for cutting we laid an impediment on his doing it (according to the Custom of the Country) untill he discharged his debt to the Honb<sup>10</sup>. Company aquainting the Prince with it and desiring that he would do the same on what other Effects belonged to Ally Rajah in his Country but in stead of Complying with it, he took off the impediment and Openly Joined with the Moors. To prevent the Loss of so much Nealy we offer'd to permit it to be cut, if lodged in the Renters hands till Ally Rajah should Settle his Account but that was Refused the Prince demanding that it should be lodged in his hands which we not Consenting to they were preparing to cut it by force, To prevent which we sent Ensigns Bilderbeck & Wardman with a Body of about two hundered and tifty men, They had three smart engagements with above two thousand Moors who at last after loseing a great many men quitted the field upon which we burnt & destroyed the Nealy.

A Body of about five hundered Moors from Cannanore and thereabouts towards the Latter end of September Surprized the Mucquary at Egar in the Night and intirly burnt it killing and wounding men woman & Children, It is said they got a great dale of plunder and that about forty were killed, One & thirty of the wounded we brought the Next day in Tonies to Tellery. some of them very very desperatly so but by Our Surgeons great skill and hummanity only two died and the Rest are cured. After they had burnt the Muquarry they Attempted to burn five houses near the Tower at Eddecott but the Serjeant by firing on them with the Great Guns disperssed them but could not prevent their burning three Munchuas belonging to Our Merchant Chato Chitty which eight or ten men set fire to & immediately made off.

About the Middle of October they Raised Batteries at Irney and Aycott from whence they keept fireing very briskly for some days on Maddacarra Fort and the Seramby Some of their Shott from Irney took the Roof of the house in the Fort and passed through the Guard Room and Cookroom. To dislodge them we Sent Captain Tondel with Ensigns Forbes and Wardman with a Body of Near three hundered men who after an hours smart engagement took Ireny Sword in hand soon after which the Enemy quitted Aycott of themselves. Upon on [sic] of the dead Amongst the [Enem]y was found a Letter in Mallabars from the French Chief to Ally Rajah translate of which is enclosed under N<sup>o</sup>. 22.

It would be great injustice to Our Officers and people not to mention that they have on all Occasions behaved with very great courage and Resolution. Irney which they took Sword in hand was so strongly fortified and Secured that had the Enemy known their own Strength it must have cost us numbers of men, but in all the Engagements we have hade, we have lost only two men and had [...] wounded.

As we had frequent Advices that the Moors had a design to Attempt landing on Durmapatam we for the greater Security erected a Parapet at Maylure where the begining of last Month about two hours before day brake they attempted to put their design in execution but by the Bravry of our men were Repulsed and many of them killed, but still continuing to hover about Muma Cuna on the Oposite side where Ally Rajah had Several Oarts we sent Ensigns Forbes & Wardman with a Good force to disperss them which the Enemy we Judge Suspecting were all fled however we burnt their houses and destroy'd the Oarts. At Present we are Obliged to keep an Ensign with a Strong detachment at Maylure.

Matters being come to this Length with the Princes endeavouring to bring over the Country Powers to joyn with him as also the French who have promised him to do so on the Arrival of their Ships, we Judged it highly necessary to make an Alliance with the first King of Cotiote in whose Power it is, being our Neighbour from Moylan to Durmapatam to do us a great dale of Mischief as he was courted at the same by our Prince and Ally Rajah he stood on very extravagant terms and the lowest we could agree with him for was a present of one thousand Rupees with ane allowance of forty Rupees & diem for his expences whilst he should stay at Natture in our Neighbourhood on our Account and this we paid him from the Second of October to the twentyeth Ultimo, pretending then that he had business of great Moment inland which he Neglected to comply with his Agreement with us and that his Expence Amounted to More than we gave him, The Chief wrote him a Letter that we did not desire his Majestie should neglect his own affairs of importance any longer but hoped if Occasion should hereafter Require that he would Return on our giveing him Notice of it to this he Returned a civil answer with great professions of Friendship, but has since had had a Meeting with our Prince and we have too much Reason to believe endeavours to enflame matters Rather than compose them tho he pretends otherwise and wants to be a Mediator with a view we are perswaded to his own Interest only and therefore we shall have no More to do with him, But cultivate a friendship with the second King who is a Man of a different & fair Character and who in order to prevent the others involving the Country in war has sent his first Rajadore Cannichy Nambier to desire a Meeting in order to agree on some means between us for that purpose. The four Nombiers said at first they would not Join with the Prince, but have Since (as they pretended very unwillingly) promised to furnish three hundered men alledging they are obliged to comply with the Orders of the King of the Country but that at their next meeting they will do all in their power to Accommodate matters. Cuni Nair has likewise promised to Joyn the Prince with two hundered men, but Boyanore has hitherto Refused.

The Prince has been for some days at a place called Cadrul about two Leagues off endeavouring to form an alliance against us, which if the French do not interfere in (as we hope their present circumstances if they have no Ships this Year will not permitt them) We are of Opinion that it will very soon come to Nothing, for Ally Rajah bearing all the expences besides presents to the King of Cotiote and others that we are told been lately very slow in Advanceing money and is at present in such streights that he has made the most pressing Solicitations to the French for one good Supply of only of Money, Rice, Powder and Lead to the Amount of five hundered thousand fannams, who not caring or perhaps not being able to spare it and likewise unwilling to descourage him we are informed have promised that Supply if Boyanore will be bound for the Payment of it, which as we presume he will in noways be, we hope these troubles will soon cease, for the Princes main drift was at first as we are credibly informed to ruin the Moors, and his Scheme to do it was to engage them if possible in an irreconcileable quarrell with the Honble. Compy. and when he has drained them of all he can get, to complain they have imposed upon him (as he has often done on Money or Rice comeing in slow) and then drop them and Joyn with us & destroy them and this we Judge has been the Reason of his haveing always flown off and refused a Meeting to Accommodate Matters on our S[h]ewing a Readyness for it, for we have been more than once in good hopes of a Reconciliation, but a New Present from Ally Rajah has always brocke it off so that finding the More we Seemed inclind to treat with him the Backwarder he was and Rose in his extravagant demands (even at last to want Maddacarra & Eggar to be given him as also the Achamars debt to be transferred to his Account) we have lately made no Advances but are Resolved to stand on the defensive, which we hope we are well able to do and wait till he sees his Error and will harken to Reason.

We aquainted your Hon<sup>r</sup>. &c<sup>a</sup>. under the thirty first of May last that the Samorine had then paid only twenty five thousand fanams in part of his first Ola for fifty thousand and Notwithstanding all the Application made to him we have not been able to get more than four thousand fans. in part of what is still due altho he gave the strongest assurances of paying the whole some time last Month & fixing a Certain time likewise for discharging the Second Ola which was due last April. The excuses he makes are the Troubles in his Country but always pretends that he will discharge them, tho we doubt from his backwardness hitherto whither he will or no Unless Your Honour &ca. will use means to force him to it. In September being at Variance with the Moors of Tirurangaddy [a]gainst whom he sent the Second Samorine he wrote the Chief a letter with abundance of promises of dischargeing the Olas that are now due, and Requesting some Gunners which we excused our Selves from sending the the French sent him eight or ten but the Moors haveing fortified themselves in two Musques the Samerine's People have always been Repulsed and the Moors at Callicut were so insolent that the Linguist Requested we would send down a Serjeant and twelve men which we did but soon afterwards

wanting them here we were Obliged to Recall them and have permitted him to keep the Serjeant and to hire ten Topasses there which is likewise Cheaper than the expence of keeping our own people there as they have always diet money when sent from Home.

As your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. commanded us we have made Application to Boyanore for the discharge of his debt but with no better Success than had done always before.

Neither can we get the third King of Cotiote to discharge the Ballance of his debt, he has for these three years past promised to pay it in Pepper in January or Feb<sup>ry</sup>. and we never failed puting him in mind of it but all to no purpose.

The floor of our hospital was so damp that it was Very prejudicial to the Sick and a great hindrance to their Recovery for which Reason, as on calculating the expence we found that the Charge would not exceed two hundered Rupees we have set about paving of it.

In order to make the People perfect in their exercise which is of Singular Advantage on comeing to an Engagment with these Country people we in June Apointed Ensign Forbes to be Adjutant with a Sallary of twenty Rup<sup>4</sup>. Wonth.

 $M^r$ . William Rumbold who came out as Factor for Bombay on the Northampton died on the fifteenth of August intestable. He has left no effects but his cloaths & a few old books list of which is enclosed under N<sup>o</sup>. 8.

Ensign Worral haveing Served the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Company three Years Requests that your Honour &c. will give him his discharge and permitt him to Repair to his Native Country S<sup>t</sup>. Helena on his going away we shall be in great want of an other Ensign and Request your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. to send us one in his Room.

Finding that the duty on Goa Arrack Retailed amounted yearly to a very trifle and haveing Reason to believe that a great quantity of Callicut Arrack and other Spirituous Liquors was yearly vended, We this year put up at publick Outcry the License of vending any sort of liquors by Retail for which John Fraser was the highest Bidder It went this year at Seven hundered and fifty five Rupees & we Judge will go at a higher Rate next year.

On a New survey of the Oarts on Durmapatam we have encreased their Rents two hundered & Sixty two Rupees  $\mathcal{P}$  Annum which is to be good for Seven years & then a New Survey made. The Coffries plantation flourishes very well and we hope will in time answer the Expense they continue well contented and their Number is this year encreased by Six Children three of which are Male.

We have apointed  $M^r$ . Stonestreet Storekeeper and enclosed under Number [4] is our Indent in which we ashure your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. that we have actualy wrote for no more than is Absolutly necessary of those Received by the Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George there are several very material Articles of Our last indent entirly omitted and in few of the Articles no more than a quarter part of what we Requested. In the Article of Musquets (of which non were sent) we must take the Liberty to inform Your Hon<sup>r</sup>. &c<sup>a</sup>. that altho the Outmost husbandry is Observed in the delivery and most of Our Smiths are and have been employed in fitting up all that can be made usfull, yet on a Late Occasion there were no more than three left in the stores fit for use Neither did we Receive any Stationary Ware of which we were quite bare and in Order to cary on the Bussiness have been Oblidged to Supply our selves out of four Chests for the Presidency Received # the Northampton enclosed under Number 5 is Acc<sup>t</sup>. of what we have taken which from the Necessity of the Case we hope Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. will Excuse.

As we have always found it the Cheapest as well as easyest way of Supplying the Garrison with Rice from Mangalore we have this Year Contracted as we did the Last with Domingo Roderigues for it.

Captain Low Objected to paying what was deficient in the Treasure brought down by him (which was ten Rupees in Chest N<sup>o</sup>. 8) as he nor his Purser did not See it Counted at Bombay.

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The Chief labouring under a very indifferent State of health has taken a Resolution God willing to go home on the Edgebastion he therefore Requests of Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. to Relieve him and permission to pay some money into the Cash here.

We are with Respect

TELLICHERBY DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>. 1745 W Ship Walpole. HONOURED SIE AND SIRS Your most humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>. John Geekie. Will<sup>M</sup>. Jeynson. Will<sup>M</sup>. West. Nic : Stonestreet. John Robinson.

Nº. 9

#### TO RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

#### Gentlemen

On the fourthteenth [sic] we Received a Letter from the Governour and Councill of Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George enclosing one for Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jacobs in the Princess Augusta directing him to proceed to Cochin and wait there till he Receives Advices from us that it is safe to come up hither in order to go to Bombay by first Convoy, said Letter is enclosed which We desire you will deliever him.

The Munchua that we sent with your Stores from Bombay in Company with the Elizabeth and Fort. S<sup>t</sup>. George is not yet Returned, but we have Advice from Callicut that  $M^r$ . Stirling is Arrived there in the Prince Edward and that by that Ship you have Sent us thirty four Soldiers for which we are Much Obliged to you and desire if you can Spare them that you will by this Conveyance send us fifty or Sixty good Musquets which we are in great want of.

With the Prince Edward those [sic] is likewise at Callicut, the Queen of Hungary Cap<sup>t</sup>. George Goring & the Triton Snow Roger Kinsey both from Bengall.

We have had no news from Bombay Since the Walpole &c<sup>a</sup>. Ships Arrived us and are

	Gentlemen
	Your Most humble Servants
TELLICHERBY	JOHN GEEKIE.
DECEMBER 16TH. 1745.	WILL <sup>M</sup> . JEYNSON.
P TONEY.	WILLM. WEST.
U U	NIC: STONESTREET.
	JOHN ROBINSON.

#### Nº. 10

TO CAPTAIN EDWARD JACOBS.

SIR.

The enclosed we Received the day before yesterday from the Governour &c<sup>a</sup>. Council of Fort S<sup>b</sup>. George who Advise us that they have Ordered you to go and wait at Cochin till we send you Advices that it is safe comeing up hither in Order to proceed with the first Convoy to Bombay which we shall not fail to give you due Notice of & are

Tellicherey. December 16<sup>rs.</sup> 1745 淨 Toney. SIE Your humble Servants John Geekie. WILL<sup>M</sup>. JEY[N]SON. WILL<sup>M</sup>. WEST. NIC: STONESTREET. JOHN ROBINSON.

### Nº. 11

"To Richard Bourchier Esq". Chief &c<sup>a</sup>. Factors at Anjengo.

#### GENTLEMEN

. We wrote you two days ago by a Toney express duplicate of which is enclosed and Last Night Arrived the Detachment you sent us which we are much Obliged to you for, but are greatly concerned to find most of their Arms useless as you will perceive from Our Request we stand in much need of that Article and again Repeat that if you can Spare us the quantity we wrote for it will be an acceptable pice of Service.

We Now send you Invoice of the four Bales of Cloth and Parpets which was Omitted before likewise a Small Supply of Stationary as # List of particulars and shall Debt your Settlem<sup>t</sup>. for the Am<sup>t</sup>.

TELLICHERRY DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>. 1745.

Proney Express.

We are Gentlemen

Your Most humble Servants

JOHN GEEKIE. WILLIAM JEYNSON. WILLIAM WEST. NIC: STONESTREET. JOHN ROBINSON.

N°. 12

To the Hondle. Nicholas Morce Esq<sup>R</sup>. President and Governour &c<sup>A</sup>. Council at Fort S<sup>T</sup>. George.

#### HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

This comes by Pattamar to advise the Receipt of your Letter of the fifeteenth of November and that we forwarded your Letter to Anjengo to Captain Jacobs on the Sixteenth of December for him to Stay at Cochin till we Advised of their being a Convoy for him to proceed with, but before it Arrived there the Chief and Factors at that Place (not apprehending any danger) had Ordered him up hither & in his way we Imagin he was taken by Angria (the Commodore and Council of Cochin adviseing us that an English Ship was carried off their Port by Grabs and a Number of Gallevats) we are the More Sure it is him as the Prince Edward, Queen of Hungary, Wake, Elizabeth, and Triton Snow are Arrived us and the Expedition and Lorrain put off from Anjengo for Mozambique. We are

Tellicherry 31. Decb<sup>®</sup> 1745. ⊮ Pattamar. HONB<sup>LB</sup>. SIR & SIRS Your most humble Servants JOHN GEEKIE. WILL<sup>M</sup>. JEYNSON, WILL<sup>M</sup>. WEST. NIC: STONESTREET. JOHN ROBINSON.

Nº, 13

'To Richard Bourchief Esq<sup>B</sup>. Chief &c<sup>4</sup>. Factors at Anjengo.

#### GENTLEMEN

Your Letter of the 21<sup>st</sup>. Instant Advising your haveing ordered the Princess Augusta to put of for this Port we Received the 28<sup>th</sup>. but the day before had Advice from the Commodore and Council of Cochin that Angria with a Fleet of Grabs and a Number of Gallevats had taken a Ship off their Port, this we conjecture to be Our Honb<sup>10</sup>. Masters (the Princess Augusta) as the Elizabeth and Triton Snow are Arrived here.

It is uncertain what part of the Coast the Enemy is on, therefore the Ship Prince Edward, Queen of Hungary, Wake, Elizabeth and Triton Snow will waithere till a Convoy Arrives for their Safety.

You Advised us in your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Instant that the Detachment you sent us had Provisions put on board them to the end of this Month, which the Com<sup>r</sup>. of the Ship they came on says it served them only three days.

We send this Advice to you by a Toney Express, which we desire you will. Return as soon as possible.

# We are

# SIR & SIRS

#### Your most humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>.

### John Geekie &c<sup>4</sup>.

TELL<sup>T</sup>. 31 DECB<sup>R</sup>. 1745. P TONEY EXPRESS

Nº. 14

TO THE HONBLE. WILLIAM WAKE ESQE. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF HIS MAJESTY'S ISLAND & CASTLE OF BOMBAY &C<sup>A</sup>. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SIE AND SIRS

We intended to have dispatched the Walpole the 6<sup>th</sup>. In<sup>st</sup>. but our Princecontinuing at Cadrul and Ockoos Brother haveing joyned him with a body of six or seven hundered men we Resolved to keep her a few days longer, but not knowing what Occasion you might have for her at Bombay and the Detachment being all we wanted the Commodore consented to their being landed declaring he had hands enough to proceed safely up to Bombay without them in Company with the Success Galley who is a Vessel well provided in case of their meeting an Enemy: with the Detachment he has likewise Spared us twenty Barrels of Gun Powder, which if our troubles continue we may probably be in want of.

If the troubles cease we shall send them up \$\$ the Edgebastion Cap<sup>t</sup>. Cobham. & we hope this step will meet with your Honour &c<sup>as</sup>. approbation, and are

TELLICHERRY 9TH. DECEB<sup>B</sup>. 1745

" SHIP WALPOLE.

Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Sir and Sirs Your most humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>. John Geekie &c<sup>a</sup>.

Nº. 15

To RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.

CHIEF &C<sup>4</sup>. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

Your letters of the 27<sup>th</sup>. & 29<sup>th</sup>. Ultimo with that of the 1<sup>st</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. is Arrived. us with the fire Arms and we now dispatch one of your Toneys to Advise that there is the Prince Edward, Queen of Hungary, Wake, Triton Snow and Elizabeth waiting here for Convoy the Expedition is likewise at Callicut.

We don't hear any thing of Angria's being gone as yet to the N<sup>o</sup>.ward, therefore shall not presume to say whether it may be safe for the Essex to put off from your Port and as to sending down any of the Bombay Vessels for Convoying her up-

that will entirely depend on such directions as we may Receive from the Presidency, but in the mean time we shall not fail to acquaint you if we hear the Enemy proceeds up the Coast.

We are

SIR AND SIRS

Your most hum<sup>le</sup>. Serv<sup>ts</sup>.

JOHN GEEKIE. WILL<sup>M</sup>. JEYNSON. WILL<sup>M</sup>. WEST. NIC: STONESTBEET. JOHN ROBINSON.

#### Nº. 16

"To M<sup>R</sup>. Archibald Adair & Cap<sup>\*</sup>. George Jackson Supra Cargoes of Ship Essex.

GENTLEMEN

TELLICHERRY

Agreeable to directions from Bombay we have lodged this letter to Advise you that the Price of the 2<sup>d</sup>. sort of Sandall Wood at this place and Callicut is at 90 Rupees # Candy of 600 lb and we wait for your answer whether we shall purchase the Provision you want and are

Gentlemen

Your most humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>.

TELLICHERRY 7<sup>TH</sup>. JAN<sup>RY</sup>. 1745/6. P TONEY.

John Geekie. William Jeynson. Will<sup>m</sup>. West. Nic: Stonestbeet. John Robinson.

# Nº, 17

TO THE HONBLE. WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.

# PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF HIS MAJESTIES ISLAND & CASTLE OF BOMBAY &C<sup>A</sup>. COUNCIL.

#### HONHLE. SIR AND SIRS

Our last adress to you was by the Ships Walpole and Success Galley since when we have Received your Honour &c<sup>a's</sup>. Advices of the 13<sup>th</sup>. and 19<sup>th</sup>. Ultimo the 1<sup>st</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>.

Our Honb<sup>10</sup>. Masters Ship Princess Augusta Captain Jacobs Comm<sup>r</sup>. who was Ordered from Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George to lay at Cochin till such time as he Received Advices from us to proceed hither and take the benefit of a Convoy, Called at Anjengo about the 19<sup>th</sup>. Nov<sup>r</sup>. to which Place we dispatched the President and Councils Letter to him with one from us on the 16<sup>th</sup>. of Decem<sup>r</sup>. directing him to do the same, but before it Reached him the Chief and Factors at Anjengo apprehending no danger had ordered him to proceed hither immediately but in his way up he was met off Cochin Road by 22 Sail of Grabs and Gallevats (Supposed to be Angrias) and was taken with little or no Resistance. This pice of news the Commodore and Council of Cochin Advised us on directly and we Returned them thanks for so doing We imagin he has sent her up with part of his Fleet as they have since appeared off Mihie, but we only descry'd four Grabs and a few Gallevats. This has likewise hindered the Prince Edward, Queen of Hungary, Wake, Elizabeth & Triton Snow from proceeding to Surat and Bombay which Shipping Arrived here on the 25<sup>th</sup>. and 29<sup>th</sup>. Ultimo and are now waiting for a Convoy and the Essex is laying at Anjengo with 2600 Baggs of Salt Petre for your Place. The President and Council of Bengall likewise laded on the Prince Edward and Queen of Hungary 650 Baggs of Salt Petre which at the Commanders Request (before we Received Advice of the Princess Augusta's being lost) we landed, on their agreeing to pay that and the Charge of Reshipping it and it now lays for your Honour &ca's. Orders how to dispose of it.

We have settled the Price of Cardamums at 450 Rupees # Candy of 560 lb and. shall have the whole quantity wanted in due time.

The Orders for the provision of Goods Your Hon<sup>r</sup>. &c<sup>a</sup>. has directed to be got for the Essex shall be duely adhered to, M<sup>r</sup>. West being to proceed tomorrow for Callicut to advise us what prices they may bear there which if Cheaper and better than at this Place he is to purchas[e].

We have likewise lodged a Letter for the Supra Cargoes of the Essex at Mangulore Advising the price of Sandall Wood here and at Callicut which we think will be 90 Rupees P Candy for the 2<sup>d</sup>. Sort, but our Merchant with whom we used to Contract for that commodity has not been able to appear for these Seven Month'son Account the troubles.

We have keep't this boat three days longer than we proposed in hopes of sending your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. the agreeable news that we had Accomodated matters with the Prince, but as it will still take up four or five days we don't care to detain herany longer lest she should not Arrive before the dispatch of the Prince of Orange, On receiveing the copy of the Honb<sup>le</sup>. Presidents Answer to the Letter wrote him by Prince Cuni Homo, as we Judged it had not Reached him we got it translated into Mallabars and sent it him with a line from the Chief, he appeared very well pleased with it and is now firmly Resolved to accomodate matters haveing promised to leave Choudar to morrow and on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. without fail to come to a conference, when we doubt not but every thing will be accomodated.

Enclosed comes our Cash Account from the last sent up to this date and when we are in want of a Supply we will advise your Hon<sup>r</sup>. &c<sup>a</sup>. in time & as also an Account of Sundrys supplyed the Express boat Amounting to Rupees 38. 2. 60<sup>-</sup> for which we shall debt your Presidency, and are

> HONBLE. SIR & SIRS Your most obedient hum<sup>10</sup>. Serv<sup>ts</sup>. JOHN GEERIE &C<sup>A</sup>.

TELLICHERRY 7<sup>TH</sup>. JAN<sup>RY</sup>. 1745/6. Express Boat.

N°. 18

To Richard Bourchier Esq<sup>R</sup>. Chief &c<sup>A</sup>. Factors at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

We now dispatch the Pingel and Toney of Yours with Duplicate of what wewrote you yesterday And are

> GENTLEMEN Your most humble Servants John Geekie &c<sup>\*</sup>.

TELLICHERRY 7<sup>TH</sup>. JAN<sup>RT</sup>. 1745/6.

# Nº. 19

TO RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQ<sup>R</sup>. CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

# GENTLEMEN

By Boats from Mulcky we learn that Angria's Fleet is now gone to the Northward & from Callicut two days ago that there is a French Ship lying at Penany which we Judge to be the Fleury as the same person who commanded her last year is we hear come to Mihie, we suppose for intelligence this we thought Proper to acquaint you with that you may Advise the Gentlemen of the Shipping with you of it.

The Ships we Advised you of in Our Last are still here, but intends to put off if no Convoy offers before the 20<sup>th</sup>.

# We are

#### Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humle. Servta. JOHN GEEKIE &CA.

TELLICHERRY 11 JANRY. 1745. P TONEY.

# Nº. 20

To M<sup>B</sup>. WILLIAM WEST.

SIR

We have received yours of the 10<sup>th</sup>. and 12<sup>th</sup>. and approve of your Contracts for Pepper, Ginger, Turmerick and Sapan Wood for the Essex the Cardamums and spice we shall provide here as they are to be had cheaper than with you but can say nothing about the Sandall Wood till we Receive the Supra Cargoes Answer from Mangulore.

As you desire money we now send you five thousand Rupees, And are

SIR

# Your humle. Servts. JOHN GEEKIE &CA.

TELLICHERRY 14TH, JANUARY 1745/6. P TONEY.

#### Nº. 21

TO MB. ARCHIBALD ADAIR & CAPTAIN GEORGE JACKSON

SUPRA CARGOES OF THE SHIP ESSEX.

GENTLEMEN

This comes to Advise you that we are unable to make the Provision of Sandall Wood here, and we hope this Notice will Arrive you time enough to get it where you are.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most humble Servts. [sic].

JOHN GEEKIE.

TELLICHERRY 6 FEB<sup>RY</sup>. 1745/6 **#** TONEY.

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# Nº. 22

To M<sup>R</sup>. WILLIAM WEST.

SIR

Your Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup>. Ins<sup>t</sup>. came to hand yesterday and if you have provided all the Goods ordered for the Essex you may Return hither, leaving them upon your comeing away under the Care of the Linguist.

Herewith you will receive the Chiefs Answer to the Ola from Maugal Acheim & are

Sir

Your humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>. JOHN GEEKIE &C.

TELLICHERBY 8 FEB<sup>Ry</sup>. 1745/6. # Expedition Munchua.

#### Nº. 23

To Richard Bourchier Esq<sup>B</sup>. Chief &c<sup>A</sup>. Factors at Anjengo.

GENTLEMEN

We have keep't your Toney which brought us your Advices of the 1<sup>st</sup>. Instant thus long purposly to Advise you the Arrival of the Expected Shipping.

The Prince of Orange Cap<sup>t</sup>. Westcott imported yesterday whom we shall fill up excepting only for the fifteen Tonns of Cloth which you Advise if not taken in will spoil, and likewise if the Com<sup>r</sup>. should Require any Surplus Pepper for you to give it him on his going off this Coast.

M<sup>r</sup>. George Dudley is Appointed by our Superiours at Bombay to succeed M<sup>r</sup>. Geekie.

Enclosed is a Packet directed to you which we now send and when the Commodore comes from Mangulore we shall forward the Stationary ware for your Settlement.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>.

John Geekie &c<sup>a</sup>.

TELLICHERRY 15<sup>TH</sup>. FEB<sup>RY</sup>. 1745/6. P TONEY.

Nº. 24

To THE HONBLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQ<sup>B</sup>.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your last letter of the 23<sup>d</sup>. December we received the 18<sup>th</sup>. January and in ours of the 31<sup>st</sup>. December we advised you of the Loss of the Princess Augusta Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jacobs off of Cochin who by the Advices from the Commodore & Council there Said he was taken by five Grabs & a Number of Gallivats without making any Resistance by we since hear by a Lascar who was on board her & has made his Escape that the Enemy was repulsed twice on their attempting to board him and that the Captain was Shott before they struck the Colours.

We are now dispatching the Prince of Orange for Great Brittain and daily expect the Essex Captain Jackson who is to proceed on a Voyage to Juddah.

We have no News yet of the Pelham.

M<sup>r</sup>. Dudley is appointed to Succeed M<sup>r</sup>. Geekie as Chief of this Settlement. Should any thing occurr on this Side which is requisite to acquaint you of we shall not omit doing it & are

> HONBLE SIR & SIRS Your most Humble Servants [. . . . .]

TELLICHERRY FEBRUARY THE 16<sup>TH</sup>. 1745/6.

# N°. 25

To Richard Bourchier Esq<sup>R</sup>. Chief &c<sup>A</sup>. Factors at Anjengo.

SIR & SIRS

We wrote you under the 15<sup>th</sup>. Instant that we Should send the Prince of Orange to take from you only the fifteen Tonns of Cloth and what Surplus Tonnage of Pepper the Commander might require he requesting at that Time it might be so far a Speedier Dispatch, but having only taken as much Pepper as filled up the void Spaces between the Bales We now Send her to you to fill up.

We demanded Manifest of Captain Westcott's private Trade but he desiring to register it at your Port we send you this Advice that you require the same of him.

The enclosed is Calculate of Tonnage laden on board her at Bombay and this Place.

We are Sir & Sirs Your most Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY FEBRUARY THE 20<sup>TH</sup>. 1745/6. PER PRINCE OF ORANGE.

P.S.

By the Prince of Orange we Send the Stationary Ware amounting to Rupees.....as # enclosed Account.

Nº. 26

To the Honble the Court of Directors For Affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS

1<sup>ST</sup>. OUE last Address to Your Honours was the 24<sup>th</sup>. November by your Ships the Elizabeth and Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George Captains Richard Pinnell and John Acton, whose Charter Party Tonnage we compleated here, and gave the former eighty Tonns and the latter Fifty Tonns Surplus of Pepper and each Ship had forty Tonns of Salt Petre dispatching them directly to Great Brittain with our Diary & Consultations to the day of their Departure and Originals and Duplicates of each respective Ships necessary Papers.

2<sup>b</sup>. Your Honours Ship Princess Augusta Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jacobs belonging to Madrass having lost her Passage thither from Bencoolen, arrived at Anjengo the 16<sup>th</sup>. December, whom we had directions to Send up to Bombay upon her arrival here with the first Convoy, but before the Chief & Factors there had received our Advices relating thereto, they had dispatched her to us and in her way up was unfortunately taken the 24<sup>th</sup>. December off of Cochin Road, by five of Angrias Grabs and a Number of Gallivats, after having, as we hear, made a resolute Defence in which the Commander was killed.

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3<sup>p</sup>. The Edgebaston whom we expected to have dispatched from this Place we learnt from the Governour & Council of Bengall was to be sent home from thence, and what Salt Petre was to have been brought by her, is sent to this Place 'and Bombay by Country Ships on Freight.

4<sup>π</sup>. Your Honours Ship Prince of Orange Captain George Westcott Junior arrived here from Bombay the 14<sup>th</sup>. Instant & in Consultation of that date from the Commanders representing the lateness of the Season, We agreed to give him as much Pepper as with the Bales he was to take in here wou'd compleat his Charter Party Tonnage only allowing for what Surplus he might require & the fifteen Tonns of Cloth lying at Anjengo (which the Chief and Factors advised us would spoil by keeping the Rains) but the Commander since only desiring as much Pepper here as he could Start to fill up the void Spaces between the Bales we complied with it, & have laden on him one Hundred twenty eight Bales of Surat Piece Goods, thirty four Bales of Carmenia Wool three hundred Bags Salt Petre, Seventeen Candies md<sup>s</sup>. Ib

seventeen Maunds and four Pounds (Ca<sup>5</sup>. 17. 17. 04.) of Cardamoms five hundred and twelve Candies three Maunds twenty nine Pounds of Pepper, which with what he dec<sup>5</sup>.

received at Bombay makes Tonns 410. 0184. and have dispatched him to Anjengo to fill up, and desired the Chief and Factors to give him as much Surplus Tonnage as he may require at half Freight.

5<sup>rn</sup>. The Walpole Commodore Lowe and Essex Cap<sup>t</sup>. Jackson arrived from Mangulore yesterday, on the former we shall lade, the remainder of the Northamptons Cargoe and Send her away with all Expedition to Bombay so that She may arrive time enough to be dispatched again to us for her proceeding to China.

 $6^{\text{rm}}$ . We have already been endeavouring to procure the Sandall Wood required for her China Voyage, but the troubles continuing in the Country has rendered it impracticable, neither could we get what the Supra Cargoes of the Essex wanted for their Mocha Voyage, however they supplied themselves at Mangulore, to which Place, perhaps we may be obliged likewise to have Recourse. The Spices and other Goods were provided here & at Callicutt by M<sup>r</sup>. West and are in a Readiness for them to receive.

7<sup>TH</sup>. By Advices from Madrass of the 23<sup>d</sup>. December we learnt that Your Honours Ships Scarborough Lincoln, Royal George, Admiral Vernon and Kent arrived there the 11<sup>th</sup>. of the Same Month, under Convoy of the Harwich and Winchester Men of War, the Pelham Captain Wills left the Cape in Company with the above Ships the 26<sup>th</sup>. September but losing her Foremast was obliged to put back and refit. The Royal George parted with the Princess Mary the 17<sup>th</sup>. July eighty Leagues West of the Cape. They have heard no further Acco<sup>t</sup>. likewise of the London, since her leaving the Essex, the time of which they don't advise us.

8<sup>TH</sup>. The ensuing Season by all Accounts does not afford a Prospect of our getting more Pepper than we did the last which was about two thousand three hundred Candies, but Your Honours may be assured, we shall miss no opportunity of Securing all we can, and as our Remains in Warehouse after the Dispatch of this Ship is three thousand five hundred Seventy four Candies we have not Contracted for any Pepper yet this Season in hopes by keeping our Merch<sup>ts</sup>. off, to lower the Price.

 $9^{\text{rm}}$ . We have been using all Affable and perswasive Means Since our last to bring Prince Cunhi Homo to a Sense of the ill concerted Measures he had so deeply engaged himself in with the Moors, and Your Honours will perceive, by our Diary & Consultations (to which we beg leave to referr) that we had some hopes of Succeeding therein, having sent one of our Council & the old Linguist to Maddacarra to conferr with & try to bring him to a meeting with us at Tellicherry which he promised to do and Seemed greatly concerned for his Past Actions; but instead of complying with his Promise, he pretended Illness, and in Short by what we could learn, it was only to get a Present from us, making Use of this Expression that the Moors were a good Milch Cow to him but that he could get nothing from the Company. Now should we have consented to give him something handsome, from his being in a manner quite Superannuated of a most extraordinary avaritious Temper, and Surrounded with evil Counsellors, we might never have known an end to his Demands, but in order to make the most Advantage we could of this Treaty sett a foot, We sent a Messenger to tell him that if he would cutt off those ill Advisers he had about him as formerly promised, and Stick to your Honours Interest he Should receive a Present to the Amount of Five thousand (Rup<sup>s</sup>. 5000) this we do with a View that if it should Succeed, no body afterwards will think themselves Secure by acting in Conjunction with him against us, and imagine it will be a Sum well laid out in putting an end to this great Charge we have unavoidably been at.

10<sup>TH</sup>. During this time the Moors have not committed any Acts of Hostility against us neither do we conceive they are able to do it provided we can but get the Prince to be true to us, which we will try to do by all ways and means in our Power.

11<sup>ru</sup>. The Old Samorine dying lately a New one is appointed whom we shall apply to for Your Honour's Debt, and endeavour to make him more Punctual to his Payment than the former one having received but Seven thousand Fanams Fan<sup>s</sup>.

(Fan<sup>s</sup>. 7000) as yet of the Fifty thousand (50000) he ought to have paid to this time by the Tenour of his Olas.

 $12^{r\mu}$ . M<sup>r</sup>. Dudley by our Superiors Orders from Bombay has taken Charge of this Settlement, & the usual Receipt has been given M<sup>r</sup>. Geekie for the Cash &c<sup>a</sup>. form of which is entered in the Consultation.

 $13^{TR}$ . Enclosed comes two Packet's for your Honours one from Madrass and the other from Bombay and in the Box with the Consultations is likewise one from the Vice Roy of Goa to his Portugal Majesty's Ambassador in London.

14<sup>TH</sup>. We now send Your Honours our Diary & Consultations from the date of our last Advices to this Time, Calculate of our quick Stock, Invoice & first Bill of Lading for this Ships Cargo, Calculate of her Tonnage, &c<sup>\*</sup>. Papers as 'P list of the Packet.

15<sup>TH</sup>. Under N<sup>o</sup>. 3 are Abstract of our Charge, General from July 1744, to July 1745 with the Reason of their increase, but we must beg of your Honours Pardon, for omitting to send the General Books which is not owing to any Neglect of the Accomptants but to the extraordinary Business in his Office of Storekeeper occasioned by our War with Ally Rajah at a time when those difficult Accounts were by him to be adjusted.

16<sup>TH</sup>. We demanded Manifest of Captain West[s] private Trade, but he desired to Register it at Anjengo, and we have advised the Chief and Factors there to require it of him.

17<sup>m</sup>. We have drawn on your Honour's the following Setts of Bills and Certificates at the Request of the undermentioned Persons viz.

One Sett being three Bills of the same tenour & Date in TELLfave. of John Geekie Esqr. for Pounds Sterling Nine CHERRY Hundred Sixty six, thirteen Shillings & four Pence, 1745/6. **Febbu**being for Rupees eight thousand .. R<sup>s</sup>. 8000 ARY 20TH. One Sett being three Certificates of the same Tenour and FEBRU-Date, for Rupees eight Hundred received of George ARY 800 Silvester on his own account 20TH. . . WE ARE with the Greatest Respect & Submission.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HON<sup>BS</sup>. Your most Faithfull and most Obed<sup>t</sup>. Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY

FEBRUARY THE 21st. 1745/6.

PRINCE OF ORANGE.

P.S. There is eleven Bales of Carmenia Wool returned the Commander objecting to them on acco<sup>t</sup>. the Package which is deducted out of the Invoice. 21

J.G. G.D. &c<sup>a</sup>.

# Nº. 27

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ<sup>R</sup>. PRESIDENT & GOV<sup>R</sup>. &C<sup>A</sup>. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

#### HONBLE SIR & SIRS

YOUR Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. having acknowledged the Receipt of our last Advices under the 7<sup>th</sup>. January we have now only to Reply to those Since received from You of the 1<sup>st</sup>. Instant Prince of Orange and 10<sup>th</sup>. P Express Boat.

On the 14<sup>th</sup>. Instant the Prince of Orange imported here, and agreeable to your Honour &c<sup>a's</sup>. Directions we laded on her the Surat Piece Goods, Salt Petre, Carmenia Wool, and Seventeen Candies, seventeen Maunds, and four Pounds m<sup>d</sup>. <sup>1</sup>B.

(Ca<sup>8</sup>. 17. 17. 4) of Cardamoms with the Addition of as much Pepper, as the Commander desired to fill up the void Spaces between his Bales, and we dispatched him to Anjengo for filling up the 21<sup>st</sup>. in the Morning, enclosing the Chief and Factors Calculate of her Tonnage, put on board at Bombay, and this Place which amountdec<sup>8</sup>.

ed to Tons 410.0184. and desired them to give the Commander as much Surplus Pepper as he Should acquire at half Freight Copy of our letter by her to the Hoñble Court of Directors, with all other Papers relating to her dispatch we now enclose to your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Geekie embarked for England on the said Ship having delivered over the Charge of this Settlement to M<sup>r</sup>. Dudley.

Captain Westcot having objected to eleven Bales of Carmenia Wool on account of their bad Package we had them examined and finding the Gunnies and Bandages broke and thereby the bulk of the said Bales encreased to an unusual Size, we consented to their being left behind, which we hope your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. will not disapprove: after the dispatch of the Walpole we shall order them to be new corded and repacked in the best manner we are able to do them here, and keep the same ready for loading on any other Ship that your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. may order to take them.

The Walpole and Essex arrived from Mangulore the 19<sup>th</sup>. Instant, and the Supra Cargoes of the latter having received Such Goods as we had provided for them here, and paid us their Amount, Sailed the  $25^{\text{th}}$ . to take in what M<sup>r</sup>. West had ready for them at Callicutt, who proceeded thither with instructions from us to deliver them, and make up their Account with the Customs and Charges, & Invoice of what put on board them at this Place comes under N<sup>o</sup>. 16. and we now dispatch the former to you having laden on her the remaining Part of the Northamptons Cargoe, with the Salt Petre remaining here, 320 Robins of light Pepper, being the Garblings of our Warehouse, and our old and useless Stores as <sup>\*</sup>P Invoice enclosed under N<sup>o</sup>. 10,.- The Treasure, Cotton and Stores by her and the Prince of Orange turned out right though we must beg leave to acquaint your Honour & c<sup>a</sup>. that we are at a loss in regard to the Article of Dungaree it being invoiced to us in Surat Guz, a measure we do not well understand, wherefore we took the Number of Yards and found it only measure 4353, which is far Short of the 300 Pieces indented for.

We now enclose your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. our Storekeepers Indent being chiefly for such Stores as were put up Short of what we indented for under the 6<sup>th</sup>. of December and we are in great want of them we hope you will be pleased to send us what you can conveniently Spare of every article.

The Season being so far advanced and your orders implicit for the Walpole to be dispatched so as to arrive at Bombay by the beginning of April or Sooner, we would not venture to Send her down to Callicutt for the Timber Cordage &c<sup>a</sup>. Articles of your Indent now lying there, as we fear too much Time would have been lost in Shipping them off, & working back to Windward with the Ship.

In Company with the Walpole proceed the Essex Captain Thorp from Bengall who has on board for Bombay 2600 Bags of Salt Petre and Elizabeth Captain Watson, the rest of the Country Ships put off sometime agoe. We have as yet no Advice of the Pelhams being on the Coast, nor of the Men of War.

Agreeable to your Directions we Shall detain the Express Boat till Such Time as we have Something material to acquaint you of taking Care not to keep her so late as to endanger her Passage up to Bombay before the Rains. Very little of the new Crop of Pepper having as yet been brought to Market, and the French not having as we apprehend much money to buy up any considerable quantity we gave order to our Merchants in January not to purchase any, unless they could get it at 73 Rupees P Candy which is ten Rupees less than what we contracted for last Year. Indeed none of them have yet offered to Contract with us, when they do we will bring them to the lowest Terms we can and shall take Care not to defer it so long as to endanger its falling into other hands.

We applied to our Sandall Wood Merchant Cutta Moossa for the 250 Candies ordered to be provided by us for the Walpole but the Troubles in the Country he Says rendered it impossible for him to procure any, having before we spoke to him Agreed with other People for a quantity, but had not been able to get a Single Stick, neither can we at Present tell if that Provision can be made, but we will do all in our Power to get it, though we have no great Prospect of Succeeding in our Endeavours.

We wrote Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. in our last that we were in hopes of coming very soon to an Accommodation with our Prince, and are now concerned to acquaint you that we are at as great an Uncertainty as ever of his real intentions; for thô he promised us a Meeting, he flew off from his Word, and by what we can find, he expects a Present to the Amount of fifty thousand Fanams, (Fan<sup>s</sup>. 50,000,) as he Says to get himself clear of this Rupture between him & the Hoñble Company with Credit. The Consequences of complying with this unreasonable demand might possibly have drawn on us an Evil, which his avaritious Temper would never suffer an End to, But in order to rid us effectually of these Troubles the late Chief Sent one Chatoly Namboory to acquaint him that if he would call off his Evil Counsellors (as formerly promised) he Should have a Present to the Amount of 5000 Rupees this was done with a view to deter his Ministers in future from giving him bad Advice, in regard to the H<sup>o</sup>. Company, lest they Should meet with the Same Punishm<sup>t</sup>, but as yet No Answer has been received. The present Chief likewise wrote him an Ola the day after Mr. Geekie embarked, acquainting him with his Succession to this Chiefship by Orders from the General of Bombay, to which he returned a very civil but triffing Answer, telling him he was just then going to a Feast at one of his Pagodas, without Saving when he Should return or whether he ever intended to have a Meeting with us; by which we judge he has very little inclination to accommodate Matters in a Satisfactory way for the Hoñble Company's Interest.

From this Sort of Behaviour, and the Moors Still continuing their Insults we judged it proper to keep Captain Gouin and his Detachment till we can bring the Prince to reasonable Terms which we shall endeavour to do by all ways and Means in our Power & after accomplishing this desirable Service we shall take the first opportunity that offers to Send them up. They have been paid agreeable to your Directions and the stoppages made according to the  $Acco^{t}$ . sent us  $\mathcal{P}$  Prince of Orange.

As the late Samorine is dead we have order'd Application to his Successor for his debt to the Hoñble Company, as yet we have received only 7000 Fanams of the 50,000 which he, ought to have paid to this Time.

As we are not yet likely to accommodate Matters, we have Agreed to keep the Moor Prisoners a little while longer it being represented to us, that releasing them will not at this Juncture, look well in the Eyes of the Country People and may be attended with ill Consequences to our Affairs.

The Deficiency of ten Rupees in the money brought down by the Walpole was in Chest N<sup>o</sup>. 8 and was counted here by  $M^r$ . West and the Second Linguist Manoel Rodrigues. On demanding this Sum from Captain Lowe he objected to the Payment because neither he or his Purser had Seen the same packed up at Bombay or told over here on its being bro<sup>t</sup>. ashore. The other Six Rupees was made good by Captain Acton.

Agreeable to your Honour &ca's. direction the Allowance for Adjutant is taken off, our Officers shall exercise the People as you direct.

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Our Storekeeper has supplied himself with 300 of Salt Petre, and we have bought 4 Maunds of Tin out of one of the Bengall Ships laying here at as cheap a Rate as it could be procured at Callicutt.

The deficiency in the Tar sent up was owing to an oversight when received from the Northampton no Short delivery having been made good, but for the future Care 'shall be taken to see the Barrells filled up and we hope your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. will excuse this Omission.

From the Troubles in the Country the Renters of the Grounds on Durmapatam left the Island notwithstanding the Collector went over to Summon and acquaint them that if they deserted they Should lose their Priviledge w<sup>ch</sup>. had no Effect they Stealing off in the Night to the Cotiote Side, which is near thereto. But as it is again partly inhabited, no Encouragement or Pains Shall be wanting to make it productive and beneficial, The Company's Plantation are in a very thriving way, and we do not in the least doubt but in a Term of Years it may answer the Expence.

Agreeable to your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. Permission Ensign Worrall repaired to his Native Country S<sup>t</sup>. Hellena on the Prince of Orange.

The Muckuas who escaped in the Massacre at Agar from Ally Rajahs People, as advised Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. in our lie of the 6<sup>th</sup>. December  $\frac{10}{20}$  Walpole, have applied to us for Relief, representing they lost at that Time what Money they had, with their Netts and Toneys, which now renders them incapable of carrying on their Business and as they are a very usefull and necessary People we beg leave to recommend them to Your Honour &c<sup>a's</sup>. favourable Notice. The Number of the Sufferers are upwards of Forty and their Request is for a Gift of Rupees 900 to enable them to get their livelyhood.

Some of the Salt Petre received here from Bengall so long ago as January 1744/5 having dissolved by laying by the Rains, we were obliged to new bag it which has occasioned a deficiency both in the Tale and weight of what received as appears in our Invoice now sent up.

We have Invoiced our old and useless Stores at the same Rates they Stand charged on our Books, as we are not proper Judges how much their value is diminishd but when your Storekeeper has fixed a Price upon them the Difference may be charged to this Factory if Your Hon<sup>r</sup>. &c<sup>a</sup>. think proper.

M<sup>r</sup>. West has our Directions to provide the Plank Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. ordered for the Service of Gombroon Factory.

The Packet for the Hoñble Court of Directors enclosed us in your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup>. Ultimo **P** Express boat arrived us the 17<sup>th</sup>. and agreeable to your directions was forwarded by the Prince of Orange likewise the Packet & Stationary Ware for Anjengo.

We must beg Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. will pardon our omitting to Send the Diary & General Books by this Conveyance Our late Troubles have so encreased the Bussiness that we have not had Time to keep them up, but they are now transcribing and for Your Honours &c<sup>a's</sup>. better insight into our Affairs our Diary shall be sent up the next opportunity that offers to the date of our Advices.

Enclosed comes Calculate of Cash wanting for this Settlement for Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. to Supply us as you think proper Treasury Account Since our last to this day with the Remains of Europe and India Goods in Warehouse, drawn out as directed in your Commands Prince of Orange, Our Doctors Indent and all other necessary Papers as P List of the Packet.

Captain Lowe having requested his former Detachment or Such Part of it as we could spare to Strengthen him in going up the Coast, We agreed notwithstanding our Resolution in the former part of this letter to let him have about twenty Men with a Serjeant Corporal & Captain Gouin, and in Case Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. can conveniently spare them, we desire they may be returned to us by the Same Ship, as our Affairs here remain in the uncertainty we have already described. They are paid to the last of February, and the remainder of their Provision bro<sup>t</sup>. ashore here, Captain Gouin says, is sufficient to serve them up. An Account of the quantity put on board for them goes under N<sup>o</sup>. 9.

Commodore Lowe having scrupled to take the Europe Iron in the Condition it is at present and we insisting upon Sending it on Board, he desired we would order some one to bear Testimony of an Experiment which he intended to make, accordingly in the Presence of our Warehousekeeper two Draughts containing 22 Barrs of Iron were weighed off and after taking them out of the Scale, and beating off the Rust, they were found on reweighing to have lost 31 Pounds. This we Signify at Captain Lowe's earnest Request, that Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. may consider him in his Short Delivery as you Shall deem just & Equitable. You will be pleased to observe by our Invoice of Iron Lead, & Copper, that there has been more Weight delivered to Captain Lowe than was received from the Northampton, which we ascribe to the different Allowance in the Draughts when received, from what we gave when delivered.

Enclosed comes List of the Detachment now sent up with Captain Gouin, and at the Bottom is inserted the Names of three Runagadoes from Cochin who take their Passage in order to enter in the Service at Bombay.

The Fort William Captain Leonard and the Fazzesalam Captain Irwin from Bengall are arrived at Callicutt. They are bound to Surat and bring Advice that the Winchester Man of War was at Cochin the 23d. of last Month, and that it is believed the rest of his Majesty's Ships designed for Bombay are putt off without touching any where on this Coast, as they Sailed from Madrass before the Fazze-salam that left the said Place the 4<sup>th</sup>. of last Month. Captain Leonard reports likewise that there are two large French Ships and a Brigantine off Brinjohn one of which he saw, but he says, they are manned chiefly with Black People, Mr. Bourchier also from Anjengo confirms this News, and adds that one Ship and a Brigantine have been in with Cape Comorine, and Sent on Shore two Europeans.

Our Powder Barrels being very bad Captain L[owe]'s Officers returned those we had filled, and Sent off with Powder Dust. We have therefore packed up the Said Gunpowder dust in Chests, but desire the Said Chests may be Sent back to us when the Walpole returns, as we are greatly in want of them.

We have now remaining in Warehouse two thousand Seven hundred Sixty two

Candies, & twelve Maunds (Ca<sup>s</sup>. 2762. 12.) of Pepper which is eight Hundred eleven Candies & eight Maunds (Ca<sup>s</sup>. 811. 8.) less than mentioned in our letter to the

Honble Company Prince of Orange occasioned by our not then allowing for the loss in Weight, and by our sending up Garblings of our Warehouse to Bombay.

#### TELLICHERRY

MARCH THE 2<sup>p</sup>. 1745/6.

We are with due Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

P SHIP WALPOLE, CAPT. LOWE. Your most Obedient Humble Servants.

P.S. Captain Lowe being in a very great Hurry to go on board Ship before dark left the Shore about a quarter past Six O'Clock in the Evening without Signing his Bills of Loading, which therefore we have directed M<sup>r</sup>. Robinson to carry off to him wth. his Officers Receipts, and in Case he refuses to Sign them with Exception to 13 Barrs of Iron (wch. is the Difference between his Said Officers Receipts, and our Warehousekeepers Acco<sup>t</sup>. of Goods sent on board his Ship) Mr. Robinson is ordered to Send up the Said Receipts to Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. together with a Protest against Captain Lowe, and then, and [not] before, to give him his Sailing Orders.

# N°. 28

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVE. &CA. COUNCIL ON BOMBAY.

# HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to the Chief and Factors Orders in the Postcript of their letter of this date, I now enclose You Captain Lowe's Bill of Loading with his Objection to only twelve Barrs or Pieces of Iron, and am.

# HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

JOHN ROBINSON [sic].

SHIP WALPOLE TELLICHERRY ROAD MARCH THE 2<sup>p</sup>. 1745/6. WALPOLE.

#### Nº. 29

To M<sup>R</sup>. WILLIAM WEST AT CALLICUTT.

SIR,

Your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup>. Ultimo we received the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant and we now send down by the Express Boat 71 Barrs of Iron weighing five Candies with diffy Fire Arms and a Packet for the Chief & Factors at Anjengo which you must put on board their Munchua now lying at Callicutt and send down to them as soon as possible.

In case She has sailed for this Place before you receive this on her Arrival we will dispatch her again to you with the Greatest Expedition.

#### We are

#### Sir

Your Humble Servants.

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TELLICHERRY MARCH THE 3<sup>p</sup>. 1745/6. P EXPRESS BOAT.

P.S. Should the Munchua be gone to Anjengo you must freight another and Send her down as soon as Possible.

#### Nº. 30

TO RICHARD BOURCHIEB ESQ<sup>B</sup>. CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Letter of the 22<sup>d</sup>. Ultimo arrived us Yesterday from Callicutt, and we now Send down by an Express Boat the five Candies of Iron requested to Mr. West, with Directions to him to lade it on your Munchua now lying there, with the fifty Fire Arms you Sent up with the Detachment, Invoice of which comes enclosed qr reas

amot<sup>g</sup>. to Rupees 540. 1. 60 for which we Shall debt Your Factory.

The Walpole last Night Sailed for Bombay, and in her Company the Essex & Elizabeth.

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TELLICHERRY		We are	
MARCH THE 3 <sup>p</sup> . 1745/6.		Gentlemen	
P EXPRESS BOAT VIA CALLICUTT.	•	Your most Humble Servan	

# Nº. 31

To M<sup>R</sup>, WILLIAM WEST AT CALLICUTT.

Sir

PROVIDE and Send hither by the first Opportunity the following particulars for the Service of this Place,

5 Maunds of Wax to make wax Cloths for securing the Soldiers Arms.
20 Maunds of Wax Candles.
200 Somerades.
16 Teak Trees.
1000 Bales of Chunam.
2000 Bamboos.

6000 Bamboo Matts.

TELLICHERRY

MARCH THE 15. 1745/6. # MUNCHUA. We are SIR Your Loving Friends.

Nº. 32

To Richard Bourchier Esq<sup>R</sup>. Chief &c<sup>A</sup>. Factors at Anjengo.

SIR & SIRS.

Your Letter of the 12<sup>th</sup>. Instant P Pinget we rec<sup>d</sup>. the 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Deficiency of fifty three Pounds of Iron is probably owing to our weighing it with Steel-Yards, which is the Same Method we take in receiving it from Bombay; but as you mention your having weighed it with great Exactness we shall Credit

your Factory for the Difference one Rupee and fifty nine Reas (Rup<sup>9</sup>. 1. -. 59) being charged at the rate of 25<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Rupees '# Candy.

The Error in the Stationary Ware was owing to its being wrong transcribed in the Invoice from Bombay and this Place, but the Sum totall was right as you will perceive by the rectified Account now transmitted you.

TELLICHERRY

Максн тне 29<sup>тн</sup>. 1745/6. ₽ Pinget. SIR & SIRS Your most Humble Servants.

We are

#### Nº. 33

To Richard Bourchier Esq<sup>R</sup>. Chief &c<sup>A</sup>. Factors at Anjengo.

SIR & SIRS

By this Munchua we return the Detachment of Soldiers belonging to Your Settlement, and are in hopes we Shall have no further occasion for them, as there is some Prospect that this Country may in a little Time enjoy Peace and Tranquility. Our Young Prince has cutt off one of the old Prince's Ministers, who was a great Enemy to the Houble Company. The Moors have likewise destroyed two of Ally Rajahs Ministers who had given him bad Advice, & involved the Country in War, but what the Consequences of these Severe Punishments may be we cannot pretend to Say. We hope they will give a favourable Turn to our Houble Masters Affairs at this Place Your People are paid to the last of this Month inclusive. The Munchua you will be pleased to return back to us as Soon as possible, or otherwise She may be unable to get up hither so late in the Season.

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Records of Fort St. George

We omitted mentioning in our last our Pay M<sup>r's</sup>. having advanced to the Soldiers who came up on your Pinget Rupees 3. -. 16. Diet Money; for which Your ffactory will be debted.

TELLICHERRY

APRIL THE 29<sup>TH</sup>. 1746.

WUNCHUA.

We are

# SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

### Nº. 34

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD FOSTER ESQ<sup>B</sup>.

PRESIDENT & GOVE. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

#### HONBLE SIR & SIRS

WE desire Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. will send for the use of this Factory, by any Europe or Country Ship you think proper, one Thousand Gunny Bags of the very best sort and of the same Size with the Muster which now goes by  $M^r$ . Sterling in the Prince Edward. We are likewise in want of some good clean Wood Oyle, and request that a Jar of it may also may sent to us.

TELLICHERRY

We are

THE 29<sup>TH</sup>. APRIL 1746. P Ship Prince Edward. Honble Sie & Sirs

Your most Humble Servants.

Nº. 35

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ<sup>B</sup>.

PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

#### HONBLE SIR & SIRS

WE wrote your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. last under the 12<sup>th</sup>. Instant 'P Express Boat, Duplicate of which with all necessary Papers we now forward by the Ship William Captain Blackford from Bengall to your Port.

The Young Prince according to Promise has began chastising his Brothers evil Counsellors, having by a lre to the Chief dated the 15<sup>th</sup>. Instant advised of his having [...] off one Unnichanddu Curripu (a Nair) who was a great Enemy to his Country & the Hoñble Company and promises to serve others in the like manner, and desires that we will assist him with Men and Money, as this Step he beleives will make his Brother come against him, and if we enable him to withstand Such an Attempt he says, that whenever the Company's Trade is disturbed he will not only assist us with his people but in Person likewise. To this we promised him our assistance and sent according to his request 100 armed Nairs and Calliquiloners to guard his Person and gave orders to their Officers not to molest any one unless the Prince was attacked, and we are in great hopes that this Proceeding will meet with a favourable Issue.

We now send our Diary from the 1<sup>st</sup>. August 1744 to the 7<sup>th</sup>. Instant but our General Books are not yet fair transcribed so that we cannot Send them till after the Rains unless the Pelham Should arrive us hereafter of whom we have as yet no advice neither do we hear any News of the Men of War.

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. M<sup>r</sup>. Samburgh who was left here by Cap<sup>t</sup>. Watson of the Elizabeth takes his Passage to Bombay on this Ship, we having requested of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Blatchford to carry him up.

#### TELLICHERRY

APRIL THE 18TH. 1746.

SHIP WILLIAM.

We are with Respect. HONBLE SIR & SIRS, Your most Obedient Humble Servants.

P.S. We have just now heard that the Commanding Officer of the Moors of Cannanore at the head of a Considerable body of Men has cut off two of Ally Rajahs Chief Ministers who were the Principal Persons that by their advice and evil Council given to Alley Rajah have been the grand Cause of all the [last] disturbances between the Moors and the Honble Company. This also we hope will have a good Effect on our Honble Masters Affairs and greatly contribute to restore peace and Tranquility to this Place.

#### Nº. 36

To the Honble William Wake Esq<sup>n</sup>. President and Governour &c<sup>a</sup>. Council on Bombay.

#### HONBLE SIR & SIRS

OUR last Address to Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. went by the Ship Walpole. Captain Benjamin Lowe, Duplicate whereof together with Abstract of her Invoice we now transmit by the Express Boat, and Shall proceed to relate such occurrences as have since happened at this Settlement.

The 3<sup>d</sup>. of last Month in the Evening (being the day after the Walpole's Departure) his Majesty's Ship Winchester Lord Thomas Bertie Commander came to an Anchor in this Road under Portuguese Colours. His Lordship Sent an Officer to us to desire some Water and live Cattle which [were] supplied him with as <sup>\*</sup> Account enclosed amounting to Rupees Sixty Six, and Eighty reas (R<sup>s</sup>. 66. - 80) which Sum we have paid here on the Hoñble Company's Account and desire Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. will receive it at Bombay and credit this Factory for the same. She staid only one Night and sailed the next Morning for your Port.

The Essex Captain Jackson and  $M^r$ . Ada[...] Supra Cargoes Sailed from Callicut for Mocha a full Ship the 5<sup>th</sup>. of last Month. Invoices of Such Goods as were loaded on her by  $M^r$ . West at Callicut goes under N<sup>o</sup>. 5 and their Amount has been duly paid by the said Supra Cargoes.

The Phazzee Salam and Fort William from Bengall left Callicut the 6<sup>th</sup>. Ultimo bound to Surat, and we are advised that the Northesk from the Same Place bound also to Surat Sailed from Anjengo the 10<sup>th</sup>. of last Month.

All the Moor Prisoners returned to us by your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. have been carried to the Southward of this Place and set at Liberty, a Distemper something like the small Pox having seized upon Severall of them we were afraid least it should spread itself in our limits.

Here is one Samburgh who lately belonged to the Ship Elizabeth and was put on Shore by the Commander Cap<sup>t</sup>. Watson after he was under sail; without a farthing of Money to help himself or Friends to give him any; and the poor Man being almost Starved, and a little disordered in his Senses we were necessitated to admit him into our Hospital and order him a maintenance till an opportunity offers of sending him up to his Wife and Family, and as he was discharged from the-Hoñble Company's Cruisers at the request of Captain Watson and to oblige his. Owners, Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. will be pleased to call upon him the said Cap<sup>t</sup>. Watson for the charge of his Maintenance which is fifteen Rupees per Month as paid. by us to our Surgeon who has the Care of him.

Prince Cunhi Homo is so far from making any reasonable overtures to us for accommodating matters with the Honble Company that he is now said to be going ag<sup>st</sup>. Baddencalamcur, in Conjunction with the Moors; and its said also that Ockoo's Brother with a Party of Nairs are to reinforce them. This has been talked of a long time, and Badencalamcur is in great fear or pretends to be so, of an Attack upon him, and writes to us frequently for Powder and Shot, which we propose to Supply him with as we find he has occasion for it. He sent his Nephew sometimeagoe to borrow a Sum of money, but we excused ourselves from lending him any, and bid him tell his Uncle that he had yet done nothing of what he had promised the late Chief, nor did we see he ever intended any thing more than to amuse us with fair Speeches; and therefore he must not expect any extraordinary Suppliesin future, but we see him fairly embarked in some notable enterprise against his and our Enemies.

The Young Prince has lately been here and had a Conference with us, He said he was ashamed of his past behaviour in not performing what he had undertaken at the Instance of the late Chief, and excused himself by various pretences. Then, he renewed his Professions of kindness to us, and regard for the Houble Company's Interest and said we might be assured that he would soon find a way to remove from the Princes person both his and our Enemies, and desired to know if we would support him in Case of need; as he feared Prince Cunhi Homo, and Ockoo['s] Brother, in Conjunction, might overpower him, especially if the Moors were called in to their Assistance. We assured him that he might Safely depend upon our Aid whenever he should be involved in trouble by attempting any thing in favour of the Houble Company, and with these Answers in General Terms, he went away satisfied. Whither he really intends to make any bold Attempts to seperate the Moors fromthe Prince his Brother, we cannot say, but it is the opinion of many that he will.

As neither Prince Canhi Homo or the Moors have lately done any thing against us we have stood only on the defensive nor would it be proper for us to fall upon the Moors untill we can bring the Prince over to our Interest when it may possibly be done with some prospect of Success.

Being informed that Alley Rajah had lately insulted the Dutch Gentlemen at Cannanore and that they were greatly exasperated against him we were in hopes of getting them to join their Forces with ours in attacking him, or that they would at least favour us underhand in humbling of that insolent Moor, for which purposewe wrote to the Commodore and Council of Cochin, but they excused themselves, and said they had represented Alley Rajah's behaviour to their Superiors, and Should wait for their Orders how to proceed. By this Answer we perceive nothingfavourable for us is to be expected from them. A Ship and a Brigantine of theirs are now at Cannanore loading Rice for Cevlone. The latter we hear brought upfrom Cochin 12 Men to Strengthen their Garrison which was before and Still is but weakly manned with Soldiers.

These disorders in this Country have encouraged the King of Cotiote to be troublesome to us, notwithstanding the large Present made him by the late Chief and Council to Secure him in the Company's Interest. He has lately seized at different times, two Toneys loaded with Pepper, belonging to our Merchants under Pretence that the same was carried away without paying his Customs. Several' letters have passed between him and us about it, but he still keeps the Pepper and will not deliver it back to the Merchants or send it hither as we have desired.

The 22<sup>d</sup>. of last Month we contracted with our Buzar Merchants for 100 Candies of Pepper at 82 Rupees and one thousand Eight hundred and Seventy five-Candies (Ca<sup>s</sup>. 1875) at 84 Rupees **P** Candy which was the lowest Price we could reduce them to and the Season was so far advanced that we could not well deferr

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-our Contract for a longer time without danger of the Pepper's being carried off another way. They are to bring it all in by the last of November next, and have been advanced money for it as follows Viz.—

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Muccatum Paqui	725 at	84 is		••	• •	••	60809	·····-	
Baunibelti Cunhipy	400 .		• •	••	••	••	33600	······	
Nelearte Tupy	200 .		• •	••	• •	* •	16800		
Combem Allipy	300 .	• •	••	••		••	25200	-	
Batila Paqui	150 .	• •	* *	••	••		12600		
Tycandy Ĉunhali	100 .	••	••	••	••	••	8400		
	1875 Ca	ndies	•				157500	<u></u>	
Balorte Calandra	100 at	82 R	<b></b>				8200		****
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Our Factory Books ending the 31<sup>st</sup>. July last are now ballanced and our Consultations brought up and fair transcribed ready to Send to Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. by the first proper Conveyance.

We have just now heard that the William Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Blatchford is at Callicut. He came from Bengall and is bound to your Port. The Pelham belonging to our Hoñble Masters, we have no News of; nor have any more of his Majesty's Ships been this way beside the Winchester. We are informed that the Hoñble Company's Ship the Prince of Orange Captain George Westcot Jun<sup>r</sup>. sailed from Anjengo full loaded the 3<sup>d</sup>. of last Month.

The Effects of M<sup>r</sup>. William Rumbold Factor who died here in August last having lain for sometime past in a very Perishing Condition we made Sale thereof the 9<sup>th</sup>. Instant which Amounted to Rupees 164. 2. -. and when recovered, the money is to be deposited in the Company's Cash and the Account Sale shall be transmitted Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. to be delivered into the Mayors Court.

Since our last Advices we have received into Warehouse of the new Crop of Ca<sup>s</sup>. Md<sup>s</sup>.

Pepper 586. 19.

Enclosed is our Stewards Account for Sundries supplied the Advice Snow in Sep<sup>r</sup>. last and the Express Boat for her last Voyage and this which we shall debt the Presid<sup>oy</sup>. for, as well as what Supplied the Winchester Man of War which is .annexed thereto viz.

	•				R*. 250		12 [sic]
Ditto in March and April	* •	• •	* *	• •	438	<b>6</b>	72
Express Boat in January	••	••	••	••	38	2	60
Advice Snow	• •	• •			7		
Winchester Man of War		••	* •	••	Rs. 66		80

# TELLICHERRY

We are with Respect

Аргіl тне 12<sup>тн</sup>. 1746. і Ехргезз Воат. HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servants.

#### Nº. 37

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ<sup>B</sup>.

PRESID<sup>T</sup>. GOV<sup>R</sup>. &C<sup>A</sup>. COUNCIL ON BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the William Captain Blatchford, we wrote Your Honour &c<sup>o</sup> the necessary Occurrences at this place in our Letter dated the 18<sup>th</sup>. of April and herewith we transmit Duplicate of those Advices; by which you'll see the Express Boat was dispatched hence the 12<sup>th</sup>, of the same Month, and we Shall be glad to hear She got

safe up before the Monsoon set in at your Port. The Walpole we also dispatched. the 2d. of March and the Essex, Elizabeth and Bonetta Ketch sailed under her Convoy, but we have yet no Notice of the Arrival of either of those Ships at Bombay. Private Letters from Goa, to our Country Merchants say, that they parted Company in a Gale of Wind, and that the Ketch put into that place. None of the Ships from the Northward have touched here in their Return except the Prince Edward and she was drove back from abrest of Callicut with a Southerly Wind otherwise we had not seen here. Mr. Stirling was ashore two days, waiting for a Northerly Wind and Sailed the 30<sup>th</sup>. April. By him we heard that the Winchester Man of War, and the Honble Company's Ship Pelham was arrived with you. And as the Winds and Weather have been pretty Severe and Violent by the early setting in of the Monsoon, which began about the 8<sup>th</sup>. of last Month and continued till the 15<sup>th</sup>. we judge the Walpole was obliged to keep a considerable Distance off Shore & at last to pass by without coming into the Road. Indeed the Sea ran so very high and the Winds were all that Time so Tempestuous, that no Ship could lay at Anchor with any Safety nor could we have Shipped off her Pepper and Cotton while the bad Weather continued, had She been here Her Pepper was all ready bagged and weighed off to have been Shipped in a very few days, if She had come as was expected.

A Grab named the Dolphin, commanded by Cap<sup>t</sup>. Watson, and Said to belong to M<sup>r</sup>. Lamb of Surat having lost her Foremast and Main Topmast and Sprung her Main Mait, and being likewise very leaky, put into Callicut the 19<sup>th</sup>. of last Month, and is Since gone to refit at Beypore. She had been 17 days from Surat, and will proceed on her Voyage to Bengall in the Month of August in case She gets her Damages repaired. The Captain has yet wrote nothing of the Walpole & the other-Ships and Vessels that went in her Company from this Place the 2<sup>d</sup>. of March.

Two Ships from Bengall arrived at Mahie the 10<sup>th</sup>. of April and Sailed the 18<sup>th</sup>. of the same Month for Callicut where they sold some Rice and Salt Petre. They both wore Dutch Colours, and carry Dutch Passes, but their Cargoes are Suspected to belong to the French, and it is said they are now gone to winter at Cochin or Galle. We beleive they were bound either to Surat or the Gulph of Persia, but arrived too late on this Coast, to proceed higher up with Safety.

The young Prince came to the Fort the 22<sup>d</sup>. & 25<sup>th</sup>. of April and confirmed what he had before wrote concerning one of the old Princes Ministers and two of Alley Rajah's Ministers, being cut off; and the truth of it is now passed all Doubt. His intent was (as he pretends) to have destroyed in the same manner, two more of the old Princes Ministers but they fled, and got out of the way, which has saved them from the Punishment due to their villainous Crimes. We hope however the Example that has been already made will prove sufficient to deter others from the like base practices hereafter, and keep the Princes Ministers from giving him bad Council and Advice. Prince Cunhi Homo was at first greatly enraged against his Brother y<sup>e</sup>. Young Prince, and sent to Alley Bajah and the King of Cotiote for Assistance but getting none from either of them, and finding his own Nairs and people daily deserting him to go over and Serve the Young Prince: he at last began to make himself pretty easy, and submitted to the Necessity of his Affairs, by tacitly consenting to let the Young Prince take upon him the Government of his Country. And thus a Revolution was brought about at the Expence of very little-Blood and Treasure, The Houble Company have yet been at no other Charge on this occasion than Reinforcing the Young Prince with One Hundred of their Nairs and Seepoys to which Number we afterwards Added fifty more, at the Young Princes earnest Request on his marching to the Northward to fix proper people in the Government of some places towards Nilleasaran; where he met with no Opposition, except from Ockoo's Relation and his Adherents, who were too Strong to bereduced to Obedience before the Rains : And hearing likewise that his Brother the Old Prince was dangerously ill he returned back from his Expedition, and has sent our people hither; at the Same time hinting, that he Shall probably want them again after the opening of the fair Season. All other parts of the Country seem to be in peace and quiet, and we don't apprehend any Disturbances are like to happen this way on Accot. of the Young Princes late Conduct and Proceedings against his-Brother's Minister; but that every one will acknowledge him for their Sovereign.

Prince Cunhi Homo is so very ill with Ulcers in his Body and a Complication of several other distempers, that we every day expect to hear of his Death. And in this Time of his Sickness his Brother the Young Prince continues with him at Cherrica.

Alley Rajah is a sort of State Prisoner and the Principal people of the several Buzars circumjacent, have been summoned to meet at Cannanore to settle the Government of the Country, but the Result of their deliberations we do not yet hear. Some of the Heads of the Moors refusing to attend, hinders them from coming to a Conclusion. We beleive however they will not let Alley Rajah govern them any longer; and that they are inclinable to be at Peace with the Hoñble Company, for they now permit our Inhabitants to pass through their Country unmolested which heretofore they would not do.

Badencalamcur's Pretensions remain yet to be Adjusted. The Chief undertook to mediate between him and the Young Prince, and has prevailed on the latter to give him three or four parcels of Virge or Batty Grounds over and above what he had before the late differences happened between the old Prince & the Hoñble Company; but he still seems dissatisfied and demands more which the Young Prince absolutely refuses to give him. And it is our Opinion that Badencalamcur must in the end accept of whatever he can get, as he is no wise able to withstand the Young Prince's Forces, being at present reduced to a very low Ebb.

The Moors to the Southward, we hear, have gained lately some considerable Advantages over the Samorine, which has induced the latter to write to us for one Hundred Muskets; but we excused ourselves, by saying we were at War in this Place, and that we had not a sufficient Number for our own People. At the same time we gave him to Understand that we should acquaint Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. with his Majesty's Necessities, and let him know your Answer.

A few days past the Samorines Ola came to hand we had wrote him to discharge the Debt due from his Ancestors to the Hoñble Company agreeable to their Olas; and in our reply to the above Letter we did not fail to remind him of it. He in Answer promises to find out some Method, by September next, of paying such a part as becomes due at that time and conclude with a desire to see the Chief before he goes away from Callicut to Penany, which will be about the middle of October. What his Business with the Chief may be, he does not say, but we imagine he wants to get Assistance from all the European Nations, or at least desires that they should countenance his Affairs so as that the Moors may be discouraged from persuing such Measures as they are at present engaged in. But the Chief proposes to excuse himself from taking such a Journey, as he beleives it must be attended with an Expence to the Hoñble Company & because we do not intend to concern ourselves in his Wars.

The late Troubles have disabled the Achamars of Rhandoterra from paying the last Years Interest due on their Olas, but they promise to discharge it next October without fail.

We advised Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. by the Express Boat of our Contract this Yearfor 1075 Candies of Pepper at 82 & 84 R<sup>s</sup>. the Candy and we have since advanced Ca<sup>s</sup>. M<sup>ds</sup>.

money for 100 Ca<sup>s</sup>. more at 84 R<sup>s</sup>. Of this quantity 1460. 3 has been received Ca<sup>s</sup>.

into our Warehouse so that we have now in Stock of the old and new Crops 4240.  $M^{ds}$ .

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Of the old Crops garbled Two th	housd. seve	n hundd.	Eighty		
Candies & twelve Mds.		••• •	• •	2780.	12
Do. of the New Crop ungarbled	l ••••	••• •		1460.	[03]

Candies ... 4240. [15]

and we expect to get about four or five Hundred Candies (500) more of this Years Crop by the last of December, unless any Considerable failure Should happen to the ensuing Years Crop, and in Such Case the Owners of the Pepper up Country will keep it longer in hopes of getting a higher Price. Notwithstanding the French of Mahie have been said to be bare of money yet they have found means to buy about Six Hundred Candies of Pepper of the late Crop; and they had before about Eight Hundred Candies of the Old Crop. Out of which quantity one Thousand Candies have been laden on two Macao Ships, one of them it is Said is Bound to Pondicherry and the other to China directly, and they both Sailed from Mahie the latter End of April The remaining four Hundred Candies of Pepper they keep in Warehouse. Their Chief Consented to our fixing the Price last Agreed upon with our Merchants.

The King of Cotiote has given up one Toney of Pepper that he had seized; but the other Toney he still keeps, and absolutely refuses to deliver it back to the Merchants.

Having adjusted all the Pepper Merchants Acco<sup>ts</sup>. to the 31<sup>st</sup>. of last December, we now transmit Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. a particular Account of the Ballance due from each of them respectively; explaining when and how the same arose, and what Obligation they have given to discharge their said Debts, and when we Settle their Accounts this Year we Shall take Care to make them acknowledge in a more Exact manner than has ever yet been done, that their Accounts have been so Settled, and that the Ballance due from them amounts to Such a Sum as will be mentioned, to which we Shall add the Time and Method of Payment agreeable to the 42<sup>d</sup>. Paragraph of the Honble Company's Letter of the 15 March 1744–5.  $\mathcal{P}$  Walpole. But here we must beg leave to observe, that the latter end of the Year is much more proper Time for Settling our Pepper Merch<sup>ts</sup>. Debts than at the Ballancing of our Books the 31<sup>st</sup>. of July, because their Contracts generally expire about December when the Acco<sup>ts</sup>. of the most creditable Men are often quite Cleared; whereas in July they must all of them be always in Debt near a half part of the money that is advanced them for Pepper in the Months of January February or March.

The 1<sup>st</sup>. of last Month we returned the Anjengo Detachment to that Settlement and we hope to be able to send up by the first proper Conveyance the Soldiers we have here belonging to the Presidency. An Account of the Arms and Accoutrements that the People carried who went up in the Walpole we now send Enclosed, and Shall debt the Presidency for their Amount Captain Gouin can Account for the Deficiency if there Should be any; as no one has had the Care of them but himself.

We have wrote to the President and Council of Bengall by the Prince Edward for one Thousand Gunny Bags for the use of our Warehouse, and to Ship off the Pepper with Dispatch. We have likewise desired them to send us a Jarr of Wood Oil; w<sup>ch</sup>. we hope Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. will approve.

Having of late been obliged to lay in so large a quantity of Rice as fifteen Thousand Robins (15000) and being Straitened for Room, we have converted the old Treasury into a Rice Warehouse, which holds about fifteen hundred Robins (1500) and are building a very Small but Strong Room, for a Treasury between the Soldiers Hole and the Chief's Apartments. And as the Charge of it will not exceed three hundred Rupees we presume Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. will not be displeased.

We have paid our Surgeon for M<sup>r</sup>. Samburghs Maintenance Rupees twenty qr. reas.

three and an half (Rupees 23 2) and herewith enclose the Bill for it, to be recovered of Captain Watson if you Shall judge proper to demand it.

Our Account Current with the Presidency; Calculate of Cash wanting, Indent of Stores, List of Europeans in Garrison and all other necessary papers usually sent at this Time of the Year go herewith as per List of the Packet together with the Inventory, Account Sale and Account Current of the deceased  $M^r$ . William Rumbolds Effects, as delivered in by  $M^r$ . John Robinson, who has paid into our Cash the nett Produce of the s<sup>d</sup>. Estate Rupees one Hundred ninety nine three quarters and

qr. reas Eighty eight Reas (Rupees 199. 3. 88.)

Mr. Severac our Surgeon's Mate having applied to us for the same Allowance as to persons in his Station & our Surgeon giving him the Character of a sober and

Capable Man we have encreased his Pay from 16 to 24 Rupees # Month untill Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>. Shall, signify your pleasure to us concerning him. We indeed think he is deserving of your favour in this Respect.

By our Calculate of Cash Your Honour & c<sup>a</sup>. will see that we want only about 1000 Rupees to Serve us till the last of January next provided we do not advance sooner for the Ensuing Year's Crop of Pepper which we hope there will be no occasion for. And as the Fanams which now Circulate in our District are of a Coarse Standard and will not pass Current but at a Discount of two & three  $\mathcal{P}$  Cent; We desire Your Hon & c<sup>a</sup>. will send us down a Chest of Quarters and another of Fifths, by the help of which we hope to keep that base Money out of our Treasury in future.

The Difference between the present Calculate of Cash wanting and the last transmitted per Walpole is occasioned by our allowing at that Time twenty five thousand Rupees (R<sup>3</sup>. 25000) for Sandall Wood, which we have since found could not be purchased; and by our overvaluing the Pepper and Rice as may be seen by comparing the two Calculates together.

The Robert Ketch belonging to M<sup>r</sup>. Lamb we hear left Anjengo the 19<sup>th</sup>. of April bound to Surat or Bombay.

We send these Advices by way of Goa and have recommended our Packet to the Care of Padre Ioao Alexander who is desired to forward it from thence to Your Honour &c<sup>a</sup>.

Two days ago we heard of the Death of the first King of Cotiote and it is now Confirmed. We hope his Successor the present Second King may be better disposed towards the Company than the other was, Though we fear none of them will ever resign their Pretensions to a part of Durmapatam or be cordially our Friends while we keep the whole Island.

The Books of this Settlement for the Year ending last July are ready Copied to go by the first Conveyance.

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We are with Respect. HONBLE SIR & SIRS Your most Obedient Humble Servants.

JUNE THE 1<sup>st</sup>. 1746.

Nº. 38

TO THE HONBLE NICHOLAS MORSE ESQ<sup>B</sup>.

PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>B</sup>. &C<sup>A</sup>. COUNCIL OF FORT S<sup>T</sup>. GEORGE.

#### HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Letter of the 3<sup>d</sup>. of last Month reached us the 25<sup>th</sup>. and we are obliged for the News therein communicated to us. That Part relating to the Sailing of the Ships Hardwicke and Northampton from China we had Confirmed by a Macao Ship which has been at this Port.

The Monsoon set in here so early and with such Violence, that none of the Ships in their Return from Surat or Bombay, touched at this Place; the Prince Edward only excepted and She sailed the 30<sup>th</sup>. of April; having staid only two days waiting for a Northerly Wind. We expected the Walpole to fill up with Cotton and Pepper for Canton, but have heard nothing at all of her, since She went from hence for Bombay the beginning of March last.

Our Packet for the President and Council of Bombay which accompany's this, we desire you will forward to them, immediately After the Receipt of it by your Pattamar People.

# TELLICHERRY.

THE 10<sup>TH</sup>. JUNE 1746.

We are HONBLE SIR & SIRS Your most Humble Servants.

#### Nº. 39

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM WAKE ESQ<sup>R</sup>. PRESIDENT & GOV<sup>R</sup>. &C<sup>A</sup>. COUNCIL ON BOMBAY.

# HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This accompany's Duplicate of our Address forwarded the 1<sup>st</sup>. Instant, by way of Goa; together with Copies of all the Material Papers transmitted by that Conveyance And we now add thereto, the Accounts Current of Anjengo Factory and Profit and Loss, from our Books; by [the] help of which and the Acco<sup>t</sup>. of Charges General, as also our Account Current with the Presidency to the 31<sup>st</sup>. of July last, we judge your Account with this Factory to that time may be adjusted on the Bombay General Books of this Year. In future Your Honour & may depend upon having the Books of the Settlement in due Time; those for the Current Year are in Great Forwardness and will we doubt not be Ballanced and Closed in all the Month of August next.

We have been necessitated for want of Medicines to buy of our Surgeon a. parcel of Such Sorts as we Stood most in need of, at 50 P Cent on their Cost in England. The particulars of which go inclosed, and their Amount is Rupees qr. reas

137. -. 25 These are reckoned sufficient only to Serve us till the last of October when we shall have occasion for a further Supply of the quantity mentioned in our Surgeons present Indent.

We have Enquired into the Abilities and Inclinations of Such of our Pepper Merchants as are indebted to the Hoñble Company, and find that out of the List mentioned in our last Advices, there are but two Persons whose Debts are very precarious Namely Cacart Tupy of the Cotiote Country and Ballipy Cutiasem of Irecum. The former owes a large Sum of no less than Seven Thousand two Hundred ninety four Rupees, and we fear has no Intent of ever paying it, for when our people go after him, he removes himself from one Place to another in Such a manner y<sup>t</sup>. we cannot find him. And although he is Esteemed Rich yet he Sends Word he is incapable to discharge the Debt. The others Debt arises by a Transferr from his Brother Ballipy Cunhimy's Account, which has never yet been properly acknowledged, but will be Settled when we can get Ballipy Cutiasem to come hither. We have Sent to him and he promises to be with us after the Rain[s]. The rest of the Merchants are mostly poor but appear to be tolerably honest Men. They keep up some Credit, and will we beleive pay off their old Scores by degrees in the Manner they have promised and obliged themselves by their Olas or Notes of hand, in Case no Misfortune or Unlucky Accident happens to render them incapable, which we think them very liable to, because we fear they engage in other Sorts of Trade besides Pepper and carry on the Same with part of the money that we advance them on the Houble Company's Acco<sup>t</sup>. for purchasing that Commodity and Nothing else. We heartily wish this pernicious Practice could be prevented, as we fear the Honble Company may, one Time or other Suffer greatly by it, but while we arenecessitated to buy our Pepper at Second hand we See no Remedy for this Evil: And we have no hope at all that the Original Proprietor of it in Country, can ever be brought to send their Pepper down hither to Market, so as that we might buy it with our ready Money; nor are there any Number of Substantial Merchants hereabout who will Contract with us on any Terms; we are therefore obliged to continue the present Set, and trust them with large Sums of Money notwithstanding their Poverty & want of full Credit. And we may also say they want Strict Honesty, because they divert the Company's money to uses web. are never intended when it is advanced them and thereby Risk or put to Hazard what is none of their own Property.

That Part of the Walpoles Detachment of Soldiers which remain here have applied to us for their pay for the Months of October and November last. We desire to know whether Your Hon<sup>r</sup>. &c<sup>a</sup>. would have us give it them at this Placeor leave the Same to be paid at Bombay.

Our old Prince Cunhi Homo died the 5th. Instant & [remaining pages lost].

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